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## Where we're at...

### ...a look at some of the issues VCC has been facing over the last few years

*(I recently had a chance to chat with VCC President John Cruickshank about some of the ongoing events and challenges that have taken place at VCC over the last few years. These issues had at one time been at the forefront of everybody's minds. While they may not generally be discussed as often as they used to be, I thought it would be interesting for everyone to hear how far we have come since we last talked about them. -Ed.)*

#### Debt and Deficit

In a nutshell, our debt is well on its way to being repaid. The Ministry of Education, Skills and Training has an arrangement with the college whereby each year for four years the college pays \$250,000 towards its debt, with this amount matched by the Ministry. At the end of the four-year period, the debt will be paid off completely. "This was an arrangement that was too good for the college to pass up," said Cruickshank. "The \$250,000 per year should not be too difficult an amount to secure, within our \$63 million budget. This means that the debt is no longer a continuing threat to us."

In 1992 the spectre of the \$9 million deficit caused concern and stress to everyone at VCC. The days of VCC operating under a continuing deficit are in the past. This is due in part to the fact that the college is now much more attuned to the way in which we count our FTEs and submit for our revenues. "Under the leadership of

Mary Hoekstra, Dale Dorn and Linda Martin, we have moved to a very stable financial picture, and some people even hold us up as an example of how to manage the finances of a college," said John.

#### Langara separation

Although separation from Langara is almost complete, one crucial area — Continuing Education — remains to be split between the two colleges. January 1, 1997 has been talked about as a possible date of complete separation for CE, but that date is still being negotiated among the affected parties, not the least of whom are the CE staff themselves. However, Information and Computing Services and Media Services are completely separate now, with the Library not far behind. Regarding the latter, John explained that "VCC's Library is almost at a point where it's an independent entity. This, and the fact that Media Services is now completely separate, is greatly due to Brenda Appleton

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## KEC Mailboxes: changes ahead

As announced recently in Connections, the mailbox arrangement at KEC is about to be changed to a departmental organization.

We solicited input and many people found no reason for concern, thinking that, in fact, it would be a more sensible arrangement. However, some people did express concerns. After listening and analyzing those concerns, Operations Council has recommended that we proceed with the proposed changes.

The concerns fall mainly into the two categories listed below, along with our responses:

a) *My mail is private and I don't want it easily read by others.*

No one will open mail. Private mail remains private. If you expect faxes which are confidential, let us know and we will place them in an interoffice envelope before delivery to your departmental box. Please bear in mind that right now anyone can look at faxes sitting in the fax machine or in your open mailbox.

b) *This will mean more work for our Programme Assistants.*

Anyone from your department who comes to the 4th floor can pick up the mail for your department. It doesn't have to fall to one designated person. If sorting is onerous, the individuals who are finding the task burdensome should contact me and I will help find a way to ease the problem. Please bear in mind that large volumes of mail are currently received by departments such as Library, Continuing Education, Payroll and Accounting. These departments do their own sorting and do not find it to be a problem.

The organization will follow the alphabetical departmental listing exactly as shown in the phone directory. The bottom cupboards will be used for external deliveries such as Daycare, KEC West, etc. and for exceptionally high volume users such as Bookstore and Library. All shelves will be labelled clearly. For larger departments, department heads will have an individual shelf at the top of their departmental slot. Everyone's mailbox location will probably change.

Please be patient. We are making this change to try and improve overall College efficiency and cut unnecessary paper use. After the change over is complete on June 21, 1996 and we've all had a little time to adjust, I will be happy to receive feedback and work out problems that are of continuing concern.

Karen Kelly  
Director of College Services

## Splendid farewell for Bob Smith

Most of you know that a dinner in honour of our former Board Chair, Dr. Robert Smith, was held in the Banquet Room at City Centre on Tuesday, May 14.

Bob was Chair of the VCC Board for four years and has seen drastic changes in the space of that time. His first Board meeting, held in the KEC auditorium, was a Budget meeting where over 50 presenters on the agenda lamented the budget cuts. It was quite an initiation to the role. Interestingly, his last meeting, on May 23, 1996 was also a Budget meeting, but this time the Budget was balanced, with no proposed cuts to programs or staff and no representative speakers from the community.

The retirement dinner was our way of thanking Bob for his enormous contribution to the College. 70 people attended to pay tribute to this special man, including

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and her staff having done such a marvelous job in a very frustrating role of trying to create a stand alone organization for VCC's Libraries and Media Services. We know that financially we will be better off when we are completely separate, but it's been quite a struggle."

### Budget

On May 23, the College Board passed another balanced budget. This is the second year in a row that we have had a budget passed with no major controversies attached to it. As well, the passing date was the earliest in a number of years. "With VCC's production level of FTEs being far above the institutional average, and our debt management program firmly in place, our financial situation looks more positive," said John.

Dale Rasmussen, College Advancement

## Rumours of John Cruickshank's retirement greatly exaggerated

The rumour mill has been spinning a little faster than normal lately, with the report that VCC President John Cruickshank was to have retired as of his 55th birthday, which took place on May 29. As well, in an interesting twist on that story, another rumour stated that John was retiring from VCC to begin a new post as President of either Alberta's Grant McEwan College or Ontario's Sheridan College. John was in the employ of both of these colleges at different times in his career.

Although these rumours have made for interesting lunch time grist for the mill, John can only confirm the complete truth to one segment of one rumour — his birthday did take place on May 29, and he did turn 55. The rest of the stories are not true.

While John found the rumours somewhat amusing, he was also bemused. "I can't imagine working in a different place," he said. "We're just getting to the point where we are beginning to enjoy some of the organizational and financial stability that we have all wanted for some time. Now is a great time to be here, and the next five years should be even more exciting. We have a very supportive government, one that is taking a strong lead in strategic planning, complementing the college's own commitment to this area. All those factors combined provide us with a strong platform from which to build, and should help us to operate in the way that we have wanted for some time. I feel exceptionally good about our future, and indeed, our present."

Dale Rasmussen, College Advancement

Burrard Band and VCC Board member Patrick Kelly. The eagle feather symbolizes respect, truth and integrity. But the story of this feather makes it even more significant. Justice Douglas Campbell and his wife Shirley had been the custodians for a number of years, after it was given to the judge by Kathy Louis, of the Cree Nation and a member of Canada's National Parole Board. Patrick Kelly, as a friend of the Campbells for many years, was able to arrange the gift, which was felt to be especially appropriate on this occasion.

A scholarship has been established in the name of Dr. Robert F. Smith. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your contribution to the Educational Foundation and a tax deductible receipt will be sent out to you.

The Board now has a new Board Chair — Margo Massie is well known to many of

you. And so, as we bid farewell to Bob, we welcome Margo to her new position.

Sarah Lucas



(participating in the "bedtime skit" are (l-r) current Board Chair Margo Massie, Board member Jo Hansen, Bob Smith and Board Member Lee Anne Ragan-Wilson

## Notice of Board Meeting

This month's VCC Board meeting will be formal and will take place on June 27, 1996 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 5025, King Edward Campus. At the beginning of the meeting a short presentation will be made on the Student Advocacy Program. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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.

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



## Let the students in J.J.'s prepare your dinner and take care of the clean-up.

Does the idea of sitting in rush hour traffic going nowhere no longer appeal to you? Why dash all the way home only to dash back downtown for the theatre, a game or a movie? Why do the cooking and the clean-up after a hard day at work?



The solution: dining at J.J.'s, and avoiding the endless wait on the freeway. Relax over a wonderful gourmet dinner before the theatre, the game or a movie. J.J.'s Dining Room is open for dinner Monday - Friday from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm, and for lunch 11:30 - 12:30 pm. Deluxe a la carte dining Monday - Thursday with spectacular buffets every Friday for only \$14.95. Reservations are strongly recommended for the evening: call 443-8479.

### Sample menu

#### Cold appetizers

- Assortment of pickles and relishes
- Selection of cruditees with garlic and dill dip
- Profiteroles stuffed with smoked salmon butter
- Stuffed eggs with spinach and red pepper purees
- Pickled herring with sour cream
- California style sushi rolls

#### Hot appetizers

- Honey, garlic and ginger baked chicken wings
- Scallops wrapped in bacon
- Oriental style vegetables in phyllo pastry
- Hazelnut crusted camembert fritters with blueberry sauce

#### Salads

- Assortment of mixed seasonal greens with honey/mustard dressing

- Potato and egg salad with dijon mayonnaise
- Tomato and red onion salad in balsamic vinaigrette
- Cucumber salad with sweet rice wine vinegar
- Penne pasta salad with pepper julienne and caesar dressing
- Julienne of carrot salad with lemon and dill dressing
- Shrimp salad with creamy curry dressing

#### Platters

- Plate of arctic musk-ox en croute with Cumberland sauce
- Bouillabaisse terrine with tomato/basil coulis
- Selection of assorted European cold cuts with dijon mustard

#### Hot Entrees

- Roasted ribeye of beef with natural pan juices
- Breast of chicken in tarragon/cream sauce
- Herb roasted parisienne potatoes
- Saffron rice pilaf
- Sauteed zucchini with tomatoes and garlic
- Honey glazed carrots

#### Desserts

- Baked cheesecakes (3) with three fruit sauces
- Lemon flans (3) with chantilly cream
- Black forest layer cakes (3)
- Lime and tequila bavarian creams (12)
- Strawberries romanoff (12)
- Dark chocolate mousses (12)
- Selection of sliced fresh melons and seasonal fruits
- Assortment of imported and domestic cheeses

## Change in Meeting Date — Board Finance and Administration Committee

The Finance Committee meeting scheduled for June 18th at 3:00 p.m. in Room 4043 is cancelled.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 26 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. in Room 4056 at King Edward Campus.

Please contact me if you would like further information.

Doreen Sharan  
Confidential Secretary  
Finance and Administration

## Music Dept. offers summer vocal jazz workshop with renowned local instructors

Starting in July, the VCC Music Department will offer individual coaching, group singing, improvisation and master classes for vocalists anxious to enhance their vocal jazz skills.

The group singing repertoire includes a wide range of styles including African Music, Vocal Jazz, Gospel and Pop.

The classes run from July 15 to 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and feature well known local instructors Jennifer Scott and Christine Duncan, along with accompanist Bob Murphy. Cost is \$250, including GST.

For more information or to register, contact the Music Department at 871-7297.

## VCC Operations Council Meeting Summary

Tuesday, May 14, 1996

### Parking Rates at KEC

A proposal to increase daily parking rates at the King Edward Campus lots has been approved. Monthly parking passes will be available at 70% of the daily rate for a month. (Details published in May 30 edition of Connections).

### VCC's World Wide Web Site

VCC is in the process of establishing a WWW site. Initially, only currently-published material such as calendars will be presented on the Web. Decisions are still to be made regarding content, policy, format and whether or not to implement an interactive version.

### Safer Campuses Standing Committee

The Safer Campuses Standing Committee will be setting up a pamphlet stand and using the display case in the City Centre foyer to disseminate information about safety on campus.

### Equipment Allocation Policy for the Banner Project

ICS has developed a Banner Implementation Equipment Allocation policy to assist with determining priorities for computers supplied for Banner use.

### ACC Affinity Proposal

A proposal has been put forward to enter into an agreement with ACC Long Distance Inc. to offer discount long distance programs to the VCC community. A small percentage of the long distance charges would be contributed to the College. Further discussion is necessary as to where these funds would benefit the College community most, if the proposal is approved.

### 96/97 Budget

The 1996/97 draft budget was presented to Operations Council, and was approved and recommended to the Administration/Finance Committee.

### VCC Golf Tournament

A VCC Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, June 26. Anyone having time off for flex time or vacation is encouraged to join in the fun.

### CC Staff Lunch Room

As the CC staff lunch room is unusable because of construction, we are in the process of locating an alternate space where staff can relax during their lunch time. (Room 220 has been reserved for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.)

### VCC Logo

John Cruickshank pointed out that the Vancouver Career College is using a logo similar to VCC's in their advertising. The matter will be looked into further.

## VCC staff and faculty had big hearts last year... how about this year?

Last year, both campuses pledged over \$1,000 to me, Steph Jewell, as a member of the LapDogs team in The 24 Hour Relay for the Kids. Your generosity was overwhelming and much appreciated. That \$1,000 was part of the \$12 million raised in one 24 hour period!

It's June once more and I hope that you will be equally as kind. My teammates and I hope we can count on you once again, to help make this, our 17th year, our best yet!

I'll be around to both KEC and CC over the next week to ask for your support. You can pledge per mile (the team usually runs no more than 200 miles) or give a lump sum donation. If you'd like to call in a pledge dial 871-7010 or email sjewell@vcc.bc.ca.

On behalf of the kids, thanks...

Steph Jewell

## Help promote safety on campus

Up to \$500.00 for a guest speaker or up to \$1500.00 for an awareness event that promotes safety on campus is available from the Safer Campuses Committee.

To receive funding for your proposal to promote safety on campus submit a proposal form to the safer campuses committee, and include the following:

- rationale for the event
- relation to safety on campus
- date(s) of the event
- person(s) coordinating the event

- marketing strategy
- if the event requires administrative or Operations Council approval, indicate whether it has been received.

For copies of the proposal form and submission criteria, please contact Joan McArthur-Blair (local 7520) or Steve Traviss (local 8603), Safer Campuses co-chairs.

Remember — safety on campus is everyone's responsibility.



## Brown bag lunches offer opportunity for professional development

The Program Development and Staff Training Department is organizing a series of brown bag lunches on both of the main campuses. These sessions are open to all members of the VCC community. Please bring your lunch. This is an opportunity to meet with other faculty and staff to discuss instructional issues and to help your dendrites grow.

### Brain Based Learning

Recent brain research has given us a lot of information about how to organize and deliver instruction in a way that helps our brains learn. This introductory workshop will provide you with a number of practical suggestions to increase the amount of learning that goes on in your classes. Useful to parents, too. Facilitator: Bob Aitken

- CC June 12th. 12 noon - 1pm Room 205B
- KEC June 19th. 12 noon - 1pm Room 2142

### Diversity and Motivation

This workshop will discuss a motivational framework for culturally responsive teaching. There are eight elements that must be present if students are to be highly motivated to learn. You will receive practical suggestions on how to incorporate these elements into your teaching. Facilitator: Joan McArthur-Blair

- CC June 26th. 12 noon - 1pm Room 205B
- KEC July 3rd. 12 noon - 1pm Room 2142

### Evaluation - Alternatives to Testing

There are a number of alternatives to testing that often provide us with a more realistic assessment of student performance. We will discuss practical suggestions that you can use to assess student learning. Facilitator: Brian Dwyer

- CC July 10th. 12 noon - 1pm Room 204B
- KEC July 17th. 12 noon - 1pm Room 2145

### Improving the Lecture

Students learn only about 17% of what they hear in a lecture. We can increase that to about 80% with a few simple techniques. Includes a video of science and geography lectures at Harvard and how these techniques have increased student learning. Facilitator: Bob Aitken

- CC July 24th. 12 noon - 1pm Room 205B
- KEC July 31st. 12 noon - 1pm Room 2145

### Using Cooperative Learning to Prepare Students for Exams

Think-Pair-Share and Guess the Fib are two cooperative learning techniques that many instructors use to help students review for exams. You will have the opportunity to experience both these instructional techniques during this session. Facilitator: Bob Aitken

- CC August 7th. 12 noon - 1pm Room 205B
- KEC August 14th. 12 noon - 1pm Room 2145

### Structured Academic Controversy

This cooperative learning technique can help your students do higher order think-

ing about controversial topics in your curriculum. This workshop will outline the steps involved in developing and using a structured academic controversy. Resources on common controversies will be available. Facilitator: Joan McArthur-Blair

- CC August 21st. 12 noon - 1pm Room 205B
- KEC August 28th. 12 noon - 1pm Rm. 2145

Please phone us at 871-7505 to let us know you will attend any of these workshops and to give us ideas for topics or resource people for future workshops.



## Telephone tips

### Toll free to the Provincial Government

A reminder that Enquiry B.C. provides toll free (no long distance charge) calling to provincial government offices in Victoria or elsewhere outside the Lower Mainland. Call Enquiry B.C. at 660-2421 and ask the operator to connect you to the number you require. Please use this service whenever possible. This information is listed in the VCC Telephone Directory (issue date 8 February 1996) inside cover and under Quick Reference.

### Calling Langara College locals

Effective June 18, 1996, four digit dialling to Langara College telephone locals will no longer be possible and vice versa to VCC. Calls to Langara College will require prefixing the telephone local with 9 323 (ie. to call local 5599 you will need to dial 9 323-5599).

## LIBRARY News

### VCC Librarian is Regional Reviewer

Governments are producers of massive quantities of published information. These documents are made accessible by selected libraries across the country through strictly administered depository programs. The VCC Libraries are a depository for B.C. provincial government information and a selective depository for federal publications.

As the Government Documents Librarian for the VCC Libraries, Virginia Adams assesses and selects materials from the masses of government information to make accessible to the College community. In addition to this role, Virginia represents the province of British Columbia as a regional editor for the Journal of Government Information. This is a scholarly publication which publishes professional articles on a wide range of issues related to the production, promotion, documentation and access of government information. The journal's content is not limited only to Canadian information but includes government information from other countries as well as international organizations.

Virginia Adams has been the British Columbia regional representative for the past two years. Prior to this she was the representative for Quebec while working as a Government Documents Librarian at McGill University Library. Her role is to select and prepare ten professional reviews of B.C. government publications for the November/December issue of the Journal of Government Information. Virginia selects publications for review based on their

significance and widespread appeal to the year being reviewed.

It is quite an honor for our institution to be represented at this level. Good work Virginia!

Melinda Baranieski  
KEC Librarian



### New books in VCC Library

- Adobe Illustrator: a Visual Guide for the Mac
- Cafes & Coffee Shops
- Careers in Multimedia
- Clinical Guide to Periodontics
- Dental Hygiene: Definition and Scope
- Dummies 101: Windows 3.1
- Electronic Alarm and Security Systems
- Enduring Harvests: Native American Foods
- Hair Now
- Indoor Air Quality in Office Buildings
- Life Skills Attitudes on the Job
- Model Business Plans for Service Businesses
- Racial Minorities, Medicine and Health
- Technique of the Professional Make-up Artist
- Using NetWare 4.1
- Video Dialtone Technology

### Volunteers needed for Casino

Proceeds to support  
VCC student scholarships  
and bursaries.

Sunday, July 7, 6:00 pm -  
2:00 am, Royal Mandarin  
Centre, 611 Main Street,  
Vancouver.

Call Teresa in the  
Educational Foundation,  
at 871-7151.

### Program Development and Staff Training Department

## So who are you anyway?

After 20 months in our "new" home at King Edward Campus (we moved from City Centre) we are still having an identity crisis. We learned through the student grapevine that the public does not relate the name of our department to the courses we offer. So, here we go...

We are **Program Development and Staff Training Department**. Our physical location is office #2076, across from Institutional Aide and just around the corner from CCA.

Our public generally refers to us as "instructor training," "teach adults in BC," "University of Alberta" or "Bachelor of Education." We offer the following programs:

**Provincial Instructor Diploma:** a Ministry of Education, Skills and Training program to train instructors for private and public post-secondary institutions.

**Diploma in Adult Education:** provides advanced skills training in adult learning, educational management and curriculum design. Credits from the Provincial Instructor Diploma and the Diploma in Adult Education partially fulfill requirements for the Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta and the Masters in Education from SFU.

**University of Alberta Bachelors of Education:** This program accepts credits for past experience and qualifications towards the Bachelor of Education. Courses are offered in conjunction with the University of Alberta at KEC on weekends.

If you come across anyone looking for information on our courses, we are at 871-7488.



## PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

- Published Thursdays
- Bi-weekly January-May and September-November
- Monthly June, July, August and December

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# classifieds

## FOR SALE

**286-AT computer** with 4 MB RAM, 40 MB hard drive, 5 1/4" and 3.5" floppy drives, 14" VGA color monitor, enhanced keyboard and mouse; loaded with DOS 5, Windows 3.1, Word Perfect 5.1 and games. Price includes a 24-pin multi-mode dot matrix Panasonic printer. Computer and printer are in excellent condition. Ideal for a student. Price: \$350.00 (o.b.o.). Please call 734-0392.

**Mountain bike**, 16", 18 speeds. Excellent condition. Price: \$75.00 (o.b.o.). Please call 734-0687.

**1982 Ford Escort Wagon**. Reliable, good working condition, AirCare approved; \$1500 (obo). Call: Nona at 737-8507 or local 8634.

**Miscellaneous items**: 14" color TV \$40; Canon Zoom F4.5, 80-205 mm, \$90 (obo); MCAT preparation books; 1st and 2nd year university textbooks in Biology, Chemistry and Physics; Labcoat/Nurses' dress (small & large) \$17; Clothes sizes 6-10. Please call Karin at local 8632.

## CARPOOL

Anyone interested in *carpooling from North Vancouver* call Zinnet at local 7047.

## JOB POSTINGS

**Community Liaison (Outreach)**, Counseling Department. Closing date: June 21.

**ESL Teacher**, South Korea. For more information, please check the VCCFA bulletin board.

## WANTED

**Inexpensive accommodation** for a family of four travelling in Europe during September, October. Please contact Peter Hopkinson at local 7285 before the end of June. Also, any up to date information and/or experiences travelling in Zimbabwe and South Africa.

## FREE STUFF

As a result of our "move" and the clean up of our office recently, we have gathered several empty *duo-tangs and binders*. If you could make use of them, please call Corrie at local 7156.

Thanks — Corrie

## FOR RENT

**Charming three level half duplex**, three bdr, two bthr, washer/dryer, vaulted ceiling in kitchen. Trinity/Nanaimo area. \$950/mo. Hydro not incl. Available July 1st. Contact Susan @ 871-7298.



## PLAY BALL!

**Connections summer schedule is now in effect.**

VCC Connections will publish once a month in June, July and August. We'll return to our regular bi-weekly schedule after Labour Day. The deadline for the July edition is July 5. Have a ball this summer!

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