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Campus forums and organizational changes: update

You will all be aware that the Board has appointed Dale Dorn to serve as Interim President, pending the search for a new President. This change of role for Dale has necessitated a need for some other temporary organizational changes. Mary Hoekstra and Linda Martin have agreed to accept additional responsibilities, with some changes of reporting structure within their two areas. A new Acting Vice President Education position has not been created.

Until further notice, International Education, Library and Media Services and I.C.S. will report to Mary. Continuing Education and the two instructional Deans will

be working with Linda, who will be Acting Vice President Education, in addition to Vice President Educational Support Services. With these new Education responsibilities, Linda will be one of the administrative representatives at Education Council. She will continue to chair Operations Council.

Campus forums

For the discussion of Budget, Planning and other issues, campus forums have been scheduled:

12:00 Noon to 1:30 p.m. on

- **Monday, March 1,
CC Faculty Lounge**
- **Thursday, March 4,
Room 5025, KEC**

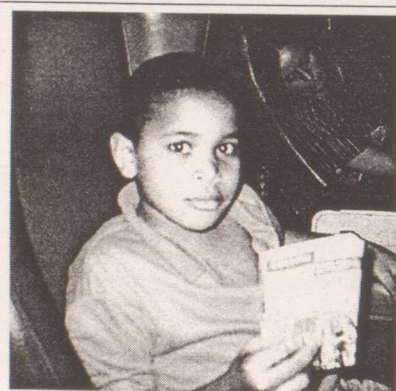
If you have any issues or concerns you would like to discuss with the College Executive, you are encouraged to attend these sessions.

Impressions of Cuba



"Musicos" in Parque Cespedes, Augustine Suarez and Arael Padro, Santiago de Cuba

I recently returned from a two-week trip to Cuba, visiting mainly Havana and then Santiago de Cuba at the eastern end of the Island. Although it's not possible to draw conclusions from such a brief visit, I'd like to share a few of my impressions of that country.



Mi amigo Yasmani Jimenez, on the train from Habana to Santiago de Cuba

Of course there's the sunshine, the beautiful, rolling, green valleys with swaying palm trees, the blue-green ocean and sea breezes. The buildings

and museums are fascinating, the neighbourhoods are bustling, there's music and trees and birds everywhere. But my strongest and warmest memories are of the people.

Prior to my trip, the American blockade of Cuba and all the resulting problems overshadowed my views of the country, and I arrived looking for the effects of the embargo. And there are many; roads and buildings need repairs, the cars are old (and there's not an abundance of toilet paper). However, what soon took over was a sense that the people were getting on with their lives. They struggle for material things, and there is a problem of two economies developing; the dollar economy and the peso. But amidst concerns about the shortages, there is optimism that things are slowly improving. One taxi driver told me that of course they want the material goods, but everyone now has access to medical services and education, and for now that's enough. Eventually the other things will come. The younger people probably are not that philosophical, but

everyone appears to be madly patriotic.

The neighbourhoods are wonderful, and everyone seems to know everyone else. There are always people on the street, and if you sit in the park for a few minutes, there's a pretty good chance you'll end up talking with someone.

The children are beautiful, and seem to be a little more "freewheeling" than their North American cousins. Every day in Havana I walked by an elementary school and the commotion never seemed to diminish. Baseball, soccer, rollerblading and kite flying appeared to be the more favoured pastimes.

In Havana and Santiago de Cuba I stayed in bed and breakfast accommodations, and also had the good fortune to join two other families for dinner. Cubans are very courteous, and are so willing to openly be your friend. Some, but not many, spoke English, and in our efforts to communicate with bits of Spanish and bits of English we shared a lot of laughs.

Cuba has many problems to solve, but as I pointed out to those "Cubanos" I came to know, they have each other, and it must be the only country in the world that is not in debt to foreign banks. It's cash on the line for everything.

I hope to return in the near future, if only to get more of that glorious, fresh-squeezed orange juice that's fit for the gods.

Della Glendenning, February 1999

**Next issue:
March 5**

**Deadline for
submissions is
February 26.**

KEC WELCOME CENTRE OPEN HOUSE

The Welcome Centre, on the 4th floor at KEC, is now complete, with Counselling, Information Desk, Registrar's Office, Assessments and Financial Aid.

Please drop by on **Thursday, February 25, 2:30-4:00 p.m.** for cake and coffee, and check out our new area.



Miriam Bennett has won the latest 50/50 prize

Don't forget that the next draw is delayed, due to a delay in receiving our gaming license. However, we will hold all the delayed draws in the next month or so. We'll also be holding a number of great bonus draws on the same day.

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.

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**WATCH UPCOMING
ISSUES FOR
MORE DETAILS**

News briefs

ABESAP applications

Faculty and staff: please remind students that ABESAP applications for Apr.-June and May-Aug/99 term will be available starting March 1, 1999. Students can pick up application forms either from the Financial Aid Office or the Counselling Department on 4th floor at KEC.

Deadline (*please note only one deadline*) to apply to ALL courses and programs is April 9, 1999. It will take three to six weeks for our office to process applications. Please encourage students to apply early. For more information call 871-7046.

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

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.

Sandra MacSorley is new Food Services Coordinator

It is with pleasure that I welcome Sandra MacSorley to the Food Services Department team as Food Services Coordinator. Sandra has for the past year and a half been an instructor for the Hospitality Management program at city centre. During this time she has familiarized herself with many of the staff, faculty, students and the operation. Prior to that Sandra held various hospitality related positions and remembers the White Spot where she worked for over 20 years to be the most memorable.

We are happy to have Sandra as a member of our team.

Jackie Ehler, Director of Food Services

Come sing with us! New singing group starting up

Have you always wanted to sing in a place other than your car or the shower? Are you curious about what your voice would sound like with more knowledge about technique, for example, vocal health and support? Now is your chance!

This class offers you the opportunity to sing in an informal and supportive environment, allowing you to explore areas of your voice that you want to develop. 10 Monday sessions in total starting Monday, March 1, from approximately 4:30-6:30 p.m. at King Edward Campus. Room #: TBA. Trainer: Larry Perras.

To register, please call Parviz at local 8312.

Learning Environments and Information Technology: a summer PD institute

SFU, in collaboration with Curtin University of Technology in Australia, is offering a Professional Development Institute this summer in Victoria. The theme of this institute is "Learning Environments and Information Technology." The institute will consider practical ways of assessing and improving classroom and school environments,

with a particular emphasis on learning environments which involve using information technology.

There are both for-credit and not-for-credit options in registering. Participants not wishing to gain credit towards a post-graduate qualification may attend any of the institutes.

There is a limit of 30 places for each institute; therefore, early registration is strongly recommended.

For early registration or further information, call Dr. David Zandvliet at 291-5680 or email dbz@sfu.ca.

Upcoming HRD Workshops

FEBRUARY

- Copyright/Copywrong, Wed Feb 24
- Building a Productive Team, Fri Feb 26
- Writing Dynamic Business..., Sat Feb 27

MARCH

- Breathing for Well-Being, Mon Mar 1
- Intro to Netscape..., Mon Mar 1 or Fri Mar 19 or Fri Apr 23
- Finding Resources/WWW, Mon Mar 1 or Fri Mar 19 or Fri Apr 23
- Lighten Up: Awareness, Wed Mar 3
- Introduction to Access, Fri Mar 5
- Business Etiquette..., 2 Mon Mar 8 & 15
- Advanced Word, Fri Mar 12
- Facilitation Skills for Team..., Sat Mar 13
- Effective Memo and..., Sat Mar 13
- Lighten Up: Lifestyles, Wed Mar 17
- Conflict Resolution II, Fri Mar 26
- Problem Solving and Action..., Sat Mar 27
- Working the Frontline, Sat Mar 27

APRIL

- Introduction to PowerPoint, Thur Apr 8
- Introduction to Windows, Fri Apr 9
- Menopause...Naturally, Sat Apr 10
- Introduction to Excel, Fri Apr 16
- Intermediate Windows '95, Fri Apr 30
- Group Facilitation, Sat Apr 24 & May 1

contact Parviz at 8312 to register

Carmine Morelli and Michael Pinter receive industry awards

The Canadian Food Services Executives Association (CFSEA) held its annual leadership night on Tuesday, February 9 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Among the recipient of the Awards of Excellence were Carmine Morelli, Department Head of Hospitality Management, and Michael Pinter, Culinary Arts instructor.

Carmine received the Excellence in Education award for 20 years of training in foodservice both at BCIT and VCC. Among his credits that were mentioned were authorship of three books (including the B.C. standard for training in bartending), training at the Waterfront Centre Hotel and the inaugural food and beverage server pilot in Whistler.

What they didn't mention about the department head of Hospitality Management was his coaching the B.C. soccer team in the B.C. Summer games to a silver finish, coaching the B.C. team in the Western Canada Summer games to a gold and his coaching at the same level for the 1999 Western Canada Summer Games. When Carmine isn't teaching, he's coaching. I've worked with Carmine for eight years (he avoids mentioning he hired me) and I can't think of a more deserving recipient.

Mike Pinter won the Excellence in Association and Industry award, primarily for his work with the B.C. Chefs' Association but was specifically cited for his involvement in the scholarship fund since its inception (whereby worthy high school students receive funds to attend VCC) and also for the Saturday Culinary Arts classes he has taught for over 15 years.

Dave Donaldson, Associate Dean, Tourism, Hospitality and Business programs



Top:
Carmine Morelli and unidentified presenter

Bottom:
Michael Pinter

Campus libraries hold Separation Celebration

The separation is final! Come and join the VCC libraries as we celebrate the final separation of VCC and Langara libraries. Open house: March 10, from 10:00 to noon at KEC Library, and 2:00-4:00 p.m. at City Centre Library.

Changes in Library Technical Services

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Carol Elder, who joins us as Coordinator II of the Library Technical Services Department.

Carol comes to us with many years of technical services background, most recently as Head of Technical Services at Surrey Public Library. Many thanks go to Virginia Adams who has been our Coordinator II. She has done an outstanding job of setting up and running our Technical Services Department at VCC for the past two years.

Virginia is now off on maternity leave and we wish her and her husband Bob Altwein from Media Services all the best. Virginia will return to the VCC Library as a Public Services Librarian in the Fall.

Brenda Appleton

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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.

Upcoming program info sessions

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

EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATIONAL ACCESS FOR WOMEN

- 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

AUTO COLLISION REPAIR TECHNICIAN INFORMATION SESSION

- Tuesday, March 2, 1999, 6:30 p.m.
- 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

DENTAL ASSISTING AND DENTAL RECEPTION

- Tuesday, March 23, 1999, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- Location: Room 112 (Theatre) City Centre Campus

TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE OR FOR MORE INFORMATION PHONE 443-8492

MEDICAL OFFICE CAREERS (MEDICAL OFFICE ASSISTANT, MEDICAL SECRETARY & MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTIONIST)

- Tuesday, April 27, 1999, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- Location: Room 112 (Theatre) City Centre Campus

FOR MORE INFORMATION PHONE 443-8519

Building Bridges

Submitted by Catherine Matheson, Interpreting and Braille Services.

On January 11, VCC's Interpreting Services department, in partnership with the Provincial Interpreting Facilitator, hosted a Networking evening at Vancouver Community College. High school and college students, parents, instructors, college staff, interpreters, and members of the Deaf community were invited to participate. The evening was a tremendous success, and all of the 70-plus

people who attended enjoyed the opportunity to meet and discuss how to be successful at the post-secondary level.

Four guest speakers made presentations, aimed at familiarizing students with the post-secondary setting. The first speaker, Marna Arnell, discussed the objectives of the Interpreting Services Project (ISP). By supporting interpreter professional development, co-

hosting networking evenings, and producing videotapes that describe the interpreting services available to students, the ISP's goal is to assist students in understanding their rights and responsibilities as they make the transition from high school to college or university.

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Building Bridges

The next speaker was Jami Nystrom, Lead Interpreter at VCC, who facilitated an open discussion between students and interpreters. Each group was asked to respond to a variety of questions, including "Who do interpreters work for?" and "What does professional interpreter behaviour mean to you?". It was a lively discussion, and everyone benefited from the opinions and ideas that were shared.

The third presenter was Donna Lee, a former VCC student. Donna encouraged students to understand their rights and responsibilities as they make the transition from high school to the post-secondary level. She also encouraged students to learn college policies and procedures to ensure a smooth working relationship with their interpreter.

The final speaker of the evening, Nigel Howard, discussed the importance of communication within the student-interpreter team. As he explained, students should take the time to meet with the interpreter, and define their expectations. To illustrate his point, Nigel told the audience that he has two expectations of any interpreter he works with. He expects the interpreter to "try their best, and to enjoy their work." Once the student has defined their expectations to the interpreter, they should also ask the interpreter to describe their preferences. Open communication will ensure a smooth working relationship for the student-interpreter team.

The inaugural Networking evening was a tremendous success, and everyone benefited from the information that was presented. A special thanks to Karin Steichele, from VCC's Counselling Department, who attended this function and showed enormous support not only for Interpreting and Braille Services, but also for the Deaf community and for interpreters as well. Thanks again Karin for your support!

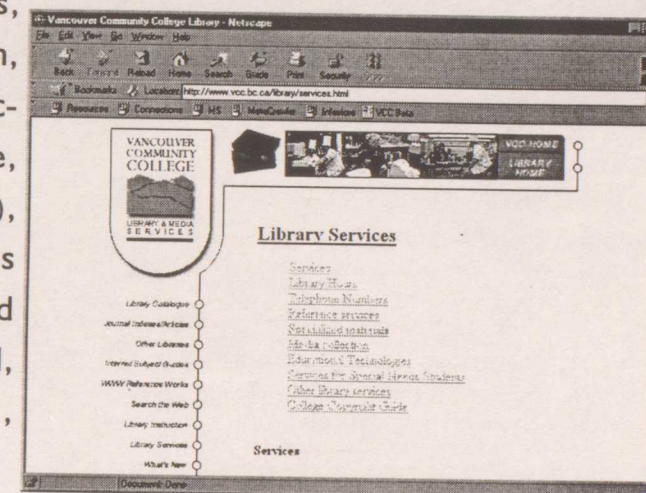
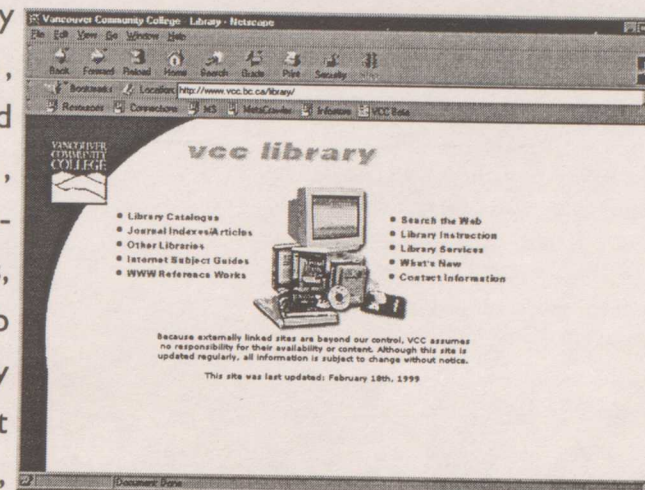
www.vcc.bc.ca/library/: What can you find on the Library's web site?

Newspapers from around the world (including the Sun and Province), access to journal indexes and full-text magazine

articles, library catalogues, web-based dictionaries, maps, biographies, almanacs, guides to web sites arranged by subjects taught at the College (e.g.,

Culinary Arts, Dental Health, English as a Second Language, Music, etc.), search engines like Hotbot and Alta Vista and, yes — much, much more!

Instructors are encouraged to check out the Internet Subject Guides to see what's available for their areas. Please send any feedback, suggestions or corrections to ssafyan@vcc.bc.ca.



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JOB POSTINGS



Food Services Worker, City Centre Campus, Closing date: February 25.

Department Assistant (18/35), International Education. Closing date: March 1.

**You were there for the journey.
Don't miss the jubilation!**

**Spring graduation ceremonies,
March 3 and 4, 1999**

**Technology, Academic,
ABE/ASE and ESL Programs
March 3, 6:30 p.m.**

**Tourism, Hospitality and Business Programs
March 3, 8:00 p.m.**

**Health Sciences Programs
(Continuing Care and Allied Health)
March 4, 6:30 p.m.**

**Health Sciences Programs
March 4, 8:00 p.m.**

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