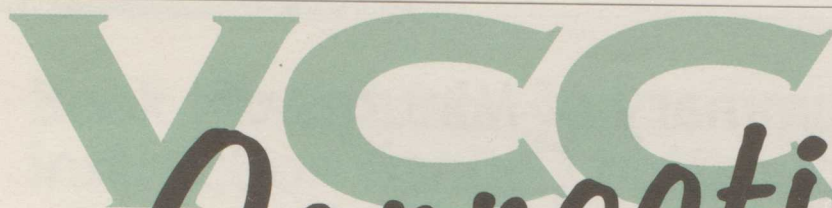




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Make your book mark!

At the heart of every educational institution is its Library. Just as Vancouver Community College supports lifelong learning, personal development, employability and responsible citizenship, so the VCC Library strives to meet the learning, reading, recreation and information needs of the College community. The Library enriches and inspires the lives of students, faculty and staff by making possible exploration of a wide range of ideas and information, and by supplying a variety of teaching and learning materials.

Meeting the need is no small challenge. In 1998/99 176,270 items, including books, videotapes, and CDs were circulated (both campuses combined). That's almost 26 items per FTE—a significantly

higher rate than that at many other Lower Mainland Community Colleges. Furthermore, each item was circulated, on average, twice as frequently as at the other Colleges. These totals illustrate just how strong the demand for library services is at Vancouver Community College.

The VCC community can help to reduce the strain on Library resources, and at the same time increase the amount and variety of material available to students, faculty and staff. The Foundation will soon ask each and every one of us to contribute in part or in full to purchasing one book, videocassette, tape, periodical, or other item for circulation. Please—Make your book mark!!

Where did JJ's go?

Anyone passing by the third floor of the Pender Building at City Centre recently and those attempting to eat at JJ's Restaurant may have noticed a few changes. The JJ's location is boarded up and the operation has temporarily moved to the Four Corners location (around the corner from the bakeshop).

The reasons for the temporary closure is the long-awaited and desperately needed renovations to JJ's. After a major fundraising effort by various individuals and departments in the College (spearheaded by the Culinary Arts department), renovations began at the end of June and will continue until August 25th.

During the renovations, lunch and dinner service is still available at Four Corners.

On August 29, 2000, a new look JJ's will emerge from the current debris and demolition. JJ's will feature a "Harvard library" look in a slightly larger dining room with a separate, private dining/meeting room. The ambience of the new JJ's will now complement the dishes prepared by the a la carte students.

Information on opening events will be provided shortly. In the meantime, if you're looking for JJ's, ignore the construction and meet you at Four Corners.

Opportunities to sing!

Join the *Willan Choir*, VCC's mixed voice community choir directed by Patricia Plumley, faculty of the KEC Music Department. All levels of experience are welcome to participate in this exciting musical adventure.

Our 90-voice ensemble performs two major concerts each season as well as community outreach concerts. For more details, visit the VCC website or call the Willan info line at 871-7301.

Do you know any kids on the east side who are looking for the chance to learn to sing? *KidsSing Inner City Chorus* is a growing ensemble bringing the magic of music to kids through song, movement and art.

Founded by Elva Walters, a prominent figure in Vancouver music education and directed by Patricia Plumley, KidsSing reaches out to the creative spirit in kids of all backgrounds. For more details, email plumleymusic@home.com or call 874-9207.

Facts & Figures:

Who are VCC's grads?

Family status:

- 61% Single person with no children
- 12% Part of a couple with no children
- 20% Part of a couple with children
- 7% A single parent

Median number of dependents: 2

Watch for more Facts & Figures in upcoming issues.

Summary of Minutes of Education Council

Meeting held Tues. July 4, 2000, 3:30 p.m., KEC Room 5025

1. Report of Education Council Chair

The Chair reported on his attendance at the meeting of the Council of Education Council Chairs and the Annual General Meeting of the Advanced Education Council of B.C. held in June in Nelson, B.C.

2. Report from the Board

The Board received and passed the 2000/01 budget.

Glen O'Flaherty from the Culinary Arts Program is part of Culinary Team Canada competing in the Gran Pris de Chefs and the World Culinary Olympics competitions.

The Practical Nursing Program has been granted the maximum five-year accreditation.

The AECBC has elected its new Executive.

3. Curriculum Committee

Ed Council approved the Committee's recommendation that provincially-mandated curricula does not require Council approval, and will be brought forward for information only.

4. Elections Committee

The results of the recent KESA and Faculty at Large Rep. elections were accepted.

5. Curriculum Approval

Council approval was given for the following course revisions and new courses:

- Self-paced ESL for Professionals, Levels I, II & III

- CPE: Separation of Credit for English 12 & Social Studies 11
- CPE: Academic Oral Skills Course (in place of SS 11)
- Arts and Design Floral Certificate revision
- Arts & Design Interior Design Certificate revision
- Electronic Music I and II revision
- Amalgamate Dental Hygiene Courses 6079 and 6080
- The Denturist Program curriculum changes were approved in principle.

6. Services Review Policy

A committee was formed to work on the development of a Services Review Policy.

7. Program Review Schedule

The schedule for program reviews for 2000/2001 was approved.

8. ELS and CPE Summer English Courses - for information

A five-week ELS program for international students will be offered again this summer.

A CPE writing course, a pronunciation course and a TOEFL prep. course are being offered from July 5 to August 23/24/25.

Summer Schedule

One issue in August

Book Now: Library Instruction for Fall 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 Fall term. Class descriptions or requirements may be amended depending on the specific needs of your students. Book all classes through the Information desk at each campus: KEC/7326 or C/8339.

Your Library: An Orientation to Library Services

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

Finding Information

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, as well as learn how to evaluate information based on 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. Gives students the opportunity to learn how to find books, videos, etc at VCC, and learn to renew books, and place holds. Length: 45 minutes

SurfSmart! Using the Web to Find Relevant Information. Introduces students to web based resources, and practical search methods like using directories, and search engines to search effectively on any topic. Length: 60 minutes

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 Fall sessions will be posted in the Library. 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.

New books at CC Library

- Outlook 2000 in a Nutshell: A Power User's Quick Reference
- Teaching Adult Second Language Learners
- Writing Freelance
- Understanding Internet Protocols Through Hands-On Programming
- Health Careers: How to Put Together a Winning Resume
- An Assembly Language Introduction to Computer Architecture: Using the Intel Pentium

- Your Internet Business: Earning Consumer Trust: A Guide to Consumer Protection for On-Line Merchants
- Liquid Crystal Devices: Physics and Applications
- How to Do Everything with Outlook 2000
- Exploring the BC Coast by Car
- Faculty Guide for Moving Teaching and Learning to the Web
- Beginning E-Commerce with Visual Basic, ASP, SQL Server 70 and MTS
- The XML Companion
- Java Design Patterns: A Tutorial
- C by Example
- Assembly Language for Intel-Based Computers
- Complete Guide to Linux
- Making UNIX and Windows NT Talk
- Practical Unix
- FLASH 4 for Windows & Macintosh
- Dreamweaver 3 for Windows & Macintosh
- Removable Partial Prosthodontics

New books at KEC Library

- The 3 Keys to Empowerment: Release the Power Within People for Astonishing Results
- Grey Owl: The Many Faces of Archie Belaney
- Paper Shadows: A Chinatown Childhood
- Only the Nails Remain: Scenes from the Balkan Wars
- Education Indicators in Canada: Report of the Pan-Canadian Education Indicators Program 1999
- A Profile of Immigration to British Columbia Regions and Communities, 1986-1996
- Teaching Adult Second Language Learners
- Mediation: Principles, Process, Practice
- Unequal Freedoms: The Global Market as an Ethical System
- Heart at Work: Stories and Strategies for Building Self-Esteem and Reawakening the Soul at Work

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To All Department Heads

Student Services Day

King Edward Campus:

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Second Level Courtyard

Thursday, September 21*

*In case of inclement weather,
4th Floor Counselling area.
Watch for signs.

City Centre Campus

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Second Floor Mall outside Library

Thursday, September 21

- Financial Aid
- Human Rights
- Assessments
- CCSA, KESA
- IEPA
- Learning Centre
- Media Services
- Bookstore
- Counselling
- Student Advocates
- Registrar
- Food Services
- First Nations
- Health Services
- Security

... will all be on hand to provide information on their services to your students.

VCC at the PNE

Visitors to the 2000 Pacific National Exhibition will notice a distinct VCC presence again this year. The VCC logo will be seen on site on various banners, pre-fair publicity will highlight VCC and on-site information kiosks will provide information on VCC's presence.

The reason ... for the second year in a row, chef instructors from the Culinary Arts department will be hosting the Pacific Cooking Show at the BC Gas stage in the Rollerland building. Three shows a day (1:30, 3:30 and 6:30) will allow the chefs an opportunity to demonstrate signature recipes from JJ's or their personal favourites.

The middle show (3:30) will feature celebrity chefs. Returning for another year are Scott Yeager, Scott Middleton, Mike Steele, John Cloutier as well as chefs from the Hotel Vancouver, Diva at the Met and

a certain gastronomically inclined VCC President (who performs on August 2). New additions include chefs from the Spectra group (Milestones, Boathouse and Bread Gardens) and Karen Barnaby of Fishhouse in Stanley Park.

Last year's event was a major public relations opportunity for the College and this year has even greater potential. A full VCC display will be set up next to the stage and as this article is being written, plans to complete a cookbook for sale at the Fair are underway.

VCC will also be hosting the media lunch on site prior to the fair and preparing breakfast for a special show home campaign.

This year's PNE runs from August 19 to September 4. If you're there, drop by and cheer on one of the VCC chefs.

A piece of cake!



The Baking and Pastry Arts Department made a cake big enough to feed 1,200 people for the Canada Day 10K Post to Post first year event.

Thanks to instructor Parry Robinson, students Loan Nguyen and Maggie Yeung from the ESL Baking and Pastry Arts Program for undertaking such a big project and also to the participants who ran and walked from KEC and CC.

Luzia Zemp, Baking and Pastry Arts Department Head

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:

Skills for Success Workshop and Tour Guide

Once again, Counselling, Learning Centre and Library services are offering workshops and tours for VCC students. An Instructor's Guide has been developed to assist you in planning workshop activities and tours. Look for the Guide in your mailbox soon or call the Learning Centre (8607) for the latest edition.

To book a *workshop from the Library*, contact the Information Desk at 871-7326 (King Edward) or 443-8339 (City Centre).

To book a *tour at KEC*, contact the Learning Centre at 871-7219. To book a *tour at CC*, contact the Learning Centre at 443-8607. To book a workshop, call 443-8606.

To book a *workshop from Counselling*, call Ian Forsyth (City Centre) at 443-8454 or Thorne Husband (King Edward) at 871-7203.

Space is limited. Book early in order to avoid disappointment.

If you wish to have one of our areas instruct on a topic not currently scheduled, please contact the appropriate service with your request.

In addition to booking workshops directly for your students, there are many scheduled workshops that your students may sign up for outside of class times. The ads for these workshops are posted widely and any VCC student can attend even if the workshop is scheduled at another campus.

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Interested in obtaining affordable legal advice?

We have been contacted by Pre-Paid Legal Services, Inc. to see if any employees would be interested in becoming members. The concept is to provide ordinary Canadians with affordable legal advice or help when necessary, a kind of "legal insurance plan".

For a nominal joining fee of \$15.00, the members have access to the most reputable legal firms who have expert lawyers covering different fields. The member contacts the law firm and within 48 hours, a lawyer who is a specialist in the given field will return the call.

After the initial fee, for just \$25.00 a month, clients will be entitled to the following:

- Unlimited Phone Consultations: Unlimited toll-free access to your provider lawyer
- Phone Calls & Letters: As a member you will receive one (1) phone call or letter per subject matter. You will receive one phone call or letter for up to two (2) business matters per membership year. Additional phone calls and letters for the same subject will be provided at a 25% discount off your provider lawyer's standard hourly rate.
- Contract and Document Review: An unlimited number of personal legal

documents up to ten (10) pages each reviewed by your provider lawyer. Also, one (1) business legal document of ten (10) pages or less reviewed each membership year.

- Will Preparation: With your membership your provider lawyer will prepare a standard Will for you for only \$50.00. Yearly reviews will be at no additional cost and updates for only \$50.00.
- Other Legal Services: You will receive a 25% discount off your provider lawyer's standard hourly rate should you need legal services not covered by this plan. For additional services not outlined in the service provided, there is a cap of \$180 an hour on legal work.

NOTE: There is no contract and membership is on a month by month basis.

If there is enough interest, a Group Specialist, Laszlo Gati, is willing to come to a group meeting to explain the entire program and sign up those who are interested in joining. He is also willing to set up private appointments if this is more convenient.

Please contact Carol Mercier at local 7011 by Friday, September 22, 2000 if you are interested in exploring this topic further.

New books at CC Library (continued)

- Psychology Applied to Teaching
- Vital Signs 1999: The Environmental Trends that are Shaping our Future
- The Art of Evaluation: A Handbook for Educators and Trainers
- Writing Horror
- Canadian Telephone Directory for the Deaf CTDD
- Ensuring Food Safety: Writing Your Own Food Safety Plan—The HACCP Way: A Guide for Food Service Operators
- Your Internet Business: Earning Consumer Trust: A Guide to Consumer Protection for On-Line Merchants
- For the Common Good: Final Report of the Royal Commission on Workers' Compensation in British Columbia
- Directory, B.C. Multicultural, Anti-Racism & Immigrant Services Organizations

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Looking for female for sunny bedroom in great heritage house in the Commercial Drive area. You must like dogs and be a non-smoker. Contact Kathy at 255-5130. Available September 1.

Wanted: one bedroom

... furnished place near VCC needed for September 1. Email serca22@yahoo.com

WANTED



Looking for tennis enthusiasts

... to play daytime, Monday to Friday. If interested, e-mail Kata at kataniksic@hotmail.com

FOR SALE



Couch and loveseat

Very comfortable, blue couch and loveseat. Both are in very good condition and must go as soon as possible! \$350. o.b.o. Call Nicola at 831-3262

Announcements

New Appointment

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Marilyn Morris to the position of Department Head of the new ESL-International Education Department.

Marilyn started with the College in September 1988 as an ESL Instructor in the ELS Department and has held positions in the ESL-ELS Department as Coordinator, Acting Department Head and, since April 1995, as Department Head.

We look forward to Marilyn's leadership in the ESL-International Education Department.

Congratulations Marilyn!

Moir Macleod, Dean Academic and Developmental Programs

PLEASE NOTE . . . THE ICS OPEN FORUMS IN AUGUST ARE CANCELLED:

Aug 10 (Thur) 12:00-1:00 PM, KEC
Aug 21 (Mon) 12:00-1:00 PM, CC

Please attend the September sessions:

- Sept 12 (Tue), 12:00-1:00 p.m., Room 5025, KEC
- Sept 20 (Wed), 12:00-1:00 PM, Room 200, CC

Have a great summer!

Board Meetings

Room 5025, KEC

- Oct. 26
- Nov. 23

Room 240, CC

- September 28
- *Dec 14

subject to Board approval

July and August: no meetings

The next meeting will be on September 28, 2000 in Room 240, CC.

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