



Connections

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Farewell to outgoing Board members and welcome to new Board members.

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Basic Education instructor wins education award

Sally Gellard, an instructor in the Basic Education department won the prestigious 2000 Canada Post Literacy Award in the category of outstanding educator.

The award includes an IBM computer system which Sally will be using at our new Family Literacy program at Grandview/ʔUuqinak'uuh School. A short quote from the nomination tells you a little bit about Sally: "Sally Gellard constructs open, supportive Adult Basic Education learning centres capable of sustaining themselves in self-paced and small group environments. Sally has a deeply

held philosophy that guides her: what is used in the classroom must improve the quality of people's lives

"Between 1989 and 1999, Sally Gellard has been an integral part of the development of five adult literacy projects in British Columbia. All have become invaluable community-based resources." The award was presented on Wednesday, September 13 in Nanaimo.

Sizzling success

It's hard to believe the summer is already over for the Student Summer Works (SSW) program (a Youth Options BC initiative to provide work experience and improved access to post-secondary education).

The SSW team, at City Centre campus, provided a wage subsidy for student jobs in areas of employment including small business, non-profit and aboriginal organizations.

The subsidy encouraged employers to create a new working opportunity designed specifically for students. Site visits were conducted and it was great to see so many students placed in positions directly related to their education and career goals.

The SSW team exceeded their funding goal by 10%—a success definitely worth celebrating. A wrap-up party held

at Prospect Point in Stanley Park included dinner, speeches and volleyball.

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Buy-a-Book

A big thank you to all those who have already contributed to the Buy-a-Book Campaign. Look for your names on posters displayed at both Libraries. At two weeks into the campaign, we are well on the way to achieving our goal, and making it possible for the Library to purchase urgently-needed new materials.

If you haven't yet returned your yellow card, don't delay: the Campaign ends October 14. And don't forget the convenient payroll deduction option! Just a loonie a week will buy a new book.

Summary of Minutes, VCC Operations Council

September 12, 2000 KEC, Room 5025
Acting Chair: Linda Martin

1. Draft Parking Policy

The Draft Parking Policy, originally on the agenda for approval, was presented for information instead. Given summer vacations, the approval process was extended to give members an opportunity to provide comments to Steve Traviss before the next Council meeting.

2. Code of Ethics

The Code of Ethics was endorsed by Operations Council. Support from both the VCCFA membership and CUPE membership will be sought. Results will be announced at the next Council meeting. The Code of Ethics will be introduced at the Board's September meeting and brought forward for approval at their October session.

3. Draft Human Rights Policy

The revised Human Rights Policy was introduced by Rob Henderson, with a request to provide comments to him before the Council meeting in October. The Policy will be brought forward at that time for approval. The revisions included making the document more educational and bringing the language and processes in line with CUPE and VCCFA collective agreements.

4. Career Technical Centre

A joint proposal between Langara College, BCIT, the Vancouver School Board and VCC was recently submitted to the Ministry. Hopefully, approval will be received sometime in October. This project will provide an opportunity for students to enrol in and receive credit for 2.5 year certificate programs, after Grade 10 but while they are still in high school. Programs involved are Information

Technology, Graphic Communications and Production Technology and Electronics.

5. Report on Performance of Contract Fund

A brief presentation was heard from Michael Yue and Michael Proud on the Contract Fund 25 performance for the 1999/2000 fiscal period.

6. 5 Year Capital Plan

The 5 Year Capital Plan was approved. Colleges and institutes are required to make a submission to the Ministry every fall. The Ministry determines its budget for the following fiscal year based on these submissions.

VCC Operations Council 2001 Meeting Schedule

2nd TUESDAY OF THE
MONTH (EXCEPT JANUARY)
2:00 - 4:00 P.M.

January 16 *	Room 5025	KEC
February 13	Room 240	CC
March 13	Room 5025	KEC
April 10	Room 240	CC
May 8	Room 5025	KEC
June 12	Room 240	CC
July 10	Room 5025	KEC
August	No meeting	
September 11	Room 240	CC
October 9	Room 5025	KEC
November 13	Room 240	CC
December 11	Room 5025	KEC

* 3rd Tuesday

Sizzling success (fr pg 2)

Many sponsors, including those located at VCC, made the event possible. The Baking Department donated a beautiful cake with the Youth Options BC logo. The Retail Meats Department provided a delicious meat and cheese platter. VCC's bookstore donated a great T-shirt. As well, the Hair and Esthetics Department contributed two gift certificates for a haircut and blow dry. Employers, students and staff from the Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology recognized the sponsors' civic support for youth employment.

The SSW team would like to express a heartfelt thank you to the sponsors who have contributed to the program's continuing success. For details regarding all Youth Options BC programs visit www.youth.gov.bc.ca or call toll free 1-877-BC-YOUTH.

Facts & Figures:

Who are VCC's grads?

Percent of graduates who had previously completed high school: 85%
Percent of graduates who had previous post-secondary education prior to VCC: 54%

Credentials of graduates who had prior post-secondary education:

- 15% Trades CF, DP Programs (Incl.: ELTT)
- 41% CF, DP, A.A or A.Sc (obtained at college or institutes)
- 8% University CF or DP (below degree)
- 29% Degree (university level)
- 1% University CF or DP (above degree)
- 5% Master's degree (s)
- 1% Medicine degree (M.S, D.D.S, D.M.D, D.V.M)

Whiplash Recovery Study

Are you interested in participating in a study to discover what helps and what doesn't help the recovery process from the perspective of people with whiplash injury?

If you meet the following criteria, you may be eligible for participation:

- 20-65 years old
- whiplash injury in the past two years, due to motor vehicle accident
- willing and able to participate in an interview in English

The study will involve a two hour interview and a follow-up phone call. Questions will be asked about events or moments that were helpful or hindering in your recovery (so far) from whiplash injury and its complications, and about what would have helped.

If you would like more information, please call Pam Catapia at 868-0958.

Call weekdays, weekends, evenings, or leave a message. All calls will be kept strictly confidential. Participation in this study is voluntary. There will be no remuneration or compensation for participation in this study. This project is endorsed and funded by ICBC, but is carried out independently of ICBC. Supervision of the project is by the UBC Dept. of Counselling Psychology.

I am a former nurse (BSN) and patient educator, and current a student and a self-employed research consultant with 16 years experience working in health care. This research project is for my Master's thesis in Counselling Psychology at UBC.

(Pam will be at VCC September through April, as a Practicum Counsellor.)

A note from the Editor

Hitting the road

Just wanted to let Connections readers know that I will be taking a leave from my position as Marketing and Communications Coordinator (and as Editor of VCC Connections) beginning October 4. In fact, some of you may have already heard. (Believe it or not, it's hard to keep a secret around here.)

I've been a part-time musician for many years, and have decided to devote more time to music. One particular project that I'm very excited to be joining is **The Buddy System**, a duo that focuses on performing and writing songs for young children, emphasizing anti-violence, sharing, self-esteem and working out problems. This group has gained a lot of attention throughout BC for skilfully combining music with thoughtful (and timely)

educational content. I'm thrilled to be a part of something so constructive.

In addition to The Buddy System, I'll also be teaching guitar, vocal harmony and music theory. Those who enjoy the local nightlife may also see me playing jazz piano or jazz and folk guitar or joining some accomplished local vocalists at various venues around town.

Although October 4 is my official leave date, you'll likely see me around my office on the fifth floor at KEC for a few more days after that, helping to ensure a smooth transfer of duties for my replacement. That person has not been appointed yet, but you'll no doubt hear more about that in the next while.

All the best to everyone, and don't forget to wish me luck!

Dale Rasmussen

Expand your horizon

Cathy Cameron and I have developed an employee development course called "Expanding Your Horizon: Developing International Skills." It will be offered on Dec 5, 9:30 am-12:30 pm.

This is a new attempt for both of us, but it plays a part in our efforts to enrich the international awareness and capacity of VCC faculty and staff. So, we are taking an extra step to ask you to help spread the message. Anyone is welcome, as the world of international work is open to diverse talents.

The course will contain the following topics:

1. How to find international opportunities. Participants will learn about various

types of local and overseas work/volunteer opportunities that can enhance their international skills. We will also distribute a list of resources for participants to follow up on these opportunities.

2. How to prepare for international assignments/work. We will work with participants on "international traits" and how to develop resumes in responding to international work opportunities.

3. How to handle cultural adjustments. Participants will discuss cultural adjustment in an interactive environment. Everyone's own experience is valued for sharing purposes.

Michael Yue, Coordinator,
Contract Training

Infection control

Various departments have asked about safely assisting injured staff or students who are injured and bleeding. To accommodate this request, we contacted Mr. Bruce Gamage, Infection Control Consultant, B.C. Centre for Disease. Mr. Gamage is more than willing to share his knowledge and expertise in infection control. Mr. Gamage can provide individual sessions to meet the specific needs of various departments within the College but he would like input from potential participants. If you are interested in attending a 1 hour session, or if you have specific questions you would like to have addressed on this topic, please contact Carol Sicoli at local 7011 to coordinate.

Next issue of Connections: Oct. 13
Deadline: Oct. 6
Upcoming issues: Oct. 27
Nov. 10 and 24
Dec. 8

Getting credited pensionable service while on STD under the College Pension Plan

(Applies to Faculty Members and Administrators Only)

The College has recently received official confirmation and approval from the Pension Corporation that while a faculty member or administrator is on leave without pay for Short Term Disability Benefits while enrolled in the Pension Plan, they will be credited pensionable service without any contributions from the plan member or the College. This new provision is retroactive to March 31, 1980.

The Human Resources Department has STD files from January 1, 1987 and has submitted the relevant data to the Pension

Upcoming ICS Open Forums

Mon, Oct 16, 12:00-1:00,
Room 200, CC

Tue, Oct 17, 12:00-1:00
Room 5025, KEC

- 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

Malcolm Cant and Roger Schofer back as United Way co-chairs

"I am pleased to advise that Malcolm Cant and Roger Schofer have again agreed to co-chair the VCC United Way Campaign. This year's campaign will run from October 30 - November 10. Expect to hear more details in the coming weeks.

Thank you, Malcolm and Roger for a second commitment of your time and energy to this worthwhile cause."

Dale Dorn

Corporation for crediting service from that date onwards.

As our records do not go back past 1987, your must notify Eugenie Wong (Human Resources Coordinator) at 871-7136 if you were on a leave of absence without pay for Short Term Disability Benefits from March 31, 1980 to December 31, 1986 and enrolled in the College Pension Plan in order to receive credit for pensionable service. If you wish to confirm your service from January 1, 1987 onwards while on STD, please call.

Karen Kelly,
Director of Human Resources

Board Meetings

Room 5025, KEC

• Oct 26, Nov 23

*Dec 14

*subject to Board approval

Corporate rate memberships at Fitness World

Have you been thinking about becoming more physically active? If so, you may be interested in becoming a Corporate Rate Fitness Member at Fitness World. They are currently offering corporate memberships for a saving of 33% off the total fitness initiation fee and monthly dues of only \$17.00. The initiation fee is \$454.00 but may be paid over a 24-month period. Within the 24-month period the monthly payment will be \$38.83 (initiation fee + monthly dues + tax). After the 24-month period, monthly dues would revert to \$17.00 + tax. Spouse discount plan is also available.

Fitness World has ten facilities located throughout the Lower Mainland. There are two locations open 24 hours; one downtown at 1185 Georgia & Bute and another in Langley at 19925 Willowbrook Drive & 200th Street. A new facility will be opening in Port Coquitlam (close to Coquitlam Centre) effective January 1, 2001.

Fitness World offers a wide range of fitness activities as well as additional special events such as day hikes, ski trips, wilderness workshops and many others.

Fitness World has provided some Corporate Membership cards offering five free visits (within two weeks) with an expiry date of January 31, 2001. If you're interested in checking out their facilities and obtaining one of these cards, please contact Carol Sicoli at 871-7011.

Announcements

Canada Savings Bonds contributions for 2000/01

It's Canada Savings Bond time again. Thanks to changes that were implemented last year it has become really easy.

If you are currently contributing and wish to continue you don't have to do a thing. If you would like to change the amount of your contribution you need to fill out a payroll deduction change form. If you would like to stop contributing, send a note to payroll stating your name, S.I.N. number and that you would like to stop contributing effective on a certain date.

If you would like to start contributing towards a CSB fill out a Payroll Savings Program.

Information and forms are available at the switchboard on both campuses or in payroll at KEC. All completed forms must be submitted to payroll by October 27, 2000. The deductions will start in December for all NEW CSB's. If you would like to redeem all or part of your CSB you need to contact customer service at 1-877-899-3599.

Thank you

I would like to thank everyone who attended my husband Paul's Memorial. Also for all the people who sent cards and phoned, your kindness is so very much appreciated. This is a very difficult time for me and just knowing people care means the world to me. Again, thank you.

Sandy Summerbee (Duplicating)

Correction: Gardening Club

There has been an error in the recently circulated HRD Employee Development Events Booklet on page 22 under the subject Gardening Club. The correct contact person and local is Holly Cole at local 8437. Our apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Revised Meeting Schedule for Finance and Administration Committee

The Finance and Administration Committee of the VCC Board recently changed the start time of their public meetings. Currently, the Committee meets from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. From October to December 2000, meetings will be held from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., at the locations indicated.

Revised Schedule

- October 18, 5025, KEC
- November 15, 5043, KEC
- December 13, 5043, KEC

Please call 871-7163 if you require more information.

Doreen Sharan, Confidential Secretary
Finance and College Services Division

Mexico/Chile and Asia Pacific Awards for students, staff, and faculty

Are you a student planning to study, or a faculty/staff member planning to work for a minimum of six weeks in a post-secondary institution in either Asia, Mexico or Chile? If you are interested in developing your international knowledge, skills and abilities as well as forging friendships and working relationships with people from Mexico, Chile or the Asia Pacific region you could qualify for a B.C. *International Grant* or a B.C. *Asia Pacific Award*. Deadlines: faculty/staff: DECEMBER 1st; students: FEBRUARY 1st. For application forms/information, contact Cecily May at 871-7178 (voicemail) or cmay@vcc.bc.ca. Instructors, please tell your students of this opportunity.

Call for proposals Connections 2001: Points of View Teaching, Learning and Technology May 5-8, 2001, Whistler

Supported by the Centre for Curriculum, Transfer and Technology (Proposals must be submitted by November 1, 2000)

The Centre is requesting proposals for

concurrent sessions, in a number of areas: Teaching and Learning, Leadership and Policymaking, Research, Familiar Issues and New Views, Project Management, and Tools and Systems.

For more information, visit the web site: www.ctt.bc.ca/c2001/

Proposal forms are available online at www.ctt.bc.ca/c2001/CallProposalOnline/

Attention bike riders: Seeking bicycles to send to Cuba

Cycling is the #1 form of transportation in Cuba and they need your help. If you have bicycles that you don't use, call Gonzalo at 522-1470 and they'll arrange pick up.

Bikes for Cuba is a CIDA funded project in co-operation with the Sanctuary foundation of New Westminster and the Cuban Ministry of Education. For bikes in good condition, they can provide an income tax receipt. Thank you.

Last Chance for Fire Safety Training!

Most departments at VCC have completed fire in-service training from Steve Traviss, Health and Safety Coordinator. This session covers fire evacuation routes, as well as an overview of fire equipment and procedures.

Make up sessions are scheduled for new employees, or staff who missed their department training as follows:

CC - October 11th in Room 107 @ 1:00 PM
KEC - October 12th in Room 5025 1:00 PM

If your department was missed in the training it is not too late to schedule a department based training session for all staff.

Please call Heather at 8456 if you would like to attend the make up session or to schedule department training. The in-service is about 30 minutes in length.

FIAT MODE 2000 Fashion Arts Graduate Show

Each time the Fashion Show for the graduate students in the Fashion Arts Program at VCC is announced, I look forward again to a pleasurable experience. This year I was not disappointed.

The hard work of all the designers, organizers, participants and volunteers produced a truly exhilarating event. The show, on July 6, 2000, was in a new modern venue, the Roundhouse Community Centre, on Pacific Avenue, down on the old Expo site. This contemporary and modern building had a perfect large show-room for Fiat Mode 2000.

As I watched from my seat in the audience, I saw the designers across the catwalk, sitting together, supporting and praising each other, as the models displayed all their designs. The camaraderie appeared as strong as the individual creativeness.

The hair designs contrasted and yet reflected to enforce the designs of all the costumes. Kinky, fringed, funky and spiked hair. Sleek and futuristic. The costumes' fabrics consisted of synthetic fibres, or denim and polyester, sometimes microfilm, faux fur, wool twill and then suddenly a lot of fleece.



These costumers were for a younger generation than me, I am reluctant to say, but I wanted those clothes. Not necessarily to wear. To look at and enjoy. These designs signified what is meant by the term "Fashion Art". The designs were fresh and delightful and shone with originality. Congratulations to all the graduates of Fiat Mode 2000.

Judi Fox

Harvest of Hope

Harvest of Hope is an annual campaign to gather food for hungry and disadvantaged people. This year it will take place during the two weekends around Thanksgiving, October 2nd to 13th. Again, it will be sponsored by Quest Outreach Society.

Quest was founded in 1990, initially to provide hot meals for hungry people in the downtown eastside. As the need grew, so did Quest, which now provides to Tri-Cities, Burnaby, and Surrey.

Quest feeds over 5,000 people each month: hot sit-down meals for the Homeless in Downtown Eastside and the West End; food for women's shelters, youth street programs, neighbourhood houses, halfway houses, food banks, and children's day programs; food hampers for seniors, the disabled and persons who cannot leave their homes; and emergency food hampers for families and individuals referred by social service agencies.

VCC would like you to participate in this year's "Harvest for Hope" by bringing a non-perishable food to your department. Any department that has food to give can call Wayne McNiven at local 8434 CC before October 13, 2000. The food will be picked up from your department.

ing what NOT to say. Unnecessary information or comments may do more harm than good. Ideally, the client comes away with all the necessary information, feeling reassured and comforted and better equipped to take the next step.

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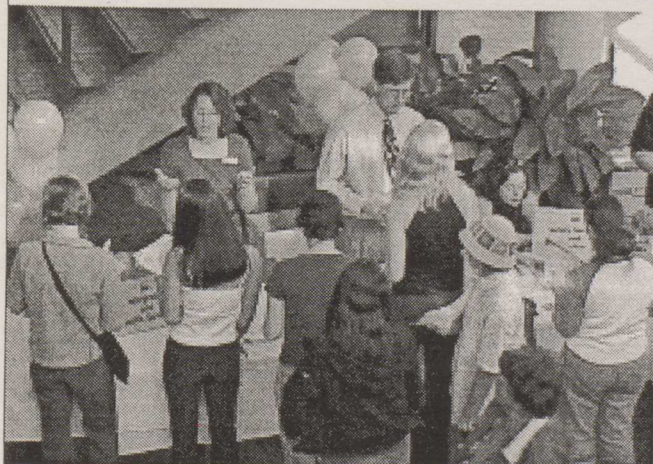
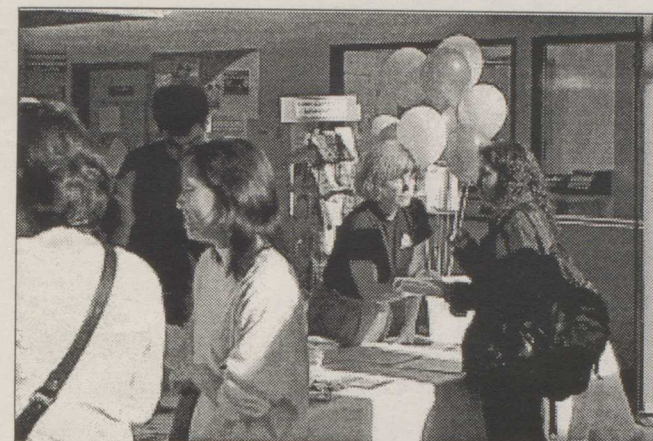
Therapeutic communication is essential in health care

Therapeutic communication involves sensitivity and tact. A health care worker should listen with a "third ear" in order to be able to receive the whole message. This suggests a certain degree of intuitiveness, and involves being sensitive and attuned to what is left unsaid; all the aspects of body language exhibited; as well as the volume and tone of voice used by the client. These all offer valuable clues, and when processed properly, enable a health

worker to receive the complete and accurate message. Tact is the ability to communicate in a pleasant and professional manner. This is very important in the health care profession where we often deal with difficult and delicate issues. Therapeutic communication involves being aware of the effect of the words we use; the way we phrase them; our body language; as well as the volume and tone of our voice. Equally important is know-

Images from recent events

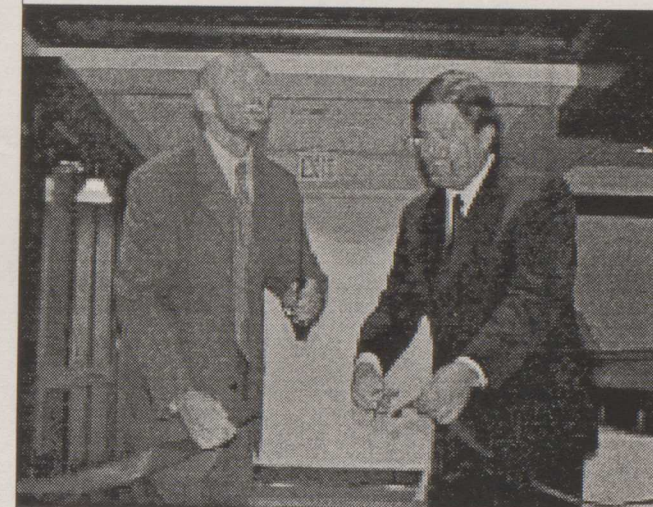
Student Services Day (at City Centre)



J.J.'s Official Opening



Top: James Hutton, Dave Donaldson and Harald Bonkowski
Bottom: Ian Smith and James Hutton cut the ribbon



Below: newlyweds Carol and Settimio Sicoli toast the new J.J.'s



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HOUSING



Sublet for Dec 2000 to May 2001 inclusive.

One bedroom apartment in the heart of Kitsilano. Covered veranda, utilities included. \$650 per month. Call Larry, local 7282.

Cottage for rent

Perfect for one person - small old cottage at the back of a residential lot near Joyce and Kingsway. Completely self contained, including alarm system. It is quite old, and not in pristine condition, but everything works and the rent is reasonable for the right, long term tenant. The tenants in the main house have the yard so there is no grass to cut or other yard maintenance to worry about. Available now, please call Peter at local 7293.

Whistler Accomodation

Sunday, Nov. 5, 2000- Sunday, Nov. 12, 2000

Seven nights accommodations at the five Star CLUB INTERA WEST BLACK-COMB 2 Bedroom / 2 Bath / sleeps 6 In-unit laundry facilities Gas fireplace / balcony / Cable / VCR Next to the Cha-teau Whistler ONLY \$150.00 per day w/ tax (Regularly \$381.00 +17%TAX) FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (604) 538-1349/871-7032

FOR SALE



1995 VW GTI VR6

Excellent condition 90K Full winter tire set New tires loaded. \$17,200 obo. Call Kris 465-6551.

Children's wear

"Please Mum" child's large size winter jacket, red, in good condition, \$30. Child's black winter pants, size 10, \$10. Leather Umbro soccer boots, size 4 1/2, good condition. \$15. Phone Leah, local 7107.

For early shoppers only: Oct 2-6



News

Imagine a week of book and gift bargains stationed outside the main doors of the City Centre Library from October 2-6! Back by popular demand, VCC Library has organized our annual book sale with "Books are Fun." The selection will include an array of titles including books on gardening and cookery as well as books and novelty items for children. There will also be an assortment of specialty gifts, May we suggest that it might not be too early to plan your holiday shopping at these very competitive prices?

And for everyone at KEC, although we have not been able to arrange a sale at your campus, you just might want to drop in to the book sale when you're visiting City Centre. Hope to see you in October!

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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

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