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The sun came up in style at VVI's fashion show. See centre spread.

Everyone's in tune

The brass bands and balalaikas are already warming up for KEC's big spring fling. It's the Second Annual Multi-Cultural Festival, taking over the campus on Wednesday, May 27.

Once again, VCC will honour the history and the cultural richness of the ethnic groups that make up the Mount Pleasant community. Celebrations start at 1 p.m. and continue until 10 on Wednesday evening.

After dinner — or a whole afternoon of snacking — relax in the auditorium and enjoy an evening of entertainment from many lands. It's all free.

If you still have tickets for the 1978 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, you may be depriving a friend or neighbour of a nostalgic thrill. The draw for this gleaming dreamboat will be held around 4:30 p.m. in the second-level courtyard. Be there, or be square...

Langara picks two new deans

Langara, after a painstaking assessment of more than 100 applicants, has chosen two new deans: Linda Fennema-Holmes as Dean of Administrative and Student Services, and Joan Horsley as Dean of Instruction.

Linda Fennema-Holmes moved into her new office April 1, but there was no fooling around in spite of the date. Principal Jock Denholm's welcoming gift was the College's budget files. The first phone call was from a student seeking a way to remove W's from his transcripts. The student problem is solved; the budget awaits.

Her new responsibilities appeal to her because of their variety of challenges. She likes the relationship between faculty and administrators at Langara, where she says there is "no rigid we-they division." She should know, as she has been working in administrative roles for ten of her 15 years here.

Linda came from Alberta with her R.N. and a B.Sc.

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Win a hideaway in alumni draw

Check those cards and letters from former students. The Vancouver Community College Alumni Association wants to know who's out there.

For every name that you submit for a former student of VCC, with a current phone number or address, your name will be entered into the prize draw to be held June 17 at the first general meeting of the association.

First prize is a spectacular weekend for two donated by one of the association's founding members, John Jennings. A 1961 graduate of King Edward School, John is the manager of Tyax, a new mountain lake resort 125 kilometres northwest of Lillooet.

The second prize winner will be dared to adventure on a river rafting excursion for two through B.C.'s fin-

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Two new deans

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in genetics and psychology and experience in the emergency ward of the University of Alberta Hospital. She arrived in 1971, teaching the last nursing class out of St. Paul's Hospital before she joined Langara's fledgling nursing program. In 1977 she became Curriculum Co-ordinator for Nursing and in 1979 Department Chair. She had been Head of the Alpha Division of Langara's Career Programs since 1981.

After her marriage in 1983 she kept her maiden name because of her many continuing professional contacts. In her new position Linda will eventually shift to her married name of Holmes.

Joan Horsley, the new Dean of Instruction, earned an honours M.A. in history and economics from St. Andrews University in Scotland. She spent 17 years at Okanagan College, 11 of them as a teacher of economics and history and then four as Assistant Dean, Academic and Applied Studies, with the last two years as Dean.

Joan taught every course offered by the college in her combined field, but mostly economics.

One of the things that kept her busy was a four-month teaching stint at the



Linda Fennema-Holmes

Canadian Management Training Centre in Chengdu, China, where she was again drawn into administrative work when the dean was away.

Joan served as chairman of the Faculty Association at Okanagan 11 years ago and chaired the Administrators' Association this year.

She is excited about her new job for a number of reasons. She is "heartened" by Langara's collegial approach to administration and speaks approv-



This is it — the fabulous Tyax resort. Its fine cuisine and superb recreational facilities can be yours for a blissful weekend if you win the Alumni Association draw.

ingly of the Divisional Chair selection process. The job strikes her as one where paper shuffling will be kept to a minimum and she'll have time to do constructive work. Faculty input will be a given, Joan says, because "faculty know more about teaching problems."

Her enthusiasms include a love of the sea, long missed since she grew up beside it, and of her family. She has two boys in Vancouver.



Joan Horsley

Alumni draw

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est scenery, courtesy of Whitewater Adventures. The winner of the third prize will relax closer to home, lunching with a friend at Monk McQueen's Oyster Bar on False Creek.

It's easy to enter. If you are in contact with any former student or graduate of any VCC campus or program, forward their name and address or phone number.

The contacts you provide will be invited to become founding members of the Alumni Association. Their names will not be registered without their consent.

If you were a student here yourself, you can be eligible to win prizes simply by becoming one of the first 100 people to register for membership.

Watch your office mail for more information on our draw and details about the new Alumni Association.

Forward your list of contacts to: Colleen Smith, Executive Director of the Vancouver Community College Alumni Association, c/o Central Administration at KEC.

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Chinese exchange students settling in

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VCC's links with the North China University of Technology in Beijing have been strengthened by the arrival of NCUT's first exchange students.

Four pioneering VCC students left in August for eight months of "language and culture" at NCUT, coordinated by Pacific Rim program faculty at Langara. The self-supporting program, under a letter of agreement signed last spring, provides for exchanges of faculty as well as students.

At the end of January, VCC welcomed Jinli (Lily) Chu and Xian (Wendy) Wu from NCUT. They will spend eight months here as special "International Master Students."

The visitors' host families speak no Chinese, and cultural shift is almost total. After a few problems with ice-cold milk and the barbaric knife and fork, Lily and Wendy seem to have adjusted with nothing worse than a few recurring bouts of homesickness.

Wendy is 25 and a graduate civil engineer from Beijing's Qinghua University, where she plans to return for a Master's degree. Her husband is completing his Master's there in the same field. Wendy, a teaching assistant in NCUT's English department, entered the competition for this exchange program because she needs mastery of English for her graduate studies. Her life is not all work, however; she is fond of sports and was pleased to find that her host family is strongly sport-oriented.

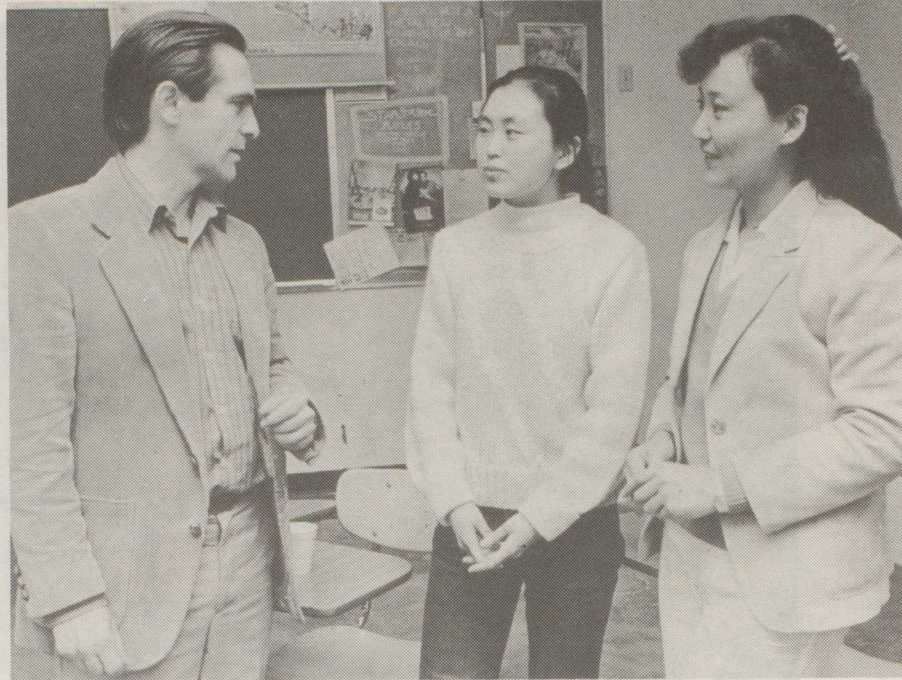
Lily will not soon forget her arrival in Vancouver, as it happened on her

birthday — in this case her 31st — on January 31. In 1975 she graduated from the Beijing School of Foreign Languages, a prestigious school attached to the Beijing First Foreign Language Institute. She was only 19 at the time, but immediately took up teaching English at the high school level. Her husband is a Japanese language interpreter for the municipal government of Beijing.

Neither student has yet found time for children. Their lives are career-centred. They are taking language

training at KEC and plan to squeeze as much variety as possible into their studies here, starting with piano classes. Wendy is enrolled in a VVI course in computer-assisted design drafting and in elementary French at Langara. Lily hopes to gain entry into graduate level ESL courses.

Serious though they are, both visitors take a lively interest in their new surroundings and in making new friends. If you would like to meet them, they can be reached through Dr. Brian Pendleton at Langara.



Langara instructor Brian Pendleton thanks Wendy Wu (centre) and Lily Chu, international master students from Beijing, for their address to his Pacific Rim Program students.

The Langara Campus Photography Technicians graduating class have been making a spectacle of themselves. After exhibiting at the Robson Square Media Centre through March, they moved their work to Vancouver International Airport. Sixteen VCC photographs greeted incoming travellers there till mid-April.

The Small Business Development Program at Langara will hold a special organizational meeting for women who are thinking of going into business for themselves. The time is 7 p.m. on Monday, May 25, at a location yet to be determined. For more information, call Chris McQuarrie at 324-5445.

Here's a late flash — **very** late, like this issue. David Dunsmuir, designer and editor, has blue-pencilled himself. This is his last shot, as he left his consultative practice in communications at the start of May to become UBC's director of marketing in continuing education. We wish him well.

HELP WANTED: Literate and deadline-conscious editor for ambitious but economical campus tabloid. Must be prepared to work cheerfully and promptly with four high-minded correspondents. No triflers, please.

Some signs of the times?



**DO NOT
CHANGE CLOTHES
HERE**

Here's some bad news if you'd been planning to catch the action in the VVI laundry area: the show is over now this new sign has been posted. A few students from the Food Trades departments were more eager than modest on days when uniforms were handed out, so they would strip and stand in line. Hence the signage, pointing the way to quieter times.

Spring in the Air: Libraries are supposed to provide a restful atmosphere for the pursuit of knowledge. Two recent patrons at VVI displayed some confusion over the knowledge to be pursued; they apparently preferred the carnal to the intellectual variety. Surprised by a security staffer closing up the library for the night, the shame-faced couple were given ten minutes to compose themselves and leave the typing room they were occupying. Ten minutes later, to the librarian assistant's amazement, one partner approached the desk and asked for a time extension.

Odd Spots: Is the fear of sexually transmitted disease running rampant among the more elderly visitors to VVI? Dr. Graham Burns of VVI's Health Services reports a run on all displayed literature on STD (sexually transmitted disease). After keeping a close eye on the racks of brochures he realized that the bulk of his readership would qualify as senior citizens. Then again, the Health Services area is next to the reception area for the Men's & Women's Hairstyling and waiting to get your hair cut can be pretty boring.

KEC celebrates in spring mood

KEC Day, a day when the campus celebrates itself, was held March 27 — a warm spring day with the magnolias and vines in full bloom spilling over the planters in the courtyard.

The day's events struck a balance between the morning speakers who focussed on the institution, its future, and the realities of the new economy, and a series of afternoon workshops in a lighter vein.

The first speaker, Paulette Maglaque, described her survey and the realities of fluctuating enrollment and a funding formula which doesn't allow for it.

President Paul Gallagher spoke on his vision of the campus as a place

where people could drop in while retraining in their careers.

Rosalind Junin, Regional Economist with CEIC, offered a preview of the future workplace, one with a core of full-time workers supported by many part-time workers.

Darlene Marzari, MLA, talked about her concerns over the lack of local representation on college boards and the elitist direction that education seemed to be in danger of taking.

The afternoon workshops covered everything from Jim Funk's talk on the perils of the Vancouver Stock Exchange to a showing of Alvin Toffler's "Third Wave." KEC Day's good mix continued into happy hour.

A day to remember at VVI

Thirty-eight years is a long time to wait, but VVI's first day of professional development was an unqualified success. March 27, coincidentally a professional day for sister campus KEC, came off splendidly.

Its success was due largely to the herculean efforts of a well-organized planning committee: Dalton Kremer (Counselling), Dorothy Ho (Student Records), Bob Malone (Hairstyling), Laurette Rogers-Unger (Dental), and June Piry (Business). They triumphed over a host of obstacles that included a last minute postponement, workshop leaders who cancelled with two days' notice, and speakers who were in demand on two campuses at the same time.

Workshop pre-registration of 250 people was the first indication of campus enthusiasm. The workshops, on topics that ranged from retirement planning to massage therapy, filled very quickly and some extra sections were added.

Early morning coffee in the mall area set the tone of the day. It gave many people an opportunity to intro-

duce themselves to colleagues they had seen but never really met.

The keynote address, "Is the West Best?" by UBC's Professor of Higher Education, John Dennison, was both compelling and amusing. It reinforced a warm and lighthearted atmosphere. The friendly, but rather sharp debate between panelists John Dennison and Paul Gallagher later in the afternoon left the audience with some thought-provoking ideas on education.

More than 100 return surveys agreed that a professional day should be held at least once a year without fail. Participants reported that the day had boosted staff morale and provided a stronger identification with the Institute.

The planning committee has already put forward its suggestions for the next professional day: more lead time, a synopsis of workshops available before registration, and a closer watch on scheduling. The most difficult chore of the first professional day? Persuading people to **leave** the campus even after 3 p.m. on a Friday afternoon!



Duncan McCallum, Langara's athletic director, admires the Frank Ney Totem Conference Aggregate Winner Award. It was nabbed by Langara this year for overall wins in men's and women's basketball, volleyball and badminton, and in men's soccer.

KEC pair comes back in from the cold

KEC employees Ted and Shannon Hougham are back and ready to jump into College life after six months in the Far North with Arctic College.

Ted, a ten-year BTSD instructor and wife Shannon, a five-year instructional assistant in Adult Special Education, were seconded to Rae Lakes, a Dogrib settlement of 200 people. In Rae Lakes, Ted taught English as a second language to the aboriginal people, and Shannon worked as a bookkeeper in the local general store or as an occasional substitute for Ted.

Ted and Shannon found the people adaptable, teasing and friendly — accepting of individual differences but not above superstition to help explain the unexplainable. When a pilot accidentally fell out of his airplane near Rae Lakes, everyone knew the cause: the "bushman" or wild man of the woods who was up to no good again.

Many were eager for training. In the school, the men trained to be carpenters, heavy equipment operators and mechanics; the women trained to be store clerks, teacher's assistants and secretaries.

Living conditions presented some problems. The Houghams first tried a "Transient Centre" that consisted of several small rooms, none of which was big enough for them and their Bichon Grise dog "Pookie." Then they moved into a ten-year-old log cabin. As the log cabin had been made out of gnarled logs, the caulking was erratic and tended to fall out especially during 40-below windstorms. It was "a bit disconcerting seeing daylight through the walls in the middle of a winter snowstorm."

Food was not cheap. Lettuce was \$4.00 a head; milk, \$4.60 a litre; eggs, \$4.60 a dozen. Both Ted and Shannon got around this, however, by phoning their favourites bush order lady in yellowknife; for \$5 service charge and freight charge, they could have their goods flown in.

Pookie, their dog, was a source of fascination in the area as no dogs in the settlement had ever been used as household pets. The dog adapted well to the environment and loved to charge down the airstrip; however, it had to be dragged out of the pathways

of oncoming skidoos as it had no sense of impending danger from the noisy but friendly-looking machines.

Would Ted and Shannon Hougham go back to Rae Lakes? Definitely. The people make it worthwhile. Also, they like the idea of living on the edge where sometimes the only thing between them and freezing to death is a small wood stove. In the north they say, "There's a sense of independence, importance and pioneering, which means that there are many opportunities to do things that haven't been done before."



Back to reality... Ted and Shannon Hougham brave unaccustomed Vancouver rain with their dog Pookie after their Arctic adventures.

Customers keep VVI right up on its toes

Few post-secondary facilities greet you each morning with the aroma of oven-fresh bread or the alluring pull of freshly brewed coffee. But VVI does!

At VVI, you won't find corridors with chalk dust and musty lockers at the end of them; instead, you'll hear the insistent rhythm of coins, cutlery and dishes, the busy hum of people hard at work well before the regular 7:30 a.m. customers stream in.

People, people and more people! A marvelous tide ebbs and flows through this building, totally separate from instructors, staff and students. Separate, but absolutely crucial, this tide is VVI's lifeblood: our customers.

More than 2,000 customers come to VVI every day for services through students in training, from dental hygiene to haircuts. VVI is not just located in downtown Vancouver. Its existence is woven into the city's fabric — anchored by time and tradition, and most of all by the services it provides.

Customers cover a wide swatch of the population — from the postal workers, who make up the larger part of the breakfast and lunch trade, to bakery and deli regulars, who are always eager to pass along their inside information. What day is really best for sausages? Is it true that VVI's Black Forest Cake "is to die for"?

Since 1949, our swift response to trends in the marketplace, our flexibility and our service have kept us up front with the people who count on us. After all, we count on them, too.

One example of VVI's attentiveness, early in its history, is the speed with which it adapted to the flood of postwar immigration. This influx brought with it a surplus of European-trained watchmakers and just as quickly spelled an end to VVI's Watchmaking and Repair program. VVI's history and effectiveness are rooted in change and adaptability, not in the status quo.

CHANGES THIS SPRING

Spring, traditionally a season of rebirth and growth, brings yet another metamorphosis to VVI. Quietly and confidently VVI has been emerging from its cocoon as the butterfly most likely to survive the tradewinds buffeting the Pacific Rim. This emergence has been shaped by the economic importance of hospitality and tourism to British Columbia.

As early as five years ago the new mall area was designed to give off-street traffic direct access to the most prominent of the service programs. Last year, VVI initiated and hosted a series of meetings concerned with the

development of a VCC/Multi-Use Tourism and Hospitality Centre. That was just the beginning.

A concerted effort is now underway to make VCC/VVI the centre for hospitality and tourism for B.C. Assets such as an ideal location, firmly established service programs and a reputation for the production of meticulously trained personnel can only enhance the odds.

The signs are everywhere. For example, Tony Wood, former division chairman for the service programs, has accepted a position as VCC's coordinator of tourism programs. This position will help to bring together complementary programs at the three campuses, as well as draw from the cooperative partnership that VVI has built with Capilano College.

Tony is working with the Educational Institute of the American Hotel and Motel Association of Lansing, Michigan, to design a series of diploma programs for management personnel in the industry.

NEW HOSPITALITY PROGRAMS

These programs would be offered at VVI in a part-time format and cover every area from energy management to the front desk. The Pan Pacific Hotel, now training five employees through the correspondence method, is rumoured to be one of the hotels interested in switching to the face-to-face instruction VVI could offer.

Dean Marvin Lamoureux and Principal Hans Rerup spent several days in April at Johnson & Wales College in Providence, Rhode Island. They held discussions there on a proposed cooperative effort that may well produce B.C.'s first four-year degree program in the hospitality field.

Then, of course, there is the question of the sushi bar. Where is that going to go? If a program to train chefs in Japanese cuisine is successfully mounted, one more element of international flavour will be added to VVI's multicultural food trades area. At Expo, British Columbia invited the world; at VVI, the world has come to stay!

VVI is not all service programs but a marvelous blend of business, health, industrial and technical programs as well. It's worth remembering, though, that the service industry now represents B.C.'s second largest area of economic growth. Predictions place it as the number one employer of people by the end of this century, only 13 years away.

The seeds of exciting changes are being sown this spring. The future promises a harvest of benefits for VVI and the community that supports it. —Stephanie Jewell



Vito Salterio has a winner with his bread as well as his rhum babas at his new pastry shop. He's come a long way since his VVI days in the bakery.

Strange creatures hit stage as stylists go high fashion

Exotic birds swooped, jungle animals prowled and the surf was up at VVI. Thirty-two members of the Hairstyling Department's graduating class staged the Institute's first hair and fashion show — much to the delight of an audience of 300 guests from the hairstyling industry.

The show was designed around a fantasy theme and imaginative presentations that entailed everything from facial paint to peacock plumage. All the work involved in the production of the show was done by the students themselves, from staging and choreography to the actual fashions.

The crowd cheered each group as numerous variations on the fantasy theme were presented.

VCC President Paul Gallagher, one of the many enthralled guests, said, "Just fantastic fun... a tremendous morale builder!" Even though no prizes were awarded there was a certain amount of friendly competition.

Benefits for the students were far more tangible than any monetary reward. A number of the members of the audience were prospective employers. This event was a dress rehearsal for the working world.

As instructor Linda Hughes noted, "It made the employers aware of student talent as well as providing the students with an invaluable experience. Students learned that a show doesn't come out of nothing!"

The show was such a success that plans are brewing to provide this opportunity for each graduating class.



Birds of Paradise...

Frugal colleagues turn tuneful for Robert C.



Robert Cunningham really knows how to slice it!

The mystery of Robert Cunningham's ever-present green suit was solved at his farewell party March 27, when KEC's long-time Dean of Instruction was given a rousing sendoff on his retirement. Robert, a dedicated promoter of adult education who has not taken off a single sick day in 20 years, became Administrative Assistant, Academic, of the Special Programs Division at the old King Edward School in August of 1965.

Proceedings began with Roger Ofield turning to song rather than speech-making. As each speaker bade farewell to Robert, Roger punctuated the breaks with further renditions from a seemingly endless song that became less structured as the evening wore on.

Roy Wren of the VIA, cost-saving always in mind, remarked that the group could have been spared the expense of the "FAREWELL ROBERT" balloons by using the surplus ones with a "Merry Christmas" message. Morag Cuthbertson presented tickets to Robert for all future concerts of the Music Department.

Fourteen of his colleagues, parading in with balloons and a large letter each, gave him some suspect advice on what each letter of FAREWELL ROBERT stood for. At the end of the evening, Robert was presented with a compact disc player from his colleagues.

The mystery of the green suit? It was, in fact, two green suits; the first was a present, years ago, from his wife Helen. Robert liked it so much that he went out and bought an identical one. KEC memories of him will stay as green as both his suits.

Vito's rhum babas now collectors' items

Forget the rhum babas if you are visiting former VVI baking student Vito Salterio's Pastry shop at 2nd and Commercial. Chances are that you'll arrive after they're all sold out, thanks to a whizz-bang review in *The Sun* this spring.

Why be disappointed? Vito suggests something far more decadent and so far a well-kept secret: cappuccino cups. Sounds innocent, doesn't it? Think again.

This wicked creation combines a shortbread cookie base with a mound of dutch cocoa, rum, butter and icing sugar; then it's dipped in chocolate laced with an orange liqueur and topped with a hazelnut! Vito attests to having contributed to the addiction of several customers with these little delicacies.

Not a chocolate fan? The variety is still maddening! Who can decide between 40 different types of pastries and 20 different types of cakes? Of the loaves that are baked fresh every morning, Vito is particularly proud of his focaccia or pizza bread — a specialty of his home town, Moli de Bari, in southern Italy.

His shop has been open for less than three months but he has established a strong following of regular customers. And no wonder; the attractive shop is the result of months of labour put in by Vito and his father with many friends and relatives.

It's the realization of a lifelong dream, one that wasn't easily attained. Vito completed the VVI baking program in 1978 and then spent nine years perfecting his craft at specialty baker-

ies. He has memories of slaving over handmade icing roses for baking instructor John Gnos, but he thinks the training was an asset: "I can whip them out like nothing, now!"

Opening his own shop meant remortgaging his house and investing many hours to get the shop ready for business. Working 12-hour days to ensure first-rate quality has been rewarded with brisk sales.

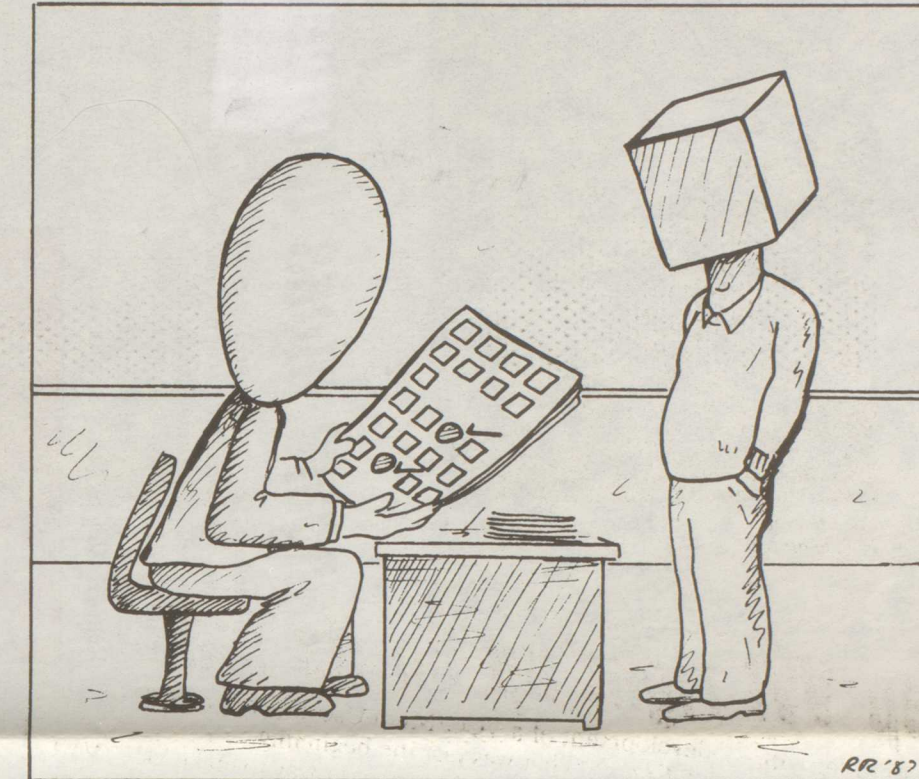
Vito's busiest day was the Monday after Nicole Parton's column ran in *The Sun*. "I was totally surprised — my business quadrupled that day. It was great!" Enthusiasm helps. So do hard work and an attractive setting, but it's Vito's skill that makes the package a winner. The products of that talent are well worth a trip to Vancouver's Little Italy to sample.

Fall program set in fields abuse

Substance abuse is a major problem in our society, but few courses are available to develop the skills of lay and professional counsellors. Continuing Education - Nursing and Health has been awarded a curriculum development grant by the Ministry of Education to design and develop a substance-abuse program.

The program will be designed to prepare or upgrade counsellors who wish to work or now work in the substance abuse field. It will be a certificate program with eight core courses, including a practicum. The first courses will be offered this fall.

Program Coordinator Joanna Ashworth and community representatives explored the need to expand the four introductory courses now being offered on alcohol and drug abuse. For more information on the new offerings, call her at 685-2802.



"You can't expect better marks for your essays till you adopt a more elliptical line of thought..."

Smiles flash at Langara's awards day

As always, responses varied as winners stepped up for their prizes at Langara's Awards Day. Sandy Berg (top at right) shows mixed feelings as Fine Arts instructor Barry Holmes presents the Second Year Sculpture Honourable Mention. In the lower group, Scott Bellis and Deborah Williams (centre) seem happier with the Antony Holland Scholarship presented by Kathryn Shaw, Co-ordinator of Theatre Arts. Fine arts winners were honoured during Open House Week, from March 30 to April 3.

