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Christmas in January at VCC

Thanks to a joint project between VCC and the BC Restaurant and Foodservices Association (Greater Vancouver) (BCRFA), Christmas cheer was shared with 575 people on the weekend of January 13 and 14.

On Saturday, 300 residents of the downtown Eastside were treated to a hot turkey meal in the VCC City Centre Campus cafeteria. On Sunday, 275 Mount Pleasant neighbours were served meals at the King Edward Campus location. "Local aid organizations have told us that January is a very lean month for lower income families," says Dave Donaldson, Associate Dean of Tourism, Hospitality and Business. VCC staff and faculty came out in large numbers to volunteer their time. Some served food while others busied tables and served coffee.

Vancouver Community College would like to thank Bing Smith of the BCRFA who arranged the donation of all of the food that made these festive afternoons possible. Mr. Smith was also present at both lunches helping to serve the food.

Our generous suppliers were:

Lilydale - Turkeys

Venice Bakery - Buns and bread

Vitality - Beverages

Konings Wholesale - Vegetables and dry goods

VCC hopes to continue this tradition next year.



An Invitation to VCC employees

You are invited to attend a farewell reception for Mary Hoekstra on **Wednesday, February 7, 2001**, at King Edward Campus, from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. in the Employee Lounge, Cafeteria Level.

We hope you can join us to wish Mary well as she begins a new phase in her career.

Prestigious awards are now accepting nominations

Women of Distinction Awards

The YWCA of Vancouver *Women of Distinction Awards Program* "encourages and recognizes women whose outstanding activities and achievements contribute to the health and future of our community".

There are many Women of Distinction among the faculty, staff and students at VCC. Take a moment to look around at your many extraordinary colleagues and students and consider nominating someone for this prestigious award. Nominees can be nominated for one of ten categories including: Education, Training and Development. Nominees and recipients of the awards will be honoured at the Reception and Gala Dinner being held on May 17.

Nominations can be made by completing a nomination package **no later than 5:00pm Thursday, March 1 2001**.

For more information or to download a nomination form, please visit the YWCA website: www.ywcavan.org. Some staff will also be receiving a nomination form in the mail soon.

The Courage to Come Back Awards

Sponsored by the Coast Foundation Society, *The Courage to Come Back Awards* honours local British Columbia heroes who have shown exceptional courage in overcoming adversity and illness in the following categories:

- Mental Health
- Physical Rehabilitation
- General Medicine
- Chemical Dependency
- Economic Adversity
- Youth Award (under the age of 18)

The Awards Dinner will be held on May 3 with co-hosts Pamela Martin and Silken Laumann. BCTV will tell the six recipients' life stories in a special series. For more information on the award and how to nominate someone, visit the Coast Foundation Society website at www.worksafebc.com. Nominations must be completed by **February 19, 2001**.

Earn your MEd by Distance Delivery

The Graduate Division of Educational Research in the Faculty of Education at the University of Calgary is offering a Master of Education by Distance Delivery in four specialization areas.

The program is designed for working professionals in schools, communities, post-secondary educational institutions, government and health care organizations.

If you are interested in obtaining further information, please contact Carol Sicoli, Human Resources Projects Coordinator at local 7011 for a brochure.

Justice Institute Credit Course Entitled:

"Asserting Yourself in Conflict Situations"

Human Resources is pleased to be able to have the Justice Institute provide this two-day course which is required for and credited toward the Justice Institute's Certificate in Conflict Resolution. The instructor is Mario Govorchin. There are no prerequisites for this course.

Whether you are negotiating an important issue, expressing your thoughts and feelings in a conflict or standing firm under pressure, the ability to assert yourself is crucial to being able to reach outcomes that work for you. When in conflict situations, it can be especially difficult to maintain an assertive stance rather than overreacting or selling yourself short. This course will address assertiveness in a variety of challenging situations and will give participants opportunities to practise improving and maintaining an assertive style under pressure.

We recommend this for all instructional and support supervisory staff and employees who deal directly with the public.

The class is limited to 20 participants, and it will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 27 and Friday, May 11, 2001 in Room 5025 at KEC. This is a very expensive course and we wish to fill every seat. Seats will be allocated to respondents who are able to attend both days.

Please register no later than Friday, March 23, 2001. If you must cancel, please immediately contact Carol Sicoli at local 7011 or Parviz Lalji at 8312.

Vancouver Sun Run

Sunday, April 22 - 9:00 a.m.

Calling all walkers, runners and wheelchair participants to form a VCC Team for the upcoming Vancouver Sun Run.

Minimum of 10 participants required to form a team. Once a team is formed we will need to:

1. Identify a team captain
2. Select a team name
3. Register

Registration (teams):

Early Bird (Feb 16) \$30/person
Final (March 16) \$35/person

(Please note: these corporate rates are non-refundable. There is a Vancouver Sun subscriber discount of \$2.)

Human Resources will be setting aside some funding to promote this team event. If you register prior to February 16th, your input into the best use of this funding will be requested. Your entry fee includes a 100% cotton souvenir T-shirt with VCC logo.

The Sun Run supports B.C.'s amateur athletes and The Vancouver Sun Raise-A-Reader campaign.

VCC Walking Groups (Sunday/Wednesday)

To help train for the upcoming Sun Run, we have a group who have been meeting on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. at various Lower Mainland locations. Through the winter months, the group has been meeting at the Vancouver Planetarium.

Also, we would like to re-start the Wednesday evening group walk at 5:00 p.m. if there is sufficient interest.

This is an opportunity to:

1. share a walk with co-workers
2. enjoy some friendly conversation
3. meet new people
4. enjoy the great outdoors
5. experience a holistic approach to walking and wellness

If you're interested in joining VCC's Sun Run team, please contact Carol Sicoli at local 7011 **no later than February 9, 2001**.

Live National Video Conference

"Making the Most of Teaching, Learning, and Technology in Higher Education: Connected Education, Collaborative Changes, and Compassionate Pioneers"

Brought to you by the Virginia Tidewater Consortium for Higher Education, this video conference will take place on Friday, March 30, 2001 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. EST and will feature Steve Gilbert and Steve Ehrmann of the TLT Group and Randy Bass of Georgetown University.

If you are interested in participating in this video conference, please contact Carol Sicoli, Human Resources Projects Coordinator at local 7011 **no later than Friday, February 2, 2001**.

VCC Board Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, Feb 20
KEC Room 5025 5:30pm

Thursday, March 22
CC Room 240 5:30pm

Financial Aid IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

T.A.B. (Training Assistance Benefits)

TAB applications (EAs) will be accepted from **February 5 - 9 ONLY** for Summer Term.

NEW! On February 5, there will be a tab drop box outside Financial Aid, K.E.C. At 8:00 a.m., students will have the option to drop off completed EAs or hand in EAs at the counter from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

A.B.E.S.A.P. (Adult Basic Education Student Assistance Program)

Summer Term, Mar-Aug 2001

A.B.E.S.A.P. applications will be accepted for a six-week period February 19 - March 30, 2001

A.B.E.S.A.P. applications will be available for students to pick up on February 1, 2001. The first day that Financial Aid will be accepting ABESAP applications is Feb 19.

Bursary Applications for Spring Term 2001 (January to April) Students

The Financial Aid Department will be accepting Bursary applications from students enrolled in the Spring 2001 term commencing March 1, 2001 up until the end of term.

Students who are in Programs which are Student Loan and Grant eligible may apply for Bursaries when they are more than half way through their program and they have received their entire student loan and grant monies.

Dana Fister, Financial Aid Dept.

New appointments

Cheryl Draper,
Department Head, ESL-CPE

Re-appointments

David Duke,
Department Head, Music
Peter Ballin,
Department Head, Science
Vincent Chauvet,
Department Head, ASL & Deaf
Studies
Congratulations to all!
Moir Macleod
Dean of Academic & Developmental
Programs

Upcoming Conference

The Washington Center for Improving the Quality of Undergraduate Education will be hosting its 14th annual conference on **February 23-24, 2001** in Seattle.

The conference is entitled *Enriched Learning for All: Teaching and Organizing for Access and Excellence*, and will address how to improve access to higher education and how to encourage significant student learning.

For more information, visit the website at: www.evergreen.edu/user/washcntr/index.asp

Call for Presentations

The Call for Presentations for the 31st Annual Conference of the International Society for Exploring Teaching Alternatives (ISETA) is now available at: www.iseta.org.

ISETA encourages faculty and practitioners to apply the principles of teaching, learning and assessment of learning in innovative ways to develop effective alternatives to the traditional text-lecture-test approach to instruction. The conference will

be held on **October 18-20, 2001** in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Library Jobtalks A Real Success!

Have you ever wondered about the various aspects of one of your co-worker's jobs but were too embarrassed to ask? Have you ever noticed the volume of output in jobs done in your department, but just didn't know what all the specific functions of the jobs were?

Over the last few years, VCC Library has grown, and staff and librarians have seen many changes occur as a result of separation from Langara, changes in library technology and integration. Our Library Staff Development Committee decided to initiate a Jobtalks series to make it easier for all support staff and librarians to find out what goes on in different parts of our library system so as to gain a better appreciation of the work done by every member of the library team.

The professionalism and thorough preparation of the presenters has excellent. Members from all library departments have made presentations that skillfully explain the nature of their work. The Jobtalks series began last March and sessions will continue in the future due to their popularity.

We have had opportunities to learn how intricate the system is of finding materials throughout the province and beyond through our Interlibrary Loan system. We have looked at all aspects of finding and ordering media items, whether for purchase or borrowed from a far-flung library to meet an upcoming teaching deadline. We have learned about the challenges of dealing with magazine jobbers and the federal government as we are a semi-deposi-

tory library for government publications.

At one of the Jobtalks, our College Librarian discussed her role and responsibilities. Our Circulation Head and Technical Services Coordinator spoke about the significant aspects of their positions. We have learned from one of the Reference Assistants in Information Services about the important work done with the public and behind the scenes by reference assistants. One of the Jobtalks featured an explanation of the complexities of collection development and selecting the materials that appear on library shelves. Recently, we had a very comprehensive cataloguing Jobtalk which covered the cataloguing process including the ever important standards and sources for cataloguing records.

Many people from all library departments have volunteered to work on the Jobtalks series and to be presenters. With such positive feedback, we are planning more sessions for this year. Those who have been on vacation want sessions repeated and many want presentations with additional specialized information.

We are really proud of the success of Jobtalks and are enjoying the benefits of the series. This initiative enlightens all of us on the work done in our areas as well as on the interdependence that exists in our cross-campus environment. It helps us solve our own issues and develop potential career paths.

We look forward to the continuation of the series both for the information gained and for the chance to enhance our working together for the same goals as a valued, necessary, and appreciated part of the whole.

If you have any questions about this successful series, please contact Sandra Jones at the City Centre Library at local 8348.

OPEN HOUSE Program for Visually Impaired Adults

The Program for Visually Impaired Adults is pleased to invite classes of students or individuals from our college community to an Open House on **February 5, 2001** between 12:30 and 3:00 p.m.

This is the first day of **White Cane Week** and we want to provide an opportunity for the members of our college community to learn about the adaptive technology blind people use to access the computer and magnify print. We will also be demonstrating braille and will answer questions about guide dogs and puppies in training. Students will be mounting a display in the cafeteria from 11:30 to 2:30 on February 5.

If any instructor would like to have one of our students visit a class during the week of February 5 to 9, please contact Betty Nobel at local 7339. Topics could include: guide dogs and how they work, interacting and helping blind people, the history and use of braille, etc. We also have a copy of a video about the life and work of Louis Braille, and the library has some very good resources on blindness.

Please join us at our open house and learn about what we do.

Betty Nobel

Thank you!

Many thanks to all of the VCC employees who donated gifts or money to **McGregor Childcare Centre** this past Christmas. Your generosity enabled us to:

- prepare gift bags for 15 families.
- promote literacy for children by sending a book home with every child.
- provide tricycles and riding toys

for outdoor play.

A special thank you to:

- **Karen Kelly**, who initiated the pilot project.
- the **Technical Trades Committee** who not only showed their kindness but issued a challenge to encourage future donations.
- the staff in the **Receiving department** who provided a distribution point for the gifts.

The families and staff at McGregor Childcare

B.C. Festival of the Arts

The 18th B.C. Festival of the Arts is taking place in Fort St. John from May 29 - June 3, 2001. The festival showcases up to 800 emerging artists from all mediums and is hosted by a different community each year.

The Festival is now accepting Calls for Entry in the following categories: Theatre Arts, Visual Arts, Literary Arts, Storytelling, Songwriting and Media Arts.

Several copies of the Call for Entry are available in Marketing & Communications, Rm 5045B KEC.

Upcoming ICS Open Forums

Feb 13 (Tues) 12:00-1:00
Room 5043 KEC

Feb 14 (Wed) 12:00-1:00
Room 107 CC

- * Come and see what's happening
- * 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...

For a complete schedule of ICS Open Forums in 2001, look into **J:Common\ICS Open Forum Schedule 2001.xls**.

Summary of Minutes

VCC Operations Council

Chair: Mary Hoekstra
January 16, 2001
KEC, Room 5025

1. Acting Chair/Interim Structure of the Finance and College Services Division

As Mary Hoekstra has resigned from her position of Vice President of Finance and College Services effective February 9, 2001, Trish Pekeles has been appointed as Acting Vice President, Finance and Administration. Trish will chair Operations Council in an acting capacity until such time a new Vice President is appointed.

Currently, the Finance and College Services Division encompasses the areas of Human Resources; Financial Services; Institutional Research and Strategic Planning; Ventures and International Enterprises; Information and Computing Services; and Facilities Services. In the interim, Facilities Services and Ventures and International Enterprises will report directly to the President, with the remaining departments reporting to the Acting Vice President.

2. Occupational Health and Safety Survey Results

The Occupational Health and Safety Committee Survey results for 2000 was distributed and briefly reviewed. The survey outlined the general perception of past and present committee members on how the College's two safety committees have been functioning and outlined goals and objectives on which the groups will focus in 2001.

3. Guidelines for Commercial and Privately Funded Activities

As the guidelines are still under development, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

4. Draft #3 - Smoke Free Policy/ Implementation Plan

The Smoke Free Policy was approved and information was received on the implementation phase of designating specific smoking areas in the College.

5. Marketing Update - Visibility, Marketing and Fundraising

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

6. Budget 2001/2002 Update and Program Profile (Academic Schedule Process)

The VCC Training Plan and Budget Process Schematic for 2001/2002 was reviewed.

Draft #1 of the Budget will be distributed to all budget managers by the end of next week for comments. The Finance and Administration of the Board will receive information on 3rd quarter results at their meeting of January 17, 2001. At this point, several factors will determine if an UNNI process will be undertaken for the 2001/2002 fiscal year, as there is a possibility that the College will end the new fiscal year with a small deficit.

A draft of the program profile has been submitted to the Ministry and ITAC. The Ministry profile meeting took place in November and a similar meeting is scheduled with ITAC officials on January 31st.

7. Welcome to a New Member

Sueling Chang, the College's new Registrar, was welcomed as a participating member.

Curriculum Committee

Meeting Schedule 2001

All meetings held on Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.

January 16	KEC Rm 5043 (After Operations Council)
February 20	CC Rm 200
March 20	KEC Rm 5025
April 17	CC Rm 200
May 15	KEC Rm 5043
June 19	CC Room 200
July 17	KEC Rm 5043
August 21	CC Rm 200
September 18	KEC Rm 5025
October 16	CC Rm 200
November 20	KEC Rm 5025
December 11	KEC Rm 5043 (After Operations Council)

Summary of Minutes of the Education Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 9, 2001
KEC Room 5025 at 3:30 p.m.

01. Education Council Chair Report

Mary Dean has resigned from Education Council

The Chair will be reporting to the Council of Education Council Chairs (CoEdCo) regarding concerns about the proposed performance measures from the Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology.

The up-coming Education Council elections in March will be promoted through Connections and to students in a handout distributed to classrooms.

02. Draft College and Education Service Review Policy

Further consultation will be taking place throughout the areas impacted by the draft Service Review Policy.

The Policy will then be brought back in February for discussion at Education Council.

03. Applied Business Technology Core Program

The ABTC Program has been returned to the Curriculum Committee for further review.

04. Draft Appeal to Education Council on Academic Matters Policy

This Policy has been introduced at Education Council, and will be brought forward to the February Council meeting for discussion and/or approval.

Finance & Administration Committee

Public Meeting Schedule 2001

Meetings alternate between Room 200 (City Centre Campus) and Room 5025 (King Edward Campus)

They are normally held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, with a few exceptions, beginning at 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

January 17	Room 5025
February 13	Room 200
March 14	Room 5025
(Wednesday)	
April 17	Room 200
May 15	Room 5025
June 19	Room 200
July 17	Room 5025
August 14	Room 200
September 18	Room 5025
October 16	Room 200
November 13	Room 200
December -	to be determined

Reflections of a Medical Transcriptionist Grad

I was a CUPE worker - a Clerk Typist, unsatisfied with my job and my life. A close friend urged me to look into the medical field as a way of giving a boost to my career. I found myself enrolling in a Health Sciences Program for medical transcriptionists at Vancouver Community College. I loved to type but thought that I would probably back out of this, too. I didn't. I quit my job and looked forward to the coming year as a huge stepping stone and a door of opportunity opening in my life.

The courses involved in the Medical Transcriptionist Program helped me to become aware of my surroundings, aware of where I wanted to go and most importantly "more" aware of myself. Our instructors invited us to share our thoughts and feelings, not only in classroom time but also in our written work, which we handed in to be marked. Each instructor encouraged, coaxed and expected nothing but the best from us. The workload was fast and fierce, especially for myself, as I had been out of school for over 20 years. But I persevered and got on with it. We role-played, we interviewed each other, and we tested each other. It was a whirlwind of schoolwork, socializing and making new friends. The weeks and months of exams, typing tests, and meeting deadlines flew by. Our practicum was days away. Were we ready? Had we studied enough? Was our typing speed fast enough? Did we have our wardrobe picked out? All these things to get ready for! Nervous and with anxious feelings we waited while we were placed

into the work world. One by one we received our practicum placements. So, off we went putting our newly acquired skills to the test. What a wonderful experience it was for me. I was able to use most of the skills I had been taught every day. I was at Burnaby Hospital giving it my all, enjoying the work and the people I was working with. Nuclear Medicine is where I was for my job experience, and Nuclear Medicine is where I have stayed.

At the end of my practicum, a part-time position was offered to me and I accepted it. Working at Burnaby Hospital has given me a greater understanding of my friends and renewed faith in myself. I have learned to be more patient and sympathetic in my life. I owe all this to my instructors and Vancouver Community College for, without this program, I would not have ventured onto this new path in my life. I enjoy working every day and look forward to the new challenges that I will meet.

I wish to thank Susan Lesko, Susan Fielden, and Irene Lacoursiere for helping me find my new self and, especially, for believing in me.

Barbara Ubels
Medical Transcriptionist
(Year 2000 Grad)

FOUR CORNERS RESTAURANT

RE-OPENING: JAN 30!

Support the Hospitality Management Students by visiting Four Corners for lunch at City Centre campus.
Open: 11:30 - 12:45 Tues - Friday.
For reservations, please call: 443-8352.

Teaching Excellence Essays

We have received the first four issues of the *Teaching Excellence* essays prepared for the 2000-2001 academic year. The titles are:

Classroom Assessment: Guidelines for Success

ANGELO, THOMAS A., The School for New Learning, DePaul University

Teaching with Hospitality
BENNETT, JOHN B., Quinnipiac College

Academic Service-Learning: Myths, Challenges, and Recommendations
HOWARD, JEFFREY, University of Michigan

Teaching in Action: Multicultural Education as the Highest Form of Understanding
STANLEY, CHRISTINE A., Texas A & M University

If you would like to have copies of any of the above essays, please contact Della Glendenning at 871-7016, or e-mail: dglendenning@vcc.bc.ca.

Earthquake Relief Needed in El Salvador

On Saturday, January 13, 2001, El Salvador was struck by a 7.6 earthquake. Landslides and mudslides destroyed entire communities.

The **Hispanic Catholic Mission Earthquake Relief Committee** is gratefully accepting donations through:
the Bank of Montreal
(Acct #8086-843).

For more information or to offer a donation, please call 872-5774.

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classifieds

PETS



Wanted: A caring sitter for our big, beautiful cat. Mano, the lap cat, lives inside and needs care for 10 days in February. Please call Jodi at 7297 or Lorraine at 7491 if you can help out.



PIANO LESSONS

Are you interested in learning piano with a talented/enthusiastic/resourceful instructor? I am taking piano lessons and would like to be able to play informally with other adult students. Beginners are welcome. For more info contact Donna Barreca at 7207.

FOR SALE

SUPERB HARBOUR VIEW. Three-bedroom townhouse in well-built ten unit complex. 2 ½ baths. Family room. Fireplace. 1725 sq. ft. Gibsons. Asking 129,900. Offers! Inquiries: Laurella: 604-886-2277 or 886-9683.

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Call Laurette 443-8496

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Thank you,
Elizabeth Thomson

Please submit your articles via email to:
ethomson@vcc.bc.ca

(Material may be edited for clarity and length.)