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Calling innovative students with an environmental solution: here's a contest for you.

Picture yourself a winner: the 1996 Truck Lottery draw is only seven days away

What would you do with \$130,000.00? By simply buying a ticket in the VCC Educational Foundation's 7th Annual Truck Lottery, you might be in a position to answer that question! On October 25 at 3:00 pm, someone will win this year's Grand Prize - a Western Star Truck valued at \$130,000.00.

"Every winner to date has sold the truck," said Lindsay Bourne, Special Project Coordinator responsible for the truck lottery. "So even if you can't imagine yourself highballing down the highway, I'm sure you can imagine yourself counting \$130,000.00 worth of bills!"

Dave Polack, President of Orion Western Star in Clearbrook (and VCC Educational Foundation Board Member) will gladly assist the winner in the sale of the vehicle.

With only 1,800 tickets sold to date of the 3,500 available, and only seven days left before the draw, the odds of winning are far superior to any other major lottery. And, as if that was not enough, there is also a Second Prize of \$5,000 cash and a Third Prize of \$2,000 cash.

The ticket price is \$100. The proceeds go toward providing scholarships, bursaries and equipment to the college and students and the value of the prizes warrants the risk.

"Someone will walk away with those prizes in the next few days," says Lindsay, "And if you don't enter, you can't win!"

Many people pool their resources and buy a ticket as a group. If, for example, a group of five individuals each put in \$20 and they won, they would each stand to be \$26,000.00 richer.

"That's an incredible return for a \$20.00 investment," says Lindsay, "What a Christmas some lucky ticket-holder is going to have!"

To order your ticket, or for further information, contact Lindsay at local 7173.

**Next Connections:
October 31**

The deadline for the
October 31 issue of
Connections is end of day,
Thursday, October 24.

Student orientations valuable to more than students

On August 26 and September 3, 1996 two large student orientations were held at CC Campus, in Room 240 and at the Queen Elizabeth Playhouse respectively. As well, on Tuesday, September 9 the first large student orientation was held in the Auditorium at King Edward Campus.

At all three orientations the students were welcomed by the President, Vice Presidents and Margo Massie, chair of the College Board. As well, there were presentations from Financial Aid, Library, Health Services, Human Rights Coordinator, Learning Centre, Counselling, Student Association and Food Services.

The benefits of the orientation are twofold: not only do the students learn what services are available at the college, but the information is also an update for instructors and instructional assistants.

Our thanks to Jackie Ehler, her staff and the volunteers who stuffed the 1,000 "goodies bags" that the students received.

16th Bavarian Night at City Centre

Sink your teeth into a Bavarian feast

For the 16th consecutive year, the British Columbia Chefs' Association and the Culinary Arts Department at City Centre invite you to the **Bavarian Night "Tanz and Schlemmer" Party**, on Friday, November 1, 1996.

The event, which raises funds for scholarships for young culinary students in secondary and post-secondary institutions will feature a no-host bar at 6:30 pm, dinner at 7:00 pm and dancing until 1:00 a.m.

Come to encourage our future cooks and chefs while treating your taste buds to a

tempting and elaborate array of kalte vorspeisen (appetizers), kalte plate (cold suggestions), warme speisen (hot food) and many more dishes, including dessert.

Tickets are \$25.00 and will be available September 16, 1996. For more information and to obtain tickets, please phone Suzan Gouin, at 443-8488, between 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Please buy your tickets early as seating is limited. Thanks in advance for your enthusiasm, assistance and cooperation.

1996 Alumni greeting cards now available

The VCC Alumni Association is once again offering a Greeting Card for the upcoming holiday season. This year's card was designed by Kirsten Gravkin and was selected from a number of entries. Kristen, a student in the Electronic Publishing and Design (CE) program, designed the card to a set of criteria determined by the Alumni Association and the VCC Educational Foundation.

This year's card, with its universal phrase "Wishing you a wonderful holiday season!" and its "dove of peace" graphic not only offers an excellent greeting alternative, but also provides the Alumni Association and the VCC Educational Foundation with an additional source of funds. One hundred percent of the proceeds go towards providing bursaries, scholarships and other student aid services.



The winning design for the 1996 VCC Alumni Association holiday greeting card

Since many of us routinely send out greeting cards to our friends and relatives, a card which also helps VCC Students' realize their educational goals makes for a wonderful double gift. For more information or to order your cards, please contact Lindsay at local 7173.

UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN WEEKLY PLANNER



OCTOBER 21-31, 1996

VCC 1996 UNITED WAY GOAL: 300 PLEDGES (\$35,000)

MONDAY OCT. 21	TUESDAY OCT. 22	WEDNESDAY OCT. 23	THURSDAY OCT. 24	FRIDAY OCT. 25
VCC United Way Kickoff today	Save your appetite for Wed and Thurs Pancake Breakfasts	PANCAKE BREAKFAST, KEC 7:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Only \$2.50	PANCAKE BREAKFAST, CC 7:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Only \$2.50	50/50 FINAL DRAW For Thurs. & Friday 1:00 p.m. CC Foyer 1:00 p.m. KEC Staff Cafe.
Get your PANCAKE BREAKFAST TICKETS (available at Bookstores)	50/50 tickets on sale 12:00-1:00 p.m. in Foyer CC and Staff Cafe KEC (Draw on Mon., Tues., Wed., and Friday for Thurs. and Friday)	50/50 tickets on sale 12:00-1:00 p.m. in Foyer CC and Staff Cafe KEC (Draw on Mon., Tues., Wed., and Friday for Thurs. and Friday)	50/50 tickets on sale 12:00-1:00 p.m. in Foyer CC and Staff Cafe KEC (Draw on Mon., Tues., Wed., and Friday for Thurs. and Friday)	50/50 tickets on sale 12:00-1:00 p.m. in Foyer CC and Staff Cafe KEC (Draw on Mon., Tues., Wed., and Friday for Thurs. and Friday)
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Coming
October 19

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Starting October 19, all regions outside the Lower Mainland, Sunshine Coast, Whistler and Hope will have a new area code: 250.

Remember to reprogram any speed dials, faxes and modems to accommodate this change.

Got a submissions for Connections? E-mail it!

You can now e-mail your submissions for Connections directly to the Editor (drasmussen@vcc.bc.ca). This is another great way of sending files without the bother of copying them to a disk. And, since most people have e-mail, and use it frequently, it's no great mystery.

You won't need to inform me by phone that your submission has been sent via e-mail, as I check for e-mail messages several times daily.

But don't forget: get your submissions in on time! Submissions received after the deadline will appear in the following issue. For the rest of 1996, the deadlines are: October 24 (for October 31 issue), November 7 (for November 14), November 21 (for November 28) and December 5 (for December 12).

Dale Rasmussen, Editor

Brown bag lunches

by Human Resource Development and the Program Development Department

Bring your lunch and meet with other faculty and staff to discuss related issues. Brown bag lunches will be held every Wednesday from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm. No registration is needed.

Campus	Room	Date	Topic	Presenter
CC	923	Oct. 23	Harassment: Where do you draw the line?	Janice Hansen
CC	923	Oct. 30	Nutrition for a Healthy Lifestyle	Jackie Ehler
KEC	2145	Oct. 23		
CC	923	Nov. 6	Brain Based Learning	Bob Aitken
KEC	2145	Nov. 13		
CC	924	Nov. 13	Math Without Fear	Jean Cockell
KEC	2145	Nov. 6		

Wanted: good prizes



The United Way Committee is looking for donations to use in one of our raffles. If you have something that you consider to be an *irresistible* prize, please contact Joan Minor at 7105.

Keeping up with PACE of change

PACE, the Pacific Association of Continuing Education, invites members and friends to attend "Keeping Up with the Pace of Change," a one-day presentation by members of the Centre for Curriculum, Technology and Transfer (formerly the Centre for Curriculum and Professional Development), Victoria.

- Friday, November 1, 1996
- 8:45 am - 2:30 pm
- Kwantlen University College
- 8771 Lansdowne Road, Richmond, BC
- Cost for PACE members: \$25; non-members: \$35

For more information, contact Barb Schultz, PACE Executive Secretary, 251-6979.

Society of Vocational Instructors of BC to hold PD workshop at City Centre October 25

SVI, the Society of Vocational Instructors of BC, is a group committed to promoting professional development opportunities for vocational instructors while being involved in maintaining and improving the standards of vocational education. The Society helps vocational instructors to be heard and recognized, not only within the Ministry of Education, Skills and Training, but also within each educational institution.

SVI will present a Professional Development Workshop on October 25 at City Centre Campus, in the Theatre, Room 240, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. *This workshop would be of interest to instructors teaching in both career and career prep programs.*

Session 1 - 10:15 to 12:00 noon: Charting A New Course

Charting a New Course is a three-part document that the ministry has developed as a strategic plan for the continuation of a vital college, institute, and agency system in B.C. Facilitators: Duncan MacRae and Shell Harvey, Ministry of Education, Skills, and Training. Content: MacRae and Harvey will explain the strategic plan's

focus and discuss the impact the plan will have on vocational education. This document is being presented to Educational Planning Committees throughout the province.

Session 2 - 1:00 to 2:24 pm: Apprenticeship System and Charting A New Course

Facilitators: Stuart Clark and Dan Bialobzyski, Provincial Apprenticeship Branch. Content: The Apprenticeship Strategic Framework document will be discussed. Participants will be given the opportunity to ask questions and input suggestions on the implementation of the plan.

Session 3 - 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Skills Canada - BC.

Facilitators: Dale Oleschko and Guy Huntinton. Content: The main focus of this workshop will be to inform participants what Skills Canada (BC branch) is all about and how their college can become involved.

To register fill in the registration form below and send it to the address following.

Registration form

Name: _____

Address: _____

College: _____ Phone: _____

Fee: \$45. Preregistration or \$50 at the door. Make cheque payable to SVI.

Mail to: Pat Ballance
c/o Malaspina University College
900 Fifth Street
Nanaimo, BC V9R 5S5

ELS instructor Sue Atherton learns first-hand the value of Help Phone

Sue Atherton, an instructor in the English Language Skills Department, knows first-hand the value of a quick response in an emergency situation, thanks to the newly installed Help Phones.

About two weeks ago, Sue noticed that one of her students appeared to be very ill during class and showed signs of experiencing a serious medical problem. "I had never seen a person look as ill as this student did. She was lying on the floor, screaming and writhing in pain and her eyes were rolled up in her head," said Sue.

After making sure that the other students could keep an eye on the ill student, Sue immediately went to look for help. Although her classroom (2084) is located in a fairly isolated part of KEC campus, Sue happened on the nearby Help Phone, which put her in immediate contact with the campus security office. Dan Singh, KEC Campus Security Site Supervisor, responded quickly and was able to bring a medical doctor to deal with the situation. The student recovered, and was back at college the following day.

Sue (and her student) were very impressed with the Help Phones and the quick response that Dan Singh provided. "Without the new Help Phone, the response to the situation would have taken much longer, and the end result could have been much different," she said.

Marketing Advisory Committee and related activities: an update

The following is a summary of items from the most recent meeting of the Marketing Advisory Committee, held on September 24, 1996.

Poster Calendar

The 1996/97 Poster Calendar, a glossy handout of programs-at-a-glance, will be available for mailings and handouts by approximately October 21. Copies will be sent to over 1600 contacts at schools, colleges and universities, libraries, Human Resources Centres, and others. The balance will be available as general information handouts for all departments. Counselling Departments at both campuses will have a supply on hand for general use.

Next Mini-Calendar

The Fall and Winter 1996/97 Mini-Calendar will be available by the end of October. A distribution of approximately 285,000 will take place November 13 and 14 in various community papers in the lower mainland. 25,000 will be distributed

and restocked to libraries, community centres, convenience stores and supermarkets over a period of four weeks starting mid-November. The balance of 10,000 will be available as general handouts.

College Calendar

A production schedule for the full-size 1997 College Calendar has been worked out, with a planned release date of February 13. The copy will reflect program changes approved up to and including the September 1996 Education Council meeting.

CC public services

A new, revised brochure reflecting the public services available at City Centre is currently being produced.

Signage

The Committee discussed a new signage concept from design management firm

Gallop/Varley to replace the CC exterior signage on Cambie Street.

Marketing Plan

A draft of the long-term Marketing Plan will be discussed at the next Committee meeting, to be held on November 26, 1996.

The Marketing Advisory Committee provides advice and suggestions to the Executive Director, College Advancement as to the marketing needs of the College and how they can best be met. This is accomplished by meeting as a group to bring forward ideas and suggestions, analyze information, brainstorm and discuss issues. Staff or faculty members are invited to serve on the committee. Those interested should contact Lilli Milder at 871-7174.

Contest solicits innovative environmental solutions from students

To help develop solutions to growing environmental problems, the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) with the tri-university PATSCAN service announced the CIPO Environmental Innovation Contest. CIPO has donated \$4,000 to be awarded in prizes to deserving BC and Yukon post-secondary students who develop innovative solutions to environmental challenges.

Students entering the contest are invited to research patents to review the novelty of their innovations.

The competition creates two categories of entry for BC post-secondary students:

graduate students and undergraduate or college students. First, second and third prizes of \$1000, \$600 and \$400 respectively will be awarded in each category.

As an added prize, the Molson Companies Donations Fund has donated \$500 to the competition, which will be awarded to the student proposing the best recycling concept.

To be eligible, the innovation must be of immediate application in the clean-up, protection or conservation of the environment. Each must be submitted through PATSCAN and receive a positive rating, indicating a novel, workable, commer-

cially viable device or process. Entries will be accepted until February 29, 1997.

Contest application forms with listings of previous prize-winning applications are available from the PATSCAN office. Entries can also be made in the form of typed notes of four or more pages resulting from research or studies in progress, whether private work or the result of a course or thesis. All entries must state clearly the entrant's name, institution, degree level, address, phone number and SIN number.

For more information contact the PATSCAN office at 822-5404 or fax 822-9532.

announcements

KEC Financial Aide Update

Bursaries:

Bursary applications are now available from the KEC Financial Aid office, room 4029. Deadline to apply for a bursary is October 31.

Work study

All work study positions are now filled for this term. We are not accepting any more applications.

Mini talks

Staff in Financial Aid are available to provide mini information sessions to staff, faculty and students. If you would like to book an information session please call local 7046.

Apply now for the Asia Pacific and Mexico Awards

If you are a student planning to study or a faculty/staff member planning to work in a post-secondary institution in either Asia or Mexico, you may be eligible for this award, which covers airfare and accommodation costs. Instructors, please inform your students of this opportunity. Deadlines for submission of applications for the awards are **November 1** and **February 1**. Information and applications forms are available from Cecily May at 871-7178.

VCC Bookclub meets next on Oct. 25, 1996



Join us for sparkling literary repartee, engaging insights, and fantastic food on Friday, Oct. 25, between 12:00 pm and 1:00 p.m. at that award winning eatery "Not Just Desserts." All book lovers are welcome! At the meeting we will be dissecting a novel by U of Vic. professor of creative writing, W. D. Valgardson, "The Girl with the Botticelli Face." RSVP Steph Jewell, local 7010 for reservations.

Voicemail messages for the KEC switchboard operator

...can now be left at local 80 7506. Please note that this local is to be used to leave messages specifically intended for the operator. All switchboard enquiries should still go to local 7000 or 8300.

Stressbusters II: the sequel

1. We will be resuming the KEC Stressbusters walking and stretch program for staff twice weekly starting Tuesday November 12/96 from 12:00 - 12:30 pm. This program is ideal for everyone, including people with high blood pressure and/or diabetes who may need a gentle, yet extremely effective activity program. Call Joy at local 7191 for more details.

2. "Steps to Impeccable Self-Esteem for Women and Girls" Seminar - facilitated by Joy Cohen, November 5 and 19 starting at 6:00 pm, 2628 Granville St. 50% of proceeds to benefit SPCA. For more information call 738-0220.

3. Fitness programs designed for plus size and deconditioned adults are available at the new downtown coed YWCA and other locations taught by experienced, dynamic instructors. If you would like a complimentary pass to try a class or the YWCA facilities, call Joy at local 7191.

Give us your broken clutches... your burned out headlights



The Automotive Technician Department, located at KEC, needs cars for transmission repair as well as clutch work, minor tune-ups/rad flushes, injector flush, brakes, burnt-out lights, etc. Call Murray at 871-7426

Notice of Informal Board Meeting:

**October 24, 1996
Room 5025, KEC
5:00-6:00 pm**

The next meeting of the Board will be informal. The public is invited to meet and chat with the Board between 5:00 and 6:00 pm. There will, however, be a 20-minute information presentation session by the International Education Department at 5:00 pm. There is no set subject for discussion - you are asked to bring any issues and concerns on which you would like to hear Board members' views.

Upcoming issues of Connections

Publication date

October 31
November 14
November 28
December 12

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November 7
November 21
December 5

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- Published Thursdays
- Bi-weekly January-May and September-November
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CHILDCARE VACANCIES

McGregor Childcare Centre has vacancies

...for children aged 3 to 5 years. Care is available on a full-time basis at a cost of \$475.00 each month. Please contact the childcare centre staff at 871-7407 to enquire about enrollment procedures. The centre also provides care for children under staff years of age and the staff would be able to assist in placing your name on a wait list.

JOB POSTINGS

Clerk Specialist (A). International Education Department. Closing: October 22.

Admissions Receptionist (Office Clerk B), Registrar's Office. KEC. Closing: Oct. 16

Student Services Assistant (B) - First Nations Counselling. KEC. Closing: Oct. 22

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ESL Outreach needs volunteers for Homefront Learning

Homefront Learning, ESL Outreach Department, King Edward Campus, needs volunteers to tutor homebound ESL students in one-to-one situations. Minimum commitment two hours a week for four months. Call Gillian at 871-7277 to register by October 21, 1996 for the November training session.

Change of meeting: Board Finance and Administration Committee

The Committee meeting
that was scheduled for
October 15 will now take
place on
Tuesday, October 22,
from 3:00-5:00 pm,
Room 4043, KEC.

Please call Doreen Sharan
at 871-7163 if you have
any questions.

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1996 PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

October 3, 17 and 31
November 14 and 28
December (TBA)

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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