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Welcome Centre to ensure better access for students

Breaking down barriers to access: that's the purpose behind the new Welcome Centre, to be located at KEC, on the fourth floor. The Centre will bring together in one location the main student service departments involved in assisting students in gaining entry into College courses and programs at KEC. These include Admissions, Records, Financial Aid, Cashier, Counselling, Assessments and First Nations services.

The Centre will provide ease of access for students, by moving beyond the existing campus layout, a significant obstacle to student access. Renovations will be made to the Fourth Floor to consolidate the departments involved in assisting prospective students in enrolling.

Phase I will include new facilities for Financial Aid, Admissions, Student Records, Cashier and International Education Liaison. The first phase will also require relocation of functions now on the Fourth Floor such as Administration clerical staff, ICS Staff, Director of College Services and the mailroom. Plans for these functions have been prepared by the VCC Space Committee.

With the benefit of completed preliminary design plans and a construction cost estimate we now know that the first phase will cost approximately \$325,000. Full fund-

ing for Phase I has been provided in the form of a Minor Capital grant from the Ministry of Education, Skills and Training.

Cost estimates for the second and remaining phase of the project are now completed, with the cost estimated at approximately \$545,000, for a total project cost of approximately \$870,000.

Work on Phase I is slated to begin in early February, with substantial completion by March 31.

A request for funding for Phase II of the Welcome Centre will be included in the College's capital plan for 1998/99. This phase will include renovations to accommodate Counselling, Assessments, First Nations and an Information Desk. If funding is approved, the work will commence and finish during the 1998/99 fiscal year.

KEC Music Department presents Monday Lunch Hour concerts

Once again the KEC Music Department's Alan Matheson has organized a four-concert series for the Spring semester.

February concerts

The series will begin February 2 with *Standing Wave*, the Vancouver-based new music ensemble, in a performance of provocative contemporary scores. One week later on February 9 *The Swings Bovines* (a saxophone quartet from Calgary) will be showcased.

March concerts

March 16 sees a performance by the *Nancy Dinovo String Quartet* playing Shostakovich's demanding and intense 8th string quartet. The series will wrap up March 23 with the *Monik Nordine Jazz Quartet* joined by new VCC instructor John Korsrud on trumpet.

All concerts begin at 1:00 pm in the Auditorium and last just under an hour. Admission is free and the entire college community is invited.

ACC International Youth Internships Opportunities

Here's a chance to make a difference in the life of a VCC student or graduate. Imagine being able to give a student the chance to live in an exotic country, immerse themselves in another culture and work in the field of their choice.

What?

We are searching for 20 young Canadians who are interested in working and living

Summary of Minutes of VCC Operations Council

Chair: Linda Martin Meeting: Tuesday, January 13, 1997

1. Guest Speaker Dr. Larry Axelrod

Dr. Axelrod, the Advisor, Human Rights and Diversity at Vancouver Hospital and Health Sciences Centre, spoke to the Council about employee wellness in organizations.

2. Policy on Purchasing

The Policy on Purchasing was approved by Operations Council.

3. Deletion of policies

Policies 4.1.2.3 Appointment of Professional Staff as Part-time Instructors and 2.4.1.1 VVI Tuition Fees are obsolete and were approved for deletion by Operations Council.

4. Space Study update

Larry Waddell reviewed the current status of the Space Study and plans for the Welcome Centre renovations.

There will be a few changes to the original Space Study recommendations, most notably that the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Sign Language Studies programs will not be relocated to City Centre Campus.

pus. Inconvenience and lack of square footage have necessitated some other minor revisions to the plan.

Construction on the KEC 4th Floor Welcome Centre renovations will begin soon. Some meeting rooms will be out of service temporarily and office space will be shuffled. The mail room will be located on the Receiving Level and the mail clerk will do a mail run once a day. Operations Council endorsed the process for the Welcome Centre renovations.

5. Draft Environmental Policy

Peter Herd introduced the draft Environmental Policy which will be considered for approval at the next Operations Council meeting.

6. Assessment/Application Fees Proposal

The proposal will be discussed further in the Education Administrators' Group (EAG) and brought back to the next Operations Council meeting for consideration for approval.

years of age) overseas to countries such as Argentina, Zimbabwe, China, the Philippines, Vietnam and Mali.

How?

Information about the internships is available from ACCC's web site under the Youth International Internship Program heading <<www.accc.ca/eng/progs/yip>> or by contacting Branka Gudelj at ACCC (613.747.5656 ext 3142).

Where?

With your help ACCC will send these young Canadians (between 19 and 30



World Wide Web Workshops in the Library

Be sure to tell your students that they can learn the basics of searching the Web in a 30-minute introductory session.

Sessions are offered twice weekly and are limited four students each, so they'll be filling up quickly!

Schedules for sessions are posted in each campus Library.

Students can sign up at the Library Information Desk.

ELN Full-text Database trial

VCC Libraries is participating in a BC-wide trial of WWW full-text and image products. Mark Goertz has been appointed to the Product Evaluation Committee of the Electronic Library Network (ELN) which will evaluate and recommend for provincial licensing new, state-of-the-art information retrieval products from three vendors: UMI, IAC and Ebsco.

ELN are the same people that have brought databases such as ERIC, CBCA and CINAHL to BC's post-secondary academic community at preferred rates and continue to be the Canadian leaders in publicly-funded, resource sharing initiatives. Check out their website at: olax.ola.bc.ca/eln/

City Centre converted into three-diamond hotel

The college campus of VCC formerly known as City Centre has been taken over in a bloodless coup by second-year students of the Hospitality Management diploma program and changed into a three-diamond hotel. That is, on Fridays throughout the winter term.

The students are participating in a *hotel management simulation exercise* throughout their final term. This capstone course allows detailed examination of topical subject areas and gives students the opportunity to use the skills developed in their first three semesters. Working in management teams of 10, the students operate the *Collegiate Hotel* and deal with a myriad of problems. This Fawlt Towers of the North has difficulties with environmental concerns, renovations, harassment issues, time management, sales and marketing changes, investment, and yield management. Faculty supervise each of the nine modules over the 15 weeks of the course.

Industry involvement in this project has been enthusiastic. Representatives of the

Pan Pacific Hotel and the Rosedale on Robson Suites Hotel have expressed interest in specific sessions and speakers from BC Hydro, Hotel Vancouver and O'Neill Hotels and Resorts will be participating. The Sales and Marketing module was developed with the active involvement of Tourism Vancouver.

The concept of the Collegiate Hotel was developed by the faculty of the Hospitality Management department, who began work on this project last summer and developed their modules and reviewed the project throughout countless meetings in the summer and fall. The VCC Hotel Management Simulation appears to be the only one of its type in North America.

Probably the best indication of its success to date is that the student management teams have stayed two to three hours beyond the scheduled end times for the first two modules and have expressed strong support for the course.

Dave Donaldson

Have your foreign credentials recognized

Vancouver Society of Immigrant and Visible Minority Women and the International Credential Evaluation Service invite you to a free workshop: "Getting Recognition for Foreign Credentials"

The speaker will be *Lurline Roy*, Executive Director of the International Credential Evaluation Service (a service of the Open Learning Agency.)

Date: Saturday, January 31, 1998

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Location: Vancouver Community College, King Edward Campus, Auditorium, 2nd Floor

Important: Please call (604) 731-9108 to register for this workshop or for inquiries. Seating is limited, so please register early. Light refreshments will be served.

announcements

Snowin' and blowin'

If weather conditions become severe enough this winter, the College may be forced to close temporarily until it is safe to get here. If you awake to snow falling, please listen to CKNW (AM 980) or CBC-AM (690) for updates on campus closures.

Banner training

Banner Finance training sessions are coming up soon. For more information and to sign up, contact Vickki Montigny, 7140.

Join us in wishing Janice Hansen a fond farewell

Please drop by the KEC Counselling Department to say farewell to Janice Hansen, VCC's Human Rights Coordinator. Cake and coffee will be served in room 3016, the Counselling Department classroom, level 3, between 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28.

Christmas Food Bank drive

Of the five boxes that were distributed throughout the KEC campus, all were filled to the brim with food donations!

The "spare change" collection tins (which were located in the cafeteria and in the bookstore) collected a grand total of \$146.61. Cash donations were also collected by KESA, whose grand total was approximately \$200.

Thanks to everyone for their donations and participation.

Francine Lucas

Correction

\$33,445.63 was raised in the 1997 United Way campaign, not the previous amount of \$35,452 as mentioned in the January 8 issue of Connections.

Personnel changes

Department of Interpreting and Braille Services

As you may already know, Ellie Casey has stepped down from the role as Lead Interpreter for the Department of Interpreting and Braille Services. Ellie was appointed to this position in September of 1993 and has worked tirelessly to bring positive changes to this department. Ellie is very well respected both within the college community and in the interpreting community as well. Ellie will now focus 100% of her skills and energy as an interpreter in the department. Please help me congratulate Ellie for the wonderful contribution she has made and will continue to make at VCC.

As of January 2, 1998, I will be taking over for Ellie as the Lead Interpreter for Interpreting and Braille Services. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 443-8583.

Jami Nystrom, Lead Interpreter
Interpreting and Braille Services
443-8583, 871-7089

Continuing Education

Craig McKenzie-Cook and Judy Fox have both filled permanent positions with Continuing Education at City Centre. Craig takes over for Ruta Stanbury who retired from the College last December, and Judy becomes permanent in a position she has been temporarily filling for the last year or so. Both are veterans with CE and we're very pleased to have them here at City Centre!

Roger Schofer

Prior Learning Assessment and Program Development

Joan McArthur-Blair will be stepping down from her post as Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Coordinator as of January 31, 1998 to take up duties as Department Head of Program Development.

Joan, who has worked for VCC for seven years, was previously employed by Kwantlen College where she also worked in faculty development. She has extensive experience in faculty development work, curriculum development work and international education work.

Joan has done an excellent job of organizing and implementing the new PLA assessment system at VCC, and the College has already processed a number of PLA requests. Thanks very much, Joan, for all your hard work.

The responsibility for PLA has shifted from the Education Support area to the Education Division under the direction of Dean Moira Macleod. We are fortunate to have Sally Gibson replacing Joan as half-time PLA Coordinator, starting on February 1. Sally is located in PDD, and her telephone number will remain the same, 871-7507.

Linda Martin
V.P., Education Support Services

Science Department

Peter Ballin, who has taught at King Edward Campus since 1972, has been appointed to the position of Department Head of Science. Peter has instructed courses in biology, student success, and the Provincial Instructors' Diploma Program. He also established a Continuing Education program and served as an industrial first aid attendant at KEC. Peter's biological studies and explorations have taken him to Israel, Trinidad, Great Britain, Europe, Mexico, Ecuador, the Galapagos Islands, St. Croix, all the provinces and territories of Canada and many

parts of the United States. He sometimes serves as an environmental education consultant, working on projects for government and industry, and delivering workshops to teachers.

Math Department

Ruth Behnke has been Department Head for the College Foundations Math Department since January, 1995. She has recently been re-elected to that position. During her first term as Department Head, Ruth took a number of initiatives towards improving student access to the Department and the entire College Foundations Program. She also served on several College-wide committees - the Access Steering Committee, the Marketing Advisory Committee, and is currently a VCCFA member of the Joint Steering Committee. Ruth joined the College in 1971 as a night school Math instructor.

Music Department

David Duke has recently been elected Department Head of the KEC Music Department. David has taught academic music courses at KEC since 1978 and has degrees from UBC, the University of North Carolina and the University of Victoria. He divides his non-teaching time between composition and musicology. As a composer, he is probably best known for his educational publications. Recently, David has been appointed to a think tank on the status of women in the professions at the Ontario Institute for the Study of Education. He is also publishing what promises to be a controversial paper on the life of the Canadian composer Barbara Pentland in the journal "Musicworks".

ESL - CPE Department

Carol Tulpar has been appointed Department Head of ESL College Preparatory English. Prior to becoming Department Head, Carol was the Assistant Department Head for CPE for two and one half years. She has been with the Department since 1986. Carol has served on the Applica-

Multiple choice quiz

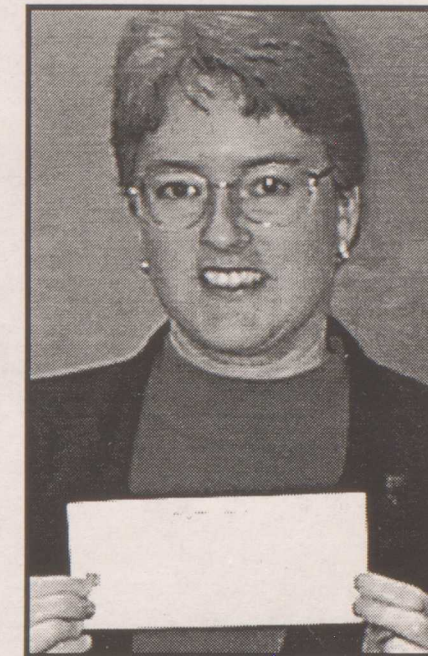
Beth Callahan, Head of the Graphic Arts and Printing Production Department, is holding in her hands:

- #1) a very out of date Christmas shopping list
- #2) tickets to the Grizzlies' NBA championship game
- #3) a cheque for \$750, the winning amount in the January 1998 50/50 draw

If you guessed #3, you're RIGHT ON THE MONEY. Beth came up lucky in the biggest draw yet in the VCC Employee 50/50 draw.

Join in the fun, and help support students entering the college. 50% of proceeds go to create student entrance scholarships.

Call Lindsay Bourne at local 7173 to sign up.



tion Review Committee, the Computer Needs Committee, and worked in the Learning Centre as a faculty resource. Carol originally started with the College in 1981 in the Outreach Department.

Jack Whelan has been elected to the position of Acting Assistant Department Head, ESL College Preparatory English. When Jack first came to the College in 1985, he started with the ESL Vocational Department. He has been with the CPE Department since 1987. Jack previously held the position of Assistant Department Head, CPE from 1991 to 1995.

Congratulations and best wishes to all.
Moira Macleod, Dean of Academic and Developmental Programs

Drafting Department

Just a reminder that Bill West is now the Department Head for Drafting. Please send your department correspondence to Bill at City Centre.

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**Thanks for
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Answers to last issue's AECBC Quiz on Post-Secondary Education

1. *False.* B.C. and Quebec are the only provinces with frozen tuition fees for college and university students. On average, tuition fees have risen almost nine per cent across the country in the last year.
2. *False.* High school completion is not a prerequisite to take ABE courses at college; some adult ABE students at colleges choose to complete a high school diploma, many others do not.
3. *True.* At present, adult students who want to complete high school may do so tuition-free in the school system, but at colleges they must pay tuition. Government has provided no explanation for this inequity.
4. *True.* The average level of debt on graduation for full-time students who borrow from the Canada Student Loan Program is expected to rise to \$25,000 next year from \$8,700 in 1990.
5. *True.* While enrolments are dropping in most other provinces, 141,000 students are attending B.C. colleges, institutes, and universities - 2,900 more than last year.
6. *False.* Almost a quarter (24.6%) of ESL students had university or post-graduate education or training beyond high school and nearly three in 10 (29.2%) had completed high school.
7. *False.* According to the 1996 B.C. Student Outcome Survey, 82% of former students were working one year after completing their studies; 57% of those working were in a training-related job. Capilano College graduates' unemployment rate is among the lowest in B.C. at 5%.
8. *True.* Almost 2/3 financed their ESL studies from employment income or savings.
9. *True.* Colleges provide an adult environment, support services for those with special needs, and ABE curriculum designed for the adult learner.
10. *False.* Other expenses, such as rent, food, books and transportation account for nearly 80% of the cost of attending a post-secondary institution; average tuition for an undergrad university student in Vancouver accounts for only about 20% of the total.

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FOR SALE



Simmons sofa-bed. Three zippered seat cushions. Supreme queen size. Spring filled mattress. V.G.cond. Colour: "oatmeal" (off white and light beige). 73L x 34d x 31"h. New: \$1000. Asking \$495, o.b.o. Call 538-8761, or loc. 7204.

Tupperware: if you are interested in placing a Tupperware order, or hosting a demonstration, please contact Marlena at 263-1979, or local 7528.

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