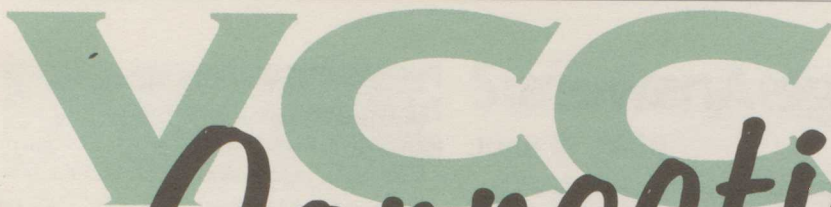




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Reflections of an inexperienced transit user

by Dale Dorn

Commuter Challenge Day had arrived, and as VCC had challenged Langara, I was keen to participate.

My plan was to bike in. The flat tire was pumped up, the helmet unearthed from the deepest recesses of the garage, and suitable garb readied (not Lycra - something much less form-fitting). Alas, the morning was gray and as I considered the bike ride, dressed in my spiffy, yet baggy, outfit, it began to rain. Back into the house, change of clothes and onto Plan "B" - the bus.

In anticipation of possible rain, I had researched which bus and which bus stop would get me on my way - Number 28, Kootenay Loop. Off I headed on foot to the Loop. I scanned the signs - no Number 28, but there was a Number 27 - that must be it. I waited patiently and eventually a Number 27 pulled in. The driver jumped out, closed the door and left - for where I don't know. Eventually he came back. "Is this the same as the Number 28," I asked. "No," he replied, "It's a 27 (oh, really?). The 28 is across the street - over there where the bus is pulling out - in fact that is the Number 28."

So, I crossed the street to await the next 28. While waiting I noted that another person waiting asked yet another if she had change for a loonie, for the bus. Change? The last time I took a bus, the nice driver made change with one of those clickity things that held coins dispensed with lit-

tle levers. So, in response to my enquiry, my fellow sidewalk loungers told me - exact change. Yikes! Who has change for a \$5.00 bill? No one.

Back across the street to the store - "no change," the sign said. Purchase of some gum and insistence on a whole whack of coins, back to the bus stop I went. My exact change advisers had gone - no doubt on the Number 28. With patience declining, I leaned against a building and waited, and waited. Finally the 28 arrived - great.

On I climbed, exact change ready, and off we went. Around the corner, at relatively high speed, making good time, till we got about half way to where I would need to transfer. We stopped. We remained stopped. For ten minutes. Finally, off we went again, the driver announcing the Lougheed stop for me - I guess in recognition of my question 15 minutes earlier - do you go to Lougheed?

Now, I thought, it should be easy - hop on a B-Line bus and speed to KEC. In fact, here comes one now. I hurried towards the stop, estimating I could make it, and intercept the bus. But no, the bus stop had been temporarily moved because of construction. Moved 200 feet further way. The B-Line rushed past, stopped briefly 200 feet away, teased me as I approached from behind by resting there, and pulled away

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Commuter Challenge Answers

(The questions and answers come from B.E.S.T.)

1) What percentage of all air pollution in the lower mainland is made by private cars?
a) 24% b) 50% c) 69% d) 77% e) 98%

2) Cars produce what percentage of BC's greenhouse gases?
a) 12% b) 25% c) 40% d) 60% e) 80%

1-d, 2-c. Seventy seven percent of air pollution in the region is made by private cars, as is 40% of B.C.'s greenhouse gas.

3) What percentage of the average household income is spent on owning and operating a car?
a) 4% b) 10% c) 20% d) 33% e) 44%

4) How long does the average commuter in the Lower Mainland spend each day driving to and from work?
a) 21 minutes b) 36 minutes c) 40 minutes d) 48 minutes e) 1 hour

3-c, 4-d. Twenty percent of the average household income is spent on cars and 48 minutes per worker is spent commuting.

Reflections (continued from page 1)

with me still 50 feet to go. I'd become good at waiting, and got even more practice to become even better at it.

Eventually the next bus did come, and we flew down Broadway to KEC - probably in less than 10 minutes. Total elapsed time - door to door- my house to KEC - about one hour.

That evening I faced the reverse commute. I walked home. Total time (minus the shopping time on Commercial Drive) - one hour. Lesson learned - even taking a bus is an acquired skill.

5) Approximately, how many bicycles can be stored in the space required for one automobile?
a) 5 b) 10 c) 15 d) 20 e) 30

6) What is the maximum number of cars that one bus can replace?
a) 15 b) 20 c) 40 d) 50 e) 60

5-d, 6-c. About 20 bicycles can be stored in the same space as a car and a bus can replace 40 cars on the road.

7) What major area in Canada has the lowest supply of transit, the second lowest ridership, and the highest rate of car ownership?
a) Toronto b) Edmonton c) Vancouver d) Calgary e) Montreal

8) Near downtown Vancouver in busy times, what mode of transport is fastest?
a) walking b) cycling c) transit d) driving

7-c, 8-b Vancouver is the most car-centred Canadian city but the fastest way to get around the inner city is by bike. Only on a few possible routes would the SkyTrain be faster.

The organizers and participants of the Commuter Challenge really appreciate any employee who left a car parked at home. We hope the many who took transit did not find it too slow and frustrating. There are no empty seats going to VCC locations in rush hour. Next year we hope to do even better by setting up more carpooling and by promoting cycling, both of which can be enjoyable ways to commute.

Lee Henderson

Vancouver Community College

Commuter Challenge Winners

(Mugs, water bottles and umbrellas donated by B.E.S.T. Bike prizes donated by the Bike Doctor and Dino's Against Fossil Fuels)

Prizes 1- 10 were drawn from people that went green on June 7

- Pkg. #1 Janet Zlotnik, ESL Outreach: Umbrella, Mug, Magnet
- Pkg. #2 Lynn Smith, Dental Hygiene: WCE Golf Shirt, Mug, Magnet
- Pkg. #3 Wayne McNiven, C & C Ed.: Bike Lock, water bottle, magnet
- Pkg. #4 Lucia Zemp, Baking & Pastry Arts: Bike bell, water bottle, magnet
- Pkg. #5 Sally Gellard, Basic Ed: Bike Flasher, water bottle, magnet
- Pkg. #6 Doug Workman, C & C Ed: Tune Up Certificate, water bottle, magnet
- Pkg. #7 Barbara Ash, Academic, ASE, ABE: Umbrella, magnet
- Pkg. #8 Annette Chia, Institutional Research: Umbrella, magnet
- Pkg. #9 Ron Kee, Counselling: Umbrella, magnet
- Pkg. #10 Nicki Nijawan, ESL Vocational: Mug, waterbottle, magnet

Prizes 11-14 were the people who returned the Go Green Question Sheet

- #11 Bridget Rivers-Moore, Learning Centre: Water bottle
- #12 Remmick Lee, Learning Centre: Water bottle
- #13 Malcolm McIntosh, Media Services: Mug
- #14 Vivienne Garrott, Executive Office: Mug

Prizes for the longest cycle commute:

- Rob Henderson: water bottle
- Peter Ballin: water bottle

Thank you to the Commuter Challenge Planning Team:

- Heather Gratton
- Dave Greenall
- Lee Henderson
- Sarah Lucas
- Steve Traviss

ICS INFO CORNER

Rules for vacationers

Going on vacation? Need to set up a GroupWise Vacation Rule? There's an example you can use on the ICS departmental Web Site (http://www.vcc.bc.ca/ics/Services/How_To_Guides/Vacation_Rule.pdf).

This rule prevents your vacation message from being sent to any list server you're subscribed to and has the added advantage of turning itself off when you return!

Commuter challenge - everyone wins



The results are in and it's been declared a draw.

Congratulations go out to Langara and VCC employees for the great participation at both Colleges. Differing methods of collecting data about participation at the two Colleges resulted in our not being able to declare a clear winner.

Langara employees are to be congratulated for a superb involvement (over 50%), especially as this was their first year in the Challenge. VCCers, also at over 50% participation, improved over last year's participation.

We look forward to next year. Again, thanks to all who participated.

Summary of Board Meetings

June 8, 2000

The scheduled May Board meeting was postponed until June 8, 2000. The meeting was preceded by an informal presentation on Budget process and current Budget. The draft Budget would be presented later in the Board meeting, for information. Board approval of the Budget will be sought at the Board meeting on June 22, 2000.

The Board Chair advised that the Board has sent a letter to the Minister with four nominations for new Board members. The nominations were based on Board member selection and identified areas of experience required on the Board: finance, education, leadership, community and industry (related to applied programs). Announcements of Board appointments are usually made at the end of July and there are no guarantees that any of the College Board's suggestions will be accepted. This year we anticipate four new Board appointments.

The Finance and Administration Committee presented the draft Budget 2000/2001 and the College-Wide Budget Committee Capital Ranking, for information at this meeting and approval at the next meeting, on June 22, 2000.

Education Council advised the Board of their endorsement of a new definition of a "student in good standing," in regard to election of student members on Education Council and the Board. They also advised approval of the "Appeal of Final Grade Policy". The Board approved the proposed change to the Entrance Requirements in the Drafting Program, as recommended by Education Council.

Board members who had attended the ACCC 2000 conference in Whitehorse at the end of May reported on the conference highlights. The thought provoking keynote speech by John Ralston Saul was noted by everyone. One of his key messages was the importance of seeing education as an investment, not a cost.

June 22, 2000

The Chair welcomed Mary Dean to the Board, as King Edward Campus Student representative.

The Finance and Administration Committee presented the 2000/01 Budget, the 1999/2000 Financial Statements, 1999/2000 Public Bodies Report and the 2000/2001 Equipment Replacement Capital List, and all were approved by the Board. For Information the Board received the 1999/2000 Enrolment Report and the Non-Base Funded Policy was presented for information at this meeting and approval at the next Board meeting.

Education Council advised approval of the Program Review Policy, and the Board endorsed the Policy. Several members of the College Community spoke in favour of the Policy, and recognition was given to the amount of work that had gone into its development.

A report of the June 13 meeting of Operations Council was given and the Travel Policy was presented to the Board for information.

The Board agreed that they would not meet in July or August unless an issue arises which requires a meeting. Instead of the August meeting, an all day orientation will be held for both new and current Board members. An opportunity will be provided for Board members to meet representatives of the constituency groups.

At the Advanced Education Council of B.C. Conference in June Colleges were asked to advise of issues that could be used as advocacy items in the Fall. Board members put forward five items of immediate concern to the College, and these will be submitted to AECBC at the end of June.

Ian Campbell, Karenn Krangle and Lee Anne Ragan will retire from the Board at the end of July and were recognized for their hard work and contribution to the College. They all expressed their thanks for having the opportunity to be on the Board at VCC and all felt it had been a very positive learning experience.

New books at CC Library

- Conflict Resolution
- Community-Based Tourism in the Asia-Pacific
- Supportive Housing for Seniors: A Policy and Bylaw Guide
- Air Courier Bargains: How to Travel World-Wide for Next to Nothing
- Kensington-Cedar Cottage Community Vision
- Dunbar Community Vision
- Child Abuse: Reporting and Classification in Health Care Settings
- Final Appeal: Decision-Making in Canadian Courts of Appeal
- Advanced Cobol for Structured and Object-Oriented Programming
- Planning for Windows 2000
- Dental Charting: A Standard Approach
- Drugs of Choice from the Medical Letter
- The Medical Letter Handbook of Adverse Drug Interactions
- Conquering Hair Loss: A Complete Medical Guide to Hair Loss Assessment, Prevention and Restoration
- Impressions: 250 Years of Printing in the Lives of Canadians
- AutoCAD Release 14: A Concise Guide



New books at KEC Library

- Living the 7 Habits: Stories of Courage and Inspiration
- Gender Equality Indicators: Public Concerns and Public Policies
- Transition Houses and Shelters for Abused Women in Canada
- The Parisian Worlds of Frederic Chopin
- Mandela: The Authorized Biography
- Patriots & Profiteers: On Economic Warfare, Embargo Busting and State-Sponsored Crime
- Financial and Economic Analysis of Treaty Settlements in British Columbia
- Lament for an Ocean: The Collapse of

- the Atlantic Cod Fishery: A True Crime Story
- Aboriginal Peoples: Building for the Future
- The Politics of Visual Language: Deafness, Language Choice, and Political Socialization
- Tr'ondek Hwech'in Final Agreement
- Tr'ondek Hwech'in Self-Government Agreement
- Minister's Reference on Institutional Child Abuse Discussion Paper
- The Ascent of Science
- Ocean Sea
- Protection of the Waters of the Great Lakes
- Professional Development and Learning Technologies
- The Employment and Employability of Deaf Canadians
- All in the Family: A Cultural History of Family Life
- Hearts Grown Brutal: Sagas of Sarajevo
- More Than Meets the Eye: Watching Television Watching Us
- The Working Lives of Adult Literacy Practitioners: The Province of British Columbia: A Research Report
- Child Abuse Prevention Resources: Developed through the Family Violence Initiative (1991-1996)

Wellness and flowers for VCCFA

CC and K.E.C. members call Grace Shaw at home in July (261-4498) regarding celebrations or commiserations in your department. Include address and phone numbers of intended recipients. In August call Audrey at the VCCFA office 688-6210. From September on, Irene is at local 8519 (City Centre) and Grace is at local 7290 (KEC).

Thanks for your help and your patience.

Grace Shaw

Upcoming ICS Open Forums

Tues, July 11, 12:00-1:00
Room 5025, KEC

Mon, July 24, 12:00-1:00
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

IE Upcoming Events

VCC International Education invites all students, faculty, staff and friends to participate in:

A day trip to Victoria:

- Friday July 14
- Cost: \$69.00
- Tickets: International Education Student Centre

A weekend trip to the Nancy Greene Cahilty Lodge at Sun Peaks:

- July 21-23
- Cost: \$199-\$250 person
- Tickets: KEC Cashiers office

A day trip Kayaking in Deep Cove:

- Friday July 28
- Cost: \$27
- Tickets: KEC Cashiers office

Symphony of Fire Fireworks Cruises

- Saturday July 29, Wednesday August 2
- Cost: \$55-\$70
- Tickets: KEC Cashiers office

Announcements

Accounts Payable cutoff update

To provide better service to the college, effective July 1, 2000, Accounts Payable will produce cheques on Thursday (instead of Friday.) The cutoff time to submit invoices/cheque requisitions for the same week cheque run will be changed to Tuesday noon. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Trang Nguyen at 871-7015 or email Trang at tnguyen@vcc.bc.ca. Thanks for your cooperation.

Finance and Administration Committee meetings

For your information, the Finance and Administration Committee's public meeting scheduled for July 19, 2000, at 11:00 a.m., at City Centre Campus is cancelled. The next meeting is also scheduled to be held at City Centre Campus on August 16, 2000, beginning at 11:00 a.m. in Room 200. Please call 871-7163 for further details.

Appointment of Program Coordinator for Mandarin School and International Education

I am pleased to announce that on June 1, 2000, Sik On Hon, was appointed as VCC's Program Coordinator in charge of activities related to Continuing Education's Mandarin and Cantonese language education including promotion, design, implementation and evaluation of offerings.

On will continue with responsibilities associated with his position of Program Coordinator for International Contracts, which include the administration and coordination of various international projects and the development and marketing of College programs overseas.

On has been with the College since 1998, and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree, with a joint major in Economics and Commerce, from Simon Fraser University.

The 18TH annual Cruise-a-thon Conference

The most important cruise event of the millennium year 2000 unfolded here in Vancouver. The 18th Annual CRUISE-A-THON conference was held at the Vancouver Trade and Convention from June 2 until June 6. More than 1200 travel and tourism



delegates from around the world attended this conference.

Delegates networked with leading cruise industry executives, participated in workshop sessions designed to increase their cruise selling skills and attended a series of panel discussions. They inspected and toured the different cruise ships heading for Alaska and every day enjoyed lunch on-board a cruise ship.

By special invitation from the Travel Trade Magazine and CLIA (the Cruise Line International Association) both current and past students from the VCC Travel Agent Program were involved as volunteers. They prepared the delegates packages, handled registrations, monitored workshops and guided delegates to the cruise ships for inspection tours and luncheons. Due to their outstanding efforts, leaders from the various cruise lines opened their doors to our students by inviting them to inspect some of the ships

before they sailed to Alaska. Some of our students were lucky enough to enjoy lunch on-board the "Statendam," owned by the Holland America Line.

Jackie Kinnersley, coordinator and instructor for the Travel Agent Program was in charge of the volunteers and as a special guest was able to attend the various training sessions throughout the conference... and yes, she also got to visit the ships and have a few on-board lunches.



Prior to arriving at VCC, On worked in various branches of the Hong Kong Government as an Executive Officer. His assignments included postings in the Commercial Crime Bureau and the Internal Audit Division of the Royal Hong Kong Police, the Auxiliary Medical Services Headquarter as their Departmental Secretary and was a Departmental Welfare Officer in the General Post Office.

For four years, On was employed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and

Coordinated Law Enforcement Unit as a translator and as an Executive Accountant with Howalt Holdings Ltd. from 1988-1993. On has also worked in the real estate development and insurance fields.

On's office is located at King Edward Campus in the International Education Department on the 4th Floor. He can be reached at 871-7130. Please drop by and introduce yourself.

Cathy Cameron, Associate Director, International Education

Summary of Minutes: VCC Education Council

Tues. June 6, 2000, 3:30 p.m.
KEC Room 5025

1. Board Report

There was no Board report, as the May 25 meeting of the College Board was postponed to June 8. A Board meeting is also scheduled for June 22. However, the Board representative did report on the ACCC Conference which was held in Whitehorse, Y.T. recently.

Two speakers were highlighted: The Hon. Audrey McLaughlin reporting on a proposed Arctic university, and John Ralston Saul speaking about the privatization of colleges.

2. Draft Program Profile/ Academic Schedule

The draft Program Profile was adopted by Education Council and recommended to the College Board for approval.

3. Program Review Policy

The Program Review Policy was approved by Education Council and recommended to the College Board.

4. Articulation Agreement with H.J. Cambie Secondary School

This standard Articulation Agreement was presented to Council for information.

5. Essential Abilities Workshop Report

A copy of the report on the Essential Abilities Workshop held on Bowen Island in March was distributed. One of the more interesting workshops was on inter-institutional faculty development activities aimed at sharing expertise among the colleges.

Married couples wanted for research project

Married couples interested in completing a questionnaire for a project titled Interpersonal Perception and Marriage Quality are welcomed to respond to this notice at the contact below. The questionnaire has to do with how you see yourself, your spouse, and how you relate and communicate in your marriage. Time to complete it will be 20-30 minutes.

You can refuse to complete the questionnaire at any time without consequence.

Your signed consent sheet will be separated from your answers, thereby guaranteeing confidentiality of responses. Results of the study will be reported on in general statistical form in a scholarly journal or academic conference.

The investigator is seeking people who will volunteer their involvement. The investigator is Dr. Bill Strom at Trinity

Western University, and you may contact him at (604) 888-7511 or strom@twu.ca if you have questions.

Please respond by email with 1) your name and address (for a Canada Post hard copy; return postage paid), or 2) your email address only (if you are willing to print the questionnaire and pay for return postage).

Completing and returning the questionnaires by July 30, 2000 is preferred, but returns by Sept 30, 2000 will also be accepted.

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Looking back on this year's Great Walk

Following last century's Great Walk (aka last year's Great Walk), we collectively complained about having been assaulted by the moistened elements of rain, hail, sleet and snow as we slogged the 63.5 kilometres from Gold River to that other 'up Island' metropolis of Tahsis.

How ill-informed we were to have complained about such ideal walking conditions. This year, we encountered the elements of a relatively fierce June sun, dust swirled into our faces by support vehicles and black flies, some of whom took their weekly caloric intake from our exposed skin.

The imbibing locals told us that more severe conditions prevailed about four years ago, so we felt blessed by that news and quaffed down another cold Geritol.

Well, did we complete the proverbial 'stroll in the park'? You bet your sweet bangers and mash that we three did. To all of those who pledged their hard earned dollars, we can assure you, that like Shyllock, you extracted your sunburnt pound of flesh in return.

At this point, we do not know the total of the pledges, but we will let you know in the next issue of Connections. For those colleagues who haven't forwarded their pledges (either a cheque made out to the VCC Foundation, or cash in person), we will be in the KEC Cafeteria from noon to noon thirty for the next week, or you can give us a dingle at either 7187 or 7220 to arrange a time and a place.

To all you pledgers and supporters, we say a great big "THANK YOU." And next year—why not—just to prove that masochism isn't dead on campus.

Pauline Barratt, Margaret Ackroyd and
Malcolm Cant

WALKING CLUB - KEC

(A): Calling all walkers! Calling all walkers!

We know there are a number of employees who enjoy going for a walk during their lunch hours. While this has been taking place on an informal basis, members of the the Wellness Committee are wondering if there is any interest out there to form a *Walking Club*. You will not have to give up your personal walking group to join a formal walking group. We are asking you to consider having other interested employees join you on your walks. With your help, we would like to be able to promote this flexible opportunity to encourage others to join together in this team approach.

(B): Weekly Walk:

To take this one step further, is there anyone interested in scheduling a weekly walk outside of the workplace at various locations around the Lower Mainland? If so, what date/time works best for you (i.e. Sunday at 9:30 a.m.). You do not have to be an avid walker to sign up, just eager to venture out to the great outdoors. There will be people at various levels to share the walk. The walks may vary in length from one to two hours depending on your speed, fitness and enthusiasm.

If you're interested, please give us your information on the back side of this page, or contact Carol Mercier (local 7011).

RETURN TO:
Carol Mercier, Human Resources Department

WALKING CLUB - RESPONSE FORM

- (A) Calling all walkers! I walk at lunch time and would be happy to have others join me.

I usually walk:

M ☐ T ☐ W ☐ Th ☐ F ☐

Time: From _____ to _____

Comments:

- (B) Weekly Walk: I'm interested.

My best day is _____

My best time is _____

I'd like to walk year round ☐

OR during daylight savings months ☐

Other possible options:

Stephanie Forsyth appointed President of Northwest Community College

Ed Harrison, Chair of the Northwest Community College Board of Governors, is pleased to announce that Ms. Stephanie Forsyth has accepted the Board's offer to become the President of the College. "In the year since the former President left the College, the Presidential Search Advisory Committee worked hard to find the right person for the job. We believe we have found that person in Stephanie Forsyth," says Harrison. Forsyth, most recently employed by Capilano College as Dean, College/Community Partnerships in the Sechelt/Squamish region, was recom-

mended for the position after being interviewed by a representative group of College employees, the First Nations Advisory Council, students and Board members.

Forsyth has an extensive background in the B.C. college system, having worked at Selkirk College in the West Kootenays, Vancouver Community College and Malaspina University College in Powell River before becoming a Dean at Capilano. She is scheduled to begin at NWCC in early September.

A letter of thanks to Dale Dorn from the Deputy Minister of Advanced Education, Training and Technology

"I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Vancouver Community College's culinary arts students and staff on a superb job of preparing and serving the Premier's Excellence Awards luncheon held April 8, 2000.

"Once again, the notable talent of both students and staff made the luncheon a very pleasant experience. I have already received several compliments from the Ministry and the invited guests that this year's luncheon has exceeded all expectations.

"Each year we are fortunate to have exceptional cuisine presented with such an outstanding illustration of service. Vancouver Community College can take pride in the standards it has set for this luncheon.

"I am sure there are many people who would like to join me in saying "thank you" for the terrific job and continuing support. Please pass on a sincere thanks to Dave Donaldson, the Associate Dean of Tourism, Hospitality and Service, and everyone involved who exhibited such a great effort in the preparation and execution of the luncheon."

Sincerely,
Gerry Armstrong
Deputy Minister

VCC Connections publication and deadline schedule for Summer and Fall 2000

Publication Date	Deadline for submissions
August 4	July 28
September 15	September 8
September 29	September 22
October 13	October 6
October 27	October 20
November 10	November 3
November 24	November 17
December 8	December 1

How to submit your article:

1. email drasmussen@vcc.bc.ca; OR
2. save your file to the j:\common\connect\ directory (call the editor at 7152); OR
3. through the VCC Connections On-line website. Go to "Submit Your Article" and follow the directions.
4. text only on an IBM-formatted disk, with hardcopy attached

Your submissions are welcome. However, material may be edited for clarity and length.

Name change

Please note that Helen (formerly Fraser), KEC Mailroom clerk, will now be known as Helen Nemish.

Notable alumni on CD

Jennie Emmery, one of our former music students who is blind, has recently released a wonderful CD. Copies may be purchased from Betty Nobel at \$20 each. \$3 of the proceeds from the sale of each CD will go to the Vancouver chapter of the National Federation of the Blind: Advocates for Equality.

Betty also has a CD of the Danny Burns Irish band for the same price. Mary Brunner, a substitute teacher and former student of the Program for Visually Impaired Adults plays a wonderful fiddle on this CD. This CD is also \$20, with \$5 of the proceeds of the sale of each CD going to the Vancouver chapter of the NFB:AE.

Betty can be reached at local 7339 at KEC.

Pat Bawtinheimer is becoming a "virtual facilitator"

Pat Bawtinheimer, our Department Head of Continuing Care and Allied Health at City Centre, has been asked to represent Canadian Colleges on a rather extensive committee being formed for an upcoming Human Resource Study of the Home Care Sector across Canada. The Committee consists of representatives from community and health care organizations, labour unions and associations, universities, colleges, health associations, and health ministries. ACCC has asked Pat to be one of four representatives from HRDC.

It sounds exciting, Pat. Good luck!
Linda Martin

LIC and C.D. proposal results

The Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology has approved two of the three proposals submitted by VCC for Locally Initiated Curriculum (LIC) Projects:

1. Curriculum for a Certificate Program in Health Care Interpreting \$12,200
2. Opening Doors by Creating an Accessible ESL Curriculum for Deaf ESL Signers and Oral Hard of Hearing Students \$13,990

Congratulations to Continuing Education and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Department.

The results have also been finalized for the Curriculum Development (C.D.) proposals submitted internally:

1. Health Sciences' Denturist Program: Four weeks of PDD to prepare for national accreditation. \$ 7,000
2. Tourism, Hospitality and Business' Baking/Pastry Program: Revision of the program to a six-month core leading to a choice of two specialties in either bread making or pastry, plus Baking ESL. \$34,000
3. ESL's Outreach Department: Bridging the Gap Between Literacy and Oral Proficiency - a program to assist students with reasonably good speaking skills but very low or no literacy. \$13,120

Board Meetings

Room 5025, KEC

• Oct. 26 • Nov. 23

Room 240, CC

• September 28

*Dec 14 subject to Board approval

July/August Meetings:

The College Board will not meet during July and August. The next meeting will be on September 28, 2000 in Room 240, CC.

4. Technology's Computer Graphics Program: Change the program to an eighteen-month diploma program \$11,850
5. AAA's College and Career Access Program: A focused upgrading course for students wishing to enter the Practical Nursing Program. \$ 9,181
6. ESL's CPE Program: To develop courses for Technical Communication 11 and 12 to offer an alternative for students wishing to learn more technical and professional language rather than the current, more academic Social Studies and English 11 and 12. \$10,000
7. Health Sciences' Institutional Aide Program: To develop a unit on House-keeping in the Hotel Industry to increase employment opportunities for graduates. \$6,525
8. Health Sciences' Continuing Care and Allied Health: To develop a standard curriculum for the Hospital Unit Coordinator Program, providing students with more generic knowledge to accommodate a wider range of hospital routines. \$10,000

Thank you to everyone for their efforts on behalf of curriculum development in their department.

Linda Martin

Thank you all very much!

Each month approximately 200 VCC employees participate in the 50/50 draw. Each month a lucky person wins anywhere from \$650 to \$800, depending on the number of participants. Some lucky people have won more than once!

Ticket buyers are not the only winners, however. Because of your participation, each year the Foundation is able to award VCC Entrance Scholarships to students from a selected group of high schools.

This year eight high school students won entrance scholarships that will help them pay their tuition fees at VCC. Here is a letter from one of them. It is a thank you letter for all the VCC employees who have made the scholarships possible. Manjit receives his VCC Entrance Scholarship at the Gladstone Graduation Ceremony.

Dear Ms. Henderson:

I am honoured to be this year's recipient of the VCC Foundation Entrance Scholarship. The award is greatly appreciated and will be used towards the Food Services Program which I will be commencing in the fall. I am very grateful for the opportunity to join the student body at VCC and for the generous award I received on June 6, 2000 from the VCC Foundation. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Manjit Singh Toor
Gladstone Class of 2000

Change of title

To better reflect the scope of work involved, the office of the Human Rights Coordinator has had a name change. It is now the *Human Rights and Diversity Office* and Rob Henderson is the *Coordinator, Human Rights and Diversity*.

Director of Ventures and International Enterprises appointed

I am pleased to announce that John Magor has been appointed as VCC's Director of Ventures and International Enterprises, effective July 10, 2000.

John has served in a variety of consulting and management capacities both in Canada and Asia in the areas of business development, market analyses, regional planning and international education. Most recently, he was posted in Malaysia as Business Development Consultant with Price Waterhouse Coopers where he promoted and facilitated joint ventures and technology transfer agreements between Canadian and Malaysian companies. Prior to this posting, John worked for three years in a similar capacity with the BC Trade Development Corporation as Economic Development Manager. He served as an Education/Business Advisor at Capilano College for their Asia Pacific Management Cooperative Program; he was a Senior Associate at Rutter Development Group International Ltd, assisting in a variety of assignments; and was the Director of Planning and Development for the Regional District of Nanaimo for ten years.

John holds a Graduate Diploma in Business Management, Asia Pacific Man-

agement Cooperative Program from Capilano College, a Master of Environmental Studies in Urban and Regional Planning from York University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from UBC.

In his new position, John's responsibilities will include overseeing the development of collaborative ventures with the private sector, international and domestic institutions, agencies and associations and providing leadership to College personnel to raise the profile of VCC as a leader in International Education activities. He will also be responsible for providing support and direction to the Manager of Ancillary Services for the future development of Bookstores, Food Services, Laundry and Duplicating departments and for the development of operational plans and budgets for all areas under his jurisdiction.

Please join me in welcoming John to VCC. His office will be located at King Edward Campus in the 4th Floor International Education Department.

Mary Hoekstra, Vice President,
Finance and College Services

Winners of the "Name the Centre" Contest

We are pleased to let you know that we have a winning name for our new downtown centre opening in November, 2000. (see Connections, May 12 issue).

We had 69 suggestions submitted in response to our competition and wish to thank everyone who participated for their enthusiasm and creative ideas.

And now, the moment we've been waiting for . . . (drum roll please) . . . the winner is: the *"VCC-International Education Centre."*

Congratulations to Malcolm Cant and Gail Cryer who both suggested this name and who each win a dinner for four at the newly renovated JJ's dining room.

Summary of Minutes: VCC Operations Council

Chair: Mary Hoekstra
June 13, 2000 KEC, Room 5025

1. New Members

Jennifer Spoke (replacing Raj Kapoor) and Charles Finch (replacing Veronica Jorna), CUPE representatives for City Centre Campus and King Edward Campus respectively, were welcomed.

2. Managing a Potentially Violent Situation - Procedures

Steve Traviss, Safety and Security Coordinator, circulated a handout titled, "How to Respond to a Potentially Violent Situation." He reviewed the various procedures for employees and students responding to a potentially violent situation. Council members were asked to provide any comments and feedback to Steve by June 27. The final version of the document will be recirculated to Operations Council. Eventually, the procedures will become part of the process for orienting new employees, new student and IRAs (Instructors with Release Allowance).

3. Terms of Reference - Operations Council

The Council's revised Terms of Reference was approved. The revision related to a change in title for the Director of International Education and Contract Services to the Director of Ventures and International Enterprises.

4. Code of Ethics

Rob Henderson, Coordinator of Human Rights and Diversity, asked members to review the Code of Ethics document recently published in the June 9 issue of VCC Connections and provide feedback to him by June 27. He also advised that, although it is not indicated in the version published in the newsletter, the document is still a draft. Operations Council will be asked to endorse the Code of Ethics at their July meeting.

Operations Councils' minutes and agendas are now available on the VCC common network

This is a reminder that you can now view the last approved minutes and the current month's agenda on the i:\common\operations council folder. Attachments can be obtained from me by calling 871-7163.

Doreen Sharan, Confidential Secretary, Finance and College Services

5. 2000/2001 Budget

The 2000/2001 draft budget was approved by the majority of the members present, with the exception of CUPE and VCCFA representatives who did not endorse the passing of the budget. Primarily, the unions disagreed with the College's decision to apply the one-time revenues received from the Sunlife demutualization towards balancing the budget. The VCCFA also voiced the opinion that they did not agree with the College's position that instructors affected by the reduction to ESL offerings, equalling 88 FTEs, were able to be re-assigned elsewhere in the ESL Division. Council was informed that the Program Profile/Education Plan was approved by Education Council on June 6th. The budget package will be presented at the June 15 meeting Finance Committee and the June 22 VCC Board meetings for final approval.

6. 2000/2001 Capital Process

The 2000/2001 Capital Equipment Replacement list, as ranked by the College Wide Budget Committee, was approved. The list will be presented to the Finance Committee and to the VCC Board on June 15 and June 22 respectively for final approval.

7. Draft - Non-base Funded Activities Policy

Mary Hoekstra presented draft #3 of

the Non-base Funded Activities Policy. Changes mainly related to re-organization of the contents of the Policy. The policy also now emphasizes that the project sponsor is responsible for ensuring that the routing procedures for non-based funded contracts are followed and that signing officers related specifically to non-based funded contracts would be the President, Vice Presidents and the Director of Financial Services.

8. Draft - Travel Policy

The Travel Policy was approved. Dave Crowe, Manager of Purchasing, re-circulated the draft Travel Policy, presented at the Council's May meeting. The Policy remained unchanged. There had been questions around the proposed per diem rate but Dave reported that, after doing comparative research in the community, private sector and college system, he has found the rate to be comparable.

City Centre Campus Saturday closures

City Centre Campus will be closed on the following Saturdays during the summer:

- July 29
- August, 5, 12, 19, 26
- September 2

If you require access to the campus on the above days, please contact Angelo Iapalucci during the week at local 8457.

Thanks and adios

Having always been an avid VCC Connections reader, I want to connect with everyone who made the Annual Retirement Dinner at JJ's Restaurant such an enjoyable and heart-warming experience for those going on "indefinite and unrestricted leave of absence" aka retirement.

To all the wonderful VCC people... Dale Dorn, the Deans, colleagues, support staff and the students and staff of Hospitality for their culinary delights and flawless presentation...thank you for a memorable evening.

Now it is time for us more than ever to "seize the day" and so in the words of Eli Jenkins "we say good-bye but just for now."

Peter Clark

Kudos to the Asian Culinary Arts department

Congratulations to the VCC Asian Culinary Arts department on their recent win at the International Beef Competition. Competing against local Asian restaurants, our team (one of three entered from VCC), took the Best Presentation and Best Overall prizes with their *Sauteed Beef on Spinach with Green Onion Pancakes*. The team placed the credit on Conrad Leung, head of our Asian Culinary Arts program.

"He has really broke a lot of the old rules about teaching Asian cuisine and we have definitely benefited from that. Our dish was one of Conrad's that we do in the program," said Thomas Robson, a member of the winning team. "It's a traditional Northern Chinese beef dish and we wanted to focus on the beef while still respecting the cuisine."

Community Development Institute 2000

Working Together for Change

July 30-August 4, Comox Valley, BC

The Community Development Institute (CDI) is a program of the Social Planning and Research Council (SPARC) of BC. The purpose of the CDI is to strengthen the leadership capacity and participation of citizens, voluntary organizations, and public and private institutions in order to develop sustainable, self-reliant communities. Its objectives are to provide education, training and skills development, and to develop ongoing opportunities for information and skills exchange among people working to improve their communities on:

- Effective governance, decision-making and participation in the voluntary and public sectors
- Strategies, approaches and tools for strengthening local economies, development community self-reliance, and capacity-building

- Strategies and tools for living sustainably within local ecosystems, and supporting social and economic activity that is sustaining, regenerating, and nurturing of both our communities and the earth
- Social change and the capacity to take action at a local, regional, national and global level

Cost: ½ day: \$65, 1 day: \$130, 2 days: \$260, 5 days: \$500

Registration is through the Langara College Continuing Education office, phone 323-5322. For more information, phone SPARC at 718-7755 or email cdi@sparc.bc.ca.

Policies approved

Travel Policy

The Travel Policy was approved at the June 13 meeting of Operations Council.

Program Review Policy

The Program Review Policy was approved for recommendation to the Board by Education Council at its meeting of

June 6, 2000. At the Board meeting of June 22nd, the Policy was approved.

Both policies are available on the College Web Site, and will be printed in the September issue of Connections. If you require a hard copy now, please print from the Web Site, or call Vivienne Garrott at 871-7159.

Good Food Box

What's in a \$12 Good Food Box? Fruits and vegetables that are top quality, in-season and low-cost. At only \$12 a box. You save 50% or more over buying your produce at a grocery store. And it's all run by volunteers!

Easy: delivered closer to home

Fresh: always! Local produce when available

Value: top quality and low cost

Next delivery to KEC: July 19, 2000. Payment of \$12 (cash or cheque) to Jane Westheuser no later than: July 12, 2000. For more information, contact Jane at local 7147.

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classifieds

HOUSING



Wanted to rent

Two bedroom suite in the Commercial Drive area for August 1. Must be cat friendly and no more than \$900/month. Please contact Jodi at 871-7241 or 253-1468.

Summer sublet

Furnished two-bedroom, main floor suite on 18th near Cambie. Back deck, yard, garage parking. N/S, no pets. Weekly or monthly. Dates flexible. \$975/month incl. util. Call Sylvia @ 708-4929.

FREE STUFF



Kitchen Stove

Regular size, almond colour, approximately 10 yrs old in excellent working condition. Contact Gill, local 7277.

WANTED



Lunch time running club

Anyone interested in running a few miles over lunch? If so, please contact Tene Barber at 7156 or tbarber@vcc.bc.ca.

Men's Mountain Bike, 18"

Please contact Roya at 602-6785 or M-Th 871-7241 from 4:00 to 9:00.

RECREATION



Special offer to VCC Faculty and Staff

Want to cycle the historic Kettle Valley Railway? Join us for a 4 or 8-day journey as we cycle the most scenic sections. Camping based, meals, accommodation, transportation, guiding and more included. \$335 for four-days/\$670 for eight days. **July 20-23, 24-27, or 20-27.** Contact Nona or Barry at Crosstrails Adventures 467-8577.

FOR SALE



Piano for Sale

Beautiful vintage upright piano by Kohler and Campbell, lovely tone and very easy touch. In wonderful condition, with richly carved wood. About 70-80 years old. \$1200. Phone Dale, 7152 or 251-4677.

1984 Grey BMW

733i, fully loaded, new paint, tires, struts, exhaust. Immaculate condition! \$4000 obo. Call 438-1208.

Double Futon and frame

Asking \$40. Please contact Roya at 602-6785 or M-Th 871-7241 from 4:00 to 9:00.

Bicycle

A brand new 22 inch yellow Raleigh Centurion with kick stand and large helmet. Asking a firm \$200 as combined cost would be \$260 before tax. This magnificent machine was won in the Surrey Memorial/Royal Columbian Lottery. Contact: Malcolm at either 7220 or 739-3327.

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