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## President's Fall Update Information Sessions

John Cruickshank will present a Fall Update Information Session on each campus on November 21, 1996.

**City Centre Campus:** Faculty Staff Lounge, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

**King Edward Campus:** Room 5025, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

On hand to assist with the presentation will be Dale Dorn, VP Education, Linda Martin, VP Education Support Services, Corinne Schollie, Director of ICS and Dana Merritt, Director of Financial Services.

## Education leading to employment: survey

**M**ost students find work after college skills upgrade. A survey of 20,000 B.C. college and institute shows that 83 per cent of all respondents found that the education they received met their original enrollment needs, and 78 per cent were employed within a year of leaving school.

The annual study surveyed students who completed their education in 1994. The survey asked about students' education and workplace goals, the industry in which they work, their occupation, wage, geographical location, and their views of the effectiveness of the education and training they received. It found that:

- 73 per cent of all students who studied career, technical and vocational programs were employed in jobs directly related to their training.
- 71 per cent of all students who studied academic programs or took university transfer courses found work.
- 69 per cent of all employed respondents said their studies were very useful or somewhat useful in getting a job.
- 83 per cent of respondents who studied career, technical and vocational programs said their studies were very or somewhat useful in getting a job.
- 57 per cent of all respondents cited job skills as the main reason for enrolling in their program, 26 per cent cited attainment of a degree, and 17 per cent cited other reasons.

"This year's results confirm the direction this sector is headed with their recently announced strategic plan - a plan that will ensure our colleges and institutes continue to provide students across BC with the skills and knowledge they need to compete in a global economy," said Moe Sihota, BC Minister of Education, Skills and Training.

*From Prospects*

## 1997 Board Meeting dates

All meetings take place at 5:00 pm, fourth Thursday of the month.

### King Edward Campus:

January 30 (subject to Board approval), February 27, May 22, June 26, October 23, November 27

### City Centre Campus:

March 27, April 24, August 28, September 25, December 11\*

\*(subject to Board approval)



## announcements

### Christmas Break at VCC

The College's Christmas Break period for 1996 will be as follows:

**Monday, December 23** will be a normal working day for all College employees

**Tuesday, December 24** will be the official closure of the College for the Christmas Break period until January 1, 1997, inclusive.

Employees will return to duty on Thursday, January 2, 1997.

### Contacts in Mary Hoekstra's absence

As many of you may know, I am on maternity leave and will be returning to work in March of 1997.

I urge you to continue to contact the directors of my areas directly if you have been doing so in the past. They will be working as a group to ensure that our level of service to the college community remains the same.

If you have a matter that would normally be referred to me or you are unsure who to contact, please contact the following person as the time frame indicates:

#### October 15 to November 30

Corinne Schollie, local 7525

#### December 1 to January 31

Larry Waddell, local 8304

#### January 31 to March 17

Dana Merritt, local 7164

These people will ensure that your needs are directed to the appropriate area.

Have a nice fall and holiday season, and I will see you in 1997.

Mary Hoekstra, Vice President,  
Finance and Administration

### Education Council meeting correction

The October 31 edition of Connections incorrectly stated that the 1997 Education Council Meetings would start at 3:00 p.m. The correct meeting time is 3:30-5:30 pm.

## Showcase of VCC Music talent

The Music Department is pleased to present two more concerts this year, which represent some of the finest vocal talent we have to offer. We hope you have a chance to attend one or both. *Tickets for both events can be purchased in advance from the Music Department Office.*

### Vocal Jazz Showcase

VCC's contemporary vocalists present their third *Evening of Jazz and Blues* at the Arts Club Theatre Backstage Lounge. The show features VCC's top jazz and contemporary vocalists singing primarily jazz and blues accompanied by the fine talent of VCC alumnus Joel Fountain on drums, Danny Parker on bass and Roger Salloum on piano.

This show is organized and produced by the students themselves, and the Music Department applauds the professional manner in which they have organized and presented this event in the past. Both previous shows have been very well attended

and we expect this one will be too. We recommend you arrive early to get a good seat.

**Sunday, December 1, 8:00 pm, Arts Club Backstage Lounge, 1585 Johnston St. (Granville Island). Admission is \$8.00**

### VCC Choral Concert

The VCC Willan Choir and Madrigal Singers (directed by Gerald van Wyck) will be presenting a collection of Christmas and secular choral works. The 140 member Willan Choir will be singing Charpentier's *Mid-Night Mass for Christmas* accompanied by Rupert Lang on organ. The Madrigal Singers will perform a number of choral works from Venice, Vienna and Vancouver. Please join us for a breathtaking, high caliber presentation you won't soon forget.

**Tuesday, December 3, 8:00 pm, Christ Church Cathedral, 690 Burrard St. Admission is \$10 General/\$8 Students and Seniors/Children 8 and under - free**

### Long Term Care invites City Centre staff to coffee

The Long Term Care and Allied Health and Practical Nursing Departments invite all faculty and staff members at City Centre campus for coffee and goodies on **Wednesday, November 27, 1996. Please join us in Room 916 between 9:30 and 10:30 am.**

We look forward to seeing everyone for coffee and conversation.

### New CC elevator off the ground

The new CC elevator, situated in the north west corner of the campus, is now in operation. This elevator will transport you to the fourth floor of the Pender building and is accessible from the lobby area at the bottom of the north west staircase.



If you experience difficulties with the elevator please contact Craig Lester at local 8602 or call Security at local 8361.

### The next Banner Finance Training Session

...will take place on November 25. RSVP to Helen at local 7140.

### Cars needed

The KEC Automotive Technician Department needs cars for transmission repair, clutch work, minor tune-ups/rad flushes, injector flush, brakes, burnt-out lights, etc. Call Murray at 7426.

### Where's MarkeTips?

Due to a technical problem, MarkeTips is postponed for this month. MarkeTips will appear as an insert in the next issue of Connections, November 28.

## Youthful tolerance prepares student for VCC experience

"Dear Administration,

I have just finished Electronics Core, and on my first weekend off in 33 weeks, have chosen to write to you about my experience on your campus.

The most wonderful thing about your school is the broad and beautiful racial and cultural diversity of the student body. Of English heritage, I was born and raised in North Burnaby and have watched the population of the lower mainland grow in many different ways. I have childhood memories of restaurants on Pender Street in Chinatown, very close to your school.

In elementary school, all my classmates spoke English quite well, and yet, it was obvious that their roots were from many different places in the world. This youthful experience started the concept of tolerance of all members of our species. Throughout my life I have continued to teach myself to be colour blind, and accepting of all people.

- On your campus, at lunch, I feasted on the Asian cuisine with chopsticks!
- On your campus, I assisted a man of Jamaican heritage, to load a weather map into a computer.
- On your campus, I had coffee with a woman of Muslim culture who wore her traditional clothing.
- On your campus, I helped an E.S.L. student with a digital lab.
- On your campus, a woman of African heritage gave me a haircut.

All students on your campus have exercised great effort to get where they are. All members of our species, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, or cultural background can do great things. It therefore follows that all members of our species, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, or cultural background can be great people. I have just spent 33 weeks amongst a collection of great people."

Eric B. Gray, Electronics Student

## Brown bag lunches

Bring your lunch and meet with other faculty and staff to discuss related issues. Held Wednesdays, 12:00-1:00 pm. No registration required. Presented by Human Resource Development and the Program Development Department.

Campus	Room	Date	Topic	Presenter
CC	924	Nov. 20	Promoting Inclusion at work	Janice Hansen
KEC	2145	Nov. 27		
CC	923	Nov. 27	Video: Stress Management	Karen Kelly
KEC	2145	Nov. 20		
CC	923	Dec. 4	Safety on Campus	Steve Traviss
KEC	2145	Dec. 11		
CC	201G/923	Dec. 11	Candlelight Stretch (Relaxation Workshop)	Joy Cohen
KEC	2145	Dec. 4		

## Jewellery Art and Design Program to hold sale

Here's your chance to do some early Christmas shopping: the Jewellery Art and Design students will hold a jewellery sale at both campuses. This is a perfect opportunity to get a close look at the magnificent pieces of work that the students produce and buy something for yourself or someone on your holiday shopping list.

**KEC Campus:** 4th Floor Admissions area, Monday, November 25

**CC Campus:** Main Antrium, Tuesday to Thursday, November 26 to 28.

## Christmas food and toy drive begins

A donation box will be set up for the collection of toys and food for people in need over the Christmas season. The non-perishable food items will be donated to The Food Bank and the toys will go to the Children's Centre at Mt. St. Joseph's Hospital.

Examples of food urgently needed by the Food Bank: canned goods including beans, stew, soups, meats, fruits and vegetables, pasta sauces, pasta noodles, peanut butter, powdered milk, cereals, macaroni and cheese, canned and packaged juices, formula, baby food and pabulum.

### Choose toys carefully

Since a lot of the kids at the Children's Centre suffer from allergies and asthma, stuffed toys are not recommended. Instead, choose new, unwrapped washable toys (plastic rattlers, blocks, etc.) and books.

### Where to drop off

Bring your donations of food and toys before Friday December 13 to the ICS Dept (5th floor, KEC), or to the box just outside the KEC Administration area, or call Francine at 7523 to arrange for pick-up.



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## classifieds

### FOR SALE

#### Computer

286 with WP5.1. Fujitsu DL3300 printer.  
Phone Darlene, L. 7001

#### 1982 Toyota Supra

Engine in excellent condition. Some rust.  
\$2,500.00. Jennifer, L. 7026.

### JOB POSTINGS

#### ESL instructor

Eagle School of Languages, Toyko, Japan, requires a qualified ESL instructor to teach fulltime (13 month contract). Salary \$3000/month plus holidays. Contact Marianne Worcester at 874-5847 or mworceste@vcc.bc.ca.

#### Information Facilitator

Women in Post Secondary Education (WPSE) requires an Information Facilitator to set up and maintain a communications network for Women in Post Secondary Education. This is a five month position, 24 hours per month, starting

January 15, 1997. Closing date: December 1. For more information, contact Sylvia Patey at local 8301.

*Technical Assistant, Graphic Arts Printing Production.* CC. Closing: Nov. 18.

*Department Head - Medical Office Careers.* CC. Closing: Nov. 21.

*Department Head - Diesel Technician Program.* KEC. Closing: Nov. 21

*Department Head - Computer Technology Program* CC. Closing: Nov. 26.

*Department Head - Business Management Programs.* CC. Closing: Nov. 28.

#### Treat yourself - ski Blackcomb for only \$27.29

Lift tickets for a day of skiing on Blackcomb, Saturday, December 7, 1996 are available for a phenomenal \$27.29 (price includes GST). This offer is open to all VCC staff, faculty, friends and family but covers only the cost of the lift ticket. Skiers are required to make their own ar-

rangements for transportation and/or equipment rental.

Contact Carolyn Brown at local 7086 to purchase your ticket. All sales are final, cash only, no cheques or credit cards will be accepted. Money will be refunded ONLY if the mountain is not open on Dec. 7, 1996. Minimum sales required - 20; Maximum - unlimited. Payment deadline Friday, November 29, 1996.

#### Beware of 809 area code scam

Be on the lookout for emails or calls asking you to telephone an 809 area code number. These may be "pay-per-call" numbers that can cost you easily \$100 or more per call. This scam has been identified by the National Fraud Information Center. It works by requesting you call an 809 area code number regarding an important or urgent matter. Should you get such a request, be wary, as it may be part of this scam. Unlike the 900 "pay-per-call" service, 809 calls are not required by law to warn you of the expense in advance.

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