



VCC Connections

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Exciting ACCC assignment for Min Yao

Min Yao, VCC's Director of Institutional Research Services, will be on assignment in China February 27 through March 27, inclusive. He will serve as a management consultant to China Enterprise Management Training Centre at Chengdu (CMTCC) on behalf of the Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC). The centre was set up in 1982 as a joint project of ACCC and China State Economic Trade Commission in 1982. Its

mission is to train intermediate and senior level management personnel for the Chinese government. Min won the assignment last November in a nationwide open competition. He will help CMTCC senior management set up an integrated management information system to maintain personnel records, analyze faculty workload, conduct performance evaluation, and produce routine management reports. As part of his assignment, Min will also assess the training needs of CMTCC administrators and help CMTCC senior management set up a professional development model. This is Min's second China trip in less than two years. Last September, Min won the B.C. Pacific Asian Scholars' Award for setting up a student registration system in a teachers' college in Northeast China.



Getting to know you: a new employee gets oriented to VCC

VCC's first ever *Orientation for New Employees* session took place on February 14 with the theme, "Put Your Heart into VCC." It kicked off at King Edward

campus with a brief introduction from the New Employees Orientation Committee followed by a warm welcome from Bob Smith, Chairman of the Board. Organizational overviews by Dale Dorn, Linda Martin and others helped fill in the blanks of those names and faces I didn't memorize in my first week at VCC.

Other highlights of the day included a tour of King Edward campus followed by a fabulous buffet lunch catered by our own Culinary Arts program people at City

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Getting to know you

Centre. A scavenger hunt enhanced our City Centre tour as we took to the halls in personable groups. It encouraged us to investigate nooks and crannies, stairwells and hallways in hopes of familiarizing ourselves with the various programs, names and faces at City Centre. I was reminded of Halloween trick or treating as we forged on to collect an admirable loot bag from the planned program stops. All participants were privy to souvenirs as diverse as the VCC programs themselves.

To wrap up the afternoon session Mary Hoekstra introduced the Finance and Administration crew, of which two were coined new employees, along with herself. We finished off with a spiel on College safety.

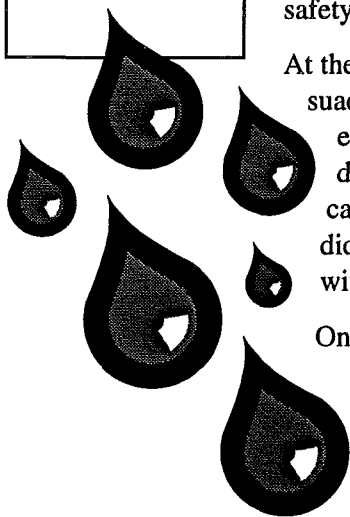
At the end of the afternoon we were persuaded to hand in the day's evaluation in exchange for an opportunity to win a draw for a Four Corners gift certificate. I wasn't the lucky winner but that didn't hamper the *warm fuzzy* I took with me while returning to KEC.

On behalf of the new employees at VCC, I give my heart-felt thanks to the New Employee Orientation Committee, who did a superb job organizing the day's events. If today's session is any indication of how VCC operates as a College, serving not only the public but taking care of its people as well, I feel honored to be part of the VCC community.

Kathy Still McDougall
Confidential Secretary
(new VCC employee since
December, 1994)

THANKS

to the 103
participants of
the CC Blood
Clinic. Because
of you, we
were able to
collect 77 pints
of blood.



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Valedictorian challenges grads to celebrate diversity

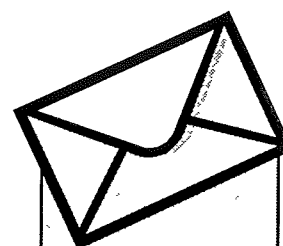
Donna Lee, a recent graduate of the Hairdressing Program at City Centre, signed the valedictorian speech for Tourism, Hospitality and Service Programs in her native language - American Sign Language. Donna is the first Deaf valedictorian in the history of VCC.

Donna enjoyed her studies here at VCC and found that the instructors, staff, and fellow students were very supportive and interested in American Sign Language and Deaf culture. She added that she appreci-

ated the effort others showed despite the fact that they sometimes got their signs mixed up. They sometimes ended up saying something more colourful than they had intended!

Donna says that VCC students are an eclectic group and many come from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds. Many are pursuing their first, second and even third careers; many are new Canadians, some are Deaf or hard of hearing, and some are parents or single mothers. Donna found that students at VCC learned from each others' differences, knowing full well that underneath, we are all more alike than we are different. Donna challenges her fellow graduates to use that same understanding and open-mindedness in the real world to make it a more compassionate place to live.

No doubt everyone would agree that Donna is a friendly, independent and serious student. We wish her every success in her chosen field.



Envelopes:

We love 'em...
we need 'em!

If you have
extra interof-
fice envelopes
in your area,
please return
them to the
mailroom at
your campus.

Thanks.

Instructional positions

New procedures for applicants

As part of a recent review of practices and procedures within the College, changes have been made to the process for receiving and acknowledging applications for instructional positions. We hope that these changes will alleviate the duplication of work which currently exists.

Please forward all instructional applications for employment directly to the Deans'

offices, or to the College Librarian. The Deans and College Librarian will acknowledge the applications, forward them to departments where necessary, and retain them on file for one year.

Effective February 27, 1995, please direct inquiries with respect to instructional vacancies to the appropriate Dean or to the College Librarian.

Please note: The above procedure does not apply to support staff or administrative applications, or to postings for Instructors with Responsibility Allowances, all of which are still handled by Employee Relations.

what's new for students

Looking for a career? VCC Alumni Association's Sixth Annual Career Fair will take place on Thursday, March 9, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Main Hall at City Centre. Meet recruiters from dozens of fields, apply for jobs, explore options and ask career-related questions of the people who do the hiring. *Dress for success and bring your resume.* Admission is free. For more information call Veronika Metchie at 871-7173.

Pipe Ceremony, Thursday, March 9, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, Indian Friendship Centre-1607 East Hastings. Get together with four pipe carriers and elders as they share their gifts and traditional teachings with groups of youth, etc. All are welcome. For more information, call John Makowski, Aries Project, at 255-1326.

Quick quote

"Politics in Canada has always been the art of making the necessary possible."

Peter C. Newman

Instructors and Counsellors: help us help your students!

Be sure to pass on the information in this column to your students.

calendar

Carousel Theatre presents "The Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby"

, until March 4 at The Waterfront Theatre on Granville Island. School matinees are Mondays to Wednesdays at 10:00 am and Thursdays and Fridays at 1:00 pm and cost \$9.00 per ticket. To book, call 669-3410.

The VCC Open House takes place on Thursday, April 6. This is a college-wide event, featuring tours of departments, draws and doorprizes, demonstrations, information and displays. Larry Waddell is seeking volunteers to serve as Hosts/Hostesses at the Information Desk at each campus. You must be generally

familiar with either KEC or City Centre. Call Larry at local 8319 to sign up.

Langara College's Studio 58 presents the premiere of "The Company".

Conceived and directed by Morris Panych and Wendy Gorling and created in collaboration with the senior acting students of Studio 58, this critically acclaimed production will be on stage until March 5. Admission is \$8.00 Tuesday to Thursday (\$7.50 Students/Seniors) and \$10.00 Friday and Saturday. Studio 58 is located in the basement of the Main Building, Langara College, 100 W. 49th Ave. For more information or to reserve, call 323-5227.

announcements

New Materials in CC Library

- Aging & Society: a Canadian Perspective
- Business English Essentials
- Children in Poverty: Toward a Better Future
- Color Atlas and Textbook of Oral Anatomy, Histology and Embryology
- Complete Canadian Home Inspection Guide
- Constructive Feedback: Learning the Art
- Conversation Power [audio cassettes]
- Couture Sewing Techniques
- Culinary Arts Institute Encyclopedia Cookbook
- English for Employment
- Family Patterns, Gender Relations
- Health Care, Ethics and Law
- Human Physiology and Mechanisms of Disease
- Internet Navigator
- Krause's Food, Nutrition & Diet Therapy
- Master Frequency File
- Motivation in Work Organizations
- Techniques for Casual Clothes
- Victim's Guide to the Canadian Criminal Justice System
- Word Processing Profits at Home

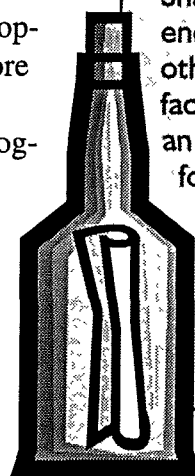
New Videos

- Business Writing
- CFS - Chronic Fatigue Syndrome
- Expanding Your Horizons in Technical and Vocational Education
- Gentle Art of Saying No
- Goofy Over Dental Health
- Thin Dining
- Your Line to Success: Telephone Etiquette

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIPOP) Request for Access to Records forms are available in Administration. These are necessary *only* if written details are required before information can be released. For further information, call Sharon McClure at local 7139.

The Second Annual McCreary Prize

, in honour of Dr. John F. McCreary, the first coordinator of Health Sciences at UBC, is soliciting nominations for this year's prize. The prize is awarded for the best example of a health care initiative in BC which demonstrates innovative cooperation between three or more health care disciplines. The intent of the award is to recognize creative inter-professional teamwork leading to improved patient care. Nominations (of individuals or groups) should be sent to the Chair of the J.F. McCreary Committee on Interdisciplinary Activities in the Health Sciences, Office of the Health Sciences Coordinator, P.A. Woodward Instructional Resources Centre, 2194 Health Sciences Mall, Vancouver, V6T 1Z3. Deadline for submissions is May 31. A final decision will be made by July 30, 1995 and announced at the next J.F. McCreary lecture in October.



DROP US A NOTE!

Share your experiences at VCC with other staff and faculty. If you have an article or an idea for a regular column, let us know.

Call Dale at local 7152.

Notice: a total power shutdown

is scheduled for City Centre campus Sunday, February 26. There will be no telephone service or dialup access to the computer system for email or Internet access. King Edward campus will also be affected by the lack of Internet access, as the VCC hub is located at City Centre campus.

classifieds

JOB POSTINGS

VCC

Clerk Cashier,
Continuing Education
Division. Closing
date: Feb. 28.

Coordinator II,
Learning Centre.
Closing date: Feb. 23.

Senior Secretary,
Facilities Dept.
Closing date: Mar. 3.

Bookstore Cashier,
CC Bookstore.
Closing date: Mar. 3.

Langara College

*Personnel Officer,
Faculty Position*
Employee Relations
Department. (No
closing date available
at press time.)

*Administrative
Assistant,* Employee
Relations Depart-
ment. (No closing
date available at press
time.)

OTHER

President, Grande
Prairie Regional
College. Closing date:
Mar. 6.

ESL Teachers,
Pacific Language
Institute. Contact
Robyn Inman at 688-
8330.

FOR SALE

*'87 Pontiac Sunbird
SE Convertible*
1 owner; 2.0 Litre
Engine (35mpg); 5
speed manual trans-
mission; power
steering and brakes;

AM/FM stereo
cassette; power door
locks; power trunk
release; power top;
BF Goodrich Radial
TA tires; approx.
70,000 miles; asking
\$7500. Call 929-5230
or 341-6125.

*Cherry wood dining
room suite:* table with
3 leaves (seats 10!)
and 6 chairs. An-
tique? From the 30's,
perhaps earlier. \$1000
obo; *Singer electric
sewing machine.* Oak
cabinet, vintage 1945,
\$100; *Extra large
dog crate.* Excellent
condition. \$80. Call
738-2836.

Sears 19" colour TV,
great for kid's room
or as a 2nd TV.
Excellent condition.
\$150. Local 8434.

HOUSING

*One bedroom
basement suite,*
available for March 1
at 61st and Fraser in
Vancouver. Very
convenient location.
No pets. \$575/mo,
incl. utilities. Call
261-1617 (daytime)
and 324-3129
(evenings).

LOST & FOUND

*Lost: handcrafted
silver pendant,*
approximately 3"- 4"
in diameter; unique
design; two feathers
holding an arrowhead.
February 13, 1995
afternoon at KEC
Campus. Sentimental
value. Contact Robert
at 431-9383.



Go from WP to DTP—easily!

When submitting copy for use in a desktop publishing program, a good rule of thumb is "keep it as simple as possible." If the text is in a word-processing program, fancy formatting is not necessary and is often more of a disadvantage to the person doing the final output. Avoid excessive tabs, underlining, columns, etc. The desktop publisher only needs the text in "raw" form. If you wish, mark in pencil on your hardcopy the areas which you would like specially formatted.

Name and address, please.

When a desktop publishing or graphics program is importing your text, it needs to know not only the file name but the format it was originally created in. Give your desktop publisher a head start by saving the file with its proper extension. For example, if your file was created in WordPerfect 5.1 for DOS or Windows, add *.wp5* at the end of the filename. The same goes for WordPerfect 6.0 files (use *.wp6* extension) and Microsoft Word files (use *.doc* extension).

