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Woodsmen, Woodsmen spare those trees!



Well, they didn't. What trees? For those of you who rarely see the Cambie Street side of the building, the lovely birches that once provided birdsong and shade are no long standing. This to the dismay of the members of the departments resident on that side of the building. They were removed by an outside contractor a few weeks ago much to the surprise of just about everyone, from Principal Vandenakker to George Clark.


Apparently, the plan to remove them had been in place for sometime, but an unfortunate communication failure (the VCC TRIANGLE looms once again) resulted in their subsequent removal without notice to those mostaffected. Why? A number of reasons were given. The trees were planted too close to the building and as they grew wreaked havoc with the window cleaning process. And, as is the nature of all living things to grow, their roots had begun to invade the foundation of the building. Not to mention the infestation of spider mites that dirtied the windows and would be costly to eradicate.

The following was submitted by Margaret Charles from the Financial Aid Department, a lament as much for the trees as for the quality of life they provided.

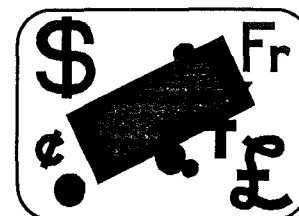
In memoria of the graceful birch trees of VCC-CC which took at least 10 years to grow and 10 minutes to destroy by chain-saw, at who's behest is unknown.

"The delicate shifting patterns of their leaves on sunlit office walls and the busy chirruping of the birds in their branches is already much missed and our days are

poorer thereby. We now have a clear and unobstructed view of some of the ugliest buildings in a most unsavoury area of the city."

On a positive note, there are plans to replace these trees in the near future with evergreens, a little further out from the building. 

Money, money! Payroll backlog



The following from Dr. Gallagher: Oct. 15/90

I have been advised by our Payroll office that the optimal sequence for clearing up the payroll office backlog is the following:

1. Completion of late September contracts received by the Payroll office by September 30th, 1990.
2. Production of the biweekly payroll, due October 19, on old rates.
3. Payment of biweekly paid people who were on sick leave or vacation, etc. during the strike.
4. Production of October 30, instructors' payroll.

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Payroll backlog

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5. Concurrent with #4, payment of the balance of September pay for instructors who received only 70% of pay in early October. This is a very complicated process because there are major variances amongst groups and individuals.
6. Production of the November 2nd biweekly payroll (VMREU) according to the new rates.
7. Production of the biweekly retroactive pay (VMREU).
8. Production of VMREU retroactive pay for persons in reclassified positions.

Both the Payroll people and I would dearly love to be able to give you deadlines by which these items will be completed, but we cannot do so. What I can assure you is that the Payroll people will produce as quickly as is humanly possible in conditions of high to extreme stress.

I would urge you to do all you can to relieve the direct pressure on the Payroll office from inquiries by handling as many inquiries yourself as you can; if inquiries must be made, I would ask that they be directed to Max Fleming (875-1131, local 348) rather than to Pat Mulvihill or Tosh Ikesaka. Thank you for your assistance and please pass on this information as appropriate.

Paul Gallagher

people news

Happy Baby, Rea!



By the time this issue hits the mailboxes Rea Devakos will have left for her maternity leave scheduled to start on October 29/90 and end March 01/91. In her absence Eva Sharell will carry on as the Acting Department Head.

Congratulations to Steve Stafford!



Way to go, Steve! The Hospitality & Tourism Division sends congratulations to Steve Stafford upon his successful completion of The American Hotel & Motel Association Educational Institute's Diploma Program with an emphasis in Food and Beverage Management.

Who is that person in Dick Strachan's office?

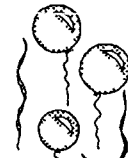


If you haven't already been introduced please drop by and wish a warm VCC City Centre welcome to our first Assistant Dean of Student Services, Sam Di Giando. Sam came on aboard shortly after the

Thanksgiving Holiday and has been rapidly settling in to his new position that Principal Vandenkakker describes as "being responsible for anything related to student life on this campus"! Big job! More formally, Sam is responsible for the Student Services area which is comprised of Admissions, Student Records, Counselling and Financial Aid departments.

Sam, originally a native of Ontario, has been resident in Lotus Land for the past 10 years and the youngest of his three children was born here. He comes to City Centre from B.C.I.T. where he held the post of Associate Registrar for two years. Sam can be reached at Local 280. **Welcome aboard, Sam!**

When is the office warming, George?



George Clark, Building Service Manager, and Angelo Iapallucci, his assistant, have moved their offices! Surprised? You can now find George and Angelo in offices 113C & 113D next to the External Communications Office.

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people news

This area is most easily reached by taking the Hamilton/Pender staircase to the 1st floor and proceeding down the corridor. Small warning--don't be surprised by the laser activated alarm that sounds a nasty squawk as you enter. It's nothing personal, they just don't want too surprised when you visit!

Speaking of office warmings!

You are right, the people in the former Continuing Education Nursing Office don't look like nurses! These offices are now occupied by the Tourism and Hospitality Centre - Hospitality Administration Department. Welcome to Hospitality Admin! If you are still looking for Continuing Education Nursing you can find them at 691 East Broadway, Vancouver 874- 9923.

Faxes from the Edge of a War Zone



David Tickner was a curriculum consultant for VCC-City Centre in the Program Development department for twelve years before undertaking an interesting career change. When last we had heard, David Tickner and family arrived in Amsterdam on their way to his new posting in Abu Dabi, United Arab Emirates, just as Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait. Undaunted by this turn of world events David and family pushed on to Abu Dabi and arrived safely. He regularly corresponds with City Centre via Fax and the following are some excerpts from his correspondence, an eye witness account of another culture.

**Dateline: Abu Dabi, United Arab Emirates
Sunday, Sept. 9/90**

...salaam aleikum!

We arrived here with our clothing and a few odds and ends -- it was really interesting to have to furnish a flat with everything from spoons to sofas, from brooms to beds. The offices housing the curriculum department will be shifting to another part of the city in a couple of weeks. Our new location is a short way from here on the Corniche --

the Corniche being the lovely boulevard facing the beach and The Gulf. It's sort of like working in the building across the street from English Bay at Stanley Park.

We are just at the end of the hot weather--temperatures have been in the 90's and low 100's daily with 90 to 100% humidity. It's been too hot to go out for walks or go to the parks and beaches. It's sort of like living in Saskatchewan in the winter--you don't go out unless you have to. Thank goodness for air conditioning. The weekend here is Thursday and Friday. We have no TV, no car, no malls, and no videos, so the children have lots of time to do their homework! In fact, it's been quite delightful having a chance to spend so much time together...we even had no telephone until today.

The current Gulf crisis seems very far away from us here, strange as that may seem. I confess we had a few moments doubt about what we were getting ourselves into, but no one from the Higher Colleges called to say don't come, so we said, what the hell, let's keep going. Our flight from Amsterdam to Abu Dhabi stopped in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia -- the centre of the American military operations. Kiran and I stood in the open back door of the Airbus parked on the tarmac and watched the American military transports taking off and landing every ten minutes. It was a relief to get back in the air again.

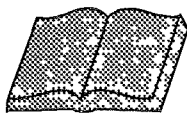
We are two hours flying time from Kuwait and about 1200 kilometres by a road across the desert. Life goes on here very normally -- there is no sense of danger or alarm or crisis. One story that comes to mind is of the American family working for General Motors here who were called back to Detroit. Soon after, the wife phoned one of her friends in the Higher Colleges to say that she would have felt safer if she'd stayed in the Emirates.

We are looking forward to how our life unfolds here. It should be quite rewarding... as they say here, inshallah--god willing. See you later!

David Tickner

campus department round-up

The Library Notice:



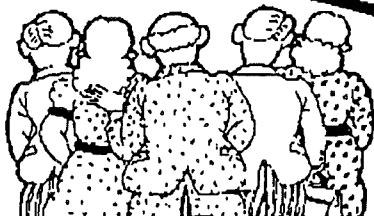
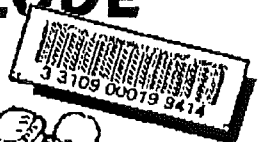
All VCC Libraries, including City Centre, will be closed on Saturday, November 10, 1990. An upgraded version of the automated system is being installed and the Remembrance Day weekend was chosen to minimize the impact on students. This closure will be widely advertised. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Rea Devakos.

"Tote that barge, lift that bale!"

Please be thoughtful of the library staff when returning books! Sandra Jones informs us that books returned through the campus mail means that Library personnel stagger with the combined weight of books, magazines and the usual mail. Please use the return book slot at the Library door and save a back!



An Invitation to All City Centre Employees to: Belly Up to the BARCODE



**AND ORDER UP ALL THE INFORMATION
YOU CAN SWALLOW!**

Our brand-new computer system makes using the Library simple, easy and efficient. Come and try it out!

New Books! Get'm while they're hot!

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| Make Sure You Do Not Have Cancer | Hurricane Kitchen |
| Modern Art: Impressionism to Post-Modernism | Fashion from Concepts to Consumer Photographs that Changed the World |
| Time for Success: A Goal Setter's Strategy | Colour Vision: A Photographer's Guide to Understanding and Using Color |
| The Cancer Industry: Unravelling the Politics | The Encyclopedia of Airbrush Techniques |
| Effective Strategies for Teaching Adults | The Vancouver Stock Exchange |
| Total Tennis | Symptoms |
| Amelia Earhart: A Biography | Sewing Activewear |
| The Complete Guide to Decorating Your Home | The Women's History of the World |
| Step-by-Step Garnishing | Food Values: Calcium |
| Heavenly Soles: Extraordinary Twentieth-Century Shoes | Food Values: Cholesterol and Fats |
| The Entrepreneur's Complete Self-Assessment Guide | Moonlighting: 148 Great Ways to Make Money on the Side |
| Landlording in Canada: A Practical, Business, and Legal Guide | Being a Widow |
| Fashion Photography | Birth Order and You |
| | How to Invest in Canadian Securities |

Have you got your library card?

Eva Sharell would like to remind all of the people who have already applied for their library cards that they are ready to be picked up. Don't panic if you haven't had such foresight, the Library is very flexible and if you ask they can give you one on the spot!

If you are mystified by all this new-fangled technology and would like a short run-through of the new computer catalogue let the library staff know. Come on, you know how to use your bank card, how hard can a computer catalogue be? They will gladly take names and make the arrangements for small group sessions at convenient times.

A Message From Your Health & Safety



Our mouse population is getting out of hand! Please practice population control by eating only in designated areas of the building such as the cafeteria or lunch room. Do not eat or store food in your office or classroom. Remember a fat mouse is a fertile mouse!

campus dept. round-up

Community & Career Educ.

Save, Save, Save!



Lotte Ross, an instructor in the Community & Career Education, has an offer you can't refuse! Entertainment '91 and Savings Spree Books are available through her in that department. The Entertainment '91 is \$40.00 and the Savings Spree Book is \$10.00. Lotte is selling them on behalf of her son Graeme Ross who is a student at Riverdale Elementary School in Surrey and will enable his Grade 6 & 7 French Immersion class to go on an exchange program with a school in Quebec next April.

You can drop Lotte a note in the inter-office mail stating which book or books you prefer and where you can be contacted. Lotte guarantees delivery within a couple of days of receiving your request.

Dental Hygiene Department

Have you flossed today?

Enquiring minds would like to know-- or if you would like to know more about Dental Hygiene don't miss the Dental Hygiene Table Clinics! In honour of Dental Hygiene Awareness Week the Dental Hygiene Department and the 2nd year Dental Hygiene students would like to cordially invite the faculty, staff and students to visit their Dental Hygiene Table Clinics on:

Thursday, November 8, 1990
12:00 to 3:00 p.m.
2nd Floor, Foyer
250 West Pender St., Vancouver



Wanted: one piano player

George Clark has sent out the call for a piano player to help in the Christmas sing-a-long, December 14, 1990. If you are interested please contact him at local 281.



around the college

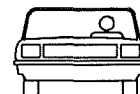
King Edward Campus

The Automotive Glass installer Technician program needs your vehicle!

Wanted: vehicles that require any --
Glass Replacement
Sun Roof Installations
Pass Through installations,
Bulls Eye Repairs
Canopy Glass Replacements
Water Leaks
Side Glass (Service, Lube, Adjust)
Side Mirror Replacement

For further information call the Automotive Collision Department at KEC, Locals 201, 403, 402

Transport & VCC



Jim Funk from KEC writes to announce the formation of VCC's very first Transport Committee. The first meeting will be held on November 1, 1990 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 2145 (beside the cafeteria) at the King Edward Campus. The committee will look at all aspects of college transport with a goal to present a report to the VCC Management. This first meeting will be an information sharing session. All interested college employees are invited to attend and contribute.

Help!! The Pacific Rim Magazine Needs YOU!

Tom Meikle, publisher of VCC's Pacific Rim Magazine has issued a call for help!. He reports that work on the 1991 issue of the magazine has begun and they are soliciting the type of support and talent from all the campuses and divisions that made the 1990 issue such a success.

They need student writers, designers, graphic artists, photographers, editors, computer graphics artists, and keyboarders. Interested parties should contact either Tom Meikle, Publisher at 324-5430 or Richard Hopkins, Managing Editor at 324-5473.



humour



Does this fellow give work shops? Where can I sign up!

***The Wonder Years,
by Hugh Gallagher***

This essay won first prize in the humour category of the 1990 Scholastic Writing Awards.

"In order for the admissions staff of our college to get to know you, the applicant, better, we ask that you answer the following question: Are there any significant experiences you have had, or accomplishments you have realized, that have helped to define you as a person?"

I am a dynamic figure, often seen scaling walls and crushing ice. I have been known to remodel train stations on my lunch breaks, making them more efficient in the area of heat retention. I translate ethnic slurs for Cuban refugees, I write award-winning operas, I manage time efficiently. Occasionally, I tread water for three days in a row.

I woo women with my sensuous and godlike trombone playing, I can pilot bicycles up severe inclines with unflagging speed, and I cook Thirty-Minute Brownies in twenty minutes. I am an expert in stucco, a veteran in love, and an outlaw in Peru.

Using only a hoe and a large glass of water, I once single-handedly defended a small village in the Amazon Basin from a horde of ferocious army ants. I play bluegrass cello, I was scouted by the Mets. I am the subject of numerous documentaries. When I'm bored, I build large

suspension bridges in my yard. I enjoy urban hang gliding. On Wednesdays, after school, I repair electrical appliances free of charge.

I am an abstract artist, a concrete analyst, and a ruthless bookie. Critics worldwide swoon over my original line of corduroy evening wear. I don't perspire. I am a private citizen, yet I receive fan mail. I have been caller number nine and have won the weekend passes. Last summer I toured New Jersey with a travelling centrifugal force demonstration. I bat .400. My deft floral arrangements have earned me fame in international botany circles. Children trust me.

I can hurl tennis rackets at small moving objects with deadly accuracy. I once read Paradise Lost, Moby-Dick, and David Copperfield in one day and still had time to refurbish an entire dining room that evening. I know the exact location of every food item in the supermarket. I have performed covert operations for the CIA. I sleep once a week; when I do sleep, I sleep in a chair. While on vacation in Canada, I successfully negotiated with a group of terrorists who had seized a small bakery. The laws of physics do not apply to me.

I balance, I weave, I dodge, I frolic, and my bills are all paid. On weekends, to let off steam, I participate in full-contact origami. Years ago I discovered the meaning of life but forgot to write it down. I have made extraordinary four-course meals using only a Mouli and a toaster oven. I breed prizewinning clams. I have won bullfights in San Juan, cliff-diving competitions in Sri Lanka, and spelling bees at the Kremlin. I have played Hamlet, I have performed open-heart surgery, and I have spoken with Elvis.

But I have not yet gone to college.



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Blue Box Blues



Wondering what to do with your recycling containers now that they are brimming over with material? Here's your answer: contact the switchboard by dialling "0". They will have the recycling company empty your full container on their next visit to the Campus. The catch in this arrangement is that you have to let the switchboard know. The companies representatives will not empty your containers unless they are full and have been notified in advanced.

Fat or Fit



If visions of sugarplums causes an anxiety attack or if your bulky winter clothes no longer cover the bulk, consider the VCC-City Centre aerobic classes.

Sandra Jones and Steph Jewell are looking for people interested in reviving the noon hour aerobics class. They need at least twelve participants. Give them a call at local 241 or local 299.



your future with vcc

Career Opportunities

The following positions are open for applications, please contact the Employee Relations Department for more information:

KING EDWARD

Department Head (College Preparatory English) - English As A Second Language Division. Closing Date: **November 19, 1990**

Career Enrichment



**HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT**

This is the latest update on courses that were scheduled prior to the September labour dispute. Many of these have been rescheduled and new courses have been added. Most are limited to a twenty participants and registration must be confirmed in writing, with a completed and approved green form. Course information and registration sheets are available in the mail room. For more information contact Diane at 857-1131 (local 337 or 291).

Finding & Evaluating Business Opportunities

November 5, 1990 - Monday

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Room 5025 (Boardroom), Central Administration

Introduction to the Conscious Use of Creativity

Three sessions available:

Session A: November 1, 1990 - Thursday
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Room L008, Langara Campus

Session B: November 16, 1990 - Friday
9:00 to noon

Room 5025, King Edward Campus

Session C: November 27, 1990 - Tuesday
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Room 237, City Centre Campus

Meetings That Work

November 8, 1990 - Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Room 5025 (Boardroom), Central Administration

Cross Cultural Communications Training

November 13, 14 & 15

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Room 5025 (Boardroom), Central Administration

Management Skills for Supervisors

Part I - Interpersonal Skills - Nov. 20-23/90

Part II - Group Skills - Jan. 29-Feb. 1/91

Part III - Administrative Skills - Mar. 11-14/91

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Room 5025 (Boardroom), Central Administration

Conducting Effective Performance Reviews - V.M.R.E.U.

Advanced Skill Workshop

Prerequisite: "Performance Planning"

Session A: November 27, 1990 - Tuesday

9:00 a.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m.

Room 5025 (Boardroom), C. Admin.

Session B: November 29, 1990 - Thursday

9:00 a.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m.

Room 5025 (Boardroom), C. A.

Success Skills for the Modern Workplace

December 3 & 4, 1990 - Monday & Tuesday

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Room 5025 (Boardroom), Central Administration

Courses yet to be rescheduled:

Selection Interviewing - Faculty

Date to be announced



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Continuing Education A Reminder!

Gail Rochester would like to remind all employees that V.C.C. employees who are eligible to receive benefits are also eligible for tuition fee waivers on many Continuing Education courses.

City Centre employees requesting a fee waiver should obtain, complete and return a blue "Fee Waiver Request" form from Lorna Guenard, Administrative Manager, 2nd floor. Please no retroactive refunds. Approval prior to registration must be obtained in order to receive a fee waiver. If you have not received a copy of the Fall/1990 C.E. Flyer they are available at all C.E. campus offices.

Conferences

Nov. 18 - 19/90

BC & Yukon Hotels Association Annual Conference
Vancouver, B.C. 681-7164

Nov. 22/90

Canadian Travel & Tourism Industry Awards,
Agent Canada Magazine
Vancouver, B.C. 688-0481

Feb. 15 - 17/91

Canada CHRIE Conference,
Halifax

Mar. 10 - 13/91

Alberta Conference on Tourism,
Tourism Industry Assn. of Alberta
Kananaskis, Alberta (403) 250-2760

VCC Hosts 1991 Western Regional Conference for CBIE

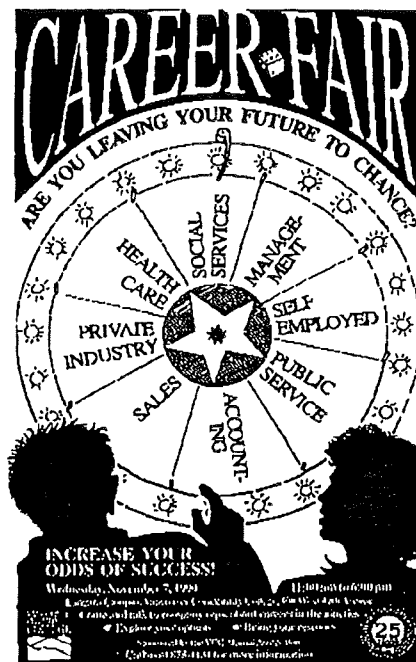
The Canadian Bureau of International Education holds annual region conferences in the Maritimes, Quebec, Ontario and Western Canada. The 1991 Western Regional Conference will be hosted by Vancouver Community College and has been tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 23rd and Friday, May 24th, 1991. Hosting the conference will further heighten the

Conferences -- cont'd

College's international profile. A steering committee has been formed composed of Joan Horsley, Patricia Grove, Christine Petersen, Helena Hensley, Sarah Lucas, Cecily May and Jindra Repa.

Jindra would like to invite interested VCC faculty and staff to participate in the organization of this event by providing ideas and/or serving on the conference committees. He can be reached at 875-1131, local 244.

Look for this poster around City Centre! What's it all about? The VCC Alumni Association has organized a Career Fair for students and alumni of the College on November 7th.



The VCC Alumni Association wants you to: publicize the event to your students & join them at a Wine-and Cheese Reception with the exhibitors between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Langara Faculty Lounge. (Please RSVP)

Thirty potential employers will discuss career options in their field and accept resumes. The main fields represented are: Health Care, Food Services, Clerical, Business, and Public Service. The focus is on career planning as well as jobs. The trade fair-style exhibits will be at:

VCC Langara Campus
11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
November 7, 1990

More details...

Will be in your mailbox soon or contact Barbara Alldritt or Tracy Manrell at 875-1131, local 353.