

## Faculty certified by Novell – team trained and led by Stephen

### A L U M N I N E W S

**Elaine Huber** (Business Administration, Administrative option, '88) received the Governor General's silver medal as the top graduating student in 1994 with the Open University. She received the Bachelor of Administrative Studies degree through the Open University with a cumulative grade point average of 4.15.

**John Kirk** (Business Management, '88) went to work after graduation as a technical sales representative for a local H.V.A.C. contractor. In 1992, his dream of being self-employed led John to start an international electronic equipment marketing organization. Things were going well when suddenly, things changed and it became obvious that something was wrong. It turned out John had end stage liver disease. His only hope was a liver transplant. Thankfully, a donor organ was obtained in time and John received a new liver in February '95. With his health back, John and his wife, Brenda (also a Cap grad), are about to open Stir Crazy, a coffee bar in Burnaby.

**Barb Cranmer** (Media Resources Program/Media Training for Native Peoples, '88) premiered her most recent production, Laxwesa Wa --


Strength of the River, on August 31 at Vancouver's Vogue Theatre. The film, which she wrote, directed and coproduced, offers an insightful look at Indian fishing methods, the traditions behind them and the threat to the lifestyle of natives due to the crisis in the Pacific Coast fishery.

**Terry L'Hirondelle** (Art Program, '81) was the recent recipient of the first-ever Judy Dennis Emerging Artists Training Fund. The Fund is one of many funds and grants awarded by the North Shore Charitable Foundation. It fulfils the wish of the late Judy Dennis, a longtime North Shore resident and arts supporter.

Three Capilano College graduates have recently received awards from the University of Victoria. **Michelle Carter** (Academic Program '92) won the Sociology Honours Essay Award. **Margaret Kilian** (Academic Program '95) received the President's Regional Entrance Scholarship and the Cates Family Memorial Scholarship. **Peter Monk** (Music and Academic Grad, '92) received the Howard Petch Scholarship, the Robert and Norah Wallace Commemorative Scholarship and the Anita Allardice Lancaster Scholarship.

**Theresa Nahanee** (Accelerated Office Technology, '92) is entering her third year as the store manager of The Gathering Place General Store on the Burrard Reserve. She says that her job has become easier since she completed a year of office technology.

**Lynn Thompson** (Accelerated Marketing Management Program, '89) has been producing all the R.V. shows in B.C., including the large spring show held at B.C. Place. Lynn and her husband now own a Boston Pizza franchise at Metrotown where she says she is putting her marketing degree to good use. She also writes a weekly column in Friday's *Province* called "R.V. Life."

**Salah Khazaal** (Office Assistant Program for ESL, '95) has made a busy new life for himself since leaving war-torn Beirut in 1979. He made the Dean's list with a stunning 4.24 GPA and he won the Nicholas J. Collins Scholarship for outstanding ESL students. He is married to Mona and they have two children. Salah volunteers at Capilano College and was filmed by a cable tv program while participating last summer in the first-ever Walk for ESL in Stanley Park. 



*Recognize any of these faculty members? Last January, they embarked on a long hard journey to become certified Novell instructors. According to Novell, the world's largest company in the burgeoning field of "Information Highway" (Networking) technology, "The Capilano College Certified Novell Instructor Group is the strongest and best prepared we've tested." Pictured from left to right: (Back row) Test evaluator Ron Mott, Chris Watkiss, Dave Bonser; (front row) Gord Simon, Diane Blaney, Bill Inkster, Yvonne Coady, Tony Carter, Bawn Campbell and Stephen Ibaraki.*

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## Capilano College Faculty Excel at Novell

*Submitted by Diane Blaney*

Last January, 10 intrepid Capilano College instructors from Applied Business Technology, Business Administration and Computer Science attended a three-day workshop led by **Stephen Ibaraki**, Business Administration instructor and a certified Novell instructor (CNI). Steve attempted to give us the lowdown on becoming CNI's. Hundreds of hours of preparation were expected, 92 per cent on each of three written exams, plus an instructor performance evaluation (IPE) with only two technical and two presentation errors or omissions permitted.

As a result of (or should I say despite those) encouraging words, eight faculty members (including myself) proceeded, meeting in May for a one-week intensive course. Throughout the next seven weeks, the group met weekly over pizza

and practised for the upcoming instructor performance evaluation. We knew that the presentation had to fit into a 43 to 45 minute time frame. For some, keeping it down to 45 minutes was nothing short of impossible!

Finally, the last week of preparation arrived. The final weekend found the group here from dawn to well past dusk. We just couldn't seem to get enough! Test day dawned. On Monday, June 26, the "test evaluator" arrived and lulled us into a false sense of comfort before allowing us to draw an unknown presentation topic from his prepared selection. Everyone breathed a sigh of relief when no one got the dreaded "Printer" topic, although each of the topics had a tremendous amount of detail which needed to be covered.

Starting at noon, we began creating overheads, testing media and practising presentations. We thought we'd be home for dinner, but at 2 a.m. Tuesday morning,

we were still here!

**Ron Mott** from Novell had asked earlier if we could start our presentations at 6:30 a.m. on Tuesday morning. Had we known we'd still be working on them only four hours before, we might not have been so agreeable. Straws were drawn and **Tony Carter** went first followed by each of the other candidates in 45 minute intervals. By 3 p.m. that afternoon it was over! As everyone calmed down and recognized just how completely exhausted we were, **Bill Inkster** summed it up when he said, "It was a one in a million experience. I wouldn't take a million dollars to repeat it, nor would I pay a penny."

All the CNI candidates passed. This is an extremely rare achievement as a 0 - 50 per cent passing rate is common. According to Novell, the world's largest company in the burgeoning field of "Information Highway" (Networking) technology, "The Capilano College Certified Novell Instructor Group is the strongest and best prepared group they've tested."

None of this would have been possible without the support of the College administration — **Greg Lee** and **John Potts**, as well as the leadership and tireless support of super CNI, **Stephen Ibaraki**, who was with the group night and day. The camaraderie that grew amongst the group that consisted of myself, **Dave Bonser**, **Bawn Campbell**, **Tony Carter**, **Yvonne Coady**, **Bill Inkster**, **Gord Simon** and **Chris Watkiss**, was fantastic, and everyone agreed with Bill -- they wouldn't have missed it for anything. **i**