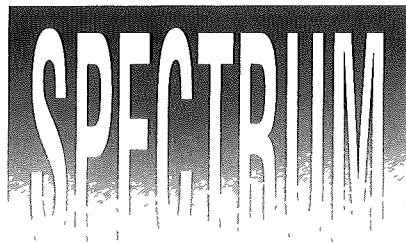


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## Notable Event a first class evening

Conceived a year ago as a scholarship campaign for the music department, VCC Educational Foundation's 2nd Annual Notable Event at the New World Harbourside was attended by some of the most distinguished personalities in Vancouver. The Lieutenant-Governor David Lam and Mrs Lam gathered with 200 other guests at "a first class event by VCC" in support of the music program.

Before the evening was over Soundwave was applauded yet again as one of the best vocal jazz groups in North America. Said Peter McCoppin, conductor of the Victoria Symphony Orchestra, "The quality of their sound and their excellent performance is an example of the importance of our education system and the impact that Vancouver Community College has on our young people".

The sale of dinner and raffle draw tickets totalled an additional \$11,000 for the Endowment Scholarships for Music Fund.

Barbara Christie, a French Immersion Kindergarten teacher of Walton Elementary School in Coquitlam, won



Notable Event guests included (left to right) campaign volunteer Mrs. George Ashley, campaign Chairman John Smith, Mrs David Lam, Mrs John Smith and Lieutenant-Governor, David Lam

the coveted grand prize of a Yamaha disklavier piano. Christie has for the past six years been a volunteer song leader in an extended care hospital. Winning means she can now return the rented piano on which she has had to practise.

The second prize of a Sony compact disc player went to Ms. B. Allan while the third prize of Vancouver Symphony Air Canada Classics tickets was won by Mr. F. Amgwerd.

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Mel Fearman

## Langara plans to renovate concourse

Langara Campus has begun planning for a major renovation of its main concourse.

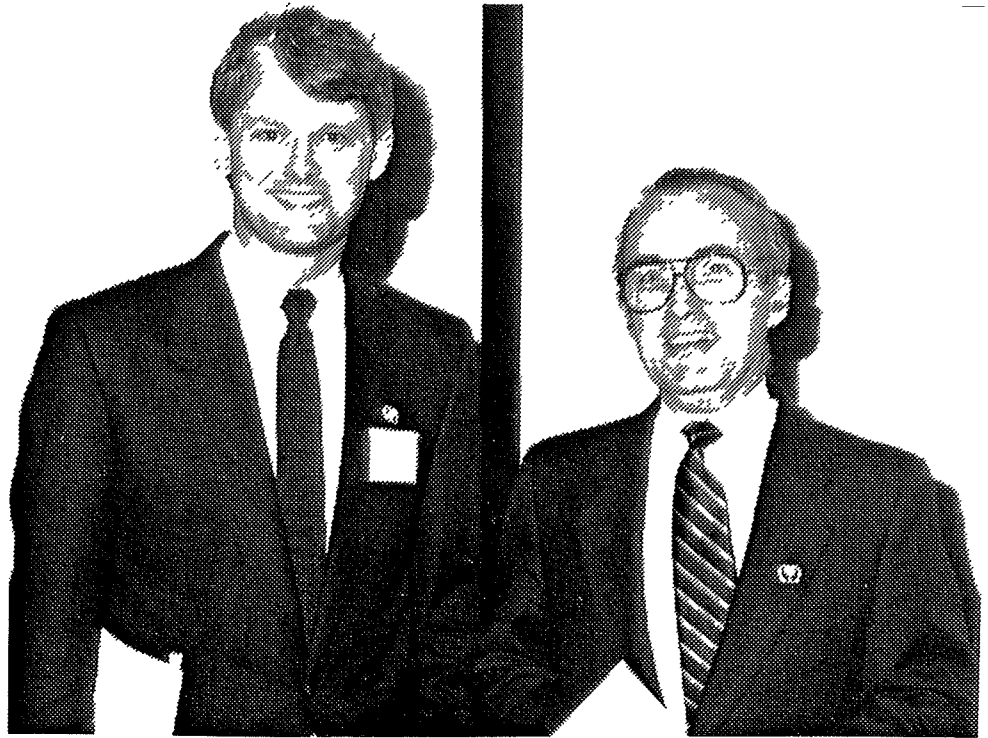
"As the main foyer, it's not a very attractive place for students to congregate," said Building Services Manager Mel Fearman. "When it's renovated, it should provide students with a place to meet and a sense of community."

The project has been divided into segments: seating, ceilings and lighting and walls, facades and millwork treatment.

"The seating is the most important and will make the concourse more hospitable," said Fearman. "We'll try to create enclaves of seating which will accommodate groups without changing the traffic flow. We can deal with the seating independent of the rest of the work and with only minor disruptions."

Once the seating is taken care of, a drop ceiling and new lighting with an 80 per cent increase in candle power will be installed. The ceiling and wall treatment around the CE office in the concourse is similar to what the completed job will look like.

Fearman said that time lines have not yet been established for the work. He estimated that the project will cost about \$200,000.



## Literacy movement gains momentum in B.C.

VCC President Paul Gallagher chats with Vancouver Mayor Gordon Campbell at the founding meeting of **LITERACY B.C.** held in Vancouver March 9th and 10th.

Delegates from around B.C. met to discuss literacy strategies for the province. Gallagher recently chaired a provincially-appointed Literacy Advisory Committee. Its final report to the B.C. government calls on community colleges, the private sector and community groups to join together in a cohesive literacy strategy.

B.C.'s estimated illiteracy rate is 17 per cent, the lowest in Canada. Nationally it's estimated that 24 per cent of all Canadians cannot read. The United Nations has declared 1990 International Literacy Year.

## VCC grad wins award for restaurant wine list

Spectrum Update received a hot news tip from VCC secretary Shirley Bell this week. Her daughter Karen Green, who manages Fin's Restaurant on the quay in New Westminster, received some good news. Karen's wine list was awarded an honourable mention at the Vancouver Playhouse International Wine Festival, held in Vancouver on the weekend.

The festival hands out wine list awards to recognize excellence in wine selection for B.C. restaurants. "I was quite excited about the honourable mention," says Karen. "Word gets around in the industry about this kind of thing and it really means you have written a wine list worthy of international attention."

Karen is a graduate of both the Dining Room and Lounge, and the Food and Beverage Management programs at City Centre. She currently chairs the Program Advisory Committee for these programs at the college.

Congratulations Karen!

## To the Editor . . .

The Faculty at City Centre has done its best to welcome those "new faces" referred to by Ms. Evans in the February 22nd Update. For Ms. Evans' information, these instructors were forced to transfer to VCC (they were formerly at BCIT) by Social Credit Government legislation.

My heart despairs that Ms. Evans should consider sex or ethnic origin, and in particular coloured ethnic origin, an issue rather than ability and professional expertise.

Ms. Evans should however be pleased to learn that most of the new faces were not born in Canada, and are living and working in this country as a matter of choice. Let's face it, Canada does accept immigrants other than those who can be distinguished by colour.

Finally, to the new faculty at City Centre, a great big **WELCOME** to you and your students.

Roy Wren  
City Centre

## Notebook on union-college activities

Here, in a nutshell, is what's new on the labour front at VCC:

\* Of the 348 VMREU members who were surveyed regarding their pay reclassification, 191 have disagreed with the college's proposal.

VMREU Staff Rep Jim Gorman said he will begin meeting with all 191 employees within a few days. He estimates that the meetings will take until early June, after which meetings will begin with Employee Relation's Sharon McClure in an attempt to resolve the disputed reclassifications. Gorman said he expects that process to be completed by the end of July, with the unresolved items then going to arbitration.

He said not all of the 191 cases will necessarily be grieved.

"It's not enough just to be upset

about how much money a person is being paid. We have to have the facts to support it within the terms of the collective agreement."

Gorman, who has been temporarily taken off his normal duties to attend to the reclassifications, said the process has so far taken longer than he had anticipated, and that it may be further delayed because of a post-ponement in hiring a full-time classification officer for the union.

"If VCC members are concerned about the reclassification being resolved in a timely manner, they may wish to come to the next VMREU general meeting when the hiring of the classification officer will be discussed."

(The general meeting will be held

April 25, 6 p.m., Ironworkers Hall, 8th and Columbia in Vancouver).

\* The VMREU is expected to have its contract demands formulated after a negotiating committee meeting on March 25. Business Manager Ray Haynes said he hopes to begin bargaining by the end of the month. The VMREU's contract also expires on April 1.

\* The Vocational Instructors Association (VIA) and the college held their first major bargaining session this week, with further talks scheduled for Wednesday, Friday and two meetings next week.

The VIA's primary demands involve work loads and class sizes, salary and benefits, and contracting out.



Hiscox pictured with model and one of his designs

## Fashion grad in Dubonnet finals

Mark Hiscox, a recent grad of CE's Fashion Arts Program, has reached the finals in the highly acclaimed, national Dubonnet - Design Fashion Contest. Mark competed with 586 fashion students from across Canada and was one of the 12 semi-finalists selected from the "Western" division which, for the purposes of the contest, included Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and B.C.

He attended the semi-finals in Toronto on February 20 and was one of the three student finalists in the Women's Fashion section. Unlike the other finalists, who are full-time fashion students from courses such as the four year full-time program at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, Mark studied fashion three nights a week for four - 12 week terms, in the Fashion Arts Certificate Program.

Mark is to be congratulated on this wonderful achievement and is wished every success at the Finals in Montreal on May 8. His designs will be modelled at the Dubonnet - Design Contest Finals Gala along with the other five finalists.

By Sally Hudson  
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