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LINC Program given reprieve

The College is pleased to announce that our largest contract, Language Instruction to New Canadians (LINC), funded by the Federal Government, has been extended to September 1, 1995. This has allowed the College to continue serving more than 600 students and to delay the layoff of 59 instructors and 7 VMREU staff. The extension was made possible through assistance from the Ministry of Skills, Training and Labour, Province of BC,

and by changes in Federal Funding arrangements announced just three days before our previous contract was to expire.

The College is beginning immediate discussions with both levels of government to attempt before the summer to have in place a new contract beyond our current end date of September 1. We have no way of being certain we can continue with the contract in September, but are hopeful we can find a longer term solution. We will keep the VCC community posted on new developments. In the meantime, please offer your support to the students, staff and faculty whose futures depend upon this contract. We sympathize with the stress that arises from such uncertainty.

Open House Greetings from the Premier

As MLA for Vancouver-Mount Pleasant and Premier of British Columbia, I am pleased to extend greetings to the faculty, staff and students celebrating Vancouver Community College's 30th Anniversary.

VCC has played a central role in the development of our community, our city and our province for the past three decades. In an

ever-changing world it is a challenge to be relevant, and I salute VCC for its dynamic leadership and educational commitment to relevance and the development of real skills for the real world!

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate those being sworn in as citizens of Canada. British Columbians and I are proud and pleased that you have chosen Canada as your home. I wish you every future success as you take on citizenship's new responsibilities and reap its many rewards.

On behalf of the government and people of British Columbia, best wishes to Vancouver Community College for continued success and a fulfilling, productive future.

Premier Mike Harcourt



Are you in a party mood?

Remember the June "Jeans and Beans"? Are you in the mood for another? Or should it be a beach party, a barbecue, or picnic etc?? Perhaps you prefer a fall celebration, a "Welcome Back Party"? If you are interested in either a VCC summer or fall party, and especially if you are willing to help organize it, please contact **Barbara Ash**, local 7362.

Greetings From First Nations Education Coordinator!

Several newsworthy items to share this week:

Deputy Sheriff Employment Readiness

September 18 through October 31, 1995

Qualified women and men, including members of minority groups and First Nations people, are encouraged to apply to the Deputy Sheriff Employment Readiness. Please contact Susan Hall, Justice Institute, Courts Academy, at 222-7238.

1995 Aboriginal Women and Wellness Conference

Honouring Warrior Women, Past, Present, Future—October 11, 12, 13, 1995, Victoria, B.C.

Contact: Conference Management, Victoria Native Friendship Centre, 531 Yates Street, 3rd Floor, Victoria, B.C. V8W 1K7

Telephone (604) 384-3211 or fax (604) 384-1586.

Students: Aboriginal Business Internship Program

In Aboriginal culture, young people who are ready to put time and effort into serious study of new skills turn to their elders for instruction and guidance. In the business environment, the same idea is called mentoring and it's central to CCAB's Aboriginal Business Internship Program. The CCAB Internship Program began in 1986 and has evolved substantially. Today, the program aims to hire Aboriginal youth in organizations and businesses to give them a better understanding

of career options. It's objective is to also to provide training and an opportunity to develop business skills. Selected applicants must meet the specific hiring requirements of a host organization. Internships can last up to one year. Over this period, the intern's salary and benefits are paid by the host organization. For those organizations who qualify, CCAB will provide a partial wage subsidy.

Requirements of potential interns:

Potential interns must first complete an internship application form. Application forms can be obtained through Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business, Vancouver, P.O. Box 169 920-Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2K8 (604) 684-2999.

- Aboriginal ancestry: Status, Non-Status, Metis, Inuit, or Innu
- Ages: 18 - 24
- Minimum education: high school graduation
- Strong work ethic and a desire for learning
- Agree to return to school, following the internship



Brown Bag Luncheon

Attention First Nations Students: meet with Linda Thomas, First Nations Education Coordinator at VCC for a Brown Bag Luncheon.

- Thursday, April 13
11:30 to 1:00 pm
- Room 2145 -level 2,
located in the King Edward
Campus Cafeteria.

I LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU ALL THERE !!

Looking back at Open House

So far, so good. That was the feeling at about 12:00 noon on Thursday, April 6, the day of Open House. As an indication of the good response, the information desk at the Glen Street entrance to the KEC cafeteria had started to run out of program guides early into the event. After we spent a few frantic minutes copying more guides, we were rewarded with all the smiling, inquisitive faces leaving the information desk and heading off to their self-guided tours, programs in hand. Much the same thing happened at City Centre, as the early turnout was better than anyone could have hoped, with the main mall providing a welcoming atmosphere for patrons to begin their investigation of our downtown campus.

Some aspects of Open House were obvious successes. The idea of shuttle buses between campuses was a stroke of genius, as indicated by its consistently heavy use. Z95.3 FM, on location at KEC, started the festivities off at that campus with a healthy dose of rhythm, dance and alternative music, with a liberal sprinkling of plugs for Open House.

Let's face it—even though from all accounts the day was a success, it was also a complete blur for many of us on the Open House committee. Therefore, in order for us to be able to tell the real tale of the event and get the proper perspective on everything that happened, we need your feedback. We'd like to know what you thought of Open House. In your opinion, what worked? What didn't? Please fill out the form and return it to Dale Rasmussen in PR, 5th Floor, KEC campus.

What was your overall impression about Open House '95?

☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor

What sort of approximate turnout did your department receive?

from potential students _____

from internal VCC members _____

Name the three aspects about the day that you liked the most.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Name the three aspects about the day that you liked the least.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Do you think VCC should hold more Open Houses in the future?

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, how often?

If another Open House is held, what suggestions could you offer to improve on the last one?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

If necessary, attach a separate sheet of paper.

Return this form to Dale Rasmussen, PR, KEC

Quick quote

Wings are not
only for birds;
they are also for
minds.

—Toller
Cranston

LINC supporters get vote of thanks

The ESL-Vocational Department would like to express its sincerest thanks to the VCCFA Board of Directors, in particular Nina Kozakiewicz, Frank Cosco and especially Dalton Kremer, for their untiring efforts in support of the LINC pro-

gram at King Edward Campus. Their dedication to protecting the interests of students and instructors has been an important factor in securing the

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Please recycle this newsletter.



Enquiries for reclassification and payment calculation

should be brought to the attention of Patricia Burgess.

Aphrodite Harris, Campus Librarian,

will be on holiday starting April 18, returning May 15. In her absence, please contact Mark Goertz, Acting Campus Librarian, at local 7223.

Vancouver Public Library is getting ready to move its Central Library,

and the first thing to go will be the computer system! To make this move as painless as possible

for the public, they are moving over Easter Weekend and plan to have all branches closed from Friday, April 14th, 1995 to Monday, April 17th, 1995. This means they will NOT be open on Saturday, April 15th, 1995. But the good news is that all Branches normally closed on the Tuesday following a long weekend will be OPEN on Tuesday, April 18th, 1995.

Plan ahead for your library visits, and hope that there are no gremlins in the microchips as they make the first move to Library Square.

We will bring you more news about the opening of the new library and about Central's closure during the move in the next few weeks.

classifieds

JOB POSTINGS

Instructional Assistant (A), Baking & Pastry Arts Department, City Centre. This is a temporary position until November 28, 1995. Closing date: April 18, 1995.

Office Clerk (C), Culinary Arts Department, City Centre. Closing date: April 18, 1995.

HOUSING

Furnished accommodation required for at least two months starting, if possible, May 1, 1995. If anyone is going away we will be happy to take care of your home and pets if necessary. We are ex-home owners from Toronto. References are available on request. Please call Eric Kalaidzis or Gayden Hemmans at 435-5214.



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continuation of the LINC contract with the College.

The ESL-Vocational Department would like to express its sincerest thanks to the College Administration, in particular President John Cruikshank, Vice-President Dale Dorn, and Dean of Academic Programs Moira Macleod, for their efforts on

behalf of the LINC program at King Edward Campus, which resulted in the extension of the present LINC contract and a better future for LINC at VCC.

(These motions of thanks were passed unanimously at the ESL-Vocational Department meeting on April 3, 1995.)