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Join the Graphic Arts - Printing Production Department at Open House.

Board chair Bob Smith to be honoured

You are cordially invited to join in the celebration of our friend Bob Smith, who is retiring after four years as Chair of the Board of Governors.

To thank him for his dedicated service to Vancouver Community College, please attend a farewell dinner in his honour on Tuesday, May 14, 1996. In addition, the VCC Educational Foundation is raising funds to endow the Dr. Robert Smith Student Bursary which will recognize, in perpetuity, the great value he places on learning.

For the past four years Bob Smith has guided the College through a variety of situations, providing support, compassion, humour and understanding at every turn. His calm, sensitive and reasoned approach in the face of any challenge and his sense of fairness and compassion have set a new tone within this institution and within the

province. Among his many visible contributions to post-secondary education are his leadership in the improvement in management/union relationships and trust as well as his caring approach to the community he serves.

A reception and 'no host' bar will be held at the Four Corners Restaurant, City Centre Campus beginning at 5:30 pm, followed by dinner at 6:30 pm. Entertainment will be provided by VCC's renowned music department. Tickets are \$25.00 per person.

Please contact Sarah Lucas at 7158 for further information.

Personnel Services created

In view of the reorganization currently taking place, the Employee Relations Department will now be known as Personnel Services, with Bonnie Baty assuming the role of Director.

Those of you who have worked with Bonnie will attest to her efficiency, integrity and her sincere concern for all VCC employees.

Since 1985, Bonnie has looked after many personnel-related issues, employee benefits and disability claims. In addition, she has been an active and valuable member of the College's negotiating committee for the last three rounds of collective bargaining with CUPE (previously VMREU).

*Excerpted from an earlier notice by
John Cruickshank, President*

Wellness Day moves to Virtual Reality

A close decision spelled bad news for campus exponents of life in a parallel universe. By a narrow margin of six to five it was decided that **Wellness Day** would be rescheduled in real time as opposed to the popular (but disputed) parallel Wednesday, May 30, as reported here earlier. Now fixed firmly for **Thursday, May 30, Wellness Day** features full-bodied refreshment for the combined faculties and support staff of KEC's and CC's ESL and AAA divisions. Complete with keynote speaker, an array of tune-up opportunities such as aromatherapy, aerobics, fiscal fitness, massage, "heart smart" cooking, tai chi and others, **Wellness Day** puts you first. After all, what is a metaphor for if not to observe that life is a box of chocolates?

Dress casual. Prepare to be amused. Get well. That's Thursday, May 30, 1996. Right? Meanwhile, you have yet to figure out in which month Australians drink less beer. More later. Watch these pages.

Don Davidson

Internet access at VCC: update

VCC is actively pursuing increased bandwidth (network capacity/access) to the Internet for faculty, staff and administrators. This will allow for more concurrent Internet sessions such as World Wide Web (WWW) access. Current users accessing the WWW may be experiencing poor response time due in part to the limited access currently in place. We anticipate increased capacity by June/96 as supplier implementation schedules dictate.

Originally VCC's Internet access was put in place to support electronic mail and the occasional direct access to the Internet using a character-based browser such as Lynx (as opposed to a graphical browser such as Netscape). The popularity of E-mail and the Internet has grown exponentially over a very short period of time. This growth has been particularly strong in the use of graphical browsers such as Netscape. One person using a

graphical browser requires more bandwidth than many people using E-mail and the occasional person using Lynx. Meeting such a huge change in demand for network capacity in a relatively short period of time has been a real challenge, particularly from a budgetary point of view.

Further to this subject, those users currently accessing the Internet via graphical browsers such as Netscape are reminder to *refrain from this access during normal hours of operation, Monday to Friday*, i.e. between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. This also applies to downloading large files and during the running of our batch processes (11:30 pm to midnight each night). Your co-operation and patience in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Christie Wagner

VCC partner in new hotel school

University of Victoria is beginning what it says is the only bachelor of commerce degree program in Canada specializing in hotel and restaurant management.

UVic was chosen three years ago to develop a hotel school in B.C. following an industry request for proposals in Canada, the U.S. and Europe.

Five community colleges — Malaspina University College, University College of the Cariboo, Okanagan University College, Camosun College and Vancouver Community College — are in a partnership with UVic in the program. Students will be eligible to apply for UVic's program after graduating from any of the partner college's two-year hospitality diploma programs.

According to Empress Hotel general manager John Williams, Canadian Pacific Hotels has offered internships at each of its four Western properties and other hotels and restaurant companies are expected to follow suit.

Malcolm Ashford, president of the Vancouver-based Pacific Rim Institute of Tourism, commented: "The demand for graduates with these kinds of skills is enormous. Now, thanks to the industry's commitment and the cooperation of government, the University of Victoria and our partner colleges, the hotel school is about to become a reality. This is truly a groundbreaking partnership."

Excerpted from an article by Alan Daniels in the Vancouver Sun Business section, Tuesday, April 9, 1996

Student Success Steering Committee forms listserv

The Student Success Steering Committee, chaired by Jean Cockell and Jackie Sandy, was finding a great deal of difficulty physically getting together for meetings, so a listserv called *Success* has been set up on the VCC system. That committee (those on e-mail) would form the initial group for this list, but there are many others who are interested in these issues. We have disbanded the committee but would like to continue the discussions via e-mail. We have approval in principle from the VCC Educational Council to offer the College Success Curriculum that has just been developed by Bob Aitken using the Student Success Steering Committee in an advisory capacity. The next steps are instructor training for those wishing to teach the course, course offering through the Learning Centres, and continued workshops through counselling and within programs. We want to have student success as a central concern throughout the college, especially since our mission is to be a student centred college.

The purpose of the Success list is to provide people at VCC with an opportunity to share ideas on student success issues and activities.

To subscribe to this list do the following:

1. send message to listproc@vcc.bc.ca
2. leave Cc:, Attchmnt:, and Subject: blank
3. on the first line of the body, enter the following and nothing else (if you use a signature file, remove it from the body of the mail text):

subscribe success <First Name> <Last Name>
4. enter your real first and last names (no brackets) in place of <First Name> <Last Name>

Once you have subscribed you will receive a notice of acceptance from listproc. Once accepted, you can send mail to the list:

success@vcc.bc.ca

and listproc will disseminate a copy to every subscriber to the list, including the sender.

What's up?—at the KEC Learning Centre

Tours

Tours take approximately 20 minutes and may be booked by phone at local 7219, or in person at the Learning Centre. Please let us know your name and phone number, and the number of students (if known), level and any special requests you have. Our hours are 9:00 to 7:00, Monday to Thursday, 9:00 to 5:00 on Friday. If requested, we can also visit your classroom.

April closure

The Learning Centre will be closed to students April 24-30. We will re-open May 1.

New workshops

Exciting free workshops for students start the week of May 13. Stay tuned for details.

Correction

In the last issue of VCC Connections the meeting location for Education Council was incorrect. Please note that the next meeting of Education Council will be on May 7, 1996, City Centre Campus, **Room 237** - 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm.

Education Council Elections

Education Council welcomes:

- Paul Hunt to the position of Chair.
- Hilary Pearson, Gail Rochester and Stuart Scholefield as members of the Executive Committee.
- Lorna Brown as support staff rep.
- Erin McRae and Paul Hoeberigs as student reps.

Many thanks to Hilary Pearson for leading Education Council through its first, formative year. Well done Hilary!

Paul Hunt

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New policies

Title: Students with Disabilities

Policy No. 1.1.1.4

Issue Date: March 28, 1996

Amendment: Replaces Policy 1.1.1.4
Access for Disabled

A.1 Statement of Purpose

The provision of educational opportunities for students with disabilities is an integral part of the educational enterprise at Vancouver Community College (the "College"). The College is committed to enhancing access to educational programs and services for students with disabilities.

The College is committed to assisting students with disabilities to adapt to the College environment, to increasing opportunities for success in courses and programs, to fostering a healthy and safe environment, and to providing quality student services.

The College is committed to ensuring that all areas of the College facilities are physically accessible to persons with disabilities.

The College will consult and work with its educational partners - government ministries, other post-secondary educational institutions, secondary schools, community agencies, and consumer groups - in the development, delivery and ongoing review of educational activities. The College will endeavour to provide the broadest range of programs and services to adults with disabilities and thus to increase the representation of persons with disabilities in educational institutions and in the labour force.

The College is committed to fostering a supportive College community by working to remove attitudinal barriers and to inform and educate College members. The College is committed to ensuring that its policies and practices with respect to students with disabilities are consistent with

applicable legislation, including the British Columbia *Human Rights Code*.

A.2 Definition of Disability

In this policy the term "disability" is the definition of the World Health Organization: "Disability is the loss or reduction of functional ability and activity that is consequent upon impairment. It is characterized by excesses and deficiencies of behaviour and other functions customarily expected of the body and its parts. It involves functional limitation and or activity restriction."

Students with disabilities have the same access to College courses, programs and services as non-disabled students and will be admitted to the College's courses or programs provided that:

1. the student meets the admission requirements for the course or program or meets the admission requirements agreed upon by the College and the student; and
2. the student meets the *bona fide* occupational requirements of the course or program to ensure the safety of the student and others in the College community; and
3. the College can reasonably accommodate the student given the circumstances existing at the College.

A.3 Services

The College will endeavour to provide, or to coordinate the provision of services, to students with disabilities such as the following: talking books, large print books, vision enhancers, computers, spell checkers, taping, adjustable lab work stations, text readers, word processor with voice synthesizer and four track tape recorders, braille transcriptionists, interpreters, tutors and referrals to provincial agencies which provide technological equipment (collec-

tively the "services"). Personal attendant care is not included as a service provided by the College.

Procedures

B.1 Application for Services

Students with disabilities may apply for services by submitting an application in writing to the Co-ordinator of Services for Students with Disabilities. The written application must include:

- a) the specific services requested by the student;
- b) the general nature of the student's disability; and
- c) documented proof of the student's disability.

Students with disabilities shall apply for services as early as possible in order to provide the College with sufficient notice to facilitate the provision of the requested services.

Services will be allocated among students with disabilities on an equitable basis determined by the College.

B.2 The Co-ordinator of Services for Students with Disabilities

The Co-ordinator(s) of Services for students with Disabilities shall be responsible for providing services to individual students with disabilities to assist them overcoming barriers related to the disability. Services provided would include the following: registration with the College, development of educational plans, counselling, campus orientation tours, provision and allocation of services to students with disabilities, arranging accommodations for examinations, facilitating modifications to courses or programs where possible, assisting in ob-

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taining academic and vocational assessments, acquiring learning assistance and tutors, seeking financial aid for students with disabilities, coordinating with agencies which assist students with disabilities, and planning the transition into and out of the College setting.

B.3 Accommodations for Examinations

Where a student notifies the College that a disability interferes with his or her capacity to write an examination in the usual manner and the student provides the College with documented proof of his or her disability, the College will arrange for accommodations to minimize or eliminate the impact of the disability upon the student's capacity to write the examination, but not to provide an advantage to the student.

Accommodations for examinations shall be determined by the student's functional limitations and capabilities. Accommodations for examinations may include, but are not limited to: extended time limits, separate examination rooms and/or scribes, examinations on tape, interpreters or readers as established by agreement between the student, the instructor or Department Head, and the Co-ordinator of Services for Students with Disabilities. The Co-ordinator of Services for Students with Disabilities shall be responsible for arranging support services necessary to implement the accommodations.

B.4 Modification to Courses or Programs

Where a student notifies the College that a disability interferes with his or her capacity to participate in a course or program at the College and the student provides the College with documented proof of his or her disability, the Co-ordinator of Services for Students with Disabilities shall consult with the student, the Department Head, and the instructor of that course or program, and shall draw up a contract

specifying the modifications to the course or program as agreed to by the parties. (See Section B)

B.5 Resources to Faculty

The Co-ordinator for Students with Disabilities shall make available to faculty and staff at the College a handbook of recommendations to classroom and instructional delivery to accommodate specific disabilities. The Co-ordinator shall also have available additional information to enable faculty and staff to learn more about specific disabilities. Periodically, the Co-ordinator shall provide inservice opportunities for faculty and staff to improve their knowledge of specific disabling conditions and appropriate classroom modifications.

B.6 Interpreting Services

The following are the criteria for student eligibility for interpreting services:

The student has provided documentation or demonstrated that he or she is deaf or hard of hearing and that interpreting is required as a primary form of access accommodation.

The student's responsibilities in relation to using the interpreting services require that the student meet with the Co-ordinator of Services for Students with Disabilities to discuss their requirements at least **four months** in advance of the class start date; meet College deadlines for registration; notify in writing the Co-ordinator of Services for Students with Disabilities of their need for an interpreter and their class schedule; introduce the interpreter to the instructor, discuss communication preferences with the interpreter, work with the interpreter on communications strategies and advise the interpreter when strategies are not working and ensure that the interpreter is aware of advance reading materials and is available for class assignments.

There are specific requirements as to attendance. The student must contact the interpreter 24 hours in advance when ex-

pected to be late, sick or otherwise unavailable to attend class or when the class is cancelled. The guidelines provide that if a student has cancelled interpreting services without 24 hours notice two or more times s/he will be required to meet with the Co-ordinator of Services for Students with Disabilities. If the student does not have good cause for cancellation without notice, interpreting services may be suspended.

The student also is responsible to provide feedback regarding the service once per term and is obliged to contact the Co-ordinator of Services for Students with Disabilities when dissatisfied with the services or the interpreter.

The College has responsibilities in regard to interpreting services as well.

The interpreter must have certain professional qualifications, is required to be prepared for class and become familiar with the course material, must notify the student when the interpreter is unable to attend class and must abide by the policies and procedures of the College and maintain professional standards at all times.

B.7 Parking

The College has a specified number of automobile parking spaces available for students with disabilities. The College will allocate these spaces on a equitable basis determined by the College.

Vancouver Community College Policy "Students with Disabilities," No. 1.1.1.4, received approval by the College Board on March 28, 1996. If you require a copy of the signed policy, please contact Executive Officer at local 7159.

New policies continued

Title: VCC-International Education Enrollment

Policy No. 2.1.2.7
Issue Date: March 28, 1996

A. Vancouver Community College recognizes the many benefits that accrue to the general college student population and the College as a whole by having international education students enrolled at the College. It is thus the policy of Vancouver Community College to afford international education students the opportunity to study at the College.

Procedures:

B.1 The underlying philosophy and governing principles of offering seats to international education students is that so long as the number of domestic students is maintained over time*, seats will be made available to international education students in the following order:

- Where possible, additional sections/programs of international education students will be created;
- In consultation with department heads, associate deans, and/or deans, overfills of two student seats per program/section will be reserved for international students up to six months before the commencement of the section/program;
- When (a) and (b) above are not practicable, two seats will be reserved for international education up to six months before the commencement of the section/program.

Exclusion to (b) and (c) above are programs which are based on selection and

those programs which have a wait list of one year or longer.

*The College will maintain a data base of international education students and at the end of each fiscal year will tabulate the number of students and programs in (b) and (c) above. Information gained will be used to assure that the number of domestic students is maintained over time.



Vancouver Community College Policy "Students with Disabilities," No. 2.1.2.7, received approval by the College Board on March 28, 1996. If you require a copy of the signed policy, please contact Executive Officer at local 7159.

Title: VCC-Identification of Financial Aid Eligibility

Policy No. 2.1.0.6
Issue Date: March 12, 1996

A.1 All program offerings at VCC (and relevant literature) will be clearly identified for purposes of eligibility (or non-eligibility) for federal/provincial financial aid funding.

A.2 This policy applies to all new course/program offerings at VCC as well as existing course/program offerings.

A.3 This policy is specific to the designation of courses/programs eligible for the B.C. Student Assistance Program (BCSAP), the Canada Student Loan Part-Time Program (CSL P/T), Part-Time Student Assistance Program (PTSAP), the Adult Basic Education Student Assistance Program (ABESAP), Special Opportunity Grants for Students (SOGS) as well as any newly initiated federal/provincial programs of financial aid designated for students at public post-secondary institutions.

References

B.1 See the VCC Course/Program Revision Form.

B.2 All public federal and/or provincial financial aid funding is subject to guidelines as set by the Federal Government in Ottawa and the Provincial Authority (Student Services Branch, MOEST, Victoria).

Procedures

C.1 As part of the VCC Course/Program Revision Form the Financial Aid Advisor at each Campus will identify the appropriate federal/provincial programs for which the program/course is eligible according to criteria set by the Provincial Authority. (see A.3)

C.2 Where the designation is unclear, a committee consisting of the Dean and/or Associate Dean, Department Head, and financial aid advisors from both campuses will meet to identify the appropriate

federal/provincial programs for which the program/course is eligible according to criteria set by the Provincial Authority. (see A.3)

C.3 Where the Committee identified in C.2 is undecided regarding the appropriate designation, the decision will be referred to the Provincial Authority for designation.

C.4 Where any faculty and/or department believe the financial aid funding designations are inappropriate for the programs/courses offered (either current or new course/programs), the procedures identified in C.2 and C.3 will be followed.



Vancouver Community College Policy Identification of Financial Aid Eligibility, No. 2.1.0.6, received approval by Operations Council on March 12, 1996. If you require a copy of the signed copy please contact Executive Office at local 7159.

Protect yourself and others

Do you know how to perform CPR? If you do, you are already well prepared in case of an emergency at a pool, in a restaurant, or anywhere you might be in the coming vacation season. But if you were required to perform CPR do you have a way to protect yourself while doing rescue breathing? It is possible that the person you are trying to resuscitate may have tuberculosis, oral herpes, hepatitis B, or some other infection.

Use of a CPR Microshield allows you to perform rescue breathing while protecting yourself from the victim's secretions (and possible infections). The shield is a clear barrier that has a mouthpiece that is inserted into the victim's mouth on one side and an opening for rescue breathing on the other. Inside is a one-way valve that allows air in but prevents secretions from coming out.

Health Services at KEC has a small quantity of CPR Microshields available for sale

to staff or students at wholesale price. We have two types:

CPR Microshield, instructions and 1 pair latex gloves in a vinyl pouch (about 2" x 4" and about 1/2" thick). This pouch is perfect for your First Aid Kit or glove compartment of the car. Cost - \$10.00.

MDI CPR Microshield keychain - this is a small nylon pouch with a velcro opening. It has a keychain ring attached to secure it to your keys, sports equipment, or any place where it will be handy. It also has a Microshield, instructions, and latex gloves. Cost - \$16.50.

If you are interested in purchasing either of these please contact Pauline (KEC nurse) at 871-7187.

If there are departments where, because of the nature of the program, several individuals are interested - we can order more.

Join the Graphic Arts Printing Production Dept. for their Open House

Wednesday, April 24

1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

* See the Printing Dept.
in full production mode

* Personal tours

* Door prizes

* Goodies

* Fun for all

Information packages will be available for those interested in knowing more about the program.

Board highlights: Mar. 28 meeting

Bob Smith will step down as Board Chair in April. The election of the Board Chair and Vice Chair will take place at the next Board meeting on April 25.

The Board approved:

- the Policy and Procedures for Students with Disabilities (see **Connections** insert)
- the International Education Enrollment Policy (see **Connections** insert)
- the 1997 increase in International Education tuition fees
- the Joint Deficit Repayment Plan Agreement
- criteria for Program Cancellation as recommended by Education Council (see **Connections**, April 4, 1996)

- deletion of the Business Office Training/ESL Program from the College Calendar
- the Pay Equity Agreement and amendment of the CUPE Collective Agreement with the insertion of the Pay Equity Letter of Understanding

Next Board meeting

The next Board meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on April 25, 1996 in room 240 at City Centre. This will be an informal meeting, to which you are invited to bring any issues for discussion with the Board. At 6:00 pm the Board will convene a short formal session in order to elect the Board Chair and Vice Chair.

For additional information, please call Sarah Lucas (7158).

Correction

In last issue's "Education Council Update" article, the program description for the new Summer ESL program contained incorrect information. The description should have read:

Council received information on a new non-credit ESL course for listening and speaking that will be offered at three 3-week sessions during the summer. Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced levels of this course are open to international visitors or immigrants willing to pay the \$250 fee. Students may choose either morning or evening sessions.

announcements

Acting First Nations Education Coordinators

Colin Desjarlais, the Acting First Nations Education Coordinator, has completed his contract with VCC.

Linda Thomas will not be returning to the position until June, but we have been fortunate in hiring Terry Preston and Candice Hunter, who have recently been in counseling practicums at our KEC campus toward completion of their Masters degrees. They will share the Coordinator's responsibilities with the following schedule:

Terry Preston

- Mondays at KEC: local 7020, First Nations Office
- Wednesdays at CC: local 8634, Counseling Office

Candice Hunter

- Tuesdays and Thursdays at KEC: local 7020, First Nations Office

KEC Financial Aid Office Update

ABESAP:

ABESAP applications are now available for next term (April-June and May-August 96). Please advise students to apply early to receive assistance. Also, our office is available to give mini-talks to classes between 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. If you would like to schedule a mini-talk for your class please call the Financial Aid Office at loc. 7046.

Work Study

Work Study Applications for May-August term are available from KEC Financial Aid Office. Students looking for part-time work on Campus should pick up an application from our office, Room 4029.

Bursary:

Bursary results will be mailed the third week of April 96.

Attention Music Students!

Cultural fund Scholarship Awards Program applications for Music Students are now available and can be obtained from the Financial Aid Office. **Deadline May 31, 1996.**

Congratulations

...to Holly Cole, of the Community and Career Education Department for recently completing her MA in Adult Education. "Welcome back to normal life."

Wayne McNiven

With sympathy:

It was with pain and disbelief that we listened to the news from Vernon, B.C. about the murders of Rajwar Gakhal and her family. But it has brought it even closer to home to realize that Rajwar was a graduate of VCC's Dental Hygiene program in June 1991. The life of a promising young woman who worked hard toward creating a better life for herself was cut short. Our sympathies go out to the friends and relatives of Rajwar Gakhal.

Linda Martin

LIBRARY News

New Books at KEC Library

- Connection Community Content: the Challenge of the Information Highway
- The Elements of E-Mail Style: Communicate Effectively Via Electronic Mail
- Netscape Quick Tour for Windows
- Television Violence: a Review of the Effects on Children of Different Ages
- Understanding Self-Regulated Learning
- The End of Work: the Decline of the Global Labor Force...
- How the Internet Works
- The Psychology of Spirituality
- Working with Adult Learners

City Centre Holiday Closures for 1996

The following dates have been programmed into the City Centre Access System. On these days, all perimeter doors will be magnetically locked, including those which provide access to the parkade.

May 20	July 1
August 5	September 2
October 14	November 11
December 24-31 inclusive	

What, me defensive?!!!!

The new, revised version of the popular film, "Communicating Non-Defensively," is now available on video at the City Centre Library.

This video will be of interest to instructors whose students will need to communicate with the public, whether in business, dentistry, electronics, baking, accounting, hairstyling, or other programs. Discussion centres on both the causes and symptoms of defensive behavior and the video illustrates the skills necessary for non-defensive communication in the workplace.

Summer Saturday hours

Please note that there will be **no Saturday hours of operation during the Summer months**. The **last day** for Saturday hours of operation will be **April 27**. Saturday openings will resume once again at the King Edward Campus Library during the Fall term.

VCC students get videos to go!

Starting May 1, 1996, VCC Libraries will begin circulating their video collection to students for off-campus use. There has been a demonstrated historic and consistent need for VCC students to be able to use these materials at a location and on a schedule more suitable to their often demanding lives. Videos have become a much more prominent and mainstream resource in the palette of research materials available to students and it has become unrealistic to restrict viewing to the in-library environment only. Also, such a policy will bring VCC in line with the majority of post-secondary and public library systems in the province, many of which have offered this service for years.

We fully recognize the role that videos play in the planning of instructors' classes and will place "reserve-style" borrowing restrictions for students, on videos which have special application to certain programs, are particularly costly to replace, or have archival value. Booking and borrowing privileges for faculty and staff will remain as they were. However, it is strongly recommended that instructors who use videos as core compo-

nents of their courses book well in advance to ensure availability on the dates required.

We are very excited to be offering this new service, and know it will go a long way to meeting students' needs

Brenda Appleton

Overdue Videos?

A plea to all instructors who book videos: please remember that the video you've just viewed may belong to an institution other than VCC and that returning it late, even by a day, affects other bookings for that title at other BC colleges and universities. Conversely, VCC-owned videos may also have been booked by other institutions and their timely return is required. VCC belongs to the Media Exchange Cooperative, (MEC) a province-wide post-secondary resource-sharing consortium. MEC enables you to have access the province's video collection. Please help VCC and MEC run smoothly by returning your videos on the date due.

Mark Goertz

calendar

Public talk on Tibetan Buddhism

Sogyal Rinpoche, author of *The Tibetan Book of Living and Dying* will be in Vancouver for a public talk, April 26, 7:30 pm, Ryerson United Church, 2195 West 45th Avenue and Weekend workshop April 26-28.

For information call: S. Lee 263-8842. Sogyal has a gift for presenting Tibetan Buddhism in a way that is relevant to Westerners.

D. Barreca

Literacy walk: a large step for freedom

The Annual Walk for Literacy will take place on June 9, 1996, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., with a walk from KEC to CC. For more information on this walk, "A Small Step for Literacy, a Large Step for Freedom," contact Brenda Lee Giles at 437-6065 (Walk Coordinator) or Barbara Ash at local 7362 or Ted Hougham at local 7359 (VCC Faculty contacts). More details coming in the next issue of Connections.

Get on your bikes and ride.

Bike to Work Week is coming - June 2-8, 1996. This annual week-long event is aimed at raising recognition and awareness of the bicycle as a viable mode of transportation. Many special events are planned to highlight the week - watch for more details in an upcoming issue of Connections.

1996 meeting schedule - VCC Board Finance and Administration Committee

Third Tuesday of each month, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Room 4043, KEC.

- May 21
- June 18
- July 1996 - No Meeting
- August 20
- September 17
- October 15
- November 19
- December 17 (subject to change)

Laubach Literacy 1996 regional conference in Vancouver

Laubach Literacy of Canada will hold its regional conference in Vancouver, May 2-5 at the Plaza 500 Hotel. The conference includes a variety of mini-workshops for adult learners and tutors and a chance to meet Laubach volunteers from around the country and exchange ideas and tutoring techniques.

Laubach Literacy is a volunteer based, non-profit organization that has operated in Canada since 1970.

Registration cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. No charge for students. For more information contact **Karen Power** at telephone 522-7818 or fax 522-7505.

Relocation

The location of Education Council meetings at City Centre has been changed as renovations are taking place in Room 300B. In future all Council meetings at City Centre will take place in Room 237 and at King Edward Campus in Room 5025. The meeting schedule remains unchanged and is as follows:

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| • May 7 | City Centre |
| • June 4 | KEC |
| • July 2 | City Centre |
| • Aug. 6 | KEC |
| • Sept. 3 | City Centre |
| • Oct. 1 | KEC |
| • Nov. 5 | City Centre |
| • Dec. 3 | KEC |

Linking Education to Work A Special ABE Presentation

9:30 am - 11:00 am
Thursday, April 25, 1996
KEC Auditorium

with Lynda Fownes (B.Ed, M.Ed.),
Manager of BC Construction Industry Skills Improvement Council *SkillPlan*

This special ABE presentation is open to all members of the college community who are interested in how to make education more relevant to the workplace. There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion.

Contact:

Ruth Behnke, Local 7294
Mathematics Department Head
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classifieds

JOB POSTINGS

*Instructor - Practical Nursing Program,
City Centre.* Closing date: April 30.

*Counsellor for Students with Disabilities,
City Centre.* Closing date: April 19.

*Office Clerk (a), Continuing Education,
City Centre.* Closing date: April 24.

FOR RENT

Available for sublet: one bedroom apartment
at Oak and 15th, June 19 to August 30 or
the better part thereof. \$645 per month. Ref-
erences required. Please call Mima at
737-6820.

Lakeshore cabin for rent: spacious log
home available for weekly summer rental on
100 feet of Shuswap Lake waterfront. 2600
square feet, newly renovated, 4 bedrooms, 2
full bathrooms, 2 kitchens. Suitable for 2
families. \$1500 per week. First time rental:
prime summer weeks available. Call to ar-
range your vacation or receive a brochure
with more information. Pat 929-5230.

FREE STUFF

Free for departmental use - *six study car-
rels.* Call Joan at 7278.

FOR SALE

House for sale: COZY quiet little two bed-
room home in south Vancouver with
beautiful view of the Gulf Islands. \$239,000
or make an offer. Contact Donna at 871-
7207.

I'm away today, so...

Out of the office all day attending
meetings? On your flex day?
Consider changing your voicemail
message to reflect this. Your
callers will love you for it.



**The deadline for submissions for the next
Connections (May 2) is Thursday, April 25**

Board Meetings - 1996

All Board meetings will start at 5:00
p.m. and are held in Room 240, City
Centre Campus or Room 5025, King
Edward Campus.

- April 25, CC
- May 23, KEC
- June 27, CC
- (No meeting in July)
- August 22, KEC
- September 26, CC
- October 24, KEC
- November 28, CC
- December 12, location TBA
(subject to Board approval)

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June 13
July 4
August 1
September 12 and 26

Please provide your article on a PC disk,
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edit submissions for clarity and length.
Deadline for submissions is Thursday of
the week prior to publication.

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