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1996 CCA Day an enormous success

At its fourth annual **CCA Day** on January 25, the College and Career Access Department showcased its broad menu of self-paced courses in a riot of banners, bulletin boards, baked goodies and hot beverages.

Visitors, sponsors and counsellors from MSTL, HRDC, Douglas College, The Open Learning Agency, BCIT and local high schools enjoyed information-sharing and guided tours throughout the day, provided by the host faculty, decked out in black t-shirts. Under the banner, "Helping Adult Learners Meet Today's Challenges," the department reaffirmed its commitment to accessible, flexible and fast-paced upgrading programs.

In her welcome speech, Department Head, Barbara Little expressed special thanks to the combined generosity of Xerox Canada, the provincial government matching program and the VCC Educational Foundation, which will result in the installation in the classrooms of twelve state-of-the-art networked computers. Before asking CCA student, Paul Hoebrigs, to cut the ceremonial cake, Barbara also introduced two new CCA offerings, a grade 11 Technical Math and a grade 12 Women's Literature course, and announced a joint pilot project with the Basic Education Department to establish a young adults learning centre at Broadway and Commercial.

Barbara's own words best describe the department's role: "The CCA program provides alternatives to help adults meet learning needs of all kinds in today's rapidly changing economy - needs for flexibility, for accessibility, for individuality and for options."

submitted by the CCA Department

When working after hours, ensure your personal safety

When any faculty or staff are working on campus past the official campus closing time (10:30 p.m.) security **must be informed** either in person or by phone.

In the event of an emergency, this will allow security to check on any person still in the building.

During the security guard's regular patrol he/she will check on the individual in the respective area.

Bill Miller, Building Services Manager

February 18 to 24 is Multiculturalism Week!

Many interesting and exciting events will take place throughout the province. Here's a listing of just some of the things taking place in and around Vancouver during Multiculturalism Week:

Saturday, February 17

- **Carnival Dance**, sponsored by the Trinidad and Tobago Cultural Society of BC, at the Jewish Community Centre, 950 W. 41st Ave. (421-7081)
- **75th Anniversary of the Association of United Ukrainian Canadian Orchestra**, at the Ukrainian Cultural Centre, 805 East Pender St. (253-9189)

Saturday, February 17 to

Sunday, February 18

- **Lunar New Year Celebration**, at the Richmond Centre Mall and Lansdowne Park Shopping Centre (270-7222)

Sunday, February 18

- **The Art of Compassion: Screening and Discussion** (a film about the experiences of Jewish artist William Allister as a prisoner of war in Japan and the internment of Japanese Canadian, Raymond Moriyama, in BC), at the Holocaust Education Centre, 50-950 W. 41st Ave. (264-0499)
- **Opening Ceremony of Multiculturalism Week/Public Panel on Multiculturalism**, at the Vancouver Museum, 1100 Chestnut St. (731-4648)

Tuesday, February 20

- **Heritage Day Celebration**, at the Richmond Museum, 7700 Minoru Gate, Richmond (231-6440)
- **Citizenship Ceremony and Award Presentation**, Sinclair Centre, 757 W. Hastings St. (731-4648)

Tuesday, February 20 to Friday, February 23

- **Chinese New Year School Program**

and Chinatown Walking Tour, Chinese Cultural Centre, Vancouver (687-0729)

Thursday, February 22

- **Two workshops: Meaning of Culture - a Discussion of the Place of Art in Culture; Multicultural Community Festivals as a Community Development Tool**, at the Sunset Community Centre, 404 East 51st Ave (241-7244)
- **Making the Connection "Creating a Culturally Sensitive Environment"** (a Multiculturalism Week conference with workshops) at the Sheraton Plaza 500, 500 West 12th Ave. (877-8312)

Friday, February 23

- **North Shore Multicultural Society's 4th Annual Fundraising Dinner** (with guest speaker the Honourable Ujjal Dosanjh), at the Lucas Centre, 2132 Hamilton Ave., North Van. (988-2931)
- **Italian Carnival** (an evening of fun, food and entertainment - free admission), at the Italian Cultural Centre (430-3337)

Saturday, February 24

- **Closing Ceremony - Cultureshare '96** (featuring ethnic food and dances, crafts and workshops, and a drama performance), at the Italian Cultural Centre, 3075 Slocan Street (731-4648)

Sunday, February 25

- **Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden Free Admission and Entertainment**, at 578 Carrall Street
- **Chinatown Parade** (687-0729)

announcements

ESL Vocational Appointment

It gives me great pleasure to inform the VCC community that **Christel Nierobisch** has been elected as Assistant Department Head, ESL Vocational (Combined Skills and VESL).

Christel brings a wealth of expertise and energy to this position. She has been an ESL instructor at VCC since 1974 and, over the years, has taught from Beginner to Advanced levels. While Christel's industry and creativity make her a success in any teaching assignment, she has shone more in the area of ESP, English for Specific Purposes. Christel has taught English to Nurses and English to Welders, English to Engineers and English to Housekeepers. Her research projects on combining job training and English launched VCC's innovative English/Combined Skills Program.

She will undoubtedly be a wonderful addition to the ESL Vocational Department.

Marta Gardiner,
Associate Dean, ESL Programs

Upcoming Seminar

The following seminar is coming to Vancouver in the near future. If you would like further information, please contact Corinna Luk at local 7004.

How to Resolve Conflict, Manage Anger and Control Emotions, Vancouver, April 17, 1996, Landmark Hotel and Conference Centre, 1400 Robson Street.

VCC Computer Users:

CNC members of the listserv and interested others. See each other **LIVE** at the next CNC meeting, Thursday, February 29, room 4056, KEC, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. We will review our revised mandate, pass on the KEC half of the chair, hear the latest on the VCC web page, and discuss other areas of mutual concern. Please post any other agenda items to the listserv or leave them with Carol at local 7257. See you on the 29th.

Notice of Elections

Student, Faculty and Staff Representatives to VCC Board of Governors and Education Council

Vacant Positions:

Board of Governors

Faculty (term: Apr. 1, 1996 to Mar. 31, 1998)

Student CC Campus (term: Apr. 1, 1996 to Mar. 31, 1997)

Student KEC Campus (term: Apr. 1, 1996 to Mar. 31, 1997)

Education Council (all positions are for Apr. 1, 1996 to Mar. 31, 1997 term)

Staff City Centre Campus

Student City Centre Campus (two positions)

Student King Edward Campus (two positions)

Validation of Voters/Nominees

To be eligible to nominate a candidate, to stand for nomination, or to vote for a candidate, students must be registered and staff and faculty must be employed as of February 12, 1996. Anyone unsure of their status should check with the Registrar's office.

Nomination Period

Nominations will be accepted at the Registrar's Office at City Centre or King Edward Campus from February 12 to 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday. Forms can be obtained from the Registrar's Office.

Campaign Period

Campaigning will take place from Monday, March 5 to Friday, March 9.

Voting

Advance voting for those unable to vote March 12-15 will take place on March 8 and 11. Voting will be conducted at the KEC and CC Campus Registrar's Offices at the following times:

- March 8, 15: 9:00 to 3:00
- March 11, 12, 14: 9:00 to 4:00
- March 13: 9:00 to 7:00

Operations Council Update

An Operations Council meeting was held on Tuesday, January 16, 1996 at 1:00 p.m. in KEC Room 5025 during which the members dealt with the following matters:

- The Terms of Reference for Operations Council were adopted.
- Lyn Lennig has developed a Learning Centre Community Card for students wishing to use the Learning Centre but who are between terms or who have applied and been accepted but have not yet begun their studies.
- VCC has now signed a licence agreement with the Canadian Copyright Licensing Agency (CANCOPY). The

agreement concerns only print copyrights. Information seminars are planned to ensure that staff and faculty understand the licencing requirements. Questions can be directed to Aphrodite Harris, Eva Sharell or Brenda Appleton.

- Sandra North will be developing a draft policy concerning ABESAP/BCSAP funding criteria for VCC.
- International Education fees for 1997 have been established at \$3500.00 per term for a full-time program, including graduation and student association fees.
- Draft No. 7 of the VCC Human Rights Policy was adopted with two minor

announcements

Birth announcement

Congratulations to Janice and Graham Hansen-Welbourn on the birth of their second son, Joshua Donald who bounced into the world at 9 lbs. 1 oz. on January 23, 1996. His older brother Zach is very pleased with the new addition. Mom is staying home with Joshua until August, but hopefully we'll get a visit from the group before then. Welcome to planet Earth, Joshua!

Linda Martin

Notice re Board Meetings

Placement of Items on the Board Agenda

At the Board meeting of January 30, 1996, the following motion was passed:

THAT any member of the VCC Community wishing to place an item on the Board agenda, should submit the request with background information to the President's office for placement on the Board Development Committee agenda for coordination and direction.

The intention of this motion is to facilitate the placement of unusual items on the Board agenda.

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Lucas, local 7158.

amendments. The Policy is now going to the Board for final approval.

- The Food Services Department is in the process of requesting proposals for the operation of food service at King Edward Campus.
- A draft policy-making process was presented to Council. All suggestions, comments and/or questions should be directed to Sarah Lucas for presentation at the next meeting of the Policy Committee.

The next meeting of Operations Council will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 1:00 p.m. in CC Room 240.

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LIBRARY *News*

VCC Libraries hooked into OJAC!

You can now order journal articles online through the VCC Libraries computer catalogue!

OJAC (Online Journal Access) enables all VCC users who have a valid student, faculty or staff Library card to order articles from journals held at UBC, SFU, UVic and other post-secondary institutions in B.C. Articles of interest can be located by searching the SFU Library Databases available through the GATEWAY option on the computer catalogue main menu. Databases available for searching include *ABI/Inform*, *The Applied Science & Technology Index*, *Canadian Business & Current Affairs (CBCA)*, *The Education Index*, *The Humanities and Social Sciences Index* and several others. Articles are usually delivered to the campus library in a matter of days. Full details and instructions are available at the Information Desk of your campus library.



New Books at KEC Library

- Canadian Internet Handbook
- Easy World Wide Web with Netscape
- Using Netscape: the User-Friendly Reference

- Using Windows 95: the Fast and Easy Way to Learn
- Easy Works 3 for Windows
- Community Collaborations for Family Literacy Handbook
- Teaching through Academic Advising: a Faculty Perspective
- Rethinking Tuition and Student Aid Strategies
- The New Face of Government: a Guide to the New Federal Government Structure
- Environmental Guidelines: B.C. University, College and Institute Facilities.
- Culture Shock! a Guide to Customs and Etiquette Series
- American Art: History and Culture



New Material in CC Library

- Canadian Dental Directory (1996)
- Creating a New Future: the Job-Loss Workbook
- Criminal Records Review Act: Implementation Guide
- Food Protection: Vital to Your Business
- Forum on Multiculturalism in Municipalities: a Collaborative Approach
- Growing Child: Infancy Through Adolescence [video series]
- Guide to Enhancing Services for Abused Older Canadians
- It's All Part of the Job [video]
- Legal Support Staff Skills ...
- Local Network Performance: Issues and Answers

- Mary Cassatt: a Life
- Matthew's Story, vol.1: Report of the Gove Inquiry into Child Protection
- Overview of Mental Health Legislation in Canada 1994
- Restaurant Graphics: from Matchbooks to Menus
- Voice Mail Etiquette for Humans [video]

classifieds

JOB POSTINGS

Assistant Professor, The Department of Music, Faculty of Fine Arts, York University, North York, Ontario. Closing date: February 23, 1996. Please contact Employee Relations for more information.

Connections readers: thanks for your patience

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Connections did not publish on February 8, as originally scheduled. This, the February 15 issue, appears in its place. Connections will publish as scheduled next week, February 22 and bi-weekly until the summer.

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