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President's Updates - Jan. 12 and 13

Those of you who were unable to attend either of the President's Updates on January 12 or 13, may be interested to learn that a copy of the President's address is available on the VCC website under *What's New*. Copies are also available, on request, from Vivienne Garrott, 7159.

The many changes in VCC's Counselling Department

After seven and a half years as Department Head of Counselling, Hilary Pearson is stepping down. Hilary will again be available for both individual appointments as well as workshop instruction at CC.

Wayne Avery has been elected as the new Department Head. Wayne has worked at the College since 1985 where he started out in Continuing Education coordinating ASE programs. He moved to the Counselling department in 1986 and was designated as Counsellor responsible for Services for Students with Disabilities. Late in 1995 he became Coordinator of IBT and Assistant Department Head in 1997.

Wayne has a BA (Honours in Psychology) and MA in Clinical and Community Psychology.

Ron Kee assumes the position of Acting Assistant Department Head and will be responsible for the day to day operations at City Centre. He will also assume coordination responsibility for Services for Students with Disabilities at both campuses.

Ron has been with VCC since 1992, over the past five years, primarily with students with disabilities. Ron received a Master of Arts (Counselling Psychology) from UBC in 1995. Ron can be reached at 443-8445.

Judy Echols will continue with the responsibility of day to day operations at KEC.

Alison Oliver will assume responsibility for students and applicants with

disabilities. Alison is originally from Victoria where she attended the University of Victoria and completed her BA in Leisure Services Administration (Co-op) and two years ago, she completed a post-degree diploma in Community Rehabilitation Studies. Her co-op work terms were based in Therapeutic Recreation. Most recently she has worked as a Field Supervisor at a local home support agency. Alison can be reached at 443-8458.

Last, but not least, Dolores Callahan is now working as a more general advisor within the City Centre location. Dolores will be working primarily with students and applicants who are in developmental programs, for example, College and Career Access, Employment and Educational Access for Women and Business Education Preparation. She also is a Vancouver Island native who graduated from the University of Victoria with a Bachelor in Elementary Education.

National Braille Day

February 9, 2000 is the first national braille day to be celebrated in Canada. The purpose of the day, which is included in White Cane Week, is to promote braille literacy and awareness of the importance of access to braille for people who are blind.

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Braille (continued)

The program for Visually Impaired Adults will be holding an open house on February 9, and there will be a display in the cafeteria. Staff and students in our program would be pleased to come and speak to classes about braille literacy, guide dogs and/or the use of white canes, or any other blindness related issues. We also hope to arrange to read a story to the children in the daycare.

Watch for posters and more information in your mailboxes.

Volunteers needed for Education and Career Fair

VCC will have a booth at the 7th Annual Education and Career Fair to be held at the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre Wed., Feb. 2, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm.

The Education and Career Fair is the largest and most comprehensive educational event in BC. It is a career planning event for students and the general public to explore a variety of post-secondary education and career choices. With over 70 exhibits and a seminar series, the Education and Career Fair is designed to help attendees develop or change their career paths.

Secondary Schools from Vancouver and throughout the lower mainland are invited. In addition, the fair is marketed to Human Resource Development Centres (HRDC), Rehab. Consultants, Employment Agencies, etc. They expect over 5000 people to attend.

If you are available to volunteer for two to three hours, please let me know by email or phone, Local 8442. I have been told the busiest time will be from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Please pass this message on to instructors or staff in your area.

Please let me know if you are available as quickly as possible so I can set up the schedules. Thank you.

Brenda Toporowski,
Community Liaison, local 8442

Finance and Administration Committee of the VCC Board

Meeting Schedule for the Year 2000

The Committee normally meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month (unless otherwise noted), from 11:00 - 1:00 p.m. All meetings are public. For further information call 871-7163.

Date	Campus	Room
February 16	King Edward Campus	5025
March 17 (Friday)	King Edward Campus	5025
April 12	City Centre Campus	200
May 17	King Edward Campus	5025
June 21	King Edward Campus	5025
July 19	City Centre Campus	200
August 16	City Centre Campus	200
September 13*	King Edward Campus	5025
October 18	King Edward Campus	5025
November 15	City Centre Campus	200
December 13	City Centre Campus	200

*subject to change

Doreen Sharan, Confidential Secretary, Finance and Administration Division

2000 Board Meetings

The College Board meets on the fourth Thursday of each month (except July), and the December date is subject to Board approval. The meetings alternate between King Edward and City Centre Campus. Please note the new starting time for the Public Board meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Room 5025, KEC

- January 27
- February 24
- May 25
- June 22
- October 26
- November 23

Room 240, CC

- March 23
- April 27
- August 24
- September 28
- *December 14, subject to Board approval, and location to be announced.

If you would like a copy of the Board Agenda, or need any information about the College Board, please call Vivienne Garrott at 871-7159.

Announcement

Appointments in the AAA Division

- **Betty Nobel** has been reappointed as Coordinator II, Visually Impaired Program.
- **Cathy Tolsma** has been appointed Dept. Head, Business and Computer Studies.
- **John Shayler** has been appointed Acting Coordinator I, BEST Program.

Congratulations to all!

Moir Macleod, Dean of Academic and Development Programs

A reminder to LOCK IT UP

In the past week, two computers and a VCR were stolen the College. In both instances, simple precautions would likely have prevented the theft. This equipment is not covered by insurance and must be replaced through our operating funds.

Remember to always secure your area and keep audio visual equipment locked up when not in use to prevent these types of occurrences.

If you see anyone suspicious, immediately call security using a Help phone or local 4444. If you would like advice on how to keep your area secure please call Steve Traviss at 8603.

Safety and security on campus is everyone's responsibility, so remember—always lock it up.

Steve Traviss, Safety,
Security and Parking Coordinator

New face at KEC Counselling

Hi, it's me! And I'm so glad to be here! Since my recent appointment as Advisor to Students in Developmental Programs at KEC, I've enjoyed meeting students at the Counselling desk and on the phone. I've begun making appointments to assist students in planning their selections and students beginning to research requirements for further study after reaching their goal at VCC.

Many students are planning the transition from prerequisite courses at KEC to career programs at City Centre Campus. If you feel your ABE students would like an in-class introduction to what we have to offer in the Counselling Department I'd

be happy to come and give a brief presentation.

Students are encouraged to visit our wonderful resource centre as well. We have more to offer than meets the eye. Tours are always welcome and easily arranged. If I haven't dropped by to visit your department yet I hope you won't mind if I pop in to introduce myself in the near future.

Please let students know they can telephone me (871-7439), e-mail me (sdevison@vcc.bc.ca), or drop by to see me at the Counselling Centre. I look forward to assisting them in any way I can.

Sue Devison, Advisor to Students in
Developmental Programs

VCC student receives volunteer award

Jacqueline Davis, a student in the College and Career Access program, was chosen to be one of five women from across Canada to receive a Flare Magazine 1999 Volunteer Award.

From the Flare Magazine article on the awards:

"When Jacqueline, a First Nations Cree from Pequis Reserve, Manitoba, was first diagnosed with breast cancer, she found there were no native women to offer her strength and support. Realizing that native women did not utilize the existing breast-health programs and that preventive education was not reaching them, Jacqueline decided to bring a customized program to them.

Although she had no previous film experience, she coordinated the production of two documentaries. Jacqueline raised more than \$100,000 to produce Echoes of the Sisters, First Nations Women: Breast Cancer and a second video, First Nations: Breast Self Examination.

She is founder/president of the First Nations Breast Cancer Society and, also, volunteers with the Diabetes Association and the Cedar Cottage Community Policing Centre. Jacqueline is the mother of three sons and a grandmother of three."

Anita Barrera Fund: update

The trust fund set up to aid the children of our late student, Anita Barrera, is still in need of contributions. We had originally intended that the fund be used for her children's needs, and we did give the family \$300 at Christmas time. However, the children themselves have requested that the balance of the fund be used to pay for Anita's headstone. They have not been able to afford this considerable expense. We have about \$1,100 remaining in the fund and need to raise about \$500 more to pay for the stone. The children have already chosen the inscription.

If you would like to donate to the fund, please send your cheques to Tami Pulham in Financial Services at KEC. Cheques should be made out to VCC with a note at the bottom saying Anita Barrera Fund.

If we raise more than \$1,600, the balance will be used for Anita's family.

If you have any questions about the fund, please feel free to contact me.

Marta Gardiner, local 7012

VCC on "The Drive"

The VCC Job Readiness Programs would like to invite you to an OPEN HOUSE.

February 1, 2000
12:30-3:30 pm

#206-2555 Commercial Drive
Vancouver, BC V5N 4C1

RSVP to Adrienne at 801-5029.

Hope to see you on "The Drive"!

Mary Waddington,
Anita Henderson,
Linda Duarte,
Adrienne Westwood

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We have some "as new"
textbooks for sale. Please
make us an offer:

- "Introduction to Philosophy. Classical and Contemporary Readings" III Ed. Edited by John Perry and Michael Bratman. Paid \$74.
 - "Canadian Criminology Strategies and Perspectives" II Ed. by James E. Hackler. Paid \$60.
- If interested, please call Vivienne at 871-7159.

HOUSING



Wanted: one-bedroom suite

Looking for a one-bedroom suite in a character house off the Drive for March 1. Call Ellie if you hear of anything. Local 7089.

WANTED



Clearing up your clutter?
We would love to help!

Wanted: Paperback novels for CCA student "free lending library." Mysteries, adventure novels, real life accounts, etc are needed. This is a "get students interested in reading project." We would love to have your discards, especially if you think they might turn someone on to reading. Just drop them off in the CCA office. We promise to put them to good use. Thanks
College and Career Access

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Deadline: January 28

AECBC Year 2000 Conference and AGM

This year's AECBC Conference will be hosted by Selkirk College in Nelson, B.C. June 15-17, 2000. The conference theme, *Leaving A Legacy*, has been developed as a means to reflect how governance at the post-secondary level is evolving a Canadian perspective as boards rise to the challenge of doing more with less. Presentation topics are invited in the areas of educational reform, the impact of societal changes on education, educational leadership, the language of governance, innovative organizations and practices and human resource development. If you are interested in submitting a presentation proposal, please contact Sarah Lucas (local 7158) for more information. Submission deadline is February 25, 2000.

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