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KEC Students Assoc. donates \$30,000 to student scholarship fund

The King Edward Students Association (KESA) has donated a gift of \$30,000 to the VCC Educational Foundation. This substantial and generous amount will be added to the King Edward Student Association Scholarship fund, which KESA created last year with a \$15,000 gift.

The newly donated amount brings the balance of the fund to almost \$90,000, which includes a government match of one dollar for every "endowed" dollar.

The KESA Scholarship fund is set up to provide scholarships annually, or more often as net income permits, to a student enrolled in any program at KEC.

The scholarship will be awarded based on academic achievement.

The VCC Educational Foundation wishes to offer special thanks to KESA President Frank Hu, a key player in the process of making this donation a reality.

Ten years of Combined Skills

What do these VCC programs have in common: Accounting, Baking and Pastry Arts, Building Service Worker, Cooking, Hairstyling, Institutional Aide, Resident Care Attendant and Technical Trades Access?

They are all members of a unique area of instruction known as Combined Skills. Each Combined program is designed to provide access to job training for ESL learners at the Intermediate or Advanced

level of language proficiency. This year, Combined Skills celebrates its 10th anniversary and the success of its hallmark, the practice of combining language and skills training.

The Combined programs originated over a decade ago in response to high immigrant unemployment and the urgent need for marketable job and language skills. Initially, Canada Employment and Immi-

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gration commissioned the programs and participants were selected from the government sponsored ESL-Vocational language program at KEC (now called LINC). In 1992 Combined Skills became part of the base budget and is now open to second language applicants from the wider College community.

One distinguishing feature of Combined Skills is that each program is taught by two instructors, one skills and one language expert, who work together as a team. Adding language objectives and support to the training helps participants master job skills and provides adequate functional language for their future work.

Since their inception, VCC has developed more than fifteen different Combined programs, eight of which are currently offered. *Spurred by VCC's success with this interdisciplinary approach, other colleges and private schools have started their own Combined programs using the VCC model.*

Perhaps the greatest satisfaction for those who have worked in this area comes from the knowledge that their effort has helped hundreds of immigrants get an early start to building productive lives in BC.

To all those who contributed their creative energies to the programs over the past ten years — instructors, student services personnel and administrators — thank you and keep up the good work. Without the Combined programs many of the graduates who are now employed might still be looking for training and their first job in Canada.

On Thursday, Nov. 27 the Combined faculty will mark the 10th anniversary with a festive celebration. Contact Christel, local 8608, if you would like to join us.

Christel Nierobisch, Assistant Dept. Head, Combined Skills Programs

17th Bavarian Night at City Centre

For the 17th consecutive year, the British Columbia Chef's Association and the Culinary Arts Department at City Centre invite you to the **Bavarian Night "Tanz und Schlemmer" party, on Friday, November 14, 1997.**

The event, which raises funds for scholarships for young culinary 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 Gouin, 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.

Nominations are now being accepted for the 1997 Lieutenant Governor's Medal

The Lieutenant Governor's Medal is awarded each year to a graduate of a post-secondary vocational or career program of less than two years who has not only excelled in studies but has also made a positive contribution to the life of the College.

The award consists of the Lieutenant Governor's Medal and \$500. Award eligibility is based on academic achievement-GPA of 3.80 or more (emphasis 70%) and community or College involvement (emphasis 30%).

To apply:

- Fill out an application form (available from the CC or KEC Financial Aid Office);
- Write a 250-500 word essay, describing your reason for applying for the award, to Jackie Sandy, Dean of Student Services;
- Return both the application form and essay by no later than November 28, 1997.

VCC bowlers had a blast

On behalf of the eight teams that met the Bowling Challenge Friday, October 24, special thanks to **Charlie Jadranin** for organizing such a fun evening.

We met at the Commodore Lanes on Granville and started dropping those pins left and right (one left, one right, very few down the centre).

Employees from Admissions, Student Records, Counselling, Financial Aid, the Library, Food Services, Facilities, Admin-

istration, Labour Relations, the Bookstore and even one from Diesel showed their bowling finesse - some for their first time (or so it seemed).

There were trophies for the highest score, the lowest score (I won't mention who won that one), the best strike dance and the most graceful fall.

Everybody had a blast and will surely do it again.

Program Profile

A look at the VCC Speechreading Course

The Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Adults at KEC offers a Speechreading (Lipreading) course. Most students who register for this course are hard of hearing; friends and family members are encouraged to enrol along with the hard of hearing student.

Class size is small (5-8 students) to ensure that everyone can see one another. There is always a wide range of ages represented in the classes, for example, this term students range in age from 21 to 78 years old. Some students have been hard of hearing all their lives, others have acquired their hearing loss, some have gradually or rapidly progressive hearing loss, others have fluctuating hearing, some have been deafened in one or both ears. Some students have a great deal of experience with hearing aids, others do not use hearing aids. Students always represent a wide range of hearing losses and life experiences.

Many students in the Speechreading Course already possess good visual receptive language skills. Some have excellent conversation skills. Others are reluctant to look at a speaker's face or feel uncomfortable doing so. Students are often aware that they already read lips and they want to learn more about the process and how they can improve their skills and success in conversation. Many students believe they know few, if any, other people who are hard of hearing. Anyone who has communication difficulties due to hearing loss and wants to learn how to be more successful in various conversational settings is encouraged to enrol in this course.

The Speechreading course is taught on Monday evenings 7:00-9:00 pm in Room 2048, King Edward Campus. The course is 12 weeks in duration and is offered three times a year starting in September, Janu-

ary and April. Students must have a good knowledge of spoken English and reasonably intelligible speech. They must be adults or out of school for at least one year. An interview with the instructor is required, usually by telephone. Students can arrange to register for the next session anytime (except July-late August). Early registration is encouraged. Tuition is currently \$50 plus a \$15 application fee and \$6 student activity fee.

The instructor of the Speechreading course is Beth Brooks. Beth graduated from the UBC School of Audiology and Speech Sciences with a dual major in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology. She has been teaching at KEC since the early 1980's. As well, Beth works as a clinical audiologist at BC's Children's Hospital in Vancouver.

For more information or to apply for any of the offerings in the Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Adults leave a voice mail message at 871-7342 or TTY message at 871-7341.

Beth Brooks

Deaf rights recognized

On October 9, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that the BC government must provide sign language interpreting services for Deaf people when they are receiving medical services. This has been a wonderful victory for the Deaf community following their seven-year legal battle. BC Health Minister Joy McPhail said that interpreters will be in place within months and will be available to assist Deaf persons with everything from a routine physical to a visit to the emergency ward.

Notice: Christmas Holidays

This year the last work day prior to Christmas will be Tuesday, December 23rd and Friday, January 2, 1998 is the official return to work day for all employees. Ongoing programs will recommence on January 2, 1998 and new January intake classes will start on Monday, January 5.

Christmas activities in J.J.'s Dining Room

Christmas Dinner Menus

- December 9 to 11 and 15 to 19
- 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
- \$15.00 per person including taxes

Christmas Dinner Buffet

- Friday, December 12
- 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
- \$14.95 per person including taxes

Christmas Luncheon Buffet

- Thursday, December 18
- 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
- \$12.95 per person including taxes.

For more information and reservations, please phone 443-8479.



VCC Environmental
Committee Challenge:

Take part in International Buy Nothing Day

As many readers already know, VCC has a newly reformed and rejuvenated Environmental Committee. As an early start to its ongoing campaign of awareness and education, the Committee challenges VCC staff, faculty and students to observe "International Buy Nothing Day," on Friday, November 28.

This yearly international event draws attention to the fact that we in the affluent west — only 20% of the world's population — consume 80% of the world's natural resources.

Never before has the saying "think globally, act locally" been more relevant, particularly where it concerns our consumer culture. Here's one way of exercising your actions and not just your sentiments, by acting on the first of the three Rs, "reduce, reuse and recycle."

So on November 28, go ahead — take the plunge! Find out what it feels like to go one whole day without shopping. It'll open your eyes to the way we all live.

Copies of the "International Buy Nothing Day" poster are available for download, from www.adbusters.org.

**Next Connections:
November 27**

**Thanks for your
submissions!**

City Centre Baking Department is pleased to offer to VCC employees and their children:

Gingerbread House decorating



Saturday, December 6

10:00 a.m. to noon



in Baking Labs 211 and 212

Cost: only \$20.00 for the entire family
including house and lunch

Due to the increasing popularity of this event, and because seating is limited to 30 families, a lottery (draw) will be used to determine the names of 15 employees from City Centre, and 15 employees from King Edward Campus.

If you are interested in participating, please submit your name, the name of your department, and your telephone number, through the College interoffice mail, before November 21 to:

Suzan Gouin
Culinary Arts Department
City Centre

More Telephone Directory Changes

Please note the following changes required in the October 8, 1997 VCC Telephone directory:

- **Brigitte Kirmis**, Secretary - Associate Dean of Tourism, Hospitality and Business, local 8317, now in the Administration and Administrative Support department located in room 200
- **Cassandra Huang**, Secretary - Associate Dean of Technology, local 8651
- **Shirene San**, Secretary - Associate Dean of Health Sciences, no change to local
- Error on Page 3... Deaf and Hard of Hearing Adults Coordinator should be **Leonor Vlug**, NOT Steve Ogilvie; local remains the same
- **Beth Brooks'** email address should be bethb@interchg.ubc.ca, page 13 and page 37

Wellness alert and call for Planning Committee

As you are probably aware, VCC offers employees many health and wellness related programmes and benefits. Some examples include free flu vaccine, complete and free access to doctor, nurse and all health services, health counselling on request, HRD/CE/Health & Safety courses and classes, alliance with BC Hydro fitness centre, and so on. (By the way, our new yoga classes are getting rave reviews - for information contact Parviz at 8311.)

However, we do not have an official co-ordinated Wellness program. In anticipation of implementing such a programme, we would like to have input from as many interested people as possible. Monica Dale, Health Nurse and Graham Burns, College Physician, have been instrumental in the preliminary work and will attend the first meeting, which will be held on:

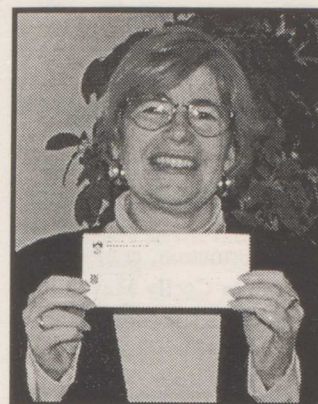
**Wenesday, November 26th
City Centre Campus, Room
107 (past Financial Aid Office)
3:00 p.m.**

At this meeting we will elect a chair, determine guidelines for the committee and perhaps do some preliminary discussion about how people would like to see such a program designed.

Please let me know if you would like to attend. My voice mail is 7005 and my e-mail is kkelly@vcc.bc.ca.

I hope we'll have a full room on November 26!

Karen Kelly



Wow! Two happy 50/50 winners!

November's winner in the VCC 50/50 draw is Marta Gardiner (left), who takes home \$629. That means that we made it over the \$600 mark, thanks to all those who signed up in the latest promotion.



It's still not too late to get in on the big draw coming up in December - lots of prizes and of course, lots of cash. To sign up and join the fun, contact Jane at local 7237.

This photo of smiling Miriam Bennett didn't make it to press on time for the October 30 issue, so we decided to run it now. Congratulations again, Miriam!

Photo by Media Services

Update: Against Violence against Women Campaign

December 6 memorial

The memorial will take place on December 4, in order that as many staff, faculty and students can attend as possible. Watch the November 27 VCC Connections for more information and further updates on locations and times.

Violence Against Women Awareness Days

The Safer Campuses Committee will present special awareness days on December 9, at KEC and December 10 at CC. Events planned include information tables and speakers from various backgrounds, including multicultural and First Nations. Watch the November 27 Connections for details. *Instructors are encouraged to*

promote these awareness days to their students.

White Ribbon Campaign

We encourage all men at VCC to wear a white ribbon during the week of December 6. The ribbon is a symbol of remembrance of the 14 women murdered at the Universite de Montreal engineering school. It also represents the wearer's pledge never to commit, condone, or remain silent about violence against women.

Posters containing packages of ribbons will be placed at various locations throughout both campuses, and general information on the Campaign will be available in the main areas of both campuses.

announcements

CU & C and MSA Merger

British Columbia's two largest extended health and dental benefits carriers, CU & C Health Services Society and Medical Services Association (MSA) have merged to form **Pacific Blue Cross** effective November 1, 1997.

MSA and CU & C are both not-for-profit health benefits societies which were founded more than 50 years ago. Together, as Pacific Blue Cross, they will continue to provide reliable, cost-effective benefits for groups like ours.

There will be no changes to the benefits policies and procedures, claims documentation, group numbers, phone numbers or addresses for CU & C or MSA as a result of their merger and name change. **All claims should be submitted to them in the usual way, on the same forms.**

Bonnie Baty, Chair,
VCC Benefits Committee

Dan Cram accepts position in private sector

It is with mixed feelings that we say goodbye to Dan Cram of the Institutional Research Department.

Dan will be leaving on November 28, 1997, to take up new challenges in the private sector. He has accepted a position with Bayleaf Software, a firm which specializes in custom designed and internet software solutions. We congratulate Dan on this new career opportunity, but we will miss him.

Dan has been with the College for a total of five years, first as a Research Assistant from 1987-1990 and then again in 1995 when he returned as its Institutional Research Officer. Under his direction, the Institutional Research Department was re-organized and expanded to a user friendly, service-oriented area, enabling the College to supply both external agencies and in-

ternal departments with timely and up to date information.

Please join me in wishing him great success in his new position.

Mary Hoekstra
Vice President
Finance & Administration

KEC Book Club

The Book Club will celebrate the New Year with lunch at Not Just Desserts, January 2, 1998 at 12:00 noon, and discuss Pat Barker's World War I trilogy *Regeneration*, *The Eye in the Door*, and *The Ghost Road*. All are available at the VPL. Have a merry reading Christmas.

Joan Rike, 7289, RSVP

Change in Student Services

With the temporary departure of Lorna Higgins to Calgary, Roseanne Ashworth has been appointed as Secretary to the Dean of Student Services and Registrar.

Roseanne began at VCC in 1987 as Secretary to the then Assistant Dean of Administrative and Student Services. During the last ten years she has worked for the Division Chair of Business and most recently the Dean of Applied Programs and has now returned to her roots within the Student Services area.

Roseanne will be located outside Jackie Sandy's office at City Centre Campus but is looking forward to spending some time at King Edward Campus also. Should you wish to contact Roseanne she can be reached at local 8314.

Mexico/Chile and Asia Pacific Awards

If you are interested in developing your international knowledge, skills and abilities as well as forging friendships and working relationships with people from Mexico, Chile or the Asia Pacific region you could qualify for a British Columbia

International Grant or a British Columbia *Asia Pacific Award*.

Deadlines: faculty/staff: December 1; students: January 15. For application forms with attached information, contact your Department Head or Cecily May at 871-7178 (voicemail), email cmay@vcc.bc.ca.

Change of meeting schedule

Effective November 1997, The Finance and Administration Committee of the Board has changed its meeting schedule from the fourth Thursday of each month to the third Friday of each month with the exception of December. All meetings will be held from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon in Room 5043 at King Edward Campus. The schedule is as follows:

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- November 21
- December 5

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- January 16
- February 20
- March 20
- April 17
- May 15
- June 19
- July - No Mtg
- August 21
- September 18
- October 16
- November 20
- December 11*

* Subject to VCC Board approving their December meeting date.

Please contact Doreen Sharan at 871-7163 if you have any questions.

1997 Board Meeting dates

KEC, Room 5025:
November 27

CC, Room 240:
December 11*

*pending Board approval

LIBRARY News

New Titles at King Edward Campus Library

- Class Warfare: the Assault on Canada's Schools
- Cooperative Learning
- A History of Reading
- The United Nations and the Advancement of Women 1945-1996
- Civilizing Cyberspace: Policy, Power and the Information Superhighway
- How to Do a Superior Performance Appraisal
- Mike Harcourt: a Measure of Defiance
- Enhancing Student Learning: Intellectual, Social and Emotional...
- Experiential Learning in Higher Education: Linking Classroom and Community
- Handbook of Career Counselling: Theory and Practice
- Hearing the Learning: a Post-Secondary Education Handbook for Students who Are Hard of Hearing
- Models for Improving College Teaching: a Faculty Resource
- Official Netscape Navigator Gold 3.0 Book
- Talking Culture: a Cross-Cultural Communication Manual for ESL
- To Be Heard: Guidebook for Instructors of Students who Are Hard of Hearing
- Job Skills for the 21st Century
- Imitation in Human and Animal Behaviour
- Learning to Lead: the Art of Transforming Managers into Leaders
- Manage People, not Personnel: Motivation and Performance Appraisal

New Titles at City Centre Campus Library

- The New Reproductive Technologies
- Skin Disorders Sourcebook
- Jeff Wall
- Practice Management for the Dental Team
- Videoconferencing & Interactive Multimedia
- The Canadian Style: A Guide to Writing and Editing
- A Canadian Conversation Book: English in Everyday Life
- Assessing Adult Learning
- Canadian Tort Law in a Nutshell
- A Confidence Course: Seven Steps to Self-Fulfillment
- Access Canada: A Barrier Free Standards and Rating Program
- Learning about Law
- The Canadian Law of Consent to Treatment
- Manual of Home Care Nursing Orientation
- Nursing Care of Geriatric Emergencies
- Hair Replacement: Surgical and Medical
- The Whole Tooth
- McGraw-Hill Circuit Encyclopedia and Troubleshooting Guide
- Superchefs: Signature Recipes from America's New Royalty
- Dining in Style: 50 Great Hotel Restaurants of the World

Correction

An error occurred in the October 29 President's Update.

New Board Chair
Jo Hansen's position is
Accounting Supervisor.

Pre-Retirement Seminar for Municipal Pension Plan Members

The College has recently been advised by the Superannuation Commission that they will be conducting seminars in the lower mainland in 1998 for participants in the plan who are within two years of minimum retirement age (55 years). Their schedule is as follows:

- Week of January 19 to 23, 1998
- Week of February 23 to 27, 1998
- Week of March 23 to 27, 1998.

The seminar is approximately three hours long and the topics covered will include pension benefit formula, CPP bridging benefits (offset), temporary annuities, payment of pensions, re-employment of a pensioner, eligibility for a pension benefit, related benefits (MSP, Dental, EHB), option to buy additional service and how to fill out pension and benefit forms.

Please note that there must be a minimum of 35 plan members in order for the seminar to be conducted. If we do not have 35 participants, the College may join with another employer and offer the seminar outside of the College.

The exact location and time will be announced at a later date.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Eugenie Wong at local 7136 as to which date is most convenient for you to attend. Spouses are also invited to attend the seminar.

Bonnie Baty,
Director of Personnel Services

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classifieds

FOR SALE



"Project Cars" now ready for 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 provide 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 Air Cared 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, 4 cyl., 2.0 Lt., 105,000 km., \$4200.00 or best offer.
- 1992 Honda Civic LX, 4 door sedan (SOLD)

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 "Rebuilds".

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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Admissions Clerk (B), Registrar's Office,
CC. Closing Nov. 19, 97.

1997 Fall Scholarship Awards Ceremony

Vancouver Community College will be holding its Fall Awards Ceremony on **November 21** in the King Edward Campus Auditorium.

Two ceremonies will be held, one at 12:00 noon and the other at 2:30 p.m., and will be presented as follows:

12:00 noon

- Tourism, Hospitality and Business Programs
- Health Sciences Programs

2:30 p.m.

- AAA Division
- ESL Division Technology Programs

Jackie Sandy

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Please provide your article through email, the I:\common\connect directory or on a PC disk (no Mac files accepted) with hardcopy (text-only if non-email). 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.