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Congratulations to the Fall 1996 Graduating Class!

More than 250 VCC graduates gathered on September 18th and 19th at King Edward Campus to receive their scrolls, say their goodbyes to former classmates, celebrate their achievements and thank their instructors for helping them realize their dreams.

The festivities, which included a small reception following each of the four graduation ceremonies, were scheduled over two nights to include graduates from all four divisions: Applied Arts and Technology, Academic, Adult Basic Education, Adult Special Education and English as a Second Language; Business and Computer Applications; Health; and Tourism, Hospitality and Service Programs.

Among the many highlights which filled these two climactic evenings was the special relationship between Valedictorians Rhonda Weir and Kenneth Wilson, representing Academic, ABE and Adult Special Education. Both graduates of the Sign Language Studies program, the couple met at VCC and in June became engaged. Each addressed their class while the other signed their poignant words in American Sign Language.

According to Kenneth, the real advantage of this symbiotic relationship was evi-

denced in one of the most significant ways when either one of them was late for class and the other was able to save a seat!

If you've never attended one of VCC's graduations, mark next January or May on your calendar. Graduation ceremonies are held three times a year at VCC to accommodate all of the students whose programs end throughout the calendar year.

For an experience that is sure to make you proud of the role you play at VCC, volunteer to help our grads on a night which is truly a memorable occasion. Contact the Registrar for more information on how you can be of service. A special thanks to everyone who helped make the Fall graduation such an impressive event!

Sandra Bishop
College Advancement Department

Next Connections: October 17

The deadline for the October 17 issue of Connections is end of day, Thursday, October 10.

VCC Educational Foundation's 1996 Truck Lottery nears the finish line!

This year's Truck Lottery, the VCC Educational Foundation's seventh annual, is nearing completion. With the last day for ticket sales designated as October 24 and the draw on October 25, there are only a few weeks left to enter.

This year's Grand Prize is a 1997 Western Star Constellation Series Truck valued at \$130,000.00. Although it is not expected that many of us here at the college would actually quit our day job to hit the highway at the wheel of this impressive rig, selling it and banking \$130,000.00 is a truly tempting proposition. That is exactly what all previous winners have done to date and why Dave Polack, President of Orion Western Star in Clearbrook (and VCC Educational Foundation Board Member) says he will gladly assist the winner in the sale of the vehicle.

Second and third prizes are \$5,000.00 and \$2,000.00 respectively, either of which would also go a long way towards putting presents under the tree or retiring that nagging loan balance. With only 3,500 tickets available for sale the odds are excellent!

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

ACCC invites nominees for the 1996-97 Prix Awards

The Association of Canadian Community Colleges Awards Program is intended to recognize and promote excellence in teaching, programming, and leadership within Canadian colleges and technical institutes. Featuring both a national and international scope, the Awards showcase the extraordinary contribution of individuals to their college/institute communities.

By highlighting these contributions, the Awards Program brings attention to the role of our institutions in social, cultural and economic development.

Nominations will be accepted in six categories:

Staff Excellence

This Award honours a staff member who has made an exceptional contribution within the institution and within the communities it serves.

Program Excellence

This Award recognizes the diversity and flexibility of programming which inherently involves business, industry and the professions in the design of curricula in their areas of expertise.

Student Leadership Excellence

This Award is for a student leader who has made an exceptional contribution within the institution and within the communities it serves.

Teaching Excellence

This Award honours a faculty member who has exhibited consistent excellence in teaching and has had a significant im-

pact on the personal and academic growth of students.

Leadership Excellence

Although the entire institution participates in playing a learning leadership role in the communities they serve, inevitably, one or two people make an outstanding contribution each year.

Internationalization Excellence

This Award is for the college or institute which, through its international institutional development linkages and its efforts at internal internationalization, has consistently shown leadership and innovation.

In honouring excellence, ACCC hopes to foster these qualities and to inspire others to learn from the examples offered. Deadline for nominations is December 6, 1996. For nomination forms please contact Sandra Bishop at local 7538.

What do you do if you're being harassed?

What is harassment, anyway?!

Find out the answers to these questions and more during a one hour workshop provided by your VCC Human Rights office.

You and your students will have the opportunity to...

- participate in "is-it-or-isn't-it" role plays;
- learn about personal boundaries, perceptions and communication styles;
- discuss the VCC Human Rights Policy;
- ask questions.

To arrange for this workshop for your department meeting or class, contact Janice Hansen at local 7040.

Minister's announcement held at City Centre

Charting a new course

On Friday, September 13, 1996, VCC President John Cruickshank welcomed Education, Skills and Training Minister Moe Sihota to City Centre Campus where he announced the release of Charting a New Course, a strategic plan for BC's college and institute system. Sihota made his remarks to representatives from the province's universities, colleges and institutes, students, faculty and other key education partners.

Sihota said the plan, which was developed by representatives of the college, institute and agency system, will help meet his priority of increasing access to post-secondary education for BC students.

"The plan sets clear goals in terms of relevance and quality, access, affordability and accountability," said Sihota. "I am very pleased to be able to wholeheartedly endorse the plan, and will work with our partners to ensure it becomes effective at the local level."

The plan recommends a number of strategies for improving the post-secondary system, including implementing the Provincial Learning Network to provide better access to electronic learning, providing more flexible scheduling for students, developing initiatives to reduce barriers to education for those who have not traditionally gone on to post-secondary education, and providing partnership funds to allow institutions to enter into new arrangements with business and in-



VCC President John Cruickshank and Education, Skills and Training Minister Moe Sihota

dustry for retraining and upgrading workers.

"This strategic plan is a very important endeavour because it is the product of a collaborative process between unions, students, board members and administrators," commented John Cruickshank, President. "We are currently in the midst of utilizing the elements of this plan to formulate the future direction of VCC."

To obtain a copy of the executive summary of Charting a New Course please contact the Ministry's Communications and Public Information Division at (604) 356-2500.

Sandra Bishop

Operations Council Meeting summary: July 9, 1996

- The VCC Human Rights Policy has been approved by the Board.
- The Policy on Sharing and Stewardship of Information was passed by Operations Council and has gone forward to the VCC Board for approval.
- Vancouver Career College has kindly agreed not to use the designation "VCC" in its advertising.
- The use of overtime should be avoided as much as possible. Alternatives available include cross training, staggering shifts, creating part-time or temporary positions. New overtime forms will require the budget officer's signature prior to approval of the overtime.
- A steering committee has been formed, chaired by John Cruickshank, to prepare VCC's response to the Provincial Strategic Plan.
- A revised list of ancillary fees was approved by the Council. Some fees have increased slightly to reflect increased costs to the College; however, the majority of students will not be affected by the increases.
- A Governance Workshop is being planned for November, 1996, facilitated by Mr. Bill Burgquist. Inquiries should be directed to the President's office.

New policy

Title: Grading Policy

Policy No: 1.1.0.14

Issue Date: 1996 June 18

Amendment Date: 1996 May 27

1988 March 28

Source: Education Council

Concerning: All Faculty, Staff and Students; Education Council

Policy

A.1 At regular intervals (as defined in course outlines) during each course a student's progress must be assessed by his/her instructors and the student **must** be informed of the evaluation outcomes prior to any final course evaluation. Adequate lead time will be given to students, so that identified educational problems can be resolved.

A.2 Final course evaluations (tests, projects, reports, lab, clinic, work experience, etc.) can only constitute a **maximum** of 35% of the final course grade except in the case of approved exemptions by Education Council.

A.3 All instructors are obligated to keep a record which summarizes the progress of students throughout a course. These records are to be maintained in the department for a period of 2 years. Upon completion of the course the Final Grade/Class Evaluation Form shall be sent to the Office of the Registrar*.

A.4 The Office of the Registrar* will be the sole repository for Final Grade/Class Evaluation Forms and for producing transcripts of achievement, diplomas, certificates, statements of completion or any similar course/program notification.

The primary student evaluation transmission form will be either the Final Grade or the Evaluation Request. It is generated by the Office of the Registrar*, but completed and returned by the Department Head* (see A.8 and A.9).

A.5 The Department Head*, through the Final Grade/Evaluation Request form, will forward only one of the following final letter grades per student:

| Percentage Grade | Letter Grade | Grade Points | Description |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|---|
| 90-100 | A+ | 4.33 | Distinguished |
| 85-89 | A | 4.00 | |
| 80-84 | A- | 3.67 | |
| 76-79 | B+ | 3.33 | Above Average |
| 72-75 | B | 3.00 | |
| 68-71 | B- | 2.67 | |
| 64-67 | C+ | 2.33 | Average |
| 60-63 | C | 2.00 | |
| 55-59 | C- | 1.67 | |
| 50-54 | D | 1.00 | Minimum Pass |
| 00-49 | F | 0.00 | Failing Grade |
| | N | 0.00 | Student has ceased to attend class and did not complete course requirements |
| | W | N/A | Official Withdrawal |
| | EX | N/A | Exempt |
| | R | N/A | Audit/Non Credit |
| | NA | N/A | Grades Not Available at time of printing |
| | S | N/A | Satisfactory |
| | U | N/A | Unsatisfactory |
| | Z | N/A | Anecdotal |
| | I | N/A | Incomplete |
| | IP | N/A | In Progress |
| | @ | N/A | Non Payment of Fees |
| | RW | N/A | Required to Withdraw |
| | NG | N/A | No Grades |

Exceptions to the percentage scale in relation to letter grades must be approved by the appropriate Dean*. These exceptions should be brought forward to the Education Council for information.

A.6 A student who has achieved less than a 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) or who has not met established prerequisites and continuation requirements at the end of any program level will not be permitted to proceed to the next level without a Department Head's* approval. Rationales for the student being permitted to continue should be indicated to the student in writing and a form kept on file in the Registrar's Office. Students will also be informed in writing of future requirements for graduation such as having to repeat a course or courses at a later date.

A.7 A student who has achieved a "D" (Minimum Pass) grade in any course or the minimum passing grade for specified programs will receive college credit for that course. However, the student will not be permitted to proceed to a course or level which has a minimum grade requirement in the prerequisite course or level.

A.8 A student who has achieved an "F" (Fail) grade in any course will not receive college credit for that course and will not be permitted to proceed to a course for which the former course is a prerequisite.

A.9 After the drop/add deadlines and up until 3/4 of the scheduled length of the course has been completed, a student can withdraw or be withdrawn. Students who withdraw from any courses during this period are awarded a "W" grade for these courses on their academic record. Students who stop attending classes and do not follow the proper withdrawal procedures will be recorded as having failed the course except in the case of students in self-paced or developmental programs who will receive an "IP" grade or an "N" grade.

A.10 Departments delivering clinical or lab courses (more than 50% of the time is spent on the competency of practical skills) or theory courses that contain a significant and critical clinical or lab component, **may elect** to use a "Satisfactory - Unsatisfactory" ("S" or "U") grade for said practical activities. Non credit ESL classes may also use these grades. The

"S" or "U" grade does not affect the Grade Point Average of the student, but has the following implications:

A.10.1 An "S" grade awarded for a clinical course, lab course, or as a component of a theory course, denotes that the student has achieved competency in the practical skills required in the particular course or component; the "U" grade denotes that the student has not achieved competency of the practical skills required in the particular course or component.

A.10.2 A "U" grade awarded for a **clinical or lab course** shall mean that the student cannot proceed, without the Department Head's* approval, to a course for which the former course was a prerequisite. The student must repeat both the clinical and lab components of the course and must finally achieve an "S" grade in the aforementioned course in order to graduate.

A.10.3 A "U" grade awarded for a clinical or lab **component** of a theory course, shall result in an "F" grade for the entire course regardless of the theory grade; and thus A.8 applies. The student, in order to graduate must repeat the course to finally achieve an "S" grade for the clinical component, as well as a passing grade for the theory component. In this case the "U" is an internal grade, held with the student's records; it is the "F" grade that appears on the transcript.

A.10.4 Exceptions shall be approved by the appropriate Dean.

A.11 Prior to registering in a program, or during the first two weeks of a course, applicants and students may request that they be exempted from taking a course(s) within the program because of:

- Previous work-related experience;
- Previous formal institutional training.

The responsibility for initiating the exemption process shall rest with the applicant

or student by completing an Exemption Form and submitting it to the Department Head*.

Exemption grades may only be granted by the Department Head*, or delegate. The establishment of the criteria for granting a course exemption rests with the instructional department offering the program.

Course exemption ("EX") grades do not carry course grade points for calculation of grade point averages although courses with "EX" grades may be used towards a program certificate or diploma.

A.12 V.C.C. recognizes that many learners are motivated to continue their education but are not concerned with the need for a formal evaluation. Such individuals will be designated as "audit" students and have the course formally placed on the transcript of achievement with an "R" grade. No course grade points for the calculation of program grade point averages will apply.

In order to have a course or program level be designated as "audit" the individual must declare his/her intention to the Office of the Registrar* in advance of the class/level start date. Audits will only be considered when the number of students in the class is known. Requests to convert from credit to audit status must be submitted in writing to the Office of the Registrar* before 1/8 of the course or program has elapsed. This is possible only by permission of the Department Head* and the Registrar*.

Individuals receiving an "R" grade may not apply that course towards a program certificate or diploma.

A.13 Program learning activities or an individual's personal circumstances may preclude the assignment of the following course grades: A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D, F, E, U and S. In these situations student evaluations will be conducted us-

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ing an anecdotal process. The Final Grade/Evaluation Request Form will contain a "*" grade and the department will submit with the grade a summary of the anecdotal evaluation to be retained in the Office of the Registrar*. Anecdotal detailed material will be maintained in the department.

If a student receives a negative anecdotal evaluation then they may not, without the Department Head's* authorization, proceed to the next program level or to a related course within the program level.

Anecdotal ("*") grades do not carry course grade points for calculation of program grade point averages, although courses with "*" grades may be used towards a program certificate.

Department Heads* wishing to activate "*" grades must receive authorization from the Associate Dean* in advance of a program start date.

A.14 Students who are unable to complete course requirements, due to serious and unavoidable circumstances, may request an "T" Contract with their instructor. In the "T" Contract, both parties agree to the work required to complete the course and the date for completion. In special circumstances where the student is not available, the contract may be initiated by the instructor, provided the student is given a written copy of the agreement. At the end of term, on receipt of the "T" contract in the Office of the Registrar*, the student's record will reflect an "T" grade until such time as the contract is completed and the correct grade submitted. A contract that is not fulfilled will be recorded as failure ("F"). The maximum time allowed for the completion is two months from issuance of the "T" grade. In special circumstances the time may be extended upon the approval of the Department Head*. This must be done at the time the contract is agreed upon.

A.15 Students who stop attending self-paced classes will receive an "IP" or In Progress grade.

A.16 A grade of "N" may be used to indicate the student ceased to attend and did not complete the course requirements.

A.17 Instructors will be required to submit and/or post their final grades to the Office of the Registrar* no later than five working days after the last class or the final exam, whichever is the latest date for term based and program based classes. Students will be given their final course grade for term based courses at the end of the first week of classes in the following term. Grades for program based classes will be available to students within five working days of the last class day of their program. Grades not submitted by these deadlines will be assigned a grade of "#" by the Office of the Registrar in order to facilitate transcript production. Updated transcripts will be issued to students when outstanding grades have been received at no charge.

A.18 A student may appeal a final course grade as per Policy and Procedure 2.4.0.7.

A.19 The course grade points shall be calculated as the product of the course credit value and the grade value.

A.20 The Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) shall be calculated by dividing the total number of achieved course grade points by the total number of assigned course credit values. This cumulative G.P.A. shall be determined and stated on the Transcript at the end of each Program level or semester.

A.21 Grades shall be assigned to repeated courses in the same manner as are courses taken only once. For the purpose of G.P.A. calculation all grades for repeated courses will be included in the calculation of the cumulative G.P.A.

A.22 In cases where a student has been found cheating the College will discipline students in accordance with the Student Conduct Policy 2.4.0.9.

A.23 This policy will take effect as of August 26, 1996 for programs or terms starting on or after that date. The policy will take effect for Continuing Education as of January 1, 1997.

As we move towards implementation of the Grading Policy, it has become apparent that some departments need more time to adjust their departmental, percentage grades to letter grade integration in the new policy. At the Education Council meeting of September 3, 1996, two motions were approved to accommodate this concern.

Instructors may begin to award students A+ 's and B+ 's and all the other new letter grades included in the new policy. The departments, who were able to adopt the new percentage to letter grade scale, should continue to use it. The departments, who need more time, may continue to use their current percentage to letter grade scale, but will be expected to adjust to the new grading policy by the end of August, 1997.

If you require a signed copy of the policy, please contact Vivienne Garrott, Executive Office, local 7159. Policy Manuals are available for reference in both the City Centre and King Edward Campus Libraries as well as Executive Office.

Future Board Meetings

...will start at 5:00 p.m. and are held in Room 240, City Centre Campus or Room 5025, King Edward Campus.

- October 24, KEC
- November 28, CC
- December 12, location TBA (subject to Board approval)

Notice of bi-elections

Student representatives to VCC Board of Governors and Education Council

Vacant Positions

Board of Governors:

- Student, King Edward Campus
- Term: October 17, 1996 - March 31, 1997

Education Council:

- Student, City Centre Campus
- Term: October 17, 1996 - March 31, 1997
- Student, City Centre Campus
- Term: October 17, 1996 - March 31, 1997
- Student, King Edward Campus
- Term: October 17, 1996 - March 31, 1997

Validation of voters/nominees

To be eligible to nominate a candidate, to stand for nomination, or to vote for a candidate, students must be registered as of September 23, 1996. Anyone who is unsure of their status should check with the Registrar's Office prior to submitting a nomination or to voting.

Nomination period

Nominations will be accepted at the Registrar's Office at City Centre or King Edward Campus from September 23 to October 4, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Friday. Forms can be obtained from the Registrar's Office.

Campaign period

Campaigning will start on Monday, October 7 and end on Friday, October 11. Campaign materials, forums, etc. are the responsibility of the candidates and must be removed from public display by 10:00 p.m. on October 11.

Voting

Advance voting for students who are unable to vote will take place on October 10.

Voting will be conducted at the King Edward Campus and City Centre Campus Registrar's Offices according to the following schedule:

- Thursday, October 10, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Advance Voting)
- Tuesday, October 15, 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 16, 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Education Council Update

May 7 meeting

At the meeting of the Education Council of May 7, 1996 the following program changes were approved:

- Retail Foods and Supermarket Careers Program entrance requirements;
- Print Production Program;
- Trades Programs admission requirements.

June 4 meeting

At the meeting on June 4, 1996 the following items were approved:

- Change to Automotive Curriculum;
- Denturist Program Revisions;
- Policy Making Process approved and referred to the meeting of the VCC Board on June 27, 1996.

The Learning Centre/Student Success Course was presented for information.

June 18 meeting

At the meeting on June 18, 1996 the fol-

lowing was approved:

- Student Evaluation Policy

Discussions took place on the Ministry's Strategic Plan, Parts I, II and III. Consideration will be given to forming a task force for ongoing discussions.

September 3 meeting

At the September 3, 1996 meeting Council approved the following:

- CPE Grammar and Meaning course;
- Reorganization of programs/courses in the Business Division;
- Criteria for New Program Development;
- Private College Articulation Agreement with CDI College of Business and Technology.

Council also received for information:

- Program change for Hospitality Administration in the Hospitality Management Program;

- Program change for Caring for Persons with Dementia in the Long-Term and Allied Health Program;
- Name change for the Travel Agent Program.

Discussions took place on Grading Policy exemptions relating to percentage grade correspondence to letter grades. It was agreed that, with the exception of the percentage to letter grade correspondences, the policy will be implemented as of August 26, 1996 but that, in order for areas to amend their assessment tools to fit the requirements outlined in the policy, departments will be allowed until August 1997 to do so.

The President announced that the Strategic Plan College Wide Task Force will be meeting on September 13. Elections of Council representatives from the faculty association were finalized. An update on the tasks to be dealt with on the status of the strategic plan was provided.

Coming
October 19

250

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.

A note of thanks from Barbara Little

Now that I am officially retired (and you are back at work), I want to thank all of my friends and colleagues for the wonderful party in June. I will not soon forget the parade of Barbara's, the skit, the fashion show, the song, the poem or all the kind words from so many of you. It was truly "super!"

Special thanks to MC Barbara Ash and the CCA Department, who couldn't let me go without some heat. Your contributions to my collections - the box of lists, the deceased XT, the plastic lids, the section of wall from my former office - are finding appropriate homes.

To all of you who offered good wishes in the form of presentations, flowers, cards, my most sincere thanks. Since I joined VCC in 1974 we have shared many challenges and triumphs. I will miss you all.

Barbara Little

Saturday services: changes in Media Services

Effective October 5, 1996, Media Services will be open Saturdays at City Centre from 8:30-12:30 and closed at King Edward Campus. The change in location reflects the transfer of Continuing Education courses from King Edward and the increased demand for services at City Centre. An Audio Visual Technician will be on duty to assist users with equipment distribution and answer inquiries.

Faculty who require audio visual equipment for Saturday classes should make advance reservations at Media Services to ensure availability.

At City Centre:

Pick up and return equipment at Media Services from 8:30-12:30. After 12:30 see Roger in the Continuing Education Office for assistance.

At King Edward:

Make advance arrangements for a location for pick up and drop off of equipment.

Media Services Hours of Operation:

City Centre Equipment Distribution (loc. 8366)

- Monday - Thursday: 7:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. (closed 4:45-5:45)
- Friday: 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (October 5 - December 14)
- Sunday: Closed

King Edward Equipment Distribution (loc. 7313)

- Monday - Thursday: 8:00 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
- Friday: 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (closed 12:00-12:30)
- Saturday and Sunday: Closed

Registrar's Office staff member in the news

Sound of music irresistible

The sound of music was too much for Charis Chung to resist.

After earning a music diploma in voice performance from VCC in 1991 the mezzo-soprano abandoned the stage to study sign language. But the sound of silence rang too loud in her ears and Chung soon found herself drawn heavily back into music.

Although she is well-versed in art songs in other languages, mainly German, English and French, the East Vancouver resident found herself ready to sing as part of the chorus in the Western Concert Opera's production of Bellini's 19th century work La Sonnambula at the Vancouver Academy of Music Sept. 19, 20 and 22.

"After that year off I decided to go back because I missed it very much," said Chung. "Then I said I'm never going to give it up again."

She took up singing at 24 - "It was quite late," she admits - but earned a spot in the chorus of a production by Caspar, the WCO's predecessor. And she is already booked after La Sonnambula with a spot in the chorus of Puccini's Turandot at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre in February and March.

from an article by Mike Bell in the
September 18, 1996 edition of the
Vancouver Echo

Change of meeting: Board Finance and Administration Committee

The Committee will not be meeting on October 15 as originally planned. The meeting 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.

Shared directories make swapping files a breeze

VCC computer users who are connected to the VCC college-wide network will now be able to pass their files to me using common, or shared directories. These directories can be used for submitting information for VCC Connections, or passing on advertising copy.

Here's how it works:

Those who are on the network have access to the shared directories on "I:\\" located on the servers at CC and KEC. (I:\ is the drive that was expressly set up for the use of people using common directories.) If you want to send a submission to VCC Connections, save your file to I:\common\connect. If you're sending advertising copy, save your file to I:\common\adcopy. Please remember to give me a quick call at 7152 or email me at drasmussen@vcc.bc.ca to let me know that you are sending me your information via one of the two directories.

Some departments (Finance, Executive Offices, Banner, Food Services) have *private* shared directories; that is, access is limited to specific groups. The two directories I've mentioned above are *public* shared directories, and everyone has access to them.

Please note, however, that you can only *save* your files to I:\common\connect and I:\common\adcopy.

While this may not mean the extinction of the floppy disk, it's definitely a step in the right direction. As everyone knows, swapping floppy disks is a hassle that leaves everyone open to the risk of spreading computer viruses.

If you any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Dale Rasmussen, College Advancement

PS: Private departmental shared directories are available upon request from the Helpdesk, at local 7007, for those departments who feel it is necessary to have such a directory. Please be conservative, and use your discretion.

Music students to receive a total of \$15,900 in awards

On Wednesday, October 16, 19 students of the VCC Music Department will share a total of \$15,900 in awards at the annual VCC Music Awards Ceremony. These awards were made possible through corporate and individual endowment funds such as the Yamaha Award, Maria Brown Award and the Terry and Lynne Smith Memorial Award. The event will take place in the King Edward Campus auditorium.

VCC faculty, students and graduates will perform throughout the ceremony, and a reception will follow for award presenters, recipients and guests.

A letter of thanks from the family of Gayle Thody

The family of Gayle Thody wish to thank everyone at VCC for the many thoughtful and kind deeds made to her throughout her long and arduous illness.

Gayle touched many people's lives and many touched hers. By these associations her life was certainly enriched. She did have a way of endearing herself to others.

Gayle fought a brave and truly courageous battle with a disease that is so difficult to conquer. However, her sons Chris and Peter and her Connecticut family know that she will live on with us in spirit and sweet memory forever.

Sincerely, Peter and Chris Thody;
Peter, Edna, Sam and John Hewes

Putting faces to the names

Our next Employee Orientation is planned for the day before Allhallows Eve. New and almost new employees are being invited to attend on Wednesday, October 30. The purpose of the day is to provide a better understanding of the College and its organization as a whole. Participants will have an opportunity to put faces to the names of fellow College employees and gain some insight into how the various divisions and departments operate within VCC.

The day is split between the two campuses, and includes a tour of King Edward Campus, lunch and a lucrative scavenger hunt at City Centre.

If you wish to take part in the Orientation but have not yet received an invitation,

contact Sherry Pidperhora at local 8589, as there may be a space or two left to be filled.

The Orientation Committee is grateful to the many people and departments who have contributed toward making this upcoming orientation a worthwhile and enjoyable experience. We look forward to welcoming VCC's new employees to our College community on October 30.

Karen Kelly, Chair
Orientation Committee

PS: If you meet one of the tour groups on the 30th, say hi and introduce yourself!

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.

ICS INFO CORNER

For technical assistance call 7007

Information and Computing Services (ICS) is pleased to announce our new Help Desk. The Help Desk is used to track calls and dispatch the appropriate available technicians to end-users with computer related technical difficulties. **Marlena Vanderwal**, our new Computer Help Desk Analyst, will be your primary contact at local 7007, to answer your calls and assist you in ensuring that your problems are solved quickly.

For technical assistance VCC faculty and staff may call the Help Desk at 7007, between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm. The Help Desk can also be reached through email at helpdesk@vcc.bc.ca.

Calls are assigned a *Call Reference Number*, to help track the status of the technical problem.

If all lines are occupied, you will be routed to voice mail. At this point you can leave a message, and our Help Desk will call you back, as soon as possible, with a *Call Reference Number*.

We believe the new Help Desk will assist us in providing overall better service college wide.

The ICS Info Corner is a new feature which will provide useful up-to-date news related to the information and computing services available at VCC. Articles will appear on an intermittent basis, when news comes up that we believe will help VCC users get more out of the ICS services available to them.

announcements

VCC Hockey Pool 96/97

Pick your top ten list for the regular season. Cost per entry is \$20.00, with partial proceeds to the United Way. Top prize \$350.00, 2nd \$200.00, 3rd prize \$100.00. Monthly prizes of \$25.00 for top points are awarded each month.

Prizes are based on 50 entries at \$20.00 each. Friends and families are welcome to join. Phone Helen at 7013 for info.

Purdy's Group purchase

We are again offering the Purdy's Chocolate Group purchase for Christmas 96. All orders must be in by November 1, 1996. You will receive a 25% discount on selected products. This year Purdy's is also offering a preferred customer card for the warehouse store (25% discount on packaged products - good til October, 1997), to all individuals ordering through the group order. Order forms available by calling Tami at 7117.

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 before October 17.

Congratulations to Barbara Wood!

Barbara, ESL instructor in the English Language Skills Department, recently spent two months at the Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara, Mexico, teaching English as a Second Language and exploring opportunities for student/faculty exchange, under the auspices of a B.C. Centre for International Education Mexico Scholars' Award. (Read further on this page to find out how you can get information regarding these awards).

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.

New face at VCC Educational Foundation

The VCC Educational Foundation is pleased to welcome Lindsay Bourne to the position of Special Projects Coordinator. With over fifteen years experience in the event and entertainment industries, Lindsay brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the foundation. He has written, directed and produced numerous large scale special events and ceremonies ranging from Rick Hansen's triumphant welcoming home spectacular at B.C. Place Stadium, through the 1993 Canada Summer Games Opening and Closing Ceremonies, to the current Sound and Light show on Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

During his two year stint with the EXPO 86 Corporation, Lindsay wrote, directed and produced the 81 National, Provincial, State and Corporate Day Ceremonies held in the Plaza of Nations over the exposition's 165 days. In addition to his event

writing, directing and producing credits, Lindsay has also written three produced screenplays, two produced stage plays, one television documentary, acted in numerous film and TV series, and produced 25 TV commercials. He is excited about the many challenges he faces at the college and is looking forward to applying his skills and expertise.

Hotel Paradiso opens the 31st season at Studio 58

Studio 58 returns to the summer of love with a groovy 1960's adaptation of the hilarious French farce *Hotel Paradiso*. Adapted by John Lazarus and Robert Metcalfe and set in Montreal during Expo '67, *Hotel Paradiso* previews Wednesday and Thursday, October 2 and 3 and opens on Friday, October 4 at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets for Tuesday to Thursday are \$9.00 for adults and \$8.00 for students and seniors; Friday and Saturday are \$11.00 and Sundays are two for the price of one, or \$5.50 per person.

For reservations and more information call the Studio 58 box office at 323-7227. Curtain time Tuesday to Saturday is 8:00 p.m. and Sunday shows are at 3:00 and 8:00 p.m.

Studio 58 is located in the basement of the Main Building, Langara College, 100 W. 49th Ave.

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classifieds

FOR SALE

For sale. Batman I video, \$5, Batman Returns video, \$5, Yellow lacquered metal desk lamp with adjustable arm and head, \$5. Wood wine rack, holds eight bottles and has rack for wine glasses, \$15, Wood wine rack with table top, holds 8 bottles, \$15. 7361.

For sale: 1987 Buick Skylark, automatic transmission, electronic dash, top end stereo system, good mileage, new paint (black with grey interior), fully restored, excellent condition. Trouble free. Second car. Asking \$4600. Ph. Dave 871-7205.

For sale. One-piece Couloir ski suit. Ladies size 10. Purple and mauve with a bit of pink. Excellent condition. Reason for selling: too many ski suits. Asking \$150. O.B.O. Call Carolyn at home (no later than 9:00 p.m.) at 988-7768 or work 871-7086

JOB POSTINGS

Office Clerk (b), Counselling department.
King Edward Campus. Closing date: Oct. 3.

Be ready for Thanksgiving!

Win a Harvest Basket

Includes: jams and jellies, assorted vinegars, chocolate, mustard, cheese, pickles, Christmas cake, smoked oysters, coffee and tea, wild rice, candles and napkins, and much more!

- Raffle takes place October 7 to 10
- Draw 1:00 pm, October 10
- Tickets available in the KEC Cafeteria from 12:00 to 1:00 daily
- Tickets are only \$1.00 each; three for \$2.00

Proceeds to the Institutional Aide Scholarship. For further info call 7345.



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