

## **University of Alberta**

Contrary to popular (mis?) conception, geography is alive and well at the University of Alberta -- and that includes human geography! It is true that there is no longer a distinct Department of Geography, because the Department that existed independently between 1953 and 1995 merged with the Department of Geology in the summer of that year to form the new Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences. But virtually all the research specializations and course offerings that characterized the former Department have remained, no faculty members have been moved to other Departments, and the only "shrinkage" in numbers that has occurred has happened as a result of mandatory age-65 retirements, a few early retirements, and a couple of voluntary resignations.

The new Department has a complement of well over thirty faculty members, including five new appointees who have joined us in the last year (Ben Rivard in remote sensing, Andy Bush in climate modelling, Jeremy Richards in economic geology, Ben Rostron in hydrogeology, and Karen Smoyer in medical geography). Numbers will swell significantly in the next year as we fill three currently-advertised positions in mineralogy, clastic sedimentology, and GIS, and more advertisements should appear soon, in fields as diverse as structural geology and human (environmental) geography.

In this context of growth and renewal, and new relationships with colleagues with geologic backgrounds, most of our former strengths in geography have not only remained but have been greatly enhanced, notably in geomorphology, GIS and remote sensing, meteorology and climatology, and -- perhaps surprisingly to some -- human geography.

Indeed, human geography has found a welcome home in the new Department: rather than having to fight an uphill battle to

retain human geography after the merger, the geography members of the "pre-merger" committee were gratified to hear their geology colleagues arguing that the goals of the new Department would be unlikely to succeed if human geography were not a crucial part of its future.

One of the most exciting aspects of the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences is the enormous range and number of graduate students in the MA, MSc and PhD programs -- 108 as this is being written. Most satisfying has been the genuine spirit of cooperation and communication among the grads of the former departments, signified not only by social events but also a graduate-run Friday afternoon seminar series featuring speakers from among our own master's and doctoral students, as well as the faculty. The undergraduate program, too, is very healthy, with both new and previous courses in the three specialization areas of geology, environmental earth science, and atmospheric science.

In short, the new Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences offers opportunities for teaching, research and -- above all -- cooperation that neither of the pre-existing Departments could hope to match. We are actively recruiting new graduate students in all areas of geology, geography, and atmospheric science. To learn more about us, visit us in cyberspace at: <http://www.ualberta.ca/~eas/home.html>.

Ed Jackson

## **Augustana**

The Geography Department recently joined with several other departments to develop a new interdisciplinary degree in Environmental Studies. Faculty member, Glen Hvenegaard, is the coordinator and faculty advisor for this program, and contributes courses in environmental geography, resource studies, and parks and wilderness. As well, as one of the

faculty liaison for the Canada-Mexico Rural Development Exchange Program, Glen travelled to Morelos State University in Cuernavaca, Mexico and nearby Amatlan during April and May.

Glen's course on "Human Activities and the Natural Environment" was honored with the national Elaine Burke Award, recognizing outstanding achievement in environmental citizenship and active living. Sessional lecturer, Pam Stacey, joined the department to teach courses in Intro Geomorphology and Humans and the Environment. This spring, the Parks and Wilderness class travelled to Elk Island National Park to learn about ungulate management in Canada's only fence national park. The Geomorphology class travelled to the Battle River region to observe many fluvial, glacial, and zoological landforms.

In June, Glen and Pam attended the Society for Conservation Biology Conference in Victoria. To fully appreciate Canada's size, they drove across the country to St. John's, Newfoundland to attend the Canadian Association of Geographers Conference in August. Many of their cultural, geological, and wildlife experiences in eastern Canada will be well used in the classroom.

Glen Hvenegaard

## **The University of British Columbia**

The Geography Department is sailing under a temporary Head as Graeme Wynn takes a well-deserved (and overdue) sabbatical after serving as Associate Dean for many years and then returning to the Department as Head. So, for the next year, Robert North will be steering the Department around the rocky shoals of retrenchments and roll-backs. However, the year has started out well for Robert as total course enrollments are up in the Department by 9% to over 4200, with an 11% increase in first-year enrollees. The

increases will put additional strains on the resources of the Department, especially given that neither Walter Hardwick's nor Alf Siemen's positions were replaced following their retirements last spring. For the latest news about the Department, visit our web site (<http://www.geog.ubc.ca>) and follow the links to our newsletter.

UBC Geography was very well represented among the UBC authors who were recognized last spring for books published in 1996 at the 7th Annual Author's Reception. Congratulations to Trevor Barnes and Derek Gregory (**Reading Human Geography: The Poetics and Politics of Inquiry**. London: Arnold, 1997), Ann Dale and John B. Robinson (eds. **Achieving Sustainable Development**. Vancouver: UBC Press, 1996), Cole Harris (**Resettlement of British Columbia: Essays on Colonialism and Geographical Change**. Vancouver, UBC Press, 1996), David Ley (**The New Middle Class and The Remaking of the Central City**. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996), John B. Robinson (ed. **Life in 2030: Exploring a Sustainable Future for Canada**. Vancouver: UBC Press, 1996), and Olav Slaymaker (ed. **Geomorphic Hazards**. Chichester: Wiley, 1996).

The First International Critical Geography conference, hosted this summer by SFU's and UBC's Department of Geography was, by all accounts, a successful endeavour. Over 300 people from 27 different nations attended. Check out the web site ([www.geog.ubc.ca/iiccg](http://www.geog.ubc.ca/iiccg)) which has a number of the conference papers posted and information on the next conference. Two very successful conferences were also organized by Roland Stull of the Atmospheric Science program. The 12th Symposium on Boundary Layers and Turbulence, sponsored by the American Meteorological Society and the Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society, attracted 319 attendees from 18 countries.

This was followed by the first of a hopefully annual 'Western Canada Weather Workshop.' Sponsored by the local centre of the Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society, the workshop was co-organized by Roland Stull and Gerard Neault of the Environment Canada Pacific Weather Centre. The conference was attended by 37 people from British Columbia and Alberta, and was a forum for academic, government, and industry weather forecasters to share ideas on operational daily weather forecasting. Contact Roland if you'd like to contribute to next year's workshop.

In other news, Olav Slaymaker has been appointed as Vice-President of four geomorphological commissions of the International Geographical Union for the period 1996 to 2000. He will be responsible for the Commissions on Climatic Changes and Periglacial Environments, Geomorphological Response to Environmental Change, Land Degradation and Desertification, and Sustainable Development and Management of Karst Terrains. Brian Klinkenberg will be serving as the President of the Canadian Cartographic Association for the next year. All in all, last year was a productive and successful year for the Department and its faculty, and this year is off to a promising start.

Brian Klinkenberg

## University of Calgary

The Department of Geography at the University of Calgary has been undergoing enormous changes during the last three years. The year 1997 will see the conclusion of some of these changes as an early retirement program is completed together with a large number of new faculty hirings. These hirings include positions in the new Transportation Theme School, and in the Earth Science and Environmental Science Programs. These new programs which were introduced in the last three

years are shared with the Faculties of Engineering and Science and involve the collaboration of numerous departments within those faculties.

The new hirings in the Earth Science Program include:

Darren Sjogren who is currently in the last year of his Ph.D. Program at the University of Alberta. Darren's research combines traditional geomorphologic/sedimentological field techniques and terrain modelling to infer the paleo-environmental significance of glacial landforms in east-central Alberta. His other research interests include: paleo-geography of proglacial lake levels near Grand Prairie, mapping preglacial valleys of central Alberta, and vegetation studies in central Alberta.

Masaki Hayashi, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geology and Geophysics, who is initiating a research program on surface-subsurface water interaction. Research topics will include wetland-groundwater and stream-groundwater interaction, agricultural runoff, soil salinization, and groundwater recharge.

The Earth Science Program is currently coordinated by Brian Moorman. Details of the program may be found on the Internet at: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/UofC/faculties/SS/GEOG/EarthScienceProgram/earthsci.html>

New hirings in the Environmental Science Program include Jamie Baxter who recently earned his Ph.D. from McMaster University. Jamie's research interests include the social construction of risk, community reactions to technological environmental hazards, siting of noxious facilities and the links between the environment and health.

New hirings in the Transportation Theme School include Dr. Liisa Cormode who recently acquired her Ph.D. from the University of Manchester in the United Kingdom and has her undergraduate

degree from Queen's University in Kingston.

The Department of Geography also hired in July, 1997, Yvonne Martin who is completing her Ph.D. at the University of British Columbia. Her research interests include hillslope and fluvial geomorphology with a particular emphasis on sediment routing through drainage basins.

At the end of June, 1997, Dr. Larry Cordes retired from the Department of Geography after teaching there since 1968. During his tenure Larry supervised 24 MSc and one PhD student.

The Department also took in this year a full complement of Masters and PhD students most of whom are on prestigious University and National Scholarships. These students include Roy Wright a doctoral student in planning who is working under Dr. Wayne Davies studying the impact of economic shifts in the global marketplace and their impact on Canadian cities.

The Department is once again planning an Overseas Field School. This year's Overseas Field School is scheduled for Spring Session 1998 (May-June). The itinerary includes sites in: the Czech Republic, Austria, Slovakia, Poland, Romania, Turkey and Greece. It is possible to enroll in two senior-level full- courses concurrently; field studies center on physical, environmental, social, and economic geography. Please note that students from other universities may apply; for specific information, please e-mail: [herrem@acs.ualgary.ca](mailto:herrem@acs.ualgary.ca).

Details of the above developments and other changes in the Department may be found on the Web at: <http://www.ualgary.ca/UofC/faculties/SS/GEOG/>

Nigel Waters

## University College of the Cariboo

It has been a busy year at the University College of the Cariboo. In March, 1997 U.C.C. received news that our Geography Major Program proposal was approved by the Ministry of Education, Skills and Training. This was the principal recommendation of an External Review of U.C.C.'s Geography program completed in 1996. To facilitate the delivery of this unique program, emphasizing cultural/historical, urban/economic and environmental geography, U.C.C. provided funding for a new faculty position in Geography. In August, 1997 Gilles Viaud (B.A., M.A. Laval, Ph.D. Sask) was appointed as an urban specialist. To date, 23 students have declared their intention to complete this program at UCC.

Other news includes: the development of several new courses as part of the Geography Major program (including Geography 270, Introduction to Geographical Analysis and Geography 450, Urban Analysis) and an institutional decision to implement both a faculty rank system at UCC (ie Assistant, Associate, Full-Professor) and a scholarly activity evaluation system. In addition, Robert MacKinnon (W.D.C.A.G. member-at-large) was recently appointed Chair of the Social and Environmental Studies Department, replacing Jim Miller, who served as Chair for several years.

The Social and Environmental Studies Department consists of: Geography (7 full- and part-time faculty), Sociology (6 faculty) and Anthropology (3 faculty). Members of the U.C.C. Geography Club are looking forward to attending the 1998 W.D.C.A.G. Annual Meeting at Kwantlen University College and are currently engaged in fundraising to support this trip.

Robert MacKinnon

## **Douglas College**

There are only two points of interest to note at the moment.

1. The Habitat Restoration Management Program is scheduled to begin in a limited fashion in January 1998. Implementation of the entire program is currently awaiting formal college approval.

2. Steve Marsh and Don McPhee have been hired as term faculty to replace Ian Joyce who will be on educational leave in January 1998.

## **University College of the Fraser Valley - Abbotsford, Chilliwack and Mission**

The Department of Geography at UCFV continues to grow both in terms of providing service courses to students in a wide range of programs and even more from the impetus of the degree program in Geography instituted last year. Both physical and human geography offerings are doing very well in enrolments, and our graduating class this year will be significantly larger than last.

The Department underwent a major external review this year, involving Profs. Len Evenden from SFU and Olaf Slaymaker from UBC. In all, we were pleased with the results and felt very encouraged by the comments made by our colleagues and our own students. Our Abbotsford contingent moved into new facilities over the summer - we now have our own preparation space, lab, classroom, and a series of windowed offices looking out onto a fen and Mt. Baker. John Belec has taken over the Department Headship from David Gibson who is on educational leave for this term and planning yet another Latin American study tour for next May.

Tom Waldichuk (Ph.D. from York) is teaching the cultural courses for David this term and is offering an Asia version of our fourth year selected regions course. Cherie Enns has been signed on as a permanent (half-time) faculty member and continues to blend planning and geography in directing a number of students in projects for our local governments.

In Chilliwack, Todd Randall (Masters from McMaster) has taken over the introductory physical geography courses taught in the past by Steven Marsh (who is teaching a major load at Douglas). The building program in Chilliwack (including our multi-lab facility) remains on hold in Treasury Board, so we make do in an early 70s converted motel building for our lab/classroom.

Other faculty - Cherie Enns, Doug Nicol, Ian Okabe, and Sandy Vanderburgh - all undertook research, teaching or study ventures this past summer. Ian, Sandy and Cherie spent some pleasant time with students on a study tour to Hawaii early in the summer break. Cherie also received a grant from the Real Estate Foundation of B.C. to produce a plan for parks and trails on Promontory Ridge near Chilliwack. She used some of the grant to hire two of our graduating students, Jeremy Fredrickson and Juia Bennett. Sandy made the news in the Daily Astorian for his involvement in the Southwest Washington Coastal Erosion Study in Clatsop County, Oregon. Doug Nicol, with the help of another graduated student, Helan Mueller, led the first ever public tour of the heritage cemeteries on Little Mountain, Chilliwack, using data and information collected over the past decade. The Department Newsletter, *Benchmarks*, with more news about the Department, students and faculty, is linked to our Internet Webpage at <http://arctic.ucfv.bc.ca/>

Doug Nicol

## **Kwantlen University College**

There is not much to report from at Kwantlen except that we are hosting the next WCAG (see p. 11) and are offering a new regional geography course on the Pacific Rim in January. Also, we are full to capacity in all of our courses with the Richmond campus being at absolute capacity.

Leah Sketkowicz

## **Langara College**

Greetings from Langara. Since the last newsletter Eric has become department chair while Roz has taken on duties as Latin American Studies Coordinator. Beginning in September Jan Thompson joins the faculty to teach climatology.

At long last, word has come down that the department is to get a retrofit. Starting in April '98 construction will commence and when finished leave us with expanded classroom and lab. space. Finally, our new Geography 210 course (Intro. to Geographic Techniques) proved to be highly successful as demand exceeded capacity by a fairly wide margin.

Eric Grass

## **Medicine Hat College**

Medicine Hat College Geography enters 1997-98 seeing expansion in the number of certificate/diploma students it serves and stability in its university transfer enrollments. Two new programmes, Renewable Resource Management (that joins Watershed Management in our Environmental Science Programmes) and Technical Illustrator (which features the majority of its courses in CAD and Visual Communications), have added almost 30 students to some of our courses. All our classes are fully transferable since they often serve block-transfer students who

intend to qualify for diplomas (after two years) and later (after four years) for degrees.

Presently all our block-transfer students move on to the University of Lethbridge but negotiations are on-going with the University College of the Cariboo and University of Northern British Columbia, among others. Having healthy numbers in these programmes has ensured our university transfer students (and potential geography majors) that traditionally low-enrollment classes in second year like biology, ecology and geography will always be offered.

This fall we'll be offering Intro Physical Geography, Canada and introduction to GIS. In winter we'll have Intro Human, Map Interpretation and Cartography, Remote Sensing, and Geography of the North. Spring, 1998 will see us head south to replicate last June's successful trip along the Oregon and California coasts, through San Francisco and Yosemite and home through the Lake Tahoe region.

Three of us cover all the labs and lectures: Ivan Shukster, Ben Moffat and Laurie Milne. Laurie (her REAL job is being the college's Anthropology and Archaeology instructor) covers 2 or 3 labs in the intro classes. Ivan, when he's not operating Coyote Coulee Nature Boutique (look for it on the web), capturing animals and landscapes on film, maintaining the Milk River Conservation Area, or writing a book on magpies, covers many of our other labs. That leaves Ben -- in between his bi-weekly trips to Saskatoon (still working on that dissertation) -- to cover all the rest, deal with students, administer stuff, make coffee and run the college-wide hockey pool.

For those of you interested in such things, our Faculty Association (local, Medicine Hat College only) has recently settled a two-year contract that, during year 1, restores our salaries to where they were immediately after Mr. Klien's first election

victory. Year 2 sees a potential raise, linked to any increase in the college's operating budget.

The Medicine Hat College web page should be up and running full-bore soon (yea, right). Last March I submitted course outlines and write-ups about who we are and what we do. Try checking it out at [www.mhc.ab.ca](http://www.mhc.ab.ca) -- let me know what you think.

Ben Moffat

## **College of New Caledonia**

The academic year 1997/98 promises to be a busy one at the College of New Caledonia. The new wing of the College is to be officially opened on September 26th 1997. Renovations to existing facilities have resulted in new offices and a new prep. room for the Geography Dept.

Numbers are generally up over last years's figures in most classes.

Cliff Raphael

## **UNBC**

After recovering from hosting the 1997 WCAG gathering, the faculty at UNBC moved off in various directions to present papers and conduct research.

Kevin Hall travelled to South Africa as key note speaker at the Environment and Development in Africa conference and also presented a paper to Southern African Society for Quaternary Research. He stopped in Egypt to examine weathering of the sphinx on his way to Europe where he presented a paper to the Forth International Conference on Geo- morphology in Bologna. Kevin finished the summer at the

International Symposium on Arctic and Antarctic Issues at Ottawa.

Gail Fondahl again visited NE Siberia where she is researching land tenure and self-government among Russia's aboriginal northerners. The Kolyma river was in full flood and delayed her departure. Gail's book "Gaining Ground? Evenki, Land and Reform in Southeastern Siberia is out from Allyn and Bacon.

Reg Horne presented a paper at the Urban Affairs Association conference in Toronto before visiting the flood of the century on the Red River. Reg taught summer school at Brandon University and watched the Canada Games (for purely research purposes of course).

Roger Wheate received a UNBC grant to convert the lab exercises in geotechniques courses to web format for the upcoming year and continued a research project on integration of satellite imagery and digital evaluation data of forest cut regeneration.

Ellen Petticrew continued FRBC research on sediment in twelve northern BC lakes with different forest harvesting histories and visited the Bedford Institute of Oceanography to work with sediment-ologists there.

Greg Halseth presented papers at the AAG in Texas and the CAG in Newfoundland, representing the WCAG at CAG executive meetings. Greg travelled over 6,500km by car during August, initiating field research in six BC communities as part of an FRBC grant.

Grad student Sean Simmons became the program's first graduate with an MSc in Environmental Science. Jenny Lo presented papers on her research at the CAG and Vancouver's Critical Geography conference. Colin MacLeod conducted field research in Kaslo, Powell River and Clearwater.

Geography enrollments are up this fall as the program enters its first year in UNBC's new College of Science and Management.

Reginald Horne

### Simon Fraser University

The Department of Geography at SFU continues to thrive, despite continuing pressure on resources. As of the Fall semester, there are over 550 students committed to geography, some 400 as majors and the rest in combinations of honours, minors and split degrees. In addition, there are just over 60 graduate students, 21 being PhD candidates, 28 MAs and 12 MSc's.

Dr. Alison Gill, whom most colleagues in the Division will know, has been appointed as the new Chair.

Dr. John Pierce, the former Chair, has been appointed Dean of Arts.

Dr. Bob Brown, who five years ago returned to the department after serving for some twenty years as a dean, has taken up the new challenge of becoming President and CEO of the Burnaby Mountain Development Corporation. This company, a university spin-off, is charged with the development of university lands within the ring road. The aim is to enhance the sense of community on the mountain by providing for residential development in village cluster complexes, on 99 year leases, revenues from the projects being turned back to the university for the enhancement of scholarships and other worthy aims.

Drs. Mike Roberts and Ted Hickin remain part-time in the new Earth Sciences program, while Dr. Len Evenden has completed his five-and-a-bit years as Director of the Centre for Canadian Studies.

A volume he edited, with colleagues in other disciplines, was published earlier this year (**Alternative Frontiers: Voices from the Mountain West**. Montreal: Association for Canadian Studies.) Earlier this year, his edited book on Burnaby, released at the end of 1995, received a City of Burnaby Heritage Award.

Dr. Ed Gibson retired at the end of August, after many years of teaching cultural geography, and about a decade as the Director of the SFU (Art) Gallery, which he put on the map, and through which he significantly improved the appearance of the campus through displayed art works.

Dr. Roger Hayter recently published a textbook in economic geography, **The Dynamics of Industrial Location: The Factory, the Firm and the Production System**, Chichester: Wiley, 1997, and a book he has edited with Dr. Trevor Barnes of UBC will soon be released in the UVic series. Watch for **Trouble in the Rainforest**.

Len Evenden

### Trinity Western University

An abnormally large first year enrolment at the university has created record numbers in most of our courses this semester. Geography 101 will top 150 students this semester and the other 7 courses will add another 180 students.

The number of majors is holding steady at about 25 even though 13 majors graduated in the spring. We are happy to have Geraldine Bergmans, a recent graduate of the University of Victoria, coordinating our lab programme in physical geography and instructing in GIS and quantitative methods. In the spring semester, we hope to have Cherie Ens back to provide her usual enthusiasm and expertise in the urban and regional planning course.



Carl Tracie has had his recent Doukhobor research published by the Canadian Plains Research Center as a monograph entitled **Toil and Peaceful Life: Doukhobor Village Settlement in Saskatchewan, 1899-1918**. Lance Werner is continuing his work on a book dealing with the pre-school network in the former Soviet Union. Daniel Lee, our lab coordinator for the past two years, has gone on to graduate work at the University of Calgary.

Carl Tracie

Education. Inquiries can be directed to Patricia Green-Milberg, co-chair of the CAG Educ. Committee. I would strongly urge each department to develop some form of educational outreach to bolster the presence of geography at all levels.

4) Watch for the development of the Graduate Students' Network being organized by Chris Hopkinson, a graduate student at Wilfred-Laurier. The Network will be a forum for interaction and information exchange linking the approximately 1300 geography graduate students in Canada.

5) Accreditation plans associated with the Canadian Geoscience Council and the Canadian Council for Human Resources in the Environmental Industry may have significant implications for the teaching of geography. The CAG Executive will follow developments on both these fronts. Interested parties should contact Brian Luckman directly for additional information.

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## CAG Executive Meetings

As part of the Annual General Meeting, the CAG also runs a series of executive meetings at its annual gathering. A long note was distributed by email, but I would like to highlight a couple of items for you. For further information, please contact myself <halseth@unbc.ca> or Valerie Shoffey at the CAG offices in Montreal.

- 1) The next CAG meeting will be held at the University of Ottawa, June 2-6 1998
- 2) The CAG Executive is looking for advice with respect to the mechanics of electing graduate student representation. Comments to Valerie Shoffey at the CAG office.
- 3) Many educational outreach opportunities now exist through the CAG Educ. Comm. and the Canadian Council of Geog.

## CAG Teaching Award

As many know, the first CAG Teaching Award was given at the 1997 Annual General Meetings. I would urge all WCAG members to think about nominating colleagues, mentors, teachers for this worthwhile award. The last CAG newsletter described the nomination and adjudication process. There are no doubt many geographers in our high schools, colleges, university-colleges, and universities who would be worthy of recognition by the national association. I look forward to some strong nominations.

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**1997 WCAG Meetings:**

March 8, 1997, saw the Western Division hold its Annual Meeting in Prince George. The Geography Program at UNBC and the Geography Department at CNC hosted over 250 geographers and a programme which included 62 paper and 4 poster presentations. Close to half of these papers were presented by graduate students. It was one of the largest "gatherings of geographers" the Western Division has ever held and THE largest conference UNBC has yet hosted.

Meeting highlights included a geomorphology cross-country ski trip and a Prince George "urbanscape" field trip. A special "wrap-up" session featured Edwin Ongley of the Canada Centre for Inland Waters and R. Cole Harris of UBC. During the banquet, the much coveted "WCAG Coffee Mug" awards for legendary service to the Division went to Len Evenden of SFU, Alistar McVey of CNC, and Dan Smith of UVic.

**1998 WCAG ANNUAL MEETING**

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Kwantlen University College cordially invites all colleges, universities and university colleges in British Columbia, Alberta and the northwestern United States to the 1998 WCAG Annual Meeting to be held March 12 -14 1998 at the Richmond campus of Kwantlen University College.

Kwantlen was enacted in 1981 when Douglas College was split into two colleges. This created one college to serve communities north of the Fraser River (Douglas) and the other to serve communities south of the river (Kwantlen). Approximately 140 Douglas College faculty chose to move to the newly created college south of the river and they set up in the same leased accommodation previously occupied by Douglas. Kwantlen at that time had campuses in four Lower mainland communities: Richmond, Newton, Surrey and Langley. The 1990's saw Kwantlen's makeshift buildings replaced by permanent

facilities in Surrey (1990), Richmond (1992) and Langley (1993). New facilities to replace the Newton campus are planned for the near future.

Kwantlen is a comprehensive community college offering university transfer, vocation, technical and career programs. In 1995 it was granted university college status with the specific purpose of granting degrees in applied areas. To date a Bachelor of Applied Design in Interior Design has been approved.

Geography and Geology have a long history at Kwantlen. They emerged independently in the first five years of Douglas College with Geography in the Liberal Arts Division and Geology in the Engineering and Sciences Division. Since Kwantlen's establishment in the early 1980's, these two disciplines merged under the new discipline name of Environmental Studies. Today the cooperative relationship between the two disciplines still exists under the departmental name of Geography/Geology. A full complement of first and second year courses can be found in the department. Offerings include courses in physical geography and geology, regional geography and human geography.

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**WCAG'98 CONFERENCE THEME:  
CHALLENGES OF GROWTH AND  
CHANGE**

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**PRELIMINARY AGENDA:**

Thursday (Evening) March 12: Public Guest Lecture

Friday (Day) March 13: Field Trips (Geological history, urban and cultural landscapes)

Friday (Evening) March 13: Ice Breaker, Banquet

Saturday (Day) March 14: Paper and Poster Sessions, WCAG Annual Meeting

Special events include a student paper presentation competition for undergraduate and graduate students, the third annual University of Victoria Invitational Geography Scavenger Hunt, and a special panel session on new Directions in Geography/Geographic Education

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS FOR PAPER AND POSTER SESSIONS (DEADLINE: January 16,1998).

Papers on all aspects of geography are welcome.

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