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Homefront Learning Volunteers Helping Vancouver Residents since 1979

For more than 20 years, Vancouver residents have benefited from free English as a Second Language tutoring through Vancouver Community College's Homefront Learning Program.

Since 1979, over 2000 volunteers have helped newcomers to Canada learn English. The focus is on helping people who are unable to attend regular ESL classes for cultural, physical, or personal reasons, and the weekly sessions usually take place in a student's home. The program was developed by Rosemary Meyer, Division Chair of ESL, who believed that VCC should reach out to the community and help as many ESL students as possible, whether they are able to attend classes or not. Homefront Learning offers free training and ongoing support to its volunteers. Tutors receive a regular newsletter with tips and information on ESL. Workshops are organized, and a resource library of books and teaching materials is available to them.

Elaine Graham has been a volunteer tutor with Homefront Learning for more than 10 years. Elaine moved from England to Vancouver in 1964 and was struck by how different everyday events and customs seemed in Canada. Her Canadian neighbours helped ease her sense of alienation, and she was motivated to show the same kindness to other new residents of Vancouver. Elaine has only had two students during the past decade and enjoys the bond that develops over time. Elaine's primary student is a retired, widowed woman from Iran who had little opportunity to practice her English before she met Elaine. Her family and friends always spoke to her in her mother tongue.

The volunteers do more than help students learn English. They become a friend and often a confidant and serve as a vital link to a new community and society. "My student had always been interested in art," says Elaine. "So when her husband died, I encouraged her to take up watercolour painting classes." When asked what surprises her the most about her tutoring experience, Elaine said, "You start out thinking that you are teaching someone else, but you end up learning just as much." It becomes an equal exchange of knowledge about language and culture. With more than 600 hours of tutoring under her belt, Elaine doesn't plan to stop anytime soon.

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Helen McDonald has been volunteering her time since 1991. Helen's students have consistently been young mothers trying to find their place in Canadian society. As many Vancouver residents know, it can be a very jarring experience to lose your support network and move to a foreign country. Improving their English skills helps new Canadians regain a sense of control and feel more at ease with their new surroundings. Helen's first student was a timid, young woman from India. Helen is proud to say that during their four years together, the student broke out of her shell, obtained her driver's license and became a Canadian citizen. Helen is always struck by how curious students are about Vancouver and Canada. "They notice things that I take for granted," says Helen. "I have learned so much about Vancouver and my own culture through tutoring."

The Burnaby program was launched in 1998, and Chandru Sajani was one of its first tutors. Like many of Homefront's volunteers, Chandru was an immigrant himself. He came to Canada as a student in 1973 and has never forgotten the kindness that people showed him. Tutoring is a way for him to give back to the society that welcomed him so completely. Chandru had already been tutoring for 10 years when the Homefront opportunity presented itself. Chandru uses traditional teachings materials but also employs books about BC, Vancouver and Canada. "Try to help your students and don't expect anything in return," says Chandru. He is quick to add, however, that he has been rewarded over and over again through his tutoring experience.

Homefront Learning hosted a special evening of appreciation for its volunteers on May 29th at JJ's Dining Room at VCC's City Centre campus. Extra effort was put into this year's event in honour of the International Year of the Volunteer. Approximately 80 volunteers attended the event during which longstanding volunteers were honoured and presented with small gifts of appreciation. The food, music and festivities were enjoyed by all!



June Dragman
Helen McDonald
Myrna Rabinovitz

Myrna Rabinovitz
Elaine Graham



ACCC Conference 2001

Submitted by Sue Devison,
Advisor
Counselling Dept, KEC

The Association of Canadian Community Colleges' (ACCC) Annual Conference was held in Windsor, Ontario, May 27-29. Hosted by St. Claire College, the three days were full with morning keynote speakers, seminars and workshops, Awards of Excellence, and the AGM, before winding down with a wonderful banquet at the Cleary International Centre on the beautiful Detroit River waterfront.

The ACCC is a voluntary membership organization created in 1972 to represent colleges and institutes to government, business, and industry both in Canada and internationally. ACCC is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of regional representatives of the five college constituent groups – students, community board members, administrators, faculty, and support staff.

Hosting over 700 delegates, and representing more than 175 colleges, technical institutes, university colleges and cégeps with over 900 campuses across Canada, this year's conference theme was Accountability and Mobility: Path To the Future. The official opening of the conference was led by a State of the Nation Address presented by Sheldon Ehrenworth, founder of the Collegium of Work and Learning, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of publicly funded education in Canada with a particular emphasis on the school to work transition. Mr. Ehrenworth provided a provocative retrospective on his experience and impressions of the state of publicly funded edu-

cation in Canada, placing an emphasis on the college community. He discussed the role that private sector and governments can play in the delivery of post-secondary education and training. He also examined: the politics of primary, secondary and post-secondary education; public policy; education and federal/provincial jurisdiction; public attitudes to a liberal arts versus an applied education; university versus college; private sector commitment and support for post-secondary institutions; and implications of the above for Canadian colleges and institutes. Mr. Ehrenworth is well versed and outspoken. It was a delight to hear his presentation. He left us with a reminder that it is not the silent majority that bring about change, it is the vocal minority.

Other keynote addresses throughout the conference were on the subjects of Aboriginal Human Resources, Students and Leadership, Addressing the Skills Gap, and Global Success in the Internet Age.

The first workshop I attended was a staff networking session on improving customer service through increased staff creativity and teamwork. We were encouraged to have fun at work, deal with stress and change, be accountable for our attitude, and explore stimulating ways to create a more worker friendly environment. The staff at the Pike Place Fish Market, in Seattle created a great video about staff and customer relationships. This video was a good example of how staff can bring enjoyment to the workplace by having fun while still being there for the customer and adding a positive note to their day as well. The Pike Place staff's key phrase was, "Choose your attitude."

Of the fifty (yes, fifty!) workshops/seminars to choose from over the course of the conference a couple stand out. One of these was,

"Putting People First," presented by a panel of five personnel from Georgian College in Barrie, Ontario, to discuss how the College made it to the list of "100 Best Employers in Canada." They also discussed why it matters, and how they intend to stay there. Some of the reasons the panel gave for such a high level of staff satisfaction included: support for continuous learning and skills development, flexible work options, and encouragement (through fee reimbursement) for staff to join associations. Other important reasons cited include: a comprehensive Wellness Program, an inclusive decision making process, an on-going and consistent collective agreement process, and dealing with concerns and issues from day one-making the parties a part of the process.

Another outstanding session was given by our own Robert (Bob) Aitken, Curriculum Consultant, Program Development and Staff Training Department. Bob's seminar, "Teaching and Learning with the Brain in Mind," demonstrates practical methods of teaching content in a mindful way that significantly increases students' understanding of concepts. More than 90 people attended Bob's lively, attention-getting (and, at points, nail-biting) presentation. It was one of those sessions that re-inspire you to want to make teaching and learning exciting.

The conference wrapped up with the Annual General Meeting followed by the Closing Banquet and Awards Ceremony, which showcased the extraordinary contribution of individuals to their college/institute communities.

At the ACCC AGM, Dale Dorn was re-elected to the Board of Directors for another term. Congratulations Dale!

Paper Recycling at VCC

You can now use your paper-recycling bin for almost all paper and cardboard products! The only paper products not recyclable are food wrappers, carbon paper, tissue and paper towels. A complete list of acceptable and non-acceptable paper types is available from my office and many are posted around the College. Recycling containers are also in all classrooms, computer labs and meeting rooms to allow students and employees a greater opportunity to participate in the program.

It is hoped that the expanded program will dramatically increase the amount of paper that gets recycled and reduce the waste we send to the landfill. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Larry Waddell,
Director of Facilities.

Commuter Challenge Wed, June 6, 2001

Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's Commuter Challenge on June 6th. Did you see a somewhat damp President arriving on foot? He did - he "went the extra mile" and walked the (approximately) 10 km distance in the rain. Congratulations to all those who did likewise.

Overall this year's participation was poor. This apparently has been the case at other Lower Mainland institutions and organizations, largely because of the transit strike. Douglas reported 82 participants who used an alternative mode of transportation for the Commuter Challenge. We expect to receive Langara's results shortly.

Noteworthy results are reported below and we recognize the extra effort made by these departments:

- Student Services had the best reporting results, with all the larger departments reporting. They went green with a 61% rate.
- Culinary Arts was the only department with a 100% go green rate
- Continuing Care and Allied Health had the highest percentage of cars left at home for the event, with 7 typical SOV drivers reporting mode of transportation shift for June 6th. This gave them a 79% go green rate.
- ICS is recognized for its good rate of 75% go green rate of sustainable transportation.
- College Administration also left several cars at home to achieve a 58% rate.

Thanks to the Department Heads for organizing the compilation of the results. Unfortunately, some summary reports came in late and so were not included in the final results.

The chart below outlines the overall VCC results:

Final results of VCC Commuter Challenge 2001

Number participating - 251 employees

Mode of Transportation	Number of People		Increase # of people
	Typical	June 6	
Walk / Run / Rollerblade/etc.	37	43	+6
Public Transit	83	48	-35
Carpool / Vanpool	52	75	+23
Telework	0	0	0
Cycle	23	21	-2
Drive alone (SOV)	89	84	-5
# green typical	162 (64.5%)		
# green June 6	167 (66.5%)		

VCC/UBC workshop Classroom Management

The workshop was a resounding success, with very positive outcomes. The college will get this investment back ten fold. With instructors who now have a different perspective on how to manage their classrooms, and the practical tools to do this.

I would recommend that the college increase the frequency of this course to ensure that all instructors have the opportunity to attend. Especially instructors who have not attended any training in some time, or since their ID program which in some cases is 10 years ago.

This long term investment in training will enhance the College's image.

John Hamilton
Dept Head, Graphic Communications and Production Technology

PROTEC Dental Laboratories Establishes Scholarship

At the Spring Award Ceremonies held 25 May 2001 Neal Russell, President of PROTEC Dental Laboratories Ltd., presented the first PROTEC DENTAL LABORATORIES SCHOLARSHIP to Darryl Kubb.

PROTEC donated the first scholarship in full, and has donated a further \$10,000 (eligible for matching through the Provincial Endowment Matching Program) to provide an annual scholarship of \$1,000 in perpetuity to the overall most outstanding graduating student in Dental Technology. Furthermore, PROTEC has provided a plaque to be engraved with the name of each recipient and displayed in the Dental Laboratory Technician Department.

Established in 1973, PROTEC Dental Laboratories Ltd. has grown to become one of Canada's leading full-service dental laboratories, employing over 90 staff.



Call For Presentations

ACCC 2002 Annual Conference

May 26-28, 2002 St. John's Newfoundland

The 2002 Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC) Conference will be held in St. John's, Newfoundland, hosted by the College of the North Atlantic and the Marine Institute.

ACCC is calling for proposals for presentations that address the Conference theme, "Making Waves: Colleges, Skills and The Economy". This theme has been developed to reflect the proactive approach that colleges and institutes must adopt in their daily initiatives, particularly their program delivery activities.

Proposals must be received at ACCC by Friday, **October 18, 2001**. If you are interested in submitting a proposal or if you would like more information, please contact Sarah Lucas (local 7158) or Vivienne Garrott (local 7159), for further details.

YOU CAN'T GET RID OF ME THAT EASY!

(I just don't like goodbyes).

Thanks to all of you who dropped by to say your goodbyes and all those kind words.

Thank you to all the lovely people I've met at VCC. You made coming to work for the past 22 years a pleasurable experience. Many of you are now good friends, and I hope we will keep in touch.

For sometime, I had not been looking forward to my retirement, but as the day drew nearer and nearer, it was impossible not to start getting excited about all the freedom I would have to do more of my favourite things - hiking, visiting my weekend retreat at Mt. Baker (which now is a seven day weekend) - spending lots more time with Zoe - my dog, and seeing lots more of my friends.

A special thank-you to the staff and faculty of the ESL Outreach Department, the best department in the College. This has been a well-kept secret, however. I've decided to spill the beans! I will miss working with you all, you really are a super lot.

It's been a slice - let's do it again in my next lifetime.

Gillian Akin

Board Meeting Schedule

June 28

5:30pm CC Room 240

August 23

5:30pm KEC Room 5025

VCC WELLNESS Incentive Program

On March 28, 2001, the Wellness Committee at Vancouver Community College provided an opportunity for all VCC employees to participate in, the "VCC Wellness Incentive Program".

This program was developed to encourage people and assist them to lead healthy, happy, balanced lives.

The Wellness Committee is excited to announce the names of employees who have reached the following achievement levels:

Achievement Level - 1,000 Points
Malcolm Cant - IEPA
Fiona McComb - Admissions

Achievement Level - 2,500 Points
Melinda Graham - Institutional Aide

Congratulations Malcolm, Fiona and Melinda for having attained these specific achievement levels.

Incentives are awarded to employees for adopting healthy lifestyles by reaching their "wellness" goals and targeted achievement levels. Examples of how points have been awarded are:

- Physical activities
- Weight Management
- Attending wellness sessions
- Emotional well being (activities specifically undertaken for this purpose)
- Mental/spiritual activity (meditation, attending place of worship, etc.)
- Positively impacting the environment or community

Employees who reach 1,000 points will be reimbursed \$20.00 towards the purchase of a wellness item (e.g. fitness apparel, fitness equipment, relaxation tapes/CDs, books on personal development, registering in a wellness course, or physical activity).

We would like to encourage all em-

ployees to participate in the "VCC Wellness Incentive Program". A number of employees are getting closer and closer to achieving their first 1,000 points and we look forward to expanding our recognition list when they attain this specific achievement level. It is never too late to start recording your points. Please call Carol Sicoli at local 7011 for further information.

Wellness enables us to have a positive attitude and a sense of physical, mental, spiritual and emotional well being!



WEIGHT WATCHERS At Work Program

Are you interested in reducing weight in a healthy way? The Weight Watchers At Work Program can contribute to improving wellness. This program can provide group support, professional leadership and it is one of the soundest, safest and most effective weight control programs available to the work force today.

The Weight Watchers program is a state-of-the-art, scientifically-designed approach to weight control. Based on the philosophy that successful weight loss is achieved through the attainment of a series of realistic goals, the Weight Watchers program is a multi-dimensional, comprehensive way to learn how to achieve and then maintain a healthy body weight for the long-term. It incorporates healthful eating, physical activity, behavioral support, maintenance, and group support.

The prepaid membership fee is

\$145.00 (G.S.T. included) for new At-Work Meeting members and \$135.00 (G.S.T. included) for Continuing At-Work Meeting members and Lifetime members and is to be paid before the first meeting attended. Membership fees may be paid by cash, personal cheque, Mastercard or Visa.

The membership fee will purchase:

8 weeks of meetings with 12 - 15 members
10 weeks of meetings with 16 - 19 members
12 weeks of meetings with 20+ members

Thereafter, the fee will be \$135.00 (G.S.T. included) for each additional 8, 10 or 12 weeks depending on the number of members.

Weight Watchers will provide a free information meeting at our work site to discuss how this innovative program can work for us. Please contact Carol Sicoli at local 7011 if you are interested in attending an information meeting.

BARISTA CAFÉ City Centre Campus

Special treats await you in the Barista Cafe. Come visit the cafe to enjoy our new features just in time for Summer.

Watch your mailbox for special offers that you can use on your next visit.

Do not forget that as the weather grows warmer, the lush garden setting is the perfect place to enjoy a break!

Look forward to seeing you soon.

Announcement Dean of Health Sciences

It is with great pleasure that I announce that **Pat Bawtinheimer** will take over the position of Dean, Health Sciences as of August 13, 2001.

Pat has over 30 years experience within the health professions. She graduated from UBC School of Nursing in 1968. Immediately following graduation, Pat worked in Community Health in Terrace, B.C. After a year long travel junket, Pat and her husband settled in Gibsons where she worked for 2½ years as a Public Health Nurse before taking time off to raise her two children. Pat returned to work as a part-time Home Support and Diploma Nursing Programs instructor at the College of New Caledonia. After a third baby and a move to Langley, Pat started teaching 3 hours a week in the Homemakers Program at King Edward Campus and also worked as a Research Assistant at Children's Hospital. She began teaching full time in the Resident Care Attendant Program at VCC in 1991, became Department Head of the Continuing Care and Allied Health Department in 1994 and since January 2001 has also been Acting Department Head of the Practical Nursing Department.

Pat is the Association for Canadian Community Colleges representative on a Steering Committee for the Human Resources Sector Study on Home Care in Canada (for both formal and informal caregivers). She is also Chair of the Provincial Articulation Committee for Home Support and Resident Care Programs and is on the Interprovincial Committee for Home Support and Resident Care programs. This Committee is looking to establish national education standards for these programs.

Due to Pat's strong health care focus, the Continuing Care and Allied

Health Department has been one of the leaders in Contract Training Initiatives for the past 10 years.

Pat has been a very active volunteer with school Parent Advisory Committees and at one point, was a Provincial trainer of administrators, teachers and parents on parent participation on these committees.

The College congratulates Pat and welcomes her to this new portfolio.

I would like to thank Pat Hartley for her commitment to Health Sciences during her time at VCC. We will all miss her, but I am sure her retirement will be "smooth sailing".

Joan McArthur-Blair
Vice-President Applied Education

Report of the Board Meeting: June 7, 2001

The Board meeting normally scheduled for the end of May was postponed until June 7th.

New VCC Board appointments are anticipated at the end of July to fill the one vacancy and to replace Bhalwinder Waraich who will have completed his six year term this year.

The Draft Budget was presented to the Board for information. It will be brought back to the June 28th Board meeting for approval.

The Board approved the proposed new courses, Reading and Writing Level 4 in the Community and Career Education Department, as recommended by Education Council.

The Board approved the submission of a letter to the Deputy Minister, requesting that the Ministry establish a task force as soon as possible, to create a vision for B.C. post secondary education. There is a need for a policy framework for advanced education in B.C. which will include university colleges, urban colleges, rural colleges, institutes, universities and which will address the common and unique needs of all these sectors. In the absence of a Ministry plan, sectoral

interests have emerged that threaten the effective functioning of the system. The VCC letter will be signed by the President and Board Chair.

The Board discussed the revitalization of the former Board Community Alliance Committee. Five Board members volunteered to meet to discuss the needs of the College in terms of community development and liaison and the type of committee structure needed to address these needs. It was also suggested that the Board invite members of the new government and local MLAs to VCC to get to know them, and for them to become familiar with VCC. The VCCFA invited the Board to co-host such an event.

The next Board meeting will take place on in Room 240 at City Centre Campus on Thursday, June 28th at 5:30 p.m.

Summary of Minutes of the Education Council Meeting

Held on Tuesday, June 5, 2001 in KEC Room 5025 at 3:30 p.m.

1. Program Profile/Academic Schedule The academic schedule as represented by the Profile and Budget FTE Summary was approved for recommendation to the Board.

2. The following curriculum proposals were approved by Education Council, for recommendation to the College Board:

- ASL Literature for Members of Deaf Community - new course (non-credit)
- Denturist Program - course description
- Institutional Aide Program - revisions
- Math 054, Math for Health Sciences (non-credit); Math 054PN, Practical Nursing Option; Math 054PT, Pharmacy Tech Option - new course
- CCA Health Sciences Preparation 084 - new course
- Culinary Arts - Block 10 - changes

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3. For Information

- A partnership agreement between VCC, Hospitality Management, and the University of Victoria was signed.
- There is a change in scheduling for English 081/English 091.
- There will be a service review in the Assessment Centre starting in September.
- ASL & Deaf Studies - Program Guide - correction of error in prerequisites.
- Because of lack of quorum, there will be no Education Council meeting in August.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Dental Hygiene Department and the Dental Assisting/Reception departments completed their national accreditation in late May. This involves a team of three members from the national accreditation committee visiting the program over a 2.5 day period; interviewing faculty, students, administration and viewing the facilities including the library and the dental clinic. Documents that have been submitted earlier are validated. The Dental Hygiene department received the preliminary report from the committee with no recommendations, while the Dental Assisting/Reception department received the report with only one recommendation. Both departments expect to receive the full 7 year approval status. Well done !!

The department of Practical Nursing welcomes a new Department Head, **Kathy Fukuyama**. Kathy is joining VCC, having come from the Open Learning Agency.

Pat Hartley
Acting Dean, Health Science Programs

Renewing the Myth

Saturday **June 23**, 2001 at 7:30 pm
VCC Auditorium
1155 E. Broadway
Tickets: \$15/\$10 at the door
Info: (604)871-7297

Explore the repertoire of the mythical classical saxophone in a concert featuring internationally renowned concert soloist Dr. Eugene Rousseau. Joining Dr. Rousseau will be talented Vancouver saxophonists David Branter, Julia Nolan, and Lynne Greenwood, and pianists Terence Dawson, and Julian Greenwood. The programme will feature Canadian composer Nicolas Scherzinger's *Mirage*, and *Renewing the Myth* by American composer Marilyn Shrude. Also included will be works by Beethoven, Britten, and Ravel.

For more information, call 871-7297 or email:
julianol@interchange.ubc.ca

Summer Closure

The Assessment Centre located at 440 Cambie street will be closed for the months of June, July and August. We will re-open on September 4th. The Assessment Centre at KEC is open all summer.

KEC Learning Centre

Summer Hours

Effective Monday, June 4th
Monday -Thurs 9:00am - 5:00pm
Friday 9:00am - 4:30pm
We will return to our regular hours on September 4.

The Student Computer Lab at the City Centre Learning Centre will remain open:
Monday - Thurs 9:30am - 7:00pm
Friday 9:30am - 5:00pm

Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Betty Noble**, Coordinator of the Program for Visually Impaired Adults. Last month, Betty was awarded the **YWCA's Woman of Distinction Award for Education, Training and Development**.

Betty has been a special advisor to the government on disability issues and helped initiate CNIB's largest children's services initiatives in ten years.

50/50 Draw

PAT BAWTINHEIMER, Department Head, Continuing Care & Allied Health, was the winner of the 50/50 draw held in April. Pat received a cheque for \$645.

Not playing yet? Phone Rebecca at 7148 for a sign-up card, and get in the game. Remember, for every 5 tickets you buy, you get one free. And the proceeds go to providing entrance scholarships for would-be VCC students-a very worthy cause.

Operations Council Revised 2001 Meeting Schedule

It was approved at the May 8th Operations Council that future meetings, starting June 12th, will be held at King Edward Campus from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., on the following dates in Room 5025 except as noted. If you have any questions, please call 871-7163.

June 12, Room 3015
July 10
August - no meeting
September 11
October 9
November 13
December 11

VCC Policies

Please note that VCC Policies are available on the College Website.

Simply go to VCC's Homepage and choose "policies/governance" and then click on "College Policies." Once you have selected a policy, you may print it by clicking on the "Print" button on the top toolbar, or choosing "print" from the file menu.

KEC First Nations Centre is holding a picnic!

Where: Trout Lake
When: June 21
National Aboriginal Day
12:00 - 4:00pm

Everyone is welcome so please bring your family and friends. Bring your baseball glove if you want to play in the softball game. Please call Victoria Williams at 7247 for more information.

Summer

Food Service Hours

KING EDWARD CAMPUS
July 3 to August 31, 2001
Monday - Thursday
7:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Friday
7:00 AM to 2:30 PM
Saturday - Closed

CITY CENTRE CAMPUS
July 3 to August 31, 2001
Monday - Friday
7:15 AM to 8:30 PM
Saturday - Closed

Retail Food Services at City Centre

The retail food services at City Centre are open during the following times during the summer.

Retail Meat Shop - The Shop will be open from 10 AM until 5 PM until July 13, 2001. The shop will re-open on September 4, 2001 again from 10 AM until 5 PM.

Retail Bakeshop - The bakeshop will be running reduce hours for evening operations during the summer. Please check the signs for changes and dates.

Barista Café - The Barista Café will be open from 6:30 AM until 9:00 PM until June 28, 2001, Monday to Thursday. We will be open from 6:30 AM until 5:30 PM on Fridays and from July 3, 2001 until August 24, 2001 Monday through Thursday, as well. We will resume regular hours On Monday August 27, 2001.

If you have any questions about Food Services at King Edward or City Centre, please give Sandra MacSorley a call at 443 - 8324.

Yoga in the Park

For all you VCC yoga fiends, this is a great addition to your weekly practices.

When: Saturdays 11:00 - 12:30pm
Where: Queen Elizabeth Park
Suggested donation is \$5

Phone Paula Hoover at 872-3960 for more information and directions.

Open House/Car Show Sept.21, 2001

9:00-3:00pm

- Automotive Collision/Refinishing Programs
- Automotive Technician Program
- Diesel Technician Program
- Race Cars
- Custom Cars
- Custom Bikes
- Electric Vehicles
- Prizes, Free Hot Dog & Pop
- Everyone Welcome!

DISCOVER VCC

The tag line *Discover VCC* should be incorporated into new marketing and promotional materials wherever possible.

This slogan has been used on the 2001/2002 calendar and in recent advertisements. It is also a central theme of the new brochure shells that are being designed.

The *know how @ VCC* marketing campaign is no longer in effect. This slogan will be phased out of promotional campaigns and materials. Please call me at 7152 if you have any questions/comments.

Elizabeth Thomson
Marketing and Communications

PENSION CORPORATION

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****IMPORTANT NOTICE IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO RETIRE IN THE NEAR FUTURE****
IN REPLY REFER TO

May 14, 2001

Dear College Pension Plan Member:

The College Pension Plan partners have recommended plan benefit improvements that would increase the lifetime pension received after age 65 for members who terminate employment on or after January 1, 2002. Although these pending changes require board review and approval before implementation, you need to be aware of their implications, particularly if you plan on retiring before the January 1, 2002, triggering date.

The following is a summary of the recommendations that the board will be considering:

- The rate used in the pension formula to calculate your lifetime pension would increase. This could mean a significant increase to the portion of your pension that you will receive after age 65, depending on your years of pensionable service. For example, if you have 20 years of pensionable service, your annual pension after age 65 would increase by approximately \$2,680.00 (using the current YMPE of \$38,300).
- The improvements, if approved, will apply only to members who terminate employment on or after January 1, 2002. If you are considering retiring before that date, you may want to change your plans to take advantage of the potential benefit increases.
- The recommended improvements will be paid for by an equal contribution rate increase for plan members and plan employers. However, this increase will be funded for five years (from January 1, 2002) by an anticipated surplus in the plan. For that time, members and employers will not pay the contribution rate increase.
- These changes will affect your allowable RRSP contributions and may have income tax implications for you.

The board is expected to review the recommended benefit improvements in June 2001, at which time more detailed information about the changes will be available. Please check the College Pension Plan "News" page on the web (pensions.gov.bc.ca) for updates.

Scott Browning
Director, Client Services
College Pension Plan

****If you have any questions, please contact
Eugenie Wong, Human Resources Coordinator
at 871-7136.**

PSYCHOTHERAPY

An Imagination with Dancing Feet

Though the story's not
Been told before;
Not through silent whispers spoken
Nor words upon the stage
As taken representations
Of deep, ark
Long forgotten,
Null and void,
Energic Incantation
(Tribal things);
Its time has come to sound.
A sentimental song unfolds:
A song about a boy,
Once lost,
Now found
At the heart of a wounded man.

Peter J. Warren
Psychology 081/091

When you are caught in a whirlwind....
...it is hard to see straight

If God has given you dancing feet...
...it's difficult to walk the straight and narrow

When you have enormous imagination, full of ecstatic excitement,
frenzied fantasy, and colossal curiosity...

...it then becomes an extreme challenge,
...to put it on hold,
...for Algebra,
...or a lecture on "Social Etiquette".

Priscilla Ann Guerrero-St.Jean
English 091

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FOR SALE



RECREATION



Mayne Island cottage for rent.

The cabin is fully equipped and will sleep four. It is in a beautiful location which is across the road from a provincial park and one block to a wonderful beach.

Available July 29th to August 30th. \$350 per week.

Contact: Vicki at 734-4542 or
kasinsky@zoology.ubc.ca

Murphy Beds

VCC has 5 folding-style murphy beds for sale to the highest bidder.

These single beds can be seen at City Centre in room 914. Contact Les Steinke 8550 or Evi Brown 8551 to make arrangements to view.

Then send your bid to Dave Crowe in purchasing by **July 17, 2001**. You may bid on a single bed or all 5.

Grad ceremony, wedding?

Tux, black, Birkdale, jacket 38-40 pants 36 waist. Very good condition.

\$50

Call local 7361

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