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The aftermath of Bre-X

What does the Bre-X collapse mean for College Pension Funds?

The recent announcement of the fraud and collapse of Bre-X stock has attracted considerable attention, to the point where individuals who unwittingly invested in the notorious company through mutual funds and other vehicles are beginning to ask some hard questions.

Those who regularly contribute to College pension plans are also looking for some answers. The May 8 edition of *The Province* stated that "the Bre-X collapse has hit B.C. public-employee pension plans to the tune of \$78 million." This has prompted some employees to ask "...Did the plans which I pay into regularly invest in Bre-X? If so, did I lose money from my pension plan?"

The short answer is that, yes, B.C. employee pension funds did invest in Bre-X shares. Bre-X was listed as a top 100 company on the T.S.E. (part of the "T.S.E. 100") and consequently was included in the indexed T.S.E. pool.

B.C. Government pension funds lost a total of \$78 million, which translated into a .18% loss on the total fund. However, the comforting news to pension plan contributors is that even when the loss of Bre-X is factored into the equation, the net gain on

Canadian equities for the week for BC government pension funds was \$380 million.

What kept the government pension funds from experiencing overwhelming and damaging losses is the fact that the funds are managed as a highly diversified portfolio. In explaining the Bre-X loss and Canadian equities overall gain, Jack Bradshaw, chair of the CIEA Pension Committee, stated that "...whether Bre-X should have been included will no doubt be questioned; however, the strength of a diversified portfolio is that it is possible to lose \$66 million (not all this week) on one stock and still post a net \$380 million gain on Canadian equities for the week."

The Office of the Chief Investment Officer of the B.C. Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations echoed Bradshaw's

see Bre-X on page 3

A note from the President

Use and abuse of the Internet

Many of us are regular users of e-mail and increasingly many of us are accessing the Internet from office and classroom computers. Clearly this trend will accelerate and we encourage it! Students and employees will need to become familiar with Internet (including the World Wide Web) for many sound educational reasons, e.g. research information, curriculum materials and to communicate with colleagues and other experts who may be on the other side of the world.

Along with the many obvious advantages, there are pitfalls. The Internet is a largely uncontrolled environment and it is not therefore surprising that pornographic, sexist and racist material is to be found on the net - you may quite inadvertently come across it while "surfing." I emphasize two points: College Policy does not permit the use of college computers for activities other than work related and, the College Human Rights Policy clearly states that harassment may be defined as "objectionable or unwelcome behaviour which the person committing such behaviour knows or ought reasonably to know creates an environment conducive to work or study" (3.a) ii).

This may seem like an unnecessary caution, but a recent incident triggered an apparent need for some kind of statement. If you have any concerns on this issue, please do not hesitate to bring them to my attention.

Thank you.

John Cruickshank

Dedication brings success for VCC instructor

Congratulations to Shabbir Bakhshi of Vancouver Community College on receiving his license to practice dentistry and to his wife Heleneide who is on staff at Langara College.

Shabbir Bakhshi graduated from the Faculty of Dentistry of Afghanistan in 1985. Shortly after graduation, because of the war, he escaped to Pakistan and worked at the United Medical Centre for Afghan Refugees in Peshawar until 1988. He immigrated to Canada in 1988 and in 1989 married Heleneide.

Shabbir had a goal even before he immigrated: to get his licence and practice dentistry in Canada. Since arriving in Canada, he has worked as a dental assistant in Winnipeg, and as a dental technician and lab manager in the Lower Mainland. In 1996 he decided to gain new experience and secured a job in VCC's Denturist and Dental Technician Department as an Instructional Assistant.

Douglas College names new President

After receiving expressions of interest from across Canada, the United States and Great Britain, Douglas College has named Susan R. Witter as their new President.

"She comes to the College with a wealth of knowledge and first-hand experience of the BC college system," said Robert Buzza, chair of the Douglas College Board. "We look forward to her arrival in July."

Witter is Dean of Access and Continuing Education at the University College of the Fraser Valley (UCFV). Over the last eight-

Besides working full time, Dr. Bakhshi spent most of his free time preparing himself for the National Dental Examining Board of Canada. He took post-graduate courses at the University of Western Ontario and Vancouver Community College to keep himself up to date. He was first granted a temporary licence in 1994 as a dental technician while working in dental laboratories.

In 1997 he received a Certificate which entitles him to obtain a dentistry licence in all ten provinces. Currently, he is working as an associate in a dental practice in North Burnaby and as a part-time instructor in the College's Denturist and Dental Technician Department.

Our best wishes to Dr. and Mrs. Bakhshi as they begin this new phase of their life in Canada.

submitted by Claire Toynbee,
ICS City Centre

een years she has held increasingly senior positions at Kwantlen and Langara Colleges and at UCFV.

She will start her position at Douglas College on July 23, 1997. Lloyd Morin, who has acted as President during the search, will continue to lead the college until Ms. Witter arrives.

"I know she will bring a vital energy, depth of understanding and commitment to the needs of students, the college and the community," Buzza said.

VCC student exhibit delights local jewellers

From a fascination with kaleidoscopes comes jewelled silver shafts of mirror and glass; from a designer's eye comes a ready to wear silver vest, its glistening gemmed neckline taunting; from Darwin, well guess... cloned sheep.

VCC jewellery students will exhibit their creations at the Jewellery Art and Design Student Exhibition at City Centre Campus, on Friday, May 23, 1997. The exhibit will open with a wine and cheese reception from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Nearly 500 guests, including many of Vancouver's best-known jewellers, will get a first peek at the finest up and coming talent the west coast has to offer. Most students will be commissioned before the night is through.

"VCC's two-year program emphasizes both the artistic and technical aspects of jewellery-making," comments Maciek Walentowicz, department head. "Students explore creativity using concepts, aesthetic approaches and techniques that challenge their artistic capabilities."

Each student has also created one silver link of "a chain for children" which reflects the importance of healing, growing up healthy and family values. This unique necklace will be raffled off during the reception, its proceeds benefiting BC's Children's Hospital.

The show will be on display in the lobby of City Centre campus May 24 - June 7.

Sandra Bishop

Operators are standing by ...?

Vacation voicemail reminder

As a courtesy to callers, it's important that you keep your voicemail box greeting up to date and ensure that alternate contacts are clearly identified in your greeting during your absence. This is especially important during extended absences such as vacation.

Ensure your named contact is, indeed, available to take your calls during the time of your absence. Provide callers with the name and direct telephone number of your alternate contact and the best time to reach them. If you wish, the voicemail system can be preprogrammed so that callers pressing "0" will be transferred automatically to your alternate contact. It is still important however, to identify the alternate contact by name and direct telephone number in your voicemail greeting.

Another etiquette tip for vacation/absence greetings is to begin your greeting with "Vacation notice" or some other immediate notification which states that you will be absent for an extended period of time. This will help to notify callers before they have a chance to bypass your greeting.

Finally, your voicemail greeting can be changed from off-campus just as messages can be retrieved from off-campus. Instructions for changing your greeting are available in the back of the VCC Telephone Directory on page 57 and instructions for accessing voicemail from off-campus are on page 58. If you have any questions regarding your voicemail, preprogrammed "0" transfer, or other features please contact Christie Wagner at local 8368.

Instructor's Guide to the Brain

with Dr. Patricia Wolfe

June 4 and 5 1997

City Centre Campus

Dr. Wolfe is one of the leading authorities on the implications of brain research on teaching.

She is an excellent speaker who demonstrates the brain-based principles of teaching/learning in her presentations.

This workshop will provide a clear explanation of some of the most significant findings and provide instructors with the opportunity to explore the practical application of this research to their work settings.

FEE: \$100, FREE to first 50 VCC employees.

To Register phone 871-7488/7499 or fax 871-7511.

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sentiments in a recent statement: "...from a fund management perspective, it is important to keep the issue in its proper context. Clients held broadly diversified portfolios and have relatively little exposure to any one company." The Office adds a cautionary but somewhat optimistic note: "It is, however, hoped that the lessons of Bre-X will lead to fundamental reexamination of processes and lead to significant improvements in the investment industry."

Dale Rasmussen

New policy announcements

Policy on Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIPOP) and Records Management and Retention

Effective Date: 04/24/97

Purpose:

To ensure VCC compliance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, by providing a legal right of access to records in the custody of, or under the control of the College, while at the same time preventing the unauthorized collection, use or disclosure of personal information.

Policy:

VCC will comply with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will retain or dispose of records in accordance with the VCC Directory of Records.

A record created or obtained in the course of duties as an employee or official of VCC, belongs to VCC and is subject to The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Applies to:

All VCC employees and students.

Definitions:

FOIPOP is an acronym for Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy and throughout this policy is referred to as The Act.

"Record" includes:

- books
- documents
- maps
- photographs
- drawings
- letters
- vouchers
- papers
- any other thing on which information is recorded, stored by graphic, electronic, mechanical or other means.

A record does not include:

- computer program, or any other mechanism that produces records;

Personal Information is all information about an identifiable individual which includes, but is not limited to:

- name
- religious or political beliefs or associations
- home address
- educational history
- telephone number
- medical history
- age
- disabilities
- sex
- blood type
- marital or family status
- employment history
- identifying number
- financial history
- race
- criminal history
- national or ethnic origin
- colour
- anyone else's opinions about an individual, an individual's personal views or opinions.
- name, address and phone number of parent, guardian, spouse or next of kin.
- **Active, semi-active, final disposition, archives etc.** in the management of records management and retention (see Appendix A).
- Personal Information Handling

Collection:

VCC will collect personal information on students and employees, as provided for under Sections 26 and 27 of The Act (see Appendix B). Appropriate notice and collection methods are safeguarded in each area.

Use:

This personal information will only be used:

- for the purpose for which it was collected;
- for use consistent with that purpose;
- with the written consent of the individual;
- for the purpose for which that information was disclosed to VCC.

Access to personal information:

Students may have access to their personal files in the presence of the area administrator;

Employees may examine the contents of their personal records in the presence of the area administrator.

Access to Third Party Personal Information by Employees:

Access will be governed by the requirements of The Act. Employee access to personal information about students, employees or others where the College has custody or control of the information will be allowed if the information is necessary for the performance of the duties of the employees.

Accuracy:

VCC will make every reasonable effort to ensure that the personal information it uses is accurate. Upon request from an individual, correction or amendment to personal information may be made.

Security:

Reasonable security arrangements will prevent the risk of unauthorized collection, access, use, disclosure or disposal of personal information.

Disclosure:

VCC will not disclose personal information about students or employees to any third party, unless it is otherwise provided for under Section 33 of the Act.

PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

If you are requesting information under The Act:

- Apply in writing to the FOIPOP Coordinator.

(Forms are available in the departments or from the FOIPOP Coordinator.)

If you receive a request for information, under The Act

- forward to the FOIPOP Coordinator the same day it is received.

The Policy Coordinator will:

- prepare a response to an applicant in compliance with The Act, for the signature of the President, the designated Head of FOIPOP for the College. The Act specifies 30 calendar days allowed to respond to a request.
- forward a request for information under The Act to the appropriate department, who have five working days to locate the relevant records. This includes the work day the request arrives and the final day in which to turn over the information to the Coordinator. Where records are stored electronically, a new hard copy is created, in order to comply with The Act.
- notify the applicant of the requirement for 3rd party notice if a formal request involves a third party's business interests or invades the personal privacy of a third party. The third party has 20 days in which to consent to disclosure of the information or make representation explaining why the information should not be disclosed. The 30 day time limit for response to the original request runs from the date of third party notice.
- determine the fee, if any, to be charged to cover the cost of the service. The College may collect fees for the provision of information (except for the provision of personal information), according to the schedule included in the Regulations to The Act. Where fees are incurred, the Coordinator advises the applicant of the total fee estimate before providing the services.

Responsibilities:

- **The President** is accountable for all decisions related to granting access to

information or for a request being denied.

FOIPOP Coordinator is responsible:

- to ensure awareness and compliance with The Act;
- with the FOIPOP Implementation Committee for developing, maintaining and ensuring adherence to the Directory of Records and Retention Schedule;
- to send out reminders to departments regarding transfer of semi-active records to storage areas and arranges time schedule for records pick up;
- to liaise with Building Service Managers regarding schedule for pick up of records for storage area or final disposition;
- to ensure that records are centrally stored until removal of all College files can be handled at one time.

Department Heads are responsible to:

- ensure the implementation and coordination of records management procedures and retention schedules in the department;
- ensure security of personal information;
- ensure that only necessary information is kept on file;
- any record in the file is accessible under the FOIPOP Act;
- subjective comment notes should be rewritten if necessary;
- assign a person responsible for file set up, file transfers and file maintenance within the department.

File Maintenance Personnel are responsible to:

- create a file list for the department;
- develop a record retention schedule with draft timelines for transfer of files from active to semi-active to final disposition; (according to the VCC FOIPOP

Directory of Records)

- prepare records for transfer;
- prepare a record transmittal form for each box being sent to the storage area;
- indicate the box number and precise description of its contents;
- one copy of the transmittal form will be sent along with container to the storage area;
- one copy will be kept by originating department;
- place records in cartons;
- label the container using a standard format;
- maintain a list or other record of destroyed materials to identify records which are no longer in existence and cannot be retrieved, with a copy to the FOIPOP Coordinator.

Building Service Managers are responsible to:

- liaise with FOIPOP Coordinator and departments for pickup and storage of files;
- ensure that records storage area is secure and organized for easy access;
- arrange for final disposition of records as requested by the department.

References:

- The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
- The VCC FOIPOP Directory of Records

APPENDIX A

Records Retention... For How Long Do You Keep Records:

Active "A"

- accessed regularly by staff performing their normal duties and responsibilities
- files in a drawer or shelf are referred to more often than twice per month
- stored adjacent to staff work stations.

Semi-active 'SA'

- accessed infrequently by staff performing their duties and responsibilities
- files in a linear foot of records are accessed less often than once per month
- stored in standard containers and compactly on shelves in a secure storage facility
- inventory control, bring forward system for disposition
- provision for users to obtain files or boxes in a time frame of 24 hours, or 4 hours for a rush request
- managed centrally

Final Disposition 'FD'

- action taken at the end of the records' life cycle, after the semi-active phase
- options are for destruction, permanent retention in the inactive records centre, or archival retention.

Destruction

- confidential destruction via shredding, incineration
- assurance that private and confidential information is not disclosed

Archives

- records are appraised by College library or archival staff, accessioned, preserved
- made available to College students and the general public
- these records are preserved because they have long-lasting, historical value.

APPENDIX B

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Sections 26 and 27)

Protection of Privacy

Purpose for which Personal Information may be Collected:

26.

- No personal information may be collected by or for a public body unless
 - a) the collection of that information is expressly authorized by or under an Act,

- b) that information is collected for the purposes of law enforcement, or
- c) that information relates directly to and is necessary for an operating program or activity of the public body.

How Personal Information is to be Collected:

27.

1. A public body must collect personal information directly from the individual the information is about unless
 - a) another method of collection is authorized by
 - i) that individual,
 - ii) the commissioner under section 42(1) (i), or
 - iii) another enactment,
 - b) the information may be disclosed to the public body under sections 33 to 36, or
 - c) the information is collected for the purpose of
 - i) determining suitability for an honour or award, including an honorary degree, scholarship, prize or bursary,
 - ii) a proceeding before a court or a judicial or quasi judicial tribunal,
 - iii) collecting a debt or fine or making a payment, or
 - iv) law enforcement.

2. A public body must tell an individual from whom it collects personal information

- a) the purpose for collecting it,
- b) the legal authority for collecting it, and
- c) the title, business address and business telephone number of an officer or employee of the public body who can answer the individual's questions about the collection.

3. Subsection (2) does not apply if
 - a) the information is about law enforcement or anything referred to in section 15(1) or (2), or
 - b) the minister responsible for this Act excuses a public body from complying with it because doing so would
 - i) result in collection of inaccurate information, or
 - ii) defeat the purpose or prejudice the use for which the information is collected.

Policy Sponsor:

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Coordinator

Policy on Board Committees

Policy Category: Governance

Purpose:

To assist the Board with the work of the Board.

Policy:

Board committees are established to do much of the work of the Board and to bring recommendations to the Board.

Applies to:

All VCC Board members.

Procedures:

- Board committees function according to terms of reference approved by the whole Board. (see appendix)
- A committee chair is elected by the members of the committee.
- A quorum must be present (50% of membership plus one member) for voting to take place.
- Committee meetings are held once a month as scheduled.
- Committee meetings are governed by Robert's Rules of Order.
- Committee meetings are open to all members of the Board and to the general public, unless the discussion is of a confidential nature, in which case the meeting will be in camera.

A small step for literacy — a large step for freedom

On Sunday, May 25, 1997 Vancouver Community College students, faculty and staff will be walking with students from Douglas and Capilano Colleges, the Native Education Centre and the Institute for Indigenous Government to celebrate the second annual Walk for Literacy.

Led by Vancouver Community College President John Cruickshank and The Honourable Hedy Fry, the walk will proceed at 1:00 pm from City Centre Campus to King Edward Campus. Registration and warm up will begin at noon.

"This walk is a show of solidarity and support for Literacy students everywhere," says Brenda Lee Giles, VCC student and Walk Coordinator. "I returned to school after my son was born so I could learn to read him bedtime stories. Now I am at a grade 11 literacy level. If I can do this, anyone can."

The aim of the walk is to remove financial barriers that prevent students from attending school. Proceeds from the walk will benefit local literacy programs to support students' educational expenses such as school supplies, texts, application and assessment fees and bus passes. Contributions will also be made to a bursary for Literacy students.

"VCC is dedicated to the literacy cause," says John Cruickshank. "Having an opportunity to show support for literacy in our community and celebrate the success and accomplishments of our own students is extremely enriching and rewarding."

One in every four Canadians has difficulty reading. This year, Walks for Literacy will take place in five BC communities: Parksville, Courtenay, Cranbrook, Fernie and Vancouver.

Sandra Bishop

Cyclists gear up for Bike to Work Week

Bike To Work Week returns to Vancouver June 1 to 7 and is aimed at encouraging cycling in the Vancouver area, and helping people break the auto-dependency habit.

Bike to Work Week gets bigger every year, and 1997 is no exception. Lots of exciting events are planned: from the sublime (Bicycle Sunday in Stanley Park) to the far-out and ridiculous (Chain Re-Auction of bicycle art).

If you would like more information on how you can take part in BTWW, visit their Web site at www.sustainability.com/best. Or call the VCC contact, Lee Henderson, at local 7328.

Do you have concerns about the environment? If so, join us...

Several people have expressed concern about and interest in environmental issues at and about the College. So we've decided to get together and come up with ideas for doing our part at VCC. If you are interested in helping to make the College a more environmentally-friendly workplace, please come to a meeting on **Friday, May 30, 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm in room 3189, KEC**. Bring your concerns and ideas. For more information, contact Gail Cryer, local 7275.

Staff Development events for May and June

Spaces are still available for the following workshops. For information or to register, phone Parviz at local 8312.

Nutrition for a healthier life style

- Friday, May 23
- Room 5025, KEC
- 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Communication Skills Part 2

- Monday, June 2
- Room 205C, CC
- 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Microsoft Access: Part 2

- Friday, June 13
- Room 5042, KEC
- 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Instructional Media Update

- Friday, June 20
- Room 224 (Media Services, CC)
- 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
- (Registration deadline: June 5)

Less or fewer? Here's what counts

What is the correct usage of "fewer" and "less"? People confuse the two more times than you can count. Yet, counting is the way to remember the distinction. Use "fewer" for anything that can be counted—people, personal computers, words per page. Use "less" for items that cannot be quantified, such as salt, space, machinery, incentives. "You can expect fewer people to show up at your next open house because there is less incentive to attend."

from *Common Errors in English*

calendar

Upcoming events and other happenings of note

May 23
VCC Awards Ceremony, 9:30 am and 1:30 pm, KEC Auditorium

May 24
Urban Peace Conference, UBC's Hebb Theatre, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm. (See this page for more details.)

May 23-June 7
Jewellery Art and Design Student Exhibition, CC Campus main foyer. (See article on page 3)

May 25
Walk for Literacy, CC-KEC, beginning at 12:00 noon. (See page 7 for details)

May 29
Free massage therapy by students of West Coast College of Massage Therapy, at City Centre mall, 12:30-4:30 pm. First come, first served.

May 30
VCC environment committee (ad-hoc, inaugural meeting), May 30, 12:00-1:00 pm, Room 3189, KEC. Call Gail Cryer, local 7275, for more information.

May 30-June 1
Women in Post-Secondary Education Conference, Saltspring Island. Contact Sylvia Patey, local 8301.

June 1-7
Bike to Work Week, various locations throughout Vancouver. Contact Lee Henderson, local 7328.

June 2
Federal Election

June 2-6
North American Occupational Health and Safety Week. This year's theme: Managing Workplace Safety. Contact Steve Traviss, local 8603 to find out more about how you can get involved in promoting safety and health at VCC.

June 3
Education Council meeting, 3:30 pm, room 5025, KEC.

June 4-6
Society of Vocational Instructors' Annual Convention, Kwantlen University College, Langley, BC. For more information, contact Bob Hiltz (604) 599-2912 or Rolf Arnold (604) 853-7441.

June 17-19
VCC Graduation ceremonies, evenings, from 6:30 pm, KEC Auditorium

June 21-23
AECBC Conference, Richmond

June 23
VCC Employee Golf Tournament, 12:30 pm, Tsawassen Golf and Country Club

June 26
VCC Board Meeting, Room 240, CC
Include your event in the Connections Calendar. E-mail your announcement to drasmussen@vcc.bc.ca or call local 7152.

Conference on peace aims to confront urban violence

The Rotary Clubs of Vancouver will hold a conference on "Urban Peace" on Saturday, May 24.

The purpose of the conference is to create public awareness of the problems of urban violence in the Lower Mainland, and to initiate specific actions that will begin the process of addressing the problems.

Workshops, led by experienced experts in the field, will be held around the areas of homelessness, unemployment and the creation of opportunities, literacy and numeracy, the prevention of violence, crime, drug and substance abuse, and neighbourhood enhancement programs.

The Conference will take place at UBC's Hebb Theatre (2045 East Mall), from 8:00

am to 12:30 pm. Registration is \$10 for adults, free for youth.

For more information, contact the Rotary Club of Vancouver at 685-0481.

Massage therapists return to CC for repeat performance

Back by popular demand! Supervised students from the West Coast College of Massage Therapy will return to the City Centre mall on May 29th between 12:30 and 4:30 to provide free massages.

Sessions last about fifteen minutes and are on a first come first served basis.

announcements

Federal election notice

Please note that on June 2, federal election day, the KEC Auditorium will be used as a local polling station, from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. We apologize for any inconvenience this causes.

Connections publication notice

Connections will publish once a month during June, July and August.

Publication schedule:
June 5
July 10
August 7

VCC student takes bronze at Skills Canada BC

Brent Burton, a student in the VCC Automotive Technican program, took the bronze medal in Automotive Service (Post-Secondary Level) at the recent Skills Canada BC competition, held April 23 at the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre. This is the second time in three years that a VCC Auto Tech student has finished in the top three competitors in this section of the event. Larry Lapointe won the Automotive gold medal at the 1995 Skills Canada BC competition.

Okanagan University College's Tony Diemand and Ryan Hunt won (respectively) the gold and silver medals in the same competition.

The top three finishers in the Automotive Service Secondary Level were Terry Reinert, Caledonia Secondary (gold), Josh Henschell, Penticton Secondary (silver) and Gordon Chiang from Britannia Secondary (bronze).

ICS INFO CORNER

CC 486s now available for faculty drop-in use

Two 486 computers have been installed in the Learning Centre at City Centre. These two computers are for faculty drop-in use, similar to the ICSC at King Edward Campus. The workstations are equipped with KEA (email), Netscape (Internet), MS-Office 4.3 and other programs.

For more details, contact Remick in the Learning Centre, or Eddie Yuen (Support Analyst).

VCC Web site launch June 30

As you know, VCC's prototype web site (www.vcc.bc.ca) is currently under construction. I am pleased to announce that the official launch date for VCC's presence on the World Wide Web is June 30.

Initially the site will consist of official VCC information (mini-calendar, CE flyer, etc.), on a Homepage which has a consistent look and feel throughout.

It is through the efforts of the Web Committee that the initial web site has become a reality. Many thanks go out to all the members for their time and effort. A steering committee will be formed shortly to assist in developing policy around the addition of new web material. It is expected that it will be a few months after the June 30 launch before new material will be added. As a result of the operational planning process, a part-time person will be hired to assist.

Thanks, and I know we all look forward to the official launch!

Michael Lynn
Manager of Systems and Computing, ICS

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