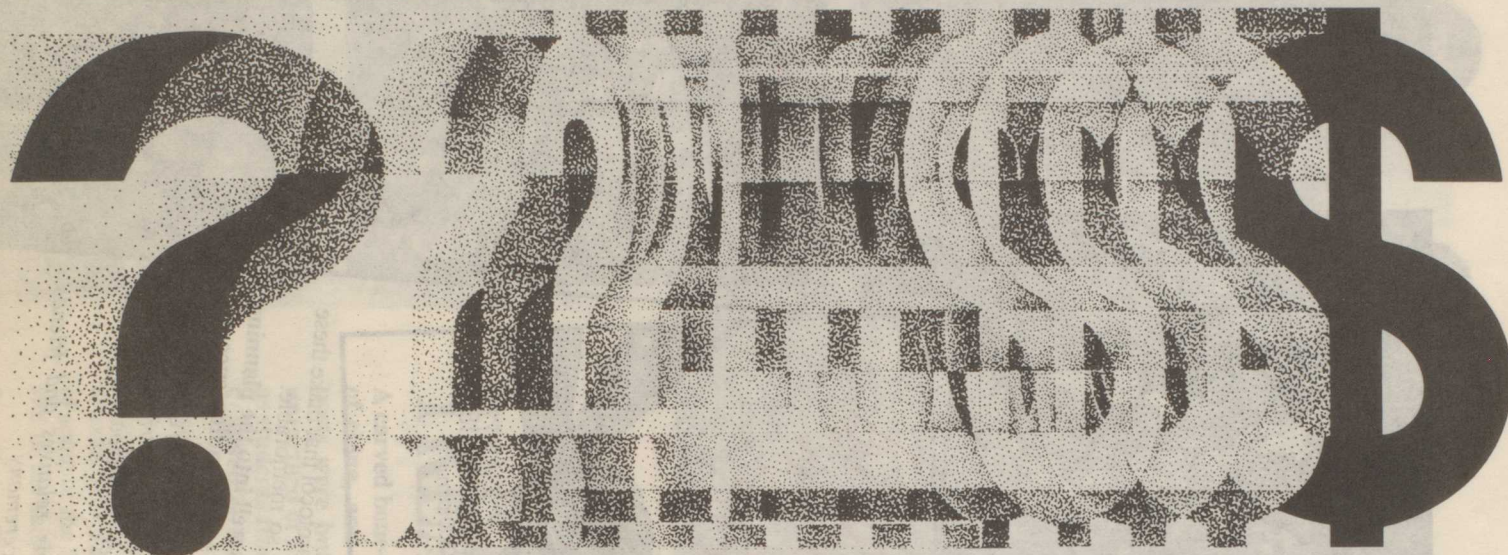


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## So, you might ask, just what is our budget situation?

Media coverage of demonstrations at College Board meetings, speeches by politicians at protest meetings and announcements from Victoria has resulted in more confusion than illumination of the issues.

Understanding begins with the provincial budget which indicated an increase in funding for the college system of .89 percent. Since the same budget also announced an increase in the cost of Medical Service Plan premiums, the net increase to colleges for 1988-89 would have been .39 percent.

College boards and chief executives were quick to protest and at a meeting between the Minister of Advanced Education and representatives of the colleges, Mr. Hagen announced that the college system would, in fact, receive a 3 percent lift with an additional .5 percent to offset the increased cost of the MSP premiums. However, much of this additional money was to come at the expense of B.C.I.T who would have a substantial budget reduction.

Following extensive public protest the Minister announced a restoration of the B.C.I.T. budget accompanied by a kind of trusteeship to oversee the future direction of the institute.

Another announcement from the Minister proclaimed \$8.3 million additional funds aimed at overcoming the shortfall in seats available for students primarily wishing to enroll in university transfer programs in the colleges.

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At V.C.C. the administration calculated the real cost increases in 1988-89 and found them to be well in excess of 3 percent. (For example, the 2.7 percent increase in the Langara faculty salary grid actually costs about 3.7 percent because of the impact of employees who are moving up the increment ladder).

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### COMING EVENTS

- VCC Alumni Picnic in August
- Still Over 30 Winners To Go In the Grand-A-Week Lottery
- Fliers, Fliers and More Fliers . . .

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To reconcile the differences between increases in grants and increases in real costs, the college administration put before the college board a series of alternatives involving various combinations of costs in service delivered and raises in fees charged to students.

At the May 25 meeting the board approved a preliminary budget for 1988-89. Included in its provisions were reductions including elimination of the Building Construction Program, the Basic Employment Skills Training Program, the Mechanical Trades Access Program, the School Canadiana Program and reductions in a number of other programs and services that had previously been planned as part of the annual exercise e.g. Power Sewing, Cooking.

Subsequent to the board decisions Colleen Miller, Board Chairman and Paul Gallagher, V.C.C. President, met with Minister Hagen and senior officials of the Ministry to restate V.C.C.'s case for a better share of system funding and received a sympathetic hearing and assurances that if anything could be done in the current year it would be and surely for next year things would improve.

At the June board meeting presentations were made by Roy Wren, President of the Vocational Instructor's Association, and by representatives of the School Canadiana program. Following the meeting the board issued a statement confirming its previous budget decisions and the various program eliminations and reductions would have to be made. The board also announced it would not be able to apply for any of the \$8.3 million dollars previously announced because conditions had been placed on those funds which would require the college to provide 105 percent of what the government was funding before being eligible to apply for funds to provide extra seats beyond the 105 percent level. The V.C.C. position is that the grant provided is not sufficient to cover the cost of 100 percent let alone 105 or higher and we would not qualify.

The media coverage of the School Canadiana protests continued and when the Minister announced an additional \$500,000 for the V.C.C. operating budget for 1988-89, he said it was to provide additional ESL instruction.

Paul Gallagher and K.E.C. Dean of Instruction, Pat Groves, have met with representatives of the Chinese community from the Chinatown-Strathcona area to discuss how the college will provide ESL instruction in that part of the city. Although the college will not re-open School Canadiana in its previous form, it will provide more ESL instruction than it has in the past.

However, the funding problem continues for other programs and services delivered by the college. Despite best efforts by the college to obtain even more 1988-89 funding, problems are likely to continue until at least 1989-90 when it is sincerely hoped the ministry will redress the severe and obvious funding inequities which contribute to V.C.C.'s desperate financial straits.

## C.E. Graduation . . .

## BEST EVER



More than 600 people crowded the Langara gymnasium on June 28 at 8:00 p.m. to celebrate the graduation of students from Continuing Education Certificate Programs.

Graduates from the following programs received their certificates and warm congratulations from friends and relatives:

Business Administration	Infant Toddler
Childbirth Educators	Pattern-Making
Computer Skills in the Workplace	Early Childhood Education
Court Interpreting	Sterile Supply Processing Aide
Family Daycare	Teaching English As A
Fashion Design	Second Language To Adults
Garment Construction	Volunteer Management
	Working with School-Age Children

As with all C.E. Certificate programs, these programs must meet the following criteria:

1. An established, sanctioned curriculum with a logical grouping of courses.
2. A program Advisory Committee composed of members with expertise in that field.
3. Based on an employer, outside agency, or industry standard.
4. A formal procedure for evaluation.

At the ceremony, Colleen Miller represented the board of Vancouver Community College and Langara Principal Dr. J.J. Denholm gave the address to the graduates. 253 graduates received their certificates from C.E.'s Director, Dr. Richard Pearce.

A trio of KEC music student provided the music for the evening. Following the ceremony, the graduates and friends adjourned to the Langara rotunda for refreshments. The rotunda had been festively decorated by C.E.'s coordinator of art programs, Bernie Lyon, with balloons and banners in ochre and black. The material for the banners was cheerfully donated by Porex Manufacturing of Ladner.

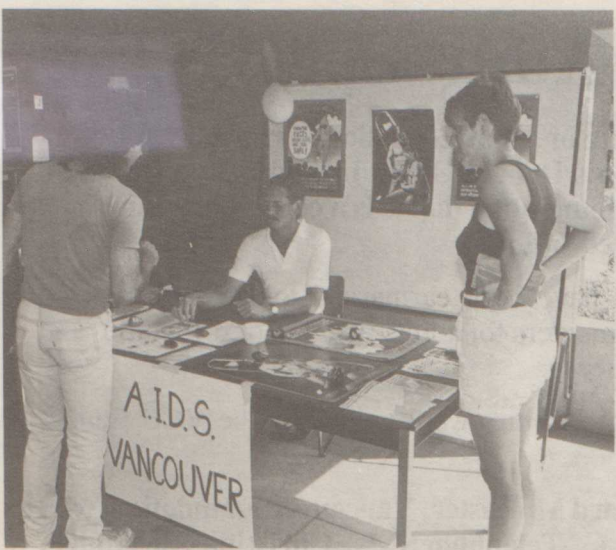
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Above: Information materials and video presented by AIDS Vancouver

Top Right: B.C. Heart Association Volunteer with cut-away heart model



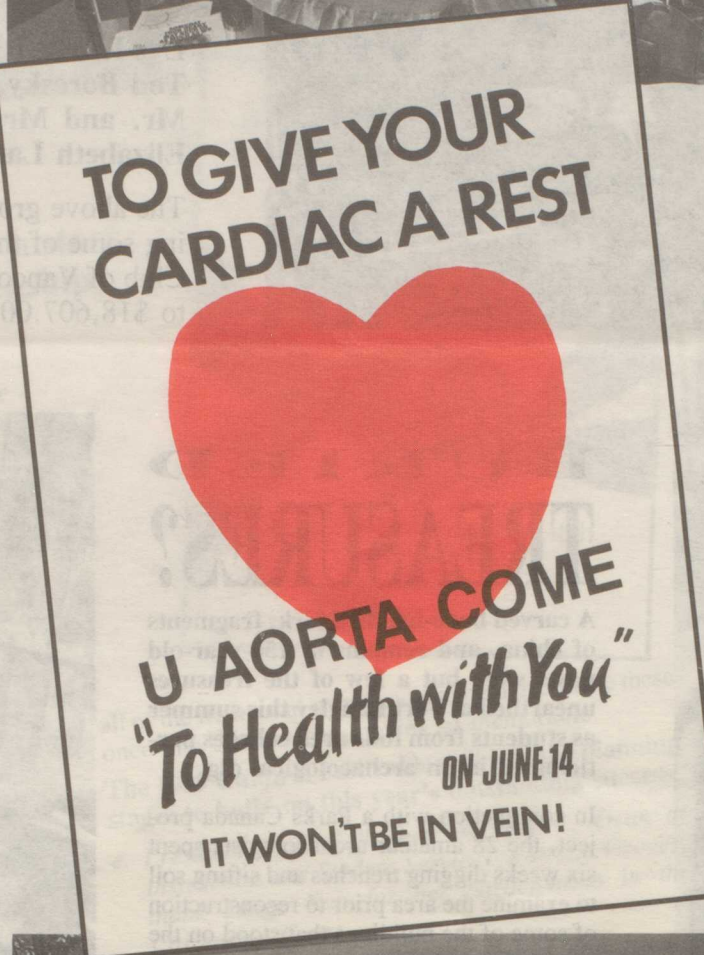
K.E.C. Student Health Services Display; Director of Human Resources D.D. Jones "Asking the Doctor" (Dr. Burns) while Nurse Reaburn gives information to a student.



Above: VVI Dental Assistant Program demonstrating proper dental hygiene



Above: Vancouver Police Department — inside the Batmobile; displaying the BREATHALYZER  
Centre Right: I.C.B.C. Restraint system demonstration (AIR BAG INFLATED)



Above: Canadian Cancer Society Volunteer — responding to a request for materials on sun-tanning and skin cancer



Above: Planned Parenthood Association with a selection of multi-lingual materials.



On Tuesday, June 14th, K.E.C.'s 2nd annual "TO HEALTH WITH YOU" proved to be a great success. This special annual health fair event is put on to help educate K.E.C. students in all aspects of daily health and safety. Residents of the Mt. Pleasant neighbourhood were also invited to participate.

A variety of informative and action displays were presented on the 2nd level courtyard by the following community and health organizations: Canadian Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Education, Dial-a-Dietician, AIDS Vancouver, Planned Parenthood,

Canadian Holistic Healing Society, B.C. Coalition of the Disabled, WCB, B.C. Heart Foundation, Canadian Cancer Society, V.V.I. Dental Hygiene program, KEC Institutional Aide Program, Dr. Graham Burns, VCC Health Services, ICBC, Vancouver Women's Health Collective, B.C. Learning Association, Mt. Pleasant Community Centre, Britannia Community Centre, Video Display Terminal Display Centre, Substance Abuse Program, Vancouver Police Dept. and the Trout Lake Community Centre.

## WIN-A GRAND LOTTERY

### Winners all smiles!

Back row L to R Levi Joseph and Darcy Munro March 11th, Richard Pearce March 31st and April 29th.

Front row L to R Leslie Kitson March 25th, Marta Gardiner March 18th, Irene Lacoursiere June 10th and Sar Mann March 11th.

The other winners include:

Keith Andrett March 11th, Ross Barbour April 15th, Darlyne Farrell April 22nd, Gail Menzies May 6th, Diane Basaraba May 13th, Brenda Appleton May 20th, Dr. Graham Burns May 27th, Miriam Bennett June 3rd, Bob Yamaska June 17th, Elizabeth Shultz June 24th, Bob Carrier June 30th, Eleanor Wilmott and Pat Cooper July 8th.



We have 20 winners since March and anticipate at least another 37. Tickets are still available. The VCC Educational Foundation's Weekly

☆ WIN ☆ A ☆ GRAND ☆ Lottery is a fun way of supporting student aid at Vancouver Community College.

Only \$5.00 a week payment can be made through payroll deduction or by cheque. How many of your friends have already won? Contact the V.C.C. Educational Foundation for further information at 875-1131.





## \$18,607 Raised for Adult Special Ed.

The hard work and perseverance of Adult Education Instructor Holly Cole and Continuing Education's Donald Oakes brought about this dramatic set of donations. The foundation dollar is a competitive one, however their persistence paid off.

The funds raised have been earmarked towards specialized equipment and computers for adults with motor difficulties and special learning needs.

These fundraising activities were guided by the VCC Education Foundation.

L to R: Mr. Richard Mulcaster, Vancouver Foundation; Mr. Tod Boresky, B.C. Telephone; Ms. Christine Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. P.A. Woodward's Foundation and Mrs. Elizabeth Lane, Leon and Thea Koerner Foundation.

The above group of contributors were recently at V.V.I. seeing some of the new equipment for themselves. The Kiwanis Club of Vancouver recently donated enough to bring our total to \$18,607.00.



## BURIED TREASURES?

A carved bone-handled fork, fragments of china, and remains of 150-year-old posts were but a few of the treasures unearthed at Fort Langley this summer as students from four area colleges participated in an archaeological dig.

In conjunction with a Parks Canada project, the 28 amateur archaeologists spent six weeks digging trenches and sifting soil to examine the area prior to reconstruction of some of the buildings that stood on the site in the mid-1800's.

Stan Copp, Chairman of Langara's Anthropology Department, spearheaded the field school in co-operation with instructors from the other colleges.



Using only hoes, mason trowels, and pails as excavation tools, students spent many hours of painstaking digging and sifting by hand to unearth the remains of cedar posts, which represented evidence of an elevated walkway inside the palisade during the 1840's.

Langara's Stan Copp and Wendy Deboer from Parks Canada examine a rim fragment of a Spode-Copeland china plate found under the spot where the Kanakas (Hawaiian servants) quarters once stood.



## 東施效顰

### DONG SHE XIA BIN

(Literal meaning: "The eastern sister imitates frowns".)

About 2,000 years ago, there was a beautiful young girl living at the west end of a lane in Soochow (in Jinangsoo province, China). She was so beautiful that many young men from rich families fell in love with her. They came to her house bringing alluring gifts and called her lovingly, "Western Sister".

It happened that there was another girl living at the east end of the same lane. She was an ugly girl. Therefore, she kept a jealous eye on Western Sister. She was determined to find out why so many rich young men wanted to marry her. She observed carefully each action and each facial expression made by Western Sister. Finally, she decided that it must be the frowns on Western Sister's brow that attracted young men, so the ugly girl began to imitate Western Sister's frowning and did it every time she met a man. But no man could keep himself from retreating when he saw her frowning, because it only made her uglier than ever before, which proved how poor a policy it is to imitate others blindly.

Daniel Dade Ni is an exchange student from China who has been studying English at Langara Campus since last November. During his stay in Vancouver, Daniel has come to learn a great deal about the people, the city, and the country. He will be returning to his home this summer, and in the spirit of "exchange", he would like to introduce SPECTRUM readers to some of the original stories translated from Chinese idioms.

(A Chinese idiom is a precious part of the language. It reflects highlights of the Chinese culture through some 2,000 to 3,000 years. Many of them were made meaningful by stories which usually are very much like fables and can be readily told even by pupils at schools in China. Therefore, to read these stories is not only to know where a particular Chinese idiom came from, but also, and more importantly, is to know better how to use it properly.)

## 火中取栗

### HUO ZHONG QU LI

(Literal meaning: "Take chestnuts from fire.")

Once there was a fire in a coke stove where some roasting chestnuts were giving a nice aroma. Led by the alluring odor of the fruit, a monkey came near and found himself eager to eat the delicious chestnuts. However, in fear of getting burned, the monkey dared not put his hands into the fire.

Well, just when the monkey was jumping up and down around the fire, he saw a cat walk over. An idea came through his mind. He said to the newcomer: "Hi, how do you do, my friend? How lucky you are! You see, I collected chestnuts all morning in the forests, then I made a fire and have roasted my chestnuts all these hours. Now, I think they are just perfectly done and you, my friend, came just in time. I'll certainly let you have some of my delicious chestnuts. Why don't you help me to do the rest of the work and take them out of the stove? There is nothing in the world easier to do than that, but by doing this, you will feel satisfied that you deserve your meal."

The cat did what he was told. Of course, he got his paws badly burned.

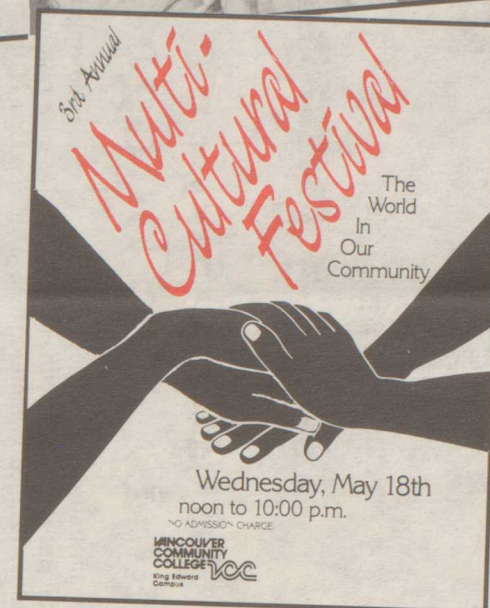


## The College's 3rd Annual Cultural Festival, held at the King Edward Campus on Wed., May 18th was a history making event as we hosted a Citizenship Court as a feature of the festival.

The cultural events began at 11:30 a.m. with over 30 ethnic arts and crafts displays exhibiting and selling their wares. The singing, dancing and performing groups kept a large enthusiastic audience entertained until 10 p.m. Throughout the day professionally prepared foreign foods were available as well as a specialty coffee bar where business was brisk.

While the official festival opening by civic, college, cultural and consular corps representatives took place at noon, the Citizenship Court ceremony started at 1:30 p.m. in the K.E.C. Auditorium. During the ceremony, presided over by Judge Angela Kan, herself a recent Canadian, 50 immigrants from over 30 countries officially became citizens, accompanied by

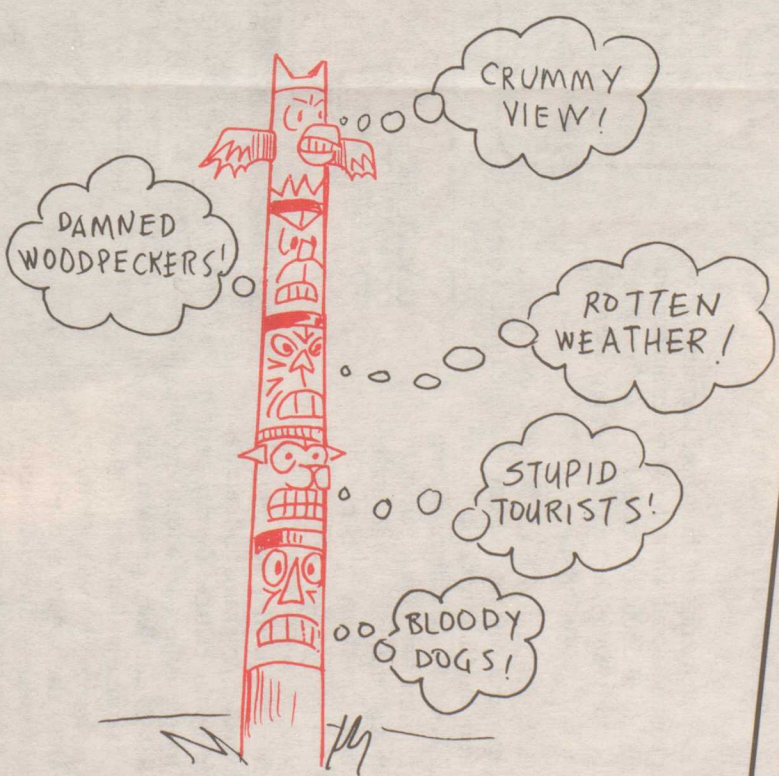
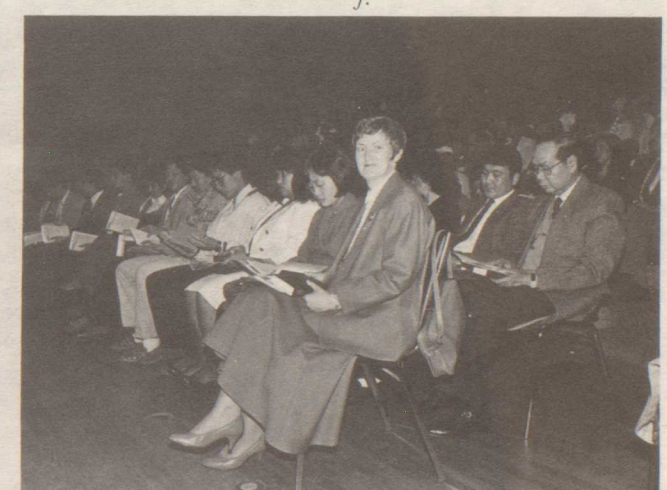
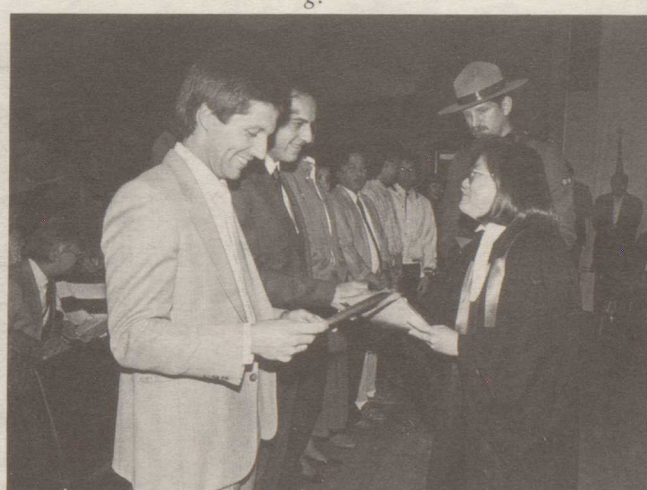
- Citizenship Judge Angela Kan with R.C.M.P. aide presents Citizenship document to new Canadian
- Dancers in native costumes enchanted the large evening crowds
- Contest to choose the 1989 festival poster attracted many "judges"
- Dr. L. Fast, K.E.C. principal welcomed the special guests, participants and the public during the opening ceremonies



all of the traditional pomp and protocol that make these once-in-a-lifetime ceremonies so memorable.

The 1989 Cultural Festival is well into the planning stages to build on this year's outstanding success.

- President Paul Gallagher and K.E.C. Dean of Instruction and Student Services, Patricia Groves, thank Judge Kan for her participation in the Citizenship Court.
- A group of 50 with their relatives and friends attended the impressive ceremony
- Smiling faces were the order of the day for the new Canadians
- Action was brisk at the displays of crafts and wares



Totem's Eye View of Stanley Park's 100th Anniversary

## FIRST ANNUAL VVI HOSPITALITY RACE A HIT!



VVI's Hospitality / Tourism Division took advantage of National Tourism Awareness Week in May to promote the local tourism industry and VVI's programs.

One of the highlights was VVI's First Annual Hospitality Race, held in conjunction with the Tourism Industry Association of B.C. Trade Fair on May 20th at the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre. Fifty hospitality students from local colleges and high schools answered the VVI challenge and were pitted against each other in four separate heats, with the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers in a fifth heat to determine the 1st, 2nd and 3rd final winners.

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| <b>First Place</b><br>(Left top)  | Steve Harwig of Frank Hurt School<br>Prizes: Commemorative Plaque<br>A Year's Supply of 7-Up<br>Bursary: \$150                            |
| <b>2nd Place</b><br>(Left bottom) | David Tang of VVI's Dining Room & Lounge<br>Prizes: Cook Book (Courtesy B.C. Chefs' Assoc.)<br>6 Months' Supply of 7-Up<br>Bursary: \$100 |
| <b>3rd Place</b>                  | Richard Lattman of Frank Hurt School<br>Prize: Cook Book (Courtesy B.C. Chefs' Assoc.)<br>Bursary: 150                                    |