

KING EDWARD TIMES

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1) ENGLISH PLACEMENT TEST

A Reminder:

Please remind your students that the next English Placement Test will be written on TUESDAY, JULY 17.
The testing schedule is as follows:

B.T.S.D.

8:00 a.m.

ROOMS 156 and 158

10:30 a.m.

ROOMS 156 and 158

ENGLISH 099

Full-time Day Class:

9:00 a.m.

ROOM 144

Part-time Night Class:

7:00 p.m.

ROOM 144

CANADIAN VIEWPOINTS 091

Section 875 - afternoon class

2:30 p.m.

ROOM 165

Section 891 - evening class

7:00 p.m.

ROOM 144

Test candidates should be strongly encouraged to attend the session for which they have been scheduled. However, if this is not possible, the student may write the test in a room and at a time of his own choosing, provided he brings identification to the testing session, preferably a student card.

R.M.

3) WITH HAPPY MEMORIES

I had never pictured retirement as such an enjoyable occasion. First I became sixty-five, with attendant family festivities, pensions, free drugs, reduced bus fares and cinema prices and a refund from the U.I.C.

Then, in June, there was a glamorous dinner party given at the Hyatt Regency by the College Council for the teachers retiring from Langara, V.V.I. and K.E.C. Gwen Low and I, retiring from K.E.C., were at a table with College Council President Jim Kennedy and his wife - Gwen escorted by her husband and me by my older son, Bob.

Last Friday, the E.L.T. teachers and the V.I.A. celebrated our retirement with an elegant buffet lunch at King Ed. Achieving elegance in a classroom in our establishment is no mean feat, but it was done with dainty table cloths, roses and cornflowers. On a long table was a huge baron of beef, nobly carved by Al Stusiak, and all along the table was a superb array of succulent dishes, yes, exotic fare, prepared by people with expertise in the cuisines of Europe and the Orient. Desserts followed and Gwen and I were invited to cut a beautiful cake, decorated with our names and more roses. We did it wedding cake style - both our hands on the knife.

Barbara Bowers gave charming complimentary farewells to Gwen and me, pointing out that, for many of our students, Gwen was the person the students talked to first at the college, and how very suitable she had been for that work. Then we were given gifts, and we were rendered almost, but not quite, speechless.

I should like to thank all the people in the E.L.T. department who signed my beautiful card, for it, and for the book, "The Musical Companion", by A.L. Bacharach. I knew Bacharach in the forties, when he was the chief biochemist for Glaxo and came for symposiums in the Department of Medical Chemistry in the University of Edinburgh when I was working there.

I received not only the book, but also vouchers for the Vancouver ticket centre. It will be most exciting to choose programmes and take friends along too. These were handsome gifts. My grateful thanks!

And, as if that wasn't enough, Al Stusiak rose to present us with gifts from the V.I.A.; vouchers for classical records from the Magic Flute record store. This will be a real job, but I will think carefully before I go there, so that there will be no impulse buying! I have written to thank my fellow Union members and later will report on the purchases.

I have been thinking, since I stopped work a month ago, about my seven years at K.E.C. and about the wonderfully friendly and supportive colleagues I have had. Many of them were at the luncheon on Friday, but to those who weren't, and to all my friends and acquaintances in all walks of life at King Ed, I'd like to say this:-

All of us, when we come to King Ed, bring our own special qualities. Some of us come from a country where English is not spoken and have learned it as a second language, thus having a very keen and different concept of it; some of us are married to people of other cultures,

languages and religions and have been edified by this experience; some of us have lived in other countries for long periods and know what it is to battle for the necessities of life in an unknown tongue; some are bi-lingual, some bring long experience of teaching, some have personal qualities of friendliness, humour, patience or the ability to think quickly on their feet - all valuable assets in teaching!

What we bring, we take away when we leave, but I am sure we gain something else. A confidence the general public cannot know. A confidence in and a love for the immigrants who have come to our country. I meet many Canadians who are afraid of people whose origins are different from their own; are afraid to know our immigrants, and do not believe their lives are enriched by the variety of people around them.

We, from King Ed, have a sure knowledge that, when we meet them in buses, in stores, or on the beach, whatever their national origin, whatever language they may be conversing in, we can approach them, total strangers, speaking English, and know that we will be answered in English, in all friendliness. How many of the general public know and feel this special security?

This letter is not to say goodbye. I have many reasons for coming to the college and for inviting you to visit me. This letter is to say "Thank you" for the seven years and, most especially, for making my time of retirement such a warm and vitalising experience.

Mary Anderson

4) MY THANKS TO YOU

Many thanks to all who contributed to our retirement luncheon last Friday. It was a most enjoyable occasion. Besides receiving your beautiful gifts, I carried away a treasury of good wishes and of warm thoughts for all.

As I shall be on campus until the last of August, I hope to see most of you again.

Gwen Low

5) CHARGE-BACK SYSTEM - PRINTING AND DUPLICATING

Because of the ever-increasing costs of paper and the doubling of consumption of paper, it has become necessary to institute a charge-back system for printing and duplicating work. In the past, only major projects (such as a campus-produced work-book or curriculum) have been charged to individual departments. However, beginning in the current fiscal year, all work orders are costed and charged back to the departments concerned. This is for supplies only; labor costs are not included. Faculty and staff are urged to request only the copies actually required, and that, wherever possible, work be done back-to-back.

J.D.B.

6) FOR INTERESTING READING

A copy of VOL. V, Informal Working Papers in Applied Linguistics has been received from Ohio University. It consists of one article by William Grabe that discusses three methods for language learning, The Community Language Learning, The Silent Way, Suggestopedia.

If you would like a read, a copy is available in the library.

R.M.

7) POSITION OPENINGS

Langara Campus: requires a Dean of Instruction. Application deadline is August 20.

Vancouver Vocational Institute: requires an instructor for Security Officer Program. Closing date for applications is July 24.

VVI also requires a Business Education instructor (full-time) Closing date for applications is July 25.

Okanagan College: requires two temporary Sociology instructors and a Director of the Salmon Arm Centre. Deadline for applications for all three positions is July 27.

Fairview College: has openings for a number of instructors in vocational, business, continuing education, a residence living coordinator and an information officer.

Details on the above positions are posted on faculty bulletin boards.

H.E.P.

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