

Baby eager to start College

Some children can't wait to get to school.

On February 27, Douglas College nursing student Haddy Faal-Keita, 31, was in Jill MacLachlan's English class concentrating on her essay. Although she was eight-and-a-half months pregnant, she felt fine at the beginning of the class.

"I was concentrating on my paper when all of a sudden I felt a contraction. I thought it would stop, but then I told Jill that I wasn't feeling well and that I would have to go home," she said.

MacLachlan, took one look at Faal-Keita and decided to get assistance.

"Then everything happened so fast," Faal-Keita said. "By the time Jill came back, the

water broke. It (the delivery) was painful and fast. Jill held my hand and gave me courage. My fellow students were very helpful."

Two students, Anne-Marie Nagata – also a student nurse – and Evelyn Moi, stepped forward to help. Nagata called 911 on her cell phone and took instructions from a medical professional as they delivered Haddy's 5 lb – 9 oz baby girl. Nagata and first aid attendant Gary Alteza tied off the umbilical cord.

The ambulance arrived quickly, taking mother and baby to Royal Columbian Hospital after the sudden arrival of Faal-Keita's second child.

The dramatic story of the baby born in a classroom developed into a major media item,



Nursing student and new mom Haddy Saal-Keita and English Instructor Jill MacLachlan admire the newborn girl Faal-Keita delivered in MacLachlan's class.

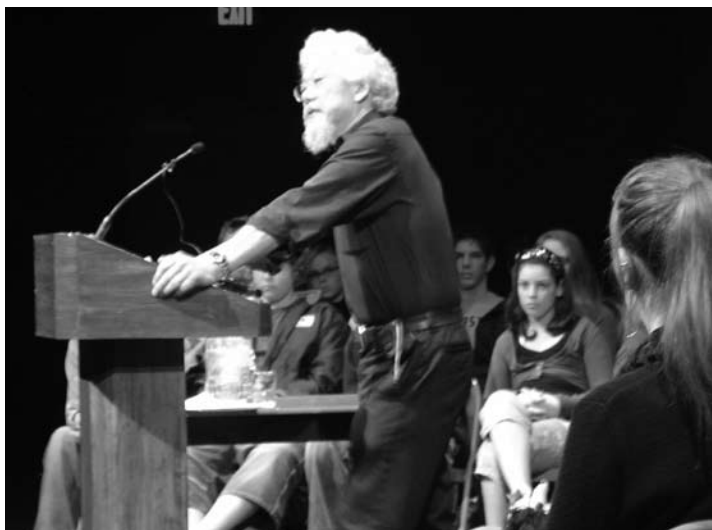
garnering local, national and international coverage to become one of the biggest news stories in Douglas College's history.

Afterwards, MacLachlan said

"I had no idea that being an instructor could be so exciting!"

To commemorate the extraordinary event, the College will present the family with a

gift and a certificate that will provide her child with one year's free tuition when she reaches college age.



Dr. David Suzuki spoke to a packed house.

Suzuki visits Douglas College

Dr. David Suzuki delivered a challenge to New Westminster and the nation when he visited Douglas College on February 27.

"Canadians can either contribute one per cent of the GDP — billions of dollars — to fight global warming or do nothing and watch the world's ecological and financial systems disintegrate," Suzuki said.

The full house erupted into applause.

The event, held in the Performing Arts Theatre, was a part of Suzuki's "If You Were Prime Minister" tour. Co-sponsored by the Douglas Students' Union, it featured brief presentations from New Westminster Mayor Wayne Wright and Councillor Jonathan Cote.

Stephen Lewis to speak

Stephen Lewis, the former United Nations' Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa and Canada's UN ambassador from 1984 to 1988, will speak at New Westminster's Massey Theatre on March 22 at 7:30pm.

Drawing from his years of experience in global health issues, Lewis' presentation addresses the theme of A Vision for a World Free of HIV/AIDS. Proceeds from the event will support the Douglas College Community Social Service Worker (CSSW) program's Uganda Project and Uganda Endowment Fund. Developed to complement CSSW student fieldwork placements in Uganda, the project assists health, education and social service projects in the African country.

This event is sponsored by HSBC, Fraser Health and Douglas College. For more information visit www.douglascollege.ca/stephen-lewis; for tickets, call Ticketmaster at 604-280-4444.



The Community Social Service Worker program presents Stephen Lewis on Thursday, March 22.

Quote of the Month

"We must reinvent a future free of blinders so that we can choose from real options."

— David Suzuki

Events Calendar

All events take place at the New Westminster Campus unless otherwise noted.

March 8
Zen Cut-a-thon
Alumni Association
David Lam Campus Atrium
9:30am – 2pm

March 9
Douglas College Choral Society
and the West Coast Symphony
present Beethoven's 9th Symphony
8pm, Magee Secondary School,

Vancouver. Details: 604-527-5469

March 10
Douglas College Choral Society
and the West Coast Symphony
present Beethoven's 9th Symphony
7pm, Queens Avenue United

Church, New Westminster
Details: 604-527-5469

March 12
17th annual Alumni Association
Career Exploration Fair
9am – 4pm, David Lam Campus
Atrium

Relationships take the spotlight in upcoming Stagecraft and Theatre productions

Relationships, both startlingly real and imagined, are the common theme of this season's Stagecraft and Theatre Productions.

Twenty years after the death of film icon James Dean, the Disciples of James Dean return to their teenage haunt in Ed Graczyk's play, *Come Back to the 5 & Dime Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean*.

The cast of eight women and one man delve into life's illusions and the soul's powerful need for fantasy.

"Graczyk has crafted a compassionate, humorous and poignant play. He shows us the difficulty of keeping fantasy and reality in balance and the consequences if we don't," says director Cheryl Swan.

The grown women reminisce about the times when Dean's life briefly touched theirs; from the time he filmed *Giant* in nearby Marfa to that fateful night in 1955 when he crashed his Porsche on a lonely stretch of California highway.

"In the end, stripped of their illusions, each woman is stronger and more deeply connected to the others. They are all great roles for our students," says Swan, who directs a cast of eight women and



Carolyn Stever (left) plays Juanita and Maria Hughes (right) plays Joanne in the Douglas College production of *Come Back to the 5 and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean*.

one man in this brilliantly funny and moving play.

Loose Ends examines the joys and challenges of contemporary relationships through the eyes of Paul and Susan, a couple struggling to determine "just what is enough"?

"The play asks a single, provocative question: how do we maintain the integrity of our individuality in a committed, loving relationship?" says guest director Scott Swan.

The play follows their relationship lifecycle from meeting, dating, living together, marrying and fighting to surviving as a couple. Now, faced with the idea of having a

child they try to reconcile their conflicts knowing their very survival as individuals is at stake.

"I think the story is so relevant today. These two love each other desperately but want different things. Paul needs life to be small, with just enough to be comfortable. Susan needs a life that's big and bold," says Swan.

Rounding out the cast are a host of idiosyncratic families and friends who provide a human backdrop – and some much needed relief – to the angst felt by the main characters. Swan's production hits a little closer to home by having one of the scenes set in Pemberton.

Come Back to the 5 and Dime,



Dustin Freeland (right) plays Paul and Cory Douris (left) plays Doug in the Douglas College production of *Loose Ends*.

Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean runs from March 16-24 in the Performing Arts Theatre. *Loose Ends* runs from March 10-17 in the Studio Theatre. Audience

members can enter a draw to win a 30 GB iPod movie player. For ticket and show information call 604-527-5488 or visit www.douglas.bc.ca/st/.

Busy month for program development

New degree and diploma programs are now actively recruiting students as Douglas College builds towards the future. The Degree Quality Assessment Board (DQAB) recently approved Bachelor's Degrees in Business Administration, Child and Youth Care, and Physical Education and Coaching. These degrees join a growing list that includes the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Psychiatric Nursing and Bachelor of Therapeutic Recreation.

Two new diploma programs are also gearing up for applications in the Fall.

The Legal Studies Diploma focuses on a wide range of law and legal-systems courses that transfer into Criminology or Criminal Justice degrees, or other university arts programs including the Minor in Legal Studies at SFU.

The Animal Health Technology Diploma is a specialized program developed in consultation with the BC Veterinary Medical Association to train people to work in veterinary clinics, animal hospitals and shelters, zoos and other settings.

A new associate degree, designed for students heading into a teaching career, is currently accepting applications. The Associate of Arts Degree (Future Teachers) will enable students to complete two years of university transfer courses that can be used toward a Bachelor of Arts Degree. It will also benefit those applying to the Professional Development Program at SFU.

Through Continuing Education, two new courses on First Aid for Pet Owners are being offered in March.

For more details about program development at Douglas College watch for email announcements or visit douglascollege.ca.

Douglas College models UN for students

Peace in the Age of Turmoil is this year's theme for the annual Douglas College International Model United Nations Conference running from March 8-11 at the New Westminster Campus. The conference, the largest in Western Canada, is open to high school and post-secondary students with a passion for world politics. Over 100 delegates from across Canada and the US are expected to attend.

Students, adopting the role of United Nations diplomats, debate issues in committees and then convene in a General Assembly. At the end of the four-day conference, students participate in diplomatic role-playing and make resolutions to a model UN Council. Students are also presented awards for their performance as delegates.

Students who might be interested in registering for the Model UN, should visit www.douglas.bc.ca/community/international-united-nations/.

March 15
Estate Planning: 50 Ways to Love Your Leaving, 7:30pm, David Lam Campus. Register at 604-540-9161.

March 22

The Arts at One presents Student Showcase Recital 1pm, Performing Arts Theatre
March 29

The Arts at One presents Concert Band and Choral Ensemble. 1pm, Performing Arts Theatre

April 5
The Arts at One presents Concert Band and Choral Ensemble. 1pm, Performing Arts Theatre

Showing off our grads

At Douglas College's inaugural Winter graduation over 600 students from seven faculties and 52 programs celebrated with family and friends at two commencement ceremonies held February 12. To view photos from the two events visit the Winter 2007 Graduation slideshow at www.douglas.bc.ca/multimedia/graduation/



Arts grad Sarah Walton with Physics Instructor Jennifer Kirkey.



Bachelor of Science in Nursing valedictorian Misty Dawn Boudreau.



Arts Environmental Studies valedictorian Erin Rutherford.



General Business Management grad Angad Singh Sidhu poses with his mother.



General Studies grad Ayako Muramatsu, Intercultural and International Studies, grad, Naoko Watanabe and Emiko Sukimoto, Office Assistant grad show off their success.



Bachelor of Science in Nursing grads.



(l-r, front to back) Jacqueline Gresko, Frances Johnson, John Blackwell, Len Millis, Alan McMillan, Gerard Edwards.

Faculty Emeritus awarded

Six retired faculty members received Faculty Emeritus status at the February College Board meeting.

The Faculty Emeritus designation recognizes the excellence of retiring faculty. As a result of their excellence in teaching and outstanding contributions to their respective disciplines, each faculty member has enhanced the reputation and environment of Douglas College.

Recipients who are awarded the designation Faculty Emeritus are provided the opportunity to have continued involvement in College activities. Nomination packages must be sent to the office of the Vice-President of Education by September 15 of each year.

Web registration for College Employees

College employees can get their early registration date/time for Summer 2007 registration starting March 27.

If you have attended classes or applied for admission for the Summer 2006, Fall 2006 or Winter 2007 semesters, contact the Registrar's Office and identify yourself as a College employee planning to register for the Summer 2007 semester.

If you have a student number but did not attend classes or have not applied for admission for the Summer 2006, Fall 2006, or Winter 2007 semesters, complete an Application for Readmission form to reactivate your student number.

Employees who have not yet taken academic courses at Douglas College should complete an Application for Admission form and return it to the Registrar's Office as soon as possible.

Contact the Registrar's Office at local 5527 and identify yourself as a College employee planning to register for the Summer 2007 semester.

All applicants and re-applicants must meet the College Entrance Requirement of English 12 with a grade of C or equivalent as well as any additional program requirements.

Please contact Employee Relations regarding application and applicability of fee exemptions as a College Employee as well as the Education Training and Accord Applications for Funding.

Stars in the making



Janice Penner (centre) and her EASL 150 and 160 classes show off t-shirts and caps donated by City-TV. The class has been studying English by watching and analysing daily newscasts. Students in the class come from over a dozen countries, including Bulgaria, Albania, Iran and Mexico.

Briefly

Event magazine's popular book sale is set for March 19 to 22 at the New Westminster Campus. This annual event is a great chance to stock up on books and magazines and support our award-winning literary journal. Donate books, CDs, VHS tapes, DVDs and magazines at room 3308A at the New Westminster Campus or room B3080 at the David Lam Campus.

All money raised will be matched by the Douglas College Foundation. For more information, please call *Event* magazine at 604-527-5293.

Print Futures has launched a series of Best Practices Workshops designed to tackle a broad range of communication tasks — from researching a topic and designing a business card to proofreading a document and using plain language. These one-day workshops are held on Saturdays from 10am to 4pm at the New Westminster Campus. The registration fee is \$75 for each workshop. Details at www.douglas.bc.ca/pf under "Special Events".

Planning for the future? The Douglas College Foundation partners with SHARE on a free estate planning session entitled *50 Ways to Love Your Leaving*. The seminar features Diane Skidmore, a well-known TriCities CGA and Richard Rainey, a Tri-Cities lawyer.

Topics to be covered include common pitfalls to avoid when preparing your will and estate planning with a view to leaving most of your estate to your family, friends and the community. The session will be held on Thursday, March 15 at 7:30pm in the Lecture Theatre at the David Lam Campus. To register, call SHARE at 604-540-9161 or email info@sharesociety.ca mentioning the March 15 estate planning session.

Rosemary Small, Manager of Payroll Services and Systems and President of the Barnet Lions, is selling raffle tickets for a seven-day cruise for two (outside cabin) on a Five-Star Holland America Line Cruise Ship. The winner has their choice of one of the following cruises: the Caribbean, Alaska, Mexico, or Canada/New England. Tickets are just \$20 and only 250 tickets will be sold. If interested, please contact Rosemary at 604-527-5375 or smallr@douglas.bc.ca. All proceeds go towards purchasing a dog guide for a person with special needs in BC.

Debbie Lawless, Payroll Officer, and her team, the Inlet Sapphire Masters, won Gold at the 2007 Skate Canada Western Regional Festival of Synchronized Skating on Saturday, February 3 in Chilliwack at the Prospera Centre.

Therapeutic Recreation instructor **Julie Roper** offers Douglas College employees the chance to rest, relax and unwind while helping students succeed. She has recently renovated an ocean-front guest suite at her Pender Island home Morning Moon. Roper will donate 10 percent of all rentals booked by Douglas College employees to the Douglas College Foundation to be used for student aid. For more information visit www.morningmoon.ca.

After nearly 25 years at Douglas College, **Tad Hosoi**, Director of the Centre for International Education, will retire at the end of March. Under Hosoi's leadership, Douglas College has seen a steady increase of international students, both as independent students and contract groups. As a result, the Centre has grown from a one-person operation to the current staff of 10, serving more than 400 international students from nearly 30 countries. The revenue of more than \$5 million dollars a year from the Centre's operation is an important part of the annual College budget.

Hosoi's retirement plans include a lecture and a showing of his photographs on Northwest Coast Indian culture at the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo, followed by a trip to Spain and Portugal with his wife, **Mitsuko**, to pursue their passion in art and history.

Andrea MacPherson, Reviews Editor at *Event* and Writing Historical Fiction Instructor, has her first collection of poetry, *Natural Disasters*, coming out in Spring with Palimpsest Press.

Dr. John Higenbottam, Chair of Psychology, has been appointed to an expert panel selecting community mental health evaluation instruments for the Ontario Ministry of Health. He is also currently serving as the UBC Department of Psychiatry representative on UBC's Clinical Research Ethics Board.

Don Valeri, Business Instructor, has been granted his PhD with Distinction in Leadership and Administration from Greenleaf University. His dissertation was on *The Origins of Servant Leadership*.

John Ritchie, much-loved member of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, passed away in February. He was a 30-year employee of the College, contributing strongly to the nursing program, its faculty, staff and students and to the College throughout these years.

Tim Frick, Sport Science Instructor and Women's Wheelchair Basketball Coach, is a finalist for the Coach of the Year Award from the True Sport Foundation which runs the Canadian Sports Awards. In addition, both the men's and

women's national wheelchair team, who practice at Douglas College are nominated for team awards.

Sam Cheng, Borrower Services in the Library, gave birth to baby girl Kate on January 27.

Librarian **Valerie Patrick** returns to the College after a two-month position in a small library in Guatemala.

Csilla Tamás, Math Teaching Assistant, had a baby boy, Uku Zoltán, on January 19.

New employees **Reza Haleem** and **Ianna Kim** join CLS as Website Designer/Trainers. **Rob Nemec** moves into the position of Computer Tech - Help Desk. **Sapna Singh** moves to regular as Departmental Assistant II in Health Sciences.

The deadline for Strategic Development Fund proposals is Wednesday, March 28 at 4:30pm. For information contact **Laureen Dailey**, CPS/CAP Administrative Assistant to the Vice President, Education at local 5491 or dailey1@douglas.bc.ca.

Applications for Scholarly Activity Funds are due Thursday, March 15. For more information contact **Tom Whalley**, Scholarly Activity Coordinator, at local 5582 or whalleyt@douglas.bc.ca.