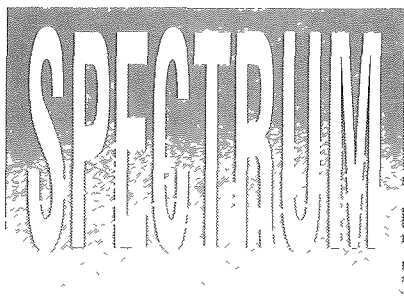


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New blueprint for VCC recycling program

Recycle II—Think Blue!

VCC has begun a second phase in its recycling program. Large blue containers have begun appearing on each campus for the collection of waste paper. Employees will put waste in the large bins from smaller blue waste baskets now being placed in offices or near work stations. VCC will be purchasing up to 1,000 of these smaller baskets for individual use. It's estimated that we will be able to recycle 99 per cent of the paper waste generated at VCC—if all employees co-operate.

The large bins will be serviced by A-1 Recycling, which has replaced Golden West as contractors for paper collection. A-1 will begin pick up each week on a college-wide basis, according to the following schedule:

Langara—March 26

KEC—April 15

CC—May 1

Twenty main collection points will be established on each campus; every location will have three boxes, one each for:

* **Computer paper.** This paper has longer and stronger fibres than most. Because it can be recycled for many different purposes, it fetches the highest return—about \$200 per ton.

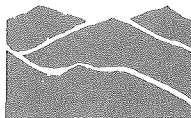
* **High grade mix.** This includes such items as photocopied paper, coloured paper envelopes (windows or labels are not acceptable, but staples or paper clips are okay). High grade mix brings about \$70 per ton.

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Langara's Paola Provesan sorts out the new recycling routine

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Notable Event sold out in third year



The Madrigal Singers struck the right notes for the Notable Event

The Annual Notable Event, the VCC Educational Foundation's music scholarship fund raising event, has become a remarkable success in just three years.

Tickets to the \$100-a-plate benefit dinner were not only sold out for the first time, but they had been gobbled up weeks before the gala was held March 21, with over 30 on the waiting list

This year's Notable Event Committee consisted of many high profile members of business and was chaired by Raymond Smith, Chairman of the Board of MacMillan Bloedel.

Musical entertainment was provided by VCC's Music Department. The 370 guests heard a big band tribute to Paul Whiteman, a piano and violin duet, VCC's vocal jazz ensemble "Soundwave" and the Madrigal Singers.

Several guests were honoured for their extraordinary support of the VCC Scholarships for Music Campaign: Brian Disterhest of Yamaha, George Egan of Imasco, David Geddes of CHQM, David Holmes of Tom Lee Music, Wally Lightbody of the Bob Smith Jazz Tribute, Adrian Popple, Greg Reid, Maria Brown, Chris Vaughn-Jones and Bruce Strachan, Minister of Advanced Education, Training and Technology.



Music students Ed Maxwell, piano, and Boris Favre, base, team up for excellent entertainment



Educational Foundation Board Chairperson Bruna Giacomazzi presents George Egan of Imasco with a plaque honouring the company's generosity

Langara fast-tracks 10-year plan

By Constance Brissenden

It's a fast-track process that may leave some staff and administrators breathless. From its launch on March 14 to its completion on May 27, Langara's planning process is, of necessity, wasting no time.

"There is never a perfect time to plan for the next ten years," says Principal David Cane, "and the sooner the plan is finalized, the sooner we can start to implement it."

Promising that the planning process would be "owned by the campus," Cane has established two coordinating committees. Committee I, led by Dean of Instruction, Careers, Ralph Kerr, will focus on internal matters. Committee II, under Dean of Instruction, Arts & Sciences, Joan Holsley, will review external concerns. Students, the public and

other VCC centres are being asked for input. Coordinating the cross-college program planning that is now underway through the VCC Council of Deans is also the job of Committee II. Both committees include faculty, administrators, support staff and students. Sub-committees will also submit reports. On "D Day", each of the two committees will file a report with Langara Council for adoption by mid-June.

Richard Vedan, chair of the Community Relations sub-committee, compared the previous lack of planning at Langara with a condition called "white line fever", which he experienced as a trucker in Ontario. At a certain point on a long haul, his universe boiled down to the endless white line on the highway. The destination became of secondary importance.

Says Vedan, "I would suggest we have been suffering from white line fever for the past few years. Planning leads to expectations which create frustrations when they're not met. So -- don't plan is the result."

The danger, notes Vedan, is that "if Langara doesn't set its own roles, they will be prescribed for us. As professionals, we can determine where we want to be."

"What is Langara's future? That will be decided by a planning process that is not 'etched in stone,'" says Cane. "The planning process will be multi-level, inclusive and flexible." Adds Vedan: "It's important to break away and ask 'what are we really here for?' -- tomorrow, next week and ten years from now."

KEC hosts Citizenship Court



Fifty-eight people became new Canadians at the KEC-hosted ceremonies

Two VCC students were among a group of 58 who received their Canadian Citizenship during the KEC-hosted ceremonies February 14 at the Canadiana Centre. Located in the heart of Chinatown, Canadiana is the site of one of VCC's off-campus ESL pro-

grams. It is also a social and development centre for Vancouver's Chinese community.

Among those who received citizenship status were students Ada Chow and Lai-Hing Luk. Both Chow and Lai have

been students at Canadiana since they arrived from Hong Kong three years ago.

Lai, an intermediate level English learner said, "Receiving my citizenship is very special to me. It is the eve of the Chinese New Year, and traditionally members of families reunite to renew family bonds. Today I will start a bond with the country I have chosen. I have been told it is also Valentine's Day, so the occasion will have double significance!"

Fourteen ESL students, who were winners of an essay competition, entitled "What I like about Canada", were presented with awards by Doreen Lam, daughter of Lieutenant-Governor David Lam. Lam recollected the excitement she and her family felt when they became citizens of Canada more than twenty years ago.

Citizenship Judge Angela Kan presided over the ceremony.

Graduation Day: City Centre, February 21, 1991



Two new employees join PR Dept.

Two new people have joined VCC to assist faculty, staff and management with their public relations and advertising needs.

They are: David Wiebe, who is Communications Officer for City Centre as well as having responsibility for VCC's external public relations.



David Wiebe

Wiebe is new to both the college and the city, having recently moved west from Edmonton where he served in a similar capacity at Grant MacEwan Community College. Prior to that, he did public relations work for the Alberta Hospital Association. Wiebe is a graduate of the four-year Journalism Program at Carleton University, Ottawa. He has worked as a reporter for a Calgary radio station and CTV.

Constance Brissenden is the part-time C.O. for Langara Campus. She will be responsible for assisting in the preparation of posters, brochures and other promotional projects. She has joined Chuck Poulsen, who will continue to work on Langara Campus communications, but will now have more time to devote to VCC's internal publication, Spectrum. Brissenden has a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Guelph and a Master's from the



Constance Brissenden

University of Alberta. She is an accomplished magazine writer, lecturer and editor. Her work has also included a stint as publications editor for Expo 86 and a posting as assistant editor of Maclean's Magazine. She also sits on the advisory board of VCC's Pacific Rim Magazine.

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* **Mixed waste.** This is the catch-all for virtually every other paper product...glossy magazines, newspaper, fax paper, juice boxes. If you're in doubt about an item of paper, this is where it should go.

Most of the mixed waste is recycled for use as insulation. Food wastes, styrofoam, napkins and heavy cardboard are examples of waste that should continue to be thrown into the old waste baskets.

Signs explaining the types of paper allowed will be posted on each blue container—and area representatives will help all employees learn the system.

As well, the college will be hiring a Recycling Project Co-ordinator on a temporary contract to start the program on the right foot.

The revenue generated by the paper we recycle is crucial because A-1 obviously must show a profit if the company is to continue making pickups. The low value mixed waste can't exceed 20 per cent of the total volume. It's hoped the program

also will generate revenue for VCC, although it's too early to estimate an amount.

A-1 spokesman Addil Karmali explains: "We're not able to just haul away garbage—our business is recycling and we need everyone's help for the program to be successful." The 20 pickup locations are the maximum allowed by A-1. If a container is less than 40 per cent full, it will be left for pickup the following week. The company also will provide a container for aluminum can collection on each campus.

Employees may sort paper from their small blue baskets at the time they take them to the main receptacles. Or, they may wish to sort as the day goes along by using a cardboard box or boxes as extra waste baskets to go with the blue containers.

KEC-CC Principal Lawrence Fast, who is also serving as chairman of the VCC Environment Committee, welcomes suggestions from all employees on ways that the recycling program may be further enhanced. Happy Recycling!

Open House

We know that this edition of Update may not reach you in time, but if it does, please note that the Fine Arts Department of Langara Campus will hold its 1991 Students' Art Exhibition and Open House from April 8 to 11 (10 a.m. to 9 p.m.) and April 12 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Everyone is welcome.

All-Campus Council

Watch for the next edition of Update for a report on the KEC All-Campus Council.