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From a Medical Transcriptionist
graduate . . .

1. Working As a Team Member

In today's job market a *team member* is what every forward-thinking employer should be looking for. Employers are realizing that if they have a good, strong, creative group of employees, they will be more productive working as a team. A *team* puts its head together to create, troubleshoot, and problem-solve and the synergy will definitely result in greater productivity in a shorter period of time. Because people are so individualistic by nature, a sharing of diverse ideas – brainstorming – can only produce positive results.

Belonging to a 'healthy team' and feeling appreciated because one's ideas and thoughts are valued boosts the morale of employees who then get a sense of pride in working. Of course, one has to be flexible and ready to handle rejection of one's ideas and be able to work towards a common goal without taking umbrage.

2. Being Dependable

There is no question that being an employee who can be depended upon to do whatever he/she is assigned to do, and,

within the time allocated for the job, is an asset that any employer will look for in an employee. Dependability means one can be counted on to get to work on time, every day, and work diligently; not taking longer breaks at lunch and coffee than one is entitled to. It also means that the employer can be assured that the work will be accomplished without him/her having to follow up constantly.

3. Giving An Honest Day's Work

An honest day's work to me means:

- Do your job to the **best** of your ability, **every day**
- Give 100+%
- Help others if you are able to **without** being asked
- Do not steal even an eraser – it does not belong to you
- Own up to errors caused by you and try not to commit them again
- Be positive and help create a pleasant work environment

Written by Angela Gobhai

The Medical Transcriptionist Program is a nine-month program, which runs from September to June. Presently there are 20 Medical Transcriptionist students in the program, who will be completing their program on June 2.

Irene Lacoursiere, Dept Head, Local 8519

Summer Jobs!

City Centre Campus is once again a host agency for Student Summer Works (SSW). We are located in room 528A. SSW is one of 12 employment programs of Youth Options BC, a government initiative to provide work experience

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Kaleidoscope 2000 Conference

The Centre for Curriculum, Transfer and Technology invites you to attend Kaleidoscope 2000: *Innovative Good Practice in Post-Secondary Education* - April 30, May 1 and 2, 2000, Vancouver, B.C.

Kaleidoscope 2000 brings fine work into focus. Sessions will reveal what we in public post-secondary education care about, what issues we face and what we might recommend to continue making local good practice possible. The prism you see through, as you turn from one session to the next, will be students' experiences of learning.

Visit the Kaleidoscope 2000 website: <http://www.ctt.bc.ca/k2000> and register online.

VCC Presentations will be as follows:

- *A Partnership With a Difference*. Presented by: Holly Cole, Retail Food and

- Supermarket Careers Programs
- *Student Advocate Program*. Presented by: Donna Barreca, Counselling Services
- *Grace Under Fire - Sociocultural Competency Training and the VCC Experience*. Presented by: Wayne Avery, Counselling Services and Pat Bawtinheimer, Continuing Care and Allied Health
- *Child Care Training - A First Language Learning Opportunity*. Presented by: Gyda Chud, Continuing Education
- *Pilot Hotel Simulation Program*. Presented by: Dave Donaldson, Associate Dean of Tourism, Hospitality and Business Programs and Carmine Morelli, Department Head, Hospitality Management

Linda Martin, Vice President,
Education and Education Services

Lightning strikes two months in a row for 50/50 winner

Ruth Lunn, an Instructor in the Dental Hygiene Department at City Centre has beaten the odds and won the Employee 50/50 Raffle two consecutive times!

That's right! For the second straight month Ruth has received that much-awaited phone call from Lindsay Bourne in the VCC Foundation notifying her that her number has been drawn and she is the winner!

As is Lindsay's policy, an independent staff member is recruited to draw from

the barrel of nondescript numbers and the winning number is then matched to a name on a separate list. This month's winning ticket was drawn by Chuck Finch, Switchboard Operator at KEC.

Ruth was, needless to say, even more stunned and flabbergasted than many of her envious colleagues when she received the call. Congratulations to Ruth!

To participate in the Employee 50/50 Raffle, please contact Lindsay Bourne at local 7173.

Oops! Two important people got left out of recent articles

In the recent piece on who's who in the VCC Foundation, *Maggie Mak*, Clerk Specialist, was mistakenly not mentioned. Maggie is the newest member of the Foundation, and is in charge of the accounting function, including recording gifts and issuing receipts, and maintaining fund

balances for each of the many endowment and project funds managed by the Foundation. Maggie also handles Accounts Payable and Receivable. You can reach Maggie at 7240. Welcome, Maggie!

In the recent article on the new banners gracing the campuses, we failed to

Announcements

CityFest: May 19-21

For the past six years, Vancouver Community College has partnered with the Vancouver Festival Society to host CityFest. Again this year, the festival will take place at King Edward Campus, over the Victoria Day weekend, May 19-21, 2000.

Every year the event offers an opportunity for performing artists and craftspeople from a wide range of countries and cultures to display their talents and to entertain the crowds. If you are interested in participating in this event, please call the Executive Office at local 7158/7159 for more information.

New appointment in Diesel Department

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Bob Brady as Department Head of the Diesel Technician Department. Bob's appointment takes effect May 1, 2000.

Joan McArthur-Blair, Dean of
Applied Programs

Anita Barrera Fund

Thank you to all who contributed to the Anita Barrera fund. We raised almost \$1,900, which allowed us to give the family a \$300 gift certificate at Christmas and, most importantly, to pay for the marker for Anita's grave. The marker was the children's wish and, thanks to your kindness, we have been able to help them with it.

Marta Gardiner, ESL Programs

mention the important contribution made by *Angelo Iapalucci*, CC Building Services manager. Angelo coordinated the placement of the beautiful banners at City Centre. Thank you, Angelo!

New books at CC Library

- Encyclopedia of Aesthetics
- Choices: Practical Interviewing and Counselling Skills
- XML and Java: Developing Web Applications
- Mastering HTML 4
- 1001 Things Everyone Should Know About the Universe
- Obagi Skin Health Restoration and Rejuvenation
- Galliano
- Field Effect Devices and Applications: Devices for Portable, Low-Power, and Imaging Systems



New videos at CC Library

- Dinner for Two (re conflict management)
- When the Dust Settles (re conflict management)
- Shaman Never Die (re First Nations art & artists)
- FM Radio, Part I
- Hazard Communication for the Dental Health Team
- Galaxy: Nothing Compares!: Celebrity Cruises
- Introduction to Mechanical Drawing
- Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office
- New Journey: The Nisga'a Treaty
- Princess Cruises - Grand Princess
- Royal Caribbean's Panama Canal
- South America Straits of Magellan
- Tahiti by Gauguin
- Universal Precautions AIDS & Hepatitis B Prevention in the Dental Office
- Windjammer Barefoot Adventure
- Hello In There: Understanding the Success of Person-Centred Care
- The Newborn
- Hawaii: A Journey in Paradise
- Rio de Janeiro
- This Land Is Yours (re Israel travel)

New books at KEC Library

- Bill Evans: How My Heart Sings
- In the Words of Elders: Aboriginal Cultures in Transition

- Human Resources Guide to Managing Sexual Harassment
- So Others Will Remember: Holocaust History and Survivor Testimony
- Deaf Heritage in Canada: A Distinctive, Diverse, and Enduring Culture
- Cisco TCP/IP Routing Professional Reference
- Anorexia Nervosa: Starving for Attention
- Sounds Like Home: Growing Up Black and Deaf in the South
- Conduct Unbecoming: Hyperactivity, Attention Deficit, and Disruptive Behavior Disorders

New videos at KEC Library

- Glenn Gould: Two Portraits of the Celebrated Pianist
- Restoring Respect: Aboriginal Selective Fishing in B.C.
- A Thanksgiving Tale of Two Turkeys
- Houses in the Fields (re urbanization)
- The Sentencing Dilemma
- Ways We Live: Exploring Community Series
 - Ageing With Community
 - Boundaries of Change
 - Community Animals
 - Community By Design
 - Finding Us and Them
 - Making Shelter: My Home With Others
 - Maps With Teeth
 - On the Road
 - Reclaiming Community
 - Virtually Intentional

Opera Night makes a fan out of Malcolm Cant

The closest that I had previously come to culture was ingesting a container of yogurt.

On Thursday, 30 March, 2000, I attended the VCC Tourism and Hospitality's Opera Night. The dinner at the venerable JJ's location was a first class presentation. On par with 'the nectar of the Gods.'

The well satiated group were entertained by an extremely informative, professional and humorous presentation about Mozart and his opera Don Giovanni, presented by David Duke. We were primed.

The opera performance did not disappoint. With our oxygen bottles beside us, we settled in to our Upper Balcony seats to enjoy not only the singing, but also the escapades of the infamous Don. Aha, but he got his just desserts in the end.

A big tip of the old Biltmore to Dave Donaldson and his crew, and David Duke for a rather splendid evening (even if the next day was a work day). I'm all ready to sign up for the next one, Dave.

Malcolm Cant, I.E.P.A.

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 Public Board meeting starts at 5:30 p.m.

Room 5025, KEC

- May 25 • June 22
- October 26 • November 23

Room 240, CC

- April 27 • August 24
- September 28

*Dec 14 subject to Board approval

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.

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Seeking a full length crinoline for a ball gown size small. Please e-mail marebare777_7@yahoo.com. Thanks in advance. Mary.

The case of the missing dishes

Over the years, a great many dishes and pieces of cutlery belonging to the KEC cafeteria have vanished into thin air. Where they have gone remains a mystery.

But acting on various tips from dependable informants, we have been able to find some of the missing items—in classrooms and offices.

So, in the future, if you have to remove dishes from the cafeteria, could you please return them. This will help keep the cafeteria costs down.

Thank you for understanding.

Sherlock Beaver Foods Holmes (at KEC)

Summer jobs (continued)

opportunities and to improve access to post-secondary education for youth in BC. For a full description of all Youth Options BC initiatives call toll-free 1-877-BC-YOUTH or visit www.youth.gov.bc.ca.

If you are an employer and can create a summer job for a student, call SSW for an employer application form. The telephone number is 443-8650. Leave a message with your business name and fax number and we will fax you an application form right away.

If you are a student looking for a summer job, and you meet the criteria listed below, you can use this or other Youth Options BC programs to market yourself. Pick up an application form and approach a potential employer. Advise them that

they can create a summer job for you and how you will enhance their business. Give them an employer application form and tell them that you are an eligible student to hire – make it easy for them! If their application is approved, they will receive reimbursement of up to \$4 per hour. Employers admire creativity and initiative and will be impressed by your proactive approach to getting a job.

Eligible students must be legally entitled to work in Canada, be permanent residents of BC, be at least 15 years of age, have attended secondary or post-secondary school at least part-time in the last academic year and plan to return full or part-time in the fall. Eligible students must not have any other full time employment in addition to the employment eligible under this program.

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