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Board votes to revert to committee structure

At the last Board meeting, held on January 26, the VCC Board approved a Board Development Task Force. Margo Massie, Paul Gill, Jo Hansen and Manual Salinas will look at issues of Board Development over the next few months. They will also plan for a Board Retreat to take place as soon as possible after the election of internal Board members.

At the same meeting, the Board approved the striking of an Education and Educational Support Services Committee. Dalton Kremer, Carey Linde, Karenn Krangle, Lee-Anne Wilson and Elizabeth Lee have volunteered to serve on this committee.

Another major change in the Board operating process is that the Finance Committee will be expanded to include other administrative functions and will now be referred to as the Finance and Administration Committee. The committee will be comprised of Sophie Dikeakos, Paul Gill, Jo Hansen, Bob Jamison, Patrick Kelly and Dalton Kremer.

The Board members expressed concern that the formation of these committees be expeditious. All meetings will be public and meeting times will be announced in Connections.

Automotive instructor elected chairman of CARS

The Canadian Automotive Repair and Service Institute (CARS) elected Fred Grimann, Automotive Instructor, KEC Campus as Chairman of the B.C. Chapter of CARS at its first meeting, held on

January 25. CARS is a Canada wide institute involving auto service, dealer and parts sales, automotive management and professional automotive technicians. The institute is dedicated to professional sales and service across Canada and has a membership of over 1,000.

All of us in the KEC Automotive Technician Department are delighted that Fred has volunteered his professional services to this fine organization and would like to take this opportunity to pledge our support.

*Glen Johnston, Department Head
Automotive Technician Department*

Kudos to Financial Aid staff

The Financial Aid Staff at both City Centre and King Edward Campuses have been extremely busy providing much needed financial assistance to VCC's students. Over 20,000 contacts were made at both campuses! At King Edward Campus 6,000 ABESAP grants were processed, for a total of \$900,000. At City Centre, 1,000 BCSAP applications were processed, for a total of \$3.5 million dollars in loan and grant funds for needy students.

The Financial Aid Officers of both campuses have been involved in work-study placements, where students showing need above government limits obtain on-campus jobs to supplement their income. Approximately 240 students have been assisted in this way.

Finally, the Financial Aid offices at City Centre and King Edward are increasingly involved in awarding scholarships and bursaries. Thanks to the Educational Foundation and generous donors, the number of scholarships continues to grow, with over 300 students receiving awards for excellence each year.

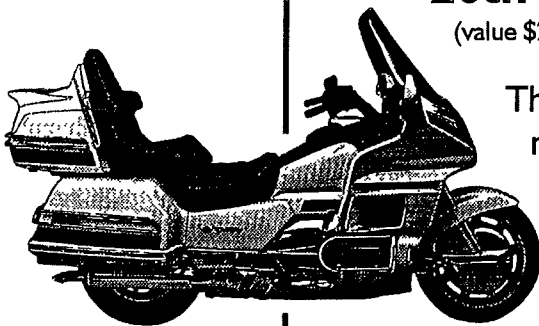
The Financial Aid staff at both campuses are to be commended for the excellent service they provide.

*Jackie Sandy
Dean of Student Services*

go for the gold!

Win a 1995 Honda Gold Wing 20th Anniversary Edition

(value \$21,966 including taxes)



The Honda Gold Wing is the world's premier touring motorcycle. Twenty years ago it revolutionized long distance riding. Today its power and extraordinary comfort still set the standard. Only 5,000 tickets will be sold. Proceeds will benefit VCC students.

Draw: May 19, 1995, 4:00 pm, City Centre

Tickets: \$20 each; 3 for \$50; 6 for \$100; 9 for \$150 or
12 for \$200 (plus one FREE bonus ticket)

**Contact Jane Westhauser, Educational
Foundation, at 871-7237 to purchase your tickets.**



First Nations' Education - Update

Tansi/Greetings from my corner of the world. First of all, I would like to acknowledge all of those who have assisted in my transition to VCC. A heartfelt thank you to those of you that have taken the time out to show me 'round, answer questions, questions, questions, listen and share, network and exchange ideas. I would like to especially acknowledge my colleagues in Educational Support Services: Linda Martin, Brenda Appleton, Janice Hansen, Karen Kelly, Laraine Niewinski and Jackie Sandy.

You have been terrific support to me and I know you will continue to be. For those I haven't met yet, I look forward to meeting you. My office is on the 4th floor or I can be reached at local 7020. On Wednesdays, I'm at City Centre in the Counselling department. Please drop by or give me a call.

Linda Thomas
First Nations Coordinator

Here's what's happening off campus:

First Nations Teacher Assistant Program - Camosun College

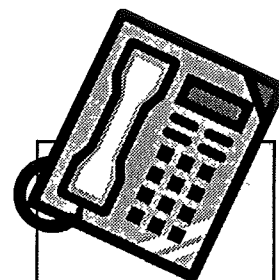
A full time 10 month program offered at the Saanich Adult Education Centre on the Tsartlip Nation, Brentwood, B.C. The program begins in early September, 1995. For further information, contact Maureen Creed at (604) 370-3180.

First Nations Life Skills Coach Certificate Program - Toti:lthet Centre

A 14 week, full time training program focusing on facilitation techniques and strategies using the First Nations approach and perspective. Start date January 30, 1995. Credits from this program are transferable to UCFV's Social Services Diploma Program or the Degree in Adult Education. Contact Myrna at (604) 826-5441.

Open House - First Nations Longhouse, UBC February 10, 1995

Open to University bound First Nations students in Grades 11 and 12, Adult Students in College; High School and College Counsellors; First Nations Education Coordinators; parents of First Nations Students; and others interested in educational opportunities available at UBC for First Nations students. Learn, listen and look from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. For more information contact Madeleine MacIvor, Coordinator - Student Services, at 822-8941.

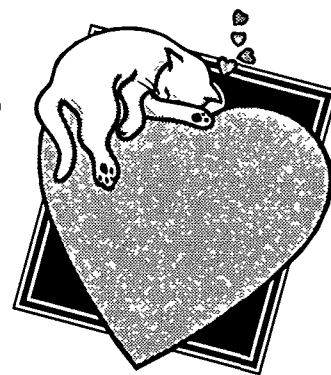


Voice Mail Notice

Voice mail will be unavailable Saturday, February 11 due to a system upgrade. With this upgrade, we hope to offer more features in the future. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Let's all have a little fun on VALENTINE'S DAY, Tuesday Feb. 14

- Dare to wear pinks and reds.
- Bring some goodies, heart-shaped cookies, candies, etc, in to your department area and/or classroom.
- Come to the Switchboard at KEC and CC and collect some VCC-produced Valentine's cards to distribute to colleagues, friends and others.
- Let someone know that you appreciate his/her having made an extra effort, their friendship, the way they brighten our days, etc. Put a positive theme behind the thought, sow the seed and reap.



what's new for students

From the Counselling Department - February Student Workshops

Women's Support Group - for women who are in relationships where they don't feel loved and accepted, and spend their time and energy trying to change "him".

- Date: Wednesday, February 8, 15, 22 and March 1, 1995
- Place: Counselling Classroom, Room 3002
- Contact: Lorraine in Counselling or Donna Barreca at 871-7207.

Improve Your Interpersonal Communication Skills

- Date: Tuesday, February 14 and 21
- Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
- Place: Room 2109

A Message from the President of KESA

On behalf of KESA, I would like to thank everyone for their solidarity, support, and time during the Students' Day of Protest on January 25. Our voices were heard loud and clear. I would also like to apologize for any inconvenience. We all speak out for different causes, and this was one for the students. Thank You!

*Sincerely,
Miss Cassandra Crooks - President, KESA*

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. For more information call Veronika Metchie at 871-7173.

Summer Employment Opportunities for First Nations' Students

1. Public Service Commission

Contact: Murtle Muldoe
201 - 757 W. Hastings
Vancouver, BC
Tel: 666-6439

2. Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (recruiting for positions in accounting)

Contact: Bill Moran
Tel: 666-5213

Deadline: February 15, 1995

Nominations are now being accepted for the following college-wide scholarships:

(These scholarships are for students who meet special eligibility criteria.)

- VCC Alumni Association Scholarship(s) to be awarded in recognition of student leadership activities in conjunction with academic achievement.
- A scholarship for which only First Nations students are eligible.
- A scholarship for a disabled student who has completed first year of full-time program with marks of 75% or better and is knowledgeable and committed to the protection of the environment. This program should be related to a B.C. Hydro Career.

Nomination forms are available at the City Centre Financial Aid Office, Room 104H. The deadline for submissions is March 1, 1995.



"Modesty is a vastly overrated virtue."

John Kenneth Galbraith

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 February 9 to 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.

Get on board the VCC International Education Blackcomb Express

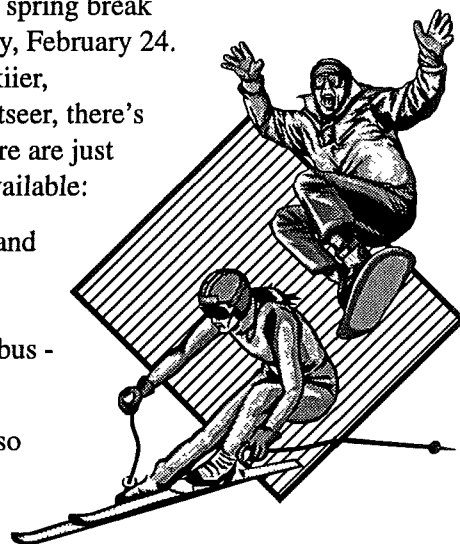
The International Education spring break ski trip will take place Friday, February 24. Whether you're an expert skier, snowboarder and just a sightseer, there's something for everyone! Here are just two of the eight packages available:

- Lift, downhill lesson and bus - \$46.00
- Lift, downhill lesson, equipment rental and bus - \$52.00

(Snowboard packages are also available.)

There are a minimum of 46 spaces available. Please sign up for the package you want. Payment deadline is Thursday, February 16 at 4:30 pm, KEC Cashier's wicket, 4th floor.

Call Steph Jewell at 7010 for more information.



announcements

Please join us in welcoming Bev Matsu, VCC's new part-time Communications Officer. Bev brings 12 years of experience as a public relations coordinator with the Ministry of Education as well as a diverse background in project marketing and publicity. Drop by the PR Department on the fifth floor and say hello, or give her a call at local 7151.

Jerome Schatten will be on professional development from February 1 to February 28, 1995 (inclusive). Please speak with Casey Sheridan, Dean of Applied Programs at 8593 regarding any administrative decisions. For general information contact Sharon Harder at 7023 and for departmental issues call Syd Hartley, Associate Dean, Business Programs, at 8308.

classifieds



Don't Forget

The deadline for submissions to Connections is Friday at 3:00 pm. Please supply your article on a PC disk in a word-processed format.

Thanks.

JOB POSTINGS

VCC
Department Head, ESL-ELS. This is a three-year appointment, commencing April 1. Closing date: February 28.

Clerk-Cashier, Continuing Education. Closing date: February 13.

President, North West Regional College. Closing date: February 10.

Teaching position in Mexican private school (Culiacan)
Accommodation: 2 bedroom furnished apartment shared with another Canadian teacher.
Position: Teacher needed for EFL

school. Full time with split shift i.e. morning classes and evening classes. Pay to be negotiated and can include air ticket.

For more information-Contact Colin Daniel at 689-9095

For detailed information on these and other postings, contact the Employee Relations Department.

FOR SALE

Boy's CCM Powerline hockey pants, size medium, \$15; CCM hockey skates, size 5, ex. condition, \$25; Don Cherry's Rock'em sock'em Hockey III video, \$8; The Turtles movie \$6.

Tel local 7361

WANTED

Empty two drawer file cabinet. Contact Ted Greene (871-7316) or Donald Oakes (443-8386).

HOUSING

Know anyone who needs...

a bright, clean one-bedroom apartment in a quiet, adult-oriented building at 330 E. 1st in North Vancouver? \$625/month incl. heat, hot water and parking; no pets; available February 15 or March. Call Mr. or Mrs. King at 988-3765, or contact Mandana Rostan-Schnepf at 244-9590 or local 7265-ESL Vocational. Thank you!

FREE STUFF

Free, Free, Free
If that didn't get your attention, then nothing will. The I.E.P.A. has tons of old National Geographics and Readers Digests that will be thrown out if someone doesn't claim them within the next week or so. They are all in really good condition. If you want all or some of them, either drop by or phone Malcolm at 7220 (871-7220 if off campus).

NOTICE

To all Departments Heads and Counsellors:
Extra copies of the *Open House mailer* have been duplicated and are available from Lorraine Herlick, KEC Counselling and Wendy Lafrance, CC Counselling.

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