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## Education, Skills and Training Minister announces funding for VCC literacy projects

In celebration of International Literacy Day, September 8, Education, Skills and Training Minister Moe Sihota announced that the federal and provincial governments have jointly approved \$1.4 million for 57 literacy projects across British Columbia.

The Minister chose VCC's King Edward Campus Library as the site for the announcement in recognition of the fact that this institution will coordinate six of the 57 projects.

"This government funding will open up a whole new

world for thousands of British Columbians," said Mr. Sihota.

"Because when people strengthen their literacy skills, they are much more likely to encourage their children and other family members to develop their own skills."

Of the \$1.4 million made available, VCC will receive \$234,708 to coordinate six projects. These projects range from First

Nations Family Literacy training to working with CoDevelopment Canada to produce Community Success Stories in B.C. and Around the World.

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shank, VCC President. "The credit for the high profile VCC has maintained in this area is largely due to the talented faculty, who have developed much of the Adult Basic Education curriculum used throughout the province."

**For specific information about the six VCC literacy projects, contact Jean Cockell at local 7008.**

**A wonderful opportunity to help**

The United Way Committee is searching for 40 energetic volunteers to help distribute and collect pledge cards. This would only involve between one to two hours of your time and would give you a chance to get to know your fellow employees. If you are interested, please call Doreen Sharan at 7163 or Cassandra Huang at 8317.

## Canada wins gold in Berlin

Sunday, September 8, the Canadian National Team competed in the Restaurant of Nations against six other countries to win the Gold Medal in Hot Food Competition at the World Culinary Olympics. This was the very first Gold Medal to be won at the new Berlin Locale and the only Gold Medal to be won on that first day of competition. *VCC Culinary Arts program instructor James Hutton was the Assistant Manager of the Canadian team.*

The supreme disadvantage of having to compete in this part of the Olympic Competition on the very first day added a further challenge to this very talented team of chefs. Arriving in Berlin on Thursday evening, the team had been working in the kitchens of the Intercontinental Hotel in Berlin in order to prepare for this event. The next challenge which the team faced was to be ready for the Cold Food Competition on Tuesday morning, September 10.

After the Awards Ceremony, the team returned to their hotel, rested briefly and returned to work until their showplates were completed.

## Update on the Budget Advisory Group (BAG)

The Budget Advisory Group was established in 1995 to provide advice to the Vice President of Finance and Administration on budgetary matters. The Terms of Reference outline that three individual representatives from each of the constituency groups (faculty, staff, students and administrators) will participate along with a representative from the nurses' union and a delegate from the Education Council. In addition to these members, the group also consists of the Manager of Budget Accounting, the Budget Accounting Clerk and the Vice President of Finance and Administration. Recording duties are handled by the Confidential Secretary to the Vice President.

**Current BAG members:**

- Lorna Brown, Representative, CUPE
- Dennis Cumming, Representative, CUPE
- Jackie Ehlert, Representative, Administrators Association
- Angela Flores, Representative, City Centre Student Association
- Marta Gardiner, Representative, VCCFA
- Jo Hansen, Representative, CUPE
- Sarah Lucas, Representative, Administrators Association
- George Rudolph, Representative, VCCFA
- Mary Hoekstra, Vice President of Finance and Administration
- Paul Hunt, Chair, Education Council
- Trang Nguyen, Budget Accounting Clerk
- Laraine Niewinski, Representative, Administrators Association
- Claire Prescott, Manager of Budget Accounting
- Pauline Reaburn, Representative, BCNU (Nurses' Union)

We are currently in the processing of looking for one other representative from the faculty association as well as a student

representative from the King Edward Campus. It is important that students participate in the process but, as you can see, we require additional members from both campuses. If you know of a student who expresses an interest in participating, please have them contact their appropriate student association president, who will forward the interested person's name to Mary Hoekstra.

You are invited to attend the public meetings which are held regularly once per month, except in the Spring, when it may be necessary to meet twice a month. Meeting dates are published in VCC Connections and are normally held at King Edward Campus beginning at 3:00 p.m. For the 1997 year, a full schedule will be published sometime in the late Fall.

You are also invited and encouraged to submit any constructive ideas that you may have regarding the budget to your respective representative(s) who will make sure that they are presented to the full membership for consideration. We are looking forward to another successful and constructive year for the group.

The Terms of Reference are being revised by the membership. However, if you would like a copy of the current terms, please contact Doreen Sharan at 7163.

## Human Resources Fall Course Booklets

Did you receive our HRD Booklet for fall course offerings? If for any reason you did not receive a booklet or you need another, they are available in the mailroom at each campus; or phone Parviz at 8312 to obtain another copy.

## Gayle Thody sadly missed

With deep regret and sadness, we learned of the passing of Gayle Thody early Monday morning, September 16, 1996.

Gayle first joined VCC in January 1989 as Communications Officer, Continuing Education. She was instrumental in formulating and overseeing the public relations and marketing initiatives of C.E. during the growth years of 1989 to the present. Gayle performed the duties of her position in an expert, energetic, imaginative and supportive manner.



Gayle was a very dear friend and respected colleague to all in C.E. She will be profoundly and sadly missed.

All of us in Continuing Education extend sincerest sympathy to Gayle's two sons, who reside in the lower mainland, and to her parents, brothers, nieces and nephews living in Connecticut and North Carolina.

*The staff of Continuing Education*

## Purchasing Department offers process seminars

Due to the Banner Implementation and other process changes in the Finance and Administration areas, we felt that a Purchasing Seminar was long overdue.

These seminars are a "must see" for all budget managers or anybody else that is responsible for acquiring goods on behalf of their departments. This seminar will address many of the common confusions surrounding the VCC purchasing process.

**Topics will include:**

- How to complete a requisition that will speed through Purchasing.
- Blanket orders: when and when not to use.
- Petty cash usage: when, where, how.
- Computer purchasing: Director of ICS gives the latest scoop.

- Introduction of procurement cards to VCC.
- Employee reimbursements.
- Plus: Bring your questions to the Questions and Answers session.

To accommodate the greatest number of people, two seminars will take place. The first one will be on Oct. 8, 1:00-4:00 at KEC Room 5025 with a repeat at City Centre on Oct. 16, 1:00-4:00PM in Room 240.

Invitations will be sent to all budget managers. Others that are interested in joining us are asked to please confirm your attendance with Parviz Lalji at local 8312.

Please make note of one of these dates — we will see you there!

*Dave Crowe, local 7106*

## "So, what is David Tickner doing in Bangladesh, anyway?!"

He's responsible for training 60 people as volunteer or part-time teachers.

These teachers will organize and conduct courses, workshops, and other training activities in areas such as community and village development, literacy, agriculture and rural development, women's education and development, adult basic education, youth development, rural children's education, entrepreneurial skills for very small businesses, public health and sanitation, and other areas.

His work involves identifying training needs, developing programs and training materials, training teachers, establishing teacher support networks, and most importantly, ensuring that such activity continues once the project is over.

He's working with the Directorate on Nonformal Education; that is, education and training not part of the regular school and college system. He's part of a seven-person team (five Bangladeshis, one Filipino, and one Canadian) and will travel regularly around the country. Bangladesh is half the size of BC and has a population of 120 million people.

David is on leave from VCC for a year and a half, from September 1996 to March 1998. The project is managed by the Association of Canadian Community Colleges and funded by the Asian Development Bank.

David Tickner is with Program Development and Staff Training Department, located in room 2076 at the KEC campus. The department offers the Provincial Instructor Diploma Program, the Diploma in Adult Education Program, and the University of Alberta - Bachelor of Education Program.

## Deadline fast approaching for proposal submissions to ACCC 1997 Conference

The 1997 ACCC Annual Conference will take place June 1-3 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The theme for next year's conference is "On the Learning Edge," which is an appropriate introduction to the 21st century. The conference will focus on our roles as models, leaders, students and workers on the learning edge.

Our colleges have developed new ways of doing business, have become more adept and creative in utilizing new technologies, and are rapidly assuming an expanding leadership role in the development of new approaches to learning.

Presentations and workshops at the 1997 Conference will showcase innovations in our approach to learning and promise a "learning edge" experience for all participants.

ACCC has put out a call for proposals for workshop presentations for the conference. If you are interested, please call Vivienne (local 7159) for more information and an application form. *Proposals must be submitted to the President's Office by September 25 in order to meet the Association deadline.* Proposals will be adjudicated by ACCC and successful applicants will be notified by the end of October.

Unfortunately, there is a note of caution. Acceptance of a proposal does not guarantee VCC funding of travel etc. Funding will, of course, be subject to budget priorities. Requests for funding and leave to attend should go through the usual channels.

We apologize for the short timelines. Unfortunately, we received the information only last week.

## Internal communications: a key to campus safety

### Help Phones

A system of help phones are being installed throughout the King Edward and City Centre Campuses. Each help phone is clearly identified by a yellow "Help!" sign and a location identifier. All help phones call the campus security office (KEC or CC) then automatically transfer to the security cellular if there is no answer after two rings.

There are three types of help phones:

1. Enhanced pay phones, that connect with security when the "security button" is pushed.
2. "Taxi" style wall phones that connect with security when the receiver is lifted.
3. Parking lot call boxes that connect directly to the security cell phone when the red button is pushed (KEC economy and preferred lots only).

The help phones are for the use of employees, students and visitors who require security assistance. Examples of calls include: reporting safety hazards, reporting suspicious persons, requesting a safe walk, requesting a door to be opened, requesting first aid (for victims unable to walk to health services), reports of vandalism, harassment, etc. If you can access an internal phone, please call security, using their regular phone local.

### 911

If the situation is of an EMERGENCY, life threatening nature, immediately dial 911 from any pay phone or 9-911 from an internal line.

### 4444

Local 4444 is an extension of the help phone system. When 4444 is dialled from an internal phone the call goes to the campus security office (KEC or CC) then automatically transfers to the security cellular if there is no answer after two rings. Local 4444 is **no longer** an emergency line. *As stated above, if the situation is of*

*an emergency nature, immediately dial 911 for police, fire or ambulance response.*

A number of posters and handouts have been distributed over the years to direct people on emergency communication and response. These include information about 4444 as well as numbers to call for first aid assistance. To ensure a consistent response, please ensure all employees and students are familiar with the new help phone system and remove all outdated posters and handouts.

Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the location and operation of the help phones in your area.

If you are unsure of what posters and handouts are no longer current or have any questions about internal communications, please call Steve Traviss, 443-8603.

## announcements

### Welcome Beth

The Graphic Arts Printing Production department is very pleased to announce the election of Beth Callahan to the position of Department Head. Beth is the first woman to become department head of the GAPP. We are all looking forward to working with Beth — her determination and foresight can't help but enhance the learning outcomes for students gaining knowledge in the constantly changing printing industry.

### Medal-winning rower is former VCC grad

Kathleen Heddle, one of the rowers who won both gold and silver at this year's Atlanta Olympics, is a former graduate of the Graphic Arts Printing Production program. Kathleen also worked as a Technical Assistant in GAPP just before returning to rowing, her first love.

## The Electronic Library Network at VCC Libraries

Many different databases and research tools are available to VCC faculty and staff from our computer catalogue "Gateway" through the efforts of the **Electronic Library Network (ELN)**. ELN is a provincially funded organization that creates, develops and licences databases and other resources by working with most BC post-secondary institutions. They represent the state-of-the-art in Canadian system-wide library networking, collection acquisition, access and leveraging

Choosing the "Gateway" option on the library catalogue menu takes you outside of VCC Libraries to a variety of wonderful information sources that once were available in only the richest library collections at the largest institutions. You can browse the collections of UBC, SFU, UVic, College Libraries and Vancouver Public Libraries. You can perform searches on many "restricted" databases. You can view many complete magazine and newspaper articles or arrange to receive photocopies.

Here are some of the offerings that can be found through the Gateway:

### CARL UnCover

When you connect to **CARL UnCover**, you may search the contents of 17,000 journals. You may place orders for the full articles at a cost of \$8.50 US plus copyright fee. Orders will be delivered by fax within 24 hours. You may also register with **UnCover Reveal** to receive by e-mail the table of contents of up to 50 journals or up to 25 different search topics. Because of our membership in the ELN, all services except article delivery are free to VCC staff and students.

### OJAC : Online Journal Access

OJAC is a local area document delivery system. Sitting at a VCC Library terminal or your home/office computer, with your VCC Library card at hand, you can

connect via the Gateway to SFU. Once there, you can search periodical indexes for articles on your topic, complete an on-screen request form

for up to three articles per topic which you need and transmit this request to the holding library of your choice. (Note: In the *CBCA : Canadian Business and Current Affairs* database, "online" full-text articles can be printed by you immediately.)

Interlibrary Loan staff will notify you when the article arrives for pickup at your Campus Library, normally in four to five working days.

These services are provided free of charge to VCC Staff and Students, by **VCC Libraries** and the **Electronic Library Network**. OJAC user's guides are available at your Campus Library.



## 16th Bavarian Night at City Centre

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 und Schlemmer" party, on Friday, Nov. 1.

The event, which raises funds for scholarships for young culinarian students in secondary and post-secondary institutions, will feature a no-host bar at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m. 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. For more information and to obtain tickets, phone Suzan Guoin, 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.

## Future workshop at Justice Institute

Voices from Each Generation: Healing the Effects of Generational Trauma (#ep600)

(Co-sponsored with the Native Education Center and S.P.A.N.)

Many non-Aboriginal practitioners providing counselling and support services are working with First Nations survivors of generational trauma. Increasingly, these practitioners are recognizing that they require an understanding of the history of First Nations people and the impact that this history has had on present day life, on reserve and in urban settings. Without this awareness and cultural sensitivity, practitioners are not able to respond effectively to First Nations survivors within their counselling and support mandates.

The conference will provide critical opportunities to explore culturally relevant approaches to prevention and healing from the effects of generational trauma, and to build bridges between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal service providers, agencies, and communities.

This conference is directed toward Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal service providers, administrators, and policy-makers involved in service provision to First Nations communities.

Length: three days

Dates: February 20,21,22

Fee: \$250.00 (prior to Jan.1,1997)  
\$300.00 (after Jan.1, 1997)

## An overview of B.C. Benefits and Institution Based Training (IBT) programs at VCC

BC Benefits is the umbrella for British Columbia's social assistance programs including Family Bonus, Healthy Kids, Access to Independence, Youth Works and Welfare to Work. Youth Works and Welfare to Work are the two programs in which VCC is involved.

Youth Works (19 - 24 years) is intended to assist young people in moving from income assistance to work. Youth Works began in January, 1996 and has three phases:

- independent job search (seven months; first group: January-July)
- assisted job search programs (two months; August-September)
- basic education, job readiness - community employment training, workplace training or post-secondary training (from month 10; October 1996-TBA). Basic Education includes ESL, ABE, Literacy, Employment Preparation.

In July, 1996, legislation was passed which makes participation in job search programs mandatory for Youth Works clients if they wish to maintain their income assistance. Access to training has been guaranteed to the Youth Works group.

Welfare to Work is a program for income assistance clients 25 years and over. Welfare to Work parallels Youth Works; however, the compliance legislation does not apply to people 25 years and over, and training access is not guaranteed, but subject to availability.

VCC has submitted proposals for Assisted Job Search and Job Readiness programs to the Skills Development Division, Ministry of Education, Skills and Training (MOEST).

### Assisted Job Search Program

- scheduled August start delayed until October, 1996
- four components:
  - information sessions (3 hours/session)
  - Starting Points (8 hours/course)
  - Job Club (3 weeks/course)
  - Job Search (1 week/course)

• Counsellors are being hired to deliver the program

### Job Readiness Program

- tentative start date, October, 1996. No response yet to proposal.
- four components:
  - Career Planning (four week course)
  - Basic Employment Orientation (BEOT, 12 week course)
  - Specific Sector Employment Orientation Training (12 week course; BEOT plus exploration of a specific job sector)
  - Specific Occupational Skills Training (16 week course; BEOT plus specific skills training)

• facilities and staff will be needed.

### Institution Based Training (IBT)

IBT began under the government's SKILLS NOW Welfare to Work program. This program was intended to assist income assistance recipients in accessing and completing programs leading to employability. Various institutions have been involved in piloting student support projects and programs, and in developing monitoring systems for these activities.

BC Benefits maintains funding for the IBT Student Support Services and includes new funding for IBT Expanded Capacity. The major difference between Skills Now

Welfare to Work and BC Benefits is the mandatory participation legislation for 19-24 year olds. IBT is funded through the Post Secondary Division, MOEST.

### IBT Student Support Services

At the present time, VCC provides access and support services to people on income assistance as a part of the IBT initiative. The program has a presence on both main campuses.

Services include:

- Tours of CC and KEC campuses
- Educational planning
- Assistance with accessing career and/or personal counselling
- Referrals to and liaison with community services
- Assisting with the application process
- Assisting with accessing financial aid programs and services
- Coordination and provision of services to students
- Assistance with transition to employment

Wayne Avery is the IBT Coordinator. Wayne can be found in the Counselling Department at City Centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Mondays and Wednesdays, Wayne can be found on the 4th floor Administration offices at King Edward.

### IBT Expanded Capacity

The funding in IBT Expanded Capacity is like base-funded FTE's: it will be used to deliver more instruction in existing and/or new programs. Instructional support is also part of this funding, as it is in base funding. A VCC PLAN for the funding was submitted to the Ministry on July 30, 1996. VCC will receive the first part of its funds in September, 1996. The PLAN is available from Department Heads or Associate Deans.

A letter from the Ministry says:

"Criteria established when this funding was approved include the following:

- preference will be given to integrated ("mainstream") programming

- basic education will be focused, employment/skill training oriented, continuous entry programs
- 70% of basic education students will move on to post-secondary training or employment within one year
- post-secondary training will be linked to the labour market and will represent programs of one year or less duration (although the first year of a two-year program would also qualify)
- post-secondary programs will ladder to further education/training wherever possible"

In early July, Deans, Associate Deans, Department Heads and Coordinators were asked for their ideas about expanded programs. An outpouring of proposals followed and these were incorporated into the PLAN. The response was very much appreciated and the Ministry welcomed our ideas.

At a late July meeting, it was decided that our fall programs (October start proposed) will focus on "basic education," eg. ESL, ABE, Literacy and First Nations Access. Because of delays in the start of the Assisted Job Search program, little is known yet about the needs of the Youth Works clients. Based on our knowledge of VCC students, it is likely that the majority of

students will require upgrading of their language, interpersonal and/or academic skills before entering skills training. The Associate Deans have indicated that priority access will be given to Youth Works clients who meet entrance requirements for applied programs.

Through the fall, more planning will be done for January start-up. This will be the opportunity to examine existing programs and expand linkages or ladders between ABE/ESL/ASE and the applied programs, to look at early exit points from longer programs where a person might exit, work and re-enter, and to design new programs. With VCC's large variety of programs, we should be well able to meet the diverse needs of the clients.

The B.C. Benefits and Institution Based Training programs at VCC are in place or under development through the efforts of many people across the College. A thank you is extended to everyone!

Updates on B.C. Benefits/IBT activities will continue through the fall. For information on IBT Student Support Services, please contact Wayne Avery, 443-8449.

Mary Waddington has been seconded as Director, Special Projects, to coordinate

the Assisted Job Search, Job Readiness and IBT Expanded Capacity programs. For information on these programs, please contact Mary at office 5056, King Edward Campus; 871-7029.

## VCCFA Online

### Internet address

The Vancouver Community College Faculty Association now has Internet access at the VCCFA main office. If you wish to contact them by e-mail, the address is:

VCCFA@bc.sympatico.ca

### Information Server

A *listserv* has now been set up on the 'Pine' system for those VCCFA members who felt that an alternative method of providing information was needed to the "mass of paper" approach. Some members who use e-mail frequently suggested that an electronic method of information sharing would be a good idea, and perhaps save a few trees! So, the list seemed appropriate. Here are the instructions to subscribe:

1. Subscriber, send e-mail to listproc@vcc.bc.ca, no subject line, and only this message in the body,
 

subscribe VCCFA First\_name Last\_name

Note: Replace first and last name with your real names.

2. List owner (Sam Lewindon) will add you to the list. The next time you use e-mail, you will receive the "Welcome" message - along with details of the LISTPROC and any information items.

The list is intended to provide up to date information of interest to faculty members.

If you wish to add an information item to the list, just send it to 'vccfa@vcc.bc.ca'

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.

## PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

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

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# classifieds

## JOB POSTINGS

**Program Assistant (a)**, Music Department. King Edward Campus. Closing: Sept. 23.

Job openings for **English Instructors** in Korea. Many positions available starting every month. Contact:

Bok Ji Corporation  
Rm. 715, Teheran Office Bldg.  
707-38, Yok Sam Dong  
Kang Nam Gu, Seoul  
KOREA 135-080.

Phone: 011-822-555-5627, Fax: 011-822-552-4329,  
E-mail: bokjico@soback.kornet.nm.kr

The Merry English School in Taiwan requires one native qualified **ESL teacher**. Candidates should be college or university graduates, like to teach children, be self-motivated, possess an outgoing personality and be interested in Chinese languages. Ability to speak Mandarin is an asset. This is a full-time contract, six months long. Free Chinese course and VISA extension offered. Contact Marvin Liu at phone 298-2582 or fax 298-2583.

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## WANTED: RENTAL ACCOMMODATION

First Nations student, new to Vancouver, enrolled in Adult Education for Visually Impaired program at VCC requires long term room and board situation.

Seeking a responsible, mature, positive, quiet and alcohol and drug free environment. Requires some assistance with errands and cooking.

Desires place close to King Edward Campus. Rent cannot exceed \$400.00 per month.

Please leave a message for George at 936-8035.

## FOR SALE

For sale: 1988 Toyota Corolla station wagon, standard, 92,000 Kms., excellent condition. \$5500. Phone: 872-8065.

## 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.

- September 26, CC
- October 24, KEC
- November 28, CC
- December 12, location TBA (subject to Board approval)

## Retail Meat Sale - Call 443-8465 or 443-8351

Beef sides \$1.39 /lb.  
Beef hinds \$1.89 /lb.  
Whole lamb \$2.99 /lb.  
Pork sides \$1.69 /lb.  
(Cut and wrapped)

## 1996 PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

September 5 and 19  
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.

Please recycle this newsletter 