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Jewellery Art and Design Student Exhibition

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Things of skill and beauty

To find a perfect example of a unique and exciting VCC program, look no further than the Jewellery Art and Design Program, as evidenced by their annual Student Exhibition, on now at City Centre until June 8. The exhibition offers a delightful look into a field that most of us know very little about, except through an occasional glimpse at a jewellery store window.

The Jewellery Art and Design Student Exhibition presents the class projects of first and second year students in two different ways: for the first year students, the entire display is the focus of the exhibition. Therefore, everything about the display is of equal importance, from the materials used to feature the jewellery itself to the lighting. Some displays have a whimsical flair — for example, one project featured hand-carved mice wearing bandit masks rifling through a dresser filled with jewels, making off with their booty — while other displays provided personal insight into the artist themselves — one featured three important events in the artist's life: a marriage breakdown, the birth of a child with Down's Syndrome and the artist's positive experience as a student in the program. Still others explored sexual and quasi-political themes.

In the second year students' displays, the jewellery objects themselves were highlighted. I would be hard-pressed to compare the displays and pick favourites,

as each one stands on its own merits, and all have unique messages to convey. However, a few were particularly eye-catching. Two displays by the same student were unique in that they weren't of jewellery at all, but actually very refined and exquisite purses. The only hint that they were purses was the strap attached to each one. Particularly striking to me was a small penguin, about five inches tall, beautifully detailed, with a baby penguin attached to the front, with a small clock in its belly. According to Maciek Walentowicz, the program's Department Head, this student wanted to combine her love of penguins with her interest in designing a handbag that the owner could display as a decorative piece of art. She felt that the owner should be able to take a beautiful purse like this with her out to dinner, and instead of hiding it under her chair, display it in the middle of her table. I couldn't agree more — this is no ordinary purse,

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Read all about it

VCC makes the news: both a student and a staff member were featured in recent articles in The Province.

On Tuesday, May 28, the Province wrote that VCC Fashion Design student Jessica Li won second runner-up prize at the Canadian finals of the prestigious Smirnoff International Fashion Awards, held in Montreal last week. Li was one of 10 national finalists vying to become the Canadian entry in the International event in November. Kerry Moore, Province Fashion Reporter wrote that "Jessica designed a black, swingy, two-piece outfit, of which the skirt lifted to reveal colourful appliqué shapes symbolizing an interior skin of creativity and liveliness. The design reflected Jessica's belief that we should look beneath a person's skin in order to know them." (From an article by Kerry Moore, Province Fashion Reporter.)

On Sunday, May 27, the Province's Money section featured a story on Jarmo Heiti, computer support analyst in VCC's Information and Computing Services Department. The article focused on Jarmo's experience of losing his job as a systems-support representative at Novadyne Computer Systems Inc. when the company downsized last year. He related his subsequent studies at Capilano College's Local Area Network program and his energetic job search which resulted in his success at landing his current job at VCC. Paul Luke, Province Money reporter wrote that "Jarmo credits much of his success to the feedback he received from course instructors, college employment advisors and fellow students." (From an article by Paul Luke, Province Money reporter.)

Beauty and skill (continued)

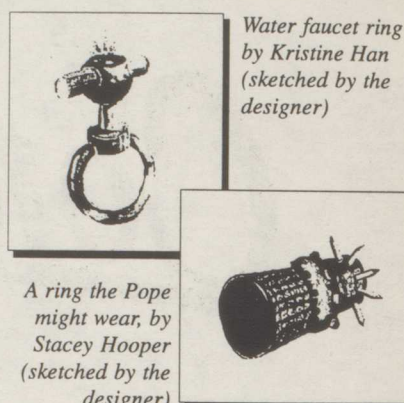
and it deserves a lot of admiration and attention.

Other second year students, whose country of origin is other than Canada, emphasized the culture that they were raised in, or the history of the region. Maciek commented that at first, these students often overlooked their rich cultural background in favour of pursuing other cultures and techniques in their jewellery making. He encouraged them to "return to their roots" and explore what made their country unique, in history and jewellery making. The students were finding that after finishing the program, they had a greater appreciation for their culture and history than they did back at home.

While a number of the students in the program have some experience in art or design, many are new to formal design concepts and jewellery making. Although a portfolio is strongly encouraged, talent, design potential and art ability are the most important factors for a student's success in the program.

The Jewellery Art and Design program is gaining increasing renown throughout the jewellery industry. Approximately 700 people attended the Opening Ceremonies on May 24, including many representatives of the top jewellery design houses in Vancouver. And, because a number of the students' work employs sculpture, the program offers a student exchange component with Capilano College's Sculpture Department, part of Cap's Fine Arts program.

The two-year Jewellery Art and Design program teaches both the artistic and technical aspects of jewellery making. There is a strong emphasis on design and the students are encouraged to go beyond technical skills and explore jewellery as a form of artistic expression. The range of techniques that the students are exposed to



is extensive, broadening the possibilities for self expression and individuality.

It's hard to overemphasize the skill and beauty represented by the works at the Jewellery Art and Design Student Exhibition. I encourage everyone to make a special trip to City Centre to visit the Exhibition for yourselves. The show is on until Saturday, June 8, during regular City Centre hours.

Dale Rasmussen
College Advancement

Join other VCC colleagues for this year's Pride Parade

Anyone interested in organizing and/or being part of a VCC entry in this year's Pride Parade, August 4, 1996? If so, then come to a meeting at Harry's Cafe, 1716 Charles (off Commercial Drive), Sunday, June 16, 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions, call Cameron at 438-9102.

Changes ahead for KEC parking rates

The following changes to the KEC pay parking structure were presented and passed at the May 14 Operations Council meeting.

On July 1, 1996 the existing staff lots will be changed to "preferred lots" for staff, students or visitors and the existing student lot will be changed to an "economy lot." Fees for these lots will be as follows:

Preferred Lots (South Side of 7th Avenue)

Daily Rate: \$2.00
Monthly Rate: \$30.00

Economy Lot (North Side of 7th Avenue)

Daily Rate: \$1.50
Monthly Rate: \$20.00

Staff parking rear view mirror tags will no longer apply and can be discarded after July 1.

Existing disabled parking on the East side of the Campus will be available at a cost of \$2.00 per day or \$30.00 per month. A valid SPARC tag must be displayed to park in this area.

Daily and monthly parking tickets will be available for purchase from the existing ticket dispensers located in each lot.

In addition, short term coin operated metered visitor parking will be available on the North side of the receiving lot. Cost for short term parking will be \$0.25 per 15 minutes.

If you have any questions or comments about these changes, please call **Steve Traviss** at local 8603. Thank you.

Students send their thanks to another outstanding employee

Fourteen students from the Student Nursing Unit program at City Centre have written a letter complimenting **Hedley Morris** on outstanding customer service.

In their letter, they wrote:

"We would like to recommend a service award to your gentlemen cashier clerk (Hedley) in the Bakery department of Vancouver Community College!

This gentleman is always friendly, customer orientated, and very knowledgeable about his baked items in the store.

It has been noticed by everyone in our class that when we have a special occasion or just want to enjoy a delicious dessert, this person will always make us feel the visit to the Bakery was worthwhile.

The customer has to feel wanted and fully serviced to repeat the experience, and this gentleman does that for all of us!"

Congratulations, Hedley, on your superb customer service!

Jackie Ehlert and Karen Kelly

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.

- 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)

Barb Little is retiring!

Join us in the CCA Department to celebrate Barbara Little's retirement. On Tuesday, June 18, at 3:30 pm in room 2109 we will celebrate Barb's employment at VCC and wish her well in her future endeavours. For further information, please contact Barb Ash at 7362.

Tips 'n Tricks

When submitting an article on disk for Connections, remember to leave just one space between sentences. With proportional typesetting, two spaces aren't necessary anymore.

announcements

Looking for a place to have your lunch at City Centre?

While the renovation for the elevator is taking place and the staff cafeteria cannot be used, staff are welcome to use Room 220 between 11:30 am to 1:30 pm daily.

A thank you note received in Financial Aid Office, KEC:

"I have been trying to find some appropriate words to thank you for your help and kindness but I haven't found anything good enough.

Since I have arrived in Canada, whatever I have done has been in the direction to become a part of Canadian society and culture. I know that one of the most important things to achieve that is to master the language, so I am studying English very hard, trying to improve my knowledge as much as I can. I accept your gift as something which can help me in order to reach my goal.

Thank you again and if I can do anything for you, now or in the future, please let me know."

LIBRARY News

KEC Library summer hours

Please note that as of the week of Monday, June 3 the King Edward Campus Library hours of operation will be reduced on Fridays. The Library will open at 10:30 am rather than the usual 9:00 am opening.

Hours of operation between June 3 and August 23 will be as follows:

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

New Books at KEC Library

- Facilitating Distance Education
- Who Knows: Safeguarding your Privacy in a Networked World
- Authentic Reading Assessment: Practices and Possibilities
- Developing Teaching Style in Adult Education
- The Fifth Language: Learning a Living in the Computer Age
- How to Manage Conflict: a Practical Guide to Effective Conflict Management
- Living in the State of Stuck! How Technology Impacts the Lives of People with Disabilities
- The Internet and the World Wide Web: an Introduction for ESL/EFL Teachers...
- Assessing Performance in an Age of Accountability: Case Studies
- Budgeting as a Tool for Policy in Student Affairs
- Curriculum Models for General Education
- The Canadian Internet Advantage: Opportunities for Business and other Organizations

New books in CC Library

- 1996 Mexico and Central American Handbook
- Build Your Own Multimedia PC
- Citizens Handbook: A Guide to Building Community in Vancouver
- Contemporary Fixed Prosthodontics
- Flowers for Four Weddings
- Mentoring Adult Learners: A Guide for Educators and Trainees
- Multicultural Clients: A Professional Handbook
- New Riders' Reference Guide to AutoCAD Release 13
- Photoshop 3.0: Special Effects How-To

- Plaque and Calculus Removal: Considerations for the Professional
- Understanding Digital TV: The Route to HDTV
- America's Wonderful Little Hotels and Inns 1996
- CMOS Digital Integrated Circuits: Analysis and Design
- Exploring Ethnic Vancouver
- Healthy and Delicious
- Introduction to Professional Foodservice
- Introductory DC/AC Electronics
- Modern Electronic Communication
- New World of Travel
- Nursing Foundations: a Canadian Perspective
- Organized to be the Best!
- Security Fire-Alarm Systems
- Signing: How to Speak with Your Hands
- World Beer Guide
- World of Escoffier

New at CC Library: two new CD ROM programs added to the collection:

With A.D.A.M. Essentials, an interactive multimedia CD ROM program for exploring human anatomy, you can watch blood circulate through the heart, reassemble the respiratory system, dissect a brain, and learn the names of all the bones in your feet. Over 3600 anatomic structures are identified and 12 major body systems profiled. The CD features animations, sound, zoom graphics and text pop-up windows. Come to the City Centre Library Information Desk to get a demo of A.D.A.M. (with or without fig-leaf...)

PC-SIG Shareware offers programs on setting up your own bulletin board system, resume creation, astronomy, word processing, fortune telling, spelling games, ham radio, clip art, recipes, genealogy, investment management, bible study, utilities and more! Bring your own formatted disk to the City Centre Library and walk away with a wealth of useful software!

VCC Connections thanks Nathen Printing Services Ltd.

A big round of applause and a hearty thank you to Nathen Printing Services Ltd. for their donation of the printing of the VCC Connections covers and part of the paper used for the newsletter. Their generous donation, worth \$1,533.00, translates into a huge savings in the production costs of VCC Connections.

From the entire VCC internal community, thank you to Nathen Printing Services Ltd.

Twelve steps

(Irene Lacoursiere, from the Medical Office Careers Department, sent in this positive set of twelve steps, which I think is excellent timing for all of us, after having recently made it through another BC election campaign. -Ed.)

1. To be too big for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.
2. To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
3. To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.
4. To think well of yourself, and to proclaim it, not in loud words, but in quiet deeds.
5. To look on the sunny side of life, and make your optimism come true.
6. To forget the mistakes of the past, and press on the greater achievements of the future.
7. To talk about health, happiness, and prosperity to those whom you meet.
8. To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
9. To be as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
10. To wear a cheerful countenance at all times, and to have a ready smile for all whom you meet.
11. To make friends feel the specialness that is in them.
12. To live in the faith that the universe is on your side as long as you are true to the very best that is you.

Ameen Rihani

Budget Advisory Group - Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Budget Advisory Group will be held on Tuesday, July 2, 1996, from 12:30 to 2:00 pm in Room 5025. Please contact me at local 7163 if you would like further information.

Doreen Sharan
Confidential Secretary

Kec Financial Aid Office Update

ABESAP

Applications for Sept. - Dec. 96 term will be available starting Tuesday July 2nd. Our office is also available to give mini-talks to classes between 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you would like to schedule a mini-talk for your class or need more information please call the Financial Aid Office at local 7046.

Work Study

Work Study Applications for May - August term are still available from KEC Financial Aid Office. Students looking for part-time work on Campus should pick up an application from our office, Room 4029.

Connections later than usual?

Don't panic, gentle readers. Over the summer months Connections will be in your mail boxes a day or so later than usual, because of summer production schedule changes.

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- Published Thursdays
- Bi-weekly January-May and September-November
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classifieds

JOB POSTINGS

Coordinator I - English and Social Sciences, College and Career Access Department, King Edward Campus. Closing date: September 1, 1996.

Program Assistant (d), English Language Skills Department, King Edward Campus. Closing date: June 4, 1996.

Counsellors, Vancouver Community College. Closing date: June 7, 1996.

Computer Support Analyst (b) - Network Specialist, Vancouver Community College. Closing date: June 5, 1996.

Computer Help Desk Analyst, King Edward Campus. Closing date: June 5, 1996.

FOR SALE

"Rollerblades-Bravoblade" men's size 9. Only used a few times. Retails \$160.00 (plus taxes). Will sacrifice for \$90.00 (o.b.o). Please call 876-1889.

FREE STUFF

Good home needed: the Purchasing Department is seeking a new home for the following items:

1. **Scooter**
Mobility aid; Battery operated; Excellent condition; A-BEC manufacturer
2. **Bedrails**
Telescoping rails; fits hospital size manual bed; set of two
3. **Addressograph**
4. **Drawers (two sets)**
wooden chest of drawers
5. **Printer sound cover**
fits dot matrix LQ1000; plexiglass with venting fan
6. **Test tubes**
disposable (flint glass); 1000 pieces (one case); size 13x100mm

If you would like any further information on these items, please contact **Liz Monaghan** in the Purchasing Department at local 7101.

FOR RENT

Rent a luxury houseboat for a week this summer. Equipped with linens, all cooking utensils, microwave, tv/vcr, cel phone, life jackets, upper sundeck, fridge/stove, bath/shower. Sleeps up to eight people. Available July 19-26 only. Cost: \$2,800 for the week (plus insurance, gas and damage deposit). For more information, contact **Dave Smith (ELS Dept.)**, home phone 986-8082.

I'm away today, so...

Out of the office all day attending meetings? On your flex day? Use the voicemail system to its fullest, and change your voicemail message to reflect your absence. It will keep the guesswork to a minimum — and your callers will love you for it.

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1996 PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

June 13
July 11
August 22
September 12 and 26

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

Please recycle this newsletter ♻️

BANNER Ease

AN INFORMATION NEWSLETTER FOR THE VCC COMMUNITY

What is Banner?

Banner is an integrated software system which is used by about half the educational institutions in North America. Banner is published by a US company called SCT. Most of the larger colleges in BC have purchased three Banner modules: Finance, Human Resources/Payroll and Student. The Banner system has several other modules available and all of the modules work together. Information entered into one is stored once and is immediately available to all the others.

Why did VCC buy the Banner software?

All public Colleges and Institutes in BC were required by the Provincial Government to select one of two standard software systems. VCC selected the system that best met the needs of our institution.

Why should I care about Banner?

Implementation of the Banner system is a big step forward for VCC's technology infrastructure. We have been provided with additional funding for the purchase of software, hardware and the installation of structured cabling at the King Edward and City Centre campuses. This infrastructure will initially be used to get Banner up and running. However, the same infrastructure will make many other things possible for everyone at VCC. The Banner project has provided much-needed funding to make enormous progress.

How will Banner affect me?

Please note that Banner will NOT put a new PC on everyone's desk at VCC. In the short term, if you are or will be a primary or secondary user

of Banner you will be provided with the necessary computer equipment appropriate to the level required by your job function or other assigned duties. In the longer term virtually everyone will be positively affected by a vastly improved technology infrastructure.

Who is involved?

A chart which shows the organization of the Banner project and the members of the implementation teams is on the reverse of this page.

When is Banner?

Finance: live NOW, as of April 1, 1996

HR/Payroll: target to go live January 1, 1997

Student: target to go live January 1, 1998

Questions?

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BANNER-EASE is a bi-monthly newsletter intended to provide useful information to the VCC community regarding the implementation of a new information system called BANNER. If you have an idea or comment you'd like to contribute, please contact BANNER-EASE c/o local 7523 or fax 7522.

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Banner Implementation

PROJECT ORGANIZATION

