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# CENTRICITY



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## CONGRATULATIONS!

VCC is pleased to announce that Brenda Appleton has been appointed to the position of College Librarian. This faculty position will serve to coordinate the two libraries at City Centre and King Edward Campus.

Brenda has worked both in the City Centre and King Edward Campus libraries. For the last eight years, she held the position of KEC Library Department Head.

Please welcome Brenda to this new position.

Linda Martin

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## MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTION WEEK IS MAY 15-21/94

Medical transcription is more than just a job. It is an art. It is an art that

takes patience, effort and knowledge and not everyone has the capability or the aptitude to do it.

At surface glance, some view it as simplistic, a job almost anyone could do, not requiring much skill. Others view it as dry or monotonous. But anyone with first-hand experience realizes that transcription is far from simple and there is rarely a dull moment.

Medical transcription is not just the act of listening to a recorded voice and mechanically typing what is heard into a report form. It is comparable to a puzzle where the pieces gradually come together, and you must draw upon your common sense and vast vocabulary of medical terms to know which words to use and in which context. The different voices and pronunciations from various doctors keeps you constantly alert and the continually evolving medical language keeps a

transcriptionist forever learning.

A transcriptionist is a self-labelled perfectionist who takes his/her job seriously. He/she must be quick, concise, accurate and very well trained. He/she takes all of her tasks, from a short x-ray report to a lengthy autopsy report, very seriously and finds joy in being able to produce an accurate document. A medical transcriptionist takes pride in his/her job and expects to be appreciated. It is a specialized field requiring a rare skill. Only a special and rare person can do it.

Written by Lisa Shearer,  
Medical Transcriptionist  
Student, Medical  
Transcription Program,  
Medical Office Careers  
Department

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## CITY CENTRE

### ASSISTANT MANAGER OF FOOD SERVICES

Please join me in welcoming Hong Wong to Vancouver Community College at City Centre Campus. Hong has joined the Food Services Department as the Assistant Manager of Food Services. He has moved to VCC from the Pacific National Exhibition (Playland) where he was the Assistant Manager for Food & Beverages for five years. He brings to Vancouver Community College a strong food services management background. Welcome to Vancouver Community College Hong.

Jackie Ehlert  
Director, Food Services

### STAFF ABSENCE FORM

It is no longer necessary to submit the half-size green **Staff Absence Form** for doctor/dental appointments to this office for my signature. Please advise this office only of absences which are in **excess of two hours** so that we can record the time. Otherwise, approval from supervisors should be obtained in the usual

manner and the form, if needed by the department, retained within the department.

Karen Kelly  
Director of College  
Services

### CITY CENTRE STUDENTS WIN AWARDS...

Two British Columbian Travel Agents are the recipients of CITC - National Awards for excellence on the 1993 ACCESS advanced-level examinations....this year's National Presidents' Board award winners are **James Gough, ACTC**, who scored the highest on the May 1 examination and **Heather Henson, ACTC**, who was the top performer on the October 30 examination....each received a cheque for \$100 and a framed certificate acknowledging their achievement.

Syd Hartley  
Division Chair, Business

### CITYFEST '94 A Celebration of Cultural Diversity

King Edward Campus  
1155 East Broadway  
May 20,21, 22

**A FREE FESTIVAL**  
Over 500 Performers  
The sights and sounds of  
25 nations and cultures

### JOIN US!

### VOLUNTEER COORDINATING MEETING FOR CITYFEST '94

APRIL 30, 3-5 pm  
King Edward Campus  
Staff Lounge (Level 2)

CityFest is produced by  
the Vancouver  
Community Festival  
Society and Vancouver  
Community College

*For more info:*

*Simon 985-3686  
Heather 737-7305*

### NEW VIDEOS IN THE LIBRARY

Economic Systems  
Fresh Talk: Youth and  
Sexuality

## **BLOOD DONOR CLINIC**

Please note, that the next Blood Donor Clinic will be held on Wednesday, May 11th, **ALL DAY** in **Assembly Hall Room 240**. The Red Cross is in urgent need of blood and looks forward to the usual good turn out by faculty and staff at both City Centre and King Edward Campus.

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## **STRESS BUSTERS FOR EMPLOYEES**

*We are off and running (so to speak), and will continue to explore various methods of relaxation every WEDNESDAY from 12:00 - 1:00 in Room 100 (Counselling). New participants are always welcome!*

*Hilary Pearson & Allan Clarkson, local 8446*

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## **YOU ASKED FOR IT!**

Since our separation from Langara at the end of March, many people have been asking, "When is the party?" Well, the Events Planning Committee has taken up the cause! With much support and encouragement from the library folks from both

campuses, we are organizing a party. The event will take place on May 11th at 3:00 p.m. at City Centre. All VCC employees and students are welcome. It will be informal and fun. Refreshments will be served, and live entertainment will be provided by the Music Department.

By the way, the official reopening ceremony is planned for September. You will be hearing about it soon.

### *Events Planning Committee:*

*Sue Aro  
Barb Ash  
Roseanne Ashworth  
Malcolm Cant  
Pat Kennedy  
Sam Lowindon  
Joan MacLood  
Dale Rasmussen  
Terry Smith*

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## **CLASSIFIEDS**

**WANTED:** One slate pool table for son's birthday gift! Please call Gwendolyn DeGeest at local 8553 if you can help.

**FOR SALE:** Golf Clubs Bag... Dunlop Parmatic

Registered ProSet. Woods #1, 2, 3 and 4. Irons 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, W. Slazenger Bag  
Best Offer to \$200. Call Sandy Mooney at 271-4725 or local 8456 if interested.

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## **OBITUARY**

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you all of the passing of City Centre's favourite patron Jim, a regular customer at City Centre for over **16 years**. Jim brightened many people's day with his warm smile and daily pleasantries; he was a true gentleman from the old school. Recently, he had been feeling "under the weather", but apparently had regained some of his strength, and was talking about coming back to City Centre for a visit. Sadly Jim took a turn for the worse, and passed away on the week-end.

His loving wife, Jane (of over 50 years) has stated that at Jim's request there will be no funeral service, and has asked that no flowers or cards be sent to her.

Rest in peace Jim; all of us who knew you at City Centre will miss you very much.

S. Paterson

## **C O M M U N I T Y INTERACTION DAY**

On April 28, Sir Charles Tupper Secondary School on East 24th Avenue held a Community Interaction Day, with the theme, "Building Partnerships in Education". The Counsellors at City Centre have maintained a liaison with Tupper School Counsellors, and were invited to take part in the day's presentations. So at 3:30 last Thursday afternoon, I introduced myself to about forty participants who had chosen to attend the group dealing with my assigned topic: "Job Skills for the 21st Century".

My co-presenter was Mr. Keith Gray, Vice President of Government Relations and Educational Services with the B.C. Business Council. Our audience was comprised of teachers, students, and parents. Following the keynote speaker, Keith Gray and I spent about 90 minutes engaged in a lively discussion dealing with preparing high school students for post-secondary education, training, and employment. Mr. Gray distributed a list of the ten skills most B.C. employers were looking for in an employee (see end of

article), and this led to discussion of the high school curriculum, its focus, and the extent to which it teaches academic as opposed to applied studies. Several people in the group expressed frustration that the post-secondary route to university seems to be promoted more extensively than other post-secondary options. I spoke about the diverging career paths most high school graduates should expect to develop, and the importance of skills to enhance lifelong learning. There was discussion of Career Prep programs, and some anticipation concerning scheduled talks between high school Career Prep teachers and our Health Division faculty.

The session went well, and was an opportunity for us to strengthen our partnership with this school whose graduates constitute our potential customers.

Desirable characteristics rated by major B.C. employers:

1. Communication skills;
2. Analytical ability;
3. High performance standards;
4. Honest and reliable;
5. Flexible and adaptable;

6. Team player;
7. Positive attitude;
8. Productive;
9. Intelligent; and,
10. Accepts responsibility.

M. Wilson  
Counselling

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## **JOB POSTINGS**

### **COLLEGE OF NEW CALEDONIA:**

The College of New Caledonia is a comprehensive community college serving Prince George and the Central interior region of B.C. We offer an extensive variety of upgrading, vocational, technical, trades, career, University Transfer and community & continuing education programmes to over 3,700 full and 13,000 part-time students.

As a result of the reorganization of the academic area the College has the following opportunities at the chairperson level.

#### **Division Chair - Health**

Programme areas:  
Nursing, Dental Assisting,  
Dental Hygiene, Home  
Support/Resident Care  
Attendant

### **Division Chair - Science & Technology**

Programme areas: Biology, forest Sciences, Geography, Mathematics, Computer Sciences, Chemistry, Physics, Applied Science, Engineering Graphics and Design, Electronic Engineering Technology, Forest Resource Technology, Commercial Aviation.

### **Division Chair - Trades**

Programme areas: Carpentry, Automotive, Electrical, Heavy Duty Mechanics, Millwright, Welding, Power Engineering, Continuing Education Trades.

Each position reports to the VP Academic. The successful candidate will be responsible for the administrative and academic leadership of the Division. This includes the management of human, financial and capital resources: providing leadership in programme planning, design and evaluation; faculty/staff development, support and evaluation; strategic and operational planning; and organizational and policy development.

Candidates must possess a

graduate degree in education or in a relevant discipline or an equivalent combination in the programme areas in the division. In the trades division, candidates must have proven experience with the apprenticeship system. We require dynamic educational leaders with proven administrative experience. Individuals must have a demonstrable consultative management style and excellent interpersonal and group facilitative skills.

The College offers a competitive salary commensurate with qualifications and experience, plus an excellent fringe benefit programme. A commencement date of July 1, 1994 is anticipated.

Please submit a resume and the names of at least three references by 4:00 p.m. PST, May 6, 1994 to: The Manager of Human Resources, College of New Caledonia, 3330 - 22nd Avenue, Prince George, B.C., V2N 1P8

**M A L A S P I N A  
U N I V E R S I T Y -  
C O L L E G E:**

**Full-time Regular  
Position in Canadian  
History (1.0)**

Applications are invited from scholars with specialized interests in Canadian History and a commitment to undergraduate teaching. The successful applicant will be responsible for teaching introductory survey courses and, depending on applicant's qualifications, may also be asked to instruct senior-level courses. Qualifications: successful teaching experience; minimum of Master's degree, Ph.D. and publications preferred.

### **Pro-Rata (Part-time) Position in Canadian History (6/8)**

Instructors are required for the 1994/95 academic year to teach six (6) sections of introductory survey courses in Canadian History at Malaspina's Nanaimo and Cowichan campuses. Instructors will be responsible for teaching pre- and post-Confederation courses (History 111 & History 112) and possibly, a thematically-focused course entitled Modern Canada: Social Change & Continuity (History 205 & History 206). Qualifications: Demonstrated teaching skills and at least a Master's degree in

History.

**Pro-Rata (Part-time)  
Position in 20th Century  
World History (3/8)**

An instructor is required to teach three (3) sections of an introductory course in Twentieth Century World History [part I: History 201; part II: History 202]. Malaspina requires an instructor to teach two (2) sections of History 201/202 (Fall 94 and Spring 95 semesters) and one (1) section of History 202 (Spring 95) at the Nanaimo Campus.

Applications should be sent by **13 May 1994** to the Director of Personnel, Malaspina University-College, 900 Fifth Street, Nanaimo, B.C., V9R 5S5 [FAX: (604) 755-8702]. In accordance with Canadian employment and immigration requirements, priority will be given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada.

**Vancouver Society of  
Immigrant and Visible  
Minority Women:**

Summer Program  
May 16-July 31, 1994

**Job Title-Communication  
Assistant**

**Job Description:**

To aid in developing a communication plan for the Vancouver Society of Immigrant and Visible Minority Women (VSIVMW), to assist in planning an annual fund raising dinner, and help in general office administrative duties. Some examples include:

-Contacting media and relevant organizations;

-Designing appropriate press releases and information forms;

-Helping develop and comprehensive mailing system;

-Working with VSIVMW to increase its membership through publicizing VSIVMW - activities among immigrant and visible minority women;

-Working closely with our fund raising committee in planning the annual fund raising dinner;

-Helping the Society to organize general meeting, panel discussion, and workshops; and,

-Helping the Society in publishing its newsletter.

**Job Qualifications:**

-Applicant must have been

registered full-time at a school during 1993-94, and must plan to return to school in a full-time capacity in September 1994.

-Excellent written and spoken communication skills are a must.

-Should have a keen interest in immigrant women issue (knowledge of other cultures and languages is an asset).

-Should work well independently.

-Must be familiar with WordPerfect 5.2 for Windows.

VSIVMW is an equal employment opportunity employer. We encourage visible minority and First Nations candidates to apply.

The wage is \$6.50 per hour.

Please send resumes no later than May 6/94 to:

Ms. Parvin Partovi,  
Executive Director  
Vancouver Society of  
Immigrant & Visible  
Minority Women  
Suite 204 - 2524 Cypress  
Street, Vancouver, B.C.

## THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

This year we have had the pleasure of providing interpreting services in two departments at City Centre that have been incredibly supportive and receptive to both the Deaf students and the interpreting staff. We thought it was high time to wake up, smell the coffee and thank them for their warm hospitality.

Wayne McNiven and the staff of CACE (Holly Cole, Susan MacMillan, Don Jordan, Mary Parrish, Maureen Mills and Lottie Ross) have been incredibly supportive. The students in the Career Awareness Program are an enthusiastic group and very interactive; this makes for a challenging assignment. Wayne, with his refreshing sense of humour makes you forget how hard you're actually working. Wayne, Susan and Holly have taken sign language classes at KEC West and have fun communicating directly with the Deaf student. Lorna Downie, who worked with a Deaf student in Office Core Skills last year also has a wealth of experience. She and Kathy Moscrip were responsible for inviting the Deaf keynote speaker Garry Malkowski, M.P.P.

from Toronto's York East to our recent ASE conference. Thanks a lot for all the support, professionalism, and dare I say ... fun!

Karen Griffiths and Colin Cullinmore, the instructors in the Hairdressing Department have also been great! They are quickly learning how to sign and feel comfortable communicating with the Deaf student when the interpreter is out of the classroom. Interpreting long lectures and videotapes can be intense, and Karen and Colin check in with their interpreter periodically to see if the poor soul needs a short break. Thanks Karen, Colin, Bob, Eroca. You have a great department!

We had similar experiences in the Computer Graphics Department with Judy Roy and in the Jewellery Making Program with Maciek Walentowicz. These are the ideal interpreting situations. Working with professionals who are open and interested in American Sign Language and Deaf culture and respect the role of the interpreter is a dream come true.

Sue Fraser, Janice Betty,

Jami Nystrom, Holly Wallace and Ellie Casey  
- Interpreting and Braille Services

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## CENTRICITY DEADLINE

Please note that the deadline for submissions for Centricity is every second Monday at **noon**. The next deadline date is **May 16, 1994**. The following are the deadline dates to the end of the year:

May 30, 1994  
June 13, 1994  
June 27, 1994  
July 11, 1994  
July 25, 1994  
August 8, 1994  
August 22, 1994  
September 5, 1994  
September 19, 1994  
October 3, 1994  
October 17, 1994  
October 31, 1994  
November 14, 1994  
November 28, 1994  
December 12, 1994

S. Paterson for  
Centricity

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**THE ULTIMATE VISUAL EXPERIENCE**  
**Deaf/Hearing Awareness Week**  
**May 16-19, 1994**

**King Edward Campus**  
**VCC**

On Wednesday May 18, join us outside the Auditorium between 10:00-2:30 to become better acquainted with hearing loss, Deafness and services that are accessible to the Deaf Community. Deaf Children's Society, Women Against Violence Against Women (WAVAW), and Western Institute for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing are among those who will have information "booths" set up.

At 11:30 there will be an information session in the Auditorium. This is open to all those interested in taking courses at Vancouver Community College or wanting information about the Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Adults.

If you would like more information please Contact Leonor Vlug, Program for Deaf And Hard of Hearing Adults at 871-7341 (TTY) or 871-7342 (voice). We would like to invite all of you to celebrate this event with us!



**VANCOUVER MUNICIPAL &  
REGIONAL EMPLOYEES' UNION**

**ANNUAL SALMON  
BARBECUE & CRUISE**

**SATURDAY, MAY 28, 1994**

**CRUISE**

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

followed by

**SALMON BARBECUE**  
at Belcarra Regional Park

\$10.00 for the Cruise & Barbecue  
\$7.00 for the Salmon Barbecue only

Entertainment on Board the Britannia  
Special Events at the Park

Open to V.M.R.E.U. Members, Partners and Family

**TICKETS AVAILABLE**  
**BY RESERVING TICKETS WITH YOUR SHOP STEWARD (BEFORE MAY 26, 1994)**

For more information contact **VICKKI MONTIGNY** at **443-8589**

**(Volunteers needed - Teenagers & members  
please call the telephone number above)**

Tickets are **not** available at the Union Office  
Tickets available on a **first come first served basis!**

**'LIMITED CRUISE SPACE AVAILABLE!**

**"You have 37 unplayed messages in your mailbox..."**

Voicemail Box Greeting Only / Dial "0" for Assistance Ability

Do you dread accessing your mailbox after your vacation? To avoid numerous hang-ups and messages from callers not listening to your greeting in full while you are out of the office (on vacation etc.), it is possible to temporarily change your voicemail box to **"greeting only"**. This feature disallows messages from being left. If you will be out of the office for more than a week you may wish to consider this option (as well as changing your greeting accordingly). Another option available is to allow callers to be redirected to another extension by pressing "0" from within your mailbox. You must tell callers of this ability in your personal greeting. To set either of these features up, complete the form below and forward to Christie Wagner @ ICS City Centre. Please provide one week advance notice. **Be certain to consider others that may be using your mailbox in a shared office environment.**

As well I would like to remind users that the current message retention period is seven (7) days for played messages and twenty-eight (28) days for unplayed messages. However, wherever possible discard messages promptly as our voicemail system is very popular and is limited in storage capacity.

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Voicemail Box Greeting Only / Dial "0" for Assistance Request  
(Disable Message Taking)                      (Redirect Call to)

TO:                Christie Wagner  
                    ICS - City Centre

FROM:             \_\_\_\_\_  
                    \_\_\_\_\_

Voicemail Box Number to Disable Message Taking: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Greeting Only)

DATE to Disable Message Taking: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE to Resume Message Taking: \_\_\_\_\_

Redirect Caller pressing "0" to: \_\_\_\_\_  
(must be a valid local with a voicemail box)