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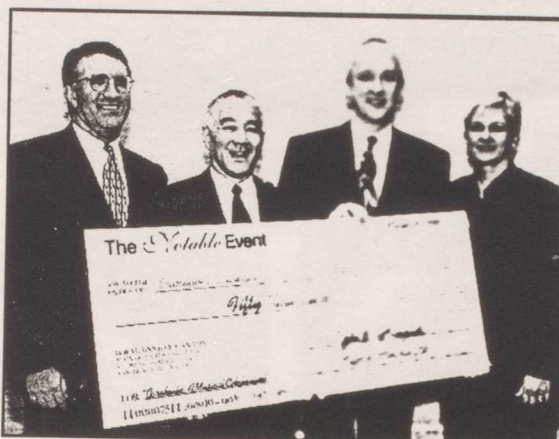
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Notable Event '99 sets another record!



L-R: John Trigardi, Chair of the VCC Educational Foundation, Brandt Louie, member of the Governors' Council, Dale Dorn, VCC Interim President and Sheilah Henderson, Foundation Executive Director. John is shown here presenting a cheque for \$50,000, the proceeds from the 1998 Notable Event.

The Grand Ballroom at the Westin Bayshore was host on March 26 to an incredible evening of Latin Music under the direction of Sal Ferraras at this year's Notable Event. Many of the College's senior administrators were spotted taking a turn on the dance floor, mingling with the many supporters from the food and drug industry and bidding furiously on silent auction items. Overall, the evening raised approximately \$55,000.

In addition to being a successful night financially, it was an enjoyable time for all. Even the volunteers, who worked so hard throughout the evening to staff the registration desk and process the silent auction, volunteered on the spot to help again next year. Now that's impressive!

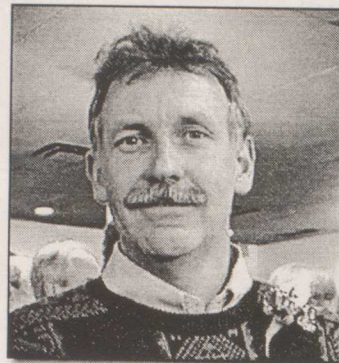
The VCC Educational Foundation wishes to thank the following for their

contributions to the event's success: Dave Crowe, Dave Donaldson, Jackie Ehlert, Joan Minor, and Vanita Puri for their support in obtaining silent auction items; Roseanne Ashworth, Vivienne Garrott, Della Glendenning, Doreen Sharan, Carey Stoneberg, and Eugenie Wong for their invaluable assistance at the registration/silent auction table; Judith O'Keeffe and Joyce Jackson for her help with the table centrepieces; and the Baking and Pastry Arts Department for their signature chocolates.

Congratulations and thank you to all the Music Department students, faculty and staff who also volunteered their time to make this year's Notable Event a success. We look forward to another great event next year!

Honoured employees:

Images of some of the employees recognized at the March Employee Recognition Ceremonies



Summary of Board Meeting of April 22, 1999

The AECBC Conference and AGM will take place on June 17, 18 and 19 at the Justice Institute in New Westminster. This year's theme will be "New Learners - Meeting their Needs" and the Keynote Speaker will be Peter Gzowski.

The Retirement and Re-Employment Policy was presented for Board approval, but was referred back to the Board Finance & Administration Committee for further discussion and revision. An amendment to the Purchasing Policy was approved.

The Board approved a proposal to replace non-Year 2000 compliant desktop PC systems with systems acquired under a lease process, which will extend leasing to all desktop PC systems over the next four years.

The Board approved the Student Appeals to the Board Policy, which replaces the Process for Board Hearings of Student Appeals Policy.

The President's Selection Advisory Committee subcommittee, created to develop a search process and timelines, will present a draft to the President's Selection Advisory Committee at the meeting of April 29, 1999, and to the Board for approval at the May Board meeting.

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

- Community & Career Education - Reading & Writing Level 3 (New Course)
- Community & Career Education: Knowing Yourself and Managing Your Money (Change to Program Length)

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Special centre for international students officially opens



Staff at the Centre: (L-R) Lorraine Marigold, Manager; Carolina Palacios, Department Assistant; Yvonne Chuen, Admissions Advisor; Lina Sehgal, Admissions Clerk. Aki Kondo, Student Aide, is next to Carolina. (Aki works with the Centre staff occasionally but is not part of the permanent staff.)

On April 14, VCC interim president Dale Dorn cut the ribbon and officially opened the new International Student Centre, located at KEC on the fourth floor. Dale spoke about how pleased everyone was that the International Education student service staff members are now in one location.

Dale, also acting on behalf of Linda Martin, VP of Education Support Services and acting VP of Education, thanked

everyone involved for their hard work in creating the centre, and noted that our IE students could now come to a special centre where they could expect the very best in service.

Over 250 people came to celebrate the occasion and had no trouble going through more than 600 pieces of sushi, dozens of samosas and spring rolls, Indonesian and Mexican chips and Chilean and Italian desserts.

Correction to previous notice mailed with pay slips to faculty members enroled in Health Benefits

Please note that Hearing Aids (excluding batteries, recharging devices, or other such accessories) are payable to a maximum of \$600 in a four calendar year period rather than a five calendar year period. Our apologies for the error in stating the level of this coverage.

A further reminder that all faculty health benefits' coverage will cease on the day that an employee's employment terminates.

Homefront Learning

Volunteers open doors

The Homefront Learning Program of the ESL Outreach Dept. provides volunteer opportunities to those interested in helping immigrants learn English and get settled in a new country. Homefront provides training to volunteers who then go into the home of learners who cannot get out to class for any of a number of reasons. The program serves both Vancouver and Burnaby.

Volunteers receive twelve hours of initial training and are supported throughout their time in the program through newsletters, workshops and monthly calls from experienced Homefront instructors. As well, materials and books are provided to use with one's student. A minimum commitment of two hours per week for four months is required, with a Statement of Completion issued by VCC at the end of this time.

Homefront can always use more volunteers. Tutoring is valuable volunteer experience which new Canadians are often eager to obtain. ESL speakers with advanced pronunciation and communication skills are welcome to join Homefront as volunteer tutors. For further information and details on the next training session, please call Gillian Akin, Outreach Department Assistant, at 871-7277.

Next issue: May 14
Deadline for submissions: May 7

New books, KEC Library

- Growing Stronger Together: Multiculturalism BC Forums
- Official Languages in Canada: Changing the Language Landscape
- Student Financial Assistance for Students with Permanent Disabilities 1997/98
- A Way with Words: Guidelines and Appropriate Terminology for the Portrayal of Persons with Disabilities
- Taking Charge of the Air Travel Experience
- Investing Offshore
- Jumpstart Your Metabolism: How to Lose Weight by Changing the Way You Breathe
- Start and Run a Profitable Home Day Care
- The Renewal of Trust in Residential Construction (Barrett Report on Leaky Condos)
- 1998 Provincial Assessment of Reading and Writing
- Organized Crime Impact Study
- An Urbanizing World: Statement on Sustainable Cities

New videos, KEC Library

- Time Life's Lost Civilizations Series
 - Aegean - Legacy of Atlantis
 - Africa - A History Denied
 - Egypt - Quest for Immortality
 - Greece - A Moment of Excellence
 - Inca - Secrets of the Ancestors
 - China - Dynasties of Power
 - Tibet - The End of Time
 - Maya - The Blood of Kings
 - Mesopotamia - Return to Eden
 - Rome - The Ultimate Empire

New videos, CC Library

- Aids: What Everyone Needs to Know
- I Want Your Job!
 - Finding Your Passion
 - Applying Your Skills
 - Getting Your Foot in the Door
 - Creating Your Own Job
- Introduction to the Writing Process
- Personal Ethics and the Future of the World



Bake the Mother's Day cake you've always dreamed of, at CC's Baking Department



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.

VCC Technical Trades



OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, May 19, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Trades Area, 1st Floor, King Edward Campus

Learn about excellent career opportunities in the Automotive and Diesel Trades (Automotive Collision Repair Technician, Automotive Refinishing Technician, Automotive Technician and Diesel Technician)

- Guided tours
- Food and refreshments
- Antique and drag cars on display
- Information booths

For more information please contact
Cecilia McGowan, 871-7416

Remember to mark your calendar!

(Please note that during the 50th Anniversary Open House, part of the South Parking lot will be closed to general use, to allow for sufficient space for high school buses and tour operators. Thank you.)

CityFest, May 21-23: Come help, stay for the entertainment!

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.

Volunteer at CityFest!

Gain valuable work experience. There are so many things we need help with:

- event planning
- spread the news with posters, leaflets and media publicity
- prepare with site with tables, booths, banners and performance locations
- make buttons and maps
- sell T-shirts
- provide information to guests
- work behind the scenes as a stage hand

Program Info Sessions

LEARN ABOUT:

- career opportunities
- program prerequisites

(all sessions listed are held at CC campus)

JEWELLERY ART & DESIGN

Wednesday, May 5, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Location: Room 162, CC

For info phone 443-8571

GRAPHIC ARTS PRINTING PRODUCTION

Thursday, May 6, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Location: Room 114, CC

For info phone 443-8576

DRAFTING

Wednesday, May 26, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Location: TBA

For info phone 443-8536

BUILDING SERVICE WORKER

Tuesday, June 8, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Location: TBA, CC

For info phone 443-8579

- register performers

References will be supplied afterward, for your resume. To volunteer, contact Brian White at fax/phone 274-9515.

Please come, help out, and be entertained!

Board meeting

- Health Prerequisites - modifications to admission requirements
- Administrative Office Assistant - modification of admission requirements

- Granting of College Diplomas, Certificates and Statements of Completion Policy
- Sponsorship Policy Review was discussed. The Review will be discussed further at the next Operations Council and Finance & Administration Committee meetings, prior to being brought back to the Board.

The next Board meeting will take place on Thursday, May 27 at King Edward Campus.

Volunteers needed for VCC transportation events

The VCC Transportation Committee and GO GREEN Choices are planning exciting, interactive VCC events in the last week of May and the first week of June, and we really hope you can get involved.

These events will promote sustainable alternatives to driving alone to and from VCC campuses for all students and employees. Please come and find out how you can save money, reduce stress, get exercise and help the environment.

Go Green Fairs

- Wednesday, May 26 at City Centre, 11am to 1pm.
- Thursday, May 27 at King Edward, 11am to 1pm.
- interactive displays and representatives of B.E.S.T., BC Transit, the City of Vancouver, the Jack Bell and Sanctuary Foundations, the West Coast Express and more will answer ques-

- tions about transit, ridesharing, cycling and walking
- pedal power machines
- dinosaurs, songs and prizes

Clean Air Day Commuter Challenge—June 2

- Go green to VCC on Clean Air Day and compete against other institutions in the region.
- What percentage of VCC employees use sustainable transportation every day and how many try it out for Clean Air Day?
- How does VCC compare with UBC, BCIT, ICBC and other schools and companies?
- The results will be published in the Vancouver Sun on June 8.

- This is the first year we have participated.
- Next year we can challenge Langara, Emily Carr and the Native Education Centre.
- Employees and students who go green on June 2 can put their names into a draw for great prizes.

Clean Air Day VCC Commuter Race (proposed)

- A possible race between campuses on June 2nd.
- If you are interested in being involved in any way in these events contact Steve Traviss (College Facilities), local 8603.

Reduce, reuse, recycle!

As we in Canada become more aware of our impact on the environment, we are working hard to set up recycling programs in our businesses and institutions as well as our residences. In fact, government has introduced new laws requiring businesses and institutions to recycle certain products. We at VCC recycle white bond paper, and this act has reduced the quantity of waste substantially. Recycling is great, but it is only the *last* of the three R's of our environmental responsibilities.

The first of the three R's is *Reduce*. In order to have a less devastating impact on our forests, we should all be looking at how we use paper. Can we do a better job of reducing the amount in those blue baskets? Can that two-line memo be

printed twice on a page, then cut in half? Does the memo really need to be given to every member of our team, or can it be posted on appropriate bulletin boards instead? Can our newsletters, including Connections, be put into newspaper racks for those who want them, rather than into every mailbox? Do our faxes always really need a separate cover page, or will a header in bold print at the top of page one be enough? Do we need to print off that whole e-mail, or will jotting the relevant information down on a piece of scrap paper suffice? Do our students really benefit from having that handout, or will they learn more by copying it from the board? Finding ways to reduce our paper use challenges our creativity, and it can be fun!

The second of the three R's is *Re-use*. Many departments now have a box lid (re-used from the boxes our paper comes in!) filled with one-sided paper to be re-used before being recycled. Our telephone messages, notes to each other and other informal memos can be written on the back side. Faxes and photocopies, too, can be done on the second side. Why, some teachers even use the back of scrap paper to write up their lesson plans!

The third of the three R's is *Recycle*. We can be pleased with the recycling that we do now. But with the year 2000 just around the corner, perhaps this is a good time to take on new challenges. Let's find more and new ways to *Reduce*, *Re-use* and *Recycle*...ultimately, we all depend on it.

HRD Workshop Registration Form, Summer 99

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

MAY

<input type="checkbox"/>	Grammar Review	Sat May 01	9:30 am - 3:30 pm	#TBA @ CC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Intermediate Word ...	Tues May 04	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	#TBA @ CC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduction to PowerPoint	Wed May 05	9 am - 12 noon	#5042 @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Multiple Choice or ...	Fri May 07	1 pm - 3 pm	#TBA @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Intermediate Word...	Fri May 07	9 am - 5 pm	#5042 @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Building a Department...	Mon May 10 & 17 OR		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Take A Break	Mon June 14 & 21	9 am - 5 pm	#5042 @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Supervisor Safety ...	Tue May 11 OR	12 noon - 1 pm	@ KEC lunchroom
<input type="checkbox"/>	Intermediate Windows 95	Thus May 13	11:30 am - 12:30 pm	@ CC lunchroom
<input type="checkbox"/>	Massage Level I	Fri May 14	9 am - 5 pm	#TBA @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stepping Up To Leadership	Fri May 14	9 am - 5 pm	#5042 @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Building A Powerful	Sat/Sun May 15/16	9 am - 4 pm	
<input type="checkbox"/>	The Power of Mindful Learning	Sat May 15	9 am - 4:30 pm	#TBA @ CC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Digital Camera	Sat May 15	9:30 am - 3:30 pm	#TBA @ CC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Living A Healthier Lifestyle	Tues May 18	9 am - 12 noon	#3010 @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	New Educational ...	Thur May 20	1 pm - 4 pm	#5042 @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Conflict Resolution Level I	Fri May 21 OR	12 noon - 1:30 pm	#200 @ CC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Getting Started with	Fri May 28	12 noon - 1:30 pm	#5025 @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Intermediate Access	Thur May 27	10 am - 3 pm	#224 @ CC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Writing Dynamic Business...	Fri May 28	9 am - 4 pm	#TBA @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Group Facilitation	Fri May 28	10 am - 12 noon	#TBA @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Managing Change	Fri May 28	9 am - 5 pm	#5042 @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>		Sat May 29	9:30 am - 3:30 pm	#TBA @ CC
<input type="checkbox"/>		Sat May 29 & June 5	9 am - 4 pm	#TBA @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>		Sat May 29	9 am - 4:30 pm	#TBA @ CC

JUNE/JULY/AUGUST

<input type="checkbox"/>	Transformative Learning	Fri June 04	1 pm - 4:00 pm	#TBA @ CC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Performance Management...	Fri June 04	9 am - 4:30 pm	Robson Sq Confer. Centre
<input type="checkbox"/>	Advanced Word	Fri June 04	9 am - 5 pm	#5042 @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Massage Level II	Sat June 05	9 am - 4 pm	#TBA @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brain Research for Support...	Wed June 09	9 am - 12 noon	#206A @ CC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Retirement Seminars			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Faculty & Administrators:	Fri June 11	8:30 am - 11:30 am	#5025 @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Support Staff & Nurses:	Fri June 11	1 pm - 4 pm	#5025 @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Advanced Access	Fri June 11	9 am - 5 pm	#5042 @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Assertiveness Skills	Fri June 11	9 am - 4 pm	#TBA @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Effective Memo	Sat June 12	9:30 am - 3:30 pm	#TBA @ CC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finding Time for Results	Sat June 12	9 am - 4:30 pm	#TBA @ CC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Which Button Do I Push	Tues June 15	1 pm - 4 pm	#5025 @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduction to GroupWise	Wed June 16	9 am - 4 pm	#5042 @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Advanced PowerPoint	Thur June 17	9 am - 12 noon	#5042 @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduction to Windows 95	Fri June 18	9 am - 5 pm	#5042 @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduction to Netscape	Fri June 25 OR		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finding Resources on WWW	Tues July 06 OR	9 am - 12 noon	#5042 @ KEC
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<input type="checkbox"/>		Fri June 25 OR		
<input type="checkbox"/>		Tues July 06 OR		
<input type="checkbox"/>		Thur Aug 05	1 pm - 4 pm	#5042 @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Conflict Resolution Level II	Fri June 25	9 am - 4 pm	#TBA @ KEC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Learning Outcome	Mon June 28	9 am - 12 noon	#206A @ CC

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HOUSING



Apartment sublet

For fall 1999 into 2000. Suite in character building at English Bay. One block from beach and one block from Stanley Park. Phone: 604-669-2029.

Suite for rent

Ground level basement suite in a two-story house in Killarney (E47th and Arlington, two blocks west of Boundary Road in Vancouver). Close to school and bus. Three bedrooms. Large living room with fireplace. Total about 1300 sq. ft. Large front yard and backyard. Separate entrance. Four appliances including washer & dryer. Garage with remote control. Non-drinker, non-smoker. No pets. \$950/month including hydro. Available May 1. Phone to view 438-3899.

WANTED



Looking for anyone who may have a used van (GMC Astro, Safari or Ford Aerostar) to sell for \$5000 or less. The year of the van that I would prefer to buy is between 1989 and 1992/93. Contact John Warren, Sign Language Studies, in writing, fax # 7442.

JOB POSTINGS



Part-time Student Data Clerk (28/35);
Institutional Research Department.
Closing: May 10.

Instructional Assistant (b); Baking and
Pastry Arts Department. Closing: May 6.

Parenting Group

I am organizing the STEP Parenting group for parents of children 10 years and under. The instructor will come from the Adler School of Psychology. Cost: \$75 single and \$90 couple including a \$20 manual. It will take place Mondays, from May 10 to the end of June, 7:00-9:00 p.m., probably at an office of the Ministry for Children and Families near Fraser and 41st. There are a few spaces left if anyone is interested. Contact Donna Loc. 7207

FOR SALE



1994 Mazda Protege, four door/automatic. Excellent condition. \$9000. Call Laurie: 875-1731.

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