

Baking students wow judges with gingerbread house win



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Above: Nokolina Havlicek (left), Sara Hanlon, and Alena Robertson (front) pose with their creation that placed at the Hyatt Regency's Annual Gingerbread House Contest. Below: a close-up of Saint Nick.

VCC students construct second-place house

Students from the baking and pastry program under Marlie van de Ven's guidance won second prize in the professional category at the Hyatt Regency's Annual Gingerbread House Contest.

The students agreed on the theme – Under Construction. The gingerbread house features several gingerbread construction men making a cake. The concept brings together all the students' different ideas to form one cohesive and award-winning display.



The construction is entirely edible and took 20 students seven hours a day for three weeks to complete. Pamela Xuereb, 29, of East Vancouver said she was surprised at how it all came together in the end. "You don't get to see the whole picture because so many people are working on it. When it was finished it really blew me away. It was amazing."

Jolie Gardner, 21, of Mission said she enjoyed seeing everyone's creativity and their ideas evolve. ■

VCC builds first online multilingual legal glossary

VCC last month launched Canada's first online multilingual legal glossary, which promises to foster dramatically greater understanding of the courts among B.C.'s immigrant communities.



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Sylvana Carr and Wally Oppal test out the glossary.

It's free, fast and encompasses 5,000 legal terms from the common to the highly technical, with definitions in plain English and their translations into six languages: Chinese, Farsi, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish and Vietnamese.

It's the culmination of five years of work for VCC's interpreter training program, which was supported by \$350,000 from the Law Foundation of B.C., along with assistance from the Law Courts Education Society and the Notary Foundation of B.C.

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Appointments

Walter Pritchette: appointed purchasing manager.

Haziel Koe: VCC's new web technician.

Melissa Grover: joins VCC as the confidential assistant to the vice president of education.

Ross Barbour: elected department head of ELS.

Tanis Sawkins: elected as the department head of ESL PACE.

Vincent Chauvet: elected department head of ASL and Deaf Studies.

Allison Kim: appointed VCC's new associate director of planning and budgets.

Presentations and prizes



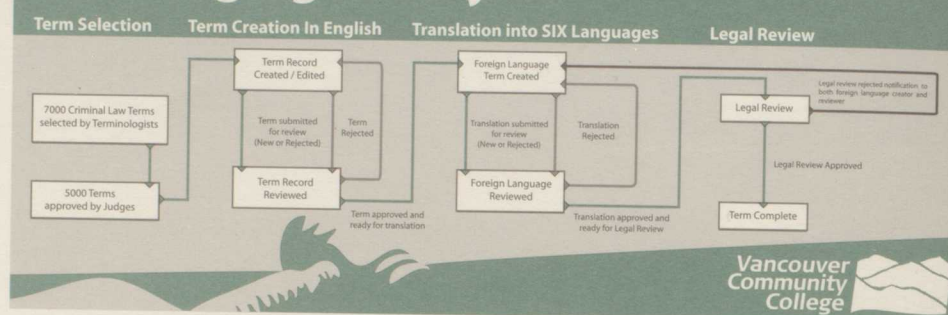
President Dale Dorn (left), Michelle Bernard from the VCC Foundation, and CUPE Local 4627 president Dennis Cumming with the 'large' cheque for \$10,000 donated by the support staff union to VCC's family campaign to help fund the new building.



Dale Dorn presents Olga Gromyko, CPE student, with a new Gateway laptop recently. Gromyko won the computer by filling out the 2006 Student Census online. More than 2000 students completed the survey that will provide important information for the college.

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www.legalglossary.ca



"This is an impressive tool," says Alan Davis, VCC's vice-president of education, who was joined at a special launch event by leaders from the provincial legal and legal aid communities. "It's a great example of how college expertise can have a major and ongoing impact in the community."

Want to know the meaning of 'habeas corpus,' for instance, even though you've heard it on TV legal shows plenty of times? Type the term into the

glossary (legalglossary.ca) and you'll learn that it's the procedure for having a judge determine if someone is held in jail without cause.

Any initiative that helps enhance understanding of the courts is an important one, says B.C.'s Attorney General, Wally Oppal.

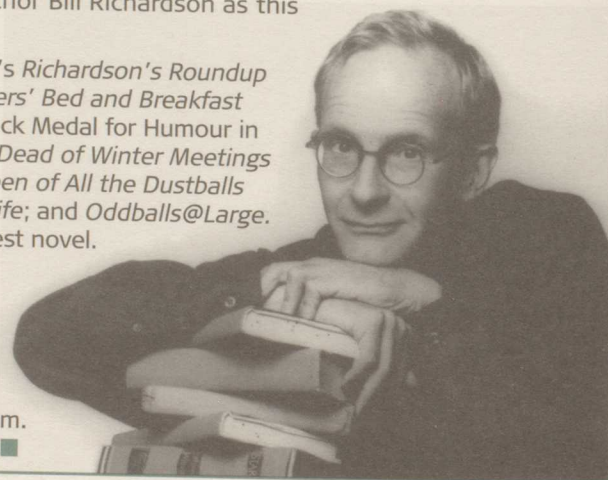
"Legal terminology online breaks new ground in public legal education," says Oppal. "It's an innovative approach to improving access to justice among the multicultural community." ■

Bill Richardson: VCC's writer-in-residence for 2007

VCC is gearing up to welcome CBC commentator, humorist and author Bill Richardson as this year's writer-in-residence.

Richardson is the host of CBC's *Richardson's Roundup* and author of *Bachelor Brothers' Bed and Breakfast* (winner of the Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour in 1994); *Scorned and Beloved: Dead of Winter Meetings with Canadian Eccentrics*; *Queen of All the Dustballs and Other Epics of Everyday Life*; and *Oddballs@Large*. *Waiting for Gertrude* is his latest novel.

Richardson will be available to VCC students and staff from Feb. 12 to March 9 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Richardson will be reading on March 1 at 8 p.m. in the Broadway Auditorium ■



Hairdressing students win first and second



S. Paley (centre) presents Soo Jeong (right) and Ross Kwan with awards for first and second place.

Hairdressing students Soo Jeong and Ross Kwan won first and second place in the Joico Vero colour competition in the national students category in November. Their design collection beat out more than 100 entrants, and Jeong won an all-expenses paid trip to New York to attend an education class at the Artistic Institute, two tickets to the Mirror Awards and a \$200 Joico gift basket. Hairstyling and esthetics instructor Gwen Tse was instrumental in helping the students prepare for the competition.

News Briefs

Employee Recognition

In December, the VCC community came together to celebrate the winners of the college's Excellence Awards and to honour long-serving employees.

Excellence in Education
Frank Fornelli, CCA department

Excellence in Community Involvement
John-Carlo (JC) Felicella, Culinary Arts

Excellence in Customer Service
Anthony Humphries, Culinary Arts

Excellence in Leadership
Nina Kozakiewicz, ESL - ELS

Excellence in People Spirit
Shirley Teo, VCC International

Excellence in Teamwork
Homefront program

20 years of service

Wayne Avery	Karine Breslauer
Elizabeth Burnyeat	Ginny Cathcart
Jim Davies	Denise Douglass
Lorna Downie	Barbara Forster-Rickard
Fred Grimman	June Ho
Dawna Kjar	Tony Koch
Nadia Kawas	Nelson Langston
Colin Lee	Lyn Lennig
Jean MacLeod	Sara MacFayden
Wayne McNiven	Robert Mahe
Margaret Mani	Rene Merkel
Ron Merton	Keith Milton
Keith Parker	Cecil Paris
Robert Peck	Roberta Reynolds
Zeporah Richards	Tanis Sawkins
Roma Sedgman	Christine Stechishin
Margaret Stefanowicz	Annemiek Stoodley
Maciek Walentowicz	Holly Wallace
Mima Wilson	Anna Woo

25 years of service

Maureen Ballantyne	Pauline Barratt
Susan Bates	Ida Barazzuol
Christine Clark	Kelvin Cheng
Dale Dorn	Brock Elliott
Carol Galloway	Fran Garner
Tricia Hughes	Jo Hansen
Peter Hannan	Peter Herd
Peter Hopkinson	Stephanie Jewell
John Kostoff	Irene Lacoursiere
Geronimo Landingin	Cammi MacKinlay
Muriel McRae	Petra Makarewicz
Betty Nobel	Jane Sheil
Sheila Singh	Heather Soles
Susanne Sunell	Brenda Toporowski
Carol Tulpar	Colleen van Winkel
Sita Wickramasekera	

30 years of service

Ted Hougham - Instructional Associate
Steen Larsen - Culinary Arts
Linda Martin - VP - Advancement/Education

35 years of service

Alan Bingley - Culinary Arts
Joyce Johnstone - CF, Science

VCC student publishes novel

Ranj Dhalwal, 30, a VCC paralegal student from Surrey has recently published his novel, *Daaku* - a Punjabi term for 'outlaw'. His novel about gang life in the Indo-Canadian community has sparked national interest.



Author Ranj Dhalwal, and the cover of his highly acclaimed novel, *Daaku*, that is grabbing national attention.

himself. From an early age, Dhalwal was interested in taking up law in some way. "I took the paralegal certificate to see what the legal world is like."

"Now I know the background, rules of the court, the practical side and the research involved. This will give me an edge if I decide to become a lawyer later on," says



Dhalwal, who is currently working at EAGLE, a non-profit Aboriginal environmental law firm.

Right now, Dhalwal is too busy with interviews, speaking engagements and book signings to begin that chapter of becoming a lawyer.

Daaku is available through Chapters and other book stores. ■

VCC part of Culinary Team Canada - placed fourth in world

VCC's John-Carlo Felicella and David Ryan were part of team Canada, that recently competed against 24 other national teams from around the world, at the Eurexpo Culinary World Cup in Luxemburg.

Team Canada returned with gold medals in both the hot and cold categories and placed fourth in the world, just behind the culinary powerhouses of Norway, Sweden and Singapore.

Team Canada's schedule for competition was brutal. The hot competition - preparing 110 three-course meals - was followed one day later by the cold competition - a cold display table of buffet platters, finger foods, appetizers, main courses, desserts, petits fours, chocolate sculptures, cakes and pastries. ■



The dessert dish that helped place Felicella's team of chefs fourth in the world.

Team Canada Hot Menu

Foie gras and scallop terrine, Gala apple chutney
Smoked sablefish with Dungeness crab, celery root purée
Sides: shrimp salad, lemon jelly
Glazed bison tenderloin, braised pork belly en crepinette
Yukon Gold potato barrel with chanterelle leek stew
Cauliflower croquette, soy bean sauté
Red wine sauce
Roast pear tart
Chocolate orange bar with orange foam, rosemary ice cream cake

Team Members:

John Carlo Felicella - team manager, chef instructor, VCC
Damon Campbell - captain, Diva at the Met
David Bakker - Toronto Marriott Bloor
Tobias MacDonald - La Belle Auberge
David Ryan - chef instructor, VCC
Arthur Chen - pastry chef, Pan Pacific Hotel

VCC gives

Casual Day for Covenant House

VCC employees participated in a city-wide fundraising campaign, *30 Days for 30 Nights*, for Covenant House. The initiative's goal is to fund the operations of two Covenant House core programs for December, ensuring more than 300 youth will have access to a safe place to stay and 24-hour individualized professional care.

"Our college really showed its community spirit by raising \$815 for this important initiative," says Linda Martin, vice-president of advancement and education services. Thanks go to all the volunteers who helped with the event: Cathy Cameron, Vivienne Garrott, Lisa Middleton, Niall O'Connor, Doreen Sharan, and Carey Stoneberg.

Sox in the City drive



Job Search Central and Network To Work, VCC's employment resource centres, gathered donations of socks for the city's less fortunate. Warm, dry feet are a must for the health and wellness of underprivileged people in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside and other communities. Staff and clients collected 113 pairs of socks, three scarves and one hat. The articles were donated to the Vancouver Coastal Health's Sox in the City drive. ■

Watts up with VCC's electric car?

VCC is gearing up to build a practical electric hybrid vehicle for less than \$4,000 in six months. The project will bring together the best of several program areas including trades, technology and design.

Currently in the design and development stage, the vehicle will be a three-wheeled, single-passenger, ultra-light hybrid. The car will have two power sources: electric and pedal power, with a range of about 30 kilometres on electric power alone.

Using only the two electric motors, speed will be 25 km/h, with the maxi-

mum top speed dependent on the driver's pedaling energy. The average person should be able to attain about 45 km/h. A lightweight plastic body will protect the driver from the elements.

While the vehicle itself will be a functional, practical method of transportation, it will be used as an exhibit for career fairs and information nights.

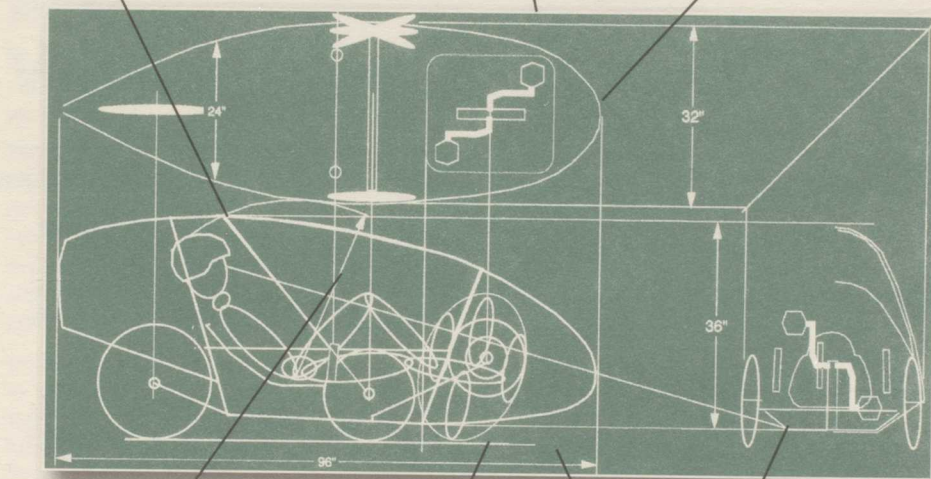
"We have a very powerful group of resources at VCC that will provide an impressive showpiece to illustrate the capabilities of each department," says Sandra Bailey, dean of design, technology and trades. ■

VCC electric car team:

Karl Brown • Project coordinator / Electronics
Motors, batteries and microprocessor interfaces.

Mario Trettenero • Auto Collision
Creative airbrush techniques and welding.

Maciek Walentowicz • Jewellery
Class to design the body shape.



Tene Barber • Graphic Design
Class to design graphics for body.

Robert Kunka • Automotive
Responsible for suspension bits.

Gordon Schofield • Diesel
Machine shop access for custom bits.

Bill Dobie • Drafting
Class will provide technical drawings.

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