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The children in the Marpole-Oakridge area will have a chance to try out some friendly winter games at the community centre this Saturday for the Pulse to the Podium event.

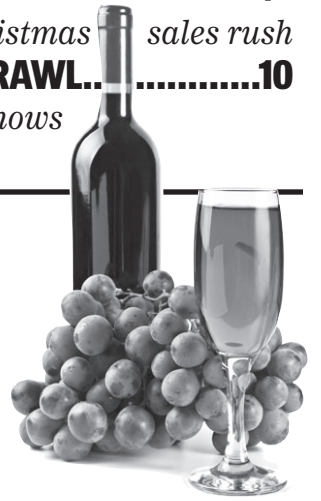
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## ARTIST OF DONATED PAINTING SHOWS OFF HIS WORK IN LANGARA'S LIBRARY



**“***It wasn't until after I put it up that I realized that actual bamboo is in the window. It was all very serendipitous.***”**

SCOTT PLEAR

ERIKA FLORES photo

Langara fine arts instructor Scott Plear donated his painting 'Big Bam Boo' which now hangs in the library entrance. See story, page 9.

## Collective agreements with Langara set to expire

The college's contracts with the LFA, CUPE and BCNU will be up in March and negotiations begin

By LINNAEA KERSHAW

The Langara Faculty Association collective agreements at Langara College will be one of three contracts to expire on March 31, 2010.

Canadian Union of Public Employees and British Columbia Nurses Union contracts are also up for negotiations.

LFA president, Lynn Carter, says students have nothing to worry about in terms of faculty going on strike.

The faculty and the college will go to the bargaining table, each armed with a list of demands they want met, according to Carter.

There is a small chance for the LFA to go on strike, giving students a little more time off but that's probably not going to happen, said Carter.

"We're not really worried about it," she said. "We don't have anything really pressing to fight about."

Before negotiations happen, the LFA canvases its members to find out what their issues are and what they want to be talked about or changed. One survey has already gone out and the results are being tabulated now.

"The survey is confidential," said Carter. "So I can't tell you what the results were but the three subjects that members are generally thinking about are working conditions, benefits, and pay."

Another survey will go out in January or February where results from the previous survey is tested on members to see if the issues are the core topics to talk about with the college.

After this, bargaining objectives are approved for the LFA to take to the negotiations.

"It's all a very democratic process," said Carter.

According to her, negotiations can take anywhere from weeks, months, to a year or more. Once an arrangement is met, the new collective agreement could last anywhere from one to five years. Creating a length is decided and can be positive or negative in terms of what is bargained and what is decided.

"Usually longer if you build in yearly improvements. Shorter is better if the criteria in the agreements aren't very good for us," said Carter.



LYNN CARTER  
Langara Faculty Association president

## ABM withdrawn from SUB

Brand new bank machine was stolen November 12 in early morning

By MEGAN COLE AND CARLY SHERIDAN

A brand new automatic banking machine inside the Students' Union Building was stolen Thursday Nov. 12, says the machine's owner, Dominion Banking.

Company president and CEO Alan Thompson said that the machine was stolen between 6:20 and 7:30 a.m. while it was still dark outside.

It was definitely stolen he said, "no question about it."

The SUB has no alarm system or security cameras currently in place so "you may as well leave it open all

night," said Thompson.

"Somebody must have been waiting. It's all very mysterious."

Head of campus security, Mel Fearman said, "The machine was not bolted down, or affixed to the building in any way."

It was near an exit and in an obscure location, Fearman said. There was likely preparation before it was taken.

Fearman said a handcart was probably required to remove the heavy machine from the building.

He said the campus plans to install cameras in the building.

Thompson said Langara Students'

Union resource co-ordinator, Gerald Hornsby, reported the machine missing at approximately 8 a.m. last Thursday.

Thompson said Hornsby called him to ask if the machine had been moved. "I thought he was joking," said Thompson.

"I would have put another one in immediately, but I don't want another one in the same situation."

He couldn't say when another machine will be installed.

He added, a third of the machine's money goes into a student bursary.

Police are investigating the case.

### CRIME facts

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• ABM reported missing at approximately 8 a.m. to machine's owner, Dominion Banking.

• There are no cameras or security system in the SUB.

• Police are investigating the crime.

## New employee fights energy waste

**“***An energy manager helps promote conservation from within.***”**

SIMI HEER  
BC Hydro media relations

*An energy manager has been hired to reduce the college's carbon footprint*

By ANDRE BEAUCAGE

Energy waste at Langara College has a new enemy in Patricia Baker. Baker was recently named the school's energy manager, a position created and funded by BC Hydro.

"The goal of the BC Hydro program is to show organizations the value of having an energy manager as a dedicated resource," Baker said. "The

scope of work can be quite broad and change through different stages of the program."

The program was created to give large organizations across the province a chance to improve their energy efficiency on their own.

"The Energy Manager program creates energy champions within different companies and organizations," said BC Hydro media relations representative Simi Heer. "Instead of having someone from the outside tell you what to do to be more energy efficient, an energy manager helps promote conservation from within."

While the project is still without a budget, priorities are already being set so Baker can begin to monitor real time energy use and then use that data to identify the biggest waste issues.

"I would imagine any increase in costs would have an upward affect on tuition," Baker said.

With record enrolment and ever-increasing energy demands, the role of energy manager is not without its challenges.

Raising awareness of wasteful energy practices, and then instilling the desire to change, is the biggest challenge this new position poses, she said.