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VCC unveils student art and fine crafts show to celebrate diversity

New logo unveiled to celebrate VCC's 40th anniversary

CHANGING LIVES FOR 40 YEARS.

VCC has a special icon to help celebrate the college's 40th anniversary this year.



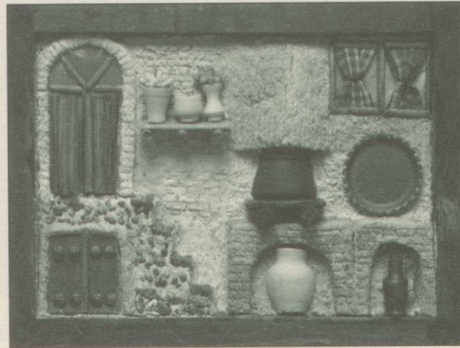
VCC's 40th anniversary logo; fun and formality

Developed by VCC graphic designer Keith Parker and guided by the 40th Anniversary Committee, the icon – featuring a bold 40 festooned with streamers – will be used on various college materials, including most advertising, promotional materials and event programs.

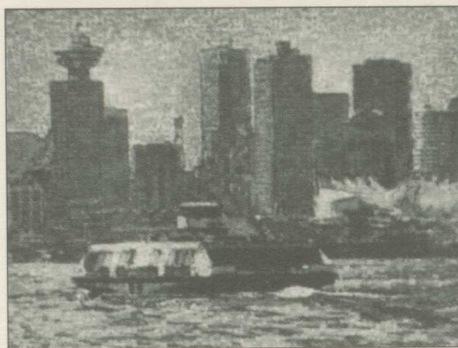
"This 40th is a significant anniversary, I've been here for almost half of that time," jokes Parker. "When coming up with the design, I wanted it to have a sense of both fun and formality – and I think it does a good job of portraying that." ■



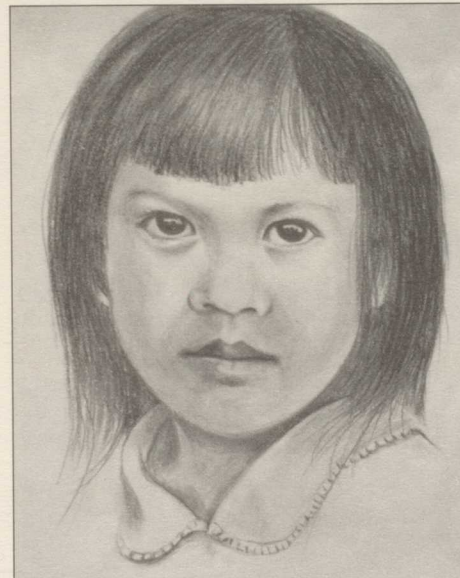
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ALL CRAFT SHOW PHOTOS: L. MCKENZIE

VCC students, employees and the public crowded in to the college's fourth annual student art show last month, enjoying paintings, drawings, sculpture and photos on display for Diversity Week.

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JJ's Dine Out a huge success

Huge response prompts VCC restaurant to extend its Dine Out Vancouver menu

Sell-out crowds prompted VCC's popular restaurant, JJ's, to extend its special Dine Out Vancouver menu, which had seen an overwhelming response from customers.



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A Tourism Vancouver Event
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Patrons packed JJ's over the course of the Dine Out Vancouver showcase, which again this year put the restaurant – staffed by budding chefs from VCC's culinary program – alongside the likes of Vancouver's finest.

"It's been phenomenal," says Dave Donaldson, dean of VCC's School of Hospitality and Business. "Diners have really embraced Dine Out Vancouver – and JJ's restaurant. We're thrilled to be able to introduce so many people to VCC's culinary program, which has been the starting-point for many of Canada's best chefs."

JJ's ended up extending Dine Out Vancouver menu a full week longer than originally scheduled.

Student tax forms online



Student tax forms are now available online. VCC is no longer mailing these forms – T2202A forms – but has moved them online to provide students with faster, easier service. Students can download their forms at any time; they just need to click on the special T2202A icon on the VCC website to go directly to VCC's online services for quick access to their form.

2005 career fair

March 10
11am - 6pm

One day. Hundreds of career options. Meet employers. Find the job of your dreams.



VCC downtown at Dunsmuir & Hamilton 604.871.7067 Presented by VCC Alumni VCC.CA

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VCC's first career fair organized by VCC Alumni

VCC is hosting a Career Fair for VCC students and alumni who are actively seeking jobs or wanting to gather information for their future search. They will learn about career opportunities, apply for positions and network with potential employers.

Organizations and corporations from various fields including health sciences, business, tourism and hospitality, retail

and trades will be represented. College departments that provide services and support to student job seekers are also participating.

The Career Fair is being held on March 10 at the downtown campus in the foyer; it's sponsored by VCC Alumni and VCC Student Services. Workshops will be held all afternoon to help attendees with their career planning and job search preparation. ■

exhibitors

Arlyn Reid Ltd.
Aurum Ceramic Dental Laboratories
Canadian Forces Recruitment Centre
Certified General Accountants of BC
Certified Management Accountants of BC
Earls Restaurants
Essential Employability Skills
Fraser Health
go2
Job Search Central and Network to Work
Landings Tourism Management Hiring Solutions
Pacific National Exhibition (PNE)
Paladin Security
Park Host
Peppy Kids Club
The Investors Group
Vancouver Coastal Health
Vancouver Community College Human Resources
Wickaninnish Inn
Workopolis

career fair workshops

All workshops are 45 minutes long and will be held in the theatre, room 112.

There are 6 workshops starting at noon, beginning every hour until 5 pm.

12 pm — Networking 101 for Job Seekers

Presenter: Nancy Nesbitt, Employment Consultant, Job Search Central

1 pm — Preparing Dynamic Cover letters

Presenter: John Sarembo

2 pm — Résumés

Presenter: John Sarembo

3 pm — Networking 101 for Job Seekers

Presenter: Nancy Nesbitt, Employment Consultant, Job Search Central

4 pm — Successful Job Interviews

Presenter: Mumtaz Patel, Employment Consultant, Network to Work

5 pm —

Tips for Effective Salary Negotiations

Presenter: Becky Knapp, Employment Consultant, Network to Work

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VCC helps needy McGregor Childcare families

VCC's department and individual sponsorship benefited 15 needy McGregor Childcare families over the holiday season. Funds raised provided gifts of clothing, shoes, toys and more for both children and parents. Families were provided with gift certificates to Safeway for food purchases; every child received several books to promote the value of reading in a child's life.

"I would like to extend a great big 'thank you' to all the members of the college community who generously donated gifts, money or their time in organizing and helping with the 2004 Christmas Campaign," says Doreen Sharan, board member of McGregor Childcare Society.

When they arrived to pick up their gifts, the parents were overwhelmed and speechless about the care and support shown by VCC employees.

Connections Correction

In the last issue of Connections, a picture of Heather Mate-Saunders, one of the winners of the Christmas Food Bank 50-50 draw, was overlooked.



PHOTO: L. MCKENZIE

Congratulations once again to:

Heather Mate-Saunders, downtown – \$136

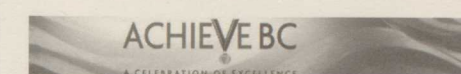
Tax-deductible donations can still be made at any time during the year to the Food Bank through the VCC cashiers.

Announcement

Hilary Pearson successfully defended her doctoral dissertation in February at UBC. Her research topic was: *Exploring Group Based Life Review with Family Physicians: Constructing Narratives of Experience and Meaning*. "Hilary's defense and dissertation were exemplary and the department is bursting with pride – way to go Dr. Hilary," says Maija Wiik, the college's head of Counselling and Advising.

VCC hosts Premier's Excellence Awards

Vancouver Community College again hosted the Premier's Excellence Awards, which recognized 13 B.C. high school graduates for academic achievement and outstanding service to their communities and schools.

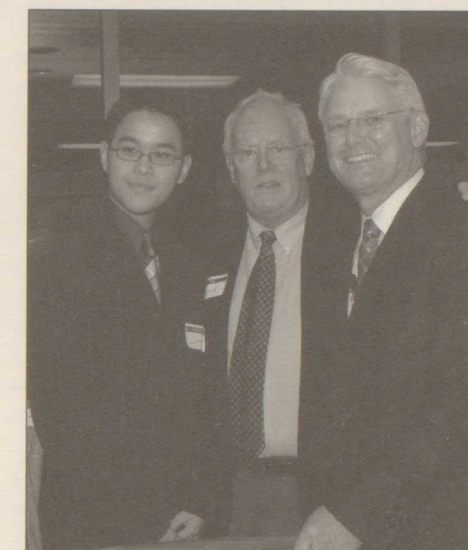


Each recipient of the Premier's Excellence Awards receives a medal of recognition and a \$5,000 scholarship to attend a university, university-college, college or institute in B.C.

Nearly \$1.5 million has been awarded since the program was established in 1986.

Every year secondary school principals in the province each nominate a top all-round student, recognizing academic achievement and community service in Grades 11 and 12. Nearly 200 graduating students were nominated in the 2004 school year.

A selection committee including representatives from the ministries of Education, Advanced Education and Human Resources, as well as from a B.C. university, chooses the top student in each of the province's college regions. ■



Above: Award-winner Eiston Lo poses with MLA Daniel Jarvis and Premier Gordon Campbell. Middle: This year's high school winners; Front row: Elizabeth Kruihof, Sarah Bazinet, Tara Commandeur, Gordon Campbell, Ida Chong, Leslie Sanderson, Lani McPherson Back row: Erin Love, Amy-Jean Singleton Polster, Caitlin Loughheed, Brittany Ewart, Matthew Folz, Leanna Mitchell, Eiston Lo. Bottom: The premier poses with VCC Hospitality students who helped host the event.

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College flag flies



PHOTO: D. ROHLOFF

VCC is flying its flag. An official VCC flag is now in place at both the Broadway and downtown campuses, where it's alongside the Canadian and provincial flags. VCC's flag, featuring the black-and-green college logo, helps build presence for the college.

Appointments

Rose Terzariol from Ketchum Canada Inc. joins VCC as the capital campaign consultant; she'll be working with the VCC Campaign Committee for close to 15 months and is located in room 5050a on the Broadway campus. Her local is 7479, and her email rterzariol@vcc.ca.

Jackie Lu has been appointed as information security specialist in Information and Computing Services. Lu, formerly known as either Mitford or MingFu, has worked in ICS since February 1999, initially as a computer support analyst and then as a network specialist. He will now work on keeping VCC's network secure and help fight the myriad of viruses that flow through both email and the Internet.

Carolyn Brown has been appointed project leader analyst, application services, effective Feb. 28, within ICS. Brown, who has worked in ICS since March 1991, has extensive experience with Banner's finance, HR-payroll and student systems. She was a member of the highly successful web registration team that won the VCC Excellence in Teamwork award for 2003 and, more recently, was a key participant in the successful implementation putting student tax forms online.

Mike Huang has been appointed to the position of network specialist in ICS as of Feb. 28. Huang has been with the college since 1994 when he worked in the ESL ELS divisional lab at Broadway campus; he joined the ICS team in 1997 and has worked at both campuses over the years.

accessVCC now accessible



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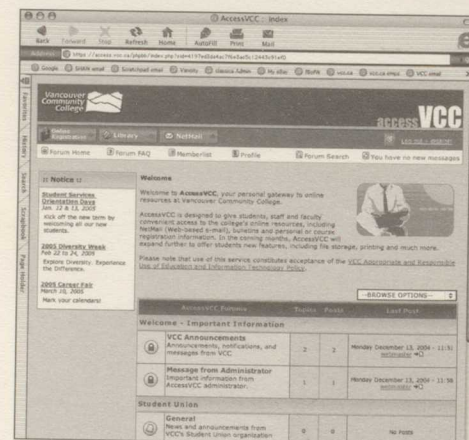
VCC students using accessVCC, which lets them access many services and forums, including an email account.

VCC students now have 'email for life' with accessVCC

VCC's Information and Computing Services is launching AccessVCC, a new intranet service for VCC students that includes online forums, library access, online registration and student email.

Among the features is a Novell-based package called NetMail, which features an e-mail account – with the format firstname.lastname@student.vcc.ca – that will be delivered to every registered student at VCC to allow them to communicate electronically with instructors, other students, friends and family.

These email accounts will not expire and are available to all VCC students including those in the Centre for Continuing Studies, the School of Instructor Education and International Education. Once the student graduates, the email account remains active to allow alumni to maintain contact with VCC.



The new accessVCC forum home page and NetMail.

After the student AccessVCC launch, a new intranet will be developed for VCC employees to access more online services such as employee pay information, which started in late 2004. ■

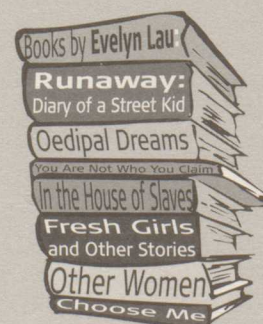
VCC's first writer-in-residence



Poet/writer Evelyn Lau

VCC will host internationally acclaimed author Evelyn Lau as the college's first writer-in-residence for the month of March. Lau will bring her vast experi-

ence to VCC – she's the author of eight books as well as numerous articles, essays and poems – where she will give public readings and work with students and faculty. ■



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New Virtual Integrated Library system

The VCC library implements its new Virtua Integrated Library System on April 5 to deliver enhanced services to the VCC community.

This new system will introduce a range of new capabilities designed to increase the level of service to the college community, including dynamic, multilingual user interfaces to the library catalogue. In addition, a host of patron empowerment capabilities will be available, including update notifications, saved searches, booklists and self-serve media bookings as well as online requests, renewals and fine payments.

VCC's library and Information and Computing Services are working together to provide single sign-on capability with the college's upcoming campus portal system and the library's research database services.

VCC's library will be closed April 1-4 to accommodate the system changeover.

Parking Fee Increases

VCC's Operations Council has approved a proposal to increase the college's parking fees to reflect increasing costs since the existing rates came into effect in September 2000.

New rates, effective April 1, are:

Broadway campus

Preferred lot (daily): \$2.25
Preferred lot (monthly): \$35
Economy lot (daily): \$1.75
Economy lot (monthly): \$25

Downtown campus (monthly)

Reserved: \$107
Scramble: \$77

EasyPark scramble: \$77

EasyPark reserved: \$90

111 Dunsmuir scramble: \$94

111 Dunsmuir reserved: \$107

Queen Elizabeth: \$75

International Village: \$56

Contact the Facilities department at local 8456 for more information.

China – a fantastic experience for VCC instructors

VCC has wrapped up a successful project to enhance the train-the-trainer capacity in hospitality management and tourism in Guiyang, China.

This four-year project, funded by the Canadian International Development Agency, saw VCC work with Chinese partners Southern Yangtze University and Guiyang Labour Bureau in an initiative that has opened the door to further partnerships.

"It was a pleasure to teach a highly motivated and fun group of people in another cultural setting."

-Dave Donaldson
dean of the School of Hospitality and Business

In October, Dave Donaldson, dean of the School of Hospitality and Business, and Douglas Mauger, training consultant for the School of Instructor Education, travelled to Guiyang with three SYU professors to deliver the last series of workshops on instructional skills and tourism marketing to about 200 trainers from the tourism industry, vocational schools and employment centres.

The people in Guiyang demonstrated their renowned hospitality, and toured the instructors to caves, ethnic communities and cultural events. They were also taken to local restaurants offering the best of Guiyang food.

Teaching in another country is an experience that the VCC instructors will remember for a long time. "Students are the same no matter where they are located," says Donaldson. "It was a pleasure to teach a highly motivated and fun group of people in another cul-

tural setting," with students who were receptive to the materials but challenged the instructors to think outside of their own 'box'.

Both Donaldson and Mauger recognized that they learned so much more than they had expected and have experiences that will last a lifetime. All the people involved in this project are grateful to VCC for their cooperation and foresight in joining together with SYU in delivering this project in Guiyang.

VCC's President Dale Dorn, director of VCC International Donna Hooker, Donaldson, Mauger and the international project coordinator, Sik On Hon, were guests at the official closing ceremony with SYU's president, dean of business and senior administration.

Official speeches and presentations were given, followed by karaoke with everyone from instructors to deans to officials from the city of Guiyang.

While the closing ceremony ended the formal contract, it opened the door to future collaboration on educational opportunities. In fact, the three parties have signed an agreement to establish a new training centre in Guiyang for entrepreneurs and creators of small and medium businesses. ■



The VCC and SYU presidents unveil plaque to open the new training centre in Guiyang



Students challenged both the VCC and SYU instructors to a friendly game of basketball.

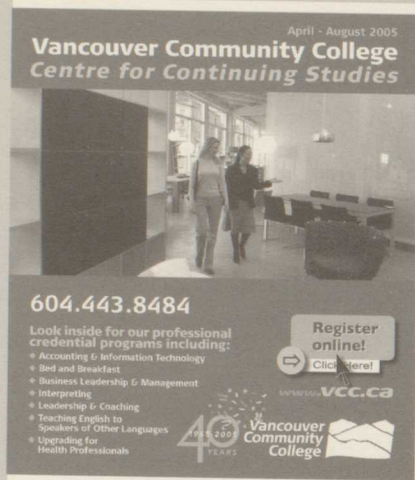


Event participants had great fun learning how to use a variety of games to teach students.

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Continuing Studies flyer soon to arrive



April - August 2005
Vancouver Community College
 Centre for Continuing Studies

604.443.8484

Look inside for our professional credential programs including:

- Accounting & Information Technology
- Bed and Breakfast
- Business Leadership & Management
- Interpreting
- Leadership & Coaching
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
- Upgrading for Health Professionals

Register online! Click here!

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VCC's latest Continuing Studies flyer is slated to hit stands early this month, providing students with a complete listing of the college's offerings next term. Look for the flyer in the Vancouver Sun and Georgia Straight in the first week of March, as well as on pick-up racks around the Lower Mainland.

VCC's dental clinic accepting new patients

Vancouver Community College's dental and dentist clinics are accepting new patients for their low-cost dental services.

"Real-world experience is a critical part of our training," says Ginny Cathcart, head of the college's dental hygiene program. "That's where this clinic delivers its real benefits."

The following services are being offered:

Dental hygiene

VCC's dental clinic is accepting new patients for its low-cost dental hygiene services. Call 604.443.8499

Dental assisting

VCC's dental assisting students are accepting patients aged 421 years old for preventive dental services. Call 604.443.8499

Denturist

VCC's denture clinic's services include new complete or partial dentures as well as repairs and relines to existing dentures. Call 604.443.8500

To benefit from the greatly reduced fees, patients are asked to commit to several appointments. Call for details and to set up a screening appointment.

Dispelling VCC myth

With such a large and diverse population at VCC, it is often difficult to know exactly what other departments do. In an effort to dispel myths, each issue of Connections will focus on a different Student Services department. This month's feature:

THIS MONTH'S MYTHS: Counselling and Advising Services

Counselling and Advising Services promotes student success. Receptionists help find program information and schedule appointments. Program advisors assist with educational and career-related research and planning; they support the application process as well as liaise closely with departments to keep up-to-date program information. Counsellors provide educational, career and personal counselling support and offer a variety of workshops to meet student needs. The aboriginal advisor helps aboriginal students with program information and academic planning and funding.

How savvy are you about Counselling and Advising Services? Take a look at the following five Counselling and Advising myths, then enter to win a \$20 gift certificate from JJ's Restaurant.

Five Counselling and Advising myths:

1. Counselling and advising are one and the same occupation, just different names.

False: The services overlap, but differ in specific tasks and goals. Advising is primarily about helping applicants/students obtain accurate information about VCC and to navigate the application process smoothly. Counsellors facilitate their clients' decision-making and personal growth to better understand and manage stress, change and other life challenges. The advising and counselling functions complement and support each other.

2. Students should seek help from counselling and advising only if they get into big trouble.

False: It is better to come and ask for help and support quickly. Early intervention may mean the difference between withdrawing versus completing a program successfully.

3. Everything you say to a counsellor is not confidential and could be used against you later.

False. Counselling services are confidential and information shared in the session will not be given to anyone without the person's permission. Exceptions are when the counsellor is subpoenaed or when there is a risk that the person might harm him/herself or another person.

4. Counsellors are only for people who are sick and need medication.

False. Counsellors help people who experience "problems in living," such as feelings of loneliness, difficulty managing time and stress, family problems, relationship break-ups, loss of a loved one and low self confidence. Counsellors do not prescribe medication, but can make referrals to medical doctors and other health care professionals if needed.

5. If a student has any kind of a disability or special need, there is not much that can be done to help.

False. Counsellors and advisors on both campuses have expertise in helping students with disabilities access tutoring, exam accommodation and adaptive equipment, including brailled, taped and electronic texts.

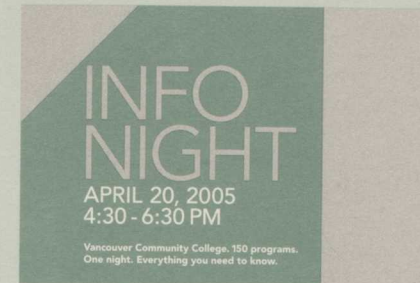
For more information, contact Counselling and Advising Services at local 7191 (Broadway campus) or 8596 (downtown campus).

Contest rules are simple:

1. Email your name to mwiik@vcc.ca to enter the contest.
2. Barb Ash, dean of Student Services, will draw the winning name.
3. Clip this article out and keep it handy.
4. If your name is drawn, you will be contacted by phone and asked to dispel the myths. If you answer all five correctly, you win a \$20 gift certificate to JJ's Restaurant. ■

Coming Events

VCC set to host Info Night on April 20



INFO NIGHT

APRIL 20, 2005
 4:30 - 6:30 PM

Vancouver Community College, 150 programs.
 One night. Everything you need to know.

Preparations are well underway for the college's major student recruitment event, Information Night, set for April 20.

At the heart of Information Night's ongoing success is the continuing support of faculty, staff and administrators, who turn out in strength to the downtown campus event.

phh!k launches CD at VCC



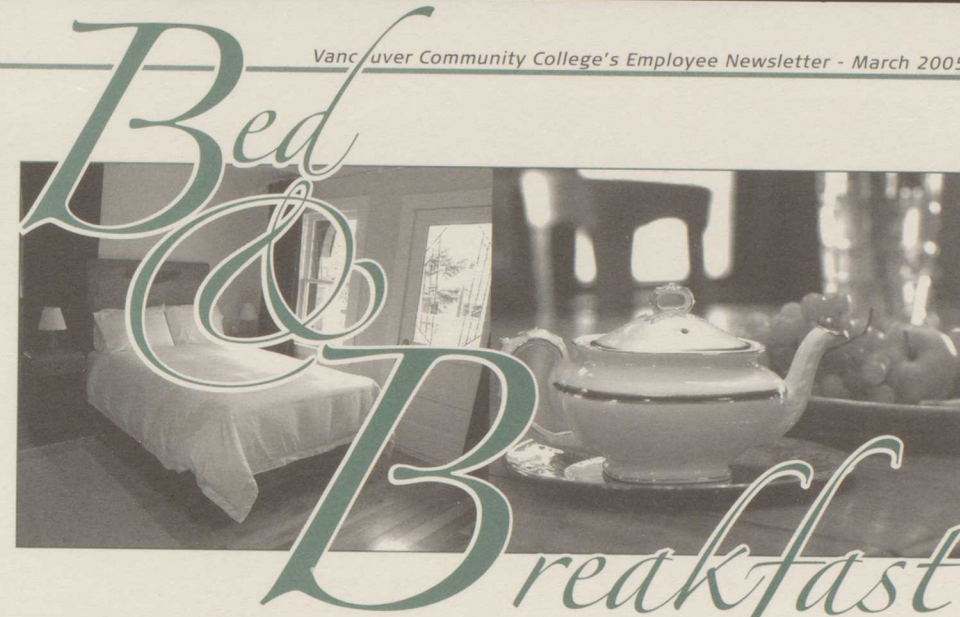
Henry Kucharzyk (left) & Peter Hannan of phh!k, one of Canada's leading electronic duos, launches its new CD with a live concert at VCC featuring jazz diva and new music muse Christine Duncan. phh!k is composers Peter Hannan (VCC music faculty) and Henry Kucharzyk, whose latest disc is titled phh!ksh*n.

When: Friday, March 18, at 8 p.m. in the VCC Broadway campus auditorium. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors. Call 604.871.7297.

François Houle - CD release

VCC music faculty member François Houle - master of extended techniques and one of Canada's finest clarinetists - gives two performances next month to launch his new CD.

When: Saturday, April 2, at 5:30 p.m. (short program with composer commentary; tickets \$10) and 8 p.m. (full program; tickets \$18 or \$8 for students); Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue at 580 West Hastings St. Tickets at the door.



VCC launches the first online bed and breakfast certificate in B.C.

There's more to running a bed and breakfast than, well, making a bed and whipping up breakfast - as students will quickly learn in Vancouver Community College's newest specialty program.

VCC is launching the province's first online program specializing in bed and breakfast operations - offering comprehensive and practical training in how to effectively run these specialty accommodations.

"A lot of bed and breakfasts fail to reach their full potential - mostly due to a lack of knowledge and faulty procedures," says instructor Bruce Jaffary, author of a major how-to book on the subject and one of the certificate program's developers.

"There's a lot to know - operators need to arm themselves with the know-how and tools of the industry to make their operation successful," says Jaffary, who

with his wife, Mary, has extensive experience in the hospitality industry, owning and operating bed and breakfasts in both B.C. and New Zealand.

"There is a major need for this type of program in B.C.'s fast-growing hospitality community - it's exciting that VCC is able to respond to the industry with this offering," says Gyda Chud, director of VCC's Centre for Continuing Studies.

"Tourism B.C. promotes quality hospitality services. This program will provide aspiring bed and breakfast owners with the tools and knowledge to develop a high level of professionalism," says Rick Lemon, Tourism B.C.'s vice-president of tourism operations.

Next classes start April 11, with offerings that cover the physical plant, costing and operations, marketing, menus, hospitality, communications and networking. ■

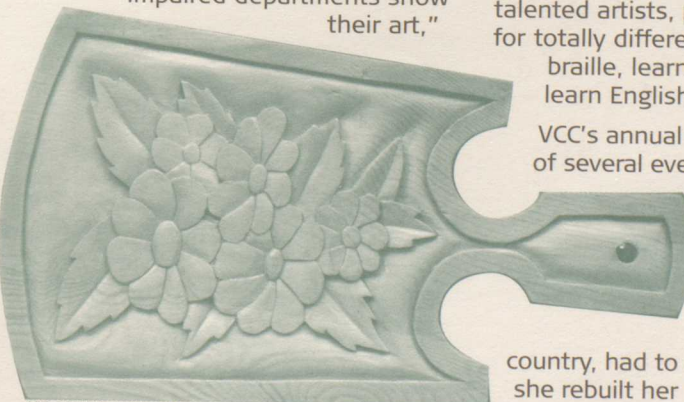
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"It is gratifying to see VCC students from the ESL, Adult Basic Education, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and Visually Impaired departments show their art,"

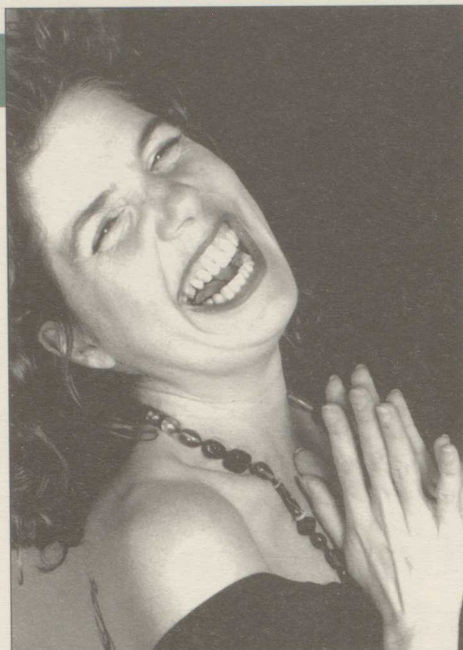
says Barbara Forster-Rickard, one of the Diversity Week organizers.

"I'm awed to be working among such talented artists, people who are at VCC for totally different reasons, to study braille, learn sign language, or learn English," she says.

VCC's annual art show - just one of several events during Diversity Week Feb. 22-24 - was inspired by a past ESL student from Korea. The student, a well-known artist in her country, had to give up her art while she rebuilt her new life in Canada. ■



ART: DZMITRY SARAKAPUDAU



Kate Hammett-Vaughan — quintet nominated for a Juno.

VCC jazz singer receives Juno nod: Hammett-Vaughan Quintet nominated

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CANADA'S
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Sunday
April 3,
2005

Winnipeg,
Manitoba

Vancouver Community College jazz singer Kate Hammett-Vaughan and her band have been nominated for a Juno Award, adding another honour to the college's highly regarded School of Music.

Nominated in the category of vocal jazz album of the year is the disc *Eclipse*, recorded live at Vancouver's Cellar nightclub.

"This is definitely well-deserved recognition," says Dave Donaldson, dean of VCC's School of Music. "Kate is one of Canada's top jazz vocalists, and we're hugely excited that she and her band have been nominated."

"It's faculty who are at the heart of VCC's music program," he says. "It's a great honour for us to have performers of Kate's calibre teaching here at VCC, sharing their experience, talent and commitment with our music students."

Together the Hammett-Vaughan Quintet — singer Hammett-Vaughan, pianist Chris Gestrin, saxophonist Jim Pinchin, bassist André Lachance and drummer Tom Foster — is recognized as a major part of Canada's jazz scene.

"It's great to be nominated for this particular record because our music really colours outside the lines of what seems to sell jazz records these days," says Hammett-Vaughan.

"It stands for creativity and an open-minded attitude to music — an attitude that I think the VCC School of Music really embodies."

The Juno Awards will be handed out April 3. ■

Eclipse — the specs: [source: katehv.com](http://source:katehv.com)



The album (TRACKS)

1. All or Nothing At All
2. For The Roses
3. Eclipse
4. Falling In Love With Love
5. Tatamagouche Tango
6. I Didn't Know What Time It Was
7. Cold Blue Steel and Sweet Fire
8. This Is New

The quintet

Kate Hammett-Vaughan - voice
Chris Gestrin - piano
Jim Pinchin - tenor sax
André Lachance - bass
Tom Foster - drums



The reviews

"Eclipse blazes with extended improvisations and tight ensemble work that give saxophonist Jim Pinchin and pianist Chris Gestrin front-line time to shine beside Hammett-Vaughan's expressive innovations."

— Doug Fischer, *Ottawa Citizen*

"Profoundly musical... Deeper and more diverse than any of her earlier outings, *Eclipse* is proof that the song in Hammett-Vaughan's heart grows stronger day by day."

— Alexander Varty, *Georgia Straight*

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