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Y2K and the Instructor

by Frank Fornelli, Business and Computer Studies instructor

Will the Y2K bug "byte" you and me while we are preparing our classes at midnight at the end of this year?

As an instructor, I do a lot of preparation of course materials on my computer at home and in my office at KEC. At home, I'm running Windows 98, Word 97, Excel 97, and Publisher 98 on a Pentium II at 233 MHz.

In my office at KEC, I'm running Windows 3.11 (over DOS 6.0), Word 6, and Excel 5 on a sloooow 486 at 33MHz.

Rather than tensing up for the great Y2K 'crash' about which so many are warning me, I decided to check it out. My reasoning was: Check out the oldest system and if it won't let me down, then my zippy Pentium with new software shouldn't be a problem.

So on my KEC office computer I got into Windows 3.11, jumped the DOS prompt and changed the date to January 1, 2000. As I went back into Windows, all seemed OK.

I then opened a new word processing document in Word 6 and put the printdate field in the header. It said January 1, 2000. I jumped back to DOS and changed the date to January 1, 2010. Back in Word the header read January 1, 2010. Then I tried January 1, 2050. No problem!

As I continued on into the century, however, my **Word document could only handle the date correctly up to December 31, 2099.** (Can you imagine my computer still running 100 years from now?)

Next I tried date calculations in Excel 5. Using the built-in Excel functions of TODAY() and DATE(), I created a spreadsheet that would calculate the number of days from the date stored in the computer to my birthday in 2010 and the number of days that have elapsed since December 31, 1998.

Using the DOS prompt, I reset the date to May 1, 2005. The cell having the formula =TODAY() showed May 1, 2005. The cell having the formula =DATE(2010,2,13) showed February 13, 2010. The cell with the formula to calculate the days since December 31, 1998 showed 2313 (i.e. the number of days from the end of 1998 to May 1, 2005).

The cell with the formula to calculate the number of days between the computer's stored date and my birthday in 2010 showed 1749. I reset the computer's date to February 13, 2010. Days since the end of 1998 showed as 4062; days to my birthday in Feb 13, 2010 showed as 0.

However, as with Word, there is a limit to the **date handling in Excel 5. I could not enter a date later than December 31, 2078.** (Hey, I'd only be 136 years old by then!)

Y2K (continued)

The other problem I feared was my computer not saving files with the correct date so that I may not be able to see my most recent files when I sort by date.

Once again I changed the date to March 13, 2025 and saved a file. Turning to the Windows 3.11 File Manager, I looked at the list of files with size, date, and time showing. The newly saved file showed the date as 3/13/25. Ah Ha, I thought, Windows doesn't store the whole date.

Then I sorted the files by date with the newest files at the top of the list. There at the top was my newly saved file! The full date had been saved and the full date was used in sorting, but the full date is not shown by the Windows 3.11 File Manager. However, I can still see which are the latest files to have been saved. (2005 shows as :5, 2015 shows as ;5, 2025 shows as <5, 2035 shows as =5, 2045 - but who cares; we'll all be gone by then!)

So, should I worry about Y2K? Not for the programs I'm using to prepare for my classes—unless I expect to be around in 2079 and still running Excel 5! (By the way, Excel 97 handles dates up to December 31, 9999. Gee! What will we do on January 1, 10000?)

Frank Fornelli, Business and Computer Studies Department

Apprenticeship competition has 13th century origins

On Saturday, March 27, 1999, the Chaine des Rotisseurs held their biannual apprenticeship competition at VCC. This organization, which traces its origins to 1258, holds a regional (BC) competition every year. The winner of this regional competition is invited to compete in a national competition the same year and the winner of that competition represents Canada in an international competition the following year.

Ten apprentices (five of whom are VCC Culinary Arts graduates) competed in this year's competition, which used a black box format. The contestants are shown a variety of ingredients (the black

box) at 9:00 a.m. and are given 15 minutes to develop a menu. They are then required to prepare that menu for four servings—one of which is for the judges to taste, one to be judged on plate decoration and two to be served to members of the Chaine des Rotisseurs.

The winner of the competition (and the recipient of an expenses-paid trip to the national competition in Charlottetown, P.E.I. in October) is Jennifer Peters, a VCC graduate and a second year apprentice at La Belle Auberge.

Glen O'Flaherty, a VCC Culinary instructor, was one of the judges and Harold Bonkowski, Rick Irwin and Ian Smith, all of Culinary Arts, were observers. Wayne Baxter and Tony Humphries coordinated the behind the scenes work for food preparation and service.

Ten current VCC students volunteered to assist the competitors and were able to observe some aspiring young culinarians in action. The event was a combination of outstanding food with a strong educational purpose.

Dave Donaldson, Associate Dean of Tourism, Hospitality and Business

Summary of Board meeting of March 25, 1999

Members of the VCC community had been invited to meet with the Board in the Public Forum Session, prior to the formal Board meeting. This was an opportunity for the Board to receive input from the community on the type of president members would like to see for VCC. Employees from both campuses participated and the Board expressed their appreciation for the valuable contribution of ideas offered. In the coming weeks and months, the community will be asked for further input for the development of a presidential profile.

The Board Policy Committee presented the draft "Student Appeals to the College Board Policy" for information. It will come to the Board again in April for approval.

The Board Community Alliance Committee asked for volunteers to participate on the City Centre 50th Anniversary Celebration Planning Committee. Sharon Olsen will be joining the committee.

Two Board members, Sharon Olsen and Karen Krangle will be attending the ACCC 1999 Conference, which this

year is held in conjunction with the First World Congress of Colleges and Polytechnics, in Quebec City at the end of May.

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

- Graphics Arts Printing Production—Extension to Program
- Granting of Credit for Grade 12/Level IV English in Self Paced ESL for Professionals
- Renal Technician—New Certificate Program
- Medical Laboratory Assistant—Changes to English Requirement
- Applied Design Program for International Students—Granting of Certificate

Dr. Nick Rubidge, Director of Colleges and Institutional Planning at the Ministry, attended the Board meeting. He had earlier been provided with a tour of City Centre Campus followed by meetings with faculty, students, Education Council Executive and support staff.

Photo ID schedule: March and April 99

Listed below are the dates, times and location for the Photo ID at both the KEC and City Centre Campuses. You must ensure that students have their Student Registration Form in order to have their PHOTO ID taken. No other document will be accepted. These Photo ID's are for students registering only after January 1999.

City Centre

- March 17, 18, 24, 25, 31, 1:30-4:00
- April 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 28, 29, 1:30-4:00
- Location: Media Services Room 224

KEC

- March 15, 9:00-3:30, 4th Floor Student Records
- March 17-18, 1:30-4:00 at Media Services, RM 2001
- March 29, 9:00-3:30, 4th Floor Student Records
- March 31, 6:00-8:00, Media Services, RM 2001
- April 1, 1:30-4:00, Media Services, RM 2001
- April 7, 6:00-8:00, Media Services, RM 2001
- April 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 1:30-4:00, Media Services RM 2001
- April 26, 27, 28, 12:00-8:00, 4th Floor Student Records
- April 29, 30 9:00-4:00, 4th Floor Student Records

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.

APRIL

<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduction to Windows	Fri Apr 9	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"/>	Intro to Netscape...	Fri Apr 23	9 am - 12 noon	#5042 @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finding Resources/WWW	Fri Apr 23	1 pm - 4 pm	#5042 @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Group Facilitation	Sat Apr 24 & May 01	9 am - 4 pm	#TBA @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Intermediate Windows '95	Fri Apr 30	9 am - 5 pm	#5042 @ KEC

NAME: _____ DEPT: _____ LOCAL: _____

Additional HRD course just announced

Introduction to Groupwise email

Wed. April 21 and Wed. June 16, KEC Room 5042 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

We will cover topics such as: creating/responding/forwarding mail messages, discussing the different address books, sending/receiving a message with a file attachment, creating file folders for storing and sharing email messages, creating a personal group, sending email messages outside the college, setting up a vacation message, defining a signature, accessing your email account through the Internet . . . and more.

Prerequisite is that you are currently using GroupWise, or have logged a call with the VCC Help Desk to convert to GroupWise.

To register, please contact Parviz at 443-8312.

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New videos at CC Library

- Abuse: Listen and Learn
- Advanced English: American Business English
- Basic English: English as a Second Language
- Blood Specimen Collection: Microcollection Techniques
- Blood Specimens: Transportation and Handling
- Caregiver's Guide for Oral Health
- Critical Incident Stress
- How to Conduct a Meeting According to Robert's Rules of Order
- Intermediate English: English as a Second Language
- Learning Visual Basic 6.0 Level 1-8
- Making Friends Series:
 - Making Friends
 - Programming for Friendship
 - Shared Understanding
- Not So Sweet: Living with Diabetes
- Standards for Infection Control
- Students Workshop: Anger Management
- Understanding Dementia
- What is Hate All About
- When I Say Stop, I Mean Stop: Sexual Harassment and Sexual Pressure
- Asking and Giving Directions, Addresses & Phone Numbers
- Clinical Dilemmas in Marriage: The Search for Equal Partnership
- The Gingerbread House
- How to Deal with Difficult People
- Meeting and Greeting
- So, You Have to Give a Talk
- TOEFL Review
- Understanding Basic Conversation
- Using Numbers and Money
- The Vital Connection

New videos at KEC Library

- Blockade
- An Interview with Bernard Bragg: The Man Behind the Mask
- Jane Eyre



- The Legs of the Lame
- Madness:
 - Brainwaves
 - In Two Minds
 - Out of Sight
 - The Talking
 - To Define True Madness
- No More Hunger
- One's a Heifer
- Pulling Together Series:
 - Ayuuklh Nisga'a A Comon Bowl
 - Delgamuukwv. The Queen. Aboriginal Rights
 - Potlatch
 - Unfinished Business
 - An Untold BC History
 - Watching over Gwaii Hanaas
- Talking With Confidence
- The Unbiased Mind: Four Obstacles to Clear Thinking
- Vitamin Basics
- Who is a Real Canadian?
- Advanced English American Business English/ESL: The Fundamentals
- Beavers
- Creative Career Development Strategies
- A Different Way of Learning: The Employee with a Learning Disability
- The Documentary Tradition
- Halloween
- How Numbers Lie
- The Order of Canada
- Using Numbers and Money
- Conflict Communication Skills
- Harassment: Keeping It Out of the Workplace
- GED Series
 - Interpreting Literature and the Arts
 - Mathematics
 - Science
 - Social Studies
 - Writing Skills
- A New Leaf: Real Sustainability for the Boreal Forest

First Nations activities at VCC: looking back

March was an eventful month for those involved in First Nations activities at VCC. First Nations Awareness Day took place March 3 at City Centre, featuring traditional dancing, button blanket making, drum making demonstrations and traditional medicine demonstrations. Later that day, students Carmelita Harris (Diesel Tech) and Molly Morin (Electronics) received their scrolls at the College's Graduation ceremonies. On March 9 the KEC First Nations Student Centre opened. *The facing page features images from those exciting events.*

- Clockwise, from top right:*
- Traditional dancer Rachel Crow from the Blood Tribe of Alberta at First Nations Awareness Day, March 3
 - Tsimalano (Dr. Vincent Stogan), Musqueam elder who said the opening prayer at First Nations Awareness Day, March 3. Pictured with Robert Kiyoshk, First Nations Coordinator, and Interim President Dale Dorn
 - At the official opening of the KEC First Nations Student Centre. Front row: Sterling Tallio from the Nuxalk Nation and CCA/CF student, Dr. Bob George, elder of the Tsleil'Waututh Nation, VCC Board Member Ian Campbell and his wife Joanne Campbell; Back row: Robert Kiyoshk, Brenda Andrews, First Nations Academic Advisor and visitor Gerald Lavallee
 - Brenda Andrews and Robert Kiyoshk, with Carmelita Harris (centre left) and Molly Morin (centre right) at the March 3 graduation ceremonies
 - Sterling Tallio presenting an eagle feather to Dr. Bob George, after Dr. George gave the opening prayer at the new First Nations Student Centre

Images from First Nations activities at VCC, March 1999. See facing page for photo information.



Important notice for Students

Program Information Sessions at City Centre Campus

LEARN ABOUT:

- career opportunities
- program prerequisites

LEGAL SECRETARY

Monday, April 12, 6:00 p.m.
Location: Room 626 (Theatre)
For info phone 443-8525 or 443-8639

MEAT CUTTING

Wednesday, April 14, 3:00 p.m.
Location: Room 112 (Theatre)
For info phone 443-8464

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

Tuesday, April 27, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Location: Room 112 (Theatre)
For info phone 443-8519

Kudos

Organizers of Premier's Awards luncheon score another hit

Congratulations to everyone involved with the Premier's Excellence Awards Ceremony and Luncheon, held at CC on February 27. We just received a letter from Gerry Armstrong, Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology, who let us know how happy he was with the event, and the fact that it was such a wonderful "day to remember for BC's stop secondary school graduates." Mr. Armstrong went on to say that "the Ministry and invited guests . . . are continually impressed by the fine cuisine prepared and presented by the students and staff."

Thanks a bunch

The BC Association of Community Living has thanked VCC's United Way contributors for making a difference to the Association during the 1998 campaign.

VCC's donation has helped to enable the BCACL to provide parents with information to ensure their child with a developmental disability receives a good education, and allows them to advocate on behalf of adults whose rights are being ignored. This year's donation means that people with a developmental disability are given a better opportunity to reach their full potential and to become successful members of our communities.

Singing their praises

Ivan Armstrong, Department Head of Technical Education at Delta Secondary School is a long-time fan of the College's Autobody division, as evidenced by a recent letter.

In his note, he writes, "For many years now they [staff in the Autobody

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College Literary and Arts Anthology announced

VCC's in-house writers, poets and other artists will be pleased to hear that a new VCC Literary and Arts Anthology is just getting off the ground. This free publication, to be distributed throughout both campuses, will be published three or four times annually, beginning sometime this year.

Students, faculty and support and admin staff are encouraged to submit to the new publication. The Anthology is aimed at both staff and students for deliberate reasons—namely, to encourage literacy and creativity, to acknowledge the diverse and talented community we belong to, to foster a sense of community, to ensure that everyone has a medium to express themselves, and enhance a sense of pride in what we create.

Suggestions for submissions:

Original short stories, biographies, songs, poems, reviews, autobiographies, short essays, criticisms, think-pieces, commentaries, travelogues, letters to the editor, short one-act plays, advice columns, etc. Copies of original photos, drawings, cartoons, paintings, etc can also be submitted. Submissions will be judged on merit, NOT status, grade level, department, ability, etc. The Anthology aims to be inclusive, not exclusive. Beginners are welcome to submit!

Can you help out?

As any editor will tell you, editing can be very time-consuming. Because of that, we ask that instructors make a

point of editing any item that a student of theirs is submitting.

We would also like to enlist two additional people to help select submissions for inclusion in the new Anthology. So far, this is a one-person shop, and two more people would greatly help the process, and take the pressure off. Contact John Patterson in the Humanities Department, at local 7283.

What's in the name?

You tell us! We haven't officially named our new publication, so your ideas are welcome. Send your suggestions to John Patterson (Room 3220, KEC) or Joan Bloomingdale (Room 3224, KEC).

Watch upcoming issues of Connections for updates on the progress of VCC's new Literary and Arts Anthology.

First Annual Wine Makers Tasting and Competition

Do you make wine? If you do, then now's your chance to show off your talents. The First Annual Wine Tasting competition to crown the best vintner at VCC will take place Friday, April 23 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Four Corners Restaurant, City Centre.

All staff and faculty are invited to come and select the best vintner at VCC. Samples of a wide range of very special estate select (ie VCC own) wines will be available.

Highlights:

- wine tasting
- hor d'oeuvres
- socializing

A panel of judges will select the best white, best red, best dessert and best overall. However, everyone can take part in the tasting.

To participate in the competition, bring one bottle for each category of

competition you wish to enter, to Four Corners on April 23. Please RSVP your intention to enter the competition, at 8317 or 8396.

\$2.00 donation per person will be appreciated.

Win a wine cellar raffle: anyone bringing an extra bottle of wine for raffle will receive one ticket per bottle. One lucky person will win all the wine donated—an instant wine cellar of VCC wines fit for any sommelier.

Non-alcoholic beverages available for non-wine drinkers and designated drivers.

Kudos (continued)

division] have provided invaluable support for the autobody portion of the Career Preparation courses that I teach at Delta Secondary School. Each year they have accepted my whole class, small groups at a time, into your facility and given them the hands-on training that I am unable to do here at school.

"The students also return singing the praises of your staff and your facilities," Ivan says. "In particular I would like to thank the following staff members for their continuing support: Lew Bloomingdale, Pat Sproston, Dan Boan, Dennis Shorter, Tom Wutke, Ross McPherson, Frank Bell and Howie Olsen."

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AAA Division Event

April 28, 1999

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

KEC Auditorium

Featuring these files:

- AAA Trivial Pursuit
- Mathercise
- Humanities Cross-word Challenge
- Survival Sign Language
- Singing and Movement for Non-Singers
- Deaf Culture - Dos and Don'ts



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In the News

CE Court Interpreting program providing critical link

Continuing Education Program Coordinator Silvana Carr was interviewed in the March 18 Vancouver Province newspaper for an article called "Critical Link: Interpreters are providing an increasing important connection in our courts."

Silvana, coordinator of the College's multilingual accreditation program for

translators and interpreters, knows that a good interpreter is crucial to the right of a person to a fair trial. She recalls a court case that used not one, but three interpreters to hear evidence from a witness who spoke only a little-known East Indian dialect. "You have to wonder about the final outcome!" said Carr.

VCC's accreditation program, the first for translators and interpreters in North America when it was set up in 1980, provides interpreters (oral translators) and translators (written translation) in 17 languages.

With excerpts from the Critical Link article, The Province March 18, written by Holly Horwood

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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, Oct. 28, Nov. 25

CC, Room 240

Apr. 22, Aug. 26, Sept. 23,

Dec. 9*

*Subject to Board Approval

The Board does not meet in July.

Changes in International Education

One-stop Student Services area now located on the fourth floor at KEC

We are pleased to announce that a Student Services Centre for International Education students opened recently at KEC. The new Centre is just down the hall from Financial Aid. Lorraine Marigold, Manager of Student Services for International Students, Yvonne Chuen, Admissions Advisor, Lina Sehgal and Carolina Palacios are grouped together to provide integrated services for our international education students. Be sure to drop by and say hello.

Jackie Sandy, Dean of Student Services and Registrar

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Upcoming

CityFest: May 21-23

Once again, the time approaches for CityFest, Vancouver's annual celebration of cultural diversity in the performing arts. Every year for the last five years, the Victoria Day weekend has

seen the transformation of KEC into this unique and exciting community festival.

CityFest brings together performing artists of all kinds from all over the world—Sri Lanka, India, Iran, Greece, Britain, Latin America, Polynesia and dozens of other cultures. There will be workshops in various disciplines and in unpredictable art forms. And if that's not enough to stir your interest, there's food and drink, artists and craftspersons selling unique products, and of course, the indispensable espresso bar.

Virtually all the work is done by volunteers, and the performers donate their time and talent as well. There is no admission charge, and all the performance venues are free. These include a full-scale theatre, outdoor stages, two dance areas (one grass, one artificial surface), a lounge area and more intimate performances and workshops in class rooms.

Please come and be entertained!

I Love You— Happy Mother's Day

Wouldn't it be nice to decorate a heart shaped cake for your mother or the mother of your children? Now you can! The Baking and Pastry Arts Department is offering the use of our resources on Saturday, May 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This event is a fundraiser for the Baking Department., and cost is only \$25. Refreshments will be served. Contact Brigitte Kirmis at local 8317.



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