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THE VVI ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM

Did you know that the VVI is the proud possessor of a painting by the well known Canadian artist Jack Shadbolt? His watercolour of the 1945 demolition of the old Central School (the original building on this site) hangs by the VVI's switchboard. In the same area a painting by Charles H. Scott, depicts the view from the Central School towards the area now occupied by the Queen Elizabeth Theatre (at the time occupied by a Baptist Church).

The pastel drawings, which hang along the second floor mall, are by O.N. Fisher and show the various stages of demolition and construction which took place during the 1963 expansion of the VVI.

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Vi Bienert thanks everyone who responded to her training and development inquiry. The response was as follows:

Orientation to Central Administration	62
Computer Literacy	79
Introduction to Word Perfect 5.0	76
Knowing WordPerfect 4.2 & Wishing to Take Advantage of 5.0	41
Advanced WordPerfect 5.0	24
Customer Relations	30
Cross-Cultural Communications	63
Controlling Stress on the Job	47
Work Planning and Performance Appraisals	108
Management Skills for Supervisors	38
TOTAL:	568

The Human Resource Development Department is now in the process of arranging for space, labs and instructors. Workshops will be scheduled between April and June, 1989.

WHO SAID THERE WERE NO HONEST MEN LEFT IN THIS WORLD?

Diogenes would have been proud to meet cafeteria workers MARK FEARN and TONY SCHNALHOLZ who found a wallet this week in the cafeteria containing \$100 in cash, along with a signed blank cheque. The boys, with no hesitation at all, turned in the intact wallet, which was then returned to the grateful owner.

CAPTIONS COURAGEOUS

During the KEC United Way Campaign a Slave Auction was held at which DANNY WARLOCK and DANA FISTER, as part of a Triumvirate, purchased Vi Bienert and Dale Jones to work in their areas -- the VVI Cafeteria and Financial Aid Department respectively.



Danny Warlock doing an "Oy Vey" routine while Dale appears to be losing the College hundred of revenue dollars. Meanwhile, Vi attempts to master the intricacies of the cash register.

VANCOUVER M.L.A.'S COME TO VCC TO LEARN

Paul Sinnott of the Advertising and Public Relations Department wrote to say that on February 7, several members of the legislative Assembly came to VCC, at the invitation of the President and Chairman of the College Board. The purpose of this visit was to show the MLA's, at first hand, the effect of the funding restrictions that the College has been operating under, and to encourage them to support Stan Hagen, the Minister of Advanced Education and Job Training, before the Treasury Board.

STILL THINKING OF CHANGING JOBS?

The following positions are open for applications. Submit resumes to the VCC Employee Relations Department.

1. **Assistant Dean of Instruction, Tourism and Hospitality - VVI**
Closing Date: 1989 March 03
2. **Acting Director of Continuing Education**
Closing Date: 1989 March 10
3. **Program Assistant II - KEC**
Closing Date: 1989 March 10
4. **Clerk Typist II - CE (located at VVI)**
Closing Date: 1989 March 07

EXCELLENCE IN ADULT EDUCATION

The B.C. section of the Northwest Adult Education Association is sponsoring a talk by Laurie Andersen, an educator and partner in HRD Associates.

Date: Thursday, 1989 March 09
Time: Presentation, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Social Time: 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Place: Board Room (#201)
Vancouver School Board
1595 West 10th Avenue
RSVP: 731-1131 (local 387)

REMINDER

The Women's Network invites all VCC women to join in an International Women's Day Celebration on Wednesday, March 8, 1989, between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at KEC.

For a mere \$6.00 you will get:

- Happy Hour
- Chinese Smorgasbord Dinner
- A Film: "The Best Time of my Life"
- Cake and Socializing

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

FACULTY EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES

VCC is an institutional member of the Faculty Exchange Centre of Lancaster, P.A. The centre enables interested faculty members to be in touch with colleagues in other educational institutions, with the object of promoting and facilitating faculty exchanges.

Each fall the Centre publishes a Teaching Exchange Directory and House Exchange Supplement which includes the names of those who have registered their interest in considering an exchange. With VCC now a member, VCC faculty can register without payment of any fees, through the office of the Director of Employee Relations.

Names of interested faculty are now being solicited for the Fall 1989 publication. If you are interested please complete the registration form at the back of the Insider and return it to Dale Jones before JUNE 30, 1989.



I've always wanted to write something for the VVInsider, but never thought it would come to this! I would like to take a moment of your time to tell you how I feel about V.V.I.

... on the other hand, after thirteen years it would take a *lot* more than a moment to express that.

The time has come to move on. I do not make this move rashly, it has been carefully considered and still it is hard. How do I say so-long to a group of people that I have spent sooooo much time and energy with/on? Time will tell how I deal with this but I must say that the support, encouragement and directness of a great many of you has helped beyond measure.

If I were not to pursue this path, there are several people in line to give me a good swift kick. With all honesty I would deserve it. So, for the good of the Bookstore & myself, I've gone over the wall...

Thank-you for the flowers and cut-glass bowl. The coffee-party was an interesting gesture for someone who doesn't drink coffee and whose hips have seen way too many VVI cakes, and though there was a budget meeting I'm assured that the administration was thinking of me....

*This river leads from dark to light and
I must bid adieu kind friends and
though my ship may sail from your
sight it does not mean the journey
ends it only means the river bends....*

goodbye - Susan

The following article was written by Wayne Avery and published in the BCMHP (The British Columbians for Mentally Handicapped People) News (Vol 6. No. 4).

Work your way up

by Wayne Avery

M. is a 31 year old man with a mental handicap who is proof that students with special learning needs can be successfully integrated into regular vocational programming at the post-secondary school level.

Like many people with a mental handicap, M. began his working life in a sheltered environment. His opportunity at furthering his education began with the Career Awareness program at Vancouver Vocational Institute where he came to learn basic job readiness skills. The program also afforded him an opportunity to explore what was available to him in the way of a career. It was in this program that he began to identify the foodservice industry as an area that he wanted to pursue.

After six months in the Career Awareness program, M. applied to and was accepted in the Basic Foodservice Worker program, a specific training option which is very practical and community based and intended for students with special learning needs. M. indicated a desire to work in a formal dining room with more interpersonal contact and, as the course has the ability to engineer

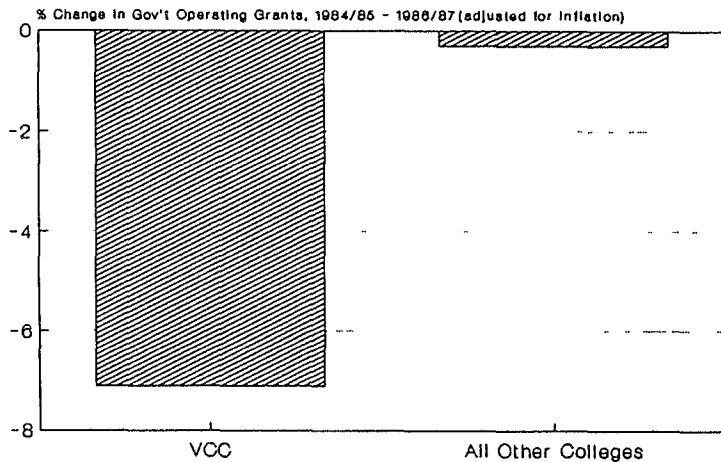
individualized programs, the focus of training soon became oriented toward this specific goal. M. became involved in a work experience in J.J.'s Lounge and Restaurant at Vancouver Vocational Institute. It soon became apparent that M. had the ability to be successful in this setting and on the advice of the on-site supervisor and his instructor, M. applied to and was accepted in the Dining Room and Lounge program.

After 18 months of hard work and perseverance, M. is now in training in an integrated setting where he is learning how to become an effective team member in the fast paced hospitality industry. He is learning how to take reservations, greet customers, handle food and beverage orders, serve customers, operate a cash register, and prepare hot and cold beverages including espressos and cappuccinos.

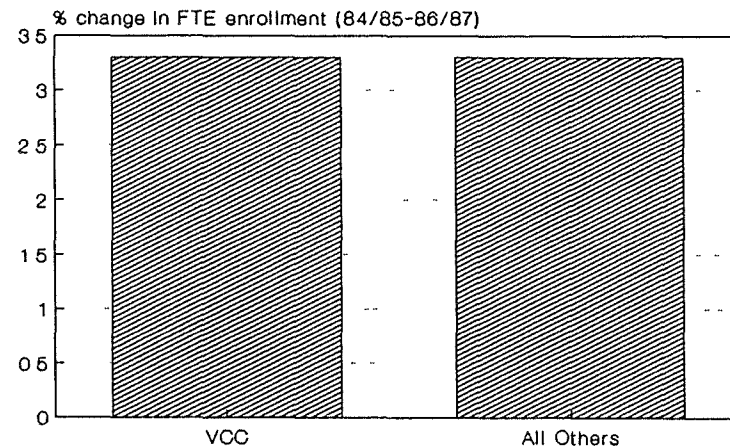
In a recent interview I asked M. if he had any suggestions for future students. M. replied, "... take Career Awareness and get set in the right direction ... then Basic Foodservice, to learn how to work in kitchens and then in the Dining Lounge," M. went on to say that one of the advantages of being a student in the Dining Room and Lounge program was that he was able to earn tips. Again to quote M., "Yesterday I got \$5.00. Today I got nothing but I still smile. It's not the tips, it's serving the customer and making them happy. That's the best reward."

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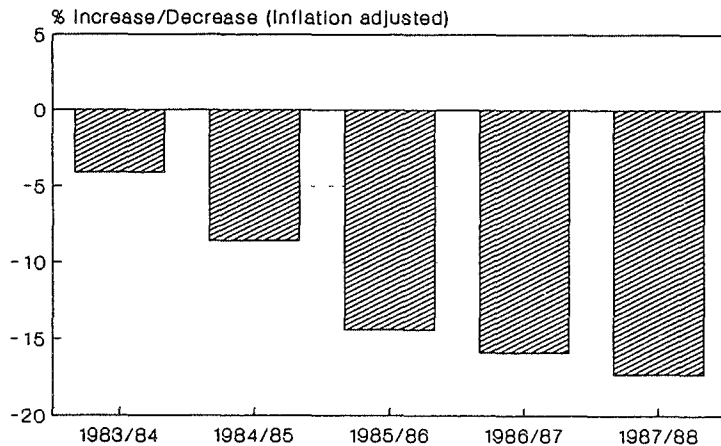
In recent years, VCC's government funding declined more than it did at other BC colleges



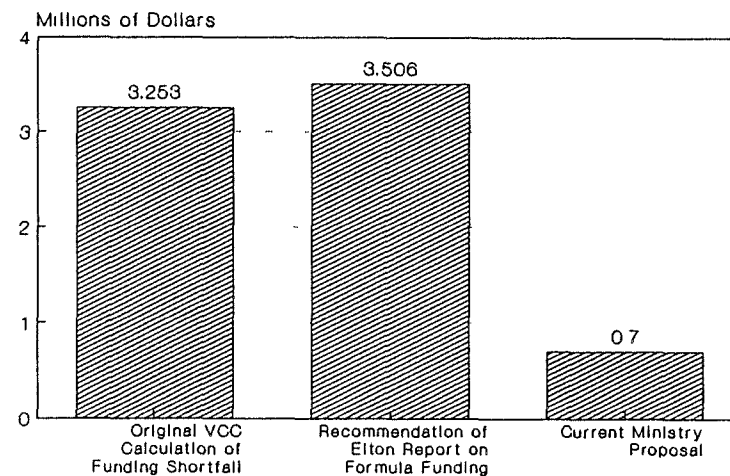
This reduction in VCC's funding occurred despite increases in enrollment equal to other BC colleges



...and this reduction in VCC's funding is a continuation of funding reductions since 1982/83.



The Ministry's current proposal to increase VCC's funding in 1989/90 falls short of assessed needs



The attached graphs outlining VCC's funding and space concerns, were produced by the Office of Institutional Research, and were included in the briefing materials which the President gave to each of the MLA's that visited VCC on February 07, 1989.