



# VCC Connections

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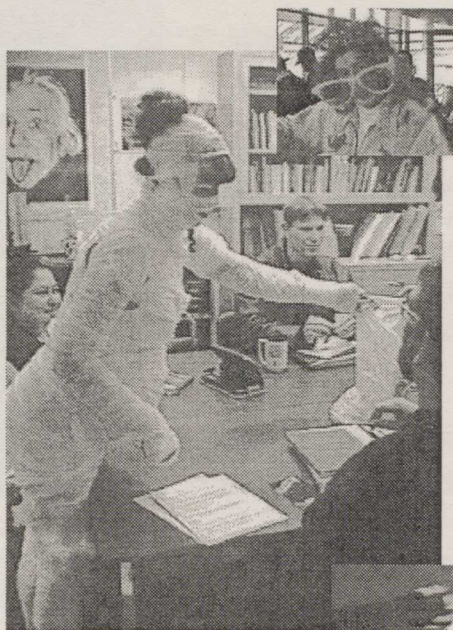
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## Halloween Hits and VCC'ers Have a Blast!



Faculty and staff celebrated Halloween by scaring each other, baking for each other and gave away treats. What an incredible participation. Once again, I have to say that we have the people with the most spirit. Way to go VCC! Who *was* that masked "grim reeper"? Hmmm....

And thank you to the kids from our daycare for entertaining us with their songs. I think they got the most treats. Hey, leave some for the adults next time okay? Just kidding.

More photos inside this issue...



## Buy-a-Book 2000 Campaign Reaches \$7,000

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the First Annual Buy-a-Book Campaign. You raised almost \$7,000! After matching through the Provincial Government's Equipment Matching Program the Library will have \$14,000 to purchase urgently-needed new materials.

Thanks, too, to all the people who worked so hard to make the Campaign such a success. It was truly a team effort that will benefit the entire College Community.



## Career Education Society Conference – November 8 and 9, 2000

VCC will have a booth at the Career Education Society Conference

Thurs., Nov. 8 & Fri., Nov. 9/00

Four Seasons Hotel, 791 West Georgia St., Vancouver

There are expecting over 400 delegates from all over B.C. Most of the people attending will be from high schools – (CAPP teachers, Work Experience Coordinators, Counsellors, Career Advisors) and everyone else who is interested in Youth & Career Planning.

We were there last year and feel it is a very worthwhile event to attend.

The delegates come to the booths during the breaks from the conference so it is not a busy fair but it would be great to have a few people there to help at the booth.

Please let me know if you or anyone from your department is available as quickly as possible.

The booth will be open from:

8:30 am - 3:30 pm Thurs., Nov. 8/00

8:30 am - 3:00 pm Fri., Nov. 9/00

Brenda Toporowski, Community Liaison

### Upcoming ICS Open Forums

Nov 22 (Wed) 12:00-1:00 PM Room 200, CC  
Dec 12 (Tue) 12:00-1:00 PM Room 5025, KEC

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

### Flex days – Reminder to all

Would people who are off on flex days please change your voicemail to indicate you're not in. That would be great!

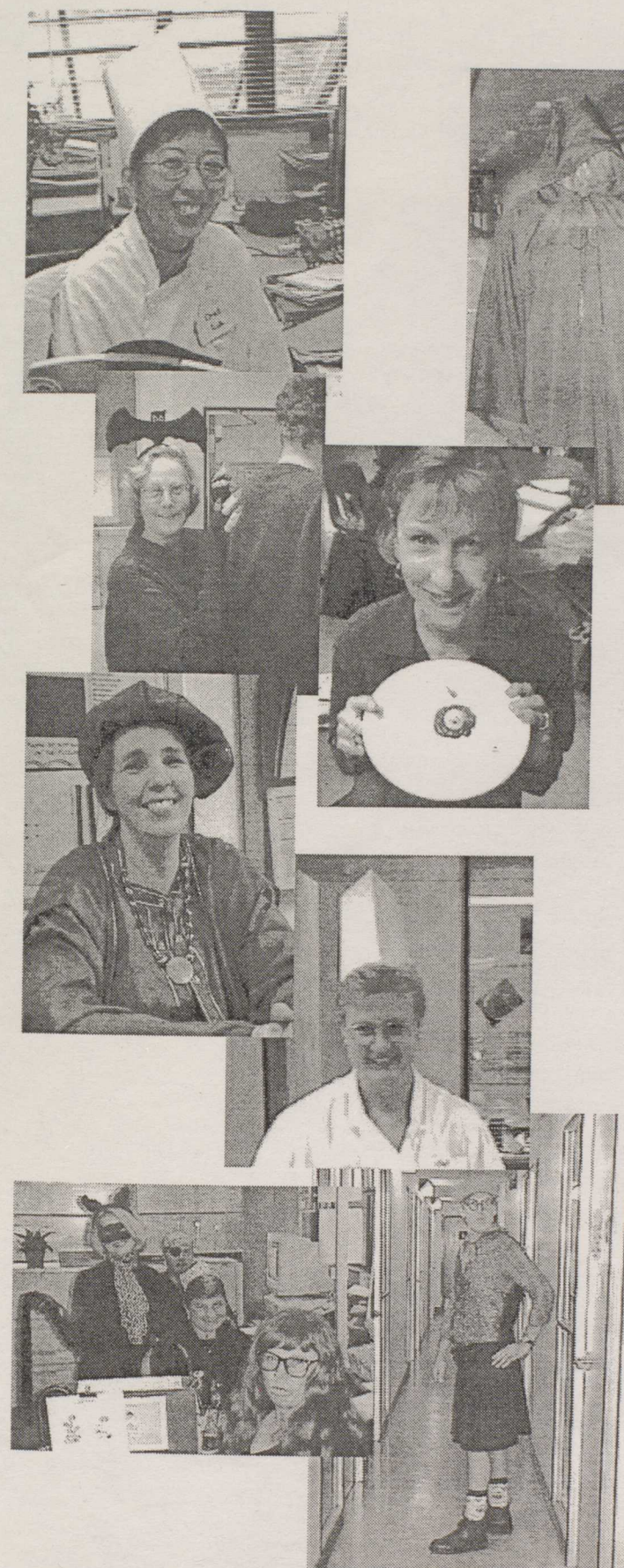
### Announcements

I am pleased to announce the following appointments in Academic & Developmental Programs.

**ESL Division:** Nina Kozakiewicz, Department Head, ESL-ELS and Richard Sim, Intermediate Coordinator, ESL-ELS.

**Library:** Irene King, Department Head, Information Services, KEC Library. *Congratulations to all!*

Moir Macleod, Dean of Academic & Developmental Programs



## Congratulations 50/50 Winner

Gyda Chud, of Continuing Education, was the surprised winner of the 50/50 draw held in October. Gyda won a lucky \$666.



If you are not already participating in this fun way to raise funds for entrance scholarships and have a chance at some extra cash, phone Rebecca at local 7148 to join the lottery.

### Summary of Board Meeting of October 26, 2000

The Board meeting was preceded by a meeting of the Board with the VCCFA. Such meetings of Board members with the different constituency groups will take place during the next few months. These meetings offer an opportunity for an introduction of the respective members and discussion of topics of interest to the constituency groups.

The Board approved the proposed agenda for the Board Retreat scheduled for November 24/25.

The Board discussed and endorsed the draft Code of Ethics. Some minor changes were made to the Human Rights Policy prior to Board approval. The President's Performance Assessment Policy was also approved.

As recommended by Education Council, the Board approved:

- Program Content Guide for ASL & Deaf Studies – pre-requisites
- "E-Learner" course (first course of the Collaborative On-line Project for E-Learners – COPE)
- Administrative Office Assistant Program – proposed changes to program
- Technical Writing Certificate Program
- Dental Reception pre-requisite change

Unless business arises which needs to be dealt with before January, there will not be a Board meeting in December. Board members will attend the Holiday Buffet at City Centre Campus on December 8th.

The next Board meeting will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 23, 2000 in the Boardroom at King Edward Campus.

## 2000 Board Meetings

Room 5025, KEC

- November 23
- December 14\*

\*December 14, subject to Board approval, and location to be announced.



## PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

- Published Thursdays
- Bi-weekly January-May and September-November
- Monthly June, July, August and December

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## Bake Sale

There will be a bake sale by the Native Centre in the cafeteria on Tuesday, November 21 at 11:30-12:30 p.m. Enjoy.



The VCC Sun Run marathon runners. Great turn-out. Great enthusiasm!

## classifieds

### FOR SALE



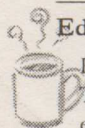
**Ladies One Piece Couloir Ski Suit:**  
Size 10 (fits 10-12). Mainly dark purple with dark blue and green accents. Very warm. Excellent condition. Paid \$450, selling for \$165 o.b.o. Call Carolyn at 871-7086 before 9pm or email cbrown@vcc.bc.ca

**Furniture, etc.** Country style coffee table, new - excellent condition. Queen size bed - 6 years old - very clean and in good condition. Decorative fig tree for indoors - excellent condition Call Elizabeth at 633-1443.

This is what you shall do: Love the earth and sun and the animals, despise riches, give alms to everyone that asks, stand up for the stupid and crazy, devote your income and labor to others, hate tyrants, argue not concerning God, have patience and indulgence toward the people, take off your hat to nothing known or unknown or to any man or number of men, go freely with powerful uneducated persons and with the young and with the mothers of

families, read these leaves in the open air every season of every year of your life, re-examine all you have been told at school or church or in any book, dismiss whatever insults your own soul, and your very flesh shall be a great poem and have the richest fluency not only in its words but in the silent lines of its lips and face and between the lashes of your eyes and in every motion and joint of your body.

*Walt Whitman*



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3. Groupwise text or file to Helen Babalis
4. text only on an IBM-formatted disk, with hardcopy attached

Your submissions are welcome. However, material may be edited for clarity and length. Deadline for submissions is the end of the week prior to publication.



### Manuel Salinas - A Man for all Seasons

*Many of you will remember Manuel Salinas with great fondness and admiration. He was a student at King Edward Campus in the Visually Impaired Program and in College and Career Access from February 1992 to December 1996. He served as President of KESA and was the first student representative on the College Board. Manuel passed away at the age of 50 on October 16, 2000. We are grateful to Aphrodite Harris and Amanda Palacios who have prepared the following tribute to Manuel.*

Manuel Salinas was trained as an engineer at the most prestigious technical university in Chile. He left his homeland after the military coup in Chile that occurred in 1973.

People in the library came to know Manuel as a mature VCC student. Due to an industrial accident that affected his vision, he came to VCC to gain the necessary skills to reintegrate into the workforce.

Manuel Salinas was dear to the library for many reasons. We knew him as a student seeking materials for his assignments as well as in his capacity as a community worker and KESA member. In each encounter in the library, Manuel radiated enthusiasm, optimism and a true and deep caring for all human beings. Indeed, after talking with Manuel for a few moments, we found his commitment to humanity to be absolutely contagious.

Manuel inspired people to view the world as a place of solidarity and happiness. The phrase that his friends identified with him and that was framed at his recent memorial stated:

*Haciendo de la vida un placer*  
(I am trying to make life a joy).

He used this phrase whenever he was asked how he was and what he was doing. And as we review his incredible life, we realize he exemplified that joy, and commitment, in spades.

In 1994, when Manuel heard of the plight of students who could not afford textbooks, he strongly lobbied other members of KESA to support initiatives that would increase student access to needed textbooks. Later that year as VCC found itself dealing with separation from Langara, Manuel worked tirelessly to promote and support the viability of VCC.



Manuel always envisioned a community centre for members of the Latin American community in Vancouver. Without funds or the power to realize a new centre, Manuel did not despair. He actively lobbied the Catholic Church which eventually allowed the use of some modest space on 12th Avenue for Latin American - Canadians who would now have a place to meet for discussion, education and recreational activities. With very few resources, but under Manuel's leadership and with other volunteers, families attending the centre received support and referrals to needed community services.

Manuel was active in many other areas in the community. Despite failing eyesight and limited mobility, he worked tirelessly. He was very involved both nationally and provincially with the disabled community. He was a passionate advocate for opportunities for the disabled, especially among his fellow students. He was a strong source of encouragement for women struggling for a voice, recognition and job skills. He was a mentor and source of information for the elderly and for youth.

One of the most wonderful qualities a human being can have is to listen to the concerns of others in a mindful and compassionate way. No one who had contact with Manuel was ever turned away because Manuel had the capacity to listen with both his heart and his head. As a result of these encounters, individuals would gain a tremendous sense of pride and dignity.

Manuel, you left us too soon. You will be missed by your family as a devoted father and grandfather. You will be missed by the rest of us as a source of inspiration and hope. Thank you for crossing the doors of Vancouver Community College.

November 8, 2000