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Vancouver Community College Reorganization effective April 1, 1998

Effective April 1, 1998, Information and Computing Services (ICS) will be moving to the Educational Support Services area. Our new Director, Des Dougan, will now report to Linda Martin, Vice President Educational Support Services.

As previously announced, with Bonnie Baty's retirement at the end of the month, Karen Kelly will become our new Director of Human Resources. In addition, to existing Personnel and Labour Relations services, this newly named department will provide logistical support services, coordinate HRD and workstudy and will also include Health Services.

On an interim basis, until the Welcome Centre is complete, Karen will be responsible for Mailroom, Switchboard, Word Processing and Room Booking functions.

Karen and Mary Hoekstra, Vice President Finance and Administration, will provide leadership for the Bookstores, also on an interim basis. We will review the reporting structure for these functions in the fall.

The Food Services Department now joins the Finance and Administration team with Jackie Ehlert reporting to Mary Hoekstra. Also, the Facilities Department assumes responsibility for Laundry, coordinated by Angelo Iapalucci and Duplicating, coordinated by Dave Crowe.

This reorganization has had a positive effect on our budget for 1998/99. In addition, we hope that these changes will continue to improve our service to students and to the College community.

John Cruickshank

March Board Meeting Report

Board Meeting of March 26, 1998

The Board Development Committee will be developing an instrument for a Board self evaluation in the near future.

The Community Alliance Committee is working with contacts in government offices to establish opportunities for MLAs to visit and become better acquainted with the College. They are also working on a celebratory event for June 21st, National Aboriginal Day. The next committee meeting will be held April 9 at 5:30 p.m.

The Finance and Administration Committee's revised Terms of Reference were approved at the meeting. Approval to begin negotiations on the 1998/99 LINC contract had been given at the Finance and Administration Committee meeting on March 20, 1998. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 22 at 10:00 a.m.

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Nutrition tips

FROM INSTITUTIONAL AIDE

Does a healthy person need vitamin and mineral supplements?

For most people, eating a variety of foods as suggested by Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Eating will provide all the necessary nutrients. The average healthy person does not require vitamin or mineral pills, even on a stressful day.

Nutritional supplements may be recommended in some cases. Some of these are for women who may become pregnant, are pregnant or are breastfeeding, infants, people who omit entire food groups from their diets, and those on very low calorie diets. There may also be medical reasons to use vitamin and mineral supplements. Your physician and registered dietitian can help advise you of your specific vitamin and mineral requirements, as too much of certain nutrients can be dangerous. A good book to read on this topic is *The Essential Guide to Vitamins and Minerals* by Elizabeth Somer (Publisher: Health Media of America). Your local health department dietitian/nutritionist is also a super resource for finding nutrition information.

ICS INFO CORNER

Did you know?

Canada Post has a web page for looking up addresses. The web page is found at: <http://www.canadapost.ca/CPC2/addrm/pclookup/pclookup.html>.

For those who already use this handy resource, please make a note that this is a new address (url) for the site.

Counsellors' Korner

(From an article by Beth Weick about a Provincial Study on the status and effectiveness of professional counselling in B.C. colleges, university colleges and institutes.)

Counsellors in B.C. colleges and institutes are excited about a long awaited study on the status and effectiveness of professional counselling in B.C. colleges, university colleges and institutes. Just released by the Centre for Curriculum, Transfer and Technology, "Professional Counselling in the BC College, University College and Institute System" is a document which attests to the significant contribution professional counsellors make to the educational process in institutions across B.C.

Prepared at the behest of the Ministry, survey results from across the province show strong endorsement for academic, personal and career counselling delivered by professional counsellors. Counselling is seen as an integral component of student success.

What makes this document more than just another dry report are the verbatim summaries from twenty-four faculty and student focus groups captured in appendices. Faculty say counsellors are needed to help with crises, as reality checks regarding interactions with students, to help students sort out career issues, as a place to refer students at risk and as a connecting force in campus life.

Both students and faculty mentioned some of the challenges that counsellors face: greater workload with fewer resources, greater student anxiety about careers and funding, increased numbers of high risk students, and more critical incidents and students who threaten. Stress and overwork are identified often enough to highlight the potential for counsellor burn-out as a serious issue. Students say counselling provided a big picture perspective, provided knowledge for better study habits, released the valve on the pressure cooker and kept them from quitting.

The Report is available from the offices of the President, the Senior Educational Support Officer, the Faculty Association, and the Counselling Department. It may also be ordered from the Centre for Curriculum, Transfer and Technology, and will be available on their web site.

Vancouver Society of Immigrant and Visible Minority Women invites you to their 5th Annual Fundraising Dinner

The Society will honour "Women Making a Difference" and celebrate International Women's Day, by recognizing two outstanding women of our community in Vancouver.

Special guest speaker: the Honourable Ujjal Dosanjh, Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism and Immigration.

- Sunday, April 5, 1998
- 6:00-11:00 pm
- South Hall, 8273 Ross Street, Vancouver (off SE Marine Drive)
- \$35.00 per person
- Door prizes will be drawn.
- Call 731-9108 for more information.

Nan Poliakoff sadly missed



It is with deep regret that we announce the death on Wednesday, March 18 of **Nan Poliakoff**, ESL instructor in the Outreach Department and instructor in the TESL Program.

Nan joined VCC in February 1989. She has been an active member of BC TEAL and TESOL and was attending the TESOL conference this week in Seattle when she died of a brain aneurism, at the age of 45 years. She is survived by her husband Stephen, a son Jessie, who is in university and a daughter Alexis, who is in high school.

Nan Poliakoff 1953-1998

We are fortunate to have so much by which to remember Nan — her intelligence, her dead-pan sense of humour, her cooking, her love of the arts and, not the least, her glorious hair. Friends and colleagues here may best remember her as a committed educator — she taught in College Prep, ELS — International Education and the Bridge Program — and in the TESL Certificate Program, though Outreach was her home. Her particular love was teaching writing, which she did often to astonishing results. She believed in and quietly championed "Process Writing," a technique that emulates what professional writers do: write, reflect, solicit feedback from editors and peers, rewrite. Rewrite. Rewrite. In her classroom, something real was happening — passionate argument, meaningful communication, true cooperation — which is, I think, the same engagement she brought to her life.

In writing, as in life, there is no point where a writer can definitively say that a text is finished. Circumstances prescribe that it be finished — deadlines usually. But always there remains that nagging wish to have changed a certain word, to have cut or added, to have made the meaning clearer. Nan, at 45, was very much in mid-process with a daughter in high school, a son in first year university, a loving husband, a sister expecting a baby, a mother going strong. She was working on a book and had just won the Pat Wakefield Award to study in Britain. She had friends who counted on her being there for them.

To those of us, then, who cared for Nan, who loved her, now we have to edit the story of our lives. There is something we have to take out — the part about her in our future. Naturally, we don't want to. It doesn't sound right without it. It would be too strange. But we must. Reluctantly, we will rewrite. We will take her out and add this instead: shock and grief. And memories, of course. Nan will be greatly missed.

Awards in her memory are being set up by both TEAL B.C., an organization she was an invaluable member of, and by the ESL Outreach Department. Contributions to either are greatly appreciated. Details regarding Nan's memorial service will be forthcoming.

Remembering Nan

As many of you are already aware, our colleague and good friend, Nan Poliakoff died suddenly and tragically on March 18, 1998 of a brain aneurism while attending the TESOL Conference. The sadness and shock each of us feels truly reflects the influence Nan had on the ESL community

as a whole and on each of us personally.

As an ESL instructor, Nan joined the ESL Division at Vancouver Community College in 1989. She taught in the ESL Outreach Department, the ELS Department and the College Preparatory English

Nan was much respected by her colleagues and students and will be greatly missed. She was extremely passionate about her work but this was always tempered by a gentle sense of humour.

No details of funeral or memorial service are currently available, but we hope to have this information soon. If you would like further details, please call the Executive Office at Local 7158.

John Cruickshank, President.

Vancouver Community College
King Edward Campus - Library
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Vancouver, BC V5N 1T9

Caroline Adderson, ESL Outreach Dept.

Department. During her time at Vancouver Community College, Nan was respected by her colleagues and ESL students for her thoughtful and caring instruction and her commitment to excellence.

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Bonnie Baty, Director of Personnel Services, is leaving!

**Come help us wish
Bonnie farewell!**

Personnel Services would like to extend an invitation to everybody at VCC to join us for lunch to wish farewell and best wishes to Bonnie Baty, who is taking early retirement. We will also be inviting some retirees from VCC, so if you know of anyone who might like to say goodbye to Bonnie, please ask them to come along.

Earl's Restaurant
3838 Lougheed Hwy
(between Gilmore
and Boundary -
less than 10 min. from KEC)
on Wednesday, April 22,
1998 at 12:00 noon

We will be circulating a card to sign, and an envelope for gift contributions. Please ensure that all members of your department or area have an opportunity to participate.

The Sorrowful Staff of Personnel Services

**Next
Connections:
April 16**

**The deadline for the
next issue is
Friday, April 10**
**Thanks for your
submissions and
suggestions.**

Board Report (continued)

Recommended amendments by the Board Policy Committee to the VCC Board Rules and Regulations were approved by the Board. The Committee's priority will now be to review and revise existing policies, with top priority being given to the Board Hearing of Student Appeals Policy. The next meeting of the committee will take place on Thursday, April 9th at 9:00 a.m.

A draft response to the Ministry Discussion Paper on System-Level Planning and Rationalization, which had been prepared by Dale Dorn, Vice President Education and two volunteers from Education Council, was approved by the Board for submission to the Ministry, from the Board on behalf of the College.

Education Council had requested that the Board approve a motion to consider the Board and Education Council roles in non-certificate courses. The College and

Remembering Nan (continued)

As a teacher-trainer, Nan played an integral role in the TESL Certificate program. In terms of her greatest love, teaching writing, she served as the senior teacher trainer in this area for the past three years. She was also involved as a tutor/marker in the Teaching Reading and Writing component of the TESL In-Service Qualification Certificate and also found the time and the energy to sponsor and observe student teachers during their TESL Internships. It is a tribute to Nan that, during this past week, so many of her students have taken time to phone the College and express not only their profound sadness at her sudden passing but also their respect for her passionate commitment to excellence. Nan Poliakoff will be greatly missed by all of us at Vancouver Community College.

As a member of the Association of BC TEAL, Nan played a pivotal role while serving as a member-at-large and as Chair of the TEAL 97 Conference. It should also

Institute Act refers specifically to courses and programs that lead to certificates, diplomas and degrees only. Since VCC has a large percentage of courses that do not fall into this category, Education Council would like specific approval to be consulted for advice to the Board on implementation and curriculum for those courses and programs that do not lead to certificates, diplomas and degrees. The Board approved this motion.

The Tuition Fee Waiver Policy was approved. The Retirement and Re-employment Policy is currently under review and possible revision. It will come back to the Board, with recommendation from Operations Council, at a later date.

This Board meeting provided an opportunity to thank Jo Hansen for the outstanding job she has done as Board Chair and for her four years of service to the Board as CUPE representative.

be noted that Nan had committed to co-chair the TESOL 2000 Conference. It was in these volunteer capacities that Nan truly shone in terms of her energy, intelligence and organizational skills. In recognition of her dedication to professional development, Nan's family has asked that an award be established in Nan's name that would enable a TEAL member or member(s) to attend the annual spring TEAL Conference each year. In this way, Nan's many contributions to the field of English language instruction and her commitment to professional development will be honoured and remembered each spring.

The mailing address for the **Nan Poliakoff Memorial Fund** is:

BC TEAL
#106 - 3195 Granville Street
Vancouver, BC
Canada
V6H 3K2

*submitted by Jennifer House,
TESL Coordinator*

James Hutton recognized by Chef's Association

Congratulations to James Hutton, a member of our award winning faculty in the VCC Culinary Arts program.

For his sincere dedication and hard work, James (*photo, centre*) was honoured with the Citation of the Year award presented at the annual B.C. Chefs Presidents' Ball held at the Four Seasons Hotel on Saturday, February 21, 1998.

Unfortunately James was not able to attend but the award was presented to him at VCC - City Centre on February 28, 1998 by last year's winner, Harald Bonkowski and myself as President of the Association.

As a member and former Director of the B.C. Chefs' Association, James, for approximately the last (10) years, has been largely responsible for the production of the B.C. Chefs' Association Newsletter.

Congratulations, James and thank you for your great work!

Settimio Sicoli

Excellence in Leadership Awards: 18th BC Leadership Night

Sandra MacSorley, CFE, and her committee completed the task of selecting this year's Industry Excellence Awards' recipients. Since 1990, at the B.C. Leadership Night, the Canadian Food Service Executives Association (CFSEA) recognized excellence in the hospitality industry. This year Settimio Sicoli, Associated Dean Tourism, Hospitality and Business programs was the recipient of the Community and Association Award (shown here accepting his award). Dave Donaldson, Department Head, Hospitality Management was the recipient of the Excellence in Education award (shown here accepting his award).

Congratulations to you both!!



Public Service Announcements: an opportunity for some free PR

**What's a public service
announcement?**

Often called a "PSA," it's a brief announcement about an event which would be of interest to the general public. The announcement will contain factual information about the event, time, place, contact for more information, etc.

As an example, Rogers Cable 4, the community and multicultural channels, provides free airing of public service announcements. The announcements run for a maximum of one week, from midnight to 9:00 a.m.

Other media, such as What's On (The Province), or Time Out (The Georgia Straight), offer listings where PSA information can appear.

A regular course offering would usually *not* qualify as a PSA, although there are exceptions if the course or program is unique and of current interest.

Timing is everything

Your PSA must be received by the media (including Rogers Cable 4) **three weeks before** the event. The relevant information on your announcement should be sent to Dale Rasmussen, local 7152 or email drasmussen@vcc.bc.ca at least **one week** before that. Therefore, please provide your information a total of **four weeks in advance**.

Please keep in mind that whether your PSA is picked up is at the discretion of the media.



Library Book Sale

The libraries at CC and KEC are having a special sale of books, magazines and audiocassettes which have been weeded from the collection. Prices are very low — so come in and pick up some bargains!

Birth announcement

City Centre library assistant Flora Ip had a 5 lb., 11 oz. baby boy, born on the 8th of March! Congratulations, Flora!

Donations

The King Edward Student Association has donated funds to the VCC Foundation specifically for the purchase of an Internet station at the King Edward Campus Library. The Library is very grateful to KESA for this donation!

International Education will be donating one Internet station to each campus Library for use by a group of IE students from Greenland.

New books at CC Library

- Upgrading and Maintaining Your PC
- The Encyclopedia of Nutrition & Good Health
- MAI: The Multilateral Agreement on Investment and the Threat to Canadian Sovereignty
- Design Principles and Problems
- Family Violence: A Canadian Introduction
- Shakedown: How the New Economy is Changing Our Lives
- Domestic Tourism Market Research Study: Atlantic Canada Regional Report
- The Complete Idiot's Guide to Canadian History
- 1998 Canadian Internet New User's Handbook
- Ornament and Object: Canadian Jewellery and Metal Art

- Constructing Careers: Profiles of Five Early Women Architects in British Columbia
- Women in Policing in Canada: Beyond the Year 2000—Its Challenges
- Handbook of Import and Export Commodity Codes
- Inventing Canada: One Hundred Years of Innovation
- Late Life Depression
- The Medical Advisor: The Complete Guide to Alternative & Conventional Treatments

New books at KEC Library

- All You Must Know About Economics
- Psychology: Realizing Human Potential
- Progressive Steps to Syncopation for the Modern Drummer
- Conference on "Smart Card Technologies: New Policy Frameworks, Regulation, Data Protection, New Technology Advance and Policy Issues"
- Making a Difference: Canadian Multicultural Literature
- Home Recording for Musicians
- Grammar in the Composition Classroom
- 1998 Canadian Internet Handbook
- Good reasons for better arguments: an introduction to the skills and values of critical thinking
- In search of authority: an introductory guide to literary theory
- Establishing a freelance interpretation business: professional guidance for sign language interpreters
- Dementia reconsidered: the person comes first
- Ethical issues: perspectives for Canadians
- Talking about people: a guide to fair and accurate language
- Step by step calligraphy: a complete guide with creative projects
- Silent coup: confronting the big business takeover of Canada
- The standby book: activities for the language classroom

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Teaching Excellence Essays

Master copies of the second set of Teaching Excellence essays prepared for the 1997-98 academic year have been sent to us by the Centre for Curriculum and Professional Development. The Teaching Excellence series is published by the Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education with eight essays produced each year - four are available in the fall and four in the spring. The Centre has negotiated a system subscription for colleges and institutes in British Columbia, allowing each institution to reprint multiple copies for distribution. If you would like to obtain a copy of these essays, please contact Carol Mercier (local 7011).

The first set of essay titles are:

- Three Keys to Using Learning Groups Effectively
- Adding On-Line Computer Methods to Your Repertoire of Teaching Strategies
- Problem-based Learning: Preparing Students to Succeed in the 21st Century
- Academic Civility Begins in the Classroom

Change of meeting notice: Board Finance and Admin. Committee

The April meeting of the Board Finance and Administration Committee has been changed from Friday, April 17 at 10:00 am to Wednesday, April 22 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, Room 5043, at King Edward Campus.

Please call me at 871-7163 if you have any questions.

Doreen Sharan, Confidential Secretary
Finance and Administration Division

Institutional Research Office announcement

You may have seen a familiar face in the Office of Institutional Research: Dan Cram, our new Manager of Institutional Research, replaces... Dan Cram our old Research Officer! Dan works in the Office on a part-time basis - Tuesday afternoons and Thursday Mornings - but you can leave him a voice mail message (8646), drop him an email (dcram@bayleaf.com) or call him any time at 222-5529 (loc 5).

In case you're unaware of what we do, the Institutional Research Office provides two basic services: policy, planning and research support to the college administration and general information services to the wider college community.

If you need information about the college, you can help us by picking up a Request for Information form from Corrie (8648) or Shona (8647) or by giving them a call. Sometimes we have the information at our fingertips while at other times we don't. The form (which is really short) will help us evaluate the kinds of information that you need so we can plan our information collection strategy a little more effectively (we're putting together a comprehensive college 'Fact Book' to answer most of the day-to-day questions).

If you need support for your own research projects, we can offer some limited support. We do however ask that you make your requests through your Associate Dean, Director or Department head. Please direct all requests for assistance with research projects to Dan. Our resources are limited and we're trying to make sure that everything we do furthers the best interests of the college. If we are unable to give you 'hands-on' assistance, at least we should be able to offer you some advice to help you along.

Watch for the Fact Book out later this spring!

Daniel Cram

Notable Event '98 a success

The Notable Event '98 was, by all accounts, a resounding success! The theme this year was "Gershwin: A Musical Celebration" and the VCC Music Department once again rose to the challenge and assembled a fantastic Jazz Orchestra under the direction of Alan Matheson. Paying tribute to the late American composer, the band performed many of Gershwin's most popular songs to the delight of the audience.

This year's event was also well attended by College staff and administration with John and Colleen Cruickshank, Linda Martin, Mary Hoekstra, Moira MacLeod, Jean Cockell, and David Duke, to name but a few, enjoying the evening together. The great turn out was especially relevant because this year's honourees included the college's own Malcolm Cant and KESA.

Also contributing to the evening's great success were Carol Mercier, Vivienne Garrott, Doreen Sharan, Roseanne Ashworth and Carey Stoneberg, without whom the evening would have disintegrated into chaos.

In total, the evening raised approximately \$100,000 (including government matched-funding) toward the VCC Music Department's Capital Equipment Fund. This is money which the department, in the words of David Duke, "Can hardly wait to spend!" Thank you to all of the above for your contributions to the great event and hopefully see you all (and more) next year!

The evening's Silent Auction featured the largest assortment of items yet. A grand total of 119 auction items fetched a record \$13,600.

In the News

The March 14 edition of The Employment Paper featured an article on the *demand for professional cooks*. Settimio Sicoli, Associate Dean of Tourism, Hospital and Business programs, was quoted as saying that "tourism and hospitality has taken over as the number one industry in BC. Right now it looks like we can't meet the demand [for chefs] for the next century."

VCC's *trades areas* got a write-up in the March 21 Employment Paper, which wrote about the shortage of skilled tradespeople in the auto collision, auto painting and refinishing, and diesel industries. Lew Bloomingdale, head of Auto Collision, was quoted as saying that "...if there were 500 unemployed journey people, they would all find work within a week."

In an effort to make up the shortage of skilled grads, the Automotive Retailers Association will offer three new scholarships to high school students entering the VCC auto collision repair program. The

first set of scholarships will be awarded in May at the Skills Canada Secondary Competition, taking place at the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre.

The *Electronics* program got a boost in the March 28 edition of The Employment Paper, in an article which focussed on the program's Telecommunications specialty option, as well as the Electronics Technician program. The article talked about how "the rapidly expanding field of telecommunications is a hotbed of jobs for those with expertise."

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Libby Davies, MP for Vancouver East, to visit KEC on April 25

Libby Davies will be at VCC's KEC cafeteria on Saturday, April 25, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, to listen to concerns on federal government matters, and provide an opportunity for constituents, students, faculty and staff to raise any other issues or concerns that she can bring back to Ottawa.

As part of her ongoing outreach services, Ms. Davies visits two community centres on the last Saturday of every month and sets up her Travelling Community Office. She and her staff will be available to assist with federal matters such as Revenue

Canada, Immigration and Citizenship, Student Loans and Canada Pension Plan.

Please drop by for a chat or to share any concerns you have. For more information, contact Ms. Davies' constituency office at 775-5800.

Update on 1998/99 locally initiated curriculum (LIC) proposals

The Centre for Curriculum, Transfer and Technology recently solicited proposals for the 1998/99 Locally Initiated Curriculum (LIC) projects. Institutions have been encouraged to submit up to three (3) ranked proposals by Monday, April 6, 1998. The maximum funding allowable is \$14,000 per project.

The Committee's goal is to provide funding to encourage the development of creative, innovative and experimental curriculum materials in a wide variety of programs across the BC college and institute system.

The Vice Presidents' office received a total of five (5) LIC proposals for consideration. On Tuesday, March 24,

1998, a Joint Group meeting with representation from Education and Educational Support Services was held to consider the 5 LIC proposals. After the presentations were heard, the Joint Group members were asked to select their top three proposals and this was recorded. VCC will be putting forward the following three ranked LIC proposals.

1) Social Cultural Competencies Curriculum for Health Sciences Programs - submitted by Pat Hartley, Associate Dean of Health Sciences Programs and Hilary Pearson, Department Head, Counselling

2) Fundamental Level Computer Skills - Instructor's Guide and Student Learning Guide - submitted by Vicky

Hallet, Department Head, Basic Education Department and John Marshall, Department Head, Business & Computer Studies

3) Development and implementation of a distance education program for the Non-Profit Management Certificate Program - submitted by Bonnie Denford-Nelson, Program Coordinator, Continuing Education

A special thank you is extended to all those who submitted their proposals and we look forward to a favourable response from the Dean's Curriculum Committee.

*Dale Dorn, Vice President Education
Linda Martin, Vice President Educational
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