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Student Advocates celebrate 10 years of helping immigrant students

On Friday May 3, 1996, Vancouver Community College will celebrate the 10th anniversary of its highly respected Student Advocate Program. This program has literally helped thousands of immigrant students adapt to the culture shock they suffer adjusting to life in Canada. Many are dealing with the effects of family separation, the results of persecution and other personal problems that are barriers to academic success.

With more than half of its student body enrolled in ESL programs, King Edward Campus has long been serving the needs of immigrants. Recognizing that counselors are sometimes limited by language and cultural barriers, this program was designed as a bridge to new students. By training immigrant students who are more integrated, they are then empowered to act as advocates for new arrivals who are having difficulty accessing services.

Student Advocates provide new VCC students with interpretation services, orientations, accompaniment to government or community agencies, help filling out forms and personal support.*

Most of those in need of support are ESL students. However, the program helps others such as those with learning or physical disabilities, students with special needs, even single parents returning to school. VCC's program is so successful that it is

now being held up as a peer helping model for institutions everywhere.

"The benefits of this program are two-fold," explains Donna Barreca, VCC Counsellor. "Student Advocates receive extensive training to learn basic counselling skills and are paid for the job they do so it's a very good stepping stone to employment and future careers. Of course, the advocacy is therapeutic for everyone."

The program is funded through the Ministry Responsible for Immigration and Multiculturalism. Its 10th reunion will be held at 6 pm at JJ's Restaurant, City Centre Campus - 250 West Pender St. Former Student Advocates interested in attending should call 871-7209.

Sandra Bishop, College Advancement

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Wellness Day moving closer

For the combined faculties and support staff of KEC's and CC's ESL and AAA divisions, it's time to dress down, turn out and tune up on **Wellness Day**, Thursday, May 30. ESL and AAA classes will be cancelled as close to 300 people are expected to participate in the pampering sessions.

Following Linda Ward's opening pep rally in the auditorium, participants will choose from an array of more than a dozen different workshops calculated to tickle, tone, tune and treat all parts of body and mind, from sole to soul.

Meanwhile, planning committee gnomes report that the day will be punctuated by low-budget, health-promoting snacks and beverages, including a tofu-free lunch in the cafeteria.

For the retentive among you, it is during the month of February when Australians drink less beer. For those of you who like to plan ahead, here is a tentative list of our **Wellness Day** workshops: 1) aerobics, 2) aromatherapy, 3) humour, risk and change: a video, 4) self-defence, 5) fiscal phitness, 6) meditation, 7) massage, 8) heart-smart cuisine, 9) nutrition, 10) body magic and mystery, 11) T'ai chi, 12) vicarious traumatization (sic), 13) Uncle Bob's advice column, 14) interpersonal communication and stress management.

For those of you who enjoy good writing, it's time to leave this article and get on with your lives.

Watch these pages for more good stuff.

Student Advocate Profiles

Building a bridge between cultures

Jian Li was a journalist in China before coming to Canada in 1991 to join her husband. Because she wasn't able to immediately practice her profession in Canada, Jian worked in a restaurant and did job training as an office clerk at the UBC Asian Centre in order to help support herself.

Additional income was again a motivation for applying to the Student Advocate Program at VCC while she studied ESL at King Edward Campus. However, she states that she benefitted much more from what she learned and the work she did as a Student Advocate than from the money she earned while participating in this program. The life skills she learned during the training have assisted her a great deal. Also, being able to apply some of these skills to help other new immigrants cope with the transition of living in Canada has been a very positive experience for Jian.

After completing English 099, Jian Li took secretarial training at City Centre Campus in order to find work. She has since realized that using her creative energy is the most important thing for her at this time in her life. As a result, using her writing skills and her own life experiences, Jian has begun writing a novel about the experiences of recent immigrants to North America.

Manuel Salinas, a stranger to few at VCC, came to Canada as a political refugee from Chile in 1979. Although an engineer by training, Manuel started off in Canada by doing everything from cleaning toilets to working in construction until he finally ended up owning his own con-

struction company. In 1990, an unfortunate and serious work related eye injury put him out of the labour force. Two years later, Manuel came to King Edward Campus to upgrade his English and study in VCC's Visually Impaired Program.

Manuel has always been motivated to work with and help others, so he joined the Student Advocate Program to develop his skills in these areas. Of the many things he learned in the program, listening skills have been the most important. He believes that those who listen have an edge in meetings and in all interactions with others.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of the BC Coalition of People with Disabilities and the Hispanic Community Centre and is also the BC representative for the Canadian Council of People with Disabilities and the National Commission on Multiculturalism and People with Disabilities.

The Student Advocate Program more than prepared Manuel for his training at Douglas College in the Community Social Service Worker Program, which he is currently completing. Manuel plans to continue his education at SFU.

A Letter from the President

Budget Forum update

First of all, as we all know, we have much for which to be thankful, especially when we hear what is happening in some of the other provinces and in light of the cuts in the federal transfer of payments.

The Value statements in The White Paper have become guidelines for all executive decision making, and no less so in the Budget process. "Maintaining fiscal responsibility while achieving financial stability" has been the mainstay of our Budget process.

The year 1995/96 can be termed a successful budget year. We are hopeful that the year will end in the black and for that we congratulate all department heads and budget managers for their careful budget management. We have all been working hard to balance next year's budget and seem to be well on track to being able to present a balanced budget to the Board on May 23rd. However, we will all have to make a few more sacrifices.

As you know, a balanced budget can be represented by the equation:

$$R \text{ (Revenue)} - E \text{ (Expenses)} = O \\ \text{(Zero deficit, Zero surplus = Balance)}$$

About 80% of VCC's **revenue** comes from government grants and the balance from tuition fees (including International Education and Continuing Education), Contract Income (e.g. LINC/Contract Training) and ancillary income (e.g. bookstore, food services)

VCC's total revenue last year was budgeted at \$63.5 million.

We have been told by the Ministry that there can be no increase in tuition fees for this year. The freeze applies to graduate, undergraduate, career, technical, voca-

tional and developmental programs. Exempted from the freeze are international, contract services and continuing education. The Board already approved an increase in the International fees, effective January 1997 and we will be reviewing continuing education fees.

You will have heard that the Ministry is to make no cuts to our funding grant this year, that this year's grant will equal last. This is slightly misleading, in that 2.5% of the grant for 1996/97 is offered through a series of Funding Envelopes, which are designed to increase the number of student spaces to a new 104% target. In order to create new student spaces (Premier Clark has committed to creating 7,000 new student spaces in the system), there is a requirement for a 4% increase in institutional productivity. Institutions have been asked to meet or exceed 101% of the 95/96 Approved Program Profile FTEs. The balance of the increase in student spaces will be accomplished through the Learning Partnership Envelope.

The Learning Partnership Envelope will support partnerships with business and industry, the federal government and the secondary education system to create new ways to access learning. VCC has approximately 800 FTEs in this area already, which are not included in the Program Profile. The College will now be able, under this funding envelope, to count at least some LINC FTEs and contract partnership training FTEs, such as the Finning contract with Diesel. This envelope requires us to produce a minimum of 178 FTEs, based on our institutional budget allocation.

The Learning Highway and Technology Innovation Envelope provides capital

Please see Budget Forum, page 4

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)

Retail Meats SPRING SALE



Sides of Beef: \$1.39/lb

Hinds of Beef: \$1.89/lb

Order today before the prices go up this summer. Phone orders to 443-8351, the Retail Meatcutting Dept.

A memo to the VCC Community from Operations Council

You will all be aware that the College is expecting reductions in government funding over the next and subsequent years. In our search for a solution, we have been looking at possible ways to cut costs and, for this, we would like to request your co-operation.

We hope that the following suggestions will help the situation without unduly inconveniencing anyone:

1. Effective June 1, 1996, all student and staff discounts on merchandise/services, will be eliminated, college-wide. For the time being, fee waivers in Continuing Education remain unaffected.
2. Paper usage should be minimized, using the following strategies:
 - a) use e-mail wherever possible;
 - b) use the Duplicating Department for large jobs — i.e. over 50 copies;
 - c) always make double-sided copies;
 - d) put the distribution list on the bottom of the memo, rather than on a separate, attached sheet.
3. Where possible, keep individual petty cash and cheque requisitions to a minimum — group them for a reasonable time period rather than file individual claims. Believe it or not, some claims cost more in handling time than the actual claim!

We would be pleased to receive any other suggestions. Thank you all for your co-operation.

Linda Martin, Chair
VCC Operations Council

Budget Forum (continued from page 3)

and operating funding to the colleges to encourage institutions to take advantage of the increasing opportunities presented by the learning highway and educational technology. In addition to this funding, VCC has been granted \$130,000 (50% of total costs) to complete the computer cabling of King Edward and City Centre campuses. This total package will enable us to begin to access computer-mediated communications, media based instruction and internet. This means more up to date technology for both students and employees, which is good news indeed.

The Labour Adjustment Envelope will be administered through the Post Secondary Employers Association and will only be accessed by VCC if we have targeted layoffs or early retirement.

The Matching Equipment Replacement Fund is being reinstated in the 96/97 fiscal year. This is again good news. When this was initiated for the year 94/95, working through the Educational Foundation, VCC accessed \$276,076, which was the total amount allocated to VCC. The government participation encouraged donations

from companies who continue to consider the College's needs. Moreover, companies were contacted during that year, who have provided further donations even though the Matching Fund was discontinued last year. The \$229,788 provided for this purpose this year will improve educational equipment and technology within the College and will also enhance community partnerships.

We will be working towards achieving a balanced budget within the next few weeks. As stated in the Budget Forums, we have a shortfall (approximately \$150,000) which we have to address in order to present the Budget package for approval at the May 23rd Board meeting. We are optimistic that we will be successful in meeting our deadline with minimum sacrifice to everyone, but we will need your cooperation to do this. I thank you for your patience and understanding.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call me or Mary Hoekstra.

John Cruickshank

CITYFEST '96 is coming!

CITYFEST, the annual multicultural festival, will take place this year **May 17-19 (Victoria Day Weekend) at King Edward Campus, from 7:00 pm Friday til 4:00 pm Sunday**. This year's event promises to be bigger and better than ever. Regarded as one of Vancouver's "best kept secrets," CITYFEST will feature over 100 performances of stories, music, song and dance from ethnic groups around the world. Food and handcrafted items will be available, and admission is free.

Of special interest to students, faculty and staff at VCC will be the presentation of "The New Canadian Kid," a comedy performed by students from Centennial High School in Coquitlam. The play focuses on

the problems of youngsters entering a society with language and customs with which they are unfamiliar. At the beginning of the play, all the actors, except the new student, speak an unintelligible language which cannot be understood by the audience or the new student who speaks only his own language, which, for the audience's benefit, is English. The students will present the play at 8:00 pm, Friday, May 17, and again at 2:30 pm, Saturday, May 18, in the KEC auditorium.

CITYFEST is a non-profit festival produced jointly by the Vancouver Community Festival Society and Vancouver Community College. CITYFEST is supported by VanCity.

VCC Human Resource Development Survey

Thank you to everyone who has called by to wish me well in managing the new portfolio of Human Resource Development (HRD). With a limited budget, creative solutions are needed to make HRD an ever-expanding, innovative programme, reflecting the wishes of the VCC community. We need your help! The HRD Committee which plans HRD offerings currently consists of four members: Marg Nelson, Ron Atkinson, Sandra Jones and myself.

We welcome new members. If you can't join the committee, we welcome your input.

Please take a moment to fill out the form below and return it to me by Friday, May 10, 1996.

Karen Kelly

(Please be creative. We are particularly interested in new ideas.)

1) I would like to attend workshops on the following topics:

2) I would like to present a workshop or seminar on the following topic:

3) I recommend the following internal speakers, if they are willing to give a seminar:

Speaker	Department	Topic

4) Great (affordable) speakers I have heard and recommend:

Speaker	Department	Topic

5) Comments or ideas for HRD:

6) I would like to join the HRD Committee:

Name	Department	Local

Widen your world — welcome a student

The Homestay Program is gearing up for another busy summer season. Did you know that in 25 years of operation, the Homestay Program has placed over 15,000 international students with Vancouver families?

Valerie Peters and the Homestay staff are seeking host families for this summer's programs. Many of Vancouver Community College's international students start their program by living with host families.

Students from around the world who study in VCC's International program, learn about West Coast Canadian culture firsthand by living with a family. Homestay adds a special perspective on learning about Canada, complementing their classroom experience.

A unique and rewarding experience

Homestay benefits not only the students. Families enjoy learning about other countries and cultures, without leaving home! "The Homestay Program is a unique experience for families in our community," says Homestay Program Coordinator Valerie Peters. "The opportunity to open your home, share your culture and learn from visiting young people from around the world is extremely rewarding."

Reimbursement to families

Families are reimbursed \$24 per day for this summer's programs.

To find out more...

If you would like to widen your world and host an international student this year, call the **Homestay office at 874-5056**. And don't forget to spread the word to those who may be interested in hosting.

In memoriam: Rajwar Gakhal

On Friday April 5, 1996, Rajwar Gakhal and nine family members were tragically killed by her estranged ex-husband.

Rajwar graduated from the Vancouver Community College Dental Hygiene Program in June 1991. We remember her significant intellect, warmth, caring, her inner and outer beauty and now, in retrospect, her enormous courage.

Rajwar planned to attend UBC, where she dreamed of continuing her dental hygiene education at the Baccalaureate level. In writing a reference letter for Rajwar, the faculty has had a recent opportunity to reminisce and smile at the warm memories of her that flood back. We remember her empathy and skill with patients. She was intensely honest and ethical. Her quiet demeanour and direct gaze displayed an attentiveness in class that spoke of her love of learning. She was a hard-working scholar who took feedback very well as she aimed at higher and brighter goals. She loved her work and took time to make people who came in contact with her feel more peaceful and balanced. She was a

sharing team member who appeared to know more about the give and take of collaborative work than others of her young age.

Our strongest memories of Rajwar are of her beautiful spirit which shone through especially when she spoke lovingly of her family. We weep at the tragic loss of Rajwar and her family. Goodbye, dear student, graduate, colleague and friend. We will not forget your courage, nor your spirit.

*Sincerely, the Faculty and Staff of the VCC
Dental Hygiene Department*

Note: The British Columbia Dental Hygienists' Association and The College of Dental Hygienists of British Columbia have made contributions in Rajwar's name to the Women's Transition House in Vernon.

Join your colleagues for a PLA discussion

Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) is the assessment of knowledge and skills acquired through life experiences, work and study not associated with formal education, and the relating of that prior learning to educational program objectives and to course or program credits.

For those people who are interested in this topic, please join us for a brown bag lunch meeting to share ideas and consider ways in which VCC can implement PLA. The following dates have been scheduled and

we hope you will be able to join us on the date most convenient for you:

**Thursday, May 16, 1996
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Room 914 CC**

OR

**Tuesday, May 21, 1996
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Room 5025 KEC**

*Dale Dorn, Vice President Education
Linda Martin, Vice President Educational
Support Services*

Provincial Instructor Diploma 1996 Summer Schedule

The British Columbia Provincial Instructor Diploma has been providing instructional excellence in the field of adult education for over 25 years. Full-time and part-time summer courses offer you the opportunity to further your professional development. Courses are held at King Edward Campus.

101	Jun 3 to 14, Mon - Fri 9:00 am-12:00 noon
102A	Jun 3 to 14, Mon - Fri 1:00 pm- 4:00 pm
102B	Jun 3 to 14, Mon - Fri 6:00 pm- 9:00 pm
104A	Jun 17 to 28, Mon - Fri 9:00 am- 12:00 noon
103	Jun 17 to 28, Mon - Fri 1:00 pm- 4:00 pm
104B	Jun 17 to 28, Mon - Fri 6:00 pm- 9:00 pm
102B	Jul 2 to 12, Mon - Fri 9:00 am-12:00 noon
104B	Jul 2 to 12, Mon - Fri 1:00 pm- 4:00 pm
101	Jul 2 to 12, Mon - Fri 6:00 pm- 9:00 pm
103	Jul 15 to 26, Mon - Fri 9:00 am- 12:00 noon
104A	Jul 15 to 26, Mon - Fri 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
102A	Jul 15 to 26, Mon - Fri 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
104B	Jul 29 to Aug 9, Mon - Fri 9:00 am - 12:00 noon
102B	Jul 29 to Aug 9, Mon - Fri 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
103	Jul 29 to Aug 9, Mon - Fri 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
102A	Aug 12 to 23, Mon - Fri 9:00 am - 12:00 noon
101	Aug 12 to 23, Mon - Fri 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
104A	Aug 12 to 23, Mon - Fri 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Tuition : \$275:00 per course Cost of materials and textbook : \$35.00
The final assignment leading to the Diploma : \$150.00
Make-up classes for courses running into public holidays will be discussed in class.

UBC offers Issues in Higher Education course

(This notice arrived too late for insertion in the last issue of Connections — please note that the first session starts Saturday, May 4. - Ed.)

The University of British Columbia is offering the course "Higher Education 513 — Issues in Higher Education" during its summer session. This year, the theme of the course is "Post-Secondary Education

in the 1990's: Preparing for a New Agenda." This course will take place on a series of Saturdays from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, and Wednesday mornings from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, beginning on May 4 and concluding on June 5.

Focussing on the people and the institutions of higher education in Canada and

BC, the course will explore issues within the context of emerging and developed educational, social, cultural and economic structures and contexts of higher learning.

The course is lead by Dr. Lesley Andres, of the UBC Higher Education Department. For more information, contact Dr. Andres at 822-8943.

News flash! City Centre Counselling under construction

Major construction begins this week in the City Centre Counselling area. A new campus elevator is being installed; it's taking over Ian Forsyth's office — and more. We expect Counselling services to be disrupted until the end of July. Counsellors will be moved into other accommodations, phones will be changed, construction crews will take over, and you should expect "adjustments" to our services as we accommodate this project throughout the summer. More details later. In the meantime, it isn't exactly "business as usual"!

City Centre Counsellors

College operating hours (May-Aug) - clip 'n save section



King Edward Campus

Admissions/Cashier (871-7031)

Mon, Tues, Thurs .. 9:00 am- 4:30 pm
Wed 9:00 am- 7:00 pm
Fri 9:00 am- 3:30 pm

Assessments (871-7093)

Mon, Tues, Thurs .. 9:00 am- 4:00 pm
Wed 1:00 pm- 7:00 pm
Fri Closed

Bookstore (871-7333)

(May 1 - May 31)
Mon, Tues, Fri 8:30 am- 5:00 pm
Wed 11:00 am- 8:00 pm
Thurs 8:30 am- 8:00 pm
Sat 10:00 am- 2:00 pm

(June 3 - August 30)

Mon, Tues,
Thurs, Fri 8:30 am- 4:30 pm
Wed 8:30 am- 7:00 pm

Counselling (871-7191)

(May 1 - May 31)
Mon, Thurs, Fri 8:30 am- 4:30 pm
Tues, Wed 8:30 am- 7:30 pm

(June, July & Aug)

Mon, Tue,
Thurs, Fri 8:30 am- 4:30 pm
Wed 8:30 am- 7:30 pm

Financial Aid (871-7046)

Mon, Tues, Thurs .. 11:00 am- 4:00 pm
Wed 11:00 am- 4:00 pm
& 5:00 pm- 7:00 pm
Fri Closed

Food Services/Cafeteria (871-7387)

Mon to Thurs 7:00 am- 9:00 pm
Fri 7:00 am- 6:00 pm
Sat 8:00 am- 2:30 pm

Health Services (Nurse: 871-7187) (Doctor: 871-7186)

Mon to Fri 9:00 am- 3:30 pm
(clinic 1 eve/week)

I.E.P.A. (871-7220)

(May to June)
Mon to Thurs 8:30 am- 7:00 pm
Fri 8:30 am- 4:00 pm
(July and August)
Closed

Interpreting and Braille Services (871-7089)

(May to June)
Mon to Fri 8:00 am- 4:15 pm
(July 1 - 26)
Mon to Fri 8:00 am- 4:15 pm

(July 29 - August 23)

Mon to Fri 8:30 am- 12:30 pm

Learning Centre (871-7219)

(May 1 to Aug 28)
Mon to Thurs 9:00 am- 7:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am- 5:00 pm

Library (871-7326)

(May 1 - May 31)
Mon, Thurs, Fri ... 9:00 am- 4:30 pm
Tue, Wed 9:00 am- 9:00 pm

(June 3 - August 23)

Mon, Thurs 9:00 am- 4:30 pm
Tues, Wed 9:00 am- 9:00 pm
Fri 10:30 am- 4:30 pm

(August 26 - August 30)

Mon to Fri 9:00 am- 4:30 pm

Instructional Computing Support Centre (ICSC)

(faculty/staff only)
Mon, Thurs 9:00 am- 7:00 pm
Tue, Wed 9:00 am- 9:00 pm
Fri 9:00 am- 5:00 pm

Media Services (871-7313)

(May 1 - May 31)
Mon to Thurs 7:45 am-4:45 pm
5:45 pm- 8:30 pm
Fri 7:45 am- 4:00 pm

(June 3 - August 30)

Mon to Thurs 7:45 am- 4:30 pm
Fri 7:45 am- 4:00 pm



City Centre Campus

Admissions/Cashiers (443-8400)

Mon to Thurs 8:00 am- 4:00 pm
Fri 8:00 am- 3:00 pm

Bookstore (443-8363)

(May 6 - August 23)
Mon to Fri 10:00 am- 4:00 pm
(July 8-19 Closed)

Counselling (443-8453)

Mon to Fri 8:30 am- 4:00 pm

Financial Aid (443-8421)

Mon to Thurs 1:00 pm- 4:00 pm
Fri Closed

Food Services - Cafeteria (443-8481)

May 1 - July 5
Mon to Fri 7:15 am- 8:30 pm
Sat 8:30 am- 3:00 pm
(July 6 - August 30)
Mon to Fri 7:15 am- 8:30 pm
Sat Closed

Health Services (Nurse: 443-8337) Doctor by appt. (443-8340)

Mon to Fri 8:30 am- 3:00 pm

Interpreting and Braille Services (443-8583)

(May to June)
Mon to Fri 8:00 am- 4:15 pm
(July)
Mon to Fri 7:00 am-12:30 pm
(August)
Mon to Fri 2:00 pm- 8:00 pm

Learning Centre (443-8607)

May 1 - July 31
Mon to Thurs 10:00 am- 7:00 pm
Fri 10:00 am- 4:00 pm
August Closed

Library (443-8339)

(May 1 - May 31)
Mon, Tues 9:00 am- 7:00 pm
Wed, Thurs 9:00 am- 8:30 pm
Fri 9:00 am- 4:00 pm

(June 3 - August 30)

Mon, Tues 9:00 am- 5:00 pm
Wed, Thurs 9:00 am- 8:00 pm
Fri 9:00 am- 4:00 pm

Media Services (443-8365)

(May 1 - May 31)
Mon to Thurs 7:30 am- 5:00 pm
6:00 pm- 8:30 pm
Fri 7:30 am- 4:00 pm

(June 3 - August 30)

Mon to Thurs 7:30 am- 4:15 pm
Fri 7:30 am- 4:00 pm

Correction

In the last issue of VCC Connections the new policy entitled "VCC-International Education Enrollment" was advertently listed as "Students with Disabilities" in the closing remarks regarding the policy's approval. We regret any confusion or inconvenience this oversight may have caused.

Medical Transcription: there's more to it than meets the ear

The Medical Office Careers Department of Vancouver Community College, City Centre has three options: Medical Office Assistant, Medical Secretary, and Medical Transcriptionist. As students of the Medical Transcriptionist Program, we would like to inform you about our program in an effort to promote Medical Transcription Week, May 12 - 18.

A Medical Transcriptionist is a medical language specialist who interprets and transcribes dictation by physicians regarding patient assessment, workup, therapeutic procedure, clinical course and diagnosis in order to document patient care and facilitate delivery of health care services. The kinds of reports we transcribe are history and physical consultations, radiology, oncology, surgery, pathology and discharge summaries.

The qualities possessed by a Medical Transcriptionist are patience, accuracy,

attention to detail and the ability to keep pace with changing medical terminology. This year 15 students will graduate as Medical Transcriptionists. We will find employment in various hospital departments, public health agencies, institutes, large clinics and specialists' offices. Some of us may go on to open our own home-based medical transcription business. As we prepare for Medical Transcription Week and our three-week practicum, we would like to take this opportunity to promote our profession and thank our instructors and the College for providing this career option.

The Medical Transcriptionist Program is a full-time, nine-month long program available at Vancouver Community College, City Centre Campus.

By the Medical Transcriptionist Students

The Internationals have arrived!

Please excuse our expropriation of the Staff Cafeteria over the past two weeks. The intake for the summer term of International Education was 21% larger than last summer. Approximately 143 new I.E. students will start on May 1, 1996, a 21% increase over last summer's intake of 118 students! Happy news!

A special welcome is extended to 12 of our new Japanese students who are from Kansai Business College in Osaka. As part of a three year program, these students spend their second year of study outside of Japan studying English. Fred Wuhler, Director of International Development Services, has been successful in securing an ongoing contract for VCC to provide this year of English Language Training. This is our third group of students from Osaka in as many years.

The 143 new students come from a range of countries, for example:

China	1
Finland	1
Hong Kong	7
Japan	46
Korea	32
Sweden	1
Taiwan	55
Total	143

These new students will join approximately 160 students who will continue their studies with IE for a full house of 303 students this summer! So, please welcome our newest students who, no doubt, will be wandering somewhat confusedly around the campus for the next couple of weeks.

Steph Jewell

A Small Step For Literacy, A Large Step For Freedom

Annual Walk for Literacy
Sunday, June 9, 1996,
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

King Edward Campus to
City Centre Campus

One out of three Canadians has difficulty reading and writing. To raise awareness of literacy issues, the Annual Walk for Literacy will take place on Sunday, June 9. Proceeds from the walk will go to local literacy programs, to support students' educational expenses such as school supplies, texts, application fees, assessment fees, and bus passes.

The walk will take place starting from VCC King Edward Campus, ending at City Centre Campus.

Join fitness instructor Joy Cohen for warmup activities from 11:30 to 1:00 pm at KEC.

Guest speakers will be on hand, and refreshments, t-shirts, prizes, pencils and more will be available at the City Centre Finale

For more information, contact:

Brenda Lee Giles, Representative of Literacy BC and Movement for Canadian Literacy and Walk Coordinator: 437-6065
VCC Faculty Contacts: **Barbara Ash**, 871-7362, **Ted Hougham** 871-7359.

To register call Brenda, 437-6065.

1996/97 Locally Initiated Curriculum (LIC) Proposals: an update

The Board of the Centre for Curriculum and Professional Development recently solicited proposals for the 1996/97 Locally Initiated Curriculum (LIC) projects. Institutions have been encouraged to submit up to three (3) ranked proposals by April 26, 1996. The maximum funding allowable is \$14,000 per project.

The Committee's goal is to provide funding to encourage the development of creative, innovative and experimental curriculum materials in a wide variety of programs across the BC college and institute system.

The Vice Presidents' office received a total of eight LIC proposals for consideration. On Tuesday, April 16, 1996, a Joint Group meeting was held to consider the proposals. After the presentations were heard, the Joint Group members were asked to select their top three proposals. This was recorded by secret ballot. VCC will be putting forward the following three ranked LIC proposals.

- 1) Recordable CD Production (Business and Computer Applications Division)
- 2) TESL In-Service Distance Education (Continuing Education)
- 3) The Community Connection: Linking ESL Students to Community Resources (ESL Division)

A special thank you is extended to all those who submitted their proposals. We look forward to a favourable response from the Dean's Curriculum Committee.

Joint Group Members

Brenda Appleton	Laraine Niewinski
Jean Cockell	Gail Rochester
Dale Dorn	Jackie Sandy
Marta Gardiner	Jerome Schatten
Pat Hartley	Casey Sheridan
Paul Hunt	Settimio Sicoli
Karen Kelly	Maija Wiik
Moir Macleod	Fred Wuhrer
Linda Martin	

College to hold two Scholarship Awards Ceremonies

This year, VCC will hold not one but **two** Scholarship Awards Ceremonies. Both will take place at the **King Edward Campus Auditorium on Friday, May 24.**

Awards ceremonies for the **Business, Health Sciences, and Tourism, Hospitality and Services Divisions** will take place at 9:30 am.

Awards ceremonies for the **Applied Arts and Technology, AAA and ESL Divisions** will take place at 1:30 pm.

Jackie Sandy

Get on your bikes and ride for Bike to Work Week, June 2-8

Bike to Work Week (BTWW), coordinated by the Alternative Transportation Centre, will be an annual week-long event aimed at raising recognition and awareness of the bicycle as a viable mode of transportation. BTWW will take place during Environment Week, June 2-8 1996, in the Greater Vancouver area. Each day during BTWW will have a theme, highlighting different cycling interests and needs. The following is a tentative schedule:

Sunday, June 2 - Stanley Park Fun Ride and Bike To Work Week Kick Off

Cycling British Columbia is putting on the first annual all ages Fun Ride. Participants are invited to join us for this celebration of cycling, including tune-ups and safety checks, clinics, music and refreshments.

Monday, June 3 - Grand Opening of the Arbutus Bike Corridor

The City of Vancouver is opening their newest bikeway. Join us for a ride on the new Bikeway ending in Hadden park, located at the North of Cypress, for the bike chain cutting ceremonies and breakfast snacks on your way to work.

Tuesday, June 4 - Bike Buddy Day

Do you want to try riding your bike to work today? You are invited to meet with our skilled bicycle buddies along the City of Vancouver Bikeways and designated routes into the downtown core. These routes converge at the Vancouver Art Gallery, where your local bike stores will be out providing safety checks and tune ups and the latest bike gear for commuting needs.

Wednesday, June 5 - Clean Air Day and Clean Air Commute

The Clean Air Commute will be a one-day event on Clean Air Day involving

commuters within the Greater Vancouver area. The Commute is a competition between companies, businesses and corporations to encourage as many individuals as possible to take alternatives to the single occupancy vehicle to work that day. Participation in the competition will be publicly recognized and congratulated.

Thursday, June 6 - Bicycle Art Auction

Better Environmentally Sound Transportation Association is holding its first annual fundraising event. Bicycle art from local artists, students and individuals, and other useful items will be auctioned off in a funky and festive atmosphere.

Friday, June 7 - Bike Car Challenge

The annual challenge continues! Come out and see who finishes first!

Saturday, June 8 - Bike to Market Day

Take your family and friends to the Granville Island Market today as we celebrate cycling to your local market. Temporary bicycle facilities will be provided. Features and event include: a bike fair, bike fashion show, mountain bike trials, and much much more.

In the works: improvements in VCC facilities

Pender window replacement

Work will begin in the next few weeks on replacement of windows in the Pender Building at City Centre. The intent of the

project is to reduce energy consumption and improve the comfort of offices and classrooms adjoining the exterior of the Pender Building. We expect to be able to eliminate exterior drafts, reduce heat build up in the summer and improve the

quality of window coverings in many areas. The project involves replacement of all windows and frames in rooms facing Cambie and Pender Streets, minor modifications to ceilings and walls to suit the new frames and modification or replacement of window coverings. This is the first phase of a series of projects that will replace all the original windows in the Pender and Dunsmuir Buildings. Funding for this phase in the amount of \$635,000 has been provided by the provincial government. Work should be completed by late summer.

Pender elevator

On April 29 we began renovations to install a new elevator in the Pender Building. The elevator will be located near the northwest staircase of the Pender Building and is intended primarily to improve access to the campus for people who are unable to use the stairs. Work should be substantially complete by the end of July. Funding for this project in the amount of \$330,000 has been provided by the provincial government.

Larry Waddell, Director of Facilities



announcements

Welcome Helen Fraser

Financial Services department would like to welcome Helen Fraser to our department. She is located in Financial Services on the fifth floor at KEC. Helen will provide much needed and much welcomed secretarial support to the entire department. She will be keeping Dana Merritt's diary, scheduling meetings for the department, answering phones in management's absence and providing other general support. Helen's phone local is 7140 and her email address is hfraser@vcc.bc.ca.



Budget Advisory Group

The next meeting of the Budget Advisory Group will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 1996, in Room 3091 from 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Please call 7163 for further information.



Media Services hours

Effective May 4, 1996 Media Services will not be open on Saturday mornings. We will resume Saturday morning service on Saturday, September 7.

Please remember to call in your equipment needs (871-7313) during regular hours to arrange delivery.



Teaching Excellence

Master copies of the second set of *Teaching Excellence* essays prepared for the 1995-96 academic year have been sent to us by the Centre for Curriculum and Professional Development. The Teaching Excellence series is published by the Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education, with eight essays produced each year - four are available in the fall and four in the spring. The Centre has negotiated a system subscription for colleges and institutes in British Columbia, allowing each institution to reprint multiple copies for distribution. If you would like to obtain a copy of these essays, please contact Carol Mercier (local 8598).

The second set of essay titles are:

- Teaching with Style: The Integration of Teaching and Learning Styles in the Classroom
- Never in a Class by Themselves: An Examination of Behaviors Affecting the Student-Professor Relationship
- Attacking Ideas, Not People: Using Structured Controversy in the College Classroom
- Students' Reaction to Performance-Based Versus Traditional Objective Assessment



Are you missing "the fax?"

We have some homeless faxes in the administration area and we don't know who they're for!

Call Joy at local 7026 or come down to the mailroom for more info.



LIBRARY News

KEC Library Summer Hours

Please take note of the following changes in hours of operation at the King Edward Campus Library:

Monday April 29 - Friday May 31

Monday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Tuesday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Wednesday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Thursday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Friday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Saturday & Sunday CLOSED

Monday June 3 - Friday August 23

Monday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Tuesday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Wednesday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Thursday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Friday 10:30 am - 4:30 pm
Saturday & Sunday CLOSED

Monday August 26 - Friday August 30

Monday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Tuesday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Wednesday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Thursday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Friday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Saturday & Sunday CLOSED

Winter hours of operation, including Saturday openings, will resume on Tuesday, September 3, 1996.

calendar

Be fit — with Joy

Joy Cohen (Mild Mannered Mail Room Clerk by day, Fitness Instructor/Personal Trainer by night) is pleased to be instructing exercise classes exclusively for PLUS Size Adults at the new Downtown YWCA. Joy, who is also an advocate for size diversity and an educator about body image, has run many successful exercise and lifestyle programs for beginner exercisers and people of size in Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver. Her classes are specifically designed to meet the exercise needs of large adults who may not feel comfortable with other programs.

She promises:

- NO G-strings or thong leotards
- NO abusive/nasty instructors
- NO coordination required
- EASY-TO-LEARN moves (even for first timers)
- T.L.C. for new exercisers and returnees to exercise
- FUN
- FABULOUS MUSIC
- Clint Eastwood!*

If you would like to attend a complimentary class, call Joy at local 7026.

*only on the 6th Tuesday of each month



Do you deal with difficult people?

Brenda Robinson from Edmonton will be offering a one-day workshop on Dealing with Difficult People on May 7, 8:00 am

to 2:00 pm at City Centre Room 240. Brenda is a dynamic facilitator with a great sense of humor. If you have to deal with difficult people and want to learn some new techniques that will help, please attend. To register please phone Program Development at 7488 or 7499 to let us know you will attend. There is no charge for this workshop for VCC employees or students.

Anger Management workshop for students

City Centre Student Association is hosting a workshop on *Anger: Managing Yours and Others* for students. The facilitator will be Gary Harper, an instructor from the Justice Institute of British Columbia. The date of the workshop is: May 14 and 15 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm (lunch hour) in Room 240. Instructors are more than welcome to accompany their students.

Course outline:

Part 1

Managing Your Own Anger (triggers, anger arousal cycle, self-management, assertion vs. aggression)

Part 2

Managing Anger in Others (reflective listening, diffusing techniques, shifts from judgement to curiosity)

For more information contact Lina Rose, Local 8609.

Excellent workplaces

It's not the Oscars, but the management and staff of Burnaby-based *Hemlock Printers* are celebrating after being presented with three of this year's seven Workplace Excellence awards.

Hemlock won the overall award of excellence for steering through economic downturns and technological changes while expanding its work force, increasing its revenues and introducing employee training and assistance programs.

Company president Dick Kouwenhoven won the award for individual excellence.

And Hemlock won the award of excellence in employee and family assistance.

ICBC won the workplace excellence award in employment equity and diversity.

The *BC Liquor Distribution Branch* received an honourable mention in the same category.

The *Westin Bayshore Hotel* in Vancouver won the award of excellence in community. For 16 years, the hotel has provided hospitality for more than 10,000 seniors who might otherwise have been alone.

The annual awards are sponsored by the BC division of the Canadian Mental Health Association.

(from the March 28 edition of the Province Money section)

First Nations Awareness Week Survey

The First Nations' Advisory Committee is very interested in receiving feedback on the recent First Nations' Awareness Week held at City Centre and King Edward Campuses. We would appreciate it very much if you would briefly answer the following questions and return this form to Myrna Redman, KEC 4th floor, so she can compile the results for the Committee.

1. Were you aware of First Nations Awareness Week?

☐ Yes ☐ No

2. How did you find out about the activities? (posters, voice mail announcement, colleagues, students, etc.)

3. Did you have the opportunity to attend any of the events?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Which events? _____

4. Do you feel that awareness weeks such as this one are beneficial?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please give your feelings about how they are beneficial and to whom.

5. Please give us any further comments about First Nations Awareness Week that would be helpful to the committee in evaluating the event.

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classifieds

JOB POSTINGS

Nicola Valley Institute of Technology:

- Academic Support Instructor. Closing date: May 10, 1996.
- Career and Employment Counsellor Learning Specialist. Closing date: May 10, 1996
- Student Counsellor: July 19, 1996.

Summer Instructional Positions,
Ailanthus - Performing Arts Centre for
Inner-City Youth. (No closing date given.)

Capilano College, Registrar. Closing
date: May 6, 1996.

Office Clerk (c), Administration Office,
City Centre Campus. Closing date: May
3, 1996.

For information on these and other
job postings, please contact the
Personel Services Department, 5th
Floor, King Edward Campus.

FOR SALE

The Automotive Collision Repair Technician Department currently has one 1992 Asuna sunrunner 4 x 4 convertible **for sale**. This vehicle is white in colour and has only 15,000 km. Vehicle is in like new condition and must be seen. Asking price is \$8895.00. **Contact Ross McPherson 871-7415.**

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.

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. References 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 arrange your vacation or receive a brochure with more information. Pat 929-5230.



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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.

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