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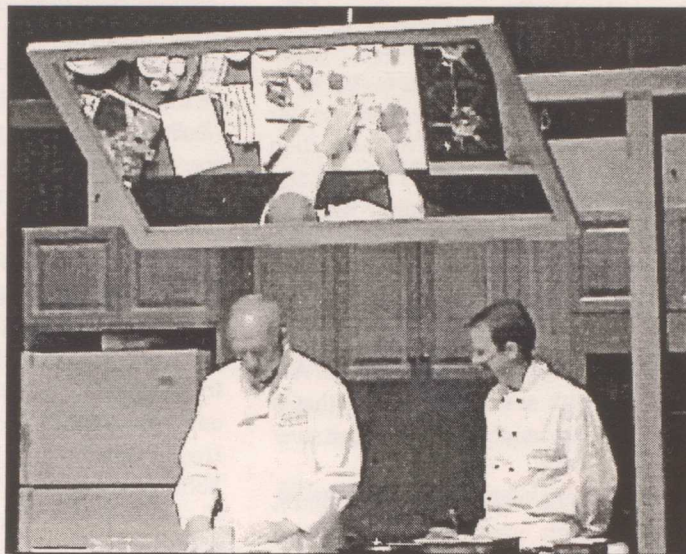
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Upscale cooking show draws raves

The Province headline on September 6 best described the event. During the recently completed Pacific National Exhibition (August 21 to September 6, 1999), one of the most popular demonstrations was the Pacific Cooking Show.

Three times a day, audiences were shown a variety of west coast fusion cooking dishes, featuring a range of cooking tips and prepared by professional chefs. And all the chefs who hosted the Pacific Cooking Show were from Vancouver Community College.

Chef instructors, primarily from the Culinary Arts program, but also with participants from Hospitality Management, Baking and Pastry Arts and Food Service Careers, prepared signature dishes from VCC's restaurants and programs or their personal favourites. The cooking shows were entertaining, educational



VCC Interim President Dale Dorn (left) creates
culinary magic for PNE audience

and created tremendous exposure for the College.

Audiences ranged from 80 to 200 with the larger number more common in the later stages of the fair. Over 6,000 people attended the cooking shows. While listening and observing the cooking, they were also provided with information on VCC and its programs by the hosts. In addition, recipes were provided which had information on VCC food services on the reverse and mini calendars and Continuing Education flyers were available at the venue throughout the fair.

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PNE Cooking Show

The cooking shows were performed on a demonstration stage in the BC Hydro Showcase building. The VCC chefs, used to providing in-class demonstrations, were outstanding in their ability to demonstrate cooking and providing insight into cooking techniques during their 30-45 minute demonstrations.

The media coverage was substantial. VCC was featured on CKNW on the Doc Harris show on August 29, the Daytime program on Rogers Community station on September 3, CBC's Broadcast 1 on September 1, BCTV on September 1 and in the Vancouver Province on September 6. As well, references to VCC appeared on signage throughout the fair and on the PNE website in connection with the Cooking Show. As a result of a breakfast prepared at the show home as part of a Vancouver Province contest, VCC had daily taglines in the Province for four days prior to the PNE. And finally, VCC prepared lunch for the media during a special pre-opening tour on August 19, with several comments that it was the best lunch the media had ever had at the PNE.

Each day of the Pacific Cooking Show, celebrity chefs appeared to complement the shows hosted by VCC instructors. Although most were professional chefs, several personalities were invited as well. Two of the most memorable were VCC Interim President Dale Dorn, almost convincing the audience that he was the professional chef on stage, and Tourism Vancouver President Rick Antonson, converting his audience to Peanut Butter and Cheese Omelettes. A special tribute to VCC chef instructor Rick Irwin who, during his celebrity chef segment, had to assist the chef from the Rainforest Café and compete with a live parrot! Each of the celebrity chefs who participated, several of whom were VCC alumni, enhanced the program.

The VCC instructors and the celebrity chefs who participated were Bob

Feist (Culinary Arts) with John Cloutier (Chef Artisan); Glen O'Flaherty (Culinary Arts) with Michael Steele (Waterfront Centre Hotel); Ian Smith (Culinary Arts) with Steve Middleton (Village Bistro); Tony Humphries (Culinary Arts) with Andrew Springett (Diva at the Met); Keiju Yanagawa

(Culinary Arts) with Alex Ritchie (DaPasta Bar); Tom Rodgers (Hospitality Management) with Barbara Jo McIntosh (Books to Cooks); Rick Irwin (Culinary Arts) with Andrew Skozewski and Jasmine the parrot (Rainforest Café); Marlie Van de Ven (Baking and Pastry Arts) with Catherine Potin (Kitchen to Kitchen); Roland Pohl (Baking and Pastry Arts) with Jackie Travert (Easy Beans and More Easy Beans Cook books); Harold Bonkowski (Culinary Arts) with Scott Jeager (Pear Tree Restaurant); Settimio Sicoli (Culinary Arts) with Margaret Chisolm (Culinary Capers); Doug Workman (Food Service Careers) with Dale Dorn (Vancouver Community College); Carmine Morelli (Hospitality Management) with Rick Antonson (Tourism Vancouver); Thaung Yan (Culinary Arts) with Vicki Gaboreau (The Vicki Gaboreau Show, CTV); James Hutton (Culinary Arts) with Anne Garber (The Vancouver Province); Ernst Walgram (Culinary Arts) with John Carlos Felicella (La Toque Blanche); Luzia Zemp (Baking and Pastry Arts) with Mark Robertson (Hotel Vancouver).

Also critical to the success of this program were Linda Martin and Sheilah Henderson who arranged the original contacts, Media Services, who helped develop the template for the menus, and



VCC Culinary Arts instructor Harold Bonkowski demonstrating at PNE Cooking Show

Brigitte Kirmis, who prepared all the menus. Ian Smith and Gabriel Ferron of the Culinary Arts department arranged the chef host assignments and assisted with the logistics and Gabriel stepped in on stage to assist when needed. Special thanks to Donna Hunter, Manager of Community Programs at the PNE for arranging for VCC to participate and Lynne Moran, Pacific Cooking Show coordinator at the PNE, for the onsite logistics and support.

VCC's participation in the Pacific Cooking Show was intended to showcase the culinary programs at VCC and also increase overall awareness of the College. Thanks to the professionalism and the showmanship of the instructors who participated, both objectives were easily met. The overall success of the 50 cooking demonstrations held over the 17 days of the fair is best shown by the fact that every instructor and guest chef has expressed an interest to repeat the experience and discussions have already begun with the PNE to do just that.

Missed this year's Pacific Cooking Show? Too bad, you missed a great event ... you'll just have to see our chef instructors demonstrate the best of VCC at PNE 2000!

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

Message from Dale Dorn, Interim President

Despite the fact that VCC operates all year, for many of us, September feels like the beginning of a new year. For those of you returning from vacation, welcome back. For those of you who worked through the summer, I hope that your time away is enjoyable when that time comes. To all, I wish a rewarding and productive year ahead.

Over the past few months, you may have seen a draft planning document. You will notice some minor revisions to the Mission and Mandate, but the major change is in the development of Goal Statements, developed in discussion and consultation with a representative group from the College, to guide planning for the next two years. This interim document has been created in the knowledge that a new President will be in place at the beginning of the new year, but in the

meantime, the College needs guidelines as we begin to develop next year's operational and educational plans. The interim nature of the planning document will allow a new President to get to know the institution before initiating any major planning initiative. The draft document will be before Operations and Education Councils for endorsement in October before it goes to the Board for approval at the October Board meeting.

As you know, the year 2000 is the year of VCC's 35th anniversary. There will be various celebrations to mark the occasion and we have a lot to celebrate. Plans are underway for a VCC Day next April - watch for more details in the coming weeks and months.

Again, my best wishes to you all at the start of another school year.

Dale Dorn, Interim President

Manitobans: where are you?

We know you're as numerous at VCC as mosquitoes on a hot summer evening on the prairies, and we'd like to get everyone together to connect, swap stories, share some food and drink and generally have a good time.

Be a part of the first VCC Manitoba Reunion, tentatively scheduled for Wednesday evening, November 10, 1999 (time and place TBA).

This will be a wonderful opportunity to share tales of long cold winters, breathlessly hot summers, perogies, prairie sunsets, skating to school, calamine lotion, community club dances, outdoor hockey, spring floods, freezing your tongue to a lamp post, going to the lake, curling, the Red River Ex, block heaters for cars, squashing pennies on the railroad tracks, going to the "Sals" for a nip and chips, etc.

What can you add? Call Cassandra Huang at 8561 to get your name on the

official Manitoba Reunion list by Thursday, September 30. Details will be announced when numbers are confirmed—and we expect Dale Dorn to be the first person to call!

*Paul Hunt and Christine Stechishin
(both from St. James)*

Program Info Sessions

ELECTRONICS
Tuesday, September 28

AUTO TRADES
Tuesday, October 5

BUILDING SERVICE WORKER
Tuesday, October 5

Photo I.D. Schedule for September-December 1999

(you will need your student registration sheet to receive your photo ID)

City Centre Campus

Sept. 29-30

1:30-4:00 Room 104G

Oct. 6, 7, 13, 14

1:30-4:00 Media Services Rm.224

Oct. 20, 21, 27, 28

1:30-4:00 Media Services Rm.224

Nov. 3, 4, 10, 17, 18

1:30-4:00 Media Services Rm. 224

Nov. 24, 25

1:30-4:00 Media Services Rm. 224

Dec. 1, 2, 8, 9

1:30-4:00 Media Services Rm. 224

King Edward Campus

Sept. 22

6:00-8:00 Media Services Rm. 2001

Sept. 9, 16, 23, 29, 30

1:30-4:00 Media Services Rm. 2001

Oct. 14, 28

6:00-8:00 Media Services Rm. 2001

Oct. 6, 7, 13, 20, 21, 27

1:30-4:00 Media Services Rm. 2001

Nov. 18, 25

6:00-8:00 Media Services Rm. 2001

Nov. 3, 4, 10, 17, 24

1:30-4:00 Media Services Rm. 2001

Dec. 2, 8

1:30-4:00 Media Services Rm. 2001

More ID photo dates for the month of **December** will be scheduled later on in the year.

Special Announcement

VCC Code of Ethics

The first official draft of the College's *Code of Ethics* will be released next month. This will be the first opportunity for members of the College community to comment on draft ethical principles developed to provide guidance to all VCC employees.

The draft *Code* will be inserted into the October 15 edition of *Connections*, together with a separate comments sheet and request for feedback. In addition, employees may provide feedback through their respective unions or associations, or can access the *Code* and comments sheet via the e-mail copy that will be sent on a College-wide list serve. Feedback is also being sought from both Student Associations. Please look for either the October 15 edition of *Connections*, an e-mail copy, or an invitation from your union or association in order to review the *Code* and provide feedback.

The draft *Code of Ethics* was developed by an ad hoc group comprised of Pat Bawtenheimer, Lorna Brown, Rob Henderson, Jane Jimison, Lizz Lindsay, Sarah Lucas, Linda Martin, Joan McArthur-Blair, Dale Rasmussen, Pauline Reaburn and Perry Taylor. Most of the group's members participated in a workshop on ethics last fall, which was held as a result of conversations in various constituent groups, about the

desire for a *VCC Code*. The group has met every two to three weeks since November 1998, debating issues and struggling over the specific wording of ethical principles and developing applications as examples of the principle. While developing the *Code*, the group focused on the idea that each principle should provide clear guidance to employees on what is considered appropriate behaviour at VCC.

Another significant issue considered at length by the group, was enforcement of the *Code*. The group decided that while the *VCC Code of Ethics* should explain what is considered appropriate versus inappropriate behaviour, there already are accepted processes within the College (e.g. Human Rights Policy, Conflict of Interest Policy, Collective Agreements) to address inappropriate behaviour and it would be redundant to create a new process. The *Code* is designed to serve as an educational tool without creating an additional process of enforcement.

It is anticipated that the VCC community will have a number of recommendations and comments regarding the draft *Code of Ethics*. Through the proposed process of consultation, we hope that the resulting final *Code* will assist VCC employees to deal with ethical decisions.

GET OUT OF VCC—QUICK!!

Now that we have your attention—just a reminder that it is Fire Drill Season—and time to get prepared! Health and Safety Coordinator Steve Traviss will be visiting each Department at KEC for Fire Training Sessions. These training sessions will commence in September and continue through early October.

Please ensure that your Department

has signed up for their individual training - the best time is during a monthly meeting. All scheduling can be arranged by contacting Heather at Local 8456, or by emailing hgratton@vcc.bc.ca. Any City Centre Departments that have not received this training are asked to schedule a session at this time, as well.

NEXT ISSUE: OCTOBER 1

Deadline: September 24.

Check out VCC
Connections
On-line—

[http://
www.vcc.bc.ca/
connections/](http://www.vcc.bc.ca/connections/)
—for the most
current issue of
Connections, as
well as back issues

Attention all Banner users re: Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

*This is a reminder to all
Banner users*

All Banner users should be aware that information on the Banner system is personal information protected under The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Under The Act, such information is to be used only for the purpose for which it was collected. You have been provided access to this information in order to perform your job, guided, in addition to The Act, by College policies, Sharing and Stewardship of Information and Appropriate & Responsible Use of Educational & Information Technology. Copies of these policies are on the web site, and are also available on request from the Executive Office.

From the Learning Centres

Book now for Learning Centre Orientation Tours

The Learning Centre staff invite you to bring your students in for a tour. Meet the friendly tutors and give your students a chance to see what work they can do in the Learning Centre. Students can get **free help** with their math, science, English, and other course work with a wealth of materials, computers and a friendly, helpful and knowledgeable staff.

**When you book your tour,
please let us know:**

- your name and phone number
- number of students (if known)
- level or program and
- any special requests you have. (If requested, we can also visit your classroom.)

**To arrange a tour at
City Centre Learning
Centre, call local 8607.**

City Centre Learning Centre Hours:
Monday to Thursday, 10 - 7
Friday, 10 - 5

**To arrange a tour at KEC
Learning Centre, call local
7219.**

KEC Learning Centre Hours:
Monday to Thursday, 9 - 7
Friday, 9 - 5
Tours take approximately 25 minutes and must be **booked in advance** for KEC Learning Centre.

KEC LEARNING CENTRE WORKSHOPS

Workshops will begin again this fall. Stay tuned and check our bulletin boards for details.

WORKSHOPS on SKILLS FOR SUCCESS

The Learning Centre, Library and Counselling department are offering in-

struction on a variety of different topics that can contribute to the success of your students this fall. If instructors haven't received the information booklet, please contact Lyn Lennig at 8606.

STUDENT PHOTO I.D. CARDS

Students must bring photo I.D. cards with a new expiry sticker to use the Learning Centres. Schedules for getting photo I.D. cards are posted around campus. Returning students can pick up new expiry stickers from the cashier. Please remind your students.

New eligibility rules for Dual Coverage for employees who have partners working at VCC for extended health and dental plans

The College has recently approved dual/family coverage for faculty, support staff, nurses and administrators who have partners working at the College and who have met eligibility and currently enrolled in the Extended Health and Dental Plans.

This means that both partners and their dependents can be enrolled in each others' plans.

If you have not already done so, please contact Eugenie Wong in the Department of Human Resources at 871-7136 for the appropriate enrollment forms.

Volunteers requested for Employment and Training Fair

For your information VCC will have a booth at the

EMPLOYMENT &
TRAINING FAIR '99

Thursday, September 23
Vancouver Public Library
350 West Georgia St.
10 am - 8 pm

As this is the first year this fair will be at the Library, I am not sure how large the turnout will be. If anyone is interested in helping out at the booth please let me know. One of the sponsors is Kwantlen University College.

I have attended fairs at the Surrey Place Mall and Guildford Mall that have been arranged by the same group and they have been very good. Many of the groups involved work with people on income assistance or EI.

Please pass the information on to instructors, staff and students in your area. If you have any new information you would like to have available at our booth please send it to me in Counselling at City Centre.

Brenda Toporowski,
Community Liaison

Dr. Margaret Fulton to speak at VCC

1999 has been declared by the United Nations as the International Year of Older Persons. In order to celebrate this important year, the Continuing Care & Allied Health Department has invited Dr. Margaret Fulton to speak at VCC.

Dr. Fulton is a speaker of international status. Her topic will be "Longevity: Boon or Bust?" She believes that "until we change the way we think from our present tendency to isolate, segregate, categorize, homogenize, or ghettoize our seniors and provide specialized services for them alone, to one of seeing seniors and their needs as part of the total needs of a holistic community, we will not solve the needs or problems of seniors or any other age group in our modern

urbanized settings." Those who have heard her speak previously, say that she is a gifted speaker who inspires and holds attention. She is also a senior citizen!

This event is open to all students, faculty and support staff at the college. It will be held in Room 240 on Tuesday, September 28 at 1300 hours. With her presentation, Dr. Fulton will also show a short video and will field questions from the audience.

In agreeing to speak to our college, Dr. Fulton stated that "I have long admired the College for its outreach to the neighbouring community". We hope that the VCC community will join our Department in welcoming Dr. Fulton.

Transfer tips handbook released

British Columbia Transfer TIPS (Transfer Information for Post-Secondary Success), a user friendly handbook outlining how students can transfer credits between B.C. post-secondary institutions, was released recently by the B.C. Council on Admissions and Transfer.

The Transfer TIPS handbook includes tips, student quotes, scenarios, a personal plan and checklist. Copies are available at post-secondary institutions advising offices and on the BCCAT Web site at: www.bccat.bc.ca

"Copies of Transfer TIPS are available to students free of charge," said Frank Gelin, executive director of BCCAT. "The need for such a handbook has been recognized for some time. We encourage students to read TIPS to better prepare themselves for the world of post-secondary education, and to help them to reach their academic goals," he added.

Development of Transfer TIPS was overseen by an advisory committee made up of academic advisers, other stu-

dent services staff, a student representative, a university researcher and staff from the Premier's Youth Office, the Centre for Curriculum, Transfer and Technology (C2T2), the Centre for Education Information Standards & Services (CEISS) and BCCAT. "The council is grateful for the hard work and commitment of advisory committee members", said Finola Finlay, associate director of the council. "Their sound advice and willingness to pour over drafts of the document is greatly appreciated".

According to Finlay, TIPS was pilot tested among students, advisers and other student services staff. "The input we received from across the system was invaluable. The council continues to seek input into TIPS as it is used throughout the system."

Feedback on either the print or electronic versions is welcome.

Comments can be e-mailed to BCCAT at: TipsTeam@bccat.bc.ca.

Photocopiers 'r' Us

Did you know that VCC's photocopiers produced a whopping 26.5 million copies last year?

Did you also know that the 13 million copies made by Central Duplicating cost \$91,000 but the 13.5 million copies made by the individual copiers around the College cost \$258,000!

The central duplicators run three times as fast as the convenience copiers and cost only 0.007 cents per copy instead of 19 cents.

With the addition of a third machine and special pick-up and delivery system, Central Duplicating can offer 24 hour turnaround to most departments.

Please contact Ron Weinhardt at local 7402 for more information.

Thank you.

Mary Hoekstra, Vice President of Finance and Administration

TESOL 2000 -

"Navigating the New Millenium" March 14 - 18, 2000 Vancouver

This convention offers ESL professionals exciting opportunities for professional development. We are expecting over 10,000 participants from 90 countries around the world. This is an immense convention that will provide four days of valuable workshops, panels, and speakers as well as showcasing current research in the field of TESL and a chance to network with other ESL professionals on an international level.

For more information please call the TESOL local affiliate, BC TEAL at 736-6330 or visit the web site at www.vcn.bc.ca/bctcal.

Summary of minutes: VCC Operations Council

September 14, 1999, 2:00 p.m.

Chair: Jackie Sandy

KEC Room 5025

Introduction of the Sponsorship Policy and Guidelines

The *Sponsorship Policy and Guidelines* will be brought to Operations Council for approval in October.

Update on Preparation of Guidelines for Price List Changes

The Financial Services Department is developing guidelines for those departments at VCC that offer and charge for services to the public. In consultation

with the departments affected, price changes will be developed following these guidelines.

Use of Alcohol or Medication Policy

This Policy was approved by Operations Council.

Introduction to Amended Post Emergency Intervention Policy

This Policy will be brought to Operations Council in October for approval.

Introduction to the VCC Planning Document

The Planning Document will be pre-

sented to Education Council, Operations Council and the College Board in October for approval.

Five Year Capital Plan

The Five Year Capital Plan received approval from Operations Council and the requests have been forwarded to Victoria for approval from the Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology and the Ministry of Finance.

Violence Prevention Policy

The *Violence Prevention Policy* will be brought to Operations Council in October for approval.

Safer Campuses Summary

An update on the current initiatives of the Safer Campuses program was provided, including lighting, quick response buttons, safety information pamphlets, crisis intervention, crime prevention, discrimination awareness, and more.

To all employees

Call for expressions of interest for a GED Examiner at VCC

Background:

Our GED Examiner, Cheryl Draper, has decided not to renew her contract with the Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology. VCC, on behalf of the Ministry, is therefore looking for a replacement for Cheryl, effective as soon as possible.

Anyone interested in the position should consider the following:

- Considerable time is required to organize the testing sessions, invigilators and testing materials and to deal with telephone inquiries.
- Test materials must be kept in a secure place on campus.

- Tests are administered at regional centres seven times per year, Friday evenings and Saturdays.
- One invigilator per 20 GED candidates must be scheduled by the Examiner.
- The honorarium for the Examiner is \$250.00, with an additional \$100.00 for any of the seven testing sessions in which the Examiner is responsible for 75 or more students. (In the past year, the majority of sessions at VCC enrolled more than 75 candidates.)

Qualifications for GED

Examiner:

A Baccalaureate degree or an equivalent background in teaching, counselling or testing, verified by the GED Chief Examiner (MAETT), is required.

Please Note: Persons instructing or preparing candidates for GED tests can not be appointed as Examiner or Invigilators. (The College has a number of people willing to act as invigilators.)

If interested in the position, please submit your name with education background to Linda Martin, Vice President, Education Support Services by September 30, 1999. A lottery process will be utilized to make the final determination. Any questions about the position can be directed to Cheryl Draper at 871-7231 or to my assistant, Della Glendenning, at 871-7016.

Linda Martin, Vice President,
Education Support Services

Best of luck to Bruce as he leaves for the Emerald Isle

Bruce Gabor, our College Web Manager is leaving us to move to Ireland with his beautiful new bride, Helen. Bruce will be working for the largest provider of internet instruction in Ireland. Since Bruce paid no attention to our pleas for him to stay, we now wish Helen and Bruce every success and happiness in their new home.

As our first Web Manager, Bruce has done a phenomenal job, starting with a very basic site and moving it to an award-winning web site in just a year. Our site was redesigned by Bruce, working with our graphic designers in Media Services and the VCC Web Steering Committee. Their hard work has been rewarded, as VCC is now the proud recipient of the Bronze Medal for "Best Institutional Homepage on the World Wide Web" presented by the Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education.

We are fortunate to have found a worthy replacement for Bruce. Tene Barber will begin as our new Web Manager on Monday, September 20. Tene brings to us a wealth of experience in web site design and maintenance, educational software marketing, and instruction. We welcome Tene to VCC. She can be contacted at local 7156, and will take up resident in Bruce's former office on the 5th floor, KEC.

Brenda Appleton

You Are Invited To Make History

TRANSFORMING WOMEN'S FUTURE: Equality Rights In The New Century

A National Forum On Equality Rights Presented By West Coast LEAF

**November 4-7, 1999
Vancouver, British Columbia**

Transforming Women's Future -- an historic event to help women in Canada achieve equality in the 21st century. A conference featuring 40 workshops and lots of opportunities for networking.

Who will be there: 500 community activists and leaders, front-line workers, lawyers, paralegals, judges, social workers, librarians, educators, academics, youth and others.

FIVE MAIN THEMES

- Celebrating Achievements in the Struggle for Women's Equality: Outlining the Unfinished Agenda
- Social and Economic Rights of Women
- Intersection of Race and Gender
- Violence, Abuse & Misuse of Power
- A Place at the Table: Legal Strategies to Ensure Women's Participation in Policy Formation & Decision-Making

- * INNOVATIVE LAW-RELATED
- * STRATEGIES, TOOLS, RESOURCES AND SKILLS
- * COMMUNITY-BASED

Plan to attend!

For more information contact Rob Henderson at 871-7040 or register on the West Coast LEAF website at www.westcoastleaf.org

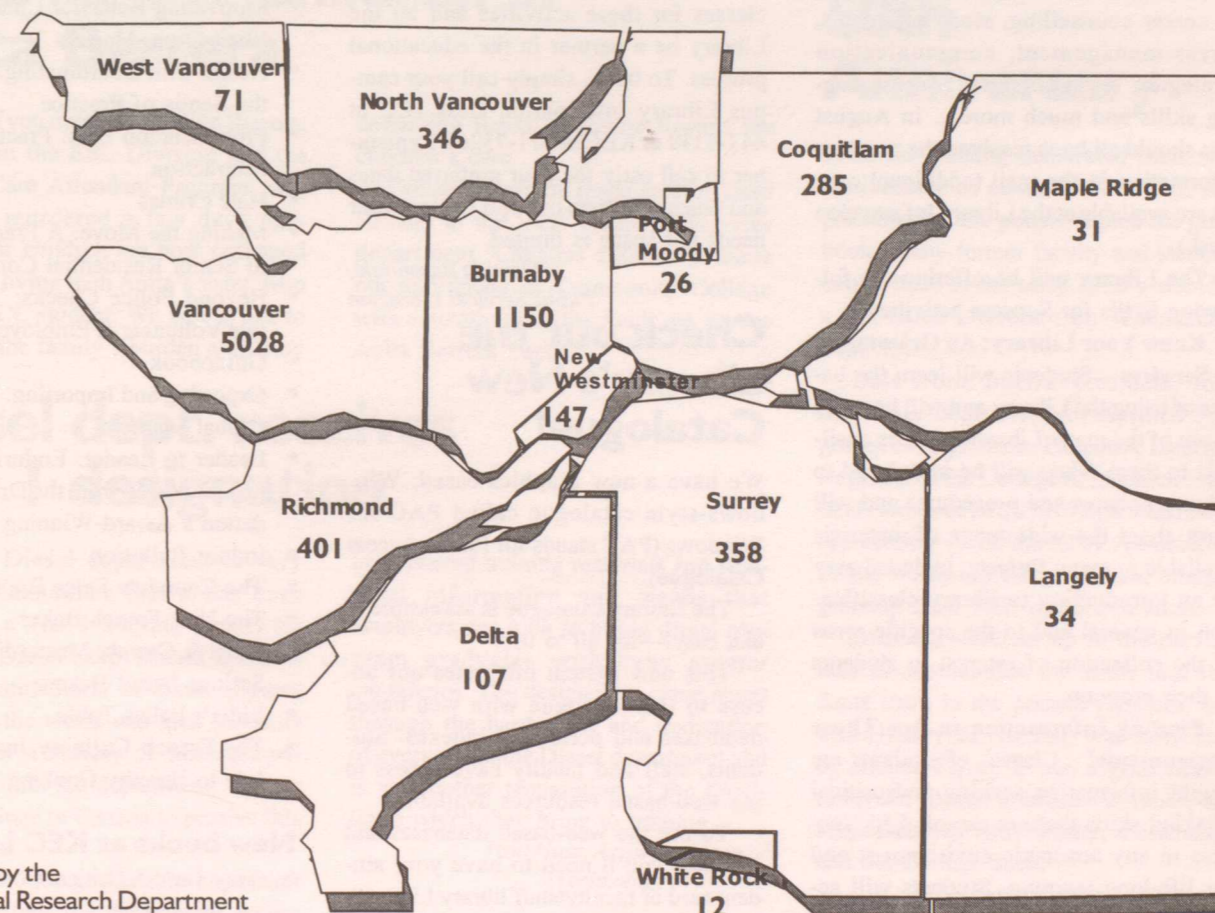
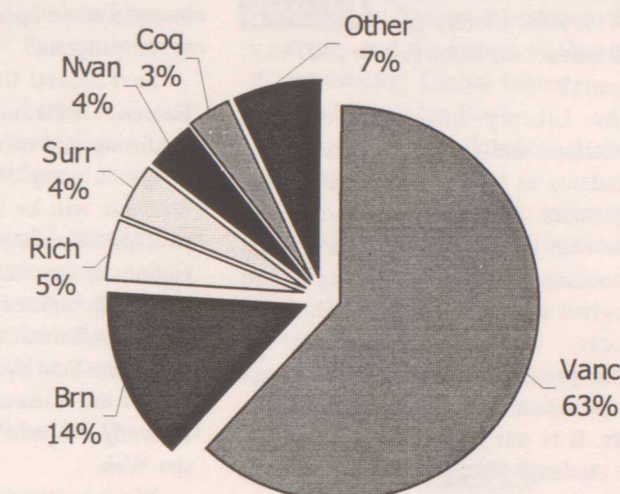
Region of Residence - 1998

For students attending VCC in December 1998

| District | Students |
|-----------------|----------|
| Burnaby | 1150 |
| Coquitlam | 285 |
| Delta | 107 |
| Langley | 34 |
| Maple Ridge | 31 |
| New Westminster | 147 |
| North Vancouver | 346 |
| Pitt Meadows | 13 |
| Port Moody | 26 |
| Richmond | 401 |
| Surrey | 358 |
| Vancouver | 5028 |
| West Vancouver | 71 |
| White Rock | 12 |
| Unknown | 136 |

Total (excl CE) 8145

% of VCC students by District



Prepared by the
Institutional Research Department

"Skills for Success" and Your Library

Did you know that during 1998/1999 the Library provided formal instruction to over 5900 VCC students?

The Library has been offering orientations and research skills classes to students at both VCC campuses for many years. This year, we have joined forces with the Learning Centre and the Counselling Department to bring to you a program of workshops titled Skills for Success.

This program conveniently packages the instruction done by our three departments. It is our hope that in so doing, your students will gain better access to our services and to support in the areas of career counselling, study strategies, stress management, communication strategies, research skills, web searching skills and much more.... In August you should all have received the program information in the mail (additional copies are available at the Library Information Desk).

The Library will be offering the following Skills for Success activities:

Know Your Library: An Orientation to Services - Students will learn the basics of using the Library and will be made aware of the many Library services available to them. They will be introduced to Library policies and procedures and will learn about the wide range of materials available in many formats. Included may be an introduction to library classification in general and to the specific areas of the collection of interest to students in their program.

Finding Information to Ace Those Assignments! - Classes of students are taught information-seeking and critical thinking skills that are essential for success in any academic environment and for life-long learning. Students will acquire research skills by learning about



the organization of information and research techniques. Hands-on use of information technologies such as the online catalogue, online periodical indexes, CD-ROM and the Web will be emphasized based on the specific needs of the particular program. Classes will be tailored to specific subjects relevant to the program.

Surf Smart! Using the Web to Find Relevant Information - The Web can be confusing and unpredictable, but it also offers an array of valuable resources. Students will be introduced to various web-based resources, such as search engines and periodical indexes, and will learn techniques for effectively searching for information on any topic. They will learn how the Web can be used as part of the research process and how to critically evaluate information found on the Web.

We encourage you to book your classes for these activities and let the Library be a partner in the educational process. To book, simply call your campus Library Information Desk (CC at 443-8339 or KEC at 871-7326). Remember to call early for your preferred dates and times. We'll do our best to meet your needs but space is limited.

Melinda Baranieski,
Public Services Librarian

Check out the Library's New Catalogue!

We have a new graphics-based, Windows-style catalogue called PAC for Windows (PAC stands for Public Access Catalogue).

The Library catalogue is accessible—and easy!—for all to use.

This new system integrates our access to the catalogue with web-based databases and periodical indexes. Students, staff and faculty have access to the web-based resources available.

To use the web-based databases and indexes, you'll need to have your student card or faculty/staff library I.D. with



you. Enter the barcode on the card and your PIN number (it's the last four digits of your phone number). Make sure you've registered your card at the Library Check-Out Desk, and that the information we've got (like your phone number) is up-to-date.

New books at CC Library

- Tyler's Herbs of Choice: The Therapeutic Use of Phytomedicinals
- Computers in Nursing: Bridges to the Future
- Motivating Behavior Change Among Illicit-Drug Abusers
- Health Unit Coordinating: Expanding the Scope of Practice
- Pronunciation Plus: Practice through Interaction
- Hate Crimes
- Making the Move: A Practical Guide to Senior Residential Communities
- Beyond Police Checks: The Definitive Volunteer & Employee Screening Guidebook
- Exporting and Importing: Negotiating Global Markets
- Leader to Leader: Enduring Insights on Leadership from the Drucker Foundation's Award-Winning Journal
- Indoor Pollution
- The Complete Spice Book
- The New French Baker
- Crust & Crumb: Master Formulas for Serious Bread Bakers
- Lidia's Italian Table
- The French Culinary Institute's Salute to Healthy Cooking

New books at KEC Library

- Amy Tam: A Critical Companion

- Beyond Appearance: A New Look at Adolescent Girls
- Bix: The Leon Bix Beiderbecke Story
- Cole Porter: A Biography
- Space Exploration
- Sign Language Interpreting: Deconstructing the Myth of Neutrality
- Why the Nations Rage: Killing in the Name of God
- Cambodia: Report from a Stricken Land
- Calling the Prairies Home: Origins, Attitudes, Quirks & Curiosities
- Outrage: Canada's Justice System on Trial
- On the Fringe: Gays and Lesbians in Politics
- Expanding Our Vision: Insights for Language Teachers
- Does the Weather Really Matter?

- The Social Implications of Climate Change
- Best Practices in Educational Interpreting
- Film Canada Yearbook: The Indispensable Directory of the Canadian Film Industry
- An Introduction to Modern European Literature: From Romanticism to Postmodernism
- Motor Auto Body Repair
- Problem Solving Strategies
- Talk and Log: Wilderness Politics in British Columbia
- Does Canada Matter? Liberalism and the Illusion of Sovereignty
- Turn of Story: Canadian Short Fiction on the Eve of the Millennium
- Hard To Swallow: The Truth About Food Additives
- Climate of Fear: Why We Shouldn't

Fund for the Children of Anita Berrera

As many of you may know, Anita Berrera, a student in the ESL Division and the Resident Care Attendant Program, was tragically murdered a few days ago. Anita's four children are now orphaned and will be living with Anita's sister, who is also a VCC student. We would like to try to ease the family's burden a little by

collecting funds to donate toward the children's care.

Donations can be made care of Tami Pulham in the VCC Financial Services department. Cheques should be made out to Vancouver Community College with a notation that the funds are for the Anita Berrera Fund.

Marta Gardiner

Diesel dept. receives Tier I designation

The VCC Diesel department is very pleased to announce that it has been designated a Tier 1 training facility by the Detroit Diesel Corp. Detroit Diesel is a major manufacturer of diesel engines throughout the world and their products are used for a variety of instructional purposes within the department. We are the first college in Canada to receive this designation.

This new designation is important because it gives the department access

to advanced training materials and technical information and means that employers can look to hiring diesel program graduates with even greater confidence. The designation came about through the hard work and dedication of everyone in the Diesel department and is yet another recognition of the excellence which they bring to training.

Paul Hunt, Associate Dean of Technology Programs

- Worry About Global Warming
- Why Did the Soviet Union Collapse?
- The Plains Indians
- Toward Speaking Excellence: The Michigan Guide to Maximizing Your Performance on the TSE Test and SPEAK Test
- Nation to Nation: Aboriginal Sovereignty and the Future of Canada
- Introducing Global Issues
- The Little iMac Book
- Sentences and Paroles: A Prison Reader
- The Age of Migration: International Population Movements in the Modern World

Practical Nursing celebrates 50th Anniversary

Practical Nursing celebrated their 50th anniversary of education at VCC. Approximately 250 people signed the guest book. Many former faculty and students dating back to the early 1950's attended a fun filled afternoon on Wednesday, Sept. 15.

Dale Dorn, interim president, Joan McArthur Blair Dean of Applied Programs, Carolyn Sams, Executive Director/Registrar of the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of BC, and Sheila Wilkinson, representative of the LPN Association of BC welcomed the guests and brought greeting from their respective areas.

Displays were set up in the nursing labs to demonstrate the skills that students learn in the present program, and The History of Nursing was presented by Brenda Flynn. It was a great opportunity for former graduates to renew old acquaintances with faculty, classmates, and the College itself.

Pat Hartley, Associate Dean of Health Programs

Skills for Success

Did you know that during 1998/1999 the Library, Counselling and The Learning Centre provided formal instruction to over 1400 VCC students?

For years these three student service areas have been offering orientations and classes to students at both VCC campuses. This year, the Library, Counselling and The Learning Centres joined forces to bring instructors a program of workshops titled Skills for Success. This program conveniently packages the instruction done by our three departments. It is our hope that in so doing, your students will gain better access to our services and support in the areas of career counselling, study strategies, stress management, communication strategies, research skills, web searching skills, and much more. In August, you should have received the program information in the mail (additional copies are available at the Library Information Desk).

The Library, Learning Centre and Counselling are offering the following *Skills for Success* activities:

The Library will be offering these Skills for Success learning activities:

- Know Your Library: An Orientation to Services
- Finding Information to Ace Those Assignments!
- Surf Smart! Using the Web to Find Relevant Information

To book, call your campus Library Information Desk (CC at 8339 or KEC at 7326)

The Learning Centre's Skills for Success offerings include:

- Introduction to Student Computing Centre
 - Get Your Memory Working for You!
 - Thinking Critically
 - Essential Word Processing Skills
 - Orientation to the Learning Centre
 - Effective Reading and Study Strategies
 - How to Write a Resume
- Contact Lyn Lennig at 8606 for Learning Centre activities

The Counselling Department will be offering the following Skills for Success activities:

- Living with Stress
- Finding a Job
- Communication Skills I: An Introduction
- Communication Skills II
- Communications Skills III: Communicating Across Cultures
- Communications Skills IV: Communicating in Difficult Situations
- Preparing for Exams
- Performance Anxiety
- Career Exploration

The City Centre Campus contact is Ian Forsyth (local 8454). The King Edward Campus contact is Thorne Husband (local 7203). We encourage you to book your classes for these activities and let the Library, Counselling and Learning Centre be a partner in the educational process.

Former VCC Counsellor Eileen Herridge passed away

Eileen Louise Herridge passed away peacefully on July 16 at the age of 79. Eileen worked in the VCC Counselling Department from October 1, 1972 until August 31, 1985, when she retired. During her career Eileen also worked as a secretary, taught at Magee High School and after obtaining her Ph.D. in Psychology, counselled students in Ann Arbor, Michigan as well as at VCC. She was a member of and active in many organizations including: Vancouver Natural History Society, Sierra Club, North Shore Hikers, New Democratic Party, Immigrant Services Society, Society for Immigrant and Visible Minority Women, Vancouver Status of Women, Vancouver Multicultural Society and Brock House Society and Hiking Club.

Announcements

Mexico/Chile and Asia Pacific Awards for students, staff, and faculty!

Are you a student planning to study, or a faculty/staff member planning to work for a minimum of six weeks in a post-secondary institution in either Asia, Mexico or Chile?

If you are interested in developing your international knowledge, skills and abilities, as well as forging friendships and working relationships with people from Mexico, Chile or the Asia Pacific region you could qualify for a B.C. *International Grant* or a B.C. *Asia Pacific Award*.

Deadlines: faculty/staff: DECEMBER 1; students: JANUARY 15. For application forms with attached information, contact Cecily May at 871-7178 voicemail or email cmay@vcc.bc.ca. Instructors, please tell your students of this opportunity.

Name change

The Sign Language Studies (SLS) program has undergone a name change. Effective September 1, 1999, it is now known as ASL* and Deaf Studies.

**American Sign Language*

Good news and bad news from the Human Resources Department

First the good news:

We welcome Cassandra Huang (Local 7019) to the department. With the able assistance of Leanne Galloway who has been in the HR Department for eight years, Cassandra is the new Personnel Coordinator for Instructional Staff. Cassandra is replacing Roseanne Ashworth who has chosen to return to her homebase at City Centre Campus.

Cassandra has been with VCC since 1992 and has worked at both campuses in various capacities. Please give a call or drop by and welcome Cassandra when you are in the neighbourhood!

Now the bad news:

Carol Galloway has had an accident and has broken three bones in her ankle. At this time we aren't certain how long she will be off, but it could be for as long as 6 weeks - maybe longer. We are scrambling to find some additional assistance, but meanwhile, please call Eugenie Wong at 7136 if you are in need of additional support staff. Karen at 7005 can help with some issues and as always Nikki at 7138 can be of assistance with routine matters.

Karen Kelly

New name for LINC Program

On April 1, 1999 the government of British Columbia signed an agreement with the federal government in which it assumed responsibility for immigration and settlement. The Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism and Immigration, Community Liaison Branch is now responsible for settlement and integration and has renamed the English language training program. Instead of LINC, it will be known as ELSA (English Language

Services for Adults). It will take some time for the new name to catch on, but you can expect to begin seeing signs and hearing references to ELSA. By the way, the ESL-Vocational Department, which is responsible for the delivery of the ELSA program at VCC, is considering adopting a lioness as a mascot and playing "Born Free" as departmental muzak.

submitted by Alison Norman, Department Head, ESL-Vocational

1999 BOARD MEETINGS

The College Board meets on the fourth Thursday of each month (except July). 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

Oct. 28, Nov. 25

CC, Room 240

Sept. 23, Dec. 9*

*Subject to Board Approval

Information, please!

In order to assist the Information Clerk in the KEC Welcome Centre in providing accurate and up-to-date information to students and visitors, please ensure that any information pertinent to your department's activities is shared with the Information Clerk well in advance of the event taking place. This could include any departmental or student events, workshops, seminars, room or schedule changes—anything that may be of interest to students or visitors.

The Information Clerk is Charis Chung, and she may be contacted at local 7053 or by email at cchung@vcc.bc.ca or by interoffice mail directed to "The Welcome Centre."

Thanks for helping us to make the Welcome Centre a useful source of information to our students and guests.

Counsellor's Corner

Workshops

The article above lists the "Skills for Success Workshops", offered in partnership with the Library and Learning Centres. You can book your class into these workshops.

For Counselling workshops please contact Karen Steichele at 7206. If you did not receive a copy of the workshops please contact Wayne Avery at 8449 or Karen.

Also, as usual, Counselling will be offering the following workshops on Thursdays, 10:30-12:00 in 2103 (CCA).

- Sept. 16 Communication Skills
- Sept. 30 Managing Stress
- Oct. 14 Choosing a Career Path
- Oct. 28 Assertiveness
- Nov. 4 Respectful and Abusive Relationships
- Nov. 18 Test Anxiety
- Dec. 2 Anger Management
- Dec. 9 Job Search

These workshops are open to all KEC students. ESL students should be upper intermediate or higher. For more info on the above mentioned workshops contact Donna Barreca at 871-7207.

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HOUSING



Apartment sublet for fall 1999 into 2000

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WANTED



Weight set and bench needed for CCA office exercise program. Contact Chris at local 7361 if you think you have something.

Got something to sell or give away? Looking to buy a certain item that you can't find anywhere else?

Advertise it on this page!
Email drasmussen@vcc.bc.ca

FOR SALE



Ladies' Colmar one piece ski suit

Size 12. Teal Green. Very warm. Excellent Condition. Paid \$465. Asking \$165 obo. Call Carolyn at: home 988-7768, work 871-7086.

Purdy's Group Purchase is back!

Receive 25% discount on your Christmas chocolates. For order forms please contact Tami at 7117 (KEC) or Dana at 8321 (CC). All orders must be received by November 1, 1999. Delivery Date is December 8, 1999.

Four-drawer pine dresser

Only 10 months old and in perfect condition. Must sell. \$150 obo. For more info call 730-5854.

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Student Required to Withdraw Policy

Effective Date: September 8, 1998

Policy Category: Education Support

Number: D.4.4

This Policy was approved at Education Council on September 8/98, but the published version was incomplete. The full version is below.

Purpose

To provide procedures for instructors and department heads who require a student to withdraw from a course or program for failing to meet established requirements.

Policy

The College will require students to withdraw from a program or course when they do not maintain established progress or attendance standards. This action will only be undertaken after appropriate remedial assistance has been attempted and documented.

Applies to

All VCC students.

Procedures

1. At the beginning of each course or program, the instructor will

give students a written course outline. The outline will set out expectations and requirements, including attendance. The outline will also include grade appeal procedures.

2. The instructor will periodically evaluate performance and attendance and inform students of their progress.
3. If students require remedial assistance, the instructor will make appropriate referrals to college services. The onus is on the student to follow through with the referral.
4. Instructors will document action taken to assist students with meeting program or course requirements.
5. Instructors will notify the student *when possible* and the department head of any student who is required to withdraw, identifying reasons and remedial action taken. The department head will notify the Registrar's

Office in writing stating the reasons.

6. The Registrar's Office will notify the student, in writing, stating the reasons their registration has been terminated. The Grade RW (required to withdraw) will be recorded on the student's official transcript.
7. Normally, students who receive two (2) Required Withdrawals may not re-register at the College within a one year period. In unusual circumstances the Dean may approve exceptions.
8. Students can appeal the Required Withdrawal under the VCC Grade Appeal Policy.

Replaces

Policies 2.2.07 Attendance and Absenteeism, 2.2.0.8 Student Discontinuance for Failure to Meet Program Criteria, and 2.4.4.2 Student Discontinuance for Failure to Meet Program Criteria.

Policy Sponsor: **Registrar**