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New perspectives, strong alliances

This year's ACCC conference took place in Victoria from June 4th to 6th and was attended by over one thousand representatives from community colleges across Canada. The theme was "Strategic Alliances," which provided a basis to explore our links with business, industry, communities, governments and other educational institutions. The theme was especially relevant as we envisage the reduction in the federal transfer of payments to the provinces and the consequent reduction of funding to post-secondary education. The message was loud and clear—that we need to respond to these external forces and start planning now.

Many of us attended special group sessions on Sunday, June 4th, before the "real" conference began on Monday. The Presidents, Board Members, Vice Presidents Finance, Students, Faculty, and "College Contacts" were all represented in these network groups by representatives from VCC.

Tony Manera

The first keynote speaker on Monday was Tony Manera, no stranger to many of our VCC community. He spoke about his experience at CBC, the importance of strategic alliances between the CBC and the U.S. broadcasters, between the CBC management and the employees and between the CBC and the communities it serves. He also emphasized the need for flexibility in employees and the necessity and inevitability of life-long learning.

"Dealing with stress/distress in the colleges of the 90s," "Internal partnerships: creating harmony and improving quality," "Making change work," and "Transforming community colleges through strategic networks" are a few randomly selected workshop titles, but they indicate two issues most widely discussed at this conference: change and partnerships.

Three of the workshops involved VCC participation. John Cruickshank and Dalton Kremer presented "Two Presidents in Search of Better Governance," Linda Thomas was involved in a panel discussion on "Sharing First Nations Education" and Donna Barreca and Mel Felker gave a presentation on the VCC "Peer Helper Program."

All in the same boat

One of the greatest benefits to attending the conference is the opportunity to network and to meet and learn from colleagues across Canada. It will come as no surprise that we are all facing similar issues and concerns, but it definitely helps to get another perspective.

For your information, next year's ACCC Conference will take place in Toronto. The theme is "Building Learning Communities," and already ACCC is calling for proposals for presentations. They are asking for a preliminary expression of interest to be submitted by June 30, 1995 and from these ideas they will shortlist and request more details. If you are interested in presenting, please call me at 7158 for more information.

Sarah Lucas

Drive right, share the road

(Editor's note: After the article "Rules of the road" appeared in the May 18 edition, I received a number of requests from cycle commuters who felt that drivers of automobiles could stand to bone up on their driving etiquette, particularly when it comes to sharing the road with cyclists. The following information and graphics are taken from the "Drive Right, Cycle Right" pamphlet, published by the Ministry of Transportation and Highways Motor Vehicle Branch.)

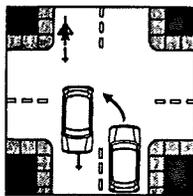
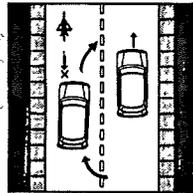
Think small

Don't just be on the lookout for other cars and trucks... be sure to watch out for bikes too!

Look out

Passing a car

When a cyclist is in your lane or is coming towards you in the opposite lane, pass the car in a way that all three vehicles will not meet at the same time.

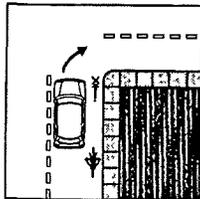


Left hand turns

You've trained yourself to watch for other motorists. Now you must learn to watch for cyclists, too! Be particularly alert for cyclists who are momentarily hidden by other traffic.

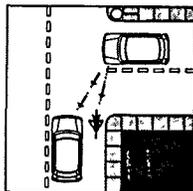
Right hand turns

Always be sure to check the right blind spot before making your turn. After passing a cyclist, be aware that the cyclist may have caught up and could be proceeding straight through.



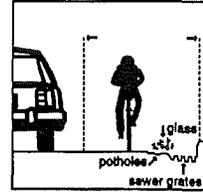
Intersections

When stopped at an intersection, check carefully for cyclists and pedestrians.



Passing a cyclist

A cyclist requires enough room to control the bicycle and avoid road hazards. Provide the cyclist enough room when you pass. Ensure that you are well ahead before you pull back in.



On hills & through blind corners

Slow down. There could be cyclists or other slow moving traf-



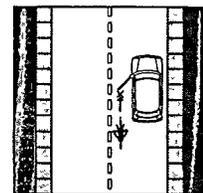
fic just beyond your view, all using the same lane. Be prepared to give the right-of-way.

Be bike alert

You may have to rethink old driving habits and adapt to the presence of cyclists on the road. Don't be a road hog - share the road instead.

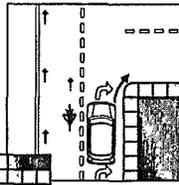
Open door policy

Before opening your door into traffic, look for cyclists, pedestrians and other vehicles. Failure to do so could cause serious injury to someone caught by surprise.

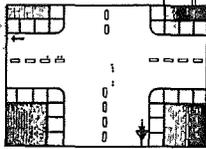


Lane positioning

a) Expect cyclists to keep out of right-turn-only lanes when going straight through.

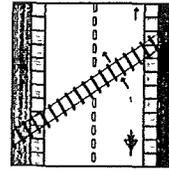


b) Except cyclists to turn left in the same way cars do by signalling and moving left before the intersection.



Railway crossing

Cyclists may require additional room to manoeuvre when crossing railway or streetcar tracks.



Gauge speed

Many cyclists travel at speeds of 30km/hr. or more. Please take this into consideration, especially when turing in front of a cyclist.

Cycles in time

Late 1800's

- The era of the bicycle.
- Cyclists successfully lobby for grading and surfacing of horse and-carriage roads for bicycle travel.

1908

- The first automobile was produced, reducing the popularity of bicycles for transportation.

Early 1900's

- Mass-production manufacturing techniques, developed for the production of bike parts, paved the way for the mass production of cars.

1980's

- Bikes are back in a big way because of a growing interest in:
- Environmental issues
- Cost-effective transportation
- Physical fitness
- Avoiding traffic congestion
- More accommodating road design

Today

- Bicycles and motor vehicles **SHARE THE ROAD.**

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Tips 'n Tricks—PageMaker 5.0

Crop before you import

To save printing time, you should crop graphics before you import them into PageMaker. Graphics you crop in PageMaker take longer to print than graphics cropped before being imported.

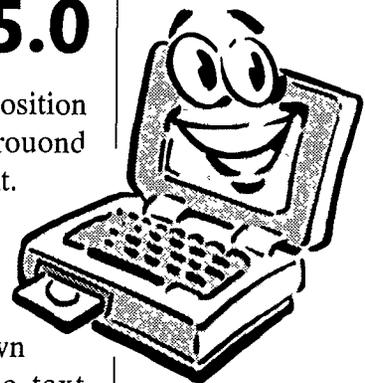
Wrapping text around text

To wrap text around another text block, such as a caption, create an unfilled rectangle with no line weight or color,

specify a text-wrap option, and position the rectangle behind the text around which you want to wrap other text.

Prevent constant text rewrap

When you are customizing a text wrap around a graphic, hold down the spacebar as you adjust the text boundaries. When you release the spacebar, the text rewraps.



In recognition of excellence

Becoming head of an English Department, and becoming a published author/scholar hardly seemed a possibility to a young Diane Thompson, whose large family barely made ends meet financially. Poor but determined, Diane's parents knew the best hope of a better life for their children was through a good education. Therefore, Saturday mornings, it was common to see the entire Thompson clan spread out to every corner of the Saint John, New Brunswick Library. Here the Thompsons loaded up on their quota of books, which were to be their chief source of entertainment for the week. Diane took delight in escaping to far away places and living vicariously through the heroes in the novels she read. Small wonder then, when she graduated from high school she did so with honours in English and received the much coveted Beaverbrook Scholarship. Winning the scholarship meant a lot to Diane. It was the only hope she had to go on to university and pursue the love of her life—literature.

As a young teacher Diane taught in Trinidad and Tanzania with CIDA. Returning to Canada, she chose to complete her Master's Degree in Education at UBC. Simultaneously she began teaching English at VCC, quickly moving up to the position of Department Head in the English Department. Sadly, her promising young life ended in 1983.

Her students were always struck by her passion and enthusiasm for poetry and the English classics. As a result, the Humanities Department for Literature or Canadian Viewpoints gives the Diane Thompson Memorial Scholarship each year. Also, each year in honour of her memory, McLean's Magazine

bestows the Diane Thompson Writing Award to a promising young writer.

VCC has recently learned that the Norton Anthologies of Canadian Literature will publish an article which Diane wrote while working at the College. The essay is entitled "*Canadian Women Over Four Centuries*." Diane believed history concentrated on the "hero" and how the great man was always at centre stage shaping our destiny. She wrote to "lift the veil" which has masked the heroic efforts of women, and to acknowledge Canadian women's rightful place in history. Anyone interested in receiving a copy of Diane's article should contact Brenda Appleton at 7318.

by Barbara Hammond

Quick quote

The reason you get into politics is because you don't want to be governed by people who are less good than yourself.

—Pierre Elliott Trudeau

Counsellors offer success skills workshops

This fall the counsellors at City Centre will once again offer "in class" workshops at the invitation of the classroom instructors. Workshops will focus on fundamental success skills such as "Study Skills" and "Stress Management". Scheduling of workshops will generally be limited to Mondays and Wednesdays depending on availability of counsellors. Requests for workshops should be made well in advance to avoid disappointment. To book your workshop, contact Ian Fonsyth at local 8454.

Midsummer Madness— The 24 Hour Relay for the Kids.

It's a wet and chilly 7 degrees at 2:00 a.m. on the far side of Burnaby's Central Park. The only sound is the thudding of your heart and the wet slip-slap of running shoes as other runners slog past you in the rain. It's as far away as you can get from the noise and glare of Swangard stadium's track, with only your laboured breathing to keep you company. Your knees ache and your shoes fill with rain-water that squishes with every step. You could slow to a walk, but that would mean this lap would be slower. Slower means fewer laps, fewer miles, fewer dollars! Have to keep going! Only one more run after this, at 6:00 a.m. By then the sun will be up and it will be easier after a few hours sleep. Just have to finish this one.

You've centred all your concentration on that one thought—"just finish"—when you hear a different cadence approaching from behind. The breathing is the same, but this time it's accompanied by an irregular step—slap from one shoe, thump, than slap again. It's just strange enough to break your concentration. As the runner pulls even with you, the gleam of metal crutches bounces off the lights of the Patterson St. Skytrain station. One foot hits the pavement and then two crutches lurch ahead for the second "step." The runner is not wearing any prosthesis; his stump is swinging free.

He slows to pace beside you as you both enter the last hill before the entrance to the track. Christmas lights twinkle in an arch overhead to illuminate the darkness of the bike path. "You're doing okay," he says, "you're almost there, last quarter mile, last hill—just take it easy! You'll make it!" You manage to wheeze

"Thanks," as he swings away up the small incline, as graceful as a thoroughbred, and disappears into the darkness. "I'll be okay?" you think. The irony of it is staggering as you run on two sound legs up that same incline. Realizing that this small distraction was just enough for you to catch an invaluable second wind, gratitude overwhelms you. Gratitude that he was there in the dark just as you wanted to quit.

Team spirit

Even at 2:22 a.m., several familiar faces will be watching you make it back into the stadium. They'll cheer as if you had just won the gold medal as you finish those last few torturous metres. You know you'll finish, because even though he wasn't on your team, you are both parts of a team 10,000 people strong, united in the common goal to raise as much money as possible in 24 hours for children with disabilities. No adrenaline high, or aching knees; no sleep deprivation or strained muscles will match the feeling when the last lap is finished, the gun goes off, and more than a million dollars is on the scoreboard! Your knees will recover after a hot bath. After a sound sleep, the muscles will unkink. You, unlike the kids in braces, in wheelchairs and on crutches, will stand up and walk away.

A bit of history

For the last 16 years, on every third or fourth weekend in June, approximately 10,000 people, their partners, children and relatives gather in the lingering light of the summer solstice to push themselves to the limit. Some have never run farther than a block, while



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Midsummer madness *(continued from page 3)*

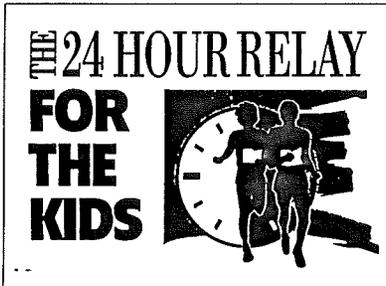
others think nothing of 15k before breakfast every day. Usually a team of visually impaired runners and a team of wheelchair athletes participate. Each of the 160 teams comprises 20 runners, who will run a series of 2.5 mile relays out of Swanquard stadium, around Burnaby's Central Park. Once back into the stadium, each runner will pass the baton to the next member of their team. At any time in that twenty-four-hour period one runner from each team

is on the circuit. An assortment of volunteers will water, cheer on, clock laps and massage their team-mates. The volunteers keep the runners going and on the track. All the labour, equipment and material are donated. All the money goes to the BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities.

For the first nine years of this craziness Vancouver Community College fielded a team for this event. It unfortunately is no more, but the craziness continues. I run with a motley pack called "The Lapdogs," who would be grateful for any support that you could put their way. Donations of more than \$10.00 will receive a tax receipt. You can enter a pledge by the mile or in a lump sum donation. Give me a shout at local 7010 or 871-7010. Hurry, we'll be running rain or shine!

Every year when I do this people ask me the same question—why do I do it? (Certifiable, maybe?) I can't take you there to feel that tremendous rush of pride or make you feel the low of a 2:00 a.m. run, so this is my best shot. Be part of it -- you can make a difference on June 18 and 19, 1995.

Steph Jewell, local 7010



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CNC on-line

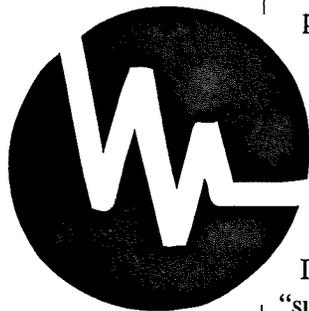
The Computer Needs Committee (CNC) would like to hear from VCC computer users who have a VCC e-mail login address and password, but are not actually using the system.

Also, we'd like to hear from you if you already use e-mail, but would like to learn how to access educational resources and sites on the Internet.

If you're ready to get started on e-mail or "surfing," and need a little assistance, or want to ask a question, please direct your inquiries in writing or by telephone to Raymonde Jabaji, ESL Vocational Department, at local 7435, fax: 251-8435, e-mail: rjabaji@vcc.bc.ca; or post your question to cnc-users@sfu.ca. Let's mentor each other electronically!

The CNC users' group, by meeting and sharing information, is here to extend its support to VCC employees in their computing endeavour. The group also serves as a conduit to pass information to and from the Educational Technology Committee chaired by Casey Sheridan.

The next meeting will be held at City Centre Campus, at 12:00 noon, on June 16. Bring your lunch and questions! New members welcome. Included on the agenda will be revising our mandate. Direct inquiries about the meeting should be directed to Carol Tulper at VCC, 7347, e-mail ctulper@vcc.bc.ca or Brock Elliott at CC, local 8547, e-mail belliot@vcc.bc.ca.



calendar

You're invited! To a retirement party for *Sonja Alton*, Tuesday, June 20, 1995, in the staff cafeteria. Please contact Joan Burnett at 871-7278, office 3218, to sign the large card for Sonja. You are also welcome to contribute towards a *Scholarship fund* in honour of Sonja. Please contact VCC Educational Foundation.

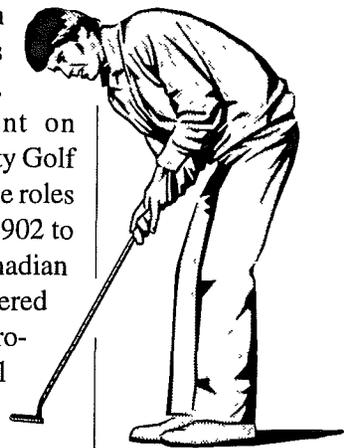
The VCC Computer Needs Committee will meet at City Centre on Friday, June 16 in Room 824. New members welcome. Bring your e-mail or other computing questions! For more information call Carol Tulpar at 7347 KEC or Brock Elliott at 8547 CC.

Earn your BA in Adult Education: Applications are being accepted for the BA in Adult Education degree program offered by the University College of the Fraser Valley in collaboration with Open University. Students intending to start in September 95 should apply before July 15. Applications for a January 96 start can be submitted beginning October 3. This degree program is designed to accommodate both part-time

and full-time studies. Further information is available from Vivienne (local 7159) or Sarah (local 7158). Applications are available by phoning Chelene Koeing, Program Advisor, at (604) 864-4621.

Love golf? Love volunteering?

The Vancouver-Burnaby Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association is looking for 90 fun-loving volunteers to help with their annual Stephen J. Cannell CMHA Golf Tournament on Wednesday, July 19th, at the University Golf Club. There are prizes and lots of active roles for volunteers! Interested? Call 872-4902 to register as soon as possible. The Canadian Mental Health Association is a registered charitable organization committed to promoting positive mental health for all individuals and the community.



The KEC Book Club meets on June 30, at 12:00 noon at Not Just Deserts to discuss *Smylla's Sense of Snow* by Peter Hoeg (originally written in Danish). New members welcome. Please confirm your attendance the day before with Carol Tulpar at 7347. See you there!

announcements

The new ABE Literacy Learning Centre, located at the new Vancouver Public Library, 350 West Georgia St. will open this fall. For more information phone Rene Merkel, Department Head, Basic Education Dept, 7371.

Connections distribution has been cut down (to save paper). Therefore, departments at City Centre will receive only 2 copies—one for faculty and one for staff. Extra copies (if needed) can be picked up in the mailroom.

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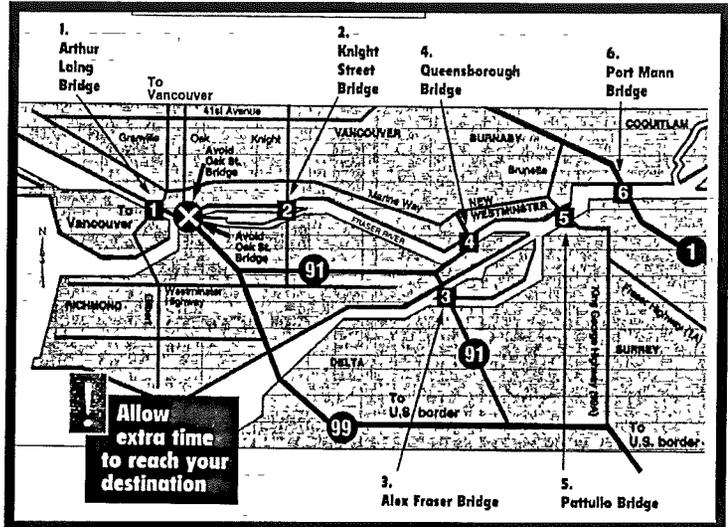
Please recycle this newsletter.



Attention Commuters who use the Oak Street Bridge:

The bridge is undergoing a major rehabilitation project. One lane in each direction will be closed, effective June 10 through September 4, 1995. Work will be conducted around the clock. These lane closures will affect traffic flows, particularly at peak travel times. To minimize delays:

- adjust your working hours
- van or car pool
- take transit
- travel during off peak hours
- use alternative routes (see map)



New e-mail address:

Janice Hansen, Human Rights Coordinator, is on e-mail. Her new address is: humanrights@vcc.bc.ca.

Canada Day reminder:

As Canada Day falls on a Saturday this year, the College will be closed on Monday, July 3 in lieu of the Statutory Holiday. Therefore, the College will be *closed Saturday, Sunday and Monday, July 1, 2 and 3, 1995.*

classifieds

JOB POSTINGS

Department Head, Community and Career Education. Closing: June 26.

Media Services Coordinator II. Closing: June 23.

Secretary (Admin, KEC). Closing: June 21.

Temporary part-time Library Assistant (b). Closing: June 21.

Office Clerk (a), Continuing Education, KEC. Closing: June 21.

FOR SALE

Roller blades: black with purple laces; Bauer; worn only once. Size 4 men/5 ladies. Asking price \$35 (paid \$90 plus taxes). Reason for selling: wrong size. Call Mimi at 874-9923.

VW Westfalia: 1993, red, loaded, low mileage, extra clean; \$29,900. Phone: 464-4041.