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Job market demand for VCC steel detailers creates oxymoron for unemployed

Vancouver Community College provides the only full-time drafting program in North America devoted completely to the discipline of Steel Detailing, yet the College is unable to keep up with the job market demand for graduates and has difficulty filling this program each year. The local market could easily take in three times as many steel detailers as VCC graduates.

"In most other technical areas employment has been up and down, but the demand for steel detailers has remained constant through the last decade," says VCC Instructor Bill West. "Any qualified person interested in Steel Detailing as a career is virtually assured of employment."

The Drafting - Architectural, Steel Detailing and CADD (Computer Aided Design Drafting) program runs for 12 months beginning in September. A maximum of 18 students are introduced to the unique properties of steel as a construction material through the technical drawing realm of steel detailing.

"There must be 10,000 mechanically inclined unemployed or under-employed people in Greater Vancouver who would be breaking down our doors if they knew they could invest one year preparing for a challenging career with an on-going con-

tinued demand," exclaims West. "VCC's low enrolment in this program is an anomaly to me."

Sandra Bishop, College Advancement

Walk for Literacy: "A Step in the Right Direction"

The next meeting will be held March 12, 1996, in Room 2109 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:25 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. **All students are welcome to attend.**

The following story is reprinted from "our own WORDS," a collection of writings by Adult Basic Education students in British Columbia. In this collection of 64 short stories and poems, 10 VCC ABE students are featured. Copies of "our own WORDS" are available from Barbara Ash, College and Career Access Department.

Granville Market

Granville Market, the linchpin of a vibrant community, is located on the south shore of False Creek. Entering the market, I glimpse massive, yellowed, sand-blasted beams and machinery, reminders of a by-

gone era. Jostled by a tightly-packed, multi-ethnic crowd, I begin my sense-provoking tour. The tangy and sweet smell of fruit and vegetables is the first assault on my nostrils. Vivid hues of green, yellow, purple, orange and red remind me of an artist's palette. Pungent fish odours recall memories of buying salmon on the Steveston docks. Many coloured herbs and spices

come into focus. Their peppery and sharp odours evoke images of the East. Strolling along I pass chocolate stands, their fragrances tempting. The butcher shops do a brisk trade. Amid the hubbub, choppers are chopping; meat is being sliced. Freckled sausages are weighed by a brawny-armed butcher. Black puddings hang out in long, braided lines. Delicatessens offer buttery, smooth-tasting cheeses and leathery-looking smoked meats. Poul-

try, wines, nuts and maple syrup may be purchased. Bake shops lure me with the smell of freshly-baked bread. Fat rye loaves, black and brown, and long poppy-covered baguette sticks are arrayed on

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deep, open shelves. Succulent pastries and beans await eager customers. Idling over to the fast food area, I am intrigued by the aromas from within, Greek and Italian foods are to be found. Japanese, Mexican, and Ukrainian foods are also offered.

Looking out from the north side of the market, the bustling waters of False Creek offer a pleasant diversion.

Graceful, shapely yachts slip by, masts fluttering. Powerful snub-noses tugs, cables straining, pull heavily laden barges of pebbly-mounded gravel. Kayackers skim by, browned arms and faces, noses zinc-creamed. Racing canoes cut through the water, paddles dipping in unison, amid the shouts of the coxswain. These are some of my impressions of Granville Market.

John Barfoot

John is fifty two years old and earns his living as a painter. At the time that "our own WORDS" was printed, he was attending the King Edward Campus of Vancouver Community College, taking English. His purpose at college is to finish off the high school grades he never completed. His long-term goal is to have a university degree, majoring in English and history.

'On Broadway' raises the roof by surpassing fundraising goal

Forty-seven thousand dollars was raised for music scholarships and bursaries at Vancouver Community College Educational Foundation's Notable Event 'On Broadway' held February 23rd at the Westin Bayshore Hotel. Each dollar is duplicated by the Provincial Government's College and Institute Matching Endowment Fund raising the grand total to nearly \$100,000.

"For the second year in a row this musical event has drawn sold-out crowds," exclaims Lilli Milder, President, VCC Educational Foundation. "The support has been tremendous."

Honoured at the event for their excellent corporate citizenship were Robin Hood Multifoods and Xerox BC. Both companies provide a stellar example of corporations and educational institutions working together to enhance the training of future entrants into industry by their generous donations of equipment and funds to enhance the Baking & Pastry Arts and College & Career Access programs.

Mr. Stan Phipps was also honoured for establishing an endowment which he personally matches dollar for dollar to encourage the education of advanced drafting students.

Sandra Bishop, College Advancement

ON BROADWAY

Help available for job seekers

Vancouver Community College's Alumni Association is inviting lower mainland job seekers to attend its 7th Annual Career Fair on Thursday, March 14th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at VCC's City Centre Campus - 250 West Pender Street.

The Career Fair is a one-day event where potential employers display information about their companies, accept resumes and answer career related questions. Visitors will learn more about potential careers (or discover new ones!), apply for jobs and

network with the people who do the hiring in a variety of areas.

More than 20 organizations representing careers in hospitality and tourism, health care, accounting, retail management and much more will be on hand to answer your questions. Also participating are community groups who provide services and support for job seekers.

Admission is FREE, so bring a friend... and YOUR RESUME!

For further information, contact VCC's Alumni Association at 871-7173.

Get your motors running for KICKSTART '96

a fundraiser to benefit students at Vancouver Community College

sponsored by Trev Deeley Motorcycles, Hard Rock Cafe Vancouver and Vancouver Community College Educational Foundation

♦ Live Rock Band

♦ Dinner

♦ Harley-Davidson Genuine MotorClothes Fashion Show

♦ Door Prizes

♦ Benefit Auction featuring
**1996 Hard Rock Harley
customized Softail Classic motorcycle**

Wednesday, May 29, 1996, 7:00 p.m.
Hard Rock Cafe, 686 W. Hastings Street, Vancouver

Tickets \$50.00 each
(a portion of ticket price will be eligible for tax receipt)

For more information and tickets contact:
VCC Educational Foundation, tel 871-7173

Risk Assessment Survey

A risk assessment survey was distributed to all employees this week. Please help to make VCC a safer place by taking a few minutes to complete the survey.

If you did not receive your copy, extra copies are available in the mailroom at KEC and City Centre.

Once completed, your survey will form an important part of the College's risk assessment as required by the WCB Violence in the Workplace legislation.

Please send your completed survey to Carey Stoneberg, Facilities department by Friday, March 15th.

Thanks very much for your help!

Steve Traviss

Upcoming Board Meeting

The next VCC Board meeting will take place on Thursday, March 28 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 240 at City Centre Campus.

VCC to host World Culinary Olympics fundraiser

In September a team of enthusiastic, talented and dedicated chefs from all across Canada will journey to Berlin to defend Canada's championship status at the World Culinary Olympics. For the first time in recent history the team is composed of members representing most of our nation with members from Halifax, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver.



On Friday, March 22, the team will host an **Italian Buffet Extravaganza** to raise funds for their adventure. The event will take place at VCC's City Centre Campus and will feature everyone's favourite Italian specialties and a few new culinary surprises. Beer and wine will be available at very reasonable prices and some highly coveted door prizes will be presented.

Tickets will be available March 1, for a mere \$25.00, from Suzan Gouin at 443-8488, between 9:30 am and 2:00 pm. Your role in helping us promote this great event is much appreciated. Should you require more information on this event or Team Canada-Berlin '96 and the Culinary Olympics, please call James Hutton at 941-1202 (home) or 443-8488 (work). Thanks in advance for your enthusiasm, assistance and cooperation. Join us on this casual evening of fine dining, entertainment and fun.

Provincial Facilitator Orientation for Gender and Diversity: Creating Inclusion In the College Environment

May 2, 3, 4 • 9:00 am to 5:00 pm • King Edward Campus

This three day Facilitator Orientation is being offered to familiarize faculty, staff and administrators with the new curriculum, *Gender and Diversity: Creating Inclusion in the College Environment* and provide insight and skill into the delivery of the curriculum in a variety of formats. Participants will receive a copy of the curriculum and the Facilitator's Guide.

During the three-day orientation participants will:

- examine the curriculum and the facilitator's guide,
- discuss gender and diversity facilitation issues,
- analyze key exercises in the curriculum,
- participate in "fish bowl facilitation exercises,"
- discuss how this curriculum fits with other available curricular materials,
- exchange information and become part of an inter-institutional network of facilitators.

Each Institute and College in British Columbia has been allotted three spaces in the orientation.

Institutions have been encouraged to send a team with members who:

- have facilitation skills,
- are representative of various levels within the institution,
- have a keen interest in delivering orientations in their home institutions,
- have a background and/or interest in gender and diversity issues,

Staff, Faculty and Administrators are encouraged to apply to be on the Vancouver Community College Facilitator Team.

To apply please submit;

- your name,
- phone number,
- indicate whether you are a staff member, faculty or an administrator.

Applications will be accepted in date order for the three positions. It is hoped that the team will consist of one staff member, one faculty and one administrator.

There is no cost for this workshop.

This project is being funded by the Ministry of Skills Training and Labour, Equity Branch in collaboration with the Centre for Curriculum and Professional Development. The facilitator trainers will be David Tickner, VCC; Joan McArthur-Blair, VCC; Lillian Nakamura Maguire, Yukon College and Linda Coyle, Kwantlen College.

For more information and to apply contact:

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Program Development and Staff Training
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Room 2076 KEC

LIBRARY News

VCC signs with CANCOPY

VCC has entered into an agreement with CANCOPY, a Canadian reproduction rights agency which will greatly simplify the procedure for the photocopying and distribution of copyright-protected print materials. Instructors will be able to photocopy and distribute materials to students, create course packs for sale in the Bookstore and place photocopied articles on the reserve in the Library without the lengthy approval process from individual publishers that was required in the past.

As with any agreement, there are restrictions and conditions. To make the college community fully aware of rights and responsibilities accruing under the agreement, instructors and staff will be receiving explanatory brochures in their mailboxes soon. Posters will also be distributed for mounting at each every college photocopier outlining rights and restrictions. Librarians will be available to conduct workshops for your department to elaborate on details and answer questions.

We're very pleased that increased access to copyright-protected materials will be available to VCC. Please monitor this space *Connections* for further information concerning CANCOPY and workshop scheduling.

Mark Goertz

New books in CC Library

- Access, Affordability and Universal Service on the Canadian Information Highway
- Accounting: the Basis for Business Decisions
- Berlitz Complete Guide to Cruising and Cruise Ships
- British Columbia International Commodity Exports
- Canada: Living with Radiation
- Computer Graphics for Design
- Illustrated Guide to Diagnostic Tests
- Return to Community: Building Support Systems for People with

- Psychiatric Disabilities
- Review of the Storage and Disposal of Health Care Records in BC
- Waiting
- WHMIS Skills Manual

PERSONNEL Matters

Take an HRD course for professional and personal development:

Handling Disruptive Behaviour

- Friday, April 19, 1996, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Room 5025, KEC

E-mail demonstration

- Thursday, April 25, 1996 from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
- Room 5025, KEC

Wynn Keenan says goodbye

Wynn retired on February 29. Although her goodbye message arrived too late to appear in the February 22 edition of *Connections*, here's what she had to say:

"I take this opportunity to thank all of you who made my work pleasant and rewarding. I will miss you!"

Operations Council Update

The following is a summary of the Operations Council meeting held on Tuesday, February 13, 1996.

VCC Human Rights Policy

The Human Rights Policy has been approved by Education and Operations Council, but before going to the VCC Board for approval, a meeting has been arranged for February 29 between members of CUPE and VCC Administration to discuss concerns CUPE has about the policy.

Policy-making process at VCC

Distribution of information about new and amended policies and some minor amendments to the policy on policy-making were discussed.

International Education tuition fees

It has been recommended that the I.E. tuition fees and the cancellation fee be increased, effective January 1997. The recommended increase has been approved by Operations Council and the Administration/Finance Committee. The recommendation will now go to the VCC Board for approval.

Upcoming WPSE Meeting

The Association of Women in Post-Secondary Education in B.C. (WPSE) will hold its annual conference and AGM on May 31, June 1 and June 2, 1996 at Bowen Lodge, Bowen Island, BC.

This year's theme is "Networking and Connections."

Contact Jean Cockell, Conference Chair, at 871-7008 (phone), 871-7100 (fax) or jcockell@vcc.bc.ca (e-mail) for more information.

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JOB POSTINGS

Internal

ESL Faculty Secondments; Assessment Centre. Closing date: March 13, 1996.

Audio-Visual Technician, Library and Media Services; City Centre. Closing date: March 14, 1996.

Office Clerk (a), Continuing Education - Nursing and Health; KEC West. Closing date: March 14, 1996.

Data Entry Clerk (b), Payroll Department. Closing date: March 19, 1996.

Supervisor, Admissions and Scheduling; this position will not be filled at this time.

External

College Professors - Bachelor of Education (Elementary) Program; Okanagan University College, Kelowna, B.C. Closing date: March 8, 1996.

Continuing Full-time instructor in Ceramics; Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design, Vancouver, B.C. Closing date: March 21, 1996.

HOUSING

Basement for rent

Located close to 49th Avenue and Knight area. 1 bedroom suite, living room, and kitchen area. No pets. \$650.00 per month. Available now. Call Ken at 654-4355.

Wanted to sublet

Reliable middle aged British couple would like to sublet apt. in Westend for June, July and Aug/96 or the better part thereof. Please call Judi at 682-8395.

LOST

Coffee mug with the inscription "Hard Rock Cafe, Huntingdon Beach, California." This piece of memorabilia has great sentimental value and the owner would love to get it back. If found, please contact Eddy Yuen, KEC Computing Services, at 871-7181.

FOIPOP f-y-i

The most common "things I didn't know about FOI regarding personal information:"

- I can't release personal information without the written permission of the individual the information is about. And this includes student information!
- I can only collect personal information directly from the individual concerned.
- Once I collect personal information and use it, I must keep it on file for a minimum of one year.
- "My" opinion about someone else, if on record, is that other person's personal information and available for access.



The deadline for submissions for the the next
Connections (March 21) is Thursday, March 14

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