

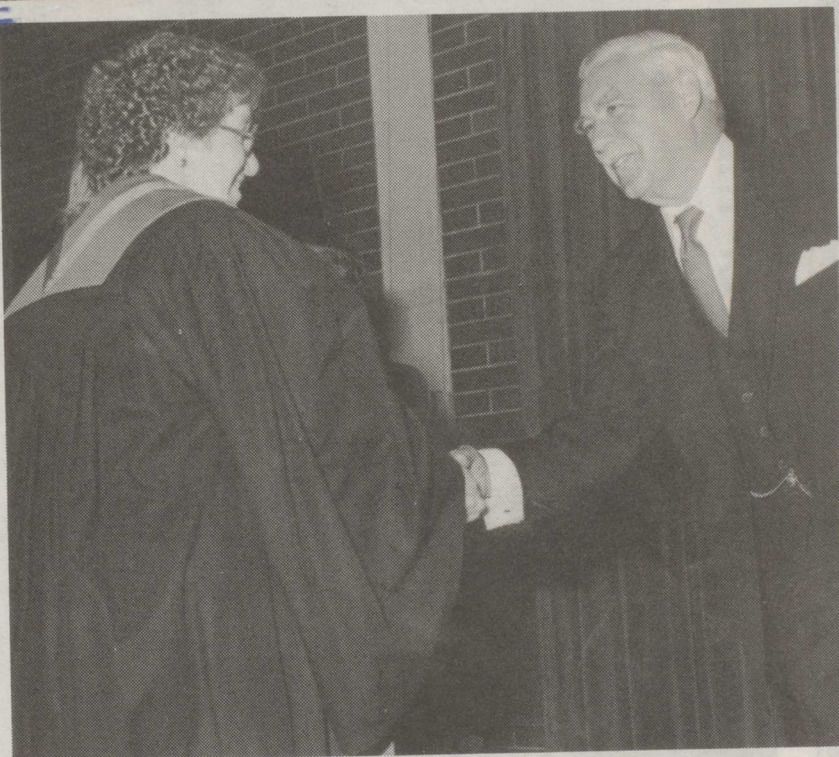
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## AGAINST ALL ODDS



*Germaine Lynes receives congratulations from the Hon. Robert Rogers at the Langara Campus graduation.*

In her early life she was labelled mentally retarded. But Germaine Lynes, who is deaf and partially blind, recently graduated with a certificate in the special education assistant program at Vancouver Community College's Langara Campus.

"I'm lucky," she says. "I'm a real fighter and I'm a little bit crazy too. Believe me that helps! I knew I could learn and I wasn't going to let the system put labels on me. I couldn't complete my education in the regular system, so I came to King Edward Campus and completed it through the adult special education department."

Understanding firsthand the barriers and setbacks special needs children must confront, is what motivated Germaine to take the nine month special education assistant program at Langara and now she wants to make life easier for others.

"When a label was put on me I got angry," she explains, "But there are others who get crushed

by the tags put on them. As cutbacks to education continue, there won't be the services or people to help these children. It will be convenient to simply say they can't learn."

Germaine is now actively looking for work with handicapped young children. "It is so important to work with these children in the pre-school years," she says. "If you leave their education until they are six, there are so many developmental stages they've missed. By then it is very hard for them to catch up. Not only have they not got a head start on their communication skills — this can be sign language, braille or whatever — they must go through the process of learning to get along in the classroom, to deal with the teacher and the other children. So they still have to acquire basic skills and appropriate behaviour before they can really get down to learning."

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Most people, Germaine maintains, would be amazed at what blind children can experience when they go to a ballet, or what deaf children can feel by touching the instruments as an orchestra plays.

"There are so many things these children can learn and experience, but they need the support to do it. I'm really afraid they are the ones who will suffer the most from cutbacks. Without special programs and people to help them they can be completely cut off."

Ground will be lost, too, she says, in educating the public to understand that handicapped people can be active, contributing members of the community. "So many people look at us and think that a broken body means a broken mind. We need assistance, but given that, there isn't much we can't do, provided we're willing to work. I think that help is our right."

Germaine handled her program at Langara with the help of an interpreter, brailled notes and a special reading machine. While she had to put in long hours on her studies, she says she did have one advantage. "I know what these children with special needs are going through. I've been there myself."

She has high praise for the Langara program and for its co-ordinator Manuella Durling. "There are so many things we learned — behaviour modification, different techniques for teaching blind or deaf children math and reading, how to motivate children so they don't feel like failures. But overall the most significant thing we learned was how a child thinks. And that is very different from how an adult thinks a child thinks."

Like so many 1985 graduates, Germaine faces a bleak unemployment picture. Cutbacks in special programs mean fewer jobs for people with her skills. But she is taking to her job search the same feisty determination she has displayed in the rest of her life, so it is not hard to imagine that in the not too distant future she may realize her dream of opening up a pre-school for handicapped children.

## A LOOK INSIDE...

Most of you received — and presumably many of you filled in — a questionnaire soliciting your views, as an employee of Vancouver Community College, on the institution's strengths and weaknesses, and on the directions you think the college might chart for the future...

The information you are providing plays an important part in a significant look Vancouver Community College is taking at itself. In an institution of this magnitude and diversity, quite naturally, the opportunities for introspection are relatively rare. Momentum carries an organization such as this forward. But, over the next several months the college is making a conscious effort to put on the institutional breaks and to take a careful, considered look at what we do, how we do it, and the course we might take to meet the changing priorities of the community we serve.

Formally titled "the institutional self-evaluation study," this organizational soul searching is overseen by a steering committee, chaired by VVI Principal Hans Rerup and comprised of representatives from all college centres and employee groups.

Obviously, the study has to look at the effectiveness of our programs, our means of delivery, and the services that we have to support instruction. But apart from these obvious concerns, there is a whole spectrum of issues that could be looked at. This is where the committee has called upon you. What strengths does VCC have to build upon? In what spheres is it weak? How can it be improved or strengthened? In a society buffeted by economic restraint, technological revolution and creeping depersonalization, what directions can the college take to meet these challenges?

From the concerns, thoughts and ideas you express, major issues must emerge. When this focus is determined, issues will be passed onto sub-committees, or task forces, where each will be examined thoroughly and recommendations made. By October a combined draft report will be sent to you. Again, your reaction will be sought. This, in turn, will influence the final report, which will go onto an external review task force — an assurance that we aren't missing the forest for the trees. After their analysis the report goes onto the government in Victoria.

This is an opportunity to put your mark on the future, to have a direct, measurable impact on making Vancouver Community College a better place to work and to learn. Obviously, the support and continued interest of the college community in meeting these ends, is the best assurance of the study's success.



## ACCOUNTING GRAD TAKES TOP HONOURS!



The Hon. Robert Rogers, lieutenant-governor of B.C., presents Jill Kelly with the governor-general's silver medal as Langara Campus's outstanding 1985 graduate.

Jill Kelly is a doer. Her life obviously hasn't been run on "ifs", "whens" or "maybes." She lives with enthusiasm and commitment. Last week the 35 year old mother of two daughters received the Governor-General's silver medal as the highest ranking graduate at Vancouver Community College's Langara Campus.

She received a perfect 4.0 grade point average in her accounting program, an A in every course. For the first year, 1982, she studied part-time, while working as bookkeeper for Makara, a small graphic arts co-operative.

"It was a struggling small business," she explains. "I'd had a lot of bookkeeping experience, but there I really felt my lack of management accounting."

So, when the business folded in 1983, she went into the accounting program fulltime, while continuing to meet the needs of eight year old Iashi and 12 year old Cassia and doing the books for two non-profit societies, the Satellite Video Exchange Society, an artist-run video centre that provides access and equipment to non-profit societies, and the Roof Raisers Housing Society, a group that develops non-profit housing co-ops.

"I've always been tremendously interested in the community and very active," Ms. Kelly explains. "In fact, that's how I got into accounting. It was the path of least resistance. In so many of these groups, whether they were daycare boards, or housing co-ops, or artists co-ops, they were strong on people but weak on finance. I fell into the role of doing the books. At that time I hadn't had any formal training in bookkeeping, I was simply used to keeping track as a result of doing my own accounts."

Jill Kelly was instrumental in the founding of the C.C.E.C. Credit Union, an outgrowth of the

Lower Mainland Community Congress for Economic Change, and she was active on the board there for seven years.

In fact, she says, she's sat on boards for non-profit societies, sometimes a number at a time, since 1974. This is an interest she would like to continue as she pursues her career toward graduation as a certified general accountant.

"I was fortunate in getting a scholarship to complete my CGA," she explains. "It is a five year program and my studies at Langara give me credit for three of those years. I'll find work and do my studies in the evening. At the moment, I'm going to accounting firms looking for a job and I'm also looking through the red book, the directory of community services for the Lower Mainland. I'd really like to combine my accounting with my interest in the community."

Ms. Kelly says her two daughters, along with friends, were an enormous source of support as she met the demands of what was often a gruelling schedule.

"I was really quite pleasantly surprised by Langara," she says. "I got a great deal more support than I'd anticipated. For someone in my position, trying to balance school with family, it was a very accommodating place to go. For instance, if my children were ill, I was able to make up a test. All my instructors were very open to a range of ideas and they always had time for questions. It was a much more positive experience than I recall from my university days at Northwestern in the late sixties."

The Hon. Robert Rogers, B.C. lieutenant-governor, was on hand at the graduation ceremony May 23 to present Jill Kelly with her medal and her parents came from Chicago to attend.

## VVI student chef creates EGGSTRAVAGANZA



Donald Stevenson, marketing manager for the Canadian Egg Marketing Agency, congratulates VVI baking student Paul Sondrup on his winning recipe for "brunch on a bun."

Paul Sondrup, a student in VVI's baking program, walked away from the Canadian Egg Marketing Agency's national recipe contest with top honours in the snack category for his "brunch on a bun."

He flew to Calgary to receive the award at the annual meeting of the Canadian Federation of Chefs de Cuisine in May.

Sondrup, a British Columbia native, is a 1982 graduate of VVI's cook training program. Combined with his expertise as a chef, he hopes his skills in baking will lead to a position as a cook in a senior citizens home. He says he thinks it would be a real challenge to meet the dietary restrictions necessary in a long term care home, while at the same time turning out good, homestyle cooking. "It calls for a lot of imagination," he says, "and I like that."

### BRUNCH IN A BUN:

Hot Main Dish  
Serves 6  
Metric Recipe  
Low cost, quick grill item

### EQUIPMENT:

Standard flat grill  
Offset spatula  
Fork  
Mixing bowl  
Clean cloth or paper towels

### INGREDIENTS:

600 ml. fresh whole eggs  
60 g. finely-chopped scallions  
5 ml. Tabasco Sauce  
180 g. broken shrimp  
30 ml. whipping cream  
6 large hamburger buns  
50 g. clarified butter  
60 g. lettuce  
120 g. tomato  
40 g. mayonnaise  
30 g. dill pickle

### METHOD:

Gather all ingredients  
Prepare clarified butter  
Finely dice 6 scallions  
Slice tomatoes 1/2 cm. thick  
Slice dill pickle lengthwise 4 mm. thick  
Adjust grill temperature to medium heat.  
Wipe grease off grill with a clean dry cloth or paper towels.  
Mix eggs in a bowl with a fork.  
Stir in scallions, Tabasco sauce, broken shrimp and whipping cream.  
Lightly toast and butter buns.  
Spread mayonnaise on the top half of the buttered buns.  
Assemble lettuce and tomato on top of the mayonnaise.  
Lubricate the clean grill with the clarified butter.  
Ladle the egg mix on to the grill with a 6 oz. ladle. Divide the mix into 6 5 oz. portions.  
Allow the portions of egg mix to spread out and quickly congeal.  
Insert an offset spatula into the mix to let uncooked egg contact the grill.  
Fold in the outer edges toward the centers to make patties the size of the buns.  
Turn the patties over and finish cooking. Cook delicately, do not brown.  
Lift patties onto the bottom half of the buns.  
Close buns, garnish top of buns with a slice of dill pickle. Can also be served open. Do not omit the dill pickle, it is part of the taste balance.  
Suggested beverage: a glass of orange juice.

## DIM SUM COMES TO VVI



Student chefs are busy preparing dim sum for the Friday crowds at VVI.

Does "an opulent, luxurious meal made up of small portions of celestial dishes" appeal? Does your heart race at the mention of deep-fried wonton, or pork dumplings?

VVI's enormously successful Chinese cuisine program is expanding its repertoire. Every Friday, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., their servery in the third floor cafeteria will be dishing out dim sum delectables at rock bottom prices.

This means you no longer have to jostle with weekend crowds, or endure line-ups for this Chinese favourite. Condyleung and his student chefs urge you to drop by. After one taste they're convinced you'll be a Friday regular.

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## NEWS MAKERS



### THE WAVE OF THE FUTURE

"You are the vanguard of the future," VCC President Paul Gallagher told those receiving their certificates at the June 27 Continuing Education graduation, at the Langara Campus auditorium. "The notion that one goes to college and does not return is not the way of life now, nor will it be in the future." He went on to welcome the graduates to what he was sure would be the start of yet another chapter in their ongoing education.

Some 72 students received certificates in the computer skills in the workplace program, the early childhood education program, the ECE under three supervisory program and the volunteer management program.

All the men and women in these programs studied part-time during the evening, fitting their educational endeavours in around the demands of jobs and families. This was the first graduation for the computer skills in the workplace program which began in the fall of last year and is aimed at giving office workers, managers and owners microcomputer skills.



Marking Continuing Education's spring graduation are: (left to right) Dr. Richard Pearce, director of Continuing Education; Lori Fierheller, one of the first graduates in the new computer skills in the workplace program; Board Member Colleen Miller, who brought greetings from her colleagues; VCC President Paul Gallagher; KEC Principal Harry Pankratz; and Marie Burlinson, co-ordinator for the computer skills in the workplace program.

### ON TO NEW ENDEAVOURS



Celebrating at the 1985 annual retirement dinner at Brock House are: (first row, left to right) Jenny Williams, Bob Read, Board Chairman Elizabeth Jarvis, Gladys McLaren, Vi Hawkins, (second row) President Paul Gallagher, Betty LaRiviere, Al Cox, Tony Holland, Eileen Herridge, Neil Reid, John Lock and Bill Dalling.

This year, once again, those who are leaving their careers at Vancouver Community College for new ventures, careers or travel, were feted in the appropriate grandeur of Brock House, the evening of June 25. The 16 people retiring this year gave the college a total of 291 years of service. Jim Knox, from the business education department at Vancouver Vocational Institute, takes top honours for his 31 years service.

Bringing best wishes from the board were Chairman Elizabeth Jarvis, along with board member Pam Glass. Thanking those who were retiring for their years of work on behalf of the college were President Paul Gallagher and campus principals Dr. J.J. Denholm, Harry Pankratz and Hans Rerup.

Honoured were:

- Al Cox, a psychology instructor at Langara Campus for 14 years;
- Bill Dalling, a TRAC Common Core instructor, who taught at KEC for 10 years;
- Vi Hawkins, leaving the nursing department at VVI after 10 years;
- Ross Henderson, a librarian at VVI for 11 years;
- Dr. Eileen Herridge, a counsellor at KEC for 14 years;

- Tony Holland, head of the theatre arts program at Langara Campus for 20 years;
- Peter Johnson, a counsellor at Langara Campus for 18 years;
- Jim Knox, retiring after 31 years with the business department at VVI;
- Betty LaRiviere, leaving student records at VVI after 20 years;
- John Lock, retiring as an instructor in VVI's machinist program after 29 years;
- Don McKay, leaving Langara Campus after 19 years as a math instructor;
- Gladys McLaren, leaving KEC after 13 years in English language training;
- Bob Read, retiring from Langara Campus after 16 years as an English instructor;
- Neil Reid, an instructor in power engineering at VVI for 25 years;
- Margery Thompson, co-ordinator of the early childhood education program at Langara Campus, retiring after 19 years;
- Jenny Williams, retiring as VVI's financial aid officer after 22 years;

Intercom joins all the colleagues and friends of the retirees throughout the college in wishing them a happy and productive future!

## ELT GOES HI-TECH



Trying out the new computer language lab is acting Division Chairman for Communication Arts Alison Norman. Looking on are (left to right) Gayle Long, Apple representative; Nancy Yildiz, lab co-ordinator; and Norm Henderson, director of international education.

KEC Principal Harry Pankratz cuts a giant apple to officially open the new computer language lab.

The onslaught of technology and the inroads it is making in our daily lives give most of us periodic bouts of culture shock. We "interface" with the electronic teller at the bank. A "blip" scans our grocery order. Consider how much more confounding these occurrences can be to new Canadians. Often they face double jeopardy. They are unfamiliar with both the language and the technology.

To make lives for themselves here they need skills in English and in high tech. With this in mind, the English language training department at King Edward Campus recently opened an English language training computer lab, where students can increase their language competence while becoming comfortable with computers.

"Part of the education we offer here goes beyond speaking, reading or writing skills," explains instructor Nancy Yildiz, a member of the team that is piloting the new lab. "Our students need to become familiar and at ease living and working in our society. Computer literacy is rapidly becoming one of the coping skills they'll need."

The lab's 24 Apple IIe microcomputers work long days, from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., as over 100 students from half-time, full-time and college prep English classes use the lab. At a cost of about \$60,000, the lab is the first such facility of its kind in the Lower Mainland to be used exclusively for English language training.

"The lab won't be operating as a drop in

centre," Yildiz says. "It is becoming part of the class time for students at all levels. Some times the teacher will lead the class instruction, other times students will be working on different software packages and the teacher will act as a resource. The teacher's computer is linked to a video monitor so students can follow instructions step by step, if that's part of the lesson plan."

The micros offer a veritable smorgasbord of learning opportunities, where students can tackle remedial exercise, grammar quizzes, problem solving, composition and spelling tests.

"We're very fortunate in that a number of companies let us preview their software on loans of two weeks to a month," Yildiz says. "So instructors get a chance to try out the different options and see which ones best meet their needs."

"Over the summer and into the fall instructors too are taking time to orient themselves to the lab and see just how they can make use of it with their classes. It is a learning experience all around. I expect instructors will soon be able to create their own lessons with the utility and author packages."

Yildiz, aided by Ross Barbour, Michael Robinson, and Stuart Scholefield, has worked since January planning and developing the lab.

"We've adapted it quite carefully to meet our needs," Yildiz says. "Even the tables have been designed to comfortably accommodate the two students we anticipate will be using each computer."

### VCC GETS \$300,000 FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

In the first round of funding through the Ministry of Education's special \$5.8 million economic renewal and development fund, Vancouver Community College came out with about \$300,000.

A proposal for partnerships with business and industry will take some \$80,000 in funding. Under this scheme the college will work with public and private sector agencies to develop projects for retraining and job upgrading with an eye to gearing up economic activity.

Another \$80,000 is slated to go toward two components of a Pacific Rim International Business Centre. The first is a computer language lab for Langara Campus, where Japanese, Cantonese and Mandarin could be taught using the latest in technology. This would enhance the already successful offerings in the college's Pacific Rim Program. The second component would be to develop an ongoing presence in Asia, as a link between that continent's business and educational community and our own here in Canada. In fact, the president of the University

of East Asia in Macau has already offered to host such a representative.

Through a proposed Small Business Development and Resources Centre, the existing small business curriculum from Langara Campus would be rewritten to provide intensive one-week, six-week and twelve-week programs that would have the flexibility to cater to different sectors, such as hairdressers, plumbers, or other technically trained groups, including vocational students at VVI and KEC. This would cost \$125,000.

A college committee, working under the chairmanship of Dean Gerry Sylvestre of KEC, put together the original proposals for government support under the fund and, when the initial funding came through, the committee worked to determine its best allocation.

A second round of proposals will go to Victoria in the fall. In the meantime the committee is geared up to work extensively with business, government and non-profit agencies, putting forward ideas that can revamp and revitalize our local economy.

## A VCC FIRST!

Vancouver Community College has chalked up another first! The new basic food service worker program, offered by Continuing Education at the Vancouver Vocational Institute, is the first vocational certificate program in British Columbia specifically designed for mentally handicapped adults.

This program has the potential to offer benefits all around. To mentally handicapped adults it can be a ticket to an independent life in the mainstream of the community. For those in the hospitality industry, the program can offer competent workers, who will persist in jobs with a traditionally high turnover rate.

### VCC IS EXPO BOUND

Vancouver Community College is going to Expo '86 in a big way. Director of Purchasing Wayne Matthewson reports advanced sales of seasons and three day passes were near the \$60,000 mark as of June 24.

"Our actual total is \$59,244," he said. "But there are still applications in the mail. I don't think we'll have any problem reaching the \$60,000 mark."

"So far we've sold 1,022 adult tickets and 240 passes for seniors or children."

Matthewson says he should soon be able to let purchasers know when and how their tickets will be delivered.

"At this point I can't answer any questions on distribution. All I can do is assure people that as soon as I know I'll let them know."

### VCC TEAMS RUN AROUND THE CLOCK

Teams from KEC and VVI, made up of 20 runners each, sprinted, panted and puffed their way through the June 22 and 23 weekend as part of the sixth annual Labatt's Lite 24-hour marathon, raising money for the B.C. Lions' Society for Crippled Children.

There were 150 teams from throughout the Lower Mainland who began the run 10 a.m. Saturday in Burnaby's Swanguard Stadium.

Organizers put this year's fund raising total at \$425,000. VCC's kilometer and dollar totals aren't yet available.

### KEC RECOGNIZES ITS BEST



Board member Barbara Spitz presents the lieutenant-governor's silver medal award to KEC's outstanding student Frankie Chiu.

The auditorium at King Edward Campus was packed at noon May 16 when scholarships and awards were presented to 22 students and the lieutenant-governor's silver medal for outstanding achievement was given to Frank Chiu, who was in KEC's basic training for skills development program and is now attending Vancouver Vocational Institute.

Principal Harry Pankratz welcomed guests and Dean of Administrative and Student Service Gerry Sylvestre hosted the ceremony. Some \$3,700 in scholarship and awards were presented to students from every division of the campus.

As both the principal and the dean noted in their remarks, KEC is particularly grateful for this generous support from businesses and community organizations. Many students at KEC are in the process of taking an important first step in building their futures and these awards, apart from the obvious financial benefit, provide recognition and encouragement for their efforts.

Providing scholarships and awards, from \$125 to \$200 were: Associated Building Maintenance, represented by Bill Deegan; B.C. Tel, represented by Dave Mah; Canada Safeway Ltd.; Domco Foods; Howard/Yano Architects, represented by George Yano; The Overseas Chinese Voice; Stanley Drug Products Ltd., represented by Leslie Strike; the Vocational Instructors' Association, represented by Bob Brady; and the Diane Thompson Memorial Award, represented by Ron Fussell.

As Principal Harry Pankratz noted, KEC shares a silver medal with VVI, each campus presenting the award to its most outstanding student alternate years. In order that KEC's best and brightest student received appropriate recognition every year, Pankratz announced that, starting in 1986, he would be providing a principal's medal to be awarded in the years that the silver medal resides with VVI.

Frank Chiu, this year's medal winner, not only excelled at his studies, he was active in community life, sitting on the student council, acting as a volunteer for the Red Cross and holding down a full-time job.

### ON THE LINKS

The 1985 eighth annual Vancouver Community College golf tournament was played at the McCleery Course Saturday, June 1, a shift from the traditional fall date.

With more than 50 entered, top honours for the women went to Gail Barry, whose low gross score was 95, while Keith Baggoo led the men with a low gross of 70, two under par. Low net for the college women was Val Cahill, with 75. Greg Kravac was low net for the men with 71. The longest drives were from Jean Butler and Graham Burns.

Honours were passed out at the tournament dinner the evening of Monday, June 3. This was hosted at "J.J.'s," VVI's dining room.

### RETURN TO TOTEM

After a two year absence Vancouver Community College is once again fielding men's and women's volleyball teams in the province's Totem Conference.

New men's coach is Petr Nevekovsky, who last year coached the University of British Columbia women's volleyball team. Nevekovsky has a master's degree in physical education and has coached the Czech national team.

Coaching the women's team this fall is Chris Marshall, former assistant coach of the men's varsity team at UBC and B.C. men's volleyball coach for the Canada Games.

"We've been out for a couple of years," says Duncan McCallum, VCC athletics co-ordinator, "but we're going to have top flight coaching and I think in a position to do very well."