

Oct. 31

1996

VCC COMMUNITY INTERNAL NEWS



VANCOUVER  
COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE



# VCC Connections

Vancouver Community College  
King Edward Campus - Library  
P.O. Box 24620, Station F  
Vancouver B.C. V5N 5T6

## Inside

2

What a Banner year it's been: the Banner Team takes a well-deserved breather.

Win big every month of the year: VCC's new Employee 50/50 draw set to begin.

4

'Tis the season to be sneezin': but Health Services can help.

No more calls, we have two winners: Alberta couple wins this year's Truck Lottery.

9

Programming for Cultural Diversity: Continuing Education offers fall workshops.

10

Setting standards for musical excellence: notes from the Music Awards Ceremony.

## Presidents visit with the past

Former VCC president Tony Manera (1978 - 1985), the president of CBC who resigned to protest the government's failure to live up to their promise to guarantee longterm funding to the CBC, stopped into the College while on a cross-country tour promoting his new book, *A Dream Betrayed*.

When he stepped into his old office at King Edward Campus to meet current VCC president John Cruickshank, Manera recalled an exciting yet turbulent history, one filled with funding instability and uncertainty.

"I've always had a soft spot for this College," Manera stated, nostalgically. "I remember the very first year I got here, in 1978. We had a 17 per cent increase in our budget and we were complaining bitterly about such a low increase."

Welcoming Manera to the College and asking him about the origins of this campus, Cruickshank commented that institutions often lose touch with their pasts because of the many changes which happen throughout the years, mostly in administration and faculty.

"I don't know why it is that College presidents often are remembered for the buildings they built because that's the least important part," Manera observed, "although when we were being evicted from

the old site and we didn't have a place to go this building became pretty important."

Some of the challenges of the day included not only finding a suitable site large enough to house the College, but also hurdling some major funding obstacles.

"We looked at a number of high schools that the school board might give up, we looked at old warehouses, factories, it was just unbelievable," Manera recalled. "Finally we settled on this and I had to negotiate with the owner, Mr. McGregor. As we were negotiating we got to know each other reasonably well, and he turned out to be a very shrewd negotiator."

"The city was under a great deal of pressure not to give us a building permit unless we guaranteed the day care centre. We wanted the day care centre too, but Victoria was saying, 'no, education funds cannot go towards a day care centre'. We were caught in the middle and it became a real dilemma."

See "Presidents" on page 3



## Lower Mainland colleges and institutes expanding

### BCIT's "smart building"

BCIT's new \$33-million downtown campus is scheduled to open in November. The eight-storey building, one of the top 50 "smart buildings" in the world, is wired to accommodate the latest digital technologies. IBM has donated \$1.8-million worth of computer hardware, software and network facilities to allow BCIT to become a centre for software developers to test applications in the early stages to ensure they run well on IBM systems.

### Capilano College

The opening of a new \$18.5-million addition will enable Capilano College to remove four portable classrooms that have been in use for more than 10 years. The new building includes a 350-seat theatre and student services offices. A new \$1.8-million child care centre has also opened. The centre houses a unique single parent transition program, designed to provide young, single parents, who would not otherwise continue their education, a chance to attend college.

### Langara expansion

Langara has expanded by about 30 per cent, with the opening of a \$15-million addition. The new building provides 31 new classrooms, two computer labs and a new registrar's office.

### UCFV

UCFV's new campus in Mission is part of the new \$30-million Heritage Park Centre. Student capacity at the new campus will increase from 100 to 250 and will eventually expand to 1,000.

*From the Fall 1996 AECBC Bulletin*

## VCC celebrates Banner year

**A**n afternoon barbecue in the cafeteria at King Edward Campus celebrated the great effort put forth by all of VCC's staff involved in the Banner project, the integrated software system purchased by most of the larger colleges in BC. The system includes three modules: Finance, Student and Human Resources/Payroll.

This celebration marks the successful implementation of Banner Finance, and a job well done. Human Resources/Payroll and Student software is scheduled to be integrated by January 1998.

"This barbecue is our way of saying thank you to all of the people who have helped make this project successful thus far and to say thank you, in advance, for all of the hard work that's going to bring to fruition the full implementation of Banner in the next year at VCC," said Corinne Schollie, Director, Information and Computer Services.

VCC President John Cruickshank was among the guest chefs who participated

by flipping burgers and tofu hot dogs for the hungry group. Cruickshank is well qualified for the position, bringing with him a flurry of stories from his high school days when he worked in a restaurant preparing french fries and salads.

"My most embarrassing moment, when they finally let me onto the counter to serve real people, was when I brought my first customer his order and he asked me very politely if I would mind removing my thumb from his coffee," laughs the chef.

## Win big every month of the year in the VCC Employee 50/50 draw

\$2.00/ticket OR buy five tickets for \$10.00 and get a bonus ticket FREE!

Purchases can be made through payroll deduction. Just let us know how much you want deducted each pay period (in increments of \$2) and we'll do the rest.

To add to the excitement, the first 100 VCC employees to sign up through payroll deduction will be eligible to win a Toshiba 20 inch colour TV!

The first draw will take place December 10, just in time for the holidays.

To sign up today, call Jane at local 7237 or talk to Bill Miller (KEC Building Services), Joan Minor (Purchasing) or Malcolm McIntosh (CC Media Services).

All proceeds from the 50/50 will benefit VCC students through scholarships and bursaries.

## Beijing faculty members study current TESL methodology at VCC

On Canada Day, eight faculty members from the Civil Aviation Management Institute (CAMI) in Beijing, China arrived in Vancouver. The CAMI faculty members had travelled to Canada to take part in a two month teacher training program organized through the VCC TESL Program and Canadian Airlines. In China, the CAMI faculty members are responsible for teaching English at one of China's finest aviation institutes. The CAMI faculty had been selected by their institution to spend the summer at VCC studying current methodology for teaching English.

The VCC TESL Certificate Program was given responsibility for developing a special program of studies. Five teacher trainers from the VCC TESL Program "custom designed" a series of five courses to be offered to the visiting Chinese faculty over the summer months. Christine Stechishin developed and taught a daily instructional component specifically devoted to teaching English for Aviation. This course was most directly related to civil aviation, and was linked to the on-site visits to Vancouver International Airport. The remainder of the program focused on teaching methodology. Judy Taylor designed and taught a course on Teaching Pronunciation. One Chinese faculty member commented that Judy's

course, "uncovered the secrets of pronunciation" and added that Judy was "just like a magician." Marion Lovelace took responsibility for both developing and teaching the instructional component. Teaching Reading and Writing Skills for Aviation. This component was also well received, with the Chinese faculty members commenting on Marion's knowledge and skill as a teacher trainer. Tanis Sawkins taught the component on Teaching Listening and Speaking Skills. Again, this component was well received and the Chinese faculty both enjoyed and learned from Tanis' sessions. The Teaching Grammar component was developed and taught by Joanna Daley. This was one of the most popular courses in the program, and faculty members were appreciative of Joanna's expert grasp of both the teaching methodology and practical application involved in teaching grammar.

The ESL Division at VCC also assisted in making the visiting faculty from China welcome on our campus. Instructors Mary Richardson, Bonnie Reimer and Barbara Wood from the ELS Department in the ESL Division invited the visiting Chinese faculty into their classrooms. Paul Boissonnault, Chris Joyce and Xianzhano Huang offered weekly sessions in the com-

puter lab at King Edward Campus during July and August. Recognition and gratitude also needs to be given to Gail Rochester, Director of Continuing Education and Fred Wuhner, Director of International Education, for their support for the project from beginning to end.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of the project for both the VCC and CAMI faculty was the "recreational" program organized by Stephanie Jewell. Together the VCC and CAMI faculty came together for four great field trips to Whistler, the Abbotsford Air Show, the Vancouver Fireworks, and Chris Stechishin's place on Galiano Island. In addition, there was the wonderful opportunity to share experiences over many dinners, celebratory lunches and a wonderful Dim Sum!

The VCC-CAMI Project was a memorable experience for all who were involved. On a professional level, the project provided a rare opportunity for TESL faculty members to grow in the areas of curriculum development, teacher training and practical application. On a personal level, it was both a pleasure and privilege to be involved in an international project with the eight very special faculty members from the Chinese Aviation Management Institute.

*Jennifer House, Continuing Education  
TESL Program Coordinator*

## Presidents (from page 1)

"Finally we broke the log jam by convincing McGregor to give us \$20 thousand as a donation to start the day care centre. Then we went off to Victoria and we had a meeting with Grace McCarthy. By the time we left her office we had an additional \$100 thousand to finance the day

care centre, and we could proceed with the College."

According to the record, King Edward Campus was way ahead of today's trends, literally having its foundation in recycling by virtue of its very location being constructed on top of what was originally a garbage dump. Before King Edward was built, they had to deal with the methane

problem because, of course, garbage produces methane gas.

In fact, there is a large sheet of plastic underneath King Edward Campus and, according to Facilities Manager Bill Miller, a system is in place which monitors methane levels and releases it through vents if it reaches unacceptable levels.



## It's the sneezin' season - but Health Services can help

Influenza is a highly contagious disease, spread person-to-person by coughing, sneezing and on the hands. The flu virus can linger in the air for as long as three hours. Public institutions such as schools are perfect environments for the spread of the disease.

The most important tool for fighting the ever-changing flu virus is immunization. The vaccination is especially important for anyone with a chronic illness or health condition. Yearly immunization is important because the virus mutates and the previous year's vaccine gives little or no protection. The viruses in the 96/97 vaccine are A/Texas/36/91, A/Nanchang/93/95, and B/Harbin/07/94.

Health Services is once again providing free influenza (flu) vaccinations for all VCC staff. This year we have increased the number of doses available from 200 to 300. We encourage all VCC staff to take advantage of this offer - it's free; it is conveniently available on site at KEC, City Centre, and KEC North; and that will mean one less miserable winter illness that you will be subjected to.

Influenza occurs in Canada almost every year, generally during the late fall and winter months. The severity of the illness varies from year to year. It is advisable that you receive your vaccine before the end of November. Protection against the influenza virus begins about two weeks after vaccination and has been shown to prevent illness in about 70% of adults. The disease is less severe in the remaining 30% of people who receive the vaccine, and the risk of complications is lessened.

Side effects of the vaccine are either non-existent or minimal. You cannot get the 'flu' from the vaccination, because the vaccine does not contain live virus. Any viral illness experienced following the vaccine is due to a coincidental infection

### Is it a cold? Is it the flu?

Colds and influenza are not the same. They are similar in that they are both respiratory infections caused by viruses. Colds, of course, are not caused by the cold weather. But the incidence is higher in winter because spending more time indoors leads to a greater opportunity for viruses to spread among people. The lower indoor humidity may also make you more susceptible. There are over 200 'cold' viruses that can cause this mild but uncomfortable illness. Influenza, on the other hand, can cause a much more serious illness that can lead to severe complications or even death.

Symptoms	Cold	Flu
fever	rare	characteristic, high (38-40°C) sudden onset, lasts 3 to 4 days.
headache	rare	prominent
general aches & pains	slight	usually; often quite severe.
fatigue & weakness	quite mild	extreme; can last up to a month.
extreme exhaustion	never	early and prominent
stuffy and runny nose	common	sometimes
sneezing	usual	sometimes
sore throat	common	sometimes
cough/chest discomfort	mild to moderate; hacking cough	common; can become severe
complications	earache; sinus congestion	bronchitis, pneumonia can be life-threatening

(adapted from materials published by the Lung Association and the FDA Consumer)

from another source. Flu vaccine is considered safe in pregnancy.

Call us today to arrange for your "shot."

**KEC and KEC West staff** - call the KEC College Health Nurse, Pauline Reaburn, at 871-7187 (9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday to Friday) for an appointment.

**City Centre staff** - call 443-8336 for an appointment with the College Physician

(Graham Burns) or the College Health Nurse (Pat Smith).

**KEC North staff** - call 871-7439 to arrange an appointment with the College Health Nurse (Moneca Dale).

Submitted by Pauline Reaburn,  
College Health Nurse, KEC  
phone: (604) 871-7187  
fax: (604) 871-7100  
email: preaburn@vcc.bc.ca

## Truck Lottery draws big haul for VCC students

The VCC Educational Foundation's Truck Lottery draw on Friday, October 25 made Ernie and Helen Pierce of Calgary, Alberta instant winners of a 1997 Western Star truck valued at \$130,000.

The couple, both truck drivers, was very surprised to learn of their good fortune when they returned home from a recent haul.

"We've never won anything this big before in our lives," exclaimed Ernie. "We own our own rig, but we'll talk it over and decide if we'll sell the new one or not."

The *Reach for the Stars Lottery* proves, once again, that when it comes to helping Vancouver Community College students achieve their dreams everyone is a winner. Proceeds benefit students by providing bursaries and scholarships, as well as funds to upgrade equipment at the College.

"The industry has been wonderful and we're thrilled with the results," says Bob Faulkner, Chairman, Educational Foundation. "Everyone is giving away condos and trips, but there's not much opportunity to win a big rig and the truckers really support us."

Tom Neufeld of Houston, BC is the second prize winner of \$5,000 cash, with third prize of \$2,000 going to Rob Greus of Prince George, BC. Over 2,000 tickets were sold for \$100 each.

Sandra Bishop, College Advancement

## ICS INFO CORNER

**So what's an H: drive anyway?!**  
Read on for more information about shared, common and home directories.

Anyone who has access to the network has the ability to store any file in the following drive choices:

**C:** - this is your hard drive. If you have access to the network, we recommend that you do not use your c: drive to store files. Hard drives are insecure, and can be unreliable, whereas files stored on the network are part of a daily backup procedure.

**H:** - this is your private home directory. No one other than yourself has access to these files. This drive is backed up daily, so your files are secure.

**I:** - this is the shared directory. There are two types of shared folders here:

**I:\common** - use this directory to share files between departments. The files stored here are accessible to anyone on the network; they are not private or protected. This directory should mainly be used to transport files to another person outside of your department. For optimum security and file maintenance, files should be copied (or moved) to the destination ASAP, and the original file deleted from i:\common.

**I:\your\_department\_name** - use this directory to share files within your department. The files stored here are accessible only to those in your department who are connected to the network. For example, the Purchasing department would share department-specific files

through their i:\purchase directory.

### Suggestions for standards

1. ICS strongly encourages people to keep the default three character extension naming convention. For example, when saving MS Word documents, use the default extension ".doc," when saving WordPerfect documents, use ".wpd," etc. If the period and three character extension is not specified, the software package that you are using will create the default extension for you.

2. Subdirectories can be created from any of the drives indicated above. Use naming conventions that can be easily understood

## Submitting articles by cyberspace is a hit

Two new methods of submitting articles to Connections, through email and the I:\common\connect directory, have proven to be immediately popular. Already, a healthy number of submissions have been coming in by both email and through the I drive option.

Just to remind everyone, you can send your article to me via email by simply typing the text of your submission in the body of your message. I'll in turn "shuttle" your file (in text-only format) to a directory on my PC for placement in Connections.

Or, if you're on the network, save your file to I:\common\connect. Don't forget to call me and let me know you have saved your submission in that location.

Editor

by others. For example, a "meetings" subdirectory could have files named by date, e.g., "i:\...\meetings\oct96.wpd".

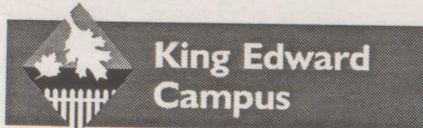
3. Avoid the use of acronyms.

4. The title bar in File Manager (using Windows 3.11) will show you what directory (or folder) you are in. Please feel free to browse in this section.

So.....if you and your department are interested in setting up a shared directory.....just call the ICS Helpdesk at local 7007, and one will be set up.



# College operating hours (Oct-Dec) - clip 'n save section



## Admissions/Cashier (871-7031)

Mon, Tues, Thurs .. 9:00 am- 4:30 pm  
Wed ..... 9:00 am- 7:00 pm  
Fri ..... 9:00 am- 3:30 pm  
Dec 16 (Mon) and 17 (Tues) ..... 9:00 am- 8:00 pm  
Dec 18 (Wed) ..... 9:00 am- 7:00 pm  
Dec 19 (Thurs) .. 9:00 am- 6:00 pm  
Dec 20 (Fri) ..... 9:00 am- 3:30 pm  
Dec 23 (Mon) ..... 9:00 am- 4:30 pm  
Jan 2, 97 (Thurs) 9:00 am- 6:00 pm  
Jan 3, 97 (Fri) .... 9:00 am- 3:30 pm

## Assessments (871-7093)

Mon, Tues, Thurs .. 9:00 am- 4:00 pm  
Wed ..... 1:00 pm- 7:00 pm  
Fri ..... Closed  
Dec 23 (Mon) ..... 9:00 am- 4:00 pm  
Jan 2, 97 (Thurs) 9:00 am- 4:00 pm

## Bookstore (871-7333)

Mon, Tues, Fri ..... 8:30 am- 5:00 pm  
Wed ..... 11:00 am- 8:00 pm  
Thurs ..... 8:30 am- 8:00 pm  
Sat ..... 10:00 am- 2:00 pm  
Nov 9 (Sat) ..... Closed  
Dec 23 (Mon) ..... 8:30 am - 5:00 pm  
Jan 2, 97 (Thurs) 8:30 am - 8:00 pm

## Counselling (871-7191)

Mon, Thurs, Fri ..... 8:30 am- 4:30 pm  
Tues, Wed ..... 8:30 am- 7:30 pm  
Dec 23 (Mon) ..... 8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
Jan 2, 97 (Thurs) . 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

## Financial Aid (871-7046)

Mon, Tues, Thurs .. 11:00 am- 4:00 pm  
Wed ..... 11:00 am- 4:00 pm  
& 5:00 pm- 7:00 pm  
Fri ..... Closed  
Dec 23 (Mon) ..... 11:00 am- 4:00 pm  
Jan 2/97 (Thurs) 11:00 am- 4:00 pm

## Food Services/Cafeteria (871-7387)

Mon to Thurs ..... 7:00 am- 9:00 pm  
Fri ..... 7:00 am- 4:30 pm  
Sat ..... 8:00 am- 2:30 pm  
Dec 23 (Mon) ..... 7:00 am- 3:30 pm  
Jan 2/97 (Thurs) 7:00 am - 3:30 pm

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

Mon to Fri ..... 9:00 am- 3:30 pm  
(clinic 1 eve/week)  
Dec 23 (Mon) ..... 9:00 am- 3:30 pm  
Jan 2, 97 (Thurs) 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

## Human Rights Coordinator (871-7040)

Tue/Thurs ..... 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Dec 23 (Mon) ..... Closed  
Jan 2 (Thurs), 97 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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

Mon to Thurs ..... 8:30 am- 7:00 pm  
Fri ..... 8:30 am- 4:00 pm  
Dec 23 (Mon) ..... Closed  
Jan 2/97 (Thurs) 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

## Instructional Computing Support Centre (ICSC) 871-7218

(faculty/staff only)  
Mon, Thurs ..... 9:00 am- 7:00 pm  
Tue, Wed ..... 9:00 am- 9:00 pm  
Fri ..... 9:00 am- 5:00 pm  
Sat ..... 11:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Dec 16-20 & 23 .. 9:00 am - 4:30 pm  
Dec 21 & 28 (Sat) Closed  
Jan 2 & 3, 97 ..... 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

## Interpreting and Braille Services (871-7089)

Mon to Fri ..... 8:00 am- 4:15 pm  
Dec 23 (Mon) ..... 8:00 am - 4:15 pm  
Jan 2/97 (Thurs) 8:00 am - 4:15 pm

## Learning Centre (871-7219)

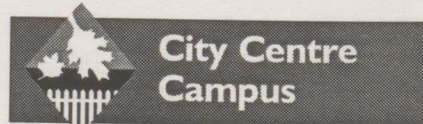
Mon to Thurs ..... 9:00 am- 7:00 pm  
Friday ..... 9:00 am- 5:00 pm  
Dec 18 (Wed) ..... 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Dec 19, 20 & 23 .. Closed  
Jan 2/97 (Thurs) 9:00 am- 7:00 pm

## Library (871-7326)

Mon, Thurs, Fri ... 9:00 am- 4:30 pm  
Tue, Wed ..... 9:00 am- 9:00 pm  
Sat ..... 11:00 am- 3:00 pm  
Dec 16 to 20 & 23 9:00 am - 4:30 pm  
Dec 21 & 28 ..... Closed  
Jan 2 & 3, (Thurs & Fri), 97 ..... 9:00 am - 4:30 pm  
Jan 4, 97 (Sat) .... 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

## Media Services (871-7313)

Mon to Thurs ..... 8:00 am- 8:30 pm  
Fri ..... 8:00 am- 12:00 pm  
..... 12:30am - 4:00 pm  
Dec 16 to 20 & 23 8:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Dec 21 & 28 (Sat) Closed  
Jan 2 & 3 (Thurs & Fri), 97 ..... 8:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Jan 4 (Sat), 97 .... Closed



## Admissions/Cashiers (443-8400)

## Records (443-8411)

Mon to Thurs ..... 8:00 am- 4:00 pm  
Fri ..... 8:00 am- 3:00 pm  
Dec 23 (Mon) ..... 8:00 am- 4:00 pm  
Jan 2/97 (Thurs) 8:00 am- 4:00 pm

## Bookstore (443-8363)

Mon to Fri ..... 10:00 am- 4:00 pm  
Dec 23 (Mon) ..... 10:00 am- 4:00 pm  
Jan 2/97 (Thurs) 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

## Counselling (443-8453)

Mon to Fri ..... 8:30 am- 4:00 pm  
Dec 23 (Mon) ..... 8:30 am- 4:00 pm  
Jan 2/97 (Thurs) 8:30 am- 4:00 pm

## Financial Aid (443-8421)

Mon to Thurs ..... 1:00 pm- 4:00 pm  
Fri ..... Closed  
Dec 23 (Mon) ..... 9:00 am - 12:00 noon  
Jan 2/97 (Thurs) 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

## Food Services - Cafeteria (443-8481)

Mon to Fri ..... 7:15 am - 8:30 pm  
Breakfast ..... 7:15 am - 8:30 pm  
Lunch ..... 11:30 am - 1:00 pm  
Dinner ..... 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm  
Sat ..... 8:30 am - 3:00 pm  
Breakfast ..... 8:30 am to 11:00 pm  
Lunch ..... 11:30 am - 1:00 pm  
Dec 20 (Fri) ..... 7:15 am - 8:30 pm  
(Breakfast & Lunch Service only)  
Dec 23 (Mon) ..... 7:15 am - 12:00 noon (no hot meal service)  
Jan 2/97 (Thurs) 7:15 am - 8:30 pm  
(Lunch & Dinner Service only)

## Health Services (Nurse: 443-8337)

## Doctor by appt. (443-8340)

Mon to Fri ..... 8:30 am- 3:00 pm  
Dec 23 (Mon) ..... By appt. only  
Jan 2/97 (Thurs) 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

## Human Rights Coordinator (443-8310)

Mon/Wed ..... 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Dec 23 (Mon) ..... Closed  
Jan 2/97 (Thurs) KEC

## Interpreting and Braille Services (443-8583)

Mon to Fri ..... 8:00 am- 4:15 pm  
Dec 23 (Mon) ..... 8:00 am - 4:15 pm  
Jan 2/97 (Thurs) 8:00 am - 4:15 pm

## Learning Centre (443-8607)

Mon to Thurs ..... 10:00 am- 7:00 pm  
Fri ..... 10:00 am- 4:00 pm  
Dec 20 (Fri) ..... 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Dec 23 (Mon) ..... Closed

Jan 2 (Thurs), 97 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

## Library (443-8339)

Mon, Tues ..... 9:00 am- 7:00 pm  
Wed, Thurs ..... 9:00 am- 8:30 pm  
Fri ..... 9:00 am- 4:00 pm  
Dec 16-19 & 23 .. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Dec 20 (Fri) ..... 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Jan 2/97 (Thurs) 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Jan 3/97 (Fri) ..... 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

## Media Services (443-8365)

Mon to Thurs ..... 7:30 am- 4:45 pm  
5:45 pm- 8:30 pm  
Fri ..... 7:30 am- 4:00 pm  
Sat ..... 8:30 am- 12:30 pm  
Dec 16-20 & 23 .. 7:30 am- 4:15 pm  
Dec 21 & 28 (Sat) Closed  
Jan 2 & 3 (Thurs & Fri) ..... 7:30 am- 4:15 pm  
Jan 4 (Sat) ..... Closed

## Board Finance and Admin Committee 1997 Meeting Schedule

## Third Tuesday of each month, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm, KEC

January 14 ..... 4043  
February 18 ..... 5025  
March 18 ..... 5025  
April 15 ..... 5025  
May 20 ..... 5025  
June 17 ..... 5025  
July ..... No Meeting  
August 19 ..... 5025  
September 16 ... 5025  
October 21 ..... 5025  
November 18 ... 5025  
December 9 ..... 5025  
(subject to change)

## Next Connections: November 14

The deadline for the November 14 issue of Connections is end of day, Thursday, November 7.

## Smart new partnerships

The Science Council of BC's Skills Partnerships program has approved six projects, worth a total of \$137,600, following a competition for funding. This program helps students acquire skills and experience in a company, while it enables the company to solve problems using student and faculty expertise. All projects get underway this fall.

A \$30,000 award to *Okanagan University College* in Kelowna will permit quality control, engineering management and production staff from local firms, such as Western Star Trucks and Northside Industries, Inc., to work with up to 40 students in the College's Mechanical Engineering Technology program on real-life industrial challenges these companies face. The companies are donating substantial employee time and making resources available as needed.

Other Skills Partnerships awards went to: *College of Rockies*, Cranbrook (multi-media development); *Northwest Community College*, Prince Rupert (forestry and fisheries technology); *BCIT* ('Work for Hire'); and *Malaspina University College*, Nanaimo (Computing Science and Human Responsibility).

From the Fall 1996 AECBC Bulletin



## Join ESL Outreach as it celebrates its 10th anniversary

ESL OUTREACH is celebrating its 10th anniversary as of November 1996. Ten years ago School and Neighbourhood English merged to become ESL OUTREACH. Faculty, staff and administrators who work (or have worked) with Outreach are welcome to join us for cake on Friday, November 1 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 3167. See you there!

## Education Council 1997 Meeting Schedule

**First Tuesday of each  
month, from 3:00 to  
5:30 pm, except as  
indicated.**

January 7 .....	CC .....	Room 237
February 4 ..	KEC .....	Room 5025
March 4 .....	CC .....	Room 237
April 1 .....	KEC .....	Room 5025
May 6 .....	CC .....	Room 237
June 3 .....	KEC .....	Room 5025
July 8 .....	CC .....	Room 237*
August 5 .....	KEC .....	Room 5025
Sept. 2 .....	CC .....	Room 237
Oct. 7 .....	KEC .....	Room 5025
Nov. 4 .....	CC .....	Room 237
Dec. 2 .....	KEC .....	Room 5025

\* July 1 is a holiday

Contact: Doreen Sharan  
Confidential Secretary  
Finance and Admin.  
871-7163

## Operations Council meeting summaries: Sept/Oct, 1996

September 10, 1996

### Governance workshop

Preparations in progress for the November 1 and 2 Multi-Group Retreat were reviewed. Attendees will include representatives from the VCC Board, Education Council, Operations Council, VCCFA and CUPE.

### Parking update

Staff who travel frequently between campuses hold a pink service tag to enable them to park at both campuses for one fee. Signs are being updated.

### Policy reviews and approval

VCC Policies continue to be revised or deleted and are sent to either Operations Council or Educations Council for approval before being presented to the VCC Board.

### Research investigation on Globalization and the Com- munity College

VCC is participating in a major U.S./Canadian study "Mission and Structure," sponsored by the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada and led by John Levin of the University of Arizona.

### Multicultural mural

KESA and representatives from Operations Council are looking into commissioning a multicultural mural for display at the students' entrance to the KEC cafeteria.

### VCC Space Task Force

The terms of reference for the Space Task

Force have been drafted and will be presented to Operations Council for approval in the near future.

October 8, 1996

### Critical incident plan

A critical incident plan is being developed to prepare responses to crises that are unpredictable and unavoidable, such as fires, earthquakes, etc.

### Safer Campuses Initiative

The Safer Campuses Committee has completed several initiatives, including a safety audit, policy reviews, anger management and violent crimes workshops, and the Gender and Diversity Project. Some projects in the planning stages include display centres at CC and KEC, production of human rights brochures, security officer training and a safe walk program.

### Five-Year capital plan

The Facilities Department has submitted VCC's five-year capital plan to the Ministry.

### Criminal records search

The Homefront Program is considering implementing a criminal records search for Homefront volunteers to ensure the safety of clients.

### Proposed directions for VCC

A president's task force has drafted a list of proposed directions for VCC, designed as a short term guide (approximately 18 months) to assist departments with the development of their operational plans.

### Solicitation by charities on VCC campuses

Soliciting by charities is not permitted on VCC campuses. The College's charitable response is through the United Way.

### Next meeting

November 12, 1996 at 2:00 pm in Room 5025, KEC.

## Continuing Education offers fall workshop series on Programming for Cultural Diversity

Vancouver Community College, Continuing Education, Multicultural/Settlement Program and Surrey-Delta Immigrant Services Society are sponsoring a series of workshops designed to help agencies make their programs more accessible to diverse cultural communities.

All workshops will be held at VCC, City Centre Campus (CC), and the cost is \$15 per workshop.

A statement of completion will be issued by Vancouver Community College to workshop participants.

These workshops are funded through the Community Outreach Partnership Fund (COP).

### Accessing Community Resources (150543)

An essential part of addressing concerns and issues when working in an increasing multicultural environment is to develop and access network systems which can provide support and resources. Agencies and organizations providing this support will be identified.

Tuesday, November 12, Room 614 CC, 6:30-9:30 pm, \$15 (Kassam)

### Organizational Change (150544)

A culturally-sensitized environment needs support from values and beliefs that promote inclusivity. Agency policies should also reflect support for the inclusive environment. Case studies will be discussed.

Tuesday, November 19, Room 614 CC, 6:30-9:30 pm, \$15 (Handford)

### Supervising in a Diverse Environment (150545)

Understanding and supporting a diverse workforce is challenging. Personal and supervision issues will be discussed.

Tuesday, November 26, Room 614 CC, 6:30-9:30 pm, \$15 (Chan)

**Workshops can be taken singly  
or as a series. For more infor-  
mation or to register, call  
871-7070.**

## Oops - we forgot: Dr. Burns saved the day!

For those who were wondering "who was that masked doctor?" in last week's story about Sue Atherton's ill student, it was Dr. Graham Burns, VCC's resident physician who came to the rescue. Sorry, Graham, for inadvertently causing you to miss your 15 minutes of fame.

Thanks...  
for a job well  
done.

Pat Smith, Community Health Nurse in the City Centre Health Services Department wishes to thank **Monika Szczygiel** for doing such a great job in her role as Medical Office Assistant.

"Because of Monika's initiative, the Health Services Department is organized and running more smoothly than ever before. She has made the workload of both Pat and Dr. Graham Burns extremely manageable.

Monika is willing, helpful, dependable, caring and professional. Her sense of humour and friendliness are enjoyed and very much appreciated.

As you can see, we think Monika is doing a great job and think others should know, too."

Pat Smith, Community Health Nurse,  
City Centre

Do you know of a staff, faculty member or student who should be thanked publicly for a job well done? Did they do something special or perform a good deed that should be recognized? Consider thanking them in this column. Contact Dale Rasmussen, the Editor, at 7152 or email drasmussen@vcc.bc.ca.





## Music students demonstrate the beauty of what they do

Students in the VCC Music Department displayed some of their notable achievements at the recent Music Awards Ceremony, held on October 16 in the KEC Auditorium. The ceremony was a mix of awards presentations and performances by current students, encompassing a range of diverse musical styles from a Debussy flute piece to a Billie Holiday jazz classic.

### Just a few of the many awards presented at the ceremony:

The Kevin Stokes award, named in honour of the former student who died at the beginning of his second year in the Music Program, was presented by instructor Tony Koch and Kevin's father Ken. The award was created as a memorial to Kevin, a promising and creative student who had a positive effect on all who came into contact with him. The award was presented to Cory Baker.

Maria Brown, a former Music faculty member, presented her namesake award to Sarah Franks, Andrea Higgs and Jason Stillman. After retiring from VCC, Maria came back as a Music student. As a retiree, her fees were waived. Therefore, she decided to set up a scholarship fund using the money that she saved from her free tuition.

The Chris Gage Award, named in honour of the legendary Vancouver jazz pianist who died at the age of 35, was presented to Dorothy Dittrich, who drew rave reviews as a star in the musical "While We Were Singing," a recent hit at the Vancouver East Cultural Centre. The award was presented by semi-retired lawyer Wally Lightbody, a self-proclaimed "hobbyist of jazz" and producer of various high-pro-

file jazz events throughout BC. Before his death, Chris Gage earned a reputation throughout the North American jazz scene as one of the most talented jazz pianists in the field. His fans included renowned trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie.

In his opening remarks, VCC President John Cruickshank congratulated the students and commented on what a pleasure it was for him to be at the ceremony. "I'm very happy to be here with you today on this occasion, to hear the beauty of what you do," John said.

## Upcoming issues of Connections

Publication date	Deadline for submissions
November 14 .....	November 7
November 28 .....	November 21
December 12 .....	December 5

## Music Department concerts offer the best in jazz, new music and big band sounds

The VCC Music Department will present two concerts in November, both at the Glass Slipper, 2714 Prince Edward St.

### Thursday, November 14, 9:00 pm

Join the Wednesday and Thursday Night Jazz Ensembles and the New Music Ensemble as these diverse and highly talented ensembles present a variety of student compositions and arrangements in the jazz and new music idioms. Admission: \$6

### Sunday, November 17, 8:30 pm

Enjoy some of the finest musical talent VCC has to offer with jazz choirs *Prime Time* and *Soundwave* (directed by Michael Molloy) and the VCC Jazz Orchestra (directed by David Branter). *Prime Time* and *Soundwave* will kick off the evening with musical arrangements by New York Voices, Phil Mattson and Gene Puerling, to name a few. To close, the VCC Jazz Orchestra will present *Modern Masters of the Big Band Sound*, featuring music by Thad Jones, Bob Florence, Bob Mintzer and others. Admission: \$8



## announcements

### Joan McArthur-Blair appointed PLA Coordinator

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Joan McArthur-Blair as VCC's Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Coordinator.

Joan has been with the College since 1990 and has worked out of the Program Development Department teaching teachers, and has recently been the stand-in for Janice Hansen as Human Rights Education Coordinator during Janice's maternity leave. Joan has also been involved with several international, industry and provincial contracts. She recently developed the gender and diversity curriculum and the train the trainer program for the Curriculum Development Centre.

Joan will undertake the PLA initiative on a two-thirds time basis and will become full-time in January 1997 until May 30, 1997. (Subject to further funding, the position may be extended on a part-time basis.)

Joan will continue to be located in the Program Development Department office at KEC (local 7520) and will report to Linda Martin, with a dotted line report to Dale Dorn.

### Mission and Structure research team at VCC

During the period November 25-28, 1996, a research investigation team, under the leadership of Dr. John Levin will visit our campus as part of their research project "Mission and Structure." Members of the research team will interview selected college personnel, observe institutional behaviours and meet informally with faculty, staff and students. The investigation is a multi-site study of colleges which focuses upon global forces of change. Participation in this investigation is voluntary; you may decline involvement. Individual and institutional names will not

be used in the reports on this study to maintain confidentiality. In this regard, participants in the investigation can assist in maintaining confidentiality by refraining from public discussion of both this study and their participation in the investigation.

If you have any inquiries about this study, please contact Sarah Lucas (local 7158).

### The next meeting of the Budget Advisory Group will take place...

on Wednesday, November 13, 1996 from 3:00-4:30 pm in Room 5025 at King Edward Campus.

### Financial Aid News

**ABESAP:** ABESAP applications for Jan.-Apr. 97 term will be available starting November 4 from the Financial Aid office, room 4029 or from Counselling Dept. room 3002. Please apply early !!!!

### Journey to Java

Join Sherry Sutherland on a journey to Java on Fri. Nov. 15, 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. in Room 3118. As a recipient of the Asia Pacific Scholarship, she taught for two months in a teacher-training college in the city of Semarang. Sherry will share some of her slides and stories. Bring your lunch!

### New curriculum to be field tested

We are asking for ABE/ESL instructors who are interested in field testing a new curriculum which we have developed for VCC students. It is called, "Staying Afloat: Lifeskills and English for ABE or ESL Students." The units are on 1) Stress Management, 2) Changing Family Roles, 3) Parenting, 4) Cross Cultural Awareness, 5) Interpersonal Communication, and 6) Seeking Help. The units contain picture

stories, readings, questionnaires and resources as well as vocabulary and comprehension exercises for the intermediate level to the grade 10-11 level. We are happy to do orientations for groups of instructors from any department who wish to field test these materials. Contact Marg Hepler, ELS, L. 7235 or 7241, or Donna Barreca, L. 7207.

### Spare some inter-office envelopes?

Once again the KEC mailroom supply of inter-office envelopes has dwindled to a low amount. If your department has an abundance of them, please recycle spare ones by dropping them off at the mailroom on the fourth floor. Your cooperation in this matter is much appreciated. Thank you. Jennifer Spoke, Mailroom Clerk.

### Bavarian Night 1996 closures

The B.C. Chef's Association Bavarian Night Scholarship fundraising scheduled for Friday, November 1, 1996 will result in the closure of some service areas at City Centre Campus.

**Friday, November 1, 1996 closures:** the VCC-CC cafeteria will be closed to the public at 1:30 pm. JJ's Dining Room will offer no evening service.

**Bakery sales:** no public sales after 4:00 pm.

Please pass on this information to the affected areas. Thanks.

### Two Scholarship Awards Ceremonies this year

Both will be held at the King Edward Campus - Auditorium on Friday, November 22, 1996. Applied Arts and Technology Division, AAA Division, ESL Division - 12:30 p.m.; Business Division, Health Sciences Division, Tourism and Hospitality Division - 3:00 p.m.



#### PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

- Published Thursdays
- Bi-weekly January-May and September-November
- Monthly June, July, August and December

Produced by the College Advancement Department,  
Vancouver Community College

VANCOUVER  
COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE



KING EDWARD CAMPUS  
1155 East Broadway  
Box 24620, Station "F"  
Vancouver, B.C. V5N 5T9

CITY CENTRE CAMPUS  
250 West Pender Street  
Vancouver, B.C. V6B 1S9

## *more announcements*

### **Student Aide available to help special needs students**

A Student Aide is available to help students with special needs at the King Edward Campus Library Information Desk, Monday to Thursday, 3:30-4:30 pm.

Service is available in American Sign Language.

Students can discuss their information needs with the Student Aide.

They can learn to use the large print library catalogue (for VCC Libraries, Crane Library, and other college and university libraries); use encyclopedias on CD-ROM; scan printed pages to computer disk; print pages in Braille; use the TDD/TTY for both outgoing and incoming (information request) calls; make large print photocopies.

Students can borrow both nonfiction books on many topics, and fiction Readers, written at various reading levels; closed captioned videos; talking books; tactile maps; music tapes; and more.

### **The new internal phone directories are here... now what do I do with the old ones?**

You can recycle your old VCC internal phone directory in any of the blue college recycling bins (they now accept various types of paper, including coloured). This applies to the new VCC internal phone directory only. Please deliver your old BCTel white and yellow pages to Recycling.

#### **Need more?**

Extra copies of the internal directory are available in the campus mailrooms.

### **Received too many?**

Send them to the campus mailrooms for use as spares.

### **Former AECBC President wins international award**

Elizabeth Fleet, past President of the Advanced Educational Council of British Columbia, has received a prestigious international award from the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT). Named after one of ACCT's pioneers, the "M. Dale Ensign Trustee Award" is presented each year to an individual who has made a significant contribution as a lay trustee toward promoting the community college movement. The award was presented to Elizabeth at the ACCT Annual Convention in Miami Beach, Florida in early October.

#### **EDITOR, DESIGN AND LAYOUT**

Dale Rasmussen, College Advancement Department  
Tel 871-7152, Fax 871-7200  
email drasmussen@vcc.bc.ca

#### **CAMPUS CONTACTS**

CC: Ngee-Moi Voon, Word Processing  
KEC: Sue Devison, Administration

Produced by the College Advancement Department  
Lilli Milder, Executive Director

#### **1996 PUBLICATION SCHEDULE**

October 3, 17 and 31  
November 14 and 28  
December 12

Please provide your article on a PC disk with hardcopy, through email or via the I:\common\connect directory. 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 