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## PERSONNEL CHANGES AT THE VVI (continued from last issue)

1. KARL BROWN is the new Department Head for the Electronics Department.
2. EVA SHARELL is the new Public Services Librarian.

Sandra Jones from the Library writes to say that, in addition to providing reference service, Eva will have responsibility for library liaison with the Tourism and Hospitality Division and the Business Division.

Sandra goes on to say that the experience Eva gained while employed at the Vancouver Public Library will certainly prove her to be a valuable asset to the VVI Library. Sandra and the rest of the Library staff invite you to drop by to say hello and to welcome Eva to the VVI.

## PERSONNEL CHANGE BUT MAINLY:

"SO LONG ITS BEEN GOOD TO KNOW YOU" Dept.



SUE REYNOLDS, after many years of working in the VVI Bookstore is heading south to a warmer climate and brighter more hopeful prospects for the future...the Langara Bookstore.

Sue has been the primary source of information at VVI on the whereabouts of esoteric items squirreled away many centuries before in obscure and dusty caverns and secret passageways of the VVI! (Where will we find four-ring binders now Sue???)

Sue has been a good friend to many of us on campus, has fed us gourmet meals, kept us laughing for many hours and counselled us on the intricate ways that VCC and VVI operate. We'll miss her!

If you would like bid a proper farewell to Sue, then join us on Thursday, February 23, from 2:00 on in the back offices of IMS. Coffee cake and other goodies will be provided.

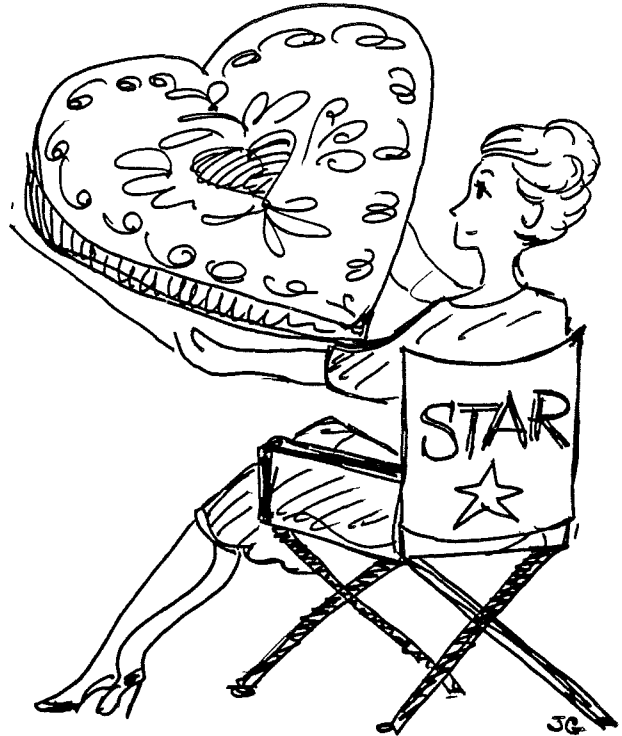
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**SO YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO MEET A REAL LIVE MOVIE STAR....become a Baking student and you might!!**

Dick Kok has written to say that the Baking and Pastry Department made a large, and very beautiful, Valentine Cake to order for Ms. Glenn Close. Ms. Close has been nominated numerous times for an Academy Award in the Best Actress category, but is probably best known for her roles in "Fatal Attraction", and "The Big Chill".

LAYRA NORRIE, the VVI student who, under the supervision of her instructor, TOM VAN GROL, decorated the cake, was invited by Ms. Close to have lunch with her, her family, and the cast of the movie (tentatively titled "Immediate Family") which is currently being filmed throughout Vancouver.

Pictures have been taken of Layra and Ms. Close et al, but unfortunately are not available right now - we'll publish them as soon as we're sent a copy.



...and the accolades for the Baking Department continue...

The Baking Association of B.C. held their annual Valentine Dinner at J.J.'s Restaurant and had, as their guest speaker, STEPHANIE FORSYTH the Division Chair for the Hospitality and Tourism Division. Ninety-four guests attended and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The Baking Association has asked us to publish their thanks to the instructors and students of the a la Carte and Dining Room and Lounge programs, for all their efforts in making the Valentine's Dinner such an outstanding success.

## RED-HOT PAPERBACKS

The Library writes to advise that they have recently purchased some new paperbacks. If you want to read one of the recent best sellers, or a revealing biography, come in while the selection is still good.

## WHAT? HOW? WHEN? WHERE?

VI BIENERT, who has assumed responsibility for the Human Resource Development function at VCC has sent out a memo, addressed to all VCC Employees, advising that within the next six to eight weeks a handbook will be distributed outlining details of courses/workshops and other services available. If you are interested in taking any of the following courses contact Vi at 875-1131 (local 291 or 337) for details:

- Orientation to Central Administration
- Computer Literacy
- Introduction to Wordperfect 5.0
- Knowing Wordperfect 4.2 and wishing to take Advantage of 5.0
- Advanced Wordperfect 5.0
- Customer Relations
- Cross-Cultural Communication
- Controlling Stress on the Job
- Performance Appraisals
- Management Skills for Supervisors - a Certificate Program

## VVI DAY

The VVI Day Committee thanks everyone who filled in and returned the questionnaires on suggested workshops for VVI Day. There was a very good response and some excellent comments. Guest speakers are now being lined up and we have high hopes that this year's VVI Day will be an excellent one.

To whet your appetite (so to speak!): for the final event of the day we have a surprise freebie!!

If anyone would like to volunteer their help for that day contact one of the Committee members (Rea in the Library, Dana at Financial Aid, Bob in Hairdressing, Syd and Jackie in Administration, Patricia in Program Development). We'd love to have you give us a helping hand that day!!

## ATTENTION ALL PERSONS OF THE FEMALE GENDER

The Women's Network has sent out an invitation to all VCC women to join in an International Women's Day Celebration. Happy Hour, Chinese Smorgasbord Dinner, a Film followed by cake and socializing will all happen on Wednesday, March 8, 1989, between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at KEC.

If you'd like to attend contact Joan Rike at KEC (local 561)

## KENYA

*TAZEEM VIRANI, Jerome Schatten's secretary, has recently returned from a visit with her family in Kenya, and has written the following about her country. Maybe this will inspire some of us to go and visit this beautiful and interesting land.*

Kenya is situated on the Equator in the heart of Africa, as a democratic republic Kenya enjoys a stable economy, tourism being a major foreign exchange earner. Kenya's beautiful scenery, wildlife, and wonderful beaches are the primary draws for tourists.

Nairobi is the capital city and, as compared to other african cities has better internal communication and transportation facilities, with easy access to international travel. The population is very cosmopolitan in Nairobi, many multi-nationals have offices in this "City in the Sun".

Situated 600 miles from Nairobi is Kenya's coastal town, Mombasa, an historical port dating back to the time when slave trade was rife amongst the early arab settlers. In addition to the very interesting and historic old town, Mombasa's shores have fine sandy beaches and hotels that offer the most modern accommodation.

The climate is very moderate, with sunshine throughout the year. The beauty of this country lies in its huge game reserves where wildlife, in its natural environment, is a prominent factor. Tradition and culture is still very much alive among the African tribes, the main tribes being the Luos, Kikuyus, Mkambas and Masais.

The official language is Kiswahili; although English is more popular, as Kenya had English colonial rule before it got its independence in 1963. The cash crops include Maize, Tea, Coffee, Sisal, Sugar-cane and Cassava.

Kenya's immediate neighbours are Uganda and Tanzania and at one time these three countries formed an economic liaison called the East African Community. Now, however, they once again have independent economies.

Kenya is a dynamic country and well worth a visit.