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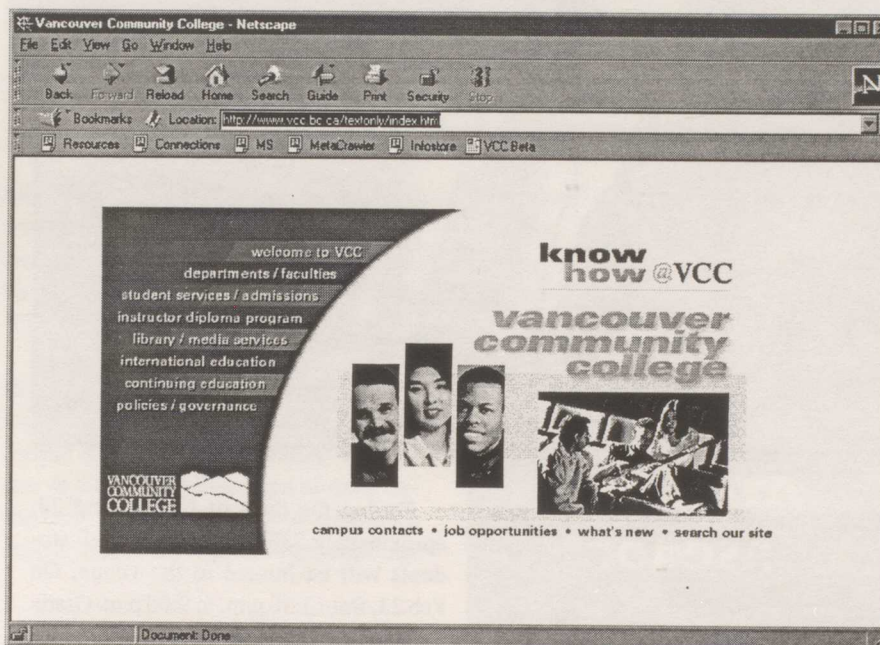
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New college web site hits the ground running



VCC's new website was officially unveiled last week. If you're already had the opportunity to visit the new site (same address as before, <http://www.vcc.bc.ca>), you would have noticed that the site has a completely different design from the previous version.

Here's what you'll find at the new site:

- colour photos of departments and students in action
- comprehensive Student Services information
- program offerings
- department/faculty websites (with more coming on-line in the near future)

- a What's New section, currently listing upcoming information sessions for four of VCC's programs
- direct link to VCC Connections On-Line, by clicking "What's New" and then clicking VCC Connections On-Line

Coming soon:

- complete listing of current College policies
- on-line catalogue of up-to-the-minute program and course offerings (1,100-plus linked pages!)

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Digital Graphic Design instructor wins in Millennium calendar competition



VCC is proud to announce that our very talented Digital Graphic Design instructor, Judy Roy-Hughes, is one of the winners of the industry sponsored 1999 "Countdown to the Millennium" calendar competition!

In total, 12 winning photographic or digital imaged pieces were selected to represent a month of Gamma's 1999 calendar. The full colour calendars were printed with state-of-the-art eight colour press. Paul Hunt, Associate Dean Technology Programs, has the calendar if you would like to check it out.

Judy's winning image represents June and will also be seen internationally on the Gamma Pro Imaging website at "www.gammapro.bc.ca". It's so rewarding to see such a high calibre of talent! Congratulations, Judy!

*Paul Hunt, Associate Dean,
Technology Programs*

Counsellor's Corner

VCC will have a booth at the 2nd Annual *Surrey Post-secondary Education Showcase*

- Surrey School District Conference Centre, 9260-140th St.
- Feb. 23, 8:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m. and Feb. 24, 8:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

The object of the event is to promote post-secondary education opportunities to both Grade 10 Career and Personal Planning (CAPP) students as well as the Grade 12 students in the Surrey School District.

During the days of Feb 23 and 24, approximately 2,000 Grade 10 CAPP students will be bussed to the venue. On Feb 23, from 3:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Grade 12 students and their parents will be invited to visit the display booths.

This is a big event and many volunteers are needed. If you are available, please contact Brenda Toporowski, email btoporowski@vcc.bc.ca, or phone local 8442.

Let Brenda know if you are available as quickly as possible so that she can set up the schedules.

CC 50th Anniversary celebration coming up this September

Many in the VCC community already know that 1999 marks the 50th anniversary of classes at City Centre. In 1949, the campus was known as VVI, Vancouver Vocational Institute. The names have changed, but many of the same programs are still being offered, and going strong.

The newly-formed "City Centre 50th Anniversary Committee" will be meeting soon to work out the details of how to best mark this important event. We would like to have your ideas. What

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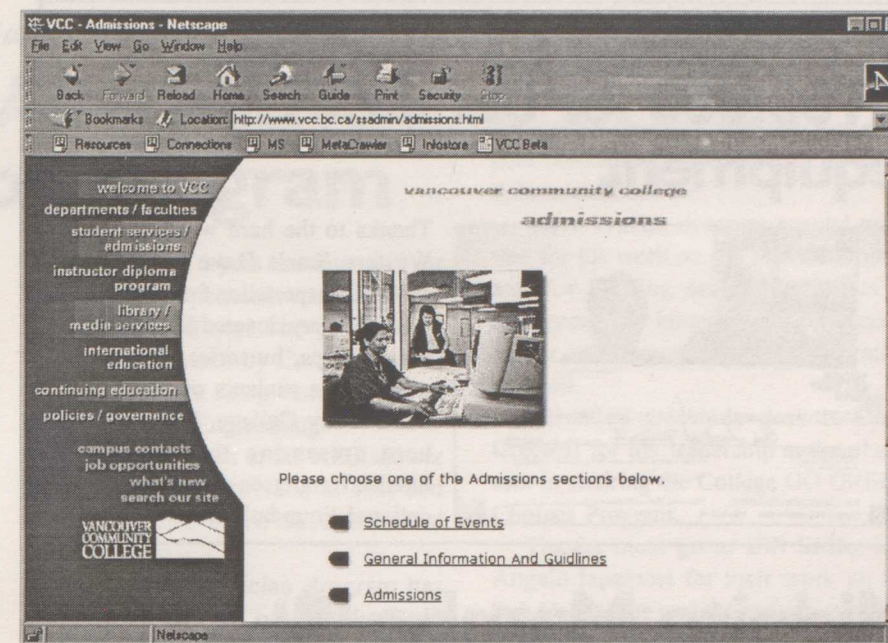
- Job postings
- New, comprehensive Library site (some of us have seen the "beta" version, and all agree that the new library site places VCC in the vanguard of many college sites offering similar pages)
- Site search engine

Departments who wish to create their own site should attend a two-day HRD course in Creating Department Web Sites, hosted by Bruce Gabor, VCC's Web Manager. Upcoming web site design courses are listed in the HRD course booklet.

Applying the skills learned in the Creating Department Web Sites course, and using a standard template for the front page only (from a choice of four existing templates which follow the same design concepts as the VCC main site), you create your new site. The four "department front page" templates are available for viewing at www.vcc.bc.ca/templates.

After you create your site, you submit it to the Editorial Board of the WWW Steering Committee for approval and input. The Board is made up of staff from various College areas (Registrar's Office, Marketing and Communications,

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Library and Media Services) who will examine the site, and offer any suggestions they might have, based on their particular knowledge, be it writing style, content or design.

Keep in mind that your department site doesn't have to be simply a marketing tool. The use of the web can go much further than that. For instance, at least one or two departments are already using their sites as instructional tools on a regular basis, through on-line class as-

signments. The possibilities are truly endless.

Check out the new site, and watch for new updates on a regular basis. For more information, or to pass on your comments, contact Bruce Gabor, Web Manager, email bgabor@vcc.bc.ca.

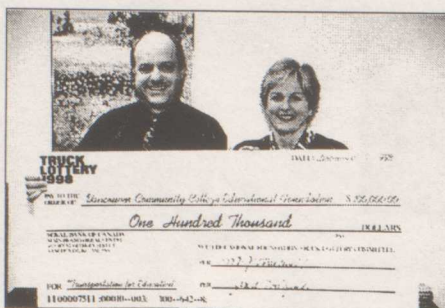
50/50 draws delayed; big draws coming up

Hold your breath! The next 50/50 draw will be an incredible experience. Due to a delay in receiving our gaming license from the BC Gaming Commission, we will not be holding a 50/50 draw in February (and possibly March). Payroll deductions will continue as usual and once we have our new license we will hold the appropriate number of draws on the same day and award the appropriate sums of money to the winners.

We will also be holding a number of BONUS DRAWS on that same day with added chances to win great prizes like a Lexmark colour inkjet printer! It will be an exciting day, with more chances for everyone to win. So, if you are not already signed up for the 50/50 raffle, contact Lindsay Bourne at local 7173 and get in on the next BIG DRAW. Hey, you never know!

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Truck Lottery generates \$100,000 for bursaries and equipment



Thanks to the hard work of Orion Western Star's Dave Polack, the 1998 "Transportation for Education" Truck Lottery donated \$100,000 for scholarships, bursaries and equipment to the students of Vancouver Community College. Dave is seen here presenting the cheque to Sheila Henderson of the VCC Educational Foundation.

Midnite Mambo takes to the dance floor at this year's Notable Event



Come out, shake a leg, and help support VCC students at the 1999 Notable Event, "Midnite Mambo."

Friday, March 26, in the Grand Ballroom at The Westin Bayshore, 1601 West Georgia St., Vancouver, BC.

Reception 6:30 p.m., Dinner 7:30 p.m., Silent Auction 6:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m., Entertainment and dancing 9:00 p.m.

Entertainment provided by the VCC Music Department students and faculty. Proceeds are directed to scholarship, bursary and equipment funds.

Tickets: \$175 per person or \$1,400 per table of eight (includes GST and Parking). For more information, or to reserve your tickets, contact Lindsay Bourne at 871-7173.

Play it safe—take the elevator home

The Westin Bayshore is offering rooms at a special rate of \$99 to those attending the Notable Event. Call the hotel at (604) 682-3377 and request the "Notable Rate" for March 26.

Teddy Bear dance

(an event to benefit local children's charities and women's shelters)

Friday, February 12, 7:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Church of Vancouver, Hewett Centre

Refreshments available, snacks provided

Benefit Performance by "Paper Moon," (featuring VCC's Paul Boissonault), disc jockey provided

Free dance lesson (given by Jim Funk, VCC Science instructor), 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Live Band (Paper Moon) 8:30-10:30 p.m.

Door prizes, 50/50 draw and family fun

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, children under 10 free.

Donations of unwrapped stuffed toys will be gratefully accepted

For tickets and information, telephone 325-0253

Sponsored by:

- Science of Mind Centre of Vancouver
- Centre for Positive Living (White Rock and Port Moody)
- North Vancouver Society of Religious Science
- Celebration of Life Centre, Vancouver

Attention bikers, runners, walkers and friends of the environment

VCC adopts Alternative Transportation program

Vancouver Community College officially adopted a GO GREEN Choices Alternative Transportation Program at the December meeting of Operations Council. Now VCC is able to offer an invigorating way to start the day. With the new GO GREEN Choices Program in action, staff and students have a great alternative to their usual dreary commute to the College.

By the end of March 1999, 14 self-contained, theft-proof bicycle lockers will be installed at KEC in the area immediately adjacent to the handicapped parking area on level one. We have identified enough space at KEC to accommodate over 50 additional lockers if there is sufficient demand. All of the areas are safely under the eye of video security cameras!

The lockers will be provided, installed, checked and maintained by Advantage Bike Racks Ltd. and leased to VCC cyclists on a first come, first served basis. The lockers will be rented on a minimum one month basis.

The City Centre campus will continue with its bicycle lock up cage but may add self-contained bicycle lockers if there is sufficient demand for individual lock up facilities.

Twenty clothing lockers have been installed adjacent to the shower/changing room areas at both the CC and KEC Campuses for regular alternative transportation users. Additional lockers will be added according to demand and the availability of funding. The lockers for both campuses were generously donated by Shanahan's Ltd.

Commercial dryers are being installed in the male and female shower rooms at each campus for VCC employees and students who cycle, run or walk to work.

Please note the dryers are intended for alternative transportation users only and not for personal use! The dryers were generously donated by Coinomatic Pacific Ltd. and are being installed free of charge by K.D. Engineering.

New access locks at the KEC shower rooms are being provided at cost and will be installed by Al Scott Lock and Safe Ltd.

The Auto Technician Program has volunteered an area outside the main shop area to set up a bicycle maintenance station complete with bike stands, running water and an air hose to dry your bike. Special thanks must go to Glen Johnston for setting aside the area and to "Mr. Tool Room" John Lambert and Kelvin Cheng from the Diesel Program, who will be manufacturing the bike stands and setting the area up.

Additional information regarding lockers and clothing dryers is available by contacting Heather at Local 8456.

We also want to take this opportunity to publicly thank all the organizations and individuals that have provided ongoing support and encouragement to the Transportation Sub Committee over the past year.

Special thanks must go to members of the VCC Environmental Committee under the leadership of Larry Waddell who gave us the go ahead and the freedom to develop our proposal and in turn recommend our proposal to the Operational Council.

Thanks to the GO GREEN Choices Program's Karen Peachey, "our" Program Manager who spent hundreds of hours helping to put on the Go Green Fairs at KEC and CC on St. Patrick's Day last year as a way of educating and gaining support for the GO GREEN Choices Sur-

vey we developed and administered to faculty and staff just after the fairs. GO GREEN Choices also arranged to have the survey results tabulated and a report prepared for presentation to VCC Administration.

Steve Traviss deserves special mention for his work on the Sub Committee and for helping secure donations of equipment and labour to ensure success of our initial proposal to the Operation Council.

Extended gratitude goes to Dave Greenall for his leadership and enthusiasm in chairing the College GO GREEN Choices Program.

Thanks must go to Bill Miller and Angelo Iapalucci for their work on the Sub Committee and for making sure that things were done at their respective campuses.

A special thank you to our resident dinosaur Lee Henderson.

We also want to thank Sarah Lucas for her work on the Sub Committee and especially for keeping the program on track while her sub committee colleagues all went on holidays!

To KEC's Student Council for generously pledging \$2000 seed money towards developing alternative transportation facilities on campus.

Finally, to John Cruikshank and Mary Hoekstra, for the support and encouragement in spite of all the financial difficulties that were facing the College.

For the future we are already looking at several new initiatives that would make VCC even more environmentally friendly.

First we want to build on the GO GREEN Choices Information areas established at each campus and arrange for regular visits by resource people from GO GREEN Choices, BC Transit, and Jack Bell, who can provide detailed information about car and van pooling, discounted bus passes, cooperative car ownership, and other environmental programs and services.

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News briefs

Appointments and reappointments

I am pleased to announce the following appointments and reappointments in Academic and Developmental Programs: **ESL Division**

- Jane Forward, Department Head, ESL-Outreach
- Marilyn Morris, Department Head, ESL-ELS
- Alison Norman, Department Head, ESL-Vocational
- Tobi Panter, Coordinator, ESL-Outreach

AAA Division

- Joanne Gibson, Acting Coordinator, English and Social Sciences
- Ted Hougham, Acting Department Head, CCA
- Stephanie Jewell, Department Head, Humanitie
- Peter Lear, Acting Coordinator of Math, Science and CCA Department
- Wayne McNiven, Department Head, Community & Career Education
- Linda Rider, Department Head, Basic Education
- Leonor Vlug, Coordinator II, Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Adults

Program Development

- Sally Gibson, Acting Department Head

Congratulations to all!

Moir Macleod Dean of Academic & Developmental Programs

Pharmacy Technician Department

Susan Aro has been appointed to the position of Coordinator II of the Pharmacy Technician department, effective February 1/99.

Hospitality Management

Carmine Morelli has been elected to the position of department head of the Hos-

pitality Management department, effective February 1/99.

*Joan McArthur-Blair,
Dean of Applied Programs*

Timelines for the Next Elections (as approved by the Elections Committee)

- Week of February 8-12: Posters calling for elections
- Week of February 15-26: Nomination period
- Week of March 1-5: Campaigning and advance poll
- Week of March 8-12: Voting and announcement of results

The KESA representative position on Education Council is forfeit and the position will remain vacant until the next election.

The Welcome Centre has an Information Clerk

You may have noticed that the Welcome Centre at KEC is up and running, with the Counselling Department moving in on January 18. You probably have also noticed that the switchboard operator and room booking clerk have set up shop in the Centre, and that they are joined by a new position to the area — that of the Information Clerk.

The Information Clerk is responsible for giving general information to students regarding VCC programs, and for directing students and visitors to various College services. In order for the Information Clerk to be able to provide the most accurate and up-to-date information possible, we are asking for the cooperation and assistance of all departments in keeping the Clerk advised of any changes to programs or schedules, or of any events on campus about which students may be making enquiries at the Welcome Centre.

Please help us to provide information to students and visitors by including the Information Clerk on your bulletin routing list, or by placing information in the "Information Clerk" box in the mailroom,

or by telephone at local 7800. (Temporarily we do not have email access in that area, but when we do, we will advertise the email address for your use, as well.)

Carol Galloway, Manager of Personnel

VCC alumni and faculty integral part of new CD

In the first week of 1999, VCC alumnus and two-time Juno award winner, Hugh Fraser took his 17 piece Vancouver Ensemble for Jazz Improvisation (VEJI) into the recording studio to create a new CD. Hugh's compositions were performed by a stellar band made up of VCC alumni and VCC music faculty: Brad Muirhead, Dennis Esson, Tony Koch, Ken Lister, Dave Robbins, John Korsrud, Bill Clarke, Jack Duncan and Rob McKenzie. The album was recorded at VCC music faculty member Rick Kilburn's new studio and should be released some time in June 1999.

Skytrain Open House at KEC, February 10, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The provincial Rapid Transit Project Office and Vancouver City Council invites you to take part in discussions relating to the new SkyTrain transit system between VCC and Boundary Road.

- Wednesday, February 10
- VCC King Edward Campus
- 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Open House display will illustrate the preferred station locations and alignment that have been identified through the design and public consultation process to date. Staff from the Rapid Transit Project will be available to answer questions and receive comments. Staff of the City of Vancouver will also provide City views and receive input.

A second Open House will be held on:

- Thursday, February 11
- Vancouver Technical Secondary School Cafeteria

- 2600 East Broadway
- 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

First Nations Education update

The grand opening of the *First Nations Student Centre* will take place Thursday, February 25 at 12:00 noon. The student centre is located in the old KESA office, on the 2nd floor at KEC. Everyone is welcome! For further information, call Robert at 871-7020, or Mihran at 871-7336.

First Nations Awareness Day will be held at City Centre Campus on Wednesday, March 3, 1999. The theme is Celebrating Cultural Diversity and Education.

The emphasis of First Nations Awareness Day will be on exhibitions with explanations of the displays, crafts and dances. Display tables will set up in the morning, with interactive educational exhibitions in the afternoon. For further information call Robert at 871-7020, or Brenda at 871-7059.

*Robert Kiyoshk
Coordinator, First Nations Education*

Free CPR courses for VCC employees

February is Fit Hearts Month at VCC! Plan on attending one of the following free CPR training courses taught by members of the Vancouver Fire Department:

- Wednesday, February 17 from 12:30-4:30 at KEC, Room 5025
 - Thursday, February 18 from 12:30-4:30, City Centre Campus, Room TBA
- Space is limited, so call Parviz now at local 8312 to register. You could save a life!

Also, be sure to check out the Heart and Stroke Foundation's/Vancouver Fire Department's information tables, which will be set up in the mall at City Centre on February 17 and in the KEC cafeteria on February 18 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

*Brought to you by the
VCC Wellness Committee*

Joan Love from Financial Services is retiring!

The Financial Services Department invites everyone to drop by on Feb. 25 between 2:00-4:00 p.m. to wish Joan a happy retirement. Refreshments will be served.

Notice of meeting: Budget Advisory Group

The next public meeting of the Budget Advisory Group will be held on Monday, February 22, 1999, from 3:00 to 4:30

ICS INFO CORNER

Telephone systems to be upgraded

Over the next few weeks, the VCC telephone systems will undergo a series of upgrades to boost capacity, improve the functionality of the systems and ensure Year 2000 compatibility. These changes will require a series of interruptions in service as the Mitel technicians and ICS staff complete the job.

First step (which took place on February 2), was an upgrade to the Centigram voicemail system. The following day, February 3, Stuart Furness, our Telephone Systems Manager, began adding voicemail boxes for the over 150 staff who have previously requested that function. Plans are for that backlog to be cleared up by Friday, February 12.

February 12 is also the start of a "quiet period" in which only critical changes to the telephone system will be able to be attempted since a two week period is required by the Mitel technical staff to prepare the telephone switches for upgrade to the new SX2000 "Light" digital telephone system.

The King Edward Campus telephone service will be completely stopped on Saturday February 27 at 4:00 p.m. for eight hours, followed one week later

p.m. in Room 5043 at King Edward Campus. Please contact Doreen Sharan at 871-7163 for further information.

Notice of meeting: Board Finance and Administration Committee

The next public meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee of the Board will be held Wednesday, February 17 in Room 200 at CC from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Please call 871-7163 if you would like further information.

(March 6) by an similar outage to City Centre Campus's telephone service, beginning at 4:00 p.m. and lasting for eight hours. There may be some effect on dial-up modem services to our central computer systems during the outage, though this will vary by type of system accessed.

Normal fulfilment of service requests for changes and additions in telephone service will recommence on Monday March 8.

During March, ICS staff will be installing wall-mounted telephones in all VCC computer labs. These will enable Security, Facilities and ICS to assist occupants much faster than currently possible.

Finally, on March 26, Mitel have scheduled the upgrade to our Recorded Announcement Device and call handling capability. No outage to service will be experienced by VCC telephone users. This upgrade enables more sophisticated call handling decision trees and information services to be enabled. Stuart Furness will be working with the Counselling Department to introduce use of the new functions to improve their services shortly after Easter.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Steve Forrest, Manager of Systems and Computing, or Stuart Furness, Telephone Systems Manager.

*Des Dougan Director,
Information and Computing Services*

Upcoming program info sessions

(Of interest to current and prospective students of VCC. Please post.)

EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATIONAL ACCESS FOR WOMEN

- Wednesday, February 10, 1:00 p.m. and Wednesday, February 24, 1:00 p.m.
 - Location: Room 628, VCC City Centre Campus, 250 W. Pender Street
- Women: explore new career options. Employment and Educational Access for Women is a 16 week program which explores career and training opportunities including Trades, Technical, Science and Small Business. **Tuition for this program is free.**
TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION PHONE 443-8301

ELECTRONICS INFORMATION NIGHT

- Tuesday, February 16, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
 - Room 407, VCC City Centre Campus, 250 West Pender Street
- Talk to experienced instructors, and learn about excellent career opportunities. VCC has the longest-running Electronics Program in BC (over 50 years of success!).
We offer:
Electronics Technician - Common Core, 8 months - certificate. Starting March 8
Electronics Technician - Computer Systems Specialty, 6 months - certificate (or diploma with additional 6 month specialty). Starting May 3
Electronics Technician - Consumer Specialty, 6 months - certificate (or diploma with additional 6 month specialty). Starting May 3
Electronics Technician - Telecommunications Systems Specialty, 8 months - diploma. Starting May 3
FOR MORE INFORMATION PHONE 443-8561

GRAPHIC ARTS PRINTING PRODUCTION OPEN HOUSE

- Thursday, February 18, 1:00-7:00 pm
 - Location: Room 114, VCC City Centre Campus, 250 West Pender Street
- Explore a variety of wide-ranging and versatile career options in Graphic Arts Printing Production. Consider our one or two year programs for the job opportunity of the millenium.
- current students will host guided tours of our facility
 - see QuarkXPress, Illustrator, Photoshop and more in action, operated by current students
 - visit the press/bindery and finishing department
 - experienced instructors will answer your industry-related questions
- FOR MORE INFORMATION PHONE 443-8576**

AUTO COLLISION REPAIR TECHNICIAN INFORMATION SESSION

- Tuesday, March 2, 6:30pm
 - Location: Auto Trades Area, level 1, VCC King Edward Campus, 1155 East Broadway (Broadway and Glen)
- Come learn about career opportunities in this fast-growing, challenging industry. VCC's Auto Collision Repair Technician is an eight month program that provides training in a wide range of skills for success in today's advanced automobile collision repair industry. Features modern equipment and techniques, and comprehensive hands-on training. Graduates receive an industry-respected certificate.
FOR MORE INFORMATION PHONE 871-7413

HRD Workshop Registration Form

The following is a list of upcoming HRD courses.

Please tick your choice(s) and return the completed sheet to Parviz Lalji at CC, loc 8312.

FEBRUARY

<input type="checkbox"/>	Office Ergonomics	Thur Feb 11	1 pm - 3 pm	#5043 @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduction to PowerPoint	Thur Feb 11 OR Thur Apr 08	1 pm - 4 pm	#5042 @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Building a Powerful Voc.	Sat Feb 13	9:30 am - 3:30 pm	#TBA @ CC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Assertiveness Skills	Fri Feb 19	9 am - 4 pm	#TBA @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	From Conflict to Collaboration	Sat Feb 20	9 am - 4:30 pm	#TBA @ CC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Copyright/Copywrong...	Wed Feb 24	9 am - 10:30 am	#5056 @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Building a Productive Team	Fri Feb 26	9 am - 4:30 pm	Robson Square Confer. Ctr
<input type="checkbox"/>	Writing Dynamic Business...	Sat Feb 27	9:30 am - 3:30 pm	#TBA @ CC

MARCH

<input type="checkbox"/>	Breathing for Well-Being	Mon Mar 01	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	#826 @ CC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Intro to Netscape...	Mon Mar 01 OR Fri Mar 19 OR Fri Apr 23	9 am - 12 noon	#5042 @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finding Resources/WWW	Mon Mar 01 OR Fri Mar 19 OR Fri Apr 23	1 pm - 4 pm	#5042 @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lighten Up: Awareness	Wed Mar 03	1 pm - 4 pm	#5025 @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduction to Access	Fri Mar 05	9:00 am - 5 pm	#5042 @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Business Etiquette...	2 Mon Mar 08 & 15	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	#TBA @ CC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Advanced Word	Fri Mar 12	9 am - 5 pm	#5042 @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Facilitation Skills for Team...	Sat Mar 13	9 am - 4:30 pm	#TBA @ CC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Effective Memo and...	Sat Mar 13	9:30 am - 3:30 pm	#TBA @ CC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lighten Up: Lifestyles	Wed Mar 17	1 pm - 4 pm	#TBA @ CC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Conflict Resolution II	Fri Mar 26	9 am - 4 pm	#TBA @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Problem Solving and Action...	Sat Mar 27	9 am - 4:30 pm	#TBA @ CC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Working the Frontline	Sat Mar 27	9:30 am - 3:30 pm	#TBA @ CC

APRIL

<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduction to Windows	Fri Apr 09	9 am - 5 pm	#5042 @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Menopause...Naturally	Sat Apr 10	9:30 am - 12:30 pm	#TBA @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduction to Excel	Fri Apr 16	9 am - 5 pm	#5042 @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Intermediate Windows '95	Fri Apr 30	9 am - 5 pm	#5042 @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Group Facilitation	Sat Apr 24 & May 01	9 am - 4 pm	#TBA @ KEC

NAME: _____ DEPT: _____ LOCAL: _____

National Great Teachers' Seminar

The Retreat Experience of a Lifetime for Post-Secondary Teachers

Nakoda Lodge, Kananaskis Region, Alberta (in the Canadian Rockies), June 13-18, 1999

Purpose:

- to practice rational analysis of instructional problems and to find realistic, creative approaches to their solution
- to cause educators to venture beyond the limits of their own specializations and environments in search of transferable ideas and the universals of teaching
- to stimulate the exchange of information and ideas within post-secondary institutions by building an expanding communications network among faculty
- to promote an attitude of introspection and self-appraisal by providing a relaxed setting and an open, human climate in which participants can seriously reflect on their own attitudes, methods and behaviours as teachers
- to celebrate good teaching

For more information, contact Faculty Development at (780) 497-5279, Fax (780) 497-5578, or millerc@admin.gmcc.ab.ca, or web site: www.gmcc.ab.ca/nw/grteach.

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1999 BOARD MEETINGS

The College Board meets on the fourth Thursday of each month. At 5:00 p.m. a public forum will take place for one hour and the College community is invited to participate. A different forum topic is chosen by the Board each month. The formal public board meeting starts at 6:00 p.m.

KEC, Room 5025

February 25, May 27, June 24
October 28, November 25

CC, Room 240

March 25, April 22
August 26, September 23
December 9*

*Subject to Board Approval

The Board does not meet in July.

Go Green (continued)

With the bicycle service area being donated and set up by the Auto Technician Department we can sponsor regular Road Safety Workshops, Bicycle Safety Workshops and Bicycle Maintenance Workshops.

We have also begun informal discussions with ICBC and the Jack Bell Foundation to develop a joint venture with VCC's Automotive Technical Program to rebuild late model vans for Jack Bell's Van Pool Program. The program would provide an excellent work experience for our students and a lot of positive PR for VCC in terms of the advertising we could put on the vans, not to mention possible fare reduction for VCC staff and students.

If you want more information on any of our initiatives or want to get involved, please contact one of the following transportation Sub-Committee members.

- Sylvia Arnold, ESL Instructor, KEC
- Peter Ballin, Comp. Foundations, KEC

- Dave Greenall, Counsellor, KEC
- Bill Miller, Building Services Manager, KEC
- Mihran Keurdian, KESA
- Judith Weil, KESA
- Karen Aryou, City Centre Student Association
- Steve Traviss, Safety, Security and Parking Co-ordinator, Co-Chairperson
- Angelo Iapulucci, Building Services Manager, CC
- Claire Toynbee, Computer Supervisor
- Sheila Henderson, VCC Educational Foundation
- Rebecca Davey, VCC Educational Foundation
- Sarah Lucas, Executive Assistant to the President
- Karen Steichele, Counsellor, KEC
- Lee Henderson, Instructional Assistant, KEC Learning Centre, Co-Chairperson

Retirement seminars for support staff and nurses participating in Municipal Pension Plan

The College has recently been advised by the Superannuation Commission that they will be conducting seminars in the lower mainland in 1999 for participants in the plan who are within two years of minimum retirement age (55 years). Spouses or partners are also invited to attend the seminar.

The seminar is approximately three hours and the topics covered will be the pension benefit formula, CPP bridging benefits (offset), temporary annuities, payment of pensions, re-employment for a pensioner, eligibility for a pension benefits, related health benefits (Medical, Dental, Extended Health), option to buy

additional service and how to fill out pension and benefit forms.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Eugenie Wong in the Department of Human Resources at 871-7136 for an application and schedule of dates.

New VCC calendar coming this spring

The next VCC calendar is scheduled for printing at the end of March, 1999.

The new calendar will feature a revamped design and format, with the front and back covers using the same visual identity as the new VCC web site.

Inside, expect a new look for the General Information, Programs and Courses sections, with more user-friendly table of contents and an easy-to-follow format throughout the entire document.

Summary of Board meeting of January 28, 1999

Betty Carter was welcomed to her first Board meeting, as the elected King Edward Campus Board member.

In a December telephone poll and as individual Board members, the Board had approved the tentative agreement reached with the VCCFA, but formal ratification was provided at this Board meeting.

The Terms of Reference for the President's Evaluation Advisory Committee were approved by the Board. The role of this constituency based committee is to advise the Board on a process and criteria for the President's evaluation, that will ensure a wide collection of comprehensive and relevant evaluation data and the presentation of that data in an effective manner.

The Board will be participating in a focus group meeting with an Advanced Education Council of B.C. (AECBC) Steering Committee to review the performance of the AECBC and its mandate.

The College has received a response from the Rapid Transit Planning Office (RTPO) to the November Board endorsed letter sent jointly to the City Planning Department and to the RTPO, expressing College concerns regarding the Skytrain extension. The response

letter had acknowledged these issues and advised that another Skytrain Open House will take place at KEC on February 10 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Faculty Cafeteria.

The Board will participate in a VCC constituency based group in an AECBC/CIEA lobbying of local MLAs on funding. Two meetings with MLAs have been scheduled to take place in the next few weeks.

The Board Member Attendance Policy was approved by the Board, as well as an amendment to the College By-Laws which incorporates the new fee structure referring to free ABE tuition. The amendment will now be forwarded to Victoria for the approval of the Minister.

Two Education Council items presented to the Board were approved: Medical Office Careers - Change in Course Length and Practical Nursing - Change in Course Length.

The Refund Policy, which had been revised to comply with the new policy format and approved at Operations Council in December, was referred back to Operations Council for further discussion.

cial Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology and other interested organizations.

Of particular interest to those in post-secondary, a number of sessions at the conference will focus on education in multimedia, the business of new media, distance education and distributed learning, web site design, and virtual museums and galleries. The conference

WellNews Updates from the VCC Wellness Committee

Invitation from Fitness World

All teachers, employees and students of the Vancouver Community College are eligible for the Corporate Rate at Fitness World.

The Corporate Gold Card entitles you to Five Free Visits and a Body Composition Test at the Fitness World location of your choice and the Corporate Discount if you decide to enroll.

To receive the Corporate Discount of over 33% off the one-time Initiation and lower monthly dues (17.00), you must present one of Fitness World's Gold Cards and mention that you have a Corporate Rate with your school. Spouses/partners are also included.

Gold Cards are available at the switchboard desks.

You have only until April 30, 1999 to join fitness World at the preferred corporate rate.

(If you are interested, be sure and call Fitness World soon.)

Karen Kelly

Media for new millennium at UVic conference

The upcoming New Media conference at UVic will not only feature the latest in communications technology, but will use that technology to deliver its message. The three-day event (February 21-23) will showcase leading-edge projects and trends in new media communications. The first conference of its kind, New Media is a joint presentation of B.C.'s post-secondary institutions, the provin-

opens with a tour of UVic's state-of-the-art Centre for Innovative Teaching and features a delegates' tour of the Leonard da Vinci exhibit at the Royal B.C. Museum.

The conference is designed for media specialists, content users and providers and others interested in the future of new media. Register on line at <http://www.maltwood.uvic.ca/nmc/>

Access to web-based databases

The VCC Library is now pleased to offer access to the Electronic Library Network's web-based article indexes at selected Library computers. Some of these indexes will be familiar to Library users from the old text-based GATEWAY, e.g. ERIC (Education Index), CINAHL (Nursing and Allied Health Index) and CBCA (Canadian Business and Current Affairs Index). Stop by the Library Information Desk and ask for one of our new handouts on how to access these databases via the WWW.



New books at CC Library

- Special Days in Canada: A Reading Textbook
- Women and the Canadian Labour Market: Transitions Towards the Future
- Women's Support, Women's Work: Child Care in an Era of Deficit Reduction,
- Devolution Downsizing and Deregulation
- Benefiting Canada's Children: Perspectives on Gender and Social Responsibility
- A Road Map to Tourism Financing: Guide for Small and Medium-Sized Businesses
- Whistler Resort Business Performance Statistics
- Electric Power Equipment and Services Part 1—Overview and Prospects
- Pharmaceutical Industry Part 1—Overview and Prospects
- 1997 Provincial Child Care Survey
- The Investigation of Baby M
- A Guide for Liquor Licensees in British Columbia (1998)
- Collection and Disclosure of Personal Information Between Health Care
- Providers and Policing Agencies under the B.C. Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act: A Discussion Paper
- The Nisga'a Final Agreement in Brief: Bringing BC Together
- Thresholds in Reading
- Good News, Bad News: News Stories for Listening and Discussion
- High School May Not Be Enough: An Analysis of Results from the School Leavers Follow-up Survey, 1995
- Multimedia and the Web from A to Z
- Spread of Aids
- Review of Best Practices in Mental Health Reform
- Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Care and Treatment of Breast Cancer
- Health Unit Coordinating
- A Multicultural Perspective on Breastfeeding in Canada
- The Italian Cooking Encyclopedia
- Blood and Circulatory Disorders Sourcebook
- The Pharmacy Technician
- Urgent Care in the Dental Office: An Essential Handbook
- Nursing Roles: Evolving or Recycled?
- The Principles of Information Ethics
- AutoCAD R14 Update Guide
- Beginner's Guide to Tube Audio Design
- Asian Tapas and Wild Sushi
- The Entrepreneur's Guide to Sewn Product Manufacturing
- Fashion Graphics
- Foodservice Profitability: A Control Approach
- Pathways to Print: The Complete Series for Desktop Publishing

New books at KEC Library

- The Atlantic Provinces: A Geography-Based Language Study
- Culture and Politics in Canada: Towards a Culture for All Canadians
- Doing It For Ourselves: A Collection of Resource Tools for Volunteer Tutor Program Coordination
- Creekside Landing: Southeast False Creek
- Groundwork For a Better Vocabulary

- Hearts and Minds: The Controversy Over Laboratory Animals
- Literacy for Life: Adult Learners, New Practices
- Know More English: From Sentences to Paragraphs
- Life During the Crusades
- The Encyclopedia of Popular Music
- True North: The Yukon and Northwest Territories
- Vancouver Stories: People and Places in Its History: Reading and Writing Exercises
- A World of Options: A Guide to International Exchange, Community Service and Travel for Persons with Disabilities
- Universal Health Care: What the United States Can Learn From the Canadian Experience
- The Ethics of Human Cloning
- Creating and Benefiting from Institutional Collaboration: Models for Success

Maclean's Magazine releases college guide

Maclean's Magazine recently published their 160-page "Guide to Canadian Colleges," which profiles 137 community colleges, university colleges, technical institutes and CEGEPs.

VCC is featured, among with other institutions, with a full-page listing. The listing includes a third-of-a-page profile on the College (written by Maclean's editorial staff) and vital statistics (including student enrolment, tuition costs, total value of scholarships, etc).

VCC Music Department alumna Nancy Argenta, one of the world's pre-

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50th Anniversary celebration (continued)

would you, as a member of the VCC community, suggest as an interesting and enjoyable way to celebrate?

Send your comments along to Pat Hartley, Associate Dean of Health Programs, at City Centre, local 8599, email phartley@vcc.bc.ca.

Watch Connections for further updates.

Maclean's (continued)

mier operatic sopranos, was featured in the section "Famous Grads." The article focuses on the VCC connection: "In 1976, she chose to attend Vancouver Community college because of the strong reputation of one of its instructors, singing teacher Jacob Hamm. Twenty years later, Argenta's college experience still evokes warm memories.

'The great thing about that place was that it was small enough and flexible enough that I could, to some extent, set my own agenda,' Nancy says. 'The faculty were all completely supportive. It was a wonderful place to just grow up a little bit and make music as much as possible.'" Out of 137 colleges and institutes profiled, only eight famous alumni were profiled in the "Famous Grads" section, including VCC's illustrious former Music student.

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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.

Exchange Arrangements Policy

Effective Date: October 13, 1998

Policy Category: Administration

Number: B.2.13

Purpose

To set guidelines for the approval and facilitation of exchange arrangements.

Policy

Vancouver Community College supports exchange opportunities as an effective means for employees to gain experience elsewhere which will be of benefit to them and to the College. Such arrangements will be cost neutral to the College.

Replacement funds may be accepted by the College in lieu of an incoming participant if the exchange is deemed of sufficient benefit to the College and the employee.

Applies to

All permanent employees.

Procedures

1. Eligibility Requirements

Eligible VCC participants must:

- be permanent employees who have been employed with the College for a period of at least two years;
- have the approval of the President or delegate before applying for any exchange.

Eligible incoming participants must:

- be qualified to assume the position of the outgoing participant or another position which VCC believes will be equally beneficial to the College;
- be assessed by the procedures used for hiring new applicants.

2. Rules Governing the Exchange Arrangement

Outgoing participants:

- The length of the exchange will not exceed one year.
- With the approval of the President, or delegate, the period of leave can be extended to two years.
- The College will continue to pay the regular salary, less normal deductions, and fringe benefits, subject to the terms of the respective health insurance policies.
- Seniority and all benefits attributable to length of service will continue to accrue during the exchange period.
- All rights which would normally apply to employees (e.g. job changes or reduction) will continue to apply to employees on exchange.

Incoming participants:

- The sending institution will continue their regular salary and fringe benefits.
- Working conditions of Vancouver Community College will govern while on duty at the College.
- The College will provide incoming participants the same access to opportunities and resources as it does for its own employees unless stated as an exemption in the Memorandum of Agreement.

3. Memorandum of Agreement:

The assignments, obligations, and other understandings for any ex-

change participant will be detailed in a Memorandum of Agreement which must be signed by the President or delegate.

4. Return From Exchange:

Employees allowed to exchange must return to the College for a period equal to the period of leave.

5. Interpretation

Questions of interpretation or application of this policy or its procedures will be referred to the President, whose decision will be final.

Definitions

Exchange Opportunity: The exchange of an employee with an educational, governmental or business institution outside the College.

Outgoing Participant: The VCC employee leaving his/her present assignment for a temporary exchange.

Incoming Participant: The employee from an outside organization who will be temporarily assigned to Vancouver Community College.

Replaces:

Employee Exchange Policy, October, 1990.

Reference:

VCCFA Collective Agreement

Policy Sponsor:

President