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VCC's transportation survey results are in!

Hot on the (w)heels of
Bike to Work Week
(May 31 – June 6), the
VCC Employee Transpor-
tation Surveys are in and
the results are encouraging.
The purpose of the survey
was to find out how em-
ployees are getting to work
and what role VCC may be
able to play in reducing the
stress associated with com-



"Richard Andrews from OUR COMMUNITY BIKES, a non-profit community bike shop at 17th and Main, shows a dinosaur, eager to prevent fossil fuel extinction, how to repair a bike. All this was part of two Alternative Transportation Fairs held at VCC this past spring."

muting, reducing traffic congestion, improving the environment and offering employees more choices in how they get to work.

Over 300 staff and faculty responded to the survey, giving a clear picture of both the trials and tribulations we face getting to and from work each day. While 51% of respondents claimed to be regular S.O.V.'ers (single occupant vehicle drivers), the remainder defined themselves as regular alternative transportation or "green" commuters.

"Green" commuters included 26% who took transit, 7% who came by carpool or vanpool, 7% who walked or jogged, 5% who cycled, and 4% who drove part way and took transit part way.

Equally as encouraging as the 49% of respondents who already take alternatives, was the number of solo drivers who would consider "going green" more often than they do now. For example, 65% said they would consider taking transit, 57% said they would consider carpooling, 38% said they would consider vanpooling, 31% said they would consider cycling, and 26% said they would consider walking or jogging either most or some of the time. However, before some respondents felt they could

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Summary of Board Meeting, July 2, 1998

The Public Forum Session provided a report on a 1997 survey commissioned by the Advanced Education Council of B.C. (AECBC) and the University Presidents' Council of B.C. (TUPC) on the topic of "Public Opinion of Post Secondary Education in B.C." The report was presented by Gerry Della Mattia, Executive Director, AECBC and Gitta Oldendorff, Director of Communications and Policy Analysis, AECBC. If anyone is interested in receiving a copy of the survey results, please contact the Executive Office.

The *Board Coordinating Committee* will meet to approve the agenda of the August Board meeting on Thursday, August 13, at 4:00 p.m. in the President's Office at King Edward Campus.

The *Board Development Committee Evaluation Task Force* presented a short Board self-evaluation instrument which was completed immediately prior to the

Board meeting. A draft paper on Board Roles and Responsibilities, prepared by two Board members, was distributed to serve as a discussion paper at the next Board meeting. The final product will be used as a base for a more in depth Board evaluation.

The *Community Alliance Committee* has a new Chair, Sharon Olsen. Sharon congratulated all those involved in the organization of the National Aboriginal Day celebrations held on June 19 at City Centre Campus. She also advised that the VanCity Place For Youth Hostel opening would take place on July 12, 1998, at 326 West Pender and that the Committee was investigating ways to establish links between the Hostel and the College.

The *Finance and Administration Committee* presented the 1997/98 Financial Statements and Public Bodies Report and the 1998/99 Capital Allocation ranked list,

which were all approved. After lengthy discussions and public presentations on proposed cuts within the draft budget, the 1998/99 Budget was approved.

The *Board Policy Committee* has a new Chair, Cheryl Draper. The *Access of VCC Community to Board Agenda Policy* has undergone revision by the Committee and will now be distributed to the constituent groups for information and possible input, prior to approval by the Board at the September meeting.

The next Board meeting will take place on Thursday, August 27, 1998 in Room 5025 at King Edward Campus. This will be the first meeting for any new Board members, who are expected to be appointed at the end of July.

Transportation Survey (from page 1)

regularly act on their desire to walk, cycle, take transit or rideshare to work, they indicated that certain issues need to be addressed and better services implemented.

For instance, key incentives that would encourage respondents to take transit more and leave their cars at home included: subsidized monthly transit passes; a guaranteed ride home policy in the case of an emergency; the sale of monthly passes at work; more flexible work hours; and, improved transportation between campuses.

For those who were interested in ridesharing, assistance in finding "pool partners," parking benefits for carpools

and vanpools, and a guaranteed ride home policy were the key issues of concern. Irregular work schedules, difficulty meeting pool partners, and the need to move between campuses currently prevents some people from making the switch to ridesharing.

For those interested in the "greenest" commute alternatives (cycling, walking, and jogging), distance, weather, security and facilities play a key role in commute decisions. Key incentives cited by VCC staff and faculty included more secure and convenient bicycle racks and bicycle lockers, showers and clothing lockers, and other enticements such as bicycle route maps, safe-riding and bike maintenance workshops, more flexible work hours, and a guaranteed ride home policy in case of an emergency.

So, now that the results are in, what's next? Currently, the Transportation Committee (a sub-committee of the Environment Committee) is working energetically on drafting a comprehensive plan, based on the survey results, for the College's consideration in the fall. The plan aims to address many of the barriers and biases faced by staff, faculty, and students when trying to make "green" commute choices thereby providing more choices and services to the commuter. If you would like to get involved in preparing the plan, please contact Sarah Lucas, Executive Assistant to the President, at 871-7158.

Thank you for participating in the Employee Transportation Survey and making VCC an even better place to work and learn.

Karen Peachey, Program Manager,
Go Green Choices, B.E.S.T.



An update on VCC's Banner system

In the last couple of years VCC has installed new computer systems for HR and Finance. Now it's time for the student record system. The full implementation will take some time but towards the end of September 1998 we will begin accepting applications and registrations from students using the *Banner Student Record system*. We will be implementing the functions that support Catalogue, Scheduling, Admissions, Student Account Receivable, Registration and Academic History. Banner Student is the third of the major Banner systems to be put into place at VCC. Banner HR and Banner Finance are already in place, and Banner Student will be integrated with them.

VCC is in good company. In BC, institutions such as Douglas, Kwantlen, Okanagan University College, University

of Victoria, BCIT, Open Learning Agency and UNBC have all installed this system. So have a wide variety of institutions across Canada including SAIT, University of Toronto, McGill, Dalhousie, Yukon College, Red Deer Community College and Athabasca University and many, many more in the United States.

There are many challenges. City Centre and KEC currently have separate, and very different, student information systems. The campuses also have different needs and different procedures and policies. To enable us to move to one system, we must clean up and convert data from both the current systems, find and implement common procedures where possible and determine how to use Banner Student functions to accomplish VCC business. For example, the Banner system is primarily designed for course based/term based offerings and at VCC we offer a wide variety of instructional formats. We also need to determine how to maintain the current systems into next year for students already registered in courses when we move to Banner in September.

Although we are receiving help from different areas of VCC, the main effort falls on the campus Registrar's Offices. The Banner team, consisting of staff from these areas and from the Cashiers Office, works

two days per week minimum on Banner activities. During that time, both Registrars' Offices are short staffed but are trying hard to keep up with the regular business of VCC. As we move towards the implementation, the Registrar's Offices at both campuses will be closed on Fridays so that staff can receive training, work out procedures and enter information such as schedules into the new system. Offices closures began on Friday, July 3 1998. The last day planned so far is August 14, 1998.

The Associate Registrars have been working with the Department Heads, Deans and Associate Deans to make sure that the impacts of new procedures are fully understood and to provide any necessary training. We are also working with departments such as Assessments and the Library to ensure that information is passed correctly between the different areas.

Banner Student team members are: from City Centre, Sandra North, Dorothy Ho, May Jung and Fiona McComb; from KEC, Pam Ottridge, Manyee Ho, Janet Latter, Vivian Pardalis Munroe; from ICS, Patris Aghakian, Rosanna Lam and Tom Szeto. The Banner Project Coordinator is Ann Brown.

Government launches Youth Community Action

Premier Glen Clark announced last month that the provincial government is providing \$3.4 million for Youth Community Action—a new pilot project launched under the Premier's Youth Options BC initiative. Clark made the announcement at Kiwassa Neighbourhood House in Vancouver.

Through the program, youth will earn credit for tuition fees at BC post-secondary institutions while participating in community service around the province.

The work experience opportunities will range from a minimum 100 hours (\$800) to a maximum 300 hours (\$2,400). Neighbourhood houses, crisis centres, local museums and other non-profit agencies can design projects that will involve youth and benefit the community.

The program is delivered by a three-way partnership where sponsors, host-agencies and government work together to give youth opportunities for accessible and affordable post-secondary education.

A correction stands corrected

(We promise this to be
the final word)

The June 11 issue of Connections carried a correction regarding the winners of the Skills Canada Baking and Pastry Arts Competition. We've since found out that the original article (May 28 Connections) contained the correct information.

So, for the record, Fariba Leilabadi was the Gold medal winner and Dawne Gourley the Silver medal winner in the Baking and Pastry Arts Competition.

EIT Advisory Committee explained

The following article is the first in a series which aims to communicate the progress of the Educational and Information Technology (EIT) Advisory Committee as it works to create a strategic technology plan for VCC. The committee is made up of members from across the College:

- Ross Barbour (ESL)
- Walter Behnke (College Foundation)
- Ray Chung (Business Management)
- Brock Elliott (Computer Technology)
- Mark Goertz (Library and Media Services)
- Paul Hunt (Associate Dean, Technology Programs)
- Sandra North (Associate Registrar)
- Brian Pink (Acting Associate Director, Continuing Education)
- Larry Waddell (Director of Facilities)
- Linda Williams (Long Term Care and Allied Health)

Committee co-chairs:

- Casey Sheridan (Dean of Applied Programs)
- Des Dougan (Director of Information and Computing Services)

As part of the ongoing planning process, which is currently at the stage of surveying members of the institutional and administrative areas of the College, the EIT Advisory Committee has defined a set of principles to be used in assessing the priorities for the allocation of resources to technology acquisitions. The principles, laid out below, were presented to, and accepted by, the College Wide Budget Committee during the recently completed budget process.

EIT Principles of allocation—May 1998

- Priority will be given to requests which endeavour to resolve an inability to continue delivery of programs or services.
- Priorities need to be given to infrastruc-

ture initiatives which will provide institutional efficiencies.

- PC hardware will be configured relative to the software requirements of the request.
- Reassignment and recycling of PC hardware will be based on the software needs of the area and on an evaluation of current resources.
- Opportunities for shared use will be pursued over opportunities for single use.
- Buying and leasing options will be considered for all hardware acquisitions.
- Whenever possible, hardware and software standards will be followed.

Des Dougan, Director,
Information and Computing Services

Please give to the Food Bank's 11th Annual "Christmas in July" Campaign

Over the next few weeks, look for Food Bank "food sharing bags" in some community papers (including New West, Burnaby and Vancouver).

Please drop off your donations in the Food Bank boxes located around campus or at other designated drop point locations in your community.

This year's "Christmas in July" campaign hopes to raise \$250,000 worth of food and cash combined to assist those less fortunate in our community.

Last Christmas, the VCC community filled five big boxes of non-perishable items and donated approximately \$350 in cash. Let's see if we can at least match that contribution for this year's "Christmas in July" campaign!

Understanding Effectiveness and Accountability

with Dr. James Hudgins,
President, Midlands Technical
College, South Carolina

Friday, September 25, 1998

If you've been wondering about what impact such things as Effectiveness Measures, Key Performance Indicators, Student Outcomes and Learning Outcomes, Performance Funding and Critical Success Factors could have on your institution and the way you do your job, this workshop is for you.

Details will be sent from the Advanced Education Council of BC closer to the time. Meanwhile, *reserve the day*. For further information contact Kathleen Bigsby: bigsbyaaecbc.bc.ca

(Sponsored by the Standing Committee on Evaluation and Accountability.)

An important notice to all Banner users re Freedom of Information and Privacy Act

All Banner users should be aware that information on the Banner system is personal information, protected under The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. You have been provided access to this information in order to perform your job. Under The Act, such information is to be used only for the purpose for which it was collected.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please contact Sarah Lucas at local 7158.

In her own words: a valedictorian shares her "joyful apprehension"

(For those who weren't at the June 1998 Graduation Ceremonies, here's a special treat. Diana Knapton, Health Sciences Program Valedictorian, has graciously agreed to let us reprint her valedictory speech in this issue of Connections. Those who had the privilege of attending the Health Sciences ceremony were moved by Diana's ability to capture what all grads were feeling on that pivotal night. Although the simple copying of her words can't convey Diana's emotion as well as the spoken word, we hope our readers will still appreciate the depth of feeling that Diana expressed throughout her presentation.—Ed.)

Honored guests, fellow graduates...

It's a great honour to be here with you tonight and to have the opportunity to speak on behalf of all the graduates. There is a special combination of feelings in all of us graduates tonight, feelings that typically herald all new beginnings and sentimental endings, feelings of excitement and uncertainty, of great happiness... and sadness.

As the day approaches when we'll walk out of the front doors of VCC for the last time, our hearts struggle with a kind of joyful apprehension about our futures.

Everything we want, everything we dreamed of, everything we worked so hard for is out there waiting for us. And so it is that we ask ourselves, "will we know it when we see it? Will we know what to do with it when it comes our way? Will we have enough liability insurance to cover our...assets?"

We need to take this opportunity to tip our collective graduation caps to each of our guests and contributors here tonight.

The English philosopher, John Locke, believed that the human mind at birth may be compared to a blank slate, to be written on by those we encounter along the path to maturity—our parents, our educators, our peers, and finally our own interpretation and use of their endowments.

Each of our personal guests is no doubt a very special person to somebody about to walk across this stage.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank our partners, our families and our friends. Your continuing support, your constant encouragement and your undying faith in us all acted as life preservers in our darkest moments of doubt and doubled our joy on our brightest days. To see us graduate tonight is our gift to you—and the best reward we can give you for all your support.

We also need to take some time to thank our instructors—at least, that's what it says here. (HA HA). Just kidding!

Do any of us really know what it must be like to go through life as a teacher? These are the people who manage to maintain their sanity while attempting to teach a sea of lifeless faces through those long rainy winter months.

They've succeeded—in contributing greatly to our achievement today, not only as teachers and professionals who've passed on the wealth of their knowledge and their experience, but also, as people who are shining examples of our potential as human beings.

The next group of people we need to thank are the individuals at our sides as we graduate today. Our fellow graduates - our classmates who have become some of our most cherished friends. They have been a

part of our joys and frustrations...our successes and our temporary defeats. Many times our classmates were the only elements that kept us in touch with our sanity. Someone was always there with a shoulder to cry on or a smile or a joke when we just couldn't face another hour of dental anatomy.

Last, but not least, we need to acknowledge the role we played in our own success.

After all, the contributions of the people we have tipped our caps to tonight would have been worthless if we hadn't decided to take the individual initiative, make the necessary sacrifices, and put in all the long, hard hours to make it all happen.

So... we can certainly take this opportunity to pat ourselves on the back for those times—too many to count—that we stayed home to study, when we could have gone out.

For as long as three or four years for some of us—when our friends were out enjoying lattes and movies and life—we stayed home and challenged ourselves to live up to our true potential.

It's been said that striving for a goal is like climbing a mountain. As we approach the summit, the range of our view widens; as the horizon is pushed further away. At the summit, it is as if we have the world at our feet. Tonight, standing at this particular peak, nobody will dispute the incredible beauty and satisfaction of the feelings from this place.

Our souls are on fire with our ambitions and dreams and we're proud that all our hard work and determination has brought us to this place. And if the other gradu-

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VCC jazz faculty and alumni make noteworthy contribution to JazzFest

Faculty

- **Kate Hammett-Vaughan** (voice)
- **John Korsrud** - trumpet/composer (John was also mentioned in the June 21 edition of the Vancouver Courier, which wrote that "[John] was one of five musicians accompanying dancers in Swing Theory, at the Roundhouse. The work involves four dancers performing on scaffolding rising 30 feet high. Korsrud composed the music and also created a tape, mainly consisting of samples, that the musicians play along with for part of the performance. Is the music as dangerous as the dance? 'My music's always dangerous,' says Korsrud.")
- **Alan Matheson** - trumpet/piano
- **Rob McKenzie** - trombone
- **Laurence Mollerup** - bass
- **Dave Robbins** - drums

Alumni

- **Bernie Addington** - bass
- **Joe Bjornson** - trombone

- **Mike Braverman** - saxophone
- **J.P. Carter** - trumpet
- **Bill Clark** - trumpet
- **Grant Coleman** - trumpet
- **Dennis Esson** - trombone
- **Joel Fountain** - drums
- **Hugh Fraser** - trombone/piano (nb: the Hugh Fraser Quintet was winner of the 1997 Juno for best Mainstream Jazz CD)
- **Danny Kane** - saxophone
- **Sharon Minemoto** - piano
- **Brad Muirhead** - bass trombone
- **Chris Nelson** - bass
- **Greg Nickel** - drums
- **Mark Nodwell** - saxophone
- **John Raham** - drums
- **Roger Salloum** - guitar
- **Scott Sanft** - keyboards

In a related, but non-JazzFest topic, Music Department alumnus Michael Blake was written about extensively in the June 21 Vancouver Courier's "in sync" column (Chris Wong, reporter), which praised

Michael's debut CD *Kingdom of Champa*. The article says that "after 12 years of living in New York, Michael still has Vancouver on his mind. In the liner notes to his CD, Blake thanks several Vancouver musicians he played with and the Vancouver Community College music department where he studied jazz. Why all the references to our town? 'I really feel like the community I came out of was exceptional.'"

Jazz fans will be intrigued to know that the legendary Teo Macero, producer of *Sketches of Spain* and other timeless Miles Davis albums, also worked the knobs for Kingdom of Champa. Ex-Vancouverite engineer Scott Harding also had a lot to do with the album's "bracing sound."

In the news

Under the heading "*Meat processors hungry for trained help*," the June 27 edition of The Employment Paper talked about the fact that there are plenty of jobs in the retail meat processing industry for trained individuals, and that VCC offers the only program of this type in the Lower Mainland.

The article gave some handy information about the program (length—six months, frequency of intakes—every 12 weeks), but it also mentioned that approximately 60 students graduate from the program every year. More importantly (particularly to readers of The Employment Paper), the article also stated that almost grads all get jobs *before* graduating.

Shawna Flinkert, Program Assistant for Retail Meats, said that there is a lot of demand for trained individuals to work in large meat cutting plants as well as in the smaller supermarket and butcher shop operations.

everything to do with our individual strength, dedication, determination, perseverance, courage, and intelligence.

Logan Pearsall Smith said; "There are only two things to aim for in life. First, to get what you want, and second, to enjoy it."

Graduates of 1998. It is with great pride and tremendous joy that I stand here with you tonight and share your enjoyment of this distinguished accomplishment.

Thank you and I wish you all the best in your futures.

Diana Knapton, Valedictorian, June 1998

Valedictorian...

ates are like me, you're feeling a sense of amazement—that you could work so hard, stay so focused, be so smart, and want something so much, you'd be willing to put everything on the line to get it.

In the end we beat out all the odds against being here tonight. So, you might stop now or at some point in the future and ask yourself, "How did I do that?!" Well, whatever you do, don't dismiss what you've accomplished by chalking it up to luck or just putting in the time - What we accomplished had nothing to do with luck and

People...

VCC Music's **Dr. Marvin Regier** has been asked to present a paper at this year's National Association of Teachers of Singing annual convention in Toronto. Marvin's paper deals with his recent dissertation research on French opera. This summer he is also finalizing plans for a new VCC music course on music theatre.

VCC Music instructor **David Branter** will present a varied program of 20th century repertoire at 3:30 pm on July 19 in the KEC auditorium. Branter, with a group of outstanding musicians, will play works by Paul Hindemith, Jirrich Feld and Graham Fitkin. (Hoops will be jumped through as well: this performance will be audited and marked for David's doctor of music degree.) Tickets: at the door

Wheel praise for VCC Auto Tech

(I was very pleased to receive the following letter from one of our many satisfied Trades customers and wanted to pass it along to all. Hats off to Murray and Cecilia (Auto Tech) for a job well done. —Paul Hunt, Associate Dean, Technology Programs.)

"We recently had an engine overhaul—our only alternative would have been no transportation, I being disabled and [my partner] working where buses do not go. Murray MacGregor could not have been more accomodating and willing to explain in basic terms what would be done and the cost involved. He was able to make our turkey fly—but at least it was our turkey."

B.A. & J.M.



Library catalogue on the WWW

YES!! You can now connect to the Library Catalogue through the VCC Home Page. Click on "Library" to get to the Library Page, then click on "Online Catalogue." You'll need a telnet connection to access the page.

You can also access the catalogue through the following URL:

<http://www.langara.bc.ca/library/>

For access via the Langara Library, your browser must be capable of running a Java applet and be Java enabled.

And, yes, modem access to the text-based catalogue is still available. For more information on configuration details, please phone the Library and ask for a copy of our modem guide.

MEC comes to VCC

VCC City Centre hosted the annual MEC (Media Exchange Cooperative) annual meeting and workshops at the end of May. Phyllis Butler, VCC's media librarian, and chair of MEC, organized the sessions, which were extremely well attended by media librarians from all over the province.

Separation from Langara

Separation from Langara Library continues on schedule. An "unofficial" date of December 15, 1998 has been agreed upon by the two College Librarians. Negotiations are proceeding positively and the two libraries are working together toward mak-

ing separation as smooth as possible. Separation will mean VCC Library's Technical Services and Systems responsibilities will continue to increase and develop.

Retirement Party for Clara Thiessen: 3rd level, KEC Library

Please join us in Library Technical Services on July 30, 2:00-4:00 pm to say goodbye to Clara Thiessen. Clara, after 20 years with VCC, will retire on July 31. Although we're all very sad to see her leave, we would like to celebrate this new chapter in Clara's life. Please come and celebrate with us!

SSSHHHH!—silent auction

The Library will be auctioning two complete sets of World book Encyclopedia, both dated 1988. Minimum bidding is set at \$50.00 per set. Please pick up a bidding form at the Library Information Desks at either campus. Note that bids are campus-specific (i.e., if you bid at KEC, you're bidding only on the KEC set). You can check back at the Information Desk to see if your bid has been topped, and then decide to up your bid. Deadline for submitting the bids will be Library closing time on July 31. Results will be available in the Libraries on Tuesday, August 4.

Copyright workshop

There are still seats available in the Copyright/Copywrong Workshop offered by Phyllis Butler and Susan Safyan, librarians at the City Centre campus. Phyllis and Susan will be going over the College's CANCOPY license, Copyright Policies and copyright regulations governing the use of non-print media (videos, tapes, etc.). Make sure that your class handouts or coursepacks adhere to licensing agreements and policies by attending this informative one-hour-long workshop.

announcements

Casey Sheridan accepts position with Northern Lights College

Casey Sheridan, Dean of Applied Programs, will be leaving VCC to take up the position of Campus Principal at Fort St. John, Northern Lights College, effective September 1, 1998. Northern Lights is a multi-campus, comprehensive institution, with a wide range of programs from University Transfer to Career Tech, Vocational, ABE and some ESL. The College serves the largest college region in B.C., the top third of the province, an area of 340,000 sq.km.

Casey came to VCC in September 1994 from the University College of the Fraser Valley. During his time at VCC, he played a leadership role in the reorganization of the division under his jurisdiction and has championed VCC's apprenticeship programs in the system. He encouraged the implementation of courses and programs that are flexible and supportive of students' success during their training in applied programs. He has also been instrumental in developing relationships with the Vancouver School Board and facilitating the transition of students. He has made a difference and will be missed.

Casey is clearly heading for new challenges and experiences. We thank him for his contribution to VCC and sincerely wish him every success in his new position and location.

John Cruickshank, President

Notice of City Centre Campus closures

The City Centre Campus will be closed on Saturdays from July 25, 1998 to August 29, 1998, inclusive. On Saturday, September 5, City Centre Campus will be

closed, with the exception of the Pender Street entrance, which will be open from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., for ESL registration only.

If you have any questions, please contact Larry Waddell at local 8304.

ICS chooses new Manager, Systems and Computing

I am pleased to announce the appointment, effective July 7, of Steve Forrest to the position of Manager, Systems and Computing. Steve joins VCC after over 17 years in the BC public sector, initially with BC Systems Corporation and recently with Children's Hospital. Steve brings a wealth of experience to the position which will stand him in good stead as we work to improve the quality of service ICS provides. Please join me in welcoming Steve to the College.

Des Dougan, Director, ICS

Math Department notice

Ruth Behnke, Math Dept. Head, will be on vacation July 3-Aug 24. Joan Bloomingdale, Program Assistant, will be on vacation July 13-August 7. Department contacts during July and Aug: days—Marg Rosati, local 7281; after 4 :00 pm—Wayne Ko, local 7003.

The envelope(s), please

The KEC Mailroom is running low on interoffice envelopes and requests that if you have any spares in your office, please pass them on to Helen Campbell, KEC Mailroom.

Admissions hours change

Admissions/Registration and Cashiers will be closed on Fridays, from July 3 to August 14 (inclusive) for training and implementation of a new student record system.

Hours of service will be:

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9:00 - 4:30
- Wednesday, 9:00 - 7:00

We apologize for any inconvenience.

In memory

FRANDSEN - Frank E. passed away June 7, 1998 in his 65th year. He will be forever in our hearts and sadly missed by his loving companion Marie, sons, Jamie (Gina), Frank (Trenna) and grandchildren Joanna, Carmel and Jimmy, his mother Pearl, brother Al, sisters Joanne (Gary), Evelyn, Grace, and many nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly.

Frank was born in Vancouver on November 16, 1932. He graduated from Vancouver Technical School and began a career in the printing industry at the age of 18. Employed for many years at Grant Mann and Evergreen Press, to be followed by approximately 20 years as an instructor at Vancouver Community College in the Graphic Arts Department. He also carried great interest in his sons' sports and donated many years as coach and later umpire in the Lynn Valley Little League. He also coached in the Lynn Valley Soccer Association. His short retirement was enjoyed at his home on Allison Lake in the Princeton area, where fishing, snowmobiling and visiting his neighbours gave him great enjoyment.

AIDS Walk '98: September 27, 1998

The "Benefiting BC Persons with Aids Society" has sent us an invitation to join them in making 1998 the most successful AIDS Walk ever. You can help by walking with your friends and colleagues as an AIDS Walk Team. If anyone is interested in organizing such a team, please call the Society at 893-2251.

1st World Congress of Colleges and Polytechnics, May 29-June 1, 1999, Quebec City

Call for presentations

From May 29 to June 1, 1999, the Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC), the Council of Ministers of Education of Canada, UNESCO and over 15 national associations of colleges from around the world will host the First World Congress of Colleges and Polytechnics. This is considered a milestone event in terms of the recognition of the current and future role of college and polytechnic institutions. The Congress will also include the 1999 ACCC Annual Conference.

The world will be in attendance at the Congress, offering a unique opportunity to showcase Canadian colleges and institutes and their most effective practices and most innovative and useful programs. ACCC is calling college faculty, support staff, students, administrators and board members for proposals for presentations that will display the variety and energy of member institutions. The general themes of the Congress are as follows:

- colleges as contributors to national human resources development strategies (with a focus on local, regional or national roles);
- colleges working with business and industry (partnerships, income generation, active marketing);
- the role of colleges in the transition from learning to work (and work to learning)—lifelong learning activities would fit here;
- accessibility (including distance education, PLAR, enrolment practices and student support programs);
- environmental citizenship and sustainable development.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal, please contact the Executive Office (7158/7159) for more information and the required form. **Deadline for submissions is September 25, 1998.**

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

The Centre for Curriculum, Transfer and Technology recently solicited proposals for the 1998/99 Locally Initiated Curriculum (LIC) projects. VCC submitted three 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, De-

partment Head, Business and 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)

We have just received confirmation from Ministry personnel that \$250,000 is available this year for funding of Locally Initiated Curriculum Development projects. The LIC Review Committee met earlier this spring and reviewed 54 proposals totaling approximately \$640,000 in

classifieds

HOUSING

Cabin on Mayne Island, two minutes from the beach, available to rent from July 10-24, and Aug 31-Sept. 7, or part thereof. \$300 per week. Call 251-4231.

Furnished house available January-April, 1999. Three bedrooms, two bathrooms, family room, den. 20th Avenue near Cambie. \$1600/month includes hydro, cable, phone, washer/drier, and 2 cats. Peter 7358, 874-3394, pherd@vcc.bc.ca

For sublet: **lovely, fully-furnished condo** August 15/98 to January 1599. 900 sq. ft., two bedrooms, two bathrooms, laundry, gas fireplace, view, balcony. Quiet area (near Victoria Dr. and 11th, Vancouver). Close to skytrain and "99" bus line. \$1000/mo. 872-4330.

FOR SALE

1987 blue VW Westfalia camper van. Standard, air conditioning, power steering, power brakes, power windows, AM/FM cassette stereo (six speakers), sleeps four. Extras included: side awning and secured bike rack for three. Excellent condition. 177,000 kms. Asking \$12,500.00 O.B.O. Phone: 524-4487

requests. Many of the selected projects were approved at budget amounts less than requested.

The approved projects and budget amounts for VCC are as follows:

- Health Sciences: Social Cultural Competencies—\$10,500
- Non-Profit Management Certificate: Distance Education—\$10,100

A special thank you to all those who submitted proposals. We look forward to the development of curriculum in the projects selected.

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Counsellors' Corner

VCC's *Student Advocate Program*, a peer support program developed and supervised by counsellors, is now in its thirteenth year at KEC. Each year the Counselling Department selects about 25 students from a variety of cultural backgrounds and trains them in basic communication, problem solving, and community referral skills. They also receive some interpretation training from MOSAIC. Cross cultural awareness is an integral part of the Program. Students who complete the training are hired by the College to work with other students by assisting with interpretation, registration, accessing information about the College and government/community agencies and/or personal support.

The support of a Student Advocate can make returning to school after many years seem less overwhelming. Student Advocates can reduce the isolation felt by many

newcomers to Canada by assisting students who have language barriers or are challenged by cultural transition.

If English is their second language, applicants must be at the Advanced level or higher. For first language students, English must be at Grade 8 or higher. Any KEC students interested in helping other students are encouraged to apply.

The Student Advocate Program trains an additional five students who wish to tutor other students. They are given specific instruction in tutoring techniques by the Learning Resource Centre staff. Students who have an academic background in English, mathematics and all the sciences are encouraged to apply for these positions.

Applications for the Student Advocate Program are available from the Counseling Department Receptionist. Interviews are conducted during the last two weeks of September. Students interested are encouraged to apply early.

Application deadline

Friday, September 18, 1998.

Training dates

Thursday and Friday, October 1 and 2, and
Fridays, October 9 - November 28

Training hours

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Next Connections: Sept. 17

Connections will be
on holiday through the
month of August.

Deadline for the Sept. 17
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