

# NEWS

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## **VCC-trained chefs chosen to represent Canada**

Now that we know VCC trains the best chefs in Canada we're about to find out how the College's former culinary students stack up against the best in the world.

You may recall that last spring a team of junior chefs who graduated from VCC placed first among Canadian teams at the Taste of Canada competition in Toronto...in fact, the only teams that finished ahead of the VCC-trained students were the **national** teams from Germany, the U S , Great Britain and Singapore.

As a result of that remarkable success, VCC has been selected by the Canadian Federation of Chefs de Cuisine to field a team representing Canada at the junior chefs competition in Norway next June. The competition will be the major event of its kind in the world next year, and every member of this Canadian team of apprentices will be a graduate of the college's program.

Of course they're going to have to raise funds for the trip and what better way than to allow contributors to enjoy a real Christmas feast. Consequently on December 3, starting at 6:30 p.m., everyone is invited to the Christmas Buffet Extravaganza at City Centre. Tickets are \$30 each and for that you'll be able to choose from an extensive menu of traditional Christmas favourites plus many other Christmas dishes that are the newest and finest in Christmas cuisine. For more information and tickets, phone 443-8487.

### **Fundraising was FANTASTIC**

This year's Educational Foundation truck lottery raised a record profit of \$81,000, compared with last year's net proceeds of only

\$50,000. Of the maximum 2,000 tickets printed, 1,982 of them were sold.

About \$20,000 of the \$81,000 total will go to the purchase of computers for Langara educational programs. The balance will be directed toward equipment for the KEC diesel program.

And "hat's off" to everyone who helped raise \$16,700 for the United Way this year, compared with \$14,000 last year. Thirty eight per cent of employees participated through pledge cards.

### **Manera chosen CBC interim President**

Former VCC President Tony Manera has been appointed interim president of the CBC, replacing Gerard Veilleux. Manera, who was VCC president from 1981 to '85, was appointed just prior to the federal election. It will now be up to the new Liberal government to name a permanent president.

### **Nov. 19 Planning meeting to tackle hard issues**

The VCC Planning Team continues to work on preparations for the January Futures Conference, while at the same time continuing to struggle with what appears to be a fairly widespread sense of scepticism about the process.

The Team has agreed to a classroom-based approach that will prepare students to offer their vision of a new VCC at the Futures Conference. This procedure will see each campus, and CE, gather student opinions identifying what's good and bad about the institution as well what improvements they'd like to see. The sessions will

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be handled at City Centre by student facilitators, at KEC by instructor-facilitators while at CE the role will be played by the Program co-ordinators.

Otherwise, Planning Team member Aphrodite Harris circulated a memo two weeks ago regarding discussions she had with employees in student services. Some employees expressed distrust of the current planning process, citing past examples of employee input being disregarded. As well, the employees were critical that the Planning Team will not be involved in separation issues.

Copies of President John Cruickshank's reply to Harris--which reasserted his support of a credible grass-roots planning approach--were circulated to Team members last Friday.

One team member, Don Hume, described Cruickshank's reply as "weak" and "not nearly good enough." With neither Harris, Cruickshank nor Board member Angela Julien in attendance at the Nov. 5 meeting, it was decided to wait until the next meeting on November 19 to thrash out the issue. As Planning Team facilitator John Dickinson of Pacific Leadership Incorporated told the group as he put the matter on the next agenda: "This is a problem that we keep coming back to..."

### ***New Presidents for KESA, CCSA***

The new president of the KEC Student Association is Dwayne Rhodes, an ABE student who has been at the campus for the last year and previously served as the association's vice president of finance. Rhodes takes over from Manuel Salinas

The new president of the student association at City Centre is Suzanne Rouse, who follows Michael Fergusson in the position. Rouse is studying in the Practical Nursing Program at City Centre.

Both students will serve on the VCC Planning Team as well as the new VCC Council

### ***New magazine for colleges***

The Association for the Study of Continuing Education will soon publish the first edition of the College Quarterly, a new magazine being underwritten by Seneca College. If you're interested in submitting material, phone Editor Howard Doughty at (416) 833-3333, extension 5077. For subscriptions, the number is (416) 491-5050.

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