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Alumni Assn. gaining steam in 3rd year

By Carole Wilson

I begin my term as president of the VCC Alumni Association as it enters its third year of operation. We have seen a continual growth in our membership, which now stands at over 2,800. The Association provided \$7,500 in scholarships and bursaries to VVI, KEC, Langara, and the Educational Foundation for the first time.

The college provides approximately 50% of our operating costs. In our quest for self-sufficiency, we will continue to fundraise through voluntary membership fees, event nights and casinos. We have already started the Set The Trend Campaign which allows members to personally provide student scholarships and bursaries.

The Alumni Association is similar to a fun run. The success lies in the organization, the turnout, and the feedback participants give organizers. A well run race is not necessarily one in which everyone runs their fastest time, but rather one in which the course was interesting, the people were friendly, and the post race snacks were delicious. The Alumni Association is focusing its attention on raising the awareness of the college itself through several avenues. These include: providing scholarships and bursaries, providing a communication link between the college and its alumni, and increasing membership.



A marathon runner, Wilson brings energy and determination to job of Alumni Association president.

I feel the Alumni Association is emerging as an important vehicle in helping raise the profile of the college within the community.

Wilson was in Arts & Sciences at Langara from 1969-72. She teaches elementary school in Richmond and was elected VCC Alumni Association President in June.

Gallagher named to native group

VCC President Paul Gallagher has been named to the nine-member Premier's Council on Native Affairs.

"The mandate of this council is to assess government economic and social policies in order to assist in the further development of the Native peoples of this province," said Premier Bill Vander Zalm.

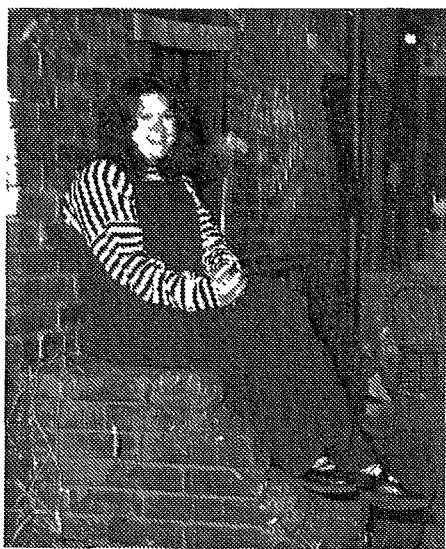
The council's first task will be to host a series of round table meetings with leaders of the province's 32 tribal councils and other Native organizations to hear their concerns.

Possible topics of discussion include: co-operative economic development, self-government, the justice system, environment issues, community and social services, and education.

Proposals and concerns arising from the meetings that can be dealt with immediately will be referred to the Ministry of Native Affairs. At the conclusion of the process, larger policy issues will be reviewed with the Cabinet Committee on Native Affairs.



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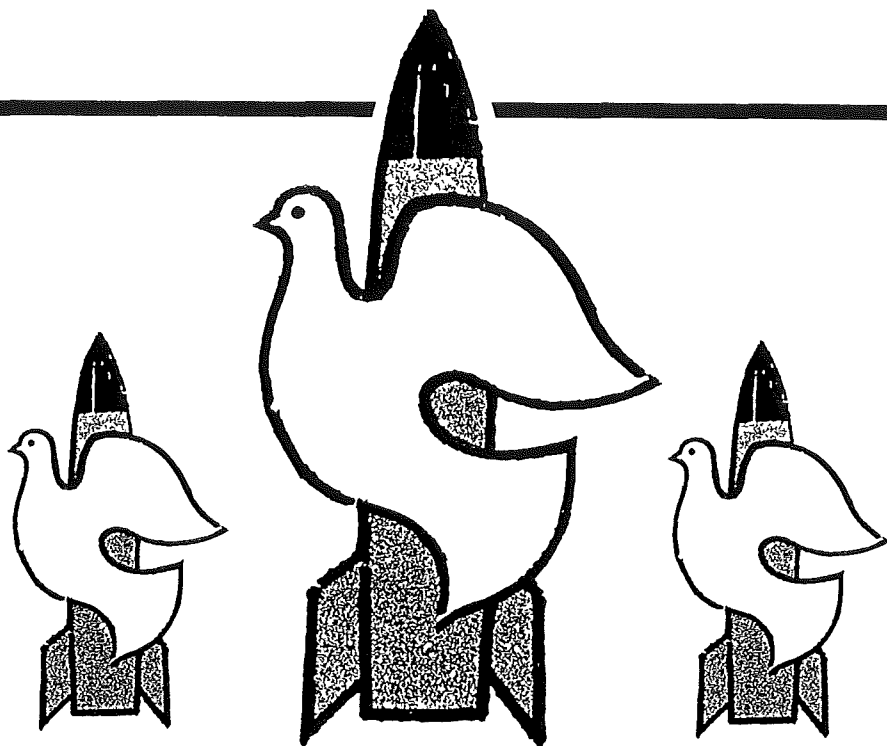
Set design turning heads

Studio 58 students are having no problems grasping the mood of a poor English town in the heart of Thatcher's England. The set for their current production of *Road* was fashioned by former Studio 58 student Pam Johnson, who now works as a free lance designer. *Road* plays at Langara through August 12.



Welcome aboard!

David Cane assumed his duties as the new Principal of Langara on August 1. He came to VCC from Cariboo College in Kamloops where he was the Vice President. Cane obtained his B.Sc. and Ph.D. from the University of Birmingham, England, and served as a Research Associate and Lecturer at the University of Alberta before joining Cariboo in 1978.



Lectures explore peace-conflict issues

The human race's most complex and pressing issue--Peace and Conflict--will be the subject of a new course offering at VCC's Langara campus this fall.

A lecture series for the general public and all VCC employees will complement the PACs 201-202 courses and promises a group of notable speakers, including former Supreme Court Justice Thomas Berger and possibly environmentalist David Suzuki.

The public lecture series will begin Oct. 12. For more information, call 324-5236.

Tentative lecture series lineup

COMMON SECURITY IN THE NUCLEAR AGE,

Fall 1989:

- 1). The concept of common security: peace, environment and development of Sustainable Futures - Dr. Fred Knelman, Instructor, PACs 201.
- 2). Science and Ethics in the Nuclear Age - Dr. Tony Arrott, National President, Science for Peace, Dept. of Physics, S.F.U.
- 3). The legality of nuclear weapons - Dr. Edward McWhinney, Law Faculty, S.F.U.
- 4). Strategic dilemmas in a realigning world - Dr. Douglas Ross, Political Science, S.F.U. or Dr. Michael Wallace, Political Science, U.B.C.

RESOLUTION OF CONFLICT IN THE NUCLEAR AGE,

Spring 1990:

- 1). The new science of conflict resolution - Dr. Tyhson Banighen, Conflict Consultant.
- 2). A continuing conflict: the status of the native peoples of Canada - Thomas Berger, former Chief Justice.
- 3). Conflict Acclimatisation: the role of the media - Bob Hackett, Communications Dept., S.F.U.
- 4). Conflict in the rainforests: the fate of our global environment - David Suzuki, Environmentalist.