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## Reporting child abuse and neglect

The Ministry for Children and Families has produced a comprehensive book titled B.C. Handbook for Action on Child Abuse and Neglect which covers the key principles, laws, and policies dealing with the abuse and neglect of children in British Columbia. The information contained in this book is relevant to everyone who works at Vancouver Community College, because we all have contact with people who are under the age of 19. In fact, VCC has always had some students who are under the age of 19 but in 1998 the college decided to accept applications from secondary school graduates as young as 16 years of age. As a consequence, the number of students who are under the age of 19 may be increasing, especially for those students who come from other countries where they complete high school at the age of 16. *Although we may think of all of our students as being adults, we need to recognize that in British Columbia, anyone under the age of 19 is legally a child.*

The handbook explains that everyone who has a reason to believe that a child has been or is likely to be physically harmed, sexually abused or sexually exploited, or needs protection because of neglect, abandonment or any other reason, is legally responsible under that act to report the matter to a child protection social worker.

The duty to report applies to everyone, including service providers, family members and the general public - in short, anyone who is aware of circumstances that should be reported. Failing to promptly report suspected abuse or neglect to a child protection social worker is a serious offence carrying a maximum penalty of a \$10,000 fine, or six months in jail, or both.

- It does not matter if you believe someone else is reporting the situation, you still have to report. This may be a significant change for some college instructors who may have previously referred a student to the counselling department if the student confided in them about being abused. Referring a student to counselling is still a good step but it does not replace the need to report.
- It does not matter if you are aware that a child protection social worker is already involved with the child, you still have to report the matter. All new incidents must be reported as well.
- The legal duty to report overrides any duty of confidentiality, except a solicitor-client relationship.
- Time is of the essence in ensuring the safety and well-being of children. Report immediately.
- If you have reason to believe that a child has been or is likely to be abused

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## Upcoming

### VCC to host Drinking Driving Counter Attack and ICBC Event

- Talk with members of the Vancouver Police about the consequences of drinking and driving
- Try out the breathalyser and look inside the drinking driving counter attack van
- Look at the "wrecked car" display
- Make the "right choices" when trying out the interactive drinking driving CD-Rom
- Sample a "mocktail" prepared by CC Food and Beverage Management students
- Enter the draw to win many great prizes including baseball hats, t-shirts, water bottles, magnets and key chains

**At KEC, at the 4th Floor East Broadway entrance on:**  
Tuesday, November 24,  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**At CC, in the Main Mall, on:**  
Wednesday, November 25  
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The holiday season will soon be upon us—plan for a safe ride home and drink responsibly.

Steve Traviss, Safety Security and Parking

### Reporting child abuse (continued from pg 1)

or neglected, then the responsibility for making a report to a child protection social worker legally rests with you.

- Do not contact the alleged perpetrator. This is the responsibility of the police, or the child protection social worker.
- If an employer needs to contact the alleged perpetrator in order to protect children under their authority, this should be coordinated with the police and child protection social worker.

Sexual abuse generally means any sexual use of a child by an adult or a significantly older or more powerful child. The Criminal Code prohibits:

- any sexual activity between an adult and a child under the age of 14—a child under 14 is incapable in law of consenting to sexual activity;
- any sexual activity between an adult in a position of trust or authority towards a child between the ages of 14 and 18 years;
- any sexual activity without the consent of a child of any age;
- use of children in prostitution and pornography.

If a child discloses abuse to you:

1. Stay calm and listen
2. Go slowly
3. Reassure them that they have not done anything wrong
4. Be supportive
5. Gather essential facts (you only need sufficient information to believe abuse took place)
6. Tell the child what will happen next
7. Report
8. Make notes

Reports of abuse are made to a child protection social worker in either a Ministry of Children and Families office, or a First Nations child welfare agency that provides child protection services.

In Vancouver call 660-4927, from elsewhere call 1-800-663-9211. Or call the Helpline for Children—dial 0 and ask the operator for Zenith 1234 (this number is staffed 24 hours a day).

The child protection social worker will:

- determine if the child needs protection;
- contact the police if a criminal investigation is required;
- coordinate a response with other agencies, if necessary.

If a child is in immediate danger, police should be called to intervene (dial 911) and a child protection social worker should be contacted to determine whether the child is in need of protection.

Copies of this resource book have been provided to VCC counsellors and requests for additional copies can be made to Rob Henderson. Please contact m if you would like any of this information clarified.

Rob Henderson, VCC Human Rights Coordinator, 871-7040

## ICS INFO CORNER

### Expanded hours

Information and Computing Services is pleased to announce expanded hours of help desk and computer technical support at the College.

The Help Desk telephone number, (871) 7007, will be answered from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday to Friday and between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

The extension of technical computer support to cover evenings and Saturdays is specifically intended to improve support for student computer labs and the libraries, reflecting increased ICS focus on student service delivery

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as part of the Education Support Services team at VCC.

Two new Computer Support Analysts have recently been hired to deliver this service improvement and will commence their shift work hours next week. Joe Liu will provide coverage at KEC in the evenings from Tuesday to Friday. Joe will also support both campuses on Saturdays. Beng Lim will cover City Centre Campus on Monday to Friday evenings.

ICS operational procedures are being amended to accommodate the service extension and the introduction of multiple shifts supporting the College computer network. We hope that the transition will quickly prove beneficial to all, though, as with anything new, there may some minor problems.

Should ICS service levels or activities not meet your expectations during the first few weeks, please feel free to contact Steve Forrest (871)-7527 or Des Dougan at (871)-7525.

### New Programmer/Analyst joins ICS

I am pleased to announce the following appointments:

On October 26, Madhu Jaini joined ICS as Programmer/Analyst. Madhu brings good Oracle database experience to VCC, and will also work on Library system and Web support.

On November 23, Candace Leung joins ICS as Clerk Specialist. Candace is moving from the Admissions area in the Registrar's Office at KEC.

Please join me in welcoming Madhu to the College, and Candace to the Department.

Des Dougan, Director, ICS

## Timing is everything

No one would agree more with that wise saying than Jeannie Clement, KEC Library Assistant. She won \$710 in the November 50/50 draw, just in time for stave off the dreaded November blues.

### You could be the next winner, but you have to play to win

Ticket purchases are easy and painless—by payroll deduction. So every month you not only have a chance at winning over \$700 (or over \$1,000 during a three-pay month), but your regular ticket



purchase goes toward student entrance scholarships. Such a deal. Contact Lindsay in the Educational Foundation at local 7173, to sign up and start playing.

## VCC Music Department Concert Listings for November and December '98

### VCC Jazz Orchestra, Soundwave and New Music Ensemble

(David Branter, Ron Smail and Peter Hannan, Directors)

- Sunday, November 22 at 8:00 pm
- Heritage Hall, 3102 Main St.
- Tickets: \$10 General, \$8 Students/Seniors

The VCC Jazz orchestra, directed by David Branter, is VCC Music's traditional big band, specializing in jazz repertoire from the 1930s to the present. Soundwave is our award winning vocal jazz ensemble, this year directed by Ron Smail. Mr. Smail is also well known as a composer/arranger and many of the Soundwave charts have been specially prepared for the ensemble.

### VCC Jazz, Latin Jazz and Latin Percussion Ensembles

(Laurence Mollerup and Sal Ferreras, Directors)

- Saturday, November 28 at 8:00 pm

- Havana (Gallery), 1212 Commercial Dr.
- Tickets: \$8 General, \$6 Students/Seniors

Two hot new groups at VCC Music, the Latin Jazz ensemble (a group of up to two dozen instrumentalists, percussionists and singers) and the smaller Latin Percussion ensemble will perform at the trendy and popular Havana Gallery and Restaurant on "The Drive." Both groups are directed by the extraordinary Vancouver-based percussionist Sal Ferreras. This is one concert not to miss!

### VCC Wind Ensemble

(Jerry L. Domer, Conductor)

- Sunday, November 29 at 2:30 pm
- KEC Auditorium
- Tickets: \$5

Long-time music department head Jerry Domer will direct the VCC Wind Ensemble, a college/community group devoted to the symphonic wind

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# Halloween 1998 at VCC: it doesn't get much scarier than this

Forget your garden-variety goblins and demons. They're old hat these days. If the 90's Halloween reveller really wants to strike fear in the hearts of college staff, he'll wear a classic 70's disco outfit, straight out of John Travolta's worst nightmare.

Most of us have cringe-inducing memories of what we wore during the decade notorious for its unspeakable fashion sense. So, when computer support analyst **Zack Cooper** (right) showed up to do fix-it on staff computers all day Friday, October 30, wearing the outfit shown, he caused more than a few of us to have instant, unsettling flash-backs of polyester leisure suits, earth shoes and a decade-long bad hair day.



Thankfully for Connections readers, the scariest part of Zack's get-up is left to the imagination. This photo didn't capture on film the slacks that Zack wore. Oh, the slacks—in a ghastly plaid of multiple colours not of this earth, with bell-bottoms big enough to park a '75 Chevy Impala inside.

Not to be outdone, but hardly competition for Zack's outrageous gear, is **Skye Richards**, instructor in the CCA department. With her magic wand, she's trying desperately to change Zack's outfit into an Armani suit, but to no avail. Shudder to think what Zack and his friends will come up with next year.



**Institutional Aide is moving to City Centre...  
Join us as we say thank you and  
farewell to our friends at KEC**

Thank you to all the people and departments at KEC who have so generously supported the Institutional Aide Program and its students for many years. You have become an integral part of the program and have contributed substantially to the success of Institutional Aide graduates.

Instead of goodbye, we are saying FAREWELL (a wish of well-being on parting) with the hope that we can all remain connected and that you will visit us in our new "digs" at CC. But for now, we hope you will be able to join us over coffee at the-

## DEMOLITION BASH

**Tues. December 1, 9:30-10:30 a.m.**

**Room 2071**

We welcome your messages on post its and look forward to being able to say a heartfelt thank you in person!

*Melinda, Donna, Pamela, Gail and Nadine*

# And a good time was had by all

The Employee Recognition Reception on October 29 was a great success. The honoured guests (twenty-five years plus) and many others from the College community enjoyed good music, good food and warm reminiscences. Unfortunately, neither Ying Lo nor Rose-Marie Watson, the two thirty-year-plus employees, was able to attend.

Many thanks are owed to many departments who "did their thing" extremely well. What a team!—

- the Music Department and the music students in the flute duet and jazz ensemble,
- Food Services at City Centre and the



- hardworking students,
- ICL (particularly for allowing us to overrun the kitchen),
- Media Services for printing services and a "neat" digital camera,
- the C.E. floral arranging class and Casablanca Floral Boutique Ltd.,

- Building Services and the ever-helpful moving crew.

Thanks also to the everyone who came to share in the celebration. The next "do" will be in the spring of 1999 for those of you with twenty to twenty-five years with the College.

# Homophobia poster contest presents some sobering topics

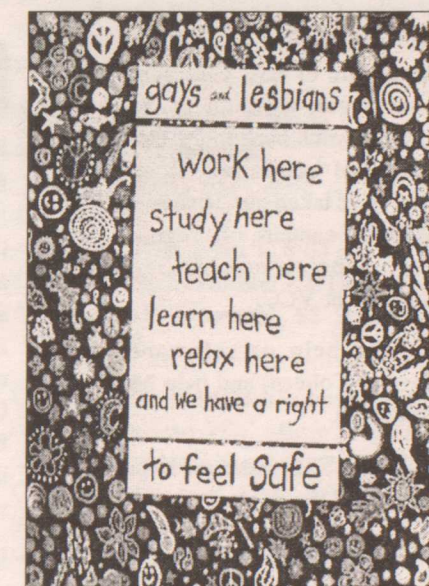
This year's Homophobia Awareness Day at VCC took place at a point when the issue of homophobia is being reported on and debated in the media all across North America, and the entire world. In the aftermath of a recent high-profile case in the US mid-west, 1998's Awareness Day presented in stark detail a sad coincidence of timing.

The poster contest's participants showed an impressive artistic sense while offering viewers a chance for some sober second thought. First prize (not shown here due to poor picture quality), titled "WHYoming," had a self-explanatory theme—the recent torture and killing of Matthew Shepard, a gay University of Wyoming student, in Laramie, Wyoming. The winning poster listed facts about the killing (alleged to have been motivated by hate), as well as pictures from memorial services held

after Matthew's death. The poster shown here, by Bridget Rivers-Moore (CC Learning Centre) and friends, won the second prize, with their message that, like everyone else, gays and lesbians need and have the right to feel safe at their place of work and study.

Along with the poster contest, representatives from The Centre for lesbians and gays presented an information table throughout the day, on October 28 (CC) and October 29 (KEC). This included a wealth of information on the subject of homophobia, and an interesting quiz about related topics, including questions such as "when did the federal government bring in its Charter of Rights?"

The point of Homophobia Awareness Day is a simple one: to encourage everyone to consider the issue of



homophobia, even if it seems to some people to be an issue that doesn't affect them directly, or even indirectly. The basic truth is that when even one segment of society is discriminated against, then all of society is the big loser.

*Dale Rasmussen*



## VCC People

### "There is still a community at Vancouver Community College"

My father and I want to thank everyone at VCC for your expressions of condolence following the recent death of my mother.

We would especially like to thank everyone who was so very kind in assisting in preparing a contribution to the reception following the service.

To all who have offered support by calling when I needed it most, or being there when I just wanted a shoulder to cry on: many, many thanks to you, our extended family.

*Roseanne and John Ashworth*

### Reach out to Outreach: Department Head farewell

Colleen van Winkel, Department Head Extraordinaire of ESL Outreach for the past six years, is about to make the obligatory switch back to the classroom. Colleen, and before her, Rose-Marie Watson, have taken our department from being the off-campus, oft-forgotten poor cousins to being one of the largest departments at VCC.

Come and help us reluctantly say goodbye to Colleen, and help her begin the transition.

Where: KEC ESL Outreach Department Office, room 3196

When: Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1998

Time: 2:30 - 4:00 pm.

Provided: Goodies and good stories

*Please mark your calendars.*

### Department Head appointment: Dental Assisting and Reception

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Michele Rosko as Department Head of Dental Assisting and Reception. Michele's appointment is effective November 9, 1998.

*Joan McArthur-Blair  
Dean of Applied Programs*

### Changes in the College and Career Access Department

- Barbara Ash is now AAA Division Associate Dean. Her local is 7008.
- Ted Hougham is now Acting Department Head of CCA. His local is 7362.
- Joanne Gibson is now Acting Coordinator of English and Social Sciences.

Congratulations to all on their election and/or selection.

## Announcements

### 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.

### Use inkjet cartridges? Now you can recycle them

Users of inkjet printers will be glad to hear that the small ink cartridges used in these printers can now be recycled. *Dennis Cumming* at KEC Receiving will make sure your used cartridges are passed on for recycling. Send your cartridges to Dennis in the KEC Receiving Department.

### Notice of Public Meeting - Budget Advisory Group

The Budget Advisory Group is next scheduled to meet on Monday, November 16, 1998, from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. in Room 5056 at King Edward Campus. If you are interested in attending, please call 871-7163 for further information.

*Doreen Sharan, Confidential Secretary  
Finance and Administration*

### Finance Committee of the VCC Board - Next Meeting

The Finance Committee will be holding their next meeting on Thursday, November 19, 1998, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in Room 5043 at King Edward Campus. The public session will begin at 1:00 pm followed by an in-camera session starting at 2:00 p.m. If you wish to attend the public portion of the meeting, please contact me at 871-7163.

*Doreen Sharan, Confidential Secretary  
Finance and Administration Committee*

### Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education conference June 16-19, 1999

The University of Calgary is hosting STLHE '99 from June 16-19, 1999. Overall, about 400 people are expected to attend and more than 100 to lead sessions.

The Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE) is Canada's premier teaching and learning group.

The conference theme of collaborative learning incorporates the rich variety of collaborative teaching and learning linkages in higher education.

A "Call for Proposals" has been issued and your proposal is invited.

If you need further information, please phone (403) 220-6591, e-mail: [schulz@ucalgary.ca](mailto:schulz@ucalgary.ca), Web: <http://www.acs.ucalgary.ca/~stlhe99>

### Osteoporosis session repeated due to popular demand

Due to the high interest in this informative session, it will be held again on Saturday, November 28, 1998 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at KEC. Taught by the Osteoporosis Society of BC, this course for adult women and men addresses risk factors and practical preventive strategies that you can begin now. You will also receive a thorough take home manual. Registration is necessary: call Parviz Lalji at local 8312.

### New bursary for Deaf and Hard of Hearing students

Interpreting and Braille Services has recently set up a bursary for Deaf and Hard of Hearing students through VCC's Educational Foundation. If you would like to contribute, you can donate directly through the Educational Foundation or you can pledge funds on your United Way campaign card under the third category: special designations. The bursary is eligible for matching funds from the provincial government.

We'd like to thank the Educational Foundation for making the process so easy. We were able to set up the bursary within one day. Once established the endowment fund provides a yearly bursary for a student in financial need. It truly is the gift that keeps on giving! Thanks, Rebecca and Sheila.

*Ellie Casey, Jami Nystrom and  
Holly Wallace, Program for Deaf and  
Hard of Hearing Adults*

### Cancellation of Meeting

The Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 1998, at King Edward Campus, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Room 5043 has been cancelled. Please call 871-7163 if you have any questions.

*Doreen Sharan, Confidential Secretary*

### Attention all video users

As many of you know, the final separation between the VCC library and the Langara library will occur this December. It will mean some changes for video bookings in that Langara videos will no longer be listed in our library catalogue and we will have to book their videos in the same way we book other college videos.

- Video bookings should be made one week in advance.
- Video bookings should be no more than one-two weeks in length.
- Last minute video bookings cannot be picked up in person at Langara.

We understand that there are occasions when you require a rush booking and we will do our best to fill it for you. But as a rule, please follow these guidelines and plan ahead.

If you have any questions or need for more information about video bookings, please contact Eva Sharell, Circulation Services Department Head.

### New videos at CC Library

- Techniques of Healthy Cooking
  - Pt. 1: Bases and Sauces
  - Pt. 2: Cooking Methods
  - Pt. 3: Breakfast, Accompaniments, and Desserts
  - Cooking Methods Series
- Braising
  - Broiling and Grilling
  - Deep Fat Frying and Pan Frying
  - Poaching and Steaming
  - Roasting
  - The Way to Sautee
- Knife Skills Series
  - Knife Care: Selection, Sharpening
  - Knife Skills: Vegetable Cuts
  - Fish Fabrication by the Professional Chef
  - Shellfish Fabrication by the Professional Chef
  - Chicken Fabrication by the Professional Chef



### Music (from page 2)

repertoire. Their December concert will feature a little-known treasure for winds by Richard Wagner. Composer and recorder virtuoso Peter Hannan will direct the New Music Ensemble, a collaborative group dedicated to the composition and performance of cutting-edge new music.

### VCC Popular Music Drama Ensemble

(Marvin Regier, Director)

- Sunday, December 6, 2:30 pm
- KEC Auditorium
- 1155 E. Broadway (Level 2)
- Tickets: \$5

VCC's third new ensemble this semester is the Popular Music Drama group, directed by Dr. Marvin Regier. This group of singers specializes in music from Broadway and London's West End. They will be presenting their first workshop performance this December. Fans of musical theatre won't want to miss this one!

### Willan Choir and VCC Madrigal Singers

(Patricia Plumley and Gerald van Wyck, Conductors)

- Tuesday, December 8, 8:00 pm
- Christ Church Cathedral, 690 Burrard St.
- Tickets: \$10 General, \$8 Students/Seniors

Choral groups have always been a core component of the VCC Music program. Our large community choir, named for Canadian composer Healy Willan, will perform selections from Handel's Messiah as well as traditional carols arranged by Derek Holman, with Brass Quintet, under the direction of their new permanent conductor, Patricia Plumley. The smaller Madrigal Ensemble, directed by Gerald van Wyck, will perform an eclectic mix of works from the renaissance and romantic eras; as well as Benjamin Britten's Rejoice in the Lamb.



## PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

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## classifieds

### HOUSING



**Furnished house** available January - April 1999. 2000 square feet with 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. 20th Avenue near Cambie. \$1600/month includes hydro, cable, phone, washer/drier, piano, and 2 cats (negotiable). Peter 7358, 874-3394, pherd@vcc.bc.ca

Want to downhill/X-C ski, snowboard, skate, ice fish or hot tub? **Deluxe studio** (sleeps 2-4) available at Sun Peaks (the former Mt. Tod) near Kamloops. All amenities. Prime ski in/ski out location. Dennie 253-0051 or local 7347.

### JOB POSTINGS



**Library Systems Technician**, closing date November 20.

**Admissions Clerk (b)**, KEC Registrar's Office. Closing date November 24.

### WANTED



**WANTED:** A *used colour TV* in good working condition which can access cable, with or without remote. Any size. Please call Jayeson at 8669.

**Volunteers are needed for this year's FoodBank drive for Christmas.** I've just received a request from The Food Bank for volunteers for this year's campaign. The Food Bank needs:

- office workers
- drivers
- swimmers
- dockhands
- shippers/receivers
- sorters/repackers

Volunteer positions are available from December 6 to January 9; various shifts, including, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 1:00-5:00 p.m. and 5:00-8:00 p.m. For a copy of the volunteer work calendar and job description, contact me at 7152 or email drasmussen@vcc.bc.ca. Cheers.

Dale Rasmussen

### FREE STUFF



**Free Kiddie Ryder.** Norco child carrier, easy to install to the back of an adult bicycle. Suited for children up to 20 kg. Call Suzan, local 8488.

### FOR SALE



**Heckman writing desk.** In mahogany. Dark brown leather top, gold tooled. Carved cabriole legs with claw and ball feet. One file drawer on left side. Original price: \$3,060 from Royal City Antiques and Fine Furnishings Ltd. Excellent condition. Asking \$1,000. Please contact Ted and/or Shannon Hougham 734-3812 or 871-7362.

1995 Ford Escort Station Wagon, 40,000 km, automatic, one owner, \$10,500, call Gwen at 590-5646.

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2. save your file to the I:\common\connect\ directory (call the editor, local 7152, and let him know the file is there, and provide the filename); **OR**
3. text only on a IBM-formatted disk, with hardcopy attached

Your submissions are welcome. However, material may be edited for clarity and length. Deadline for submissions is the end of the week prior to publication.