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June convocation ceremonies a big success

More than 450 graduates turned out to receive their scrolls, shake hands with the president and walk across the stage to rising cheers from family, friends and faculty during VCC's summer graduation ceremonies. The atmosphere each evening was charged with excitement as the graduating classes filed into the auditorium which was filled to capacity for all five ceremonies held at KEC June 17, 18 and 19.

Nearly 40 faculty, students and support staff generously volunteered to help the graduates on their special evening by acting as marshals, ushers, gowners or greeters, and was it ever fun! It was an honour and a joy for all those who took part to applaud the achievements of each and every grad as they celebrated their successes.

"These events are a reminder of why we are here and are always a highlight for us all," commented John Cruickshank, president.

Graduation is really a college-wide event, incorporating the special skills and talents of many VCC programs into the celebration. The music department provides pianists to play during the ceremonies as well as vocalists to sing *Oh Canada*; the floral design program prepares arrangements to decorate the stage and receptions; the hor d'oeuvres are catered compliments of the Baking and Pastry Arts department.

Each valedictorian's speech not only inspired their fellow graduates but the platform party and the audience. A very special thank you to all of these special graduates: Farid Janmohamed and Paul Holtved of the Tourism, Hospitality and Service Programs; Debra Bloomfield, Business and Computer Applications Programs; Katherine Ellett, Health Programs; Elizabeth Farrell and Emily Braun of the Academic, Adult Basic Education, and Adult Special Education Programs.

The graduation committee would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who lent a helping hand during graduation. Your assistance was truly appreciated.

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Thursday, August 7, 1997

**The deadline for copy is
Thursday, July 31.**

Thanks for your submissions

New Library fines and fees structure

The College Fees Committee has approved a new Library fines and fees structure which harmonizes the overdue fines and other Library fees charged by the Library at both the City Centre and King Edward Campuses. This will ensure equity both in access to materials, and in the charging of any penalties to Library users at both campuses.

All Library patrons, including College employees (faculty, staff and administrators), will now be charged overdue fines. College employees have always been liable for replacement costs and processing fees for lost and missing items. The new fines and fee structure went into effect July 2.

The Library asks that anyone with Library materials out at present return or renew them on time, and thereby avoid any fines! You can now renew materials either in the Library at the Check Out Desk, or through our new self service renewal system which is also available via the convenience of your home or office computer. If you are unsure what materials you have out, you can print a list from your home or office computer or the library public access terminals, or check at the Library circulation desk. While the standard loan period of materials to college employees is one month, in special circumstances this loan period can be extended; please ask to speak to a librarian at the Information Desk for special extensions.

If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Appleton, College Librarian at local 7318 or Eva Sharell, Dept. Head, Library Circulation Services, at local 8349.

Educational Support Services update

A number of changes have been made over the past few months in the Educational Support Services division:

Registrar's Office

Jackie Sandy, in her new role as Dean of Student Services and Registrar, has moved her KEC office from the 4th Floor, KEC Administration, into the Registrar's office. Her telephone number remains the same. The two Associate Deans, Pam Ottridge and Sandra North, report directly to Jackie.

The KEC Cashiers have been transferred to Financial Services. Jo Hansen now reports to Agnes Seto.

Health Services

Moneca Dale, our Nurse at KEC North, will be relocating to King Edward Campus. Monica will be moving into her new digs in Counselling at the beginning of August.

For budgetary reasons, psychological services are no longer available through VCC's Health Services Department.

And, Health Services now reports to Karen Kelly, our Director of College Services.

College Advancement

Sandra Bishop and Dale Rasmussen in the College Advancement Department now report to the Vice President of Educational Support Services, Linda Martin. The new Marketing Committee, chaired by Linda, is developing its Terms of Reference and examining strategies to increase VCC's visibility and marketing opportunities.

Counselling

The Counselling Departments are integrating under a new organizational model. There will be one department head and two assistant department head positions posted soon.

Two Vice Presidents relocated

Dale Dorn, V.P. of Education and Linda Martin, V.P. of Educational Support Services have moved their offices from KEC's 4th floor to the 5th floor, Rooms 5047 and 5055 respectively. Tagging along are Carol Mercier, who moved over from City Centre campus, and Della Glendenning.

First Nations Education

Coordinator Linda Thomas is leaving us to start a great new adventure, having been accepted into the Faculty of Law at UBC. Have fun, Linda!

Our new Coordinator, Yvonne Hopkins, will be joining VCC on August 18. Yvonne has a Bachelor's degree from U.B.C., majoring in First Nations Studies, and is coming to us from the Native Education Centre where she was a First Nations Studies Instructor. Welcome, Yvonne.

LAMS

College Librarian Brenda Appleton has graciously accepted a three-year re-appointment to the position of College Librarian. Congratulations, Brenda.

The new BCTel White Pages are now available

You can pick up your copy at your campus Receiving Department. And don't forget to deliver your old copies to Receiving for recycling.

It's here...

www.vcc.bc.ca

...check it out

"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.

KEC Counselling opens Job Bank

A new Job Bank service was recently set up at KEC Counselling. This user-friendly service lists available jobs predominantly in the Lower Mainland, unless an employer requests that it be listed at all the Provincial CEC offices.

If it is a job that is hard to fill, then it will be listed nationally.

Job seekers can search for regular job postings, student job postings (summer jobs), postings received in the last 24

hours, all job postings received and according to occupational code.

For a complete listing for all regions, check out HRDC's website: <http://jb-ge.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca> or search by entering "Canada, Job Bank."

CE Nursing and Health, KEC-West is moving

The program coordinators and support staff of Continuing Education's Nursing and Health Programs, who have resided at KEC-West, will be moving to the CE office on the fourth floor of KEC on Wednesday, July 23. The new telephone locals of the folks involved are:

- Mimi Chau 7069
- Monica Maletz 7065
- Mary Crooks 7078
- Sarah Mokaber 7067
- Diane Donaldson 7461
- Sheila Stickney 7092
- Catherine Leong 7066

Free magazines at City Centre Library

We have single issues of various magazines to give away to college employees. (These issues are duplicates we've received from the publishers). The magazines will be available for you to take away—and don't be shy, take as many as you like!!—until July 25, at which time we'll offer them to students and the general public.

Some folks have all the luck

July's winner of the VCC Employee 50/50 Draw is **Bob Hamaura of ICS**, who won \$594!! And get this, he just won a hockey pool, too!

Thanks for participating, Bob and thanks as well to all 50/50 participants. Because of you, we have raised \$4,396 to date for student entrance scholarships.

To join up or to increase your chances, just call Jane at 7237. Maybe it'll be your turn in August!

Local Heroes



A new column that recognizes the efforts of various VCC students, faculty or staff. If you know of a "local hero" who should be mentioned in Connections, contact the editor: local 7152 or email drasmussen@vcc.bc.ca

Kudos to CCA student *Stirling Tallio* for his limited edition print "The Eagle and Sun," which he created especially for the recent AECBC conference. A student with CCA for approximately one year, Stirling is from Bella Coola and is a member of the Nuxalk Nation.

Stirling's work is unusual and particularly attractive because of his use of colour, utilizing more colour than normally seen in most First Nations' art.

Anyone who hasn't seen "The Eagle and Sun" can view it in the CCA Department, room 2115, KEC.

Many thanks to *generous VCC'ers who donated to the most recent United Way Campaign*. Stephanie Jewell of International Education recently passed on to us a letter of thanks to all VCC United Way participants, from BC Children's Hospital Foundation. United Way donations to Children's Hospital go directly to patient care, through the purchase of equipment, research or education. The letter, from Jennifer Pearson, Director of Annual Giving, states that through your help the hospital is able to provide "the chance of a lifetime that every child deserves."

Joy Cohen, KEC Counselling Receptionist by day and fitness trainer and counsellor by night, was recently featured as part of a three-page article in The Province on "Big time: Opportunities for plus-sized women to get fit and healthy." Joy and other fitness advocates concentrate on developing self-esteem for people of all sizes, along with focusing on health and fitness that's entertaining and fun. Joy's quote: "A lot of people out there are deeply entrenched in shame. But you deserve to be happy and healthy whatever size you are." Way to go, Joy!

Call for presentations - 1998 ACCC Annual Conference

The 1998 Association of Canadian Community Colleges Conference will take place from May 24-26, 1998 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The conference will be hosted by Red River Community College in partnership with Assiniboine, Keewatin and Yellowquill Colleges. College faculty, support staff, students, administrators and board members are invited to submit proposals which address the Conference theme - *Imagine - Technology, Education and You*.

- **IMAGINE TECHNOLOGY:** What are the new tools, methods, products?
- **IMAGINE EDUCATION:** How will education be transformed by technology?
- **IMAGINE YOU:** What are the psychological and sociological effects of technology on Community College stakeholders?

If you are interested in submitting a proposal, please contact Sarah Lucas at local 7158 for a proposal form. Submissions are due by September 26, 1997.

Prior Learning Assessment at VCC — Q&A

What is it?

Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) is an opportunity for students to receive credit for learning acquired through non-formal education and training or work experience. VCC is now recognizing PLA as one means for students to complete their course of study.

Who might a typical student be?

A typical PLA student is someone who has been working and/or has non-formal education in an area and now wants to use that learning for formal credit. For example a person working as a secretary might want to become a computer application specialist. They might have many of the skills taught in the program but no formal training that proves those skills. With Prior Learning Assessment they would be able to have their skills and knowledge assessed and get academic credit for them. Another example might be someone who has been working in a care setting but doesn't have formal credential but has many of the skills of a Resident Care Attendant. They could have their skills and knowledge assessed and be given credit for the learning they have acquired.

Where is VCC in the implementation process?

Currently VCC, through the PLA committee and coordinator, is in the process of having policy approved, orienting faculty and administration to PLA, and training advisor/assessors for PLA. Concurrent with the development and training are two programs that are beginning to develop assessment tools for prior learning assessment. The Medical Lab Assistant and Resident Care Attendant Programs both have students interested in taking the prior learning assessment route to gain credit. The Provincial Instructor Diploma and the Diploma in Adult Education will begin

offering PLA this July. The Business and Hospitality programs are also beginning the process of examining PLA as an option. Watch for fall training sessions for assessors or call Joan McArthur-Blair to set up a training session for your department.

What is the process a student will go through to get PLA?

Although not all the processes are currently in place, this is a general outline of what the process will be like. A student will advise admissions of their interest in PLA. Admissions will send the student to Counselling to pick up information on prior learning assessment for their program (under development). The student will then proceed to the department where they will be accepted (or rejected) as a PLA candidate. If the student is accepted they will provide evidence of their skills and knowledge to the department and be assessed and graded on those skills and knowledge. The department will then provide admission with those grades and the student will be placed in the program.

What do departments need to do to start the process?

If programs and departments are getting involved in PLA they need to train advisor/assessors within the department, re-design course and program evaluations for prior learning assessment and provide counselling with PLA information.

Where can departments who want to implement PLA get support?

VCC has a PLA Coordinator, Joan McArthur-Blair, who is there to assist the college in all aspects of PLA implementation. Advisors/assessors training is available through her and she provides pilot support to all departments getting in-

volved in PLA. In addition, there are small amounts of funds available for release time to departments for re-design of their evaluations for Prior Learning Assessment.

Upcoming

- Susan Simosko, Assessor Training 9-12 -- Assessor Training Advanced
- September 30
- 1:00-4:00 pm, Time and Place TBA

Watch the fall issues of Connections for Prior Learning Assessment updates.

Joan McArthur-Blair, PLA Coordinator
871-7520, jmcarthu@vcc.bc.ca

Financing Options for Immigrant and Visible Minority Women Entrepreneurs

Micro Enterprises, Startups, and Expansions

- Thursday August 7, 1997
- VCC King Edward Campus
- Room 5025 (5th Level Board Room)
- 9-10:30 am OR 12:30-2:00 pm

A free public information seminar with speakers from Women's Enterprise Society of BC, Communi-k and Vancity.

Exploring Business Opportunities Workshop

- 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
- \$15 - pre-registration required - call 1 (800) 643-7014

Attend the Workshop, or the Public Information Session, or BOTH!

For information, contact Women's Enterprise Society of BC, at 1 (800) 643-7014.

Sponsored by Employment and Educational Access for Women, Vancouver Community College, Vancity and WESBC

announcements

Bookstore summer hours

The KEC Bookstore will change its operating hours effective June 23, 1997 until Labour Day. New summer hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Please note that on weeks containing a statutory holiday the Bookstore does not open on Saturday. (August 3 and 30, closed.)

Bakery and Retail Meat Sales outlets combined

Effective Wednesday, July 2, 1997, the Bakery Sales outlet will be closed temporarily for the months of July and August 1997.

The sales outlet for Baking and Pastry, Culinary Arts and Asian Cuisine will be combined into one sales outlet, the Retail Meat Sales outlet located on the first floor at the Pender Street entrance, until further notice.

CC Bookstore closure

The City Centre Campus Bookstore will be closed from July 14-25 for staff vacations. In the event of an emergency, please call Karen Kelly at local 8312 or Parviz at local 8311.

To the members of VCC

I would like to extend my gratitude and appreciation for those who supported me in the elections for the bargaining committee. I wish the committee the best in their long hard road ahead.

Linda McCallum

New books in CC Library

- Mastering Macromedia Director 5
- PowerBuilder 5: developer's resource: client/server programming for the Enterprise

- So... You Wanna Buy a Car: insider tips for saving money and your sanity
- Start and Run a Profitable Coffee Bar
- Writing Romance

Meeting notices

Education Council

As there will not be a quorum due to vacation schedules, the Education Council will not be meeting in August 1997.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 9, 1997, from 3:30-5:30 pm, but may change due to a conflict. A final confirmation, including location, will be provided sometime in August. Please contact Doreen Sharan at 871-7163 if you have any questions.

Finance and Administration Committee of the Board

A reminder that the Finance Committee will not be meeting in July 1997. The Committee's next scheduled meeting in August has been changed from Tuesday, August 19 to Thursday, August 21, 1997 from 3:00-5:00 pm in Room 5025 at King Edward Campus. Please contact Doreen Sharan at 871-7163 if you have any questions.

VCC Board

A reminder that the next meeting of the Board of Governors will be held on Thursday, August 28, 1997 at City Centre Campus, starting at 5:00 pm in Room 240. Please contact either Vivienne Garrott at 871-7159 or Doreen Sharan at 871-7163 for more information.

Avoid the fall rush — bring your duplicating to us

Take advantage of the quieter summer months and let KEC duplicating do your copying work before things really heat up for the fall intakes. If you've been sitting on a job that needs doing soon, now's the time to see us. *Don't wait till everyone's back from vacation... come see us today!*

Bike-commuting to VCC: it can be done, and it can also be fun!

(Lee Henderson, of the ESL Outreach Department, relates his experience as a commuter cyclist, travelling mainly to KEC put also periodically to City Centre.)

As a community college, VCC has a big environmental impact on the community we serve. And as we know, air pollution is a problem for the community and lack of exercise creates health problems for the individual.

But there are alternatives, and along with that, some good news: it is becoming easier each year to cycle to KEC. Many of the residential streets in the neighbourhoods around China Creek have calmer motor vehicle traffic because of traffic circles and pocket parks in intersections.

A new bike route, the "Off-Broadway Bikeway," which approaches KEC from the west, was recently opened. However, I don't recommend it, except for using it to cross Clark Drive with the new cyclist-activated traffic light at 7th Ave.

Experienced bike commuters I consulted recommend 10th Ave for crossing town. Because 10th Ave. lies between Broadway and 12th, and the traffic on North-South arterials has big gaps, it is usually easy to cross Granville, Oak, Cambie and Main Streets, to name a few.

As for City Centre, I have cycle commuted to that campus, using the Adanac Bikeway. This is great fun, and heavily used by cyclists, who greet each other on the way.

Although the city is not a completely bike-friendly place yet, over time it is becoming increasingly easy to commute to work. Here's hoping that this bit of information will encourage VCC employees to try out more alternative transportation methods.

ICS INFO CORNER

ICS transition

As you are probably aware, Corinne Schollie's last day with VCC will be Thursday, July 17. Given the time of year, the plan is to begin the process of selecting a new Director of ICS immediately following the Labour Day weekend. In the meantime, Michael Lynn will be assuming the role of Acting Director. Arrangements are being made for some backfill of Michael's position, Manager, Systems and Computing. Mary Hoekstra will also fill in for the Director ICS on some projects.

The following is a general guideline regarding Michael's responsibilities as Acting Director and a brief summary of those aspects that Mary will be handling.

In general, Michael's responsibilities as Acting Director will include:

- day-to-day operation of ICS
- signing authority for ICS operating budget
- the 96/97 capital process budget.

During this period Mary will be handling any matters concerning:

- the Banner budget
- the cabling phase II budget
- the 97/98 capital process budget.

With regard to committees, Michael will stand in as the Director ICS on:

- VCC Management Forum
- VCC Finance and Administration Directors Committee
- Coalition of Banner Users
- Computer Centre Managers Group (CCCC)
- Educational and Information Technology Advisory Committee
- VCC Operations Council
- Banner Technical Leaders Group

On an interim basis, Mary will stand in for the Director ICS on:

- Banner Project Leaders Group
- Banner Steering Committee
- CEISS Management Advisory Committee
- Educational and Information Technology Advisory Committee
- CAUSE Liaison

Shared directories:

I:\common and J:\common

ICS would like to remind everyone that the files in the "Common" directories on I: and J: can be viewed, deleted, or modified by anyone on the LAN. Private directories e.g. I:\REGOFC are only accessible by restricted groups. In addition, if you are no longer using some of the files in these directories, could you please delete any unnecessary files.

Helpdesk stats

To date, the Helpdesk has logged 4,081 calls (1,764 at CC; 2,183 at KEC; and 134 at other locations). 3,828 of these calls have been resolved.

calendar

Upcoming events and other happenings of note

September 9

Education Council meeting, Room 240, City Centre Campus, 3:30 pm

August 21

VCC Board Finance and Administration Committee, Room 5025 (Boardroom), King Edward Campus, 3:00-5:00 pm

August 28

VCC Board Meeting, Room 240, City Centre, 5:00 pm

August 3-10

1997 North American Indigenous Games, Victoria.

Walk for Literacy follow-up

The planning committee for the 1997 Walk for Literacy would like to publicly thank those who supported this year's campaign.

A very successful Walk for Literacy raised approximately \$5,000 for future Literacy Students at VCC. Donors gave approximately \$2,500 and the government will match those numbers. The fund, administered by the Vancouver Community College Educational Foundation, will use interest gained from the 1996 and 1997 walks to assist students in the various literacy departments at VCC.

On Sunday May 25, 1997 almost 100 walkers from the VCC Learning Community and from the public marched from City Centre Campus to KEC campus to raise funds for Literacy. Students, administrators, instructors, and members of the support staff all met in the KEC faculty lounge to celebrate the day. Many more people and corporations participated through generous donations of time, money, gifts and sponsorship.

The planning committee would like to express our deepfelt thanks to all concerned for the help, good wishes and donations.

Ted Hougham
CCA Department

WANTED



Does your car need repairs? The KEC Automotive Department needs your vehicle! We want cars that need tune-ups and clutch, transmission, and brake repairs. Contact Murray MacGregor, local 7426 or 7417.

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1989 Toyota Camry LE. Excellent condition. One owner. Low mileage (less than 80,000 miles). White, with dark blue velour interior. Garage parked. Fully loaded, including P/W, P/D locks, P/sun/moon roof, P/mirrors, P/child locks, Inside trunk and gas tank release, overdrive, power boost, stereo, air conditioning, and C-control. Asking price: \$9450. To view call Dave at 7205 or 929-5900.

New 5-Disc Yamaha CD Player with Remote - \$200, firm (retail value \$260). Won by group on hospital lottery. Contact Roberta Collins, City Centre Campus, local 8525.

FOR SALE... YOUR BABY NEEDS

- Fisher Price High Chair: \$50
- Bath Ring by Safety 1st: \$10
- Fisher Price Silent Swing: \$50

All items are in excellent condition. Please call 443-8312.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Temporary Part Time Library Assistant (b), LAMS-KEC-Circulation Services.
Closing July 21.

Thumbtack owners granted amnesty as part of college "tack-ban"

As of September 1, thumbtacks will be banned from use at KEC campus. When left lying around on elevator and hallway floors, these seemingly innocuous little devils puncture the tires of wheelchairs, causing users no end of frustration.

KEC employees with thumbtacks in their possession are requested to turn them in to KEC Building Services Manager Bill Miller, no questions asked, by September 1. Please note that this is not simply a thumbtack-registration for thumbtacks which you own and use for your own business and personal pleasure. Rather, it is an outright ban.

ET CETERA



Found: black and white pen in KEC Board room (5025). Contact Liz at local 7101.

No word yet on whether persons opposed to the new ban will launch a grassroots PR campaign to fight the turning in of all thumbtacks. However, sources close to this issue tell us that the powerful and well-funded U.S. thumbtack lobby, coordinated by the NTA (National Thumbtack Association) is watching the outcome of this issue very closely, with an eye to assisting in any pro-thumbtack campaign, if requested to by their neighbours to the north.

One thing is obvious, however: the argument that "it's not thumbtacks that puncture tires, it's people that puncture tires" holds no water in this instance.

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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.

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