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ach year, thousands of students complete their studies at B.C.'s public colleges and institutes, and each year these former students are asked to assess

their college experiences and describe their post-college outcomes.

A survey was conducted in the spring of 1995 for the B.C. Colleges and Institutes Student Outcomes Report. The survey population included only students who had completed academic, career, or vocational studies and left college sometime after July 1, 1993 and before June 30, 1994. The following are some of the results of the report.

Labour Force Outcomes:

Eighty-seven per cent of respondents were in the labour force one year after completing their college studies. Of these, 73 per cent were employed in a full-time job.

For respondents in the labour force, the three program areas resulting in the greatest proportion of full-time employment were: agriculture and natural resources (87 per cent), engineering, electrical and electronics (84 per cent) and construction, mechanics and metal trades (80 per cent).

The three with the smallest proportion were: fine/visual and performing arts (66 per cent), and liberal arts, sciences and humanities (67 per cent).

Of those respondents who were in the labour force one year after completing their college studies, 58 per cent were working in training-related jobs.

For respondents in the labour force, the proportion working in training related jobs was greatest for respondents coming out of certificate programs up to six months in length (93 per cent) and smallest for the lower division degree programs (34 per cent).

For respondents in the labour force, the three program areas with the greatest proportion of respondents employed in a training related job were: health related (84 per cent), agriculture and natural resources (82 per cent) and engineering, electrical and electronic (76 per cent).

The three with the smallest proportion were: liberal arts, sciences and humanities (32 per cent), fine/visual and performing arts (44 per cent) and transportation (59 per cent).

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Job salaries for respondents varied widely among the five different program types. Students who completed upper division programs reported earning the highest salaries (a median of \$2,650 per month), while those who completed either a short vocational or lower division program earned the lowest (median of \$2,000 and \$1,750 per month, respectively).

Job salaries for respondents also varied widely. The three program areas where respondents reported earning the highest mean monthly salaries were: transportation, computer and information services and agriculture and natural resources. The three with the smallest salaries reported were: fine/visual and performing arts, recreation and liberal arts/sciences and humanities.

from Prospects, The Employment Paper

Updated phone directory in the works

Production of the VCC Telephone Directory is scheduled for the end of September 1996. In preparation, a Telephone Directory Worksheet will be distributed to each department in mid-August. The worksheet is a listing of the people in the department with their telephone local and other information that appears in the directory. Please update the worksheet and add any additional information you wish to appear in the next directory (ie. Title/Position). If no changes are required, please return the worksheet with the department head or designate's signature. Please return all worksheets by Friday, September 13, 1996 to my attention.

Christie Wagner, ICS-City Centre

IBT brings expertise together to help students

The Student Services Division of VCC would like to announce a new service to students under the IBT (Instititution Based Training) Initiative. IBT staff will be helping students and prospective students on income assistance (Youth Works and Welfare to Work) prepare for entry to and success at Vancouver Community College. Many exciting initiatives are underway.

Darlene Vuch (local 7001), formerly from the Basic Education Department at KEC, is now a Student Services Assistant for IBT clients at King Edward. Darlene can be found on the 4th Floor, Administrative Offices at KEC.

Wendy Lafrance (local 8637) from the Counselling Department at City Centre, is now working as a Student Services Assistant for IBT clients at City Centre. Wendy can still be found in the Counselling Department at City Centre where she has an office.

Nona Coles (local 8634) is new to VCC and is the IBT transition counsellor. Nona is responsible for assisting IBT graduates on both campuses with job search and the transition to employment.

Brenda Toporowski (local 8442), Community Outreach, will be offering tours and information sessions to prospective students. Brenda is also responsible for maintaining a close relationship with training consultants, social workers and financial aid workers in the Ministries of Education, Skills and Training and Social Services. Brenda will continue to maintain contact with the community.

Wayne Avery (local 8449), formerly Coordinator of Services for Students with Disabilities at City Centre, is now responsible for the coordination of this new support service for students on income assistance.

If you have a student who you think might benefit from this new student service or if you want to know more about IBT, give us a call. Stay tuned for the next issue of Connections for more detailed information on BC Benefits (Youth Works and Welfare to Work) and the Institution Based Training Initiative at VCC.

Government makes job info available free on the Internet

Need to know what career prospects look like for a research scientist, or an office worker, or a psychiatric nurse? How about getting information on how much you might earn as a lab technician? All that information is now available free, courtesy of Human Resources Development Canada, to users of the Internet.

Last week HRDC launched the online version of *Job Futures*, a two-volume, 780-page profile of career prospects in Canada. Job Futures includes the most cur-

rent information and analyses of supply and demand in the Canadian job market.

It is aimed at career counsellors, parents and students seeking career guidance, but it will also be a useful tool for unemployed workers and those planning a career change or re-entering the job market.

By 1998, all of Canada's 16,500 schools and 3,400 libraries will have access to the electronic version of Job Futures via SchoolNet. Access will also be available

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Clerks under stress studied

Six calls are coming in at once, someone has just dropped off yet another memo they must have typed right now, and you wonder how you're going to afford the coming rent increase.

Sound familiar? You may be a candidate for a study on stress and clerical workers. Dr. Bonita Long of the University of British Columbia Counselling Psychology department hopes to track 300 women in full-time clerical jobs over the next few years. The goal is to find out how much stress they experience, and what strategies they use to cope.

Eventually she hopes to test the successful coping strategies in the workplace. Long already has 97 people enrolled in the program, and is looking for more.

"We're doing the study because clerical work is a category of women that is very seldom seriously studied. I'm not sure why, but as a group of workers, they're not as studied as other groups such as women in management, who have been studied quite extensively in terms of the stress they experience and how they cope with it."

One-third of all working women are in clerical jobs, Long adds, and the scanty

research that has been done indicates that they are under considerable stress.

"It's not for the same reasons that women in management generally feel stress. They often feel they have little control over their environment. They are poorly paid, so they feel they're not appreciated. They have lots of demands on them; they have expectations on them that they have good interpersonal skills, but at the same time they feel unappreciated."

Long says she wants to find out if research from the past is valid, then analyze the ways clerical workers deal with stress, good and bad.

Participants are interviewed by a research assistant for an hour to 90 minutes. Then they're required to complete three booklets of questionnaires and keep a daily diary for 15 days. The diary entries should take no longer than 20 minutes a day to complete.

Eventually the results will be published in an academic journal, and each participant will be sent a copy of the report.

Anyone wishing to take part in this study should call research assistants Kamaljit Sidhu or Marlene Barber at 822-9199.

from the Peace Arch News

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through CanWorkNet, the career and labour market information site HRDC is helping to set up. Members of more than 1,000 rural communities will be linked through the Community Access Program.

Job Futures will also be available in book or CD-ROM format. HRDC will supply libraries and local Human Resource Centres of Canada (formerly Canada Employment Centres) with the hard-copy reference version.

Volume one of Job Futures contains general information on 211 occupational groups that cover all jobs in the country, with specific information on labour market conditions and five-year job projections. Volume Two provides information on the work experience of recent post-secondary graduates and job projections.

You can find Job Futures on the Internet at http://www.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca.

from Prospects, The Employment Paper

Introduce your students to the City Centre Library

The City Centre Library is now taking bookings from instructors for Library Orientations. These orientations are available as half-hour Tours or hour long Labs, and are tailored for each class.

LIBRARY LABS are one hour in length. Students receive information about borrowing privileges and responsibilities as well as a guided tour of the facilities. The Lab includes an introduction to the Library's classification system (how books are arranged in the Library) and hands-on practice looking up books in the computerized catalogue. Library resources relevant to students' area of study are highlighted. The Library now provides access to various online periodical indexes and databases. If your students' research needs include journal articles, a librarian can assist your students with a hands-on training exercise using CD-ROM or online resources.

LIBRARY TOURS are one-half hour long. As in the Lab, students receive introductory information tailored to the content of the class and a guided tour through the Library. They are shown the Library catalogue and areas of the Library where they will find materials relevant to their course of study.

All new students should have an introduction to the campus Library near the beginning of their program. Please phone the Library Information Desk at 443-8339 to schedule Tours or Labs for your classes.



VCC's monthly 50/50 contest "draws"

It's (almost) here! - your chance to win big, every month of the year.

It's fun, it's easy to play, it's VCC's monthly 50/50 draw.

Tickets can be purchased through payroll deduction.

\$2.00/ticket OR buy five tickets for \$10.00 and get a bonus ticket FREE!

It couldn't be simpler.

Applications forms will be available shortly.

If you can't wait to find out more, contact Jane at the Foundation local 7237.

Teacher Swap offers 602 home exchanges

The 1996 Teacher Swap Home Exchange Directory from Teacher Swap, a home exchange service for active and retired teachers, contains 602 listings, more than half of which are for private homes abroad. Sites include France (101), England (62), Germany (43), Spain (17), Italy (16), Ireland (10) and the French Caribbean (8) as well as 20 other countries. Contact Ron or Ellie Frevola, Teacher Swap, P. O. Box 454, Oakdale, N.Y., 11769-0454 or phone-fax 516-244-2845.

VCC builds upon unique relationship with the Singaporean community

On March 29th His Excellency Kausikan Bilahari, High Commissioner Canada and the United Nations for the Republic of Singapore travelled to Vancouver from New York. His mission: to join in the formal inauguration of the Canada Singapore Business Association. The Association, which evolved from the Business Committee of the Vancouver Singapore Club, has the objective of facilitating the development of business and trading relationships between Canada and Singapore.

The inaugural ceremonies were attended by many prominent people in the life of Vancouver and Singapore including Mayor Philip Owen, Judge Nathan Nemetz (Honourary Consul General of Canada to the Republic of Singapore), K.E. Mathews and VCC President John Cruickshank. Assisting Mr. Bilahari in the inauguration was Canadian Secretary of State, Asia Pacific, Hon. Raymond Chan.

Continuing Education's Brian Cole, 1st Vice President of the B.C. Chapter of the Association, and a Director of the national organization commented, "VCC has developed a good working relationship with this organization. With their board holding their monthly meeting at KEC, VCC enjoys a unique position among educational establishments. VCC has created a lot of goodwill among the Singaporean Community in the Lower Mainland. There are 8,000 to 10,000 family units that have immigrated to B.C. from Singapore, mostly living in greater Vancouver. One of the priorities of new arrivals is education and we're well positioned to obtain a significant share of their Community College enrollments. I'm personally aware of a number of people who have signed up for both full time and CE courses."

Brian Cole, Continuing Education

New BC school computer program

British Columbia's public school system is expanding the basics of education to include computer literacy for all students and teachers. In an ambitious five-year goal, B.C. will spend \$100 million to improve access to technology in the class-room and encourage businesses to invest more in high-tech training. The fiveyear goal is computer literacy for all teachers, and equal access to computers for all students. Highlights of the B.C. Plan: Education ministry will set standards for teacher competency in technology. School districts will be required to identify their teacher training needs. Ministry will provide more resources to help teachers integrate technology in classrooms, such as on-line courses for teachers and electronic versions of the new curriculum. Businesses will provide teachers with short-term work experience placements in high-tech industries. A key part of the new scheme is the participation of leading computer and communications companies, such as Apple Canada, IBM Canada, Sun Microsystems and B.C. Telephone. Apple has agreed to provide a series of "technology camps" for teachers, and is also developing new educational software. IBM will spend \$200,000 working with the B.C. ministry of education to develop an intermediate math and science program.



Communication of information to the College community by voice mail

You will all be familiar with the voice mail "message of the day" and most of you will remember that several years ago we used the #7099 Exchange number to provide timely information and updates requiring a little more explanation. The 7099 number has been resurrected as a "Bulletin" information line, but when there is a bulletin, you will receive notice of the fact through a brief reference on the Message of the Day. Guidelines and Procedures for the communication of messages on either of these systems are provided here, for your information and use.

Procedures for Message of the Day

Purpose

To establish an approval process for requests to place a "message of the day" on the College voice mail system.

Guidelines

- 1. The message must be relevant to the majority of the audience.
- 2. The message must have a significant time-dependence. Use other means, e.g. Connections, if time is not necessarily of the essence.
- The message must be as brief and concise as possible (can be read in under 20 seconds).
- 4. The message must be non-political and non-partisan.
- Priority will be given to messages according to urgency, educational focus, size of audience and timeliness.
- A lengthier, more detailed message may be placed on the "Bulletin" Information voice mailbox number #7099.

Procedures

 Any request must be forwarded to the Telephone Systems Manager (Christie Wagner), in the form of a written memo, fax or e-mail.

- 2. The request should include explanatory comments, and requested date/time message is to be placed on the system and the date/time the message is to be removed from the system.
- 3. Christie Wagner will e-mail the President's Office with details of the request and with ICS's recommendations retechnical difficulties, timing, suggested abbreviation of a lengthy message, etc.
- 4. The final decision as to appropriateness is made in the President's Office.
- 5. The President's Office communicates the final decision via e-mail to Christie Wagner, for action.
- 6. A lengthy, detailed message will be processed in the same way, but Christie would make reference to its existence on the 7099 mailbox number in a brief "message of the day."
- If requested, the initiator of the "Bulletin" message may record the message.
 Christie Wagner will provide the instructions.

AMTEC expresses appreciation to Michael Agrios and VCC

We received the following, very complimentary letter from the Association for Media and Technology in Education in Canada:

"On behalf of the Board of Directors and membership of the Association for Media and Technology in Education in Canada, I want to thank you for the institutional support you provided in bringing the AMTEC '96 conference to Vancouver in June. As you know, Michael Agrios provided remarkable leadership to the conference team, and without such inspired leadership and your institution's support, the conference would not have been possible.

"In AMTEC, we are fortunate to have leaders like Michael Agrios in our membership. The Board of Directors is also quite aware of the indirect support given us from Vancouver Community College, and for this, we are most grateful. We have taken steps through our newsletter, listserv and web site to thank Vancouver Community College publicly for all you have done for us."

(signed)
Dr. Richard A. Schwier,
President, AMTEC

(Thanks, Michael, for your efforts and for putting VCC in such a good light.

Linda Martin, V.P., Educational Support Services)



announcements

CCA Department IRA changes

Please note the following IRA changes in the College and Career Access (CCA) Department, effective September 1, 1996:

Department Head - CCA, ABE Youth, BEST, EEAW: Barbara Ash, Office 2110 Phone #871-7362

Coordinator of Math and Sciences, Student Advisor A - L: Peter Herd, Office 2111, Phone # 871-7358

Coordinator of English and Social Sciences, Student Advisor M - Z: Ted Hougham, Office 2112, Phone #871-7365

Important notice regarding Thanksgiving Day, October 14, 1996:

The current collective agreement between the College and CUPE Local 15 indicates that Thanksgiving Day falls on Monday, October 7, 1996. This is an error. Please be advised that this year Thanksgiving Day falls on Monday, October 14, 1996. The College will be closed for the Statutory Holiday.

Please note Human Rights Coordinator office hours

- Monday and Wednesday: City Centre Campus, Counselling area, 9:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m., phone 443-8310.
- Tuesday and Thursday: King Edward Campus, Counselling area, 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m., phone 871-7040. Messages: 871-7040

Christmas 1996 break period notice

For your information and for scheduling purposes, this will confirm the College's

Christmas Break period for 1996. December 23, 1996, will be a normal working day for all College employees. The official closure of the College for the Christmas Break will be December 24, 1996, to January 1, 1997, inclusive. Employees will return to duty on January 2, 1997.

Recent staffing changes

Congratulations to:

1) Lorraine Drossis

She will begin her temporary position of Program Assistant (C) effective Tuesday, August 20, 1996, replacing Darlene Vuch in the Basic Education Department until May 30, 1997. Her local is 7369.

2) Manijeh Golkhizi

Manijeh has recently joined the ESL-ELS Department to begin her temporary position of Program Assistant (B), replacing Cheryl Burton until January 31, 1997. Her local is 7241.

3) Sue Devison

Sue has joined the KEC Administration to begin her temporary position of Room Booking Clerk, replacing Manijeh Golkhizi until January 31, 1997. Her local is 7027.

Please drop by and say HELLO to them.

Karen Kelly

Next Connections: September 5

The next issue of
Connections will
appear September 5, with
subsequent issues appearing
biweekly until December.

The deadline for the September 5 issue is August 29.

New Books and Materials in CC Library

- · Access for Windows for Busy People
- Auto Electricity and Electronics Technology
- Global Airlines: Competition in a Transnational Industry
- Illustrator 6 for Macs for Dummies
- Instructional Media and Technologies for Learning
- Literacy Instruction for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities
- Netware 4.1: the Complete Reference
- Seattle Best Places
- · Targeting the Job You Want
- Assisted Living for the Aged and Frail
- Career Resources for Practitioners: an Annotated Bibliography
- Creating Opportunity: Progress on Commitments to Aboriginal Peoples
- dBASE IV [two videos]
- Microsoft Windows 95 Executive Summary [video]
- Microsoft Windows 95 Volumes 1 & 2 [two videos]
- · Spontaneous Healing
- Take Care: How to Develop and Implement a Workplace Violence Prevention Program
- This is Alias/Wavefront 95/96 [video]
- WordPerfect 5.1 Modules One and Two [two videos]
- 1996 Canadian Internet Directory
- BC Wine Country
- Canadian Exporters Catalogue Directory
- Caribbean Islands Handbook with the Bahamas, 1996
- Changing Course: an Agenda for REAL Reform of Canadian Education
- Dummies 101: Excel 5 for Windows
- Education and Support Program for Family Caregivers
- Educational Media and Technology Yearbook
- Exporters' Encyclopaedia Regional Guide to Asia/Pacific Rim
- Facts about Canada, its Provinces and Territories
- Feedback Toolkit: 16 Tools for Better Communication in the Workplace



- Job Futures: an Occupational Outlook
- Mastering AutoCAD 13 for Windows
- Mastering PageMaker 6 for the Mac
- NAFTA Customs Procedures Manual
- · Peter Norton's Inside the PC
- Planning Library Interiors: the Selection of Furnishings for the 21st Century
- Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act and Regulations: Certificate Training Guide

Applied Programs IRA changes

The Applied Programs area would like to welcome two new IRAs into the fold. Effective June 12, 1996 Beth Callahan has been appointed as Acting Department Head, Printing Production. Effective July 1, 1996, Russ Brendzy has been appointed as Assistant Department Head, Electronics. Both Beth and Russ have many years of service at the College and bring with them much knowledge and experience form their respective areas of expertise.

Should you wish to congratulate them, Beth can be reached at 8574 and Russ at 8565.

New Books at KEC Library

- Aboriginal Self-Government in Canada
- Contemporary Chinese Women Writers
- Emotional Intelligence
- Hook up, Get Hired! The Internet Job Search Revolution
- Business in the Canadian Environment
- In her Own Right: Selected Essays on Women's History in B.C.
- Investment Strategies: How to Create your Own and Make it Work for you
- Language Anxiety: from Theory and Research to Classroom Implications
- Simone de Beauvoir and Jean-Paul Sartre: the Remaking of a ...
- B.C. Directories' Greater Vancouver Criss Cross - 1996

For employees who are planning retirement

If you are considering retiring in the next year and you have been contributing to the College/Municipal Pension Plans, we encourage you to begin the process by contacting the Superannuation Commission at least one year before your actual date of retirement. It takes four to six months from the time you contact the Commission to the date of receipt of the pension documents.

The Municipal Contributor statements have already been distributed to the plan members. We have been informed by the Superannuation Commission that the College Contributor statements will be available to its members in late Fall (October/November). These statements provide pension projections for those 45 years of age and older and is a good base of information from which to plan while waiting for the complete set of documents.

Previously representatives from the Superannuation Commission travelled throughout the province to conduct interviews with individual pension plan members. This service is no longer available. However, representatives from the Commission will schedule presentations at locations where groups of retiring plan members can be addressed at one time. If you are considering retiring and would be interested in participating in a group session next year, please call Personnel Services, indicating the preferred month(s) and time (i.e. morning or afternoon). We will be in touch with you later.

The Commission also provides telephone interviews to answer individual questions. Upon receipt of your pension documentation you may call their Vancouver telephone number (660-4088 for College Pension; and 660-5366 for Municipal Pension) to make arrangements for a mu-

tually agreeable date and time for a telephone interview with one of their counsellors to address your specific questions.

If you require further assistance, please contact Bonnie Baty, Director of Personnel Services at 871-7135 or Daisy Sukhia at 871-7019.

Notice of Board Meetings

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

- · September 26, CC
- · October 24, KEC
- November 28, CC
- December 12, location TBA (subject to Board approval)

Another thank you from the Walk for Literacy organizers

Oops! We forgot to say a special thank you to the City Centre Students Association, one of the donors who helped make The Walk for Literacy a success. Their name was inadvertently left off the thank you list which appeared in the previous issue of Connections.

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OB POSTINGS

Instructional Assistant, D. ESL Vocational Department. KEC and KEC North. Closing date: August 28.

Instructional Assistant, B. Visually Impaired Program. KEC. Closing date: August 28.

Clerk Specialist, A. (Temporary). Counselling Department. KEC. Closing date: August 28.

Student Services Assistant, B. (Temporary). For students with disabilities. Counselling Department, City Centre Campus. Closing date: August 29.

Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Coordinator. Please submit your resume by August 30, 1996 to: Jackie Sandy, Dean of Student Services, V.C.C., 1155 East Broadway, Box #24620, Station "F" Vancouver, B.C. V5N 5T9. Fax: (604) 871-7000

Dental Hygiene Instructor - Northcentral Technical College. Application deadline: Applications must be received in the Human Resources office by October 4, 1996, 4:00 p.m. For application materials, please contact: Human Resources, Northcental Technical College, 1000 Campus Drive, Wausau, Wisconsin 54401. Telephone (715) 675-3331, ext. 5120. Fax: (715) 675-9824.

FOR SALE

Software clearance! A limited quantity of Procomm Plus (DOS, Ver 2.01) is being cleared out at a reduced price of \$50 each (retail value \$130). Purchase of this software for home use is preferred. Please contact Purchasing at 7102.

Jeep Cherokee liner. A high quality vinyl liner which snaps snugly into the back compartment of 1993 or newer models. It protects the upholstery and is easily cleaned. Asking \$100.00. Please call 872-5893.

Auto divider. Prevent the dog from jumping on the baby! This metal divider is adjustable and fits most vehicles. Just place the fasteners between the back compartment and passenger area. Asking \$75.00. Please call 872-5893.

Sofa. Full size, well built sofa, honey colour. \$200.00 OBO. Please call 872-5893.

VCC Retail Meat Summer Sale -Call 443-8465 or 443-8351

Beef sides \$1.39 /lb.

Beef hinds \$1.89 /lb.

Whole lamb \$2.99 /lb.

Pork sides \$1.69 /lb.

(Cut and wrapped)

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

Please recycle this newsletter

