

## First Year Student Update

The first year students are now on their summer break from the college. Many will be working to earn money to continue into the second year of the program. A number of students also use the summer term to pick up courses like accounting and marketing. This allows them to take a reduced load in their upcoming fall term which is always a welcome break.



The first year students wore a variety of hockey jerseys during their second term tour of General Motors Place in Vancouver.

During their second term of study (January to April) the first year students were kept very busy. Included in this term were courses in: Recreation Program Planning, Personal Portfolio Development and Seminar, English or Communications, Applied Psychology, Valuing Diversity in Leadership as well as Applied Skills in Recreation Operations.

Supplementing the "in the classroom" material for the operation's course were a number of field trips to major facilities in the Vancouver area. These included Mount Seymour, Shaughnessy Golf and Country Club, General Motors Place and Queen's Park Arena in New Westminster for the 23rd annual Recreation Students' Custodial Lecture and Competition.

The Recreation Program Planning class (RECR 1168) had the recreation students creating, planning and implementing special events in partnership with local community recreation agencies. This year's

## Recreation Leadership Diploma Program

Recruiting for the September 2010 term of the two-year Recreation Leadership Diploma Program is now underway. Program Faculty really appreciate graduates and other people associated with the recreation field referring potential students to the program. This could include family, friends, co-workers, or the kid from down the street who cuts your lawn, etc.

We are looking for people who are grade 12 graduates and are passionate about making a difference in their communities through recreational activities and services.

Further information can be obtained by calling Vince Kreiser, the Assistant Department Chair (Ph. 604-323-5276) or by viewing our website: [www.langara.bc.ca/recreation](http://www.langara.bc.ca/recreation)



The visit to Mount Seymour each year allows the students to get a first hand look at the overall operations of a ski resort.

Special events included: a Girl Power Conference at the YWCA for girls 11-14 from the East side of Vancouver, St. Patrick's Day Seniors Bingo at Arbutus Village; A Bike Safety event at Thompson Community Centre in Richmond; Spring Clean Your Dog Wash to raise money for the Coquitlam Animal Shelter; and the Silly Spring Challenge at Tillicum and Hastings Elementary Schools. The special event is the major project for the course and it's great to see the learning and program planning theory come alive in these creative and high quality recreation events that the students put on.

Now accepting  
applications for  
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- Recreation Leadership Diploma Program
- Bachelor of Recreation Management

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Newsletter Editor  
Janet Ready

## Fourth Term Internship

The second year students recently finished their fourth term internships. These 14-week internships took place at a wide variety of agencies throughout the lower mainland.

Agencies who sponsored students this year were the City of Surrey (4 Interns), Marine Drive Golf Club, Swan-E-Set Bay Resort and Country Club, PacificSport Fraser Valley in Abbotsford, Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation (4 Interns), Pacific National Exhibition, Bonsor Recreation Complex in Burnaby, Ram-Cam Cooperative Centre in Vancouver, and the Vancouver School Board's West 1 and West 2 Community Schools Teams (2 Interns).

The Internship wrapped up nicely with the student Camp Day at Camp Capilano in North Vancouver and then the Annual Internship Luncheon held here at Langara College. Some Interns will be staying at their agencies for summer employment, others will be looking for permanent work in the field and some are planning to return here to Langara College to pursue their Bachelor of Recreation Management Degrees.



A very good student Camp Day was held at Camp Capilano in North Vancouver. The day is set up to allow the graduating students to wrap up their two-years of study in an outdoor setting.



The annual Internship Luncheon held at Langara College is a way to thank the various Internship Agencies and other people associated with the program in a formal way. The spring scholarship presentations for the program are also done at this event.

## Faculty

**Vince Kreiser** (MA, BSc) Asst. Department Chair. Vince's expertise is in the area of recreation facilities management. Prior to coming to Langara College he was the Assistant Manager Facilities Operation (Production) for the Pacific National Exhibition in Vancouver. Part of his responsibilities included assisting in the management of the Pacific Coliseum which at the time was the home for the Vancouver Canucks of the N.H.L.

Vince has also worked in the field of municipal recreation as a Facility Manager in Abbotsford, BC, and Recreation Director in Roblin, MB.

**Steve Musson** (MA, BA) Steve's areas of expertise include outdoor recreation, play leadership, and recreation programming for children and youth. Steve has plenty of experience as a direct-service provider for programs for children and youth. He has worked for the YMCA, the Boys and Girls Clubs, the UBC Hockey School, and in Licensed School-Age Care.

He is also an experienced outdoor leader, having taught skill courses and lead multi-day trips involving backpacking, canoeing, kayaking, ski-touring, snowshoeing, and cycle touring. He has run outdoor programs for the Rocky Mountain YMCA, the Boys and Girls Club, Richmond Leisure Services, West Vancouver Parks and Recreation and the Yammuska Mountain School.

**Janet Ready** (MA, BA) Janet has a strong background in recreation leadership and programming and a passion for creating opportunities for people to experience high quality recreation. Janet has worked as a Program Coordinator in the Municipal Parks, Recreation and Culture system within the lower mainland as well as leading recreation programs within the public and private recreation sector. She teaches the Program Planning and Diversity in Leadership courses.

**Cyndy Chwelos** (MA, BFA, ECE) specializes in arts and community cultural development. Cyndy teaches the Arts, Culture and Heritage course, and has a passion for enhancing the students' value and understandings for the arts in our society and the role it plays in developing healthy communities.

**Shannon Wall** (MA, BA). Shannon's areas of expertise include experiential learning, leadership development, staff training, and creative programming for children and youth. She has spent the last 10 years running a consulting company ([www.possibilitiestraining.com](http://www.possibilitiestraining.com)), where she designs and delivers interactive training for groups of all kinds in recreation centres, schools, corporations, non-profit agencies and resorts.