



# VCC Connections



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*From VCC President Dale Dorn*

## VCC Day: a resounding success!

I think most of us thoroughly enjoyed VCC Day. In addition to being a learning opportunity, it was an occasion to get to see and know more of our VCC colleagues, which I especially enjoyed. I would be remiss however, if I did not acknowledge all the volunteer assistance that went into the behind the scenes preparation and organization for the event.

Again, I want to mention the VCC Day Planning Committee: Bob Aitken, Lorna Brown, Jackie Ehlert, Moreah Hamend, Sarah Lucas, Marilyn McClaren, Linda Martin, Carol Mercier and Dale Rasmussen, who met for the first time in June last year to start the planning process. Carol Mercier, as most of you know, was the main Coordinator and driving force and again deserves special mention. I know Carol enlisted the assistance of other volunteers for specific tasks and am sure she would like to recognize their help. The Program Committee was responsible for developing the workshop schedule, which I imagine presented all the usual last minute headaches. Program Committee members were: Bob Aitken, Evi Brown, Jean Cockell, Norm Dooley, Moreah Hamend, Aphrodite Harris and Carol Mercier. You did a great job!

A very special thank you goes to all those who provided workshops. The list is long and each one of you received a copy of the full program, so I will not re-

peat the names here. However, I do want to reiterate our gratitude to those who shared their expertise and volunteered their time, not only on the day but also for the preparation of their materials, to offer a wide range of presentations and topics. Working closely with the presenters were the sign language interpreters, who provided an invaluable service throughout the day. A special thank you goes to this group.

Jackie Ehlert and her team of volunteers are to be congratulated on the day's refreshments. They provided muffins and coffee to start the day, an interesting and well balanced lunch and a celebratory reception to end the program.

I would like to offer a note of thanks to Angelo Iapalucci and his team of movers for the smooth organization of set up requirements throughout the day, an area we so often take for granted. The beautiful flowers arranged by Judith O'Keeffe for the Playhouse stage and later for the reception were greatly enjoyed by everyone.

A special thank you goes to the VCCFA for their generous donation of \$2500, towards the day.

I have thanked many of you personally but I am sure that I will have missed someone. If I have missed anyone from this list of acknowledgements, I apologize.

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## Great Walkers aim to raise over \$1,000 for students

Here is the opportunity that you have been waiting for all year. It is now pay back time. Remember Pauline Barratt, the College Health Services Nurse, who made you wince when you had your flu shot, and Malcolm Cant, who made you suffer through his terrible jokes all year. Well, on Saturday, June 3 at 4 a.m., they and Pauline's friend, Margaret Akroyd, will be setting off on the 63.5 km Great Walk from Gold River to Tahsis.

But, here is the catch. They will only set out if they can raise \$1,000 for students in financial need via donations to the VCC Educational Foundation. Last year they raised almost a thousand dollars and a comparable number of blisters. But, they did survive wave after wave of torrential rain in cougar, bear and elk country. Oh my, break out the violins, please.

Pauline and Malcolm will be circulating Pledge Sheets commencing the week after Easter and all financial donations are welcomed. Donations of ten dollars, and above, will be issued tax receipts.

Exact your revenge now (and support a good cause).

Malcolm Cant

## Learning and Innovation in the Electronics Department

Students of the Electronics - Computer Option (Level 2) had the opportunity on April 26 to show off! Under the guidance of their instructor, Karl Brown, eight students presented demonstrations of their major projects. In addition to attendance by classmates and Electronics faculty and staff, Joan McArthur-Blair and Paul Hunt had the chance to see some nifty stuff. Student George Zheliazkov built and demonstrated a computer controlled radio car, Nick Balducci showed off a Sonar Distance Range Finder, Sandy Lind built a Computer Controlled Walking Robot, Dean Sandchanh built a system which controls household appliances via the phone, Chris Mennie built a computer controlled wheeled robot which responded

interactively to keyboard commands, Greg Tongol built an impressive video capture card which takes an image from a camera, VCR or TV and displays it on a computer screen and stores it to a hard drive. Bounthan Thanasack modified a small Mercedes toy car, enabling it to drive by remote control, sound the engine startup and horn and flash the headlights. Dave McFarlane built a speech synthesis system that takes text and speaks it clearly.

Hats off to the students and to instructor Karl Brown. The department certainly demonstrated its ability to support inventive, creative, dedicated, hardworking students. Well done everyone!

Paul Hunt, Associate Dean - Technology Programs

## Counsellors' Corner

### Counselling workshops for KEC students

The Counsellors at KEC are offering a series of workshops, which are open to all KEC students. For more information contact the Counselling Department, Room 4022 or call 871-7191. The Workshops schedule is as follows: Thursdays, Room 4001 (next to counselling) 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

- May 4 Dealing with Stress
- May 11 Assertiveness, How to say

"no" and ask for what you want

- May 18 ESL: Learning English outside the class
- June 1 ESL: Making "small talk" (social conversation)
- June 15 Job Search Strategies
- June 22 Respectful/Abusive Relationships
- June 29 Career Decision Making

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### VCC Day (continued)

To you and to all those mentioned here, thank you for providing us with a professional development day to remember. You will be hearing a lot more about "The Learning College" in the next few months and there will be more opportunities to work together to ensure that VCC is indeed the "learning institution" we heard so much about.

Thank you all . . . Dale Dorn

## Congratulations to Electronics student

I am very pleased to announce that one of our students, Mr. Gil Lapidis, won the gold medal in Electronics April 14 at the Skills Canada 2000 Competition.

Gil is a student in the Common Core Electronics Program, Level IV, and will be starting the Advanced Telecommunication Systems Specialty on May 1, 2000.

We congratulate Gil on his win, and wish him all the best in his future studies.

Jostein Indbryn  
Department Head, Electronics

## Upcoming ICS Open Forums

Tuesday, May 9

12:00-1:00 PM

Room 5025, KEC

Monday, May 15

12:00-1:00 PM

Room 200, CC

- Come and see what's happening in 2000
- Meet some of our staff
- Talk to us about the computer needs in your area
- Arrange your own meeting with the ICS team
- Come in just to chat

## CE Open House set to become regular event

On Tuesday evening April 11 CE held their first Open House in a long time and everyone agreed it should be a regular event. It was part of the celebration of VCC's 35th anniversary.

Demonstrations, displays and information tables were set up in the mall at City Centre. Two music students added to the festive atmosphere with a medley of relaxing jazz standards. As part of the flower arranging demonstrations, the mall was filled with beautiful flowers, which drew a lot of attention. Information Sessions and free Seminars rounded out the program.

Congratulations to the CE group for a great team effort!

Connie Gibbs,  
Director of Continuing Education



## Summary of Minutes: VCC Operations Council

Acting Chair: Linda Martin  
April 11, 2000 KEC, Room 5025

### 1. Violence Prevention Policy

Operations Council approved the Violence Prevention Policy.

### 2. Year End/Budget Update

It was reported that the year end processes will be completed by April 14. It is anticipated we will end the the 1999/2000 fiscal year in a balanced financial position. Auditors will begin their work on May 8 for a period of approximately four weeks.

Changes to departmental budgets continue to be submitted. About 90% of budget managers have made their submissions, with the rest of the submissions expected to be received by April 14.

Operations Council was advised that the funding letter will hopefully be received in the next two weeks and that ITAC's funding letter is expected to be forwarded at the same time.



## Announcements

### Labour Relations Manager appointed

The Human Resources Department is pleased to welcome **Karen Green** to her new position as Labour Relations Manager, effective April 17, 2000.

Before joining the College, Karen worked as a management consultant providing general management, human resources and labour relations consulting services for corporations and local government. She primarily worked as a lawyer in a private practice as in-house counsel for the City of Edmonton, and as corporate counsel for a commercial and residential real estate developer.

As Labour Relations Manager (CUPE, VCCFA), Karen will assume a lead role in handling grievances, arbitrations and collective bargaining.

She's well qualified for the role. Along with degrees in Arts and Law, she holds the designation of Certified Human Resources Professional.

Her office is located at King Edward Campus and she can be reached at local 7137. In the coming months, Karen will be getting to know the College and its employees. However, we encourage you to drop by and introduce yourself.

Karen Kelly,  
Director of Human Resources

### New Faces in the Math Department

We are pleased to have two new instructors joining the College Foundations Math Department on May 1.

**Gabriela Kakushkin** is our new full-time regular instructor, filling the position that became available with Wayne Wilson's retirement in March, 2000. Gabriela has a strong academic background as well as a wealth of experience and successful track record in teaching adults. She has a degree in Electrical Engineering from Moscow Technical University in Russia and taught at college and university in Czechoslovakia.

After coming to Canada, Gabriela completed ESL studies at VCC from 1992-1993. Since 1994 she has been teaching Electronics and Mathematics at GR Tech College in Surrey, where she was considered to be one of the best instructors. In 1998, while also teaching full-time, Gabriela took the Provincial Instructor's Diploma Program at VCC.

**Kimberly Tucker** will be teaching part-time as a term instructor during the summer. Kimberly has a very concentrated background in Mathematics—a Bachelor of Science (Mathematics) degree from Simon Fraser University and Masters Degree studies in Mathematics at the University of Waterloo. While at SFU and the U. of W. she was an outstanding teaching assistant for a variety of mathematics courses that included a diverse and mature student population. At SFU, Kimberly also fulfilled the role of departmental advisor for a summer term and was president of the Math and Statistics Student Society for four terms.

### Another Retirement in the Math Department:

Effective April 30, 2000, **Marg Rosati** will be retiring from the CF Math Department. Marg first started working in our department as a term instructor in 1986. During the past few years she frequently taught our fast-paced Monday/Wednesday evening double-block courses (4 hour Math classes per night)—a challenge for instructor and students alike! In all of her teaching Marg has devoted herself fully to serving her students well. Instructors in the four CF Departments had an opportunity to say good-bye to Marg at a term-end luncheon on April 26. We wish her all the best in her retirement. Happy travels, Marg.

Ruth Behnke, Department Head,  
College Foundations Mathematics

### Notice of meeting: VCC Board Finance Committee

The next public meeting of the Finance Committee of the VCC Board will be held on Wednesday, May 17 in Room 5025, KEC, starting at 11:00 a.m.

At their April 12 meeting the Committee approved a change in their June meeting date from June 21 to Wednesday, June 14, 2000, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Room 5043, at King Edward Campus.

For further information please call 871-7163.

### Special announcement: VCC Golf Tournament

Allan Clarkson, coordinator of this year's VCC Golf Tournament, has informed us that this year's Tournament has been cancelled.

### Wellness and flowers: VCCFA

Call Grace Shaw at home (May through July) 261-4498 regarding celebrations or commiserations in your department. Include address and home phone number of intended recipients if possible and a number to reach you. Leave messages and I will confirm action.

Thank you . . . Grace

## Leadership and Learning

Please join us at upcoming LEADERSHIP & LEARNING sessions:

- Friday, May 12 (Room 5025 KEC)
- Friday, June 2 (Room 5025 KEC)
- Friday, June 9 (Room 240 CC)

All sessions held 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The **Leadership & Learning** sessions will provide a unique opportunity for individuals in departmental leadership roles to address current educational issues. Participants will have opportunities to develop their academic leadership skills through structured experiential activities and group discussion sessions.

Instructors with Responsibility Allowance (IRAs) are encouraged to attend all three sessions and confirm their registration **no later than Friday, May 5, 2000 to:**

**Carol Mercier, Human Resources Project Coordinator**  
Fax # 871-7445, phone local 7011

## Summer Hours in the Library

### City Centre

May 1-June 30

Monday	9-5
Tuesday	9-5
Wednesday	9-7
Thursday	9-7
Friday	9-4
Saturday	closed
Sunday	closed

July 3 - September 1

Monday	9-5
Tuesday	9-5
Wednesday	9-5
Thursday	9-5
Friday	9-4
Saturday	closed
Sunday	closed

### King Edward Campus

May 1-June 30

Monday	9-4:30
Tuesday	9-9
Wednesday	9-9
Thursday	9-4:30
Friday	9-4:30
Saturday	closed
Sunday	closed

July 3-September 1

Monday	9-4:30
Tuesday	9-9
Wednesday	9-9
Thursday	9-4:30
Friday	10-4:30
Saturday	closed
Sunday	closed

Regular hours resume September 5, 2000. Saturday openings begin September 9, 2000.

Check the library website at [www.vcc.bc.ca/library/](http://www.vcc.bc.ca/library/) for the latest library services, news and information.



## Book Now: Library Instruction for Spring/Summer 2000

Give your students a head start on their studies and assignments by booking an instructional session with the Library. Library instructional classes help students develop information-seeking skills and improve their research outcomes. Your students will benefit from an introduction to subject related resources, online databases and Web searching. The following are descriptions of our class sessions for the Spring/Summer term. Class descriptions or requirements can be amended to meet the specific needs of your students. All bookings of classes are done through the Information desk at each campus-KEC/7326 or CC/8339.

### Your Library: An Orientation to Library Services

Students will learn the basics of using the Library and will learn about the multitude of services available to them. They will be introduced to library policies and will learn about the wide range of materials available. Length: 30 minutes

### Finding Information to Ace Those Assignments

Students will learn research skills through instruction in how to conduct research, and hands-on use of information technologies such as the online catalogue, online periodical indexes, and the Web. Length: 75 minutes/groups up to 12 or 90 minutes/groups 13+

### Surf Smart! Using the Web to Find Relevant Information

Surf Smart demystifies the Web for your students, and teaches them how to search effectively on any topic. Students will participate in hands-on activities that introduce them to search tools such as directories and search engines. Student will also learn how to evaluate information based on issues such as currency, accuracy and authorship. Length: 60 minutes

### Drop-In Classes

Encourage your students to sign up for our two drop-in instructional classes:

**PAC it In: Learn How to Search the Public Access Catalogue (45 min)** — students learn how to use the online catalogue to find books, kits, videos etc. at VCC, and perform tasks such as renewing books, and placing holds.

**SurfSmart! Using the Web to Find Relevant Information (one hour)** — introduces students to web based resources, and practical search methods like using directories, and search engines to search effectively on any topic.

Students can register for the drop-in classes at the Information desk at the KEC and CC libraries. A schedule of class times for the Spring/Summer session is posted in the Library, but please call the Information desk at KEC/ 7326 or CC /8339 or Irene King at 7183/8641 if you or your students have any questions about library instruction.



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## VCC'S Organ Donor Awareness Campaign

The VCC campaign held at both campuses April 11 to 13, 2000 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. was a success. The campaign was aimed at increasing the number of organ donors in Canada and VCC was proud to be a participant.

Special thanks to the student advocates, staff and faculty who volunteered their time to help with this worthy cause and to all those who submitted completed organ donor cards. The B.C. Transplant Society assisted us with our campaign by providing the displays and materials. We were fortunate to have a number of transplant recipients volunteer their time to share their experiences with us.

Our three day campaign is over, but anyone who is interested in becoming an organ donor may do so by picking up a brochure and donor card from the Human Resources Department at KEC or at the switchboard reception area in the Administration office at City Centre, or sign up on B.C.'s New Organ Donor Registry by completing the required form at:

- London Drugs Pharmacies
- VanCity Credit Union
- Overwaitea/Save on Foods
- ICBC - Driver Services Centres

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Please register to be an organ donor today, and give someone a better tomorrow!

*Carol Mercier, HR Project Coordinator*

## 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

- 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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