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## Message from Dale Dorn, Interim President

I have met with representatives from all the constituency groups to talk about plans for this interim period, to provide an opportunity for them to ask questions and to ask for their support.

At the Board meeting of February 25, 1999 and at the two Campus Forums earlier this week, I reported on an Institutional Planning Initiative. This planning process will be constituency involved and stakeholder based. The process will include the validation, consolidation and integration of initiatives already approved. As well, we need to review our reference points for decision making and recognize the value of our current activities, as we seek revitalization and focus.

The Advisory Committee for this planning process will be the constituency represented group which met last week to discuss preliminary plans. We will also be retaining the services of a consultant to advise on process and to assist in research and preparing documentation. A specified requirement will be constituency involvement. One aspect of the integrative approach will be a planned College Facilities Feasibility Study, endorsed by the Board at the February Board meeting.

In the next few weeks you may be asked to participate in some way in this planning initiative and I look forward to working with you to plan the future of our College.

*Dale Dorn, Interim President*

## Local MLA shows support for student access

*(The following is a letter that Jenny Kwan, MLA Vancouver-Mount Pleasant, wrote to Hon. Andrew Petter (Minister of Advanced Education, Training and Technology) on Feb. 23. The letter was a follow-up to a meeting that Ms. Kwan attended with VCC student, board and faculty representatives.)*

Dear Hon. Petter,  
I had the opportunity this week to meet with student, board and faculty repre-

sentatives from Vancouver Community College.

I particularly want to draw to your attention to the concerns around Adult Basic Education. There was general agreement from all representatives at the meeting that the tuition free ABE has resulted in improved access and increase student numbers, but that these addi-

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## Employee Recognition ceremonies continue

Last October VCC honoured its 25-year and 30-year employees. Because of the large number of 20-year employees, we promised a separate spring reception in their honour. This celebration will be held on March 11, 1999 in the Four Corners Restaurant at City Centre Campus from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Presentations will be made at 4:00 p.m. and light refreshments will be served.

### VCC takes pleasure in acknowledging:

Gillian Akin ..... ESL, Outreach  
Betty Ann Buss ..... ESL, English Language Skills  
David Aquila ..... ESL, English Language Skills  
Barbara Ash ..... Academic/ABE/ASE Programs  
Ross Barbour ..... ESL, English Language Skills  
Wayne Baxter ..... Culinary Arts  
John Bingley ..... Culinary Arts  
Joan Bloomingdale ..... CF, Humanities  
Robert Caldwell ..... ESL Vocational  
Malcolm Cant ..... Individual Ed. Programs for Adults  
Ruth Chiko ..... CF, Humanities  
Fiona Chin ..... ESL Outreach  
Jean Cockell ..... Academic/ABE/ASE Programs  
Pat Cooper ..... Continuing Education  
Bruno Della Savia ..... Drafting  
Lily Der ..... ESL Vocational  
Jerry Domer ..... Music  
David Duke ..... Music  
Carmen Dykstra ..... ESL, English Language Skills  
Margot Ehling ..... Music  
Stanley Foo ..... Information & Computing Services  
Marta Gardiner ..... ESL Programs  
Barbara Gerber ..... ESL, English Language Skills  
John Godfrey ..... ESL, English Language Skills  
Ethel Goh ..... ESL, English Language Skills  
Laurie Gould ..... Basic Education  
Barry Grey ..... Culinary Arts  
Sunny Gujral ..... Financial Aid  
Pat Hartley ..... Health Programs  
Jean Heep ..... Financial Services  
Ann Hinkle ..... ESL Outreach  
Dorothy Ho ..... Registrar's Office  
Ted Hougham ..... College & Career Access  
Jennifer House ..... Continuing Education  
Chian-Li Hsu ..... ESL, English Language Skills

Angelo Iapalucci ..... Facilities  
Raymonde Jabaji ..... ESL, Vocational  
Debbie Jadranin ..... Laundry  
Hanneke Janssen ..... Hairstyling/Esthetics  
Cheryl Jibodh ..... ESL, English Language Skills  
Glen Johnston ..... Automotive Technician Program  
Hughie Jones ..... ESL, English Language Skills  
Diane Jones ..... ESL, Vocational  
Sandra Jones ..... Library  
May Jung ..... Registrar's Office  
Sherie Kaplan ..... ESL, College Prep. English  
Barry Kendrick ..... Business Management  
Don Keyes ..... Diesel Program  
Vinit Khosla ..... ESL, English Language Skills  
Keh Kie Tio ..... CF, Mathematics  
Ingrid Kolsteren ..... Basic Education  
Greg Kravec ..... ESL, English Language Skills  
Steen Larsen ..... Culinary Arts  
Christine Lee ..... Counselling  
Susan Lesko ..... Medical Office Careers  
Conrad Leung ..... Asian Culinary Arts  
Moirra Macleod ..... Academic/Developmental Programs  
Paulette Maglaque ..... Basic Education  
Robert Malone ..... Hairstyling  
Linda Martin ..... Education and Education Support  
Donna McGee ..... ESL, Vocational  
Sandra McIntosh-Kocaba .....  
..... ESL, English Language Skills  
Carl Meadows ..... Diesel Program  
Margaret Nelson ..... College & Career Access  
Christel Nierobisch ..... ESL, English Language Skills  
Hans Obeck ..... Hospitality Management  
Stephen Odwin ..... Dental Technician-Denturist Program  
Ray Oksanen ..... Diesel Program  
Jim Olson ..... Continuing Care & Allied Health

Thomas O'Donnell ..... Electronics  
Dennis O'Neill ..... Automotive Technician Program  
Barbara Parker ..... Nursing  
Gordon Pawelchak ..... CF, Science  
Greg Pedersen ..... ESL, Vocational  
Thomas Petersen ..... ESL, College Prep. English  
Russell Porter ..... ABE, Youth  
Vanita Puri ..... Bookstore  
Dana Rezek ..... Financial Services  
Donald Richardson ..... Basic Education  
Joan Rike ..... CF, Humanities  
Dennie Rothschild ..... ESL, College Prep. English  
George Rudolph ..... Baking and Pastry Arts  
Herbert Salzmann ..... ESL, College Prep. English  
Jackie Sandy ..... Student Services, Registrar  
Roger Schofer ..... Continuing Education  
Stuart Scholefield ..... ESL, English Language Skills  
Sally Seddon ..... Office Management & Communications  
Victor Sinclair ..... ESL, English Language Skills  
Ryun Sinclair ..... Culinary Arts  
David Smith ..... ESL, English Language Skills  
Edward Soltis ..... ESL, Vocational  
Pat Sproston ..... Automotive Collision  
Lynda Stewart ..... Basic Education  
Michael Szas ..... Basic Education  
Christian Thoeny ..... Culinary Arts

Lesley Thomson ..... ESL, Vocational  
David Tickner ..... Program Development  
Mary Trivisano ..... ESL, College Prep. English  
Laurette Unger ..... Dental Assisting & Reception  
Mary Waddington ..... Job Readiness Program  
Bruce Watson ..... ESL, College Prep. English  
Michael Webb ..... ESL, Vocational  
Gwyneth Westwick ..... ESL, College Prep. English  
Wayne Wilson ..... CF, Mathematics  
Susan Yee ..... ESL, Vocational  
Marion Yip ..... ESL, Outreach  
Peter Yip ..... CCA, Mathematics/Science  
May Yip ..... ESL, Outreach  
Sharon Yoneda ..... ESL, Vocational  
Margaret Young ..... ESL, College Prep. English

If we have missed your name, or you know of someone who should be on this list, please contact Della Glendenning at local 7016 as soon as possible. I look forward to seeing you on March 11. The next reception for employees with 20, 25 and 30 years of service is scheduled for the fall of 1999.

Linda Martin, Vice President, Education Support  
Services and Acting Vice President, Education

## Room Bookings needs your help!

Please remember to fill out the space request forms for every time you need a classroom. If you do not have any forms, please call the Room Booking Clerk (7027 @ KEC or 8325 @ CC) to have some mailed to you.

It is vital that everyone book their rooms *only* for the required amount of time that the classroom will in fact be used. Having empty rooms creates the impression that there is lots of space on campus, when in fact it is just poor room utilization.

Please also remember to let the Room Booking Clerks at each campus know when you will NOT be needing the room you may have booked. There are always desperate people looking for some extra space for classes or meetings.

We appreciate all of your efforts in helping to make this system work!

### Jenny Kwan letter (continued)

tional student spaces are causing strain on student services, particularly computer labs and libraries. The students mentioned that it is not uncommon to put your name on the list for computer access and not have your name come up the entire day. Computer access is an important issue for many people in ABE, especially those students, such as single mothers, who do not have the mobility to go to other resources in the community.

I have enclosed for you some information that they have asked me to share with me colleagues. I look forward to discussing these issues with you.

Sincerely,

Jenny Wai Ching Kwan, MLA  
(Vancouver-Mount Pleasant)

cc: Hon. Joy McPhail, Minister of Finance  
Dale Dorn, Interim President, VCC



## News briefs

### New pager number for City Centre Security

The City Centre security pager number has been changed to 601-7126. Please cross off the old security pager number on the front of the phone directory and replace it with the new number.

For urgent security help, continue to dial 4444 or pick up the nearest Help phone.

Steve Traviss, Safety, Security and Parking Coordinator.

### Meeting notice: Board Finance and Admin. Committee

The Finance and Administration Committee of the Board has changed the date for their next public meeting from Wednesday, March 17, to Monday, March 22, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Room 5043 at King Edward Campus. For further information please call Doreen Sharan at 871-7163.

### Helen Campbell appointed VMECW trustee

Congratulations to Helen Campbell, cashier in the Registrar's Office at City Centre, who has just become one of three Trustees of the Vancouver Municipal, Education and Community Workers Society.

As announced in The Members' Voice, there was a by-election at the February CUPE 15 general meeting to fill the Trustee vacancy on the executive of the VMREW Society for the remainder of a three-year term ending in March 2001.

Helen, who is a Shop Steward at City Centre, is also a member of the Union Education Committee, and a CUPE 15

delegate to CUPE METRO Vancouver District Council.

### Sandra Bailey honoured

During the Pacific Dental Conference, held at the Waterfront Hotel, The College of Dental Surgeons honoured Sandra Bailey of the Dental Program for her outstanding service to the profession.

Sandra was one of four to receive the College's *Distinguished Services Award*. Congratulations from everyone at VCC, and especially from Sandra's colleagues in the Dental Program, who are extremely proud of her accomplishment.

## VCC People

### Director of Continuing Education appointed

I am pleased to announce that Connie Gibbs has been appointed to the position and will join the College on March 29, 1999.

Connie has worked for the Vancouver School Board (VSB) as an Academic Advisor and CE Program Coordinator since 1994. Her responsibilities at VSB included the marketing and coordination of over 300 courses in seven different program areas as well as the development and implementation of new courses. Most recently Connie took a leadership role in successfully restructuring VSB's CE programs to increase program relevance and revenue.

She has both the knowledge and experience to contribute positively to the success of VCC and CE in particular and we are happy to have Connie on our team.

Fred Wuhrer, Acting Director, Continuing Education

## 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**

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.

## VCC AUTO TRADES

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ISSUES FOR  
MORE DETAILS

### LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE

VCC Library invites you to join us at an Open House to celebrate our final separation from Langara Library.

The process of separation began in November 1992 when the Minister of Advanced Education, Training and Technology, Dr. Tom Perry, consented to the separation of the Langara campus from VCC.

One of the areas most affected by the separation were the libraries. The KEC and CC libraries began planning for separation, setting up a Shared Services Department with Langara in 1993 which would handle acquisitions and technical services.

Media and Library services at the two campuses became VCC LAMS under the direction of new College Librarian Brenda Appleton in 1994. Over the next few years, VCC Library has created its own technical services department, at first under the direction of Virginia Adams and now headed by Carol Elder.

The two disparate campus libraries of KEC and CC have worked toward integration as one efficient, stand-alone library system. As of December 15, 1998, the final link with Langara was severed when our on-line library catalogues were electronically separated.

We'd like to invite all VCC staff, faculty and administrators to join us in celebrating the past, present and future of VCC Library.

On Wednesday, March 10 the KEC Library will host its Open House from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and City Centre's Open House will take place that afternoon from 2:00-4:00 p.m. There will be no reference or circulation services during those hours.

Both ceremonies will feature live music from the Music Department, a ribbon-cutting ceremony, some presentations and the sharing of a special cake. Hope to see you there!

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### New baby!

Virginia Adams from the Library and Bob Altwein from Media Services have a brand new, beautiful baby girl, Anna Adams Altwein! Anna was born at 2:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning, February 24 and weighed 8 lbs 6 oz. at birth. Congratulations and best wishes!

### New books at City Centre Library

- In the Company of Women: Canadian Businesswomen Talk About What it Takes to Create and Manage a Successful Business
- Raising Your Business: a Canadian Woman's Guide to Entrepreneurship
- How to be a Successful Internet Consultant
- Gourmet to Go: a Guide to Opening and Operating a Specialty Food Store
- The Geek's Guide to Internet Business Success
- Resource Guide for Successful Employment Transition
- Business Letters the Easy Way
- Over 300 Successful Business Letters for all Occasions
- Guiding Children's Social Development
- Human Relations: Personal and Professional Development
- Caring for School-Age Children
- Nisga'a Final Agreement
- Principles of Colour Design: Designing with Electronic Colour
- Classic Decorative Details
- TOEFL Grammar Workbook
- ESL Guide to American Business English
- Computers: Tools for an Information Age
- Windows 98 for Dummies
- Delmar's Standard Textbook of Electricity
- Hair & Make-up
- Melanoma: Prevention, Detection & Treatment
- Living with Brain Injury: a Guide for Families and Caregivers
- Nursing Care of the Critically Ill Child

- Residential Steel Design and Construction
- Circuit Troubleshooting Handbook
- Crash Course in Electronics Technology
- Elements of Style: From the Portfolio of Hollywood's Premier Stylist
- On Cooking: a Textbook of Culinary Fundamentals (Canadian Edition)
- Internet Handbook for Writers, Researchers and Journalists

### New books in KEC Library

- All About Dreams: Everything You Need to Know About Why We Have Them, What They Mean, and How to Put Them to Work for You
- Teaching by Principles; an Interactive Approach to Language Pedagogy
- Coming Through Slaughter
- Depression and Natural Medicine: a Nutritional Approach to Depression and Mood Swings
- Taking the Anxiety Out of Taking Tests: a Step-by-step Guide
- Fat History: Bodies and Beauty in the Modern West
- The Cult of Impotence: Selling the Myth of Powerlessness in the Global Economy
- Breathing Fire: Canada's New Poets
- Driven to Distraction: Recognizing and Coping with Attention Deficit Disorder from Childhood Through Adulthood
- Answers to Distraction
- Farm Folk, City Folk: Stories, Tips and Recipes Celebrating Local Food for Food Lovers of all Stripes

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Deadline for  
submissions is  
March 12.



## Upcoming program info sessions

### DENTAL ASSISTING AND DENTAL RECEPTION

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

City Centre Campus

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

### ELECTRONICS

- Tuesday, March 30, 7:00-9:30 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.

**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**

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

- Tuesday, April 27, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

- Location: Room 112 (Theatre)

City Centre Campus

**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
PHONE 443-8519**

## 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.

### 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...	Fri Mar 19 OR Fri Apr 23	9 am - 12 noon	#5042 @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finding Resources/WWW	Fri Mar 19 OR Fri Apr 23	1 pm - 4 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## St. Patrick's Day Bicycle Safety and Maintenance Workshop

Go Green on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, by attending the bicycle safety and maintenance workshop from 12:00- 1:30 p.m. in room 5025.

Whether a beginner or an expert cyclist, you will find the workshop interesting and informative. Learn more about protective equipment and clothing and how to do your own bicycle tune-up.

You will also learn tips on how to commute safely, including knowing the rules

of the road and selecting a route that suits you.

During the workshop, there will be a tour of the the new bike tune up station provided by the Trades Departments.

All participants are automatically entered to win some great prizes.

Please call Parviz at local 8312 to register. See you there!

Brought to you by VCC's GO GREEN Initiative.

## Summary of Board meeting of February 25, 1999

The Board approved the creation of a President's Selection Advisory Committee which will advise on the selection process to be used for the appointment of a new President. The committee will consist primarily of Board members but representatives of the constituent groups will be invited to participate. The group will report back on a recommended process at the March Board meeting.

The President's Evaluation Advisory Committee (PEAC) will continue, even though the immediacy of the need for a President's evaluation process no longer exists. The Board believes that it is important to develop an approved process which can be used for all VCC Presidents.

The Board Chair reported on the two visits to MLAs made by a representative group from the College. These visits to Tim Stevenson and Jenny Kwan were part of the AECBC/CIEA lobbying of local MLAs on funding and both were deemed successful in the communication of the message.

The Board approved the request from the Finance and Administration Committee to support the College request for

Ministry funding for a College Facilities Feasibility Study, which will investigate the needs of both campuses. Information from this Study will feed into the College Planning Process.

The Board approved six items recommended for approval by Education Council:

- Basic Employment Skills Training - Change to Program Length
- Dental Hygiene - Modification to Admission Requirements
- Dental Assisting/Dental Reception - Modification to Admission Requirements
- Dental Laboratory Technology Diploma Program - Proposed Interim Program Change
- Hospice/Palliative Care Certificate Program - New Program
- Barber/Hairstyling Womens/Mens/Esthetics - Modification to Admission Requirements

The Retirement and Re-employment Policy was referred back to Operations Council for further discussion, with the request that more information be provided on certain aspects of the policy.

## Fire Drills— March 9, 10

Fire drills are scheduled for March 9 at KEC and March 10 at City Centre. Remember the following key points and be prepared every time the fire bells ring.

### All employees must:

- Secure their area
- Familiarize themselves with written procedures located in their area
- Know and practice their emergency evacuation routes
- Leave the building and ensure students and visitors are also vacating

### All instructors must:

- Lead their students out of the building and across the street
- Account for their students once outside
- Keep their students outside until the "all clear" signal is given

### Everyone must:

- Treat every alarm as a real fire
- Use stairs, not elevators
- Move away from the building and cross the street once outside
- Keep streets clear for emergency personnel
- Stay out of the building until the three rings of the fire bells (City Centre) or three blasts of the hailer (KEC)

If you have any questions about the fire procedures at your campus, please call Bill Miller at local 7133, Angelo Iapalucci at local 8457 or Steve Traviss at local 8603.

In advance, thank you for your cooperation during the fire alarm.

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## What goes around, comes around

The 6th annual "Hospitality Job Fair" at VCC held February 17 and 18, 1999 at City Centre had three important differences this year. The numbers were similar (20 employers, 50 plus interviews, and over 175 students taking part in interviews over the days) and the look was the same (classrooms converted into interview rooms with apprehensive



*Carmine Morelli, Department Head, Hospitality Management and Susanne Stecy, Assistant Front Office Manager at the Westin Bayshore reminisce about her days as a student in the program at VCC.*

students dressed their best waiting for interviews). The differences were the impact of former students in the process, the inclusion of University of Victoria students and the expansion of the program.

For the first time, former students who had graduated from the Hospitality Management diploma program returned to interview the current students. Veronica Winkler, Assistant Front Office Manager at the Hotel Vancouver, Eugenio Pirri, Training Manager at the Pan Pacific Hotel, Judith Felder, Human Resources Coordinator at the Four Seasons Hotel and Susanne Stecy, Assistant Front Office Manager at the Westin Bayshore all indicated how much they enjoyed returning to meet the current group of students.

This year also marked the first time that another institution's students participated in the interviews. Given the success of the VCC program, industry requested a coordinated effort with the University of Victoria. Commerce students in the Hotel and Restaurant Management option (40% of whom are

VCC grads) participated in interviews for coop placement this year.

Finally, the interviews, which previously had been under the domain of the Hospitality Management department in the past, was moved to the Tourism, Hospitality and Business division and Culinary Arts and Baking and Pastry Arts were able to participate in larger numbers than ever.

The employers who interviewed the VCC students were impressed with the quality and preparedness of the students they met. The main objective for this interview program is for students to be given the opportunity for employment and every year this is a major success. However, the interviews have an important educational component as well, as the interviews are the final phase of resume preparation, mock interview and hiring process modules in Business Communications and Human Resources. Additionally, industry uses the opportunity to train staff as mid-level managers are encouraged to participate to hone their interviewing skills.

The hotels and restaurant chains who participated and deserve the heartfelt thanks of all students and faculty involved in the interviews include Airport Marriott Hotel, Coast Plaza Suites Hotel, Delta Airport Hotel, Delta Pacific Resort, Delta Vancouver Suites Hotel, Delta Whistler Hotel, Four Seasons Hotel, Hotel Vancouver, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Metropolitan Hotel, Pacific Palisades Hotel, Pan Pacific Hotel, Rosedale on Robson Suites Hotel, Sutton Place Hotel, Vancouver Renaissance Hotel, Waterfront Centre Hotel, Westin Bayshore Hotel, Pizza Hut, Red Robin Restaurants and the Spectra Group of Great Restaurants. A special thanks to Brigitte Kirmis of Tourism, Hospitality and Business who coordinated the entire event this year. The best indication of how she did was given by one of the hotel interviewers who raved that this year's event was the best organized ever!

*submitted by Dave Donaldson,  
Associate Dean, Tourism,  
Hospitality and Business Programs*

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Employee pledges to Foundation up more than 50%

In 1998's United Way campaign, VCC employees pledged almost \$8,000 to the Educational Foundation for student scholarships and bursaries—an increase of more than 50% over the previous year. In 1997, employees pledged just over \$5,000.

## Year 2000 at VCC: what's been done and what's left to do?

### ICS INFO CORNER

Unless you've been sleeping in a cave with no electricity for the past 18 months, you should be aware of the discussion, hype and general unfounded speculation surrounding the impending arrival of the Year 2000. It's almost impossible to open a newspaper or magazine without seeing some reference to the "Millennium Bug," which is not a bug at all.

In fact, the change from 19xx years to 20xx years and the resulting impact on worldwide computer systems is simply the result of poor design and lack of foresight among hardware and software designers, who used a two digit date field (e.g. "99") to store years. When the year rolls over to "00", non-compliant systems will treat this date as 1900. Computer systems are not the only devices to perhaps be impacted—anything with an embedded processor (from an elevator to a microwave) could have a problem.

This article will discuss VCC's efforts to ensure the impacts to the College community are minimized.

### What's been done so far?

Work on investigating and resolving the impacts on the College began in 1997. Facilities have investigated all the environmental systems (elevators, security systems, heating and water controls), while ICS began work on addressing computer system impacts.

To date, the impacts on all major College services are known. Where changes were necessary, these have either been implemented (for example, the CE and Program Development Registration Systems and Dynix, the Library system) or are in the process of being carried out (the Banner system). Testing was carried out during the Christmas break to address the status of PCs, while the various departments in the College were contacted to enable a list to be built of other non-PC equipment and specialized software packages which may have a Year 2000 impact.

### What's left to do?

A small group (OK, a committee!) has been formed to oversee the remaining tasks during this year. The group is formed of Dave Crowe, the Purchasing Manager, Paul Hunt, Associate Dean of Technology Programs, and myself. Our prime objective will be to ensure that we have identified all areas where there may be an impact and to determine what steps, if any, need to be taken. This activity has already commenced with resolution of the impact on the College's population of PCs the first task being addressed.

### What's the impact on you?

At work, there should be little that individual members of the College community will have to do. Should you have questions, for example about a specific piece of equipment or about a software package you use, these can be directed to me (preferably via email to ddougan@vcc.bc.ca).

At home, you should determine if your PC is compliant by asking your supplier (most PCs under three years old should be fine, but it's worth taking the time to check. If you have a Mac, you have nothing to worry about, as these were designed with compliance in mind). You may also want to determine if appliances such as microwave ovens, furnace thermostat controls or VCRs rely on two digit dates.

*Des Dougan Director,  
Information and Computing Services*

## Counsellor's Corner

### A brief update:

Staffing changes in the Counselling Department's KEC location occurred recently, due to David Greenall taking a one year leave of absence. David's replacement counsellor is Nona Coles from

City Centre. Since Nona took maternity leave and gave birth to a baby girl on February 12, Candice Lindsay (also from City Centre) replaced Nona. Loren Houldson, in addition to his other duties, is the Trade's liaison counsellor during David's absence.

Workshops offered by counsellors are available on request. Posted workshops in the CCA Department area, which are provided by counsellors, are

available to all KEC students. Please contact the Counselling Department for more information.

The Student Advocate Program, under the supervision of Donna Barreca, currently provides the College with the services of 20-25 Student Advocates. Students requiring their services just need to come to the Counselling Department reception desk.

*submitted by Loren Houldson*



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# classifieds

## HOUSING



### Suite for rent

Metrotown area; walking distance to Skytrain, Metrotown Mall and Central Park. Large suite, separate entrance, large yard, quiet area, laundry OK. \$650 per month. Call 451-7935.

### Suite for rent

Bright, above ground basement suite in a house (Renfrew/PNE area). 800 square feet, two bedrooms, private entrance. Includes heat, hot water, electricity, new fridge and stove. Close to bus routes, on Adanac Bikeway. Indoor cat OK. Prefer single, quiet working person. Available May 1. \$675 per month. Call Dale, local 7152 or 251-4677.

## JOB POSTINGS



*Part-time Admissions Clerk, LINC Program.* Closing: March 10.

*Part-time Program Assistant, ELS Department.* Closing: March 10.

## FOR SALE



Honda Prelude SR (1990). Silver metallic, 4ws; fully loaded, alarm, stereo system, new tires. Excellent condition. Call 433-1871.

Next issue: March 19  
Deadline for submissions is March 12.

## Upcoming

5th Annual *Eracism March*, Saturday, March 20, 1:00 p.m. March begins at 10275-135th Street (Surrey Central Skytrain Station), and arrives at 2:00 p.m. at Queen Elizabeth Sr. Secondary School (9457 King George Highway, Surrey). Featuring a multicultural community fair, with displays, food and entertainment, and special guest speaker Margaret Mitchell from the Human Rights Advisory Council. For info or displays call Donna at 1-877-333-9722.

Join the Vancouver Multicultural Society and support Eracism. Participants will walk to the Granville Skytrain Station, and disembark at Surrey Central Station. Saturday, March 20, at the Vancouver Art Gallery (Georgia Street side).

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