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WE'RE HAVING A PARTY

Get your tickets for VCC's 40th anniversary celebration

Community gets a good taste of VCC



PHOTO: L. MCKENZIE

Above: DJ Holly Cole will provide a cross section of music from every decade at VCC's anniversary party.

The tickets are selling. The excitement is building. The production companies are working on the nightclub-style lighting and sound. The DJ is planning her set list.

We're having a party. We're Feelin' Groovy.

"This is a big event - so we want everything about this event to be big," says Linda Martin, VCC's vice-president of advancement and education services and the chair of the 40th anniversary committee.

"Take our 40th anniversary banner, for instance - it fills an entire outside wall of our campus downtown," she says. "It's big - and this party is going to be big as well."

VCC's Feelin' Groovy celebration Oct. 14 is going to be the biggest party the college has ever seen. Music. Dancing. Prizes. Great food.

Dress from your favourite decade (encouraged, but not required), then come and enjoy fare from some of the city's top restaurants including:

- The Salmon House on the Hill
- C Restaurant
- Joe Fortes (oyster bar)
- Westin Bayshore Resort and Marina
- VCC's very own Culinary Arts chefs and JJ's Restaurant

DJ Holly Cole - who's more commonly known as one of VCC's instructional associates - promises a night of hits from

across the decades, delivered with sound and lighting from one of the city's top production companies.

"Come prepared to hear the kind of music that you know all the words to - and your feet know the beat," says Cole, who over the years saw her love of music turn into stints as a DJ at events around the city.

"There will be lots of '60s pop, '70s rock, disco, swing, R&B, a little bit of country and of course stuff from the '80s and '90s," she promises.

"So rest up, and get ready to let your hair down."

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PHOTO: S. BALDWIN

From left to right, Roseanne Ashworth, Lomell Ridley, Barb Ash and Les Patterson hand out morning cupcakes.

As part of the many celebrations taking place for VCC's 40th anniversary, the community got a taste of VCC on Sept. 13.

To say thank you and to get the word out about VCC's 40th anniversary, cupcakes and hotdogs were handed out to the neighbouring community.

The baking department made the 650 cupcakes that were passed out to commuters at the Dunsmuir entrance. And, more than 500 hotdogs were distributed at the Pender entrance made possible by donations from our food vendors and barbeque supplies from the PNE. ■

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News Briefs

Alison Norman Honoured Nationally by TESL Canada



Above: Alison Norman

Alison Norman, the new dean of Language Studies, was recently honoured by TESL Canada. Norman was awarded a life membership in TESL Canada in recognition

of her accomplishments in the field of English as a Second Language instruction.

This award is presented annually to an individual who has made exemplary contributions to Teaching ESL in Canada and who has provided outstanding service for more than 20 years.

For the past 25 years, Norman has pursued her career at VCC – as an ESL instructor, an administrator and as a teacher trainer.

Appointment

Margaret Dennett was elected to the position of department head of the Dental Assisting/Dental Reception Coordinator program on July 1, 2005. Dennett has been responsible for the development of the Distance Dental Assisting program and instructs dental assisting. She replaces Michele Rosko.

Achievements

David Gordon Duke recently co-authored *Jean Coulthard, A Life in Music*, a fascinating study of one of Canada's best-loved composers of the 20th century. Jean Coulthard was born and raised in Vancouver. The growth of Vancouver from pioneer beginnings to a major economic and cultural centre over the 92 years of Coulthard's life is wonderfully reflected in Duke's book.

50/50 Draw

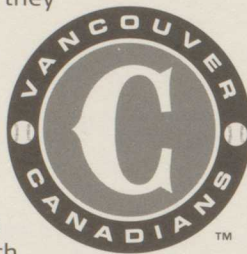
The lucky winner of August's employee 50/50 draw is Sylvia Patey, coordinator of the Education and Employment Access for Women Program.

Winning season for baseball – and VCC

It was a winning season for the Vancouver Canadians – and for VCC's marketing initiative with the baseball team.

This season finished with the Canadians No. 1 in the league heading into the playoffs; they were second in the championship series. That showing helped drive strong attendance and increased exposure for VCC at the stadium, which featured outfield signage, posters and various on-site promotions.

"This has been a year of record attendance for the Canadians," says college marketing director Stephen Barrington. "That makes it a great year for VCC as well – as we were able to get VCC's name in front of even more of this key audience group."



Exact figures are still being tallied, but team officials estimate there was a double-digit increase in attendance this season – bringing it close to 100,000 over the 12-week season – setting a record for the Single A team.

Among the VCC promotional activities were displays that featured a host of VCC programs, including those from the Centre for Transportation Trades, which drew attention with a hotrod parked at the stadium entrance.

"There were about 15 of us there, all with VCC T-shirts and hats on – everywhere you looked there was VCC," says Sandra Bailey, dean of design, technology and trades, who was on hand at that display. "The Canadians won that night – it was a great game and a fabulous night for VCC to be there." ■

Two great well known Vancouver institutions combine in celebration



As the PNE celebrated 95 years of being a part of the community, VCC celebrated 40 years of changing lives in the community.

For the eighth year VCC provided the cooking stage at the PNE. Many VCC instructors, guest chefs from within the culinary community, media personalities and firefighters graced the stage to display their culinary expertise.

The professional chefs drew large crowds everyday, but none of them as large as the firefighters. The firefighters promoted their new cookbook *Pot on the Stove* – proceeds from the \$20 cookbook go to the burn unit at the Children's Hospital and may be purchased from any Vancouver firehall.

JJ's Restaurant was once again relocated to the PNE for the third straight year. "JJ's is becoming a tradition at the PNE and people are making it their first stop to reserve their table," says Roseanne Ashworth, VCC's project coordinator.



Fair-goers line up for a piece of VCC's anniversary cake.

Sept. 2 was declared VCC Day at the PNE where Linda Martin, vice-president of advancement and education services, and Barb Ash, dean of student services led the parade through the grounds. In celebration of the day and VCC's 40th anniversary, two large celebration cakes were served to more than 1,500 attendees.

"VCC being represented at the PNE takes a tremendous amount of teamwork – from the movers to the chefs and everyone in between, each person does a fabulous job," says Dave Donaldson, dean of school of hospitality and business. ■

Coming Events

Notice of Elections – October 2005

REPRESENTATIVES to the EDUCATION COUNCIL

Representative	Term	Seats
Students - KE	Nov. 1 to Oct. 31 2005 - 2006	2
Students - CC	2005 - 2006	2
Support Staff - KE	2005 - 2006	1
Support Staff - CC	2005 - 2006	1
Faculty -		
Trades & Tech	2005 - 2007	1
I.E., Music, Design	2005 - 2007	1
Library, Learn. Ctrs.	2005 - 2007	1
School of Health	2005 - 2007	1
College-At-Large	2005 - 2007	1
Arts and Sciences	2005 - 2008	1
Hospitality/Business	2005 - 2008	1
Language Studies	2005 - 2008	1

REPRESENTATIVES to the BOARD of GOVERNORS

Representative	Term	Seats
Student - KE	Nov. 1 to Oct. 31 2005 - 2006	1
Student - CC	2005 - 2006	1
Faculty	2005 - 2008	1

Validation of Voters/Nominees

To be eligible to nominate a candidate, to stand for nomination, or to vote for a candidate, all parties must be registered students or employed staff as of Sept. 12. For student nominators and nominees, all applicable fees must be paid by 3 p.m., Sept. 23. To check on your status, please contact the Registrar's Office.

Nomination Period – Monday, Sept. 12 to Friday, Sept. 23

Nomination forms are available from the Registrar's Office at the Broadway and downtown campuses. Submit nominations to the Registrar's office by 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23.

Campaign Period – Monday, Sept. 26 to Friday, Sept. 30

Campaign materials and forums are the responsibility of the candidates. Candidate information may not be posted before the close of nominations at 3 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 23, 2005.

Advance Poll – Wednesday, Sept. 28

9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Registrar's Office, KE & CC.

Voting – Tuesday, Oct. 4 and Wednesday, Oct. 5

Downtown campus - near Dunsmuir entrance
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Continuing Studies Office
4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Broadway campus - outside cafeteria
9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Learners Talking to Learners project

The program for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Adults recently took part in the provincially funded program, Learners Talking to Learners, where adult learners plan their own learning experience, guided by their instructors.

Three of the four classes chose to find out more about the world of work and finding employment, while one class focused on a completely different topic – the History of B.C. Salmon.

The project Exploring the World of Work from one class included visits to six different work sites. Students were taught specific vocabulary and communication skills related to job search, including how to prepare a résumé.

The other two classes collaborated on a book called *Job Experiences: A World of Possibilities*. The students wrote and photographed their visits to work sites, interviews with employers and employees and their experience with job shadowing.

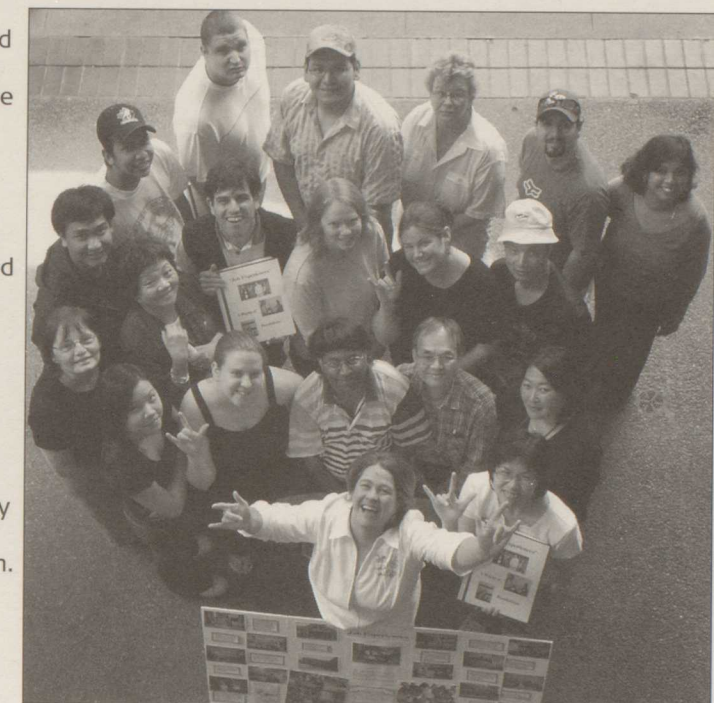
"I learned a lot about the process of job hunting and interview skills. After visiting the chocolate factory, I am now really interested in looking into VCC's baking program," says Donna Vo, 32, of Surrey.

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Along with the food, dancing and several no-host bars will be prizes, prizes, prizes.

Every ticket-holder has a chance to win one of several great door prizes, including luscious gift baskets, a romance package overnight stay at the Westin Bayshore, and two packages for a two-night stay at the Mountain-side Lodge (www.mountainsidelodge.ca) in Whistler Village.

Tickets to the party are \$19.65 – reflecting, of course, the year the college began – and include the five-star food along with a drink. Buy tickets online at vcc.ca/feelin'groovy or through the cashiers at either the Broadway or downtown campus.



Participants of Learners Talking to Learners (clockwise from top right): Rina Ram, Csaba Gal, Larissa Makortoff, Darwyn Haller, Daniel Letendre, Nikko Paez, Kristian Reyes, Leanne Vlug (instructor), Emily Cheung, Spring Parks, Donna Vo, Marcia Tanaka, Chak Tian Chu, Astrid Evensen-Flanjak, Shannon Hougham, Maurice Meyer, Katherine Lo, Allison White, Suresh Amyan and Chee Sui Lee.

The History of B.C. Salmon project provided the students with the opportunity to learn about the different types of salmon, their life cycle, how people fished and preserved salmon and how society manages this valuable resource.

"We went to the salmon cannery and I found out about salmon and their life cycle. It's the first time I ever saw something like that. I also learned how to use interviewing skills with an interpreter. I will continue to use that after the course is over," says Kathy Lo, 62, from Vancouver. ■

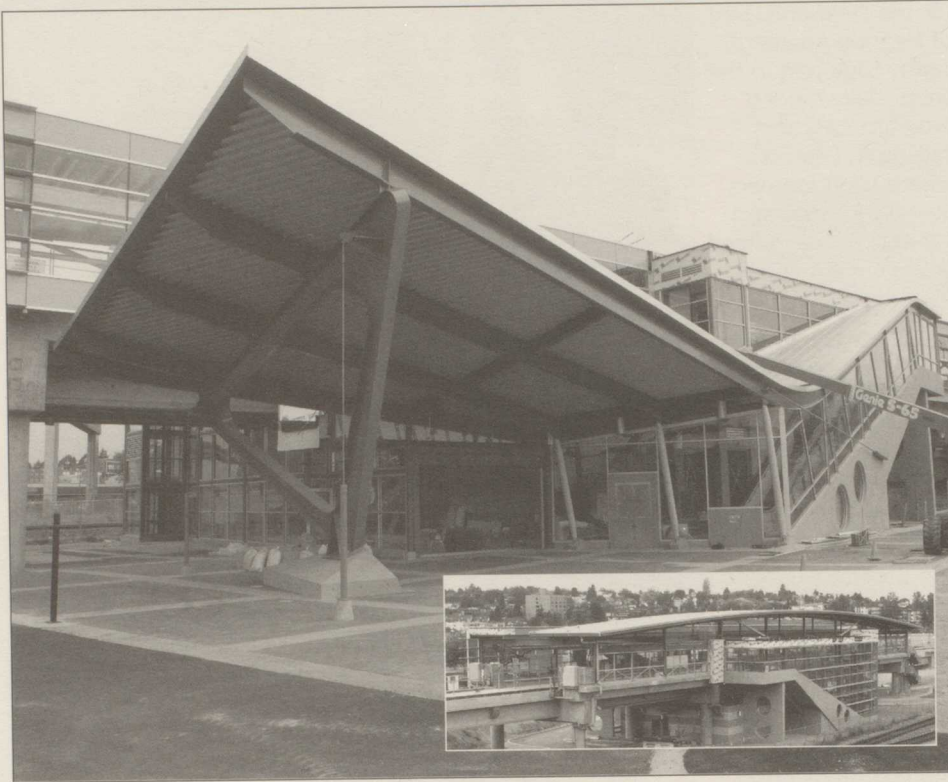
For those interested in staying downtown following the party, the Rosedale on Robson and the Georgian Court hotels have arranged for special discounts for VCC. Rooms are:

At the Rosedale (604.689.8033): \$75 plus taxes; reserve before Sept. 30 and quote "VCC" when booking.

At the Georgian Court (604.682.5555): \$99 plus taxes; reserve before Sept. 23 and quote "VCC" or group No. 2823 when booking.

VCC's Feelin' Groovy party
Friday, Oct. 14, 2005
VCC downtown campus
7:30 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. ■

The next station is: VCC-Clark



Above: The south entrance at the new VCC-Clark station, under construction and set to open in January.
Inset: A view of VCC-Clark station looking southwest from farther north on Clark Drive.

SkyTrain is coming to VCC.

TransLink's newest SkyTrain station – just north of VCC's Broadway campus – is expected to open in mid-January, bringing the Millennium Line to the college's doorstep.

The terminal's name: VCC-Clark station, reflecting the new approach of naming stations after both a destination – VCC, in this case – and a nearby major street.

"We have been looking forward to the new station's opening from the day construction began," says Linda Martin, vice-president of advancement and education services. "Right from the

start, we have been strong supporters of extending the SkyTrain line to reach our Broadway campus.

"VCC-Clark is an ideal name for this station," she says. "It reflects both the growing corridor of Clark and Great Northern Way – part of our neighbourhood – and the large numbers of VCC students who come to our campus by transit."

Including VCC-Clark station in the transit system's information is already in the works in anticipation of its January opening; TransLink has already started updating its materials – including electronic reader boards, notices, schedules, maps and other items – to add details of the new station. ■

Planning underway for Broadway expansion

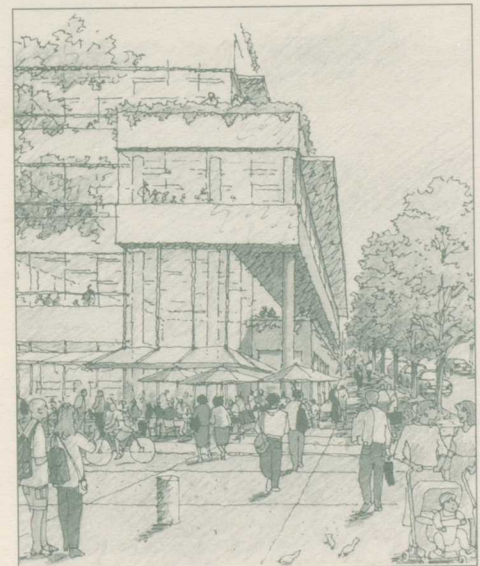
Planning for the first phase of VCC's Broadway campus expansion is now underway.

One of British Columbia's top architectural firms, Stantec Architecture, has been named as the project architect, joined by the principal electrical, mechanical and structural design engineers to complete the design team.

VCC user committees – comprised of representatives of the various departments to be located in the new building – have been assembled to provide input on their requirements and review plans for the project.

Those committees spent much of July and August meeting with the design team to finalize their requirements into what's called the Facility Program, which will guide designers during the various stages of planning.

Watch next month's Connections for a special section packed with details about the development project, the user committee consultations, construction timelines and more. ■



Architectural rendering of proposed campus development.

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