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## Intercultural arts and community festival returns to KEC in May

**C**ITYFEST 95 is fast approaching and the CITYFEST production team is already hard at work. Preparations are underway for this second annual weekend celebration of dance, theatre, song, storytelling, displays, music and more.

Coordinating this year's festival is Molly-Beth



Metcalf, a cultural diversity advocate and educator with over 15 years experience in the Arts. She is presently working with other CITYFEST Coordinating Committee members to see that VCC staff and students as well as the larger Vancouver community are better represented at CITYFEST 95.

You can be a part of the excitement. For more information or to sign up as a performer and/or a volunteer, call the Festival Hotline at 871-7194 or send a fax marked CITYFEST 95 to 871-7100.

CITYFEST 95 is produced by Vancouver Community Festival Society in partnership with Vancouver Community College. The festival runs from May 19 to 21, 1995.



## Wear your ethnic gear at Open House!

**A**t VCC's Open House we encourage you to don your ethnic dress. Express your ethnicity in a frock from Marks and Spencers, or a kilt (windy day or no) or that annorapqaortoq that's been gathering dust. Or, if your Ukrainian grandmother's blouse is too tight on you, why not celebrate the delightful diversity of our college by wearing something from an ethnic group whose clothes you admire.

Angela McWhirter, ESL Department  
Open House Activities/Events Subcommittee

# Tour of VCC by agency reps a resounding success



**Don't hide  
your talent  
away!**

Share your  
experiences  
at VCC with  
the rest of us.  
If you have an  
article or an  
idea for a  
regular col-  
umn, let us  
know.

Call Dale at  
local 7152.

**O**n Thursday, February 16, the Counselling Department at City Centre hosted a tour and luncheon for 43 representatives from agencies that refer clients to us and sponsor students in our programs: Canada Employment and Immigration, Workers' Compensation Board, Ministry of Social Services, Ministry of Skills Training and Labour, Vocational Rehabilitation Services and the Apprenticeship Branch.

VCC Counsellors liaise regularly with these agencies when assisting individual clients to select and enter programs at the College. However, we wanted an opportunity to show our programs in action, update representatives on the breadth of our offerings and highlight developments in programming and services that an integrated VCC can offer.

*Neither rain, nor snow,  
nor sleet...*

Last week's heavy snowfall threatened to throw us off track—but as usual the VCC team pulled together. Where else would you find a Lorna Higgins braving the snow and a closed College on Wednesday to make sure visitors received copies of the Follow Up Survey she had so diligently prepared! Who but Benny Fernandes and Tom Rogers would get up at the crack of dawn on Thursday to make sure the breakfast so graciously hosted by Dave Donaldson was as good as ever!

David Greenall, Lorraine Herlick, Marta Gardiner and Jean Cockell joined us for the event so that agency representatives had an opportunity to learn about programs at King Edward Campus. As usual, Instructors and Department Heads across the campus at City Centre impressed visitors with their friendliness,

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Connections publishes every Thursday, and the deadline for submissions is 3:00 pm on the previous Friday. Please supply your article to Manijeh or Vickki in a simple, word-processed format (text only is best) on an IBM-compatible disk. Please include a hardcopy.

The Editor reserves the right to edit submissions for clarity and length, when necessary.

Please recycle this newsletter. ♻️



## Tour...

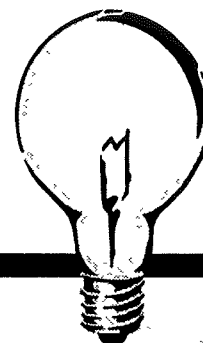
dedication and knowledge about training and employment opportunities.

Thanks to Mike Tittle's coordination the tour culminated in a faultless display of talent by our Food and Beverage Management students and Rick Irwin's Culinary Arts class.

Without exception, our visitors commented on how useful the tour had been in assisting them in referring clients to quality career training. A summary of their feedback (prepared by Suzan Gouin, Community Liaison) follows.

What did we learn? That our programs benefit from being seen in action. That we need to be

doing more of this—designing and coordinating an array of opportunities to showcase particular aspects of our training to community feeder groups. That we are right to feel proud of our students, our programs and our services. That as we integrate the expertise we possess across both campuses, we can offer even greater accessibility and expanded opportunities to applicants. That we work with a great bunch of people. Thanks to all of you who helped us to make this event a success: Hilary Pearson, Ian Forsyth, Mary Wilson, Allan Clarkson, Wayne Avery, Wendy LaFrance, Angela Boutilier, Pat Heward, Dolores Callahan, Suzan Gouin and Mary Parrish.



## TIPS & TRICKS

If you wish to phone a provincial government office in Victoria, or elsewhere outside of the Lower Mainland, you may do so free of charge. Just call Enquiry B.C. at 660-2421 and ask the operator to connect you to the number.

*submitted by Christie Wagner*

## VCC Lunch and Tour Evaluation

### 1. What do you feel were some of the highlights of this event?

In order of preference:

1. visiting classrooms
2. meeting and talking with instructors and students
3. viewing programs and campus layout
4. lunch at J.J.'s
5. the friendliness, enthusiasm and professionalism of faculty members and counselling staff
6. follow-up survey
7. networking opportunities

### 2. How useful was this for you?

The 37 participants unanimously found the tour very useful and informative. Most of them also stated that it will help them in their future client referrals. Some of their comments were:

"It's great to see the quality of programs and services being delivered".

"It helps to visualize the learning environment."

"Excellent opportunity to see and refresh our memories of your programs."

### 3. Is there any way the format of this event could be improved?

14 participants answered no.  
23 participants answered yes.

Their recommendations are:

1. scheduling 1 extra hour
2. making it a full day
3. allocating more time for questions
4. separating special interest groups to focus on certain areas (i.e. students with disabilities)
5. smaller groups to move through departments quicker and see more departments
6. providing more information on job placement rates

### 4. Would it be helpful to you in your work if we provided this type of information tour annually?

34 participants answered yes.  
3 participants answered no.

Among the 43 counsellors who participated in the tour, 37 answered the evaluation questionnaire.

# what's new for students

## Help is available for job seekers!

The Alumni Association at Vancouver Community College is hosting its *Sixth Annual Career Fair* and invites all lower mainland job seekers to attend. The Career Fair is a one day event where potential employers display their companies, accept resumes and answer career related questions.

- Learn more about career fields (or discover new ones), apply for positions and network with the people who do the hiring in a variety of fields. Both active job seekers and those wanting to gather information for a future search are welcome.
- Organizations representing careers in *hospitality and tourism, health care, accounting, retail management and technical systems* are registered. Also participating are community groups who provide services and support to job seekers.
- Admission is free, so bring a friend...and *your resume!*

**When:** Thursday, March 9  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Where:** Vancouver Community College, City Centre  
250 W. Pender Street,  
Vancouver

## Exhibitors

B.C. Bio-Medical Laboratories Ltd.  
B.C. Women's Hospital  
Brown Bros. Ford Sales & Leasing Ltd.  
Canadian Information Processing Society  
Caterair Chateau Canada Ltd.  
Certified General Accountants Assoc. of B.C.  
The Employment Paper  
Fraser-Burrard Hospital Society - Royal Columbian & Eagle Ridge Hospitals  
Hard Rock Cafe  
Hertz Canada Limited  
Human Resources Development Canada  
Investors Group  
Maverick Coach Lines Ltd.  
The Mutual Group  
Starbuck's Coffee  
TCG International Inc.  
V.C.C. Alumni Association  
V.C.C. Counselling Department  
VanCity Credit Union  
Vancouver Hospital and Health Sciences Centre  
Volunteer Vancouver  
YMCA Enterprise Centre

**Sign Language Interpretation**  
available from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

For further information, please contact the VCC Alumni Association at 871-7173  
Contact: Veronika Metchie, Project Coordinator, phone 871-7173, fax 871-7200



"Classic." A book which people praise and don't read.

—Mark Twain

## Summer Term ABESAP applications are now available

for classes starting in April or May 1995. Pick up your application from the KEC Financial Aid Office, Room 4029 or Counselling, Room 3002.

# calendar

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**VCC's Open House** takes place on Thursday, April 6. 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.

"VCC Publishes!", an Open House presentation by the KEC Library will feature Caroline Adderson reading from her book "Bad Imaginings" at 2:00 pm in the Library at KEC. This book has been nominated for the Governor General's Award.



# announcements

**The Community College Exchange Program (CCEP)**, of which Vancouver Community College is a member, is seeking expressions of interest for the 96/97 academic year from employees of member institutions. CCEP facilitates the exchange of faculty, staff and administrators between colleges across North America. An expression of interest does not constitute a formal application for exchange—this is merely a preliminary procedure. Information and Preliminary Interest Forms are available from Employee Relations. For more information, please call Carol Harrison at local 7142.

addition to his teaching experience, he has business experience and a technical background. He joined VCC in 1985 and has been working as a computer/applications instructor, providing instruction for a one-year computer program.

As the Associate Dean, Business and Computer Applications Programs, Paul will be responsible through the Dean of Applied Programs for the coordination, supervision and leadership of instructional matters within the Division.

*Casey Sheridan*

## Does developing a budget get you hot under the collar?

The Sheraton Landmark Hotel and Conference Centre is hosting "How to Develop and Administer a Budget", May 17, 1995.

For more information, contact Cassandra Huang at local 7004.

## Appointment of Associate Dean, Business and Computer Applications Programs

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Paul Hunt as Associate Dean, Business and Computer Applications Programs. Paul took up his new position effective March 1, 1995 and he can be reached at local 8308. Paul has a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Winnipeg and an extensive educational background, having taught in both public school and college settings. In

## Attention all VMREU staff and supervisors:

1995 vacation requests should be forwarded to Karen Kelly by March 31, 1995. A reminder that the maximum carry over for senior employees is 20 days under the Collective Agreement. If you are carrying over more than 20 days, please be sure to show how you will use them in 1995 or call Karen at 7004 or 8311 to discuss the matter.

## *more announcements*

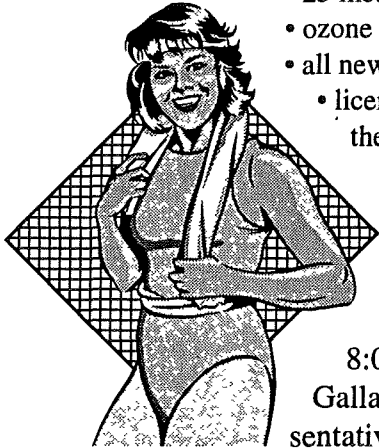
### **The new YWCA Health and Wellness Centre, at 535**

Hornby (Hornby and Dunsmuir) is now open. It features these new co-ed facilities:

- 25 metre, 6 lane swimming pool
- ozone whirlpool steamroom
- all new, fully equipped weight room
  - licensed physiotherapists, massage therapists, and esthetician
  - three new aerobics studios
  - fitness assessment centre
  - personal training

Open 7 days/week, Mon-Fri  
6:00 am to 10:00 pm. Sat/Sun  
8:00 am to 5 p.m. Call Sarah

Gallazin, Memberships Sales Representative at 895-5781 or Member Services at 895-5777.



### **Planning to retire in 1995?**

If you are considering retiring prior to December 1995 and require a personal interview, you need to fill out a *Superannuation Commission Application for Personal Interview - 1995* form. You can find these in the Employee Relations Department, located on the 5th floor, KEC. This form must be submitted at least four months prior to the date of your required interview.

Representatives of the Superannuation Commission travel to the Lower Mainland monthly except July and August, usually on the first or second Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday of the month to conduct personal interviews. Interviews will be held in Burnaby.

*N.B. Please do not request an interview if estimate of pension is all that is required.*

### **Music West '95 is calling for volunteers**

for their conference, musicshow and festival, taking place on May 11-14. Volunteers are needed in a variety of areas related to the music industry, including technical services, production assistants, hospitality, administration, media relations, on-site crew, transportation and registration. Fax 684-9337 or send your application to #306-21 Water Street, Vancouver, B.C.

**Jean Cockell will be on holidays** from March 20-24 (inclusive) and on professional development on February 24, 27, March 6, 13, 15, 16, 27 and 31. Please note these dates on your calendar. During her absence, contact Moira Macleod at 871-7022.

## *classifieds*

### **JOB POSTINGS**

#### **VCC**

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

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

*Senior Food Services Worker,* Food Services Department.  
Closing date: Mar. 9.

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

### **FOR SALE**

*Round table with four chairs.* Dark wood, \$150. Please call 737-0701.