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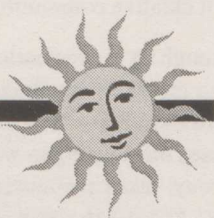
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# Connections

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## Summer sizzles for VCC Music performers and composers

**W**ith Summer Programs, Music Camps and Festivals, summer is always a busy time for the faculty of the VCC Music Department. But this June was particularly impressive!

Faculty members Alan Matheson, Rob McKenzie, Tony Koch, Rick Kilburn, Laurence Mollerup and Jennifer Scott joined some 30 past and present students performing at the du Maurier International Jazz Festival. In venues throughout the city programs for everything from small combos to big bands presented work ranging from the classics of the jazz repertoire through cutting edge improv and beyond.

Elsewhere, Peter Hannan's new opera *The Gang* ran for two weeks at the Vancouver East Cultural Centre, sponsored by New Music Vancouver. Hannan, who teaches composition and directs VCC's Music Ensemble used a cast featuring VCC col-

leagues Jennifer Scott, Christine Duncan and Shannon Gunn in his full-length theatre piece "about survival, about fear, about human nature at its most horrific." Pop voice instructor Christine Duncan also gave a high-profile solo recital in early July at the Vogue.

VCC's other composers were also in the news: Rob McKenzie was named an Affiliate Composer of the prestigious national association, the Canadian Music Centre, while David Duke's solo cello composition "though now we sleep" will kick off the 1997 Vancouver Chamber Music Festival before being performed at London's Wigmore Hall in November.

## BC Research tests find College drinking water acceptable

In early May, BC Research Inc. performed tests on the college's drinking water, using samples taken from the cafeteria sink at City Centre, the drinking fountain on the 9th Floor at CC, the sink in the CC Library and the lunch room in administration at KEC. A water sample from Canadian Springs was also tested.

In all test samples the results were within acceptable standards for drinking water.

Based on the test results, and as a followup to the Budget Update in April, the College will not be renewing our Canadian Springs Water contract, resulting in a savings of approximately \$12,000 annually.

If you would like a copy of the test results or have any questions about the testing, please call Steve Traviss at local 8603.



## Spaces are still available in these HRD courses:

### Intermediate MS Word For Windows

- Friday, August 22
- 9:00 am - 5:00 p.m.
- Room 5042, KEC
- Facilitator: Michele Mathern

### Instructional Skills Workshop (Receive Credit for 102A)

- Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
- August 20, 21 and 22
- 9:30 am - 3:00 p.m.
- Room 816, City Centre
- Facilitators: Kristina Knowles and Norm Dooley

### Program Planning (Update of ID 101)

- Monday, August 25
- 9:00 am - 3:00 p.m.
- Room 816, City Centre
- Facilitator: Bob Aitken

### Instructional Techniques (Update of ID 102A, 102B)

- Tuesday, August 26
- 9:00 am - 3:00 p.m.
- Room 205C, City Centre
- Facilitator: Kristina Knowles

### Instructional Media (Update of ID 103)

- Wednesday, August 27
- 9:00 am - 12:00 noon
- Room 224, Media Services, City Centre
- Facilitator: Michael Agrios

### Evaluation of Instruction (Update of ID 104A)

- Tuesday, August 28
- 9:00 am - 3:00 p.m.
- Room 205C, City Centre
- Facilitator: Norm Dooley

To register, call Parviz Lalji (local 8312)

## Pedal power and train transport commuter a long way

(From West Coast Express Commuter News, Volume 2, Number 2, Summer 1997)

Allen Clarkson [Counsellor at City Centre] is a believer in what he calls "creative commuting." Because it takes creativity, and more, to make the commute he does every day.

Clarkson, 53, lives in Fort Langley and works at the downtown campus of Vancouver Community College. That's not so bad, some might think. Just hop in the car, get on Highway 1, then battle gridlock all the way downtown.

But Clarkson is not your average commuter. When he first decided to move from Steveston to Historic Fort Langley on the south shore of the Fraser River he gave commuting a lot of thought. He finally decided to try a bicycle-ferry-train trip to travel the 50 kms to his office.

Now he gets up by 6:45, puts on his bike gear and is out the door before 7:00 a.m. to catch the Albion Ferry. After crossing over to the north side of the Fraser River, he pedals to Haney Station. The ride along the industrial river road that parallels Lougheed Highway takes about 15 minutes at a comfortable pace. Once at Port Haney, Clarkson boards the train and mounts his bike on one of the trains' bike racks.

Few commuters, if any, can boast of such a multi-modal public commuting propo-

sition as the one Clarkson has committed to undertake. "It's not for the faint of heart," he says with a touch of understatement in his voice. "But I believe in cycling and all the benefits that go along with it. I call it creative commuting."

Although he is a recreational cyclist, with a sign on his counselling office door that identifies him as a "Cycologist," Clarkson stresses that cycling to work, even part of the way, takes preparation and commitment. At least if you want to make it as pleasant as possible.

"People who plan to bike in all weather have a lot to think about," he says. "You can't just throw on a few layers of old woolens and hop on your old junker. If you want to be safe, and enjoy the ride day in and day out, you need a good bike and full gear." In addition to a helmet, now required by law, Clarkson's full gear includes a bright yellow Gortex rain jacket and pants, booties for warmth and dryness, goggles for eye protection and lights.

Clarkson says he chooses to commute "creatively" because of the West Coast Express. "The train is not really commuting. It's where I relax. It's pleasant and convenient. I think of my time on the train as quality time."

## Oops!

In the July 17 issue, the article on the June graduation did not mention valedictorian **Meinardo Boizan**, from the ESL Division. Our apologies to Meinardo and the ESL Division for this oversight.

In the same issue, the Education Support Service Update stated that "...the two Associate Deans, Pam Ottridge and Sandra North, report directly to Jackie Sandy." This should have read "Associate **Registrars**." Our apologies for any misunderstanding this caused.

## 1997/98 Board Meeting schedule

VCC Board meetings start at 5:00 p.m. and take place in either Room 240 at City Centre or Room 5025 at King Edward Campus. The 1998 schedule is as follows:

- January 22, KEC
- February 26, CC
- March 26, KEC
- April 23, KEC
- May 28, CC
- June 25, CC
- August 27, KEC
- September 24, KEC
- October 22, CC
- November 26, CC

Please note that Board meetings are not held in July. The schedule for the remainder of 1997 is as follows:

- August 28, CC
- September 25, CC
- October 23, KEC
- November 27, KEC
- December 11 (subject to Board approval)

Please call Vivienne Garrott at 7159 if you would like more information.

## Meeting notice

### Finance and Administration Committee of the Board

The Committee's meeting schedule for the rest of 1997 is listed below. All meetings take place from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise indicated, and are open to the public.

- Thursday, August 21, Room 5025, KEC
- September 16, Room 5025, KEC
- October 21, Room 5025, KEC
- November 18, Room 5025, KEC
- December 8, Room 5025, KEC (tentative date)

Please call Doreen Sharan at 871-7163 if you would like more information.

### Education Council

The Education Council meets the first Tuesday of each month, unless indicated otherwise. The schedule for the rest of 1997 is listed below. Meeting time is from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

- August, no meeting
- September 11, Room 5025, KEC
- October 7, Room 5025, KEC
- November 4, Room 237, City Centre
- December 2, Room 5025, KEC

Please call either Vivienne Garrott at 871-7159 or Doreen Sharan at 871-7163 for more information.

Doreen Sharan, Confidential Secretary  
Finance and Administration

## "Project Cars" now ready for your sealed bids

"Project Cars," the nearly new vehicles used for training VCC's Automotive Collision Repair Technician students, are now available for sale through a bidding process. These vehicles give students exposure to the latest in repair technology, and have been rebuilt and restored to original condition as part of the instructional process. They are of various makes and models and are safety inspected and AirCared after the repair process is complete.

The current vehicles, which may be viewed at KEC Automotive Collision department, are:

- 1990 Pontiac Sunbird, 4 door sedan (minimum bid \$4950)
- 1992 Honda Civic LX, 4 door sedan (minimum bid \$7800)

To place a bid on one of these vehicles, please contact the staff in the Automotive Collision Repair Technician Department at Local 7415 or drop by the shop on level 1. Remember, these vehicles are registered as "rebuilt".

At this time, "Project Cars" are likely to continue to be part of the training process for both regular and Apprentice levels of the program. That means more vehicles may be available for sale from time to time.

## Messages swamping office workers

(from the Daily Telegraph and The Province)

LONDON — Office workers are being so overwhelmed by a deluge of e-mails, phone calls, faxes and other messages that new communications technology leaves them with too little time to do their work.

A study by Gallup and the Institute for the Future published last month found that the average middle-management executive sends or receives 178 messages and documents each day.

Secretarial staff face more than 190 daily correspondences, including mail, e-mail, faxes, phone calls, voice-mail, sticky notes, pager messages, courier deliveries and internal mail.



## announcements

### Mel is retiring!

Special Needs Counsellor Mel Felker is retiring at the end of August. All staff and students are invited to drop by the Counselling Department on Level 3 of KEC and sign our "Farewell to Mel" card.

PS: This is a surprise, so please don't show Mel this issue of VCC Connections.

### KEC Financial Aide Update

#### Bursaries

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

#### Work study

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

#### Mini talks

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

### New books in CC Library

- Building the Corporate Intranet
- Encyclopedia of Canadian Rock, Pop, and Folk Music
- Everybody's Foodsafe Kitchen
- Expert Guide to Windows 95
- Illustrator 6 for Macintosh
- Inside UNIX, 2nd edition
- Instructional Strategies for Students With Special Needs
- Internet Explorer Virtuoso

## Saturday openings at the Library

We're pleased to announce that both the City Centre and King Edward Libraries will offer full Library services on Saturdays, starting September 13. Both campus Libraries will be open from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, with the following exceptions, when the Libraries will be closed over holiday weekends:

- Saturday October 11, 1997 (Thanksgiving)
- Saturday December 20, 1997
- Saturday December 27, 1997 (Christmas and New Year's)
- Saturday January 3, 1998

While we expect Saturday hours to continue to the end of April 1998, we can presently confirm Saturday openings only to the end of March 1998. However, please note that the Libraries would close for the Easter weekend on April 11, 1998. We look forward to offering this extended service and believe Saturday openings at both campuses will serve the needs of more of our students and faculty.

If you have any questions, please contact Aphrodite Harris, Department Head, Information Services, at local 7319.

### Homophobia Awareness Day

## Homophobia is another kind of prejudice

Many people experience prejudice because of their race, sex, religion or disability. While no two types of prejudice are the same, they share one similar aspect: they all hurt people. *Homophobia*, the fear and hatred of or discrimination towards lesbians, gay men and bisexuals, is another prejudice.

The belief that we should all be heterosexual is everywhere around us — at work, at school, at church, in our communities. It leads others to discriminate against lesbians, gay men and bisexuals.

### What can you do to combat homophobia?

Attend a "Homophobia Awareness Day" event, hosted by the Safer Campus Committee: September 16, 1997 at City Centre Campus, and September 17, 1997 at KEC.

As part of Homophobia Awareness Day, special events will take place at both campuses:

#### Workshop hosted by Gay and Lesbian Educators of BC (GALE BC)

- City Centre, 12:10 pm, Room 112 (Theatre), September 16
- King Edward Campus, 12:10 pm, Auditorium, September 17

#### The Gay and Lesbian Centre will provide information and answer questions at:

- City Centre (near the Library), 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, September 16
- KEC (cafeteria area), 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, September 17

#### Videos on homophobia and related subjects will play continuously at:

- City Centre (near the Library), 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, September 16
- KEC (cafeteria area), 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, September 17

In addition, posters on homophobia will be on display around the college.

## Internet common sense

There are few of us these days who don't have access to the Internet. But when you are at work, you need to be mindful of the proper use of this new source of information:

#### 1) Protect confidential information.

Never never reveal information about yourself, employees, customers or suppliers to parties outside your college.

#### 2) Make sure you're the expert.

Know all the facts about a topic before you comment on it. Remember that because the Internet is a public domain, any uninformed comment that you make on it can come back to haunt you.

#### 3) Use business-related news groups only.

It is easy to receive mail from various news groups through the Internet, but it's not always appropriate. News groups should be selected according to your business needs — not your personal needs.

#### 4) Keep in mind that not everything is appropriate for the Internet.

Confidential information or information with the potential to cause a significant negative impact warrant special security measures. If you're wondering whether your information is too sensitive for the Internet, remember the motto: If in doubt, keep it out.

#### 5) Be careful what you download.

Downloading games, inappropriate graphics or picture files or illegal software from the Internet is unacceptable for the workplace.

#### 6) Time is money.

While the Internet can help you in your job duties, you should gauge benefits for the Internet with the amount of time it takes to achieve them.

Don't damage your image at work by abusing your Internet privileges. Let common sense prevail.

MTS Echo

## CE Fashion Arts announces vintage fund raiser

The Continuing Education Fashion Arts program will raffle off a vintage 14K white gold and diamond pendant with chain, filigree mount, total carat weight .012. The pendant and chain are valued at \$385.

Tickets for the Donation Draw are \$4 each or 3 for \$10. Tickets are available at: Continuing Education Offices at CC and KEC and the CC Bookstore.

Funds raised from this raffle will be used to support computerized drafting software and equipment for the Fashion Arts Program at Continuing Education.

Draw date: Friday, September 26, 1997 (The winner must answer a skill testing question.)

## Improve your own morale

When your routine turns into a rut that saps your morale, snap out it by rearranging your daily schedule. Do you generally handle paperwork in the morning and make phone calls in the afternoon? Do the reverse for a change. It may give you a fresh outlook on how you handle your tasks.

Front Line Supervisor's Bulletin

## Who says there ain't no cure for the summertime blues?



Dave Greenall, of the KEC Counselling Department, is the latest winner in the VCC employee 50/50 draw. In keeping with the hot August weather, Dave won a sizzling \$594. (That'll buy a lot of charcoal briquettes!)

Although on vacation, Dave valiantly drove in to pick up his cheque — what a guy — and commented on how the contest is such a great opportunity for everyone to have fun, support VCC students and maybe, just maybe, walk away with almost \$600.

To join in the fun, or to increase your chances of winning, call Jane in the Educational Foundation, local 7237. See you in early September for the next big draw.

## Policies approved for deletion

The following policies were approved for deletion at Operations Council on June 10, 1997:

- 1.1.1.1 Policy and Procedures Manual
- 1.1.0.1 College Membership in Associations
- 1.1.1.2 College Organization
- 1.1.1.3 College Executive Committee
- 4.4.0.5 VVI - Recognition of Retirees



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## classifieds

### FOR SALE



- **Sony colour 13" TV** (older set — needs to be run through a VCR to pick up all cable channels). All original instruction books included. \$140. The set looks and works great (currently in use)
- **Two large silk ferns** (in white wicker baskets) originally \$65 each, will sell for \$35 each or 2 for \$60.
- **Fireplace tools/black iron/stand** and the usual pieces (rarely used) \$45  
Call local 7174.
- **Two tickets to Les Miserable.** Saturday, August 23, 8:00 pm. Great Seats! Row 4, #s 64 and 65. \$190 for both. Call Blair at 7383.

### HOUSING



**Apartment Sublet:** One block from Stanley Park and one block from English Bay and the ocean. Fully furnished. December '97 and/or January '98. Rent negotiable. Call 604-669-2029.

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



**Office Clerk (A)**, Program Development, KEC. Closing Aug. 12.

**Accounts Payable Clerk**, Financial Services, KEC. Closing Aug. 13.

**Part-time I.A. (D)**, (two positions), ESL-Outreach, Bby. Closing Aug. 13.

### SERVICES



Healthy Lifestyle, **Low Fat Cooking Coach** available to tutor individuals or groups who are interested in making eating/lifestyle changes. Too busy to do it yourself? Large batches can be made and frozen for you. Low fat, sumptuous catering available. For more info. contact Joy or Richard at 730-1042

### WANTED



**Fireplace screen and grate**, for wood burning fireplace, in reasonably good condition, and hopefully, cheap. Call local 7152.

## Surges opens its doors to corporate neighbours

For the month of August, Surges Fitness Centre, in the BC Hydro building next to City Centre, invites new external members to try out a one month trial membership at a reduced rate of \$25.00 (including GST).

Hours of operation are 6:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday to Friday. Call 623-3886 for more information.

*Yours in health,*  
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### 1997 PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

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Please provide your article through email, the I:\common\connect directory or on a PC disk with hardcopy. Your submissions are welcome, but please be aware that space limitations may prevent publication. Material may be edited for clarity and length. Deadline for submissions is Thursday of the week prior to publication.