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Music student hits high note

Congratulations to Kirby Armstrong, the 1994 recipient of the Alumni Association Scholarship. With this award, the Association seeks to recognize a student's contribution to VCC. It is awarded to an individual who has shown leadership and/or outstanding effort to improve academic and extracurricular campus life.

A graduate of the VCC Music Diploma Program, Kirby Armstrong plays classical guitar and is a member of the VCC Madrigal Singers and the BC Boys Choir.

In 1990, Kirby decided to pursue an education in music. After completing several basic courses in theory, ear training and rhythm, he auditioned for the VCC program. He admits he was nervous. In two short years, Kirby has become an accomplished performer. "It is very important to immerse yourself in music," says Kirby, "it helps you learn more rapidly."

Last summer, Kirby toured Europe with the BC Boys Choir. On several occasions, he was guest conductor. As the Choir prepares for a 1996 tour of the Orient, Kirby assists at the rehearsals of the younger choir members.

Kirby believes that touring is an essential part of training in musical performance. He is currently heading a campaign to raise funds for the Madrigal Singers BC tour this summer.

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Diesel Campaign results in new Hydraulic Simulator

"Can we really do this?", asked Ray Oksanen of the Diesel Technician Program at the onset of a \$25,000 campaign. Two months into the initiative to raise funds for

a hydraulic simulator, there was no stopping the committee members. At the close of the campaign, they had raised \$38,000, well over the top of their initial goal.

Diesel technician students can look forward to training on the latest in interactive hydraulic simulators. The instructors can program this equipment with specific hydraulic problems that students can solve. In addition to comprehensive training, the purchase will include instructional handbooks and video presentations.

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Music student...

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Of his recent accomplishment, Kirby says: "I really appreciate being recognized for my hard work." Kirby has come back for a third year of studies at VCC. Next year, he will go on to pursue a Bachelor of Music in performance and eventually wants to train in music therapy.

If you would like to hear the award winning talent of Kirby Armstrong, he will be performing a solo recital at noon on March 21, 1995 at the Ryerson United Church.

by Jane Westheuser, VCC Educational Foundation

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Sign Me Up!



Keep up with the latest in computer skills and personal development—take a course with HRD.

Upcoming courses:

- *Hands Off - Personal Safety for Women*: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Wednesday, February 8.
- *Introduction to Windows*: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Wednesday, February 8 (Oakridge Centre).
- *"You Just Don't Understand" - Male-Female Communication Skills*: Two sessions available, 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm, Tuesday, February 7, KEC and 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm, City Centre

Students!—attend a lunchtime workshop by VCC counsellors on a variety of student success topics:

- *Time Planning*—taught by Allan Clarkson—Wednesday, February 1
- *Stress Management*—Sukhi Sohi—Monday, February 6
- *Assertiveness*—Ian Forsyth—Wednesday, February 15
- *Study Skills*—Mary Wilson—Thursday, February 23
- *Relaxation Strategies*—Allan Clarkson—Wednesday, March 1
- *Goal Achievement*—Sukhi Sohi—Monday, March 6

All workshops are from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm, in Room 100G, Counselling Area, City Centre

Diesel campaign...

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The Diesel Program prepares students to "meet the needs of local industries such as marine and logging", says Ray Oksanen. Thanks to the contribution of these industries, along with mining, construction and commercial transport, the equipment upgrade was possible.

by Jane Westheuser, VCC Educational Foundation

Thank you to the Diesel Campaign Committee: Jack Carthy and John Boe, Finning; Bob Yamaoka, Detroit Diesel-Allison; Joe Foster, Pro-Staff Fuels; John Bjorknas, Prime Mover Controls; Bill New, Coast Ferries.

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Win a 1995 Honda Gold Wing Motorcycle 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.**

**go
for
the
gold!**

Visually Impaired Program benefits from innovative computer technology

The goal of VCC's Program for Visually Impaired Adults is "to make students as independent as possible", says Gwen Masse, Coordinator. Thanks to contributions from the Woodward Foundation, the VCC Educational Foundation and the Provincial Government, a new computer lab now introduces students to technology that will give them independence in their future studies and employment.

The computer lab houses an impressive array of equipment, much of it designed specifically for visually impaired users. Speech synthesizers are installed in each of the computers. In conjunction with a software package that translates information from the computer screen, the synthesizer can read the screen for the user. The visually impaired student, in addition to learning the commands of WordPerfect 5.1 and DOS, must learn the keystrokes necessary to access the speech system.

The highlight of the new computer lab is a 4' x 6' external speech synthesizer. Its portability allows a student to access

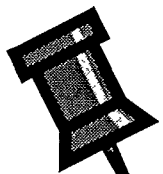
speech software on a computer that is not equipped with a synthesizer. This is helpful to students who are taking computer courses elsewhere.

The Woodward Foundation funding also purchased a large print software package to enable low vision students to read the computer screen. Two print magnifiers, two laser printers with high contrast output and one document scanner are available to students as well.

The VCC Program for Visually Impaired Adults is unique in Western Canada. Students are exposed to the latest in technology which facilitates integration in the study and work environments of their sighted peers. Thank you to the Woodward Foundation, the Educational Foundation and the Province of BC for making this possible.

by Jane Westheuser
VCC Educational Foundation

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**Don't
Forget**

To City Centre Faculty and Staff:

please notify Switchboard (0) or Vickki Montigny (8589) when:

1. You are closing your department for meetings;
2. You move to a different department or have a change in your telephone local.

This will assist the switchboard operators in serving the public and other departments.

Vickki Montigny

announcements

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Celebrate Chinese New Year and volunteer your services at the same time.

International Education needs volunteers for three-hour shifts at the Chinese New Year Fair January 27 to 30 at the PNE, in exchange for free parking, entry and refreshments. Contact Hilary Wong at 871-7490 for more information.

Financial Aid Information:

Spring Bursary applications will be available from February 1 to February 28. Spring Workstudy applications are now available. Contact the Financial Aid Office for more information.

New Books in KEC Library

- No Man's Land: Men's Changing Commitments to Family and Work
- Organizing Your Home Office for Success
- Procomm Plus 2 for Windows
- The Vampire Companion: The Official Guide to Anne Rice's The Vampire Chronicles
- Coming Full Circle: An Economic History of the Pacific Rim
- The Cultures of Work Organizations
- The Exchange Student Survival Kit
- Exiled to Parkinson's Domain
- Guidelines for Teaching Students with Disabilities
- It Takes Two to Talk: A Parent's Guide to Helping Children Communicate
- Mostly Windows With Just Enough DOS
- Personal Finance for Canadians
- Pocket Guides to the Internet (series)
- The Sociology of Religion: A Canadian Perspective

B.C. Asia Pacific Awards/ Mexico Grant Program

application deadline is February 1. For application forms for these awards for college students and employees, please contact Cecily May at 871-7178.

VCC - International Education Invites you to join us on a Bald Eagle Expedition on the Squamish River - Friday, January 27

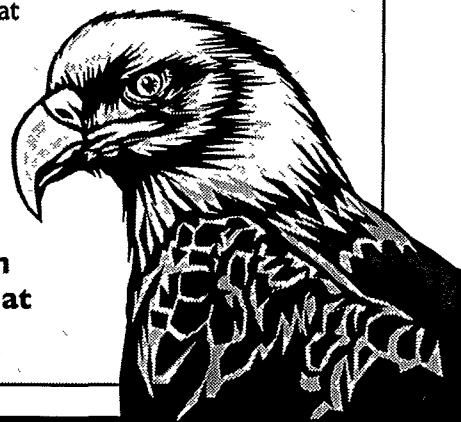
This Full Day Trip includes:

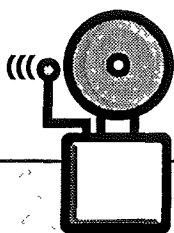
- Continental Breakfast on the train to Brackendale
- Nature walks, accompanied by an expert naturalist
- A float through the renowned winter home of the North American bald eagle, where the eagle population is currently 3,700
- Spectacular views of waterfalls and glaciers on the peaks of the Tantalus mountain range
- A hearty lunch at the Brackendale Cafe and Art Gallery, including a talk by Thor Froslev, founder of the Brackendale Eagle Festival, on eagle migration and the annual eagle count
- Return coach trip, including a stop at beautiful Shannon Falls and the Stawamus Chief.

All students, friends, homestay families and staff are welcome to join us. We will meet at the B.C. Rail Station, North Vancouver, at 6:30 am; the train leaves at 7:00 am.

Cost of \$129.00 per person, plus GST, includes all transportation and two meals!

**For more information
contact Steph Jewell at
871-7010**





Attention all Departments

Help Us Fill Your Calendar!

If you have an upcoming event that you want everyone to know about, please send us the details by Friday afternoon. We'll publish the information in the next Calendar.

Please submit the information on a disk (with hard copy) to Vickki Montigny, CC or Manijeh Golkhizi, KEC.

A Presentation on China

Come and hear Min Yao, VCC Institutional Research, talk about his recent experiences in China, where he spent two months with a post-secondary institution. Asia Pacific Award and Mexico Grant will also be available. Tuesday, January 24, 12:00 pm, Room 2145 (in KEC Cafeteria)

For more information, please contact the Students' Associations at 871-7146 (KESA) and 443-8467 (CCSA).

The next meeting of the VCC Board

will take place on Thursday, January 26 at 5:30 p.m. in room 5025 (the Boardroom) at KEC.

CCA Day, an Open House presented by the College and Career Access Department, will be held on Tuesday, January 24 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm to celebrate another successful year. This year's theme will be "Our Students: Who are they, why do they choose CCA and where are they going". Faculty and staff are welcome to drop in anytime between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm for an informal tour of the department. Light refreshments will be available between 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm in the afternoon in Room 2114 at KEC. In addition, the KEC Cafeteria will offer a special **CCA Burger** on this day, so leave your lunch at home and help celebrate CCA Day.

The 2nd Student Leadership Conference

presented by the King Edward Students' Association and City Centre Students' Association will take place on Saturday, February 11, 1995, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, City Centre, 250 W. Pender Street, Vancouver. Registration deadline is January 27. VCC student ID must be presented.

The Computer Needs Committee is seeking new members.

Formerly active at KEC, the committee will meet at City Centre on Friday, January 20, 2:30-4:00 p.m. in Room 200. Current KEC members hope to join with colleagues at City Centre in a college-wide users' group to share information and concerns. On the January 20 agenda: selecting a co-chair and a demonstration of email and the Web. The Computer Needs Committee is online; please send your messages to: cnc-members@sfu.ca To join the groups on line, call Man Fu Cheng at the Instructional Computing Support Centre (KEC) at local 7218, email: mcheng@vcc.bc.ca; for further information, call Carol Tulpar, Chair, at local 7347, email: ctulpar@vcc.bc.ca.

KEC Book Club will meet January 20, 12:00 noon at "Not Just Deserts", by Broadway Station. Bring six reviews—we'll choose one for next time! City Centre Folks are welcome! Call Carol at 7347 to confirm.

JOB POSTINGS

Langara College
Clerk Specialist (a),
Employee and Labour
Relations Dept.
(#556); please note
that this position will
not be filled at this
time.

FOR SALE

High Quality picture
frames, with glass,
\$20.00 each:

- 20 x 24" silver
matte finish (2)
- 20 x 29" silver
matte finish
- 19 x 29" black
matte finish
- 26 x 34" black
matte finish
- 14 x 35" Teak
framed mirror

Call Lauch at 7315.

Piano: Lesage
(Canadian) brand;
medium apartment-
sized upright; 15
years old. In great
condition; beautiful,
warm tone; rich wood
finish; includes
bench. Asking \$2,100
OBO. Call Dale at
7152 or 251-4677.

1974 BMW 2002 Tii,
Good project car
\$1000 OBO.;
King Size waterbed,
six drawer pedestal,
dark wood head board
with mirrors and
etched glass \$150.
Call Chris at local
7387 or 596-0381.

Reebok Step and six
video tapes; \$75.00.
Start the New Year
Right! Call Linda
Martens at 8423.

ETC.

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Fleckenstein:* please
call Dennis in
Receiving at 7399.
You have a ship-
ment ready for
pickup.

ACCOMMODATION

HOUSE FOR RENT

Roommate wanted for February 01, 1995 in an
easy-going, tasteful and comfortable home.
Responsible female roommate wanted to share a
newer, 1,300 sq. ft furnished home. All utilities
and cable included in rent. Some features are:
Security system, washer/dryer, dishwasher,
microwave, heated tiles in kitchen and bath-
room. Living room with sliding door to patio
and backyard/garden, with no back alley, dual
fire place. You will have a large bathroom and a
large furnished bedroom (or bring your own
furnishings) with 2 big closets and a sliding
door to the balcony facing the garden. You'll
also have a storage closet. The house is located
on Euclid and Rupert, 3 blocks from the Joyce
Sky Train Station (8 minutes to downtown).
Available February 01, 1995. No children
please. Rent is \$500.00 per month. Please call
Ingrid at 430-9093 (answering machine).

OR

2 responsible female friends wanted to share
large bedroom in the above-mentioned house -
same conditions. Rent is \$300.00 each per
month. Please call Ingrid at 430-9093.



"Without clocks
we would live
forever."

Marshall McLuhan

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away—looking to buy a hard-to-find
item? Advertise it in Connections
Classifieds.**

**Deadline is Friday afternoon for the
following Thursday's edition. We will
run your ad for one week unless you
specify otherwise.**

Notice of student rally

At the December 14, 1994 VCC Board meeting, the representative of the Canadian Federation of Students asked the Board for their stance on the CFS call for a National Day of Strike and Action on January 25, 1995 in response to the Axworthy Report.

At the November Board meeting, Board members had expressed their opposition to the Axworthy proposal to cut funding to post secondary education and specifically the implementation of an income contingency loan repayment scheme. In keeping

with these resolutions, the Board requested that all students be notified in the College newsletter that the rally will take place at 1:00 p.m. at the Vancouver Art Gallery and that students will not be penalized by the College for being absent from class in order to take part in the January 25 activities.

The VCCFA and the VMREU have been asked by the King Edward Students' Association to support the student strike. To obtain an update on those discussions, contact the VCCFA or VMREU offices or your local union representative on campus, or Wayne Martin in the Employee Relations Department.

This will be a regular work day for all faculty and staff.



This is YOUR newsletter

This newsletter belongs to you, the VCC community—so we want you to hear from you. Let us know if you have an idea for a regular feature, an update on “work in progress”, an article relating a VCC-related

experience you had, etc. As well, our Calendar depends on all departments to furnish us with information on upcoming events.

Connections publishes Thursdays and the deadline for submissions is the previous Friday afternoon. Please provide your submissions to Vickki Montigny (City Centre) or Manijeh Golkhizi (KEC). *Please* supply them in a PC word-processed format on a disk with hard copy, along with contact information. Let's hear from you!

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