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Students urged to reach for the Canadian ideal

"I immediately felt something was different," said B.C. Lieutenant-Governor David C. Lam when he and Mrs. Lam's arrived at KEC. He went on to tell the 270 guests at the May 9 Award's Day Ceremony that he was very touched to see so many students from visible minorities filled with pride that someone was taking the time to visit their school.

David Lam, an immigrant from Hong Kong, understands what it is to be a visible minority. When Lam arrived in 1967, he founded the Hong Kong Merchant's Association of Vancouver. This organization assisted new immigrants with advice concerning language, taxation and education. And so began a 22 year commitment to helping newcomers.

Lam addressed the topic of multiculturalism and stressed the importance of protecting our shared natural, social and cultural heritages. These are "non negotiable", he said. "No one is more Canadian than others and you are all equal if you are true Canadians."

He said the secret to success in his adopted country was three words, "Be a Canadian". He added that he felt the unique characteristics of Canadians are, "We care more, share more, give more and are more just."



Lieutenant-Governor David C. Lam.

Lam has put into practice his definition of being a Canadian.

Education is the beneficiary of several sizable contributions, including the David Lam Management Research Library, funding for a new campus building for Regent College at UBC and the establishment of an endowment fund for the University of Victoria's Asian Pacific Initiative Centre.

"I'm not going to be just a ribbon cutter", he said. "I'm going to reach out, touch and inspire as many people as possible." This active Lieutenant-Governor has made 82

ferry crossings and 21 flights across the country. So hectic is their schedule that Mrs. Lam had to remind her husband what Okanagan city they had visited that morning.

Lam might lose track of his last stop, but, if the standing ovation he received at the KEC Awards Ceremony was any indication, the Lieutenant-Governor has made his mark at VCC.

President, Paul Gallagher best summed up the visit: "You have demystified the office (of Lieutenant-Governor) yet made it important. All of us here today feel a part of your office and of Canada."



KEC awards ceremony special in many ways

Thirty-four KEC students were recognized May 9 for outstanding achievement as B.C. Lieutenant-Governor David C. Lam and Mrs. Lam looked on with friends, family, faculty and administrators at the bi-annual awards ceremony.

Story after story was told of students reaching their goals, overcoming discouragement, and demonstrating great perseverance. John Parker, presenter of the Shoppers Drugmart Award for excellence in the Pharmacy program, said he "had never been so inspired. This is where the salvation of our country lies."

The students honoured were as diverse as the awards offered. Martin Roy Mannette, winner of the Focus Building Services Award, was born on a Corvette in the North Atlantic in 1940. Mannette became a commercial artist, but in his late thirties enrolled at KEC for Basic Training Skills Development. BTSD is a self paced upgrading program for grade 12 equivalency. Barbara Little, a coordinator of the program said, "Roy's self-discipline and philosophical, socially conscious essays were a challenge to each instructor in contact with him."

One of the winners of the Overseas Chinese Voice Award, Vaughn Evans, was honoured in Business and Computer Studies for great improvement, an exceptional attitude and high marks. His instructors were impressed with his courage in overcoming his disabilities after a motorcycle accident left him with speech and hearing difficulties and only one leg.

The Vancouver Instructors' Association recognized Pek-Yin Lee for her achievement in Special Education. Helen Chan, Lee's instructor, congratulated her for learning two new languages. Lee, who is hearing impaired, not only excelled in English but in sign language.

Lindsay Joyce was another student highly recommended by her



Institutional Aide program graduate Manjit Sandhu and her son made the KEC graduation a family event.

instructor, Sue Aro. Joyce was the recipient of the Stanley Novopharm Award for excellence in the Pharmacy Technician Assistant program. Aro also appreciated Joyce's sense of humour. Last Halloween, when the course topic was intravenous solutions, Joyce came to class dressed as a needle and syringe. Later, Joyce explained, "Being a diabetic and studying I.V.s in class made it doubly appropriate. Everyone in class thought it was really fun."

Jason Kennedy, winner of the Finning Ltd. Award in Diesel Mechanics, will be posted with Finning as a apprentice diesel mechanic in Kamloops.

Suzanne Sukarof, recipient of a Overseas Chinese Voice Award for excellence in the humanities, will be continuing her studies in England at the University of Leicester.

The final award was the Lieutenant-Governor's Silver Medal. The medal is made of solid silver and was started by past Lieutenant-Governor, The Honourable Henry Bell-Irving. Patricia Groves, KEC Dean of Instruction and Student Services explained, "It is very fitting for our present lieutenant-governor that this is voluntary and personal. It comes out of the Lieutenant - Governor's

own pocket and that it is an award for outstanding achievement."

This year's recipient is an unique individual. Marie Kilcullen, a nun and practical nurse, had not been to school for thirty years. The Department Head of BTSD, Peter Littleboy, said Kilcullen decided to come back so she could better serve people. Kilcullen completed her program with a 90% average. She is currently enroled at Langara in Fine Arts.

As the KEC auditorium emptied after the closing remarks, many people left with a renewed spirit and belief that with a positive attitude and a sense of humour any goal can be achieved and every obstacle overcome.

- By Trish Knight

Career Division grads honoured

More than 150 students, their parents, spouses and friends attended a graduation ceremony Thursday evening, April 27, to honour students from King Edward Campus Career Division programs: Automotive Body Repair, Automotive Mechanics Technician, Diesel Mechanics Technician, Institutional Aide, Music, and Pharmacy Technical Assistant.

In an informal, good-humoured address, Valedictorian Allan Boyce helped set the tone for the King Edward Campus graduation. Boyce, from the Automotive Body Repair program, pointed up the camaraderie between students and instructors. He also noted that most students in his program had already received job offers thanks to the excellence of the training and the reputation of the program in the automotive industry.

Noreen Green, Coordinator of the Institutional Aide program, in presenting the graduates from her program added the fact that there is more demand for graduates than graduates.

Booming economy fuels Chinese protests

The recent student demonstrations in China may have reminded us of the '60's campus protests on this continent, but in addition to greater academic and political freedom the Chinese students are after a piece of the action in their country's booming economy.

That's the observation of Joan Horsley, Langara Dean of Instruction, who, along with Pacific Rim Coordinator Brian Pendleton, recently returned from a two-week stay in the middle of the Beijing upheaval.

"In a sense it reminded me of the 1960s on this continent, but there are very strong economic underpinnings to the demonstrations," Horsley told a CKNW radio audience on the Bill Good Show.

"Although China is experiencing rapid economic growth, students and faculty have not kept up. One just has to look at the salaries of faculty in China compared with other groups to see that economic progress has not benefitted the universities.

"Also, the universities in Beijing and some of the provincial capitals are older and they haven't been renovated. They will be upgraded, but it will take a long time. The emphasis is on building new institutions, not renovating old ones.

"When you have an inflation rate of 30 per cent and a growth rate of 15 per cent, there has to be some kind of dislocation in the economy and that is a large cause of these major stresses."

She said the "new" look to China is in striking contrast to her view just three years ago.

"When you are staying in China, you are no longer experiencing indoor camping, as was the case in the past. Facilities certainly have improved. I noticed that since '86, campus guest houses have been provided with telephones and television sets. (Production of televisions from 1987 to 1988 increased 52 per cent).



Joan Horsley signs agreement in China that will see up to 20 VCC students study in that country.

"There are now many commercial products readily available...Pepsi Cola and Coca Cola are now in many grocery stores. You can quite readily get coffee and sometimes milk, which were literally unattainable before."

The shackles have also been loosened on the media, with China News providing extensive TV reporting of the Beijing demonstrations as well as showing news clips of what was appearing in other countries.

"There seems to be very little difference between their reports and news reporting here," said Horsley.

Although the country has a population of about 1.1 billion, the entrepreneurial spirit has altered China's "one child per family" policy as the increasingly capitalist economy makes inroads against the socialist political system.

Said Horsley: "Due to the increased wealth, you are allowed to buy permission to have a second child. The spirit of free enterprise is very much alive and well in China.

"It remains a country where things are not always as they appear. To find the truths about China, you have to dig below the surface."

\$200,000 grant a big boost for co-op education

Langara's Cooperative Education Program has been awarded a \$200,000 grant by Employment & Immigration Canada, under its job entry program. The grant will be used to fund the administration costs in implementation of co-op options in the new General Insurance Program and in existing Computer Systems Technologist and Realty Appraisal Programs. The accounting co-op,

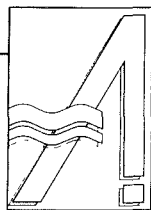
started in the summer of 1988, will also be expanded with this funding.

The grant given to Langara is the maximum amount which can be awarded to an institution. This funding will be received over a four year period beginning October 1, 1989 (\$68,000 in the first year, \$60,000 in the second, \$44,000 in the third and \$28,000 in the final year).

Gilley's book helps put us on the map

Keith Gilley's adaptation of a writing handbook first published in the U.S. under another title is now on sale across Canada. The Portable Canadian Handbook, by Holt, Rinehart & Winston, has already been adopted by the University of Winnipeg and at least two B.C. colleges. As a look at the title page reveals, the name of Langara Campus, V.C.C. is receiving nationwide publicity.

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Robson Square lecture series patrons tour Langara

Members of the Langara faculty who are involved in the Robson Square Lecture Series recently invited active attenders to visit Langara for a day of lectures on classical Greece and to enjoy a tour of the campus and refreshments.

From audience reaction, this was an extremely successful event, attracting approximately 200 people. Thanks are in order for all of the faculty involved--especially Val Sutherland and Ted Langley who masterminded the undertaking.

In the swing

VCC's 12th Annual Golf Tournament at Fort Langley, May 7, gave 38 employees and guests the opportunity to enjoy sunny skies, warm weather and, of course, the opportunity to play in the sand, water and woods.

Here are some of the winners:

College Low Gross	
Ladies Virginia Lee	105
College Low Gross	
Men Keith Baggoo	76
Visitor Low Gross	
Ladies Jean Butler	93
Visitor Low Gross	
Men Alan Baggoo	78
College 2nd Low Gross	
Ladies Val Cahill	106
College 2nd Low Gross	
Men Paul McDermot	83
Visitor 2nd Low Gross	
Ladies Marg Hunden	115
Visitor 2nd Low Gross	
Men Ed Butler	83
College Low Net	
Ladies Virginia Lee	75
College Low Net	
Men Hong Wai	72
Visitor Low Net	

Ladies Marg Hunden	76
Visitor Low Net	
Men Alan Baggoo	71
Longest Drive	
Ladies Val Cahill	
Longest Drive	
Men Keith Baggoo	
Closest to the Pin	
Ladies Jean Butler	
Closest to the Pin	
Men John Sutherland	
Hidden Hole College	
Ladies Roberta Collins	14
Hidden Hole College	
Men John Marshall	11
Hidden Hole Visitor	
Ladies Babs Graves	7
Hidden Hole Visitor	
Men Stu Arlichas	12
Most Honest Golfer College	
Ladies Roberta Collins	164
Most Honest Golfer College	
Men Fred McRitchie	128
Most Honest Golfer Visitor	
Ladies Babs Graves	121
Most Honest Golfer Visitor	
Men Ed Adams	111
A special thanks to the companies that donated prizes to make this event a success.	



Jackie Philip recently retired after 15 years of service in Langara's general offices. She was presented with a collection of Beethoven symphonies during a going-away party.

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