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Trikes for Tots

McGregor Child Care Centre was the lucky recipient recently of two tricycles and one scooter courtesy of a donation by Cummings British Columbia.

1,100 Crazy Walkers Invade Gold River

There's nothing like a 4am walk in the bush to make you wish that you were home in your cozy bed. But there we were; **Malcom Cant** (IEPA), **Pauline Barratt** (KEC Health Nurse) and **Margaret Ackroyd** (our equally crazy friend). We crawled out of our beds at 2.30am to get our bus to the Great Walk start line. At 4am the three of us and 1,100 other 'extreme walkers' began the 63.5km trek from Gold River along the very hilly (lots of 12-14% grades) and gravelly logging road to Tahsis.

Malcolm loped on ahead as fast as he could in order to beat his previous time and get to the Tahsis pub. Yes, that was him you saw around KEC after the walk, limping painfully in his backless sandals. At least he didn't drink Boost with fibre along the way like he did last year - but that's another story.

Margaret, as is her usual dignified style, strode along easily at first and painfully near the end, to make it in 2 minutes less than last year's time.

Pauline was walking with a brace on her knee due to a recent injury, so she decided to go halfway, and on to checkpoint 8 at 44.3km (27.5 miles and a little more than marathon distance) if possible. Well the image of the special bottle of Maui wine that she has tucked away at home for when she celebrates her tenth marathon did the trick. The adrenalin surge from having a bear run across the road in front of her after checkpoint 6 didn't hurt either. She made it to checkpoint 8 for her sixth marathon and guiltily rode in comfort for the rest of the distance.

The day was perfect for walking - overcast, not too warm, with rain at times. The swim in the Tahsis pool at the end was heaven for aching muscles. And those very 'special' coffees at the pub in Gold River later were just the touch needed to complete the day.

We are now collecting the money for the pledges that people gave. As in previous years, all money collected is matched by the provincial government and goes towards VCC students in financial need. Pledges for \$10 or more receive a tax receipt from the VCC Educational Foundation. **Please send your pledge money to Pauline or Malcolm as soon as possible. If you did not pledge but would like to contribute just send us the money and your name, department and local.**

If you didn't pledge us please consider doing so next year. We pay our own expenses and ALL the money goes to the Educational Foundation for students in financial need. In previous years we have ended the walk with the cry "never again". Now we know better - this walk is addictive and you get to know lots of friendly, crazy people. So before leaving Gold River we booked our rooms for next year's walk. Watch for our pledge sheets in May, 2002.

Graduation at VCC

Graduation ceremonies were held on June 12, 13, 14, 2001 in the auditorium at King Edward campus. The six ceremonies were very well attended and approximately 470 students from 46 programs walked across the stage to receive congratulations and their scrolls.

The valedictorians were:

Lorenza Lepri, graduate of the Dental Laboratory Technology program
Shirley Harrison, graduate of the Institutional Aide program
Mohammed Bilal Bhamji, graduate of the Accounting program
Dana Ellis, graduate of the Hospitality Management program
Robyn Stewart, graduate of the Electronics Telecommunication Specialty program
Shohreh Naji, graduate of the ESL College Preparatory English programs
Amir Koushkani, graduate of the Music program

Board Members who brought greetings to the graduates were: Rachel Notley, Ian Mass, Bhalwinder S. Waraich and Dennis Cumming.

VCC Foundation members who addressed the graduates were: Tony Luongo, Rebecca Davey, Walt Judas and Mike Thirlwell

To all 50-50 Draw Participants: Thank you very much!

The money raised through the VCC Employee 50-50 draw provides an entrance scholarship for a student from each of nine high schools in East and North Vancouver. Scholarships were awarded at recent high school graduations. Here are two letters received from recipients, addressed to the donor: you.

Dear Donor,

Thank you for choosing me to be the winner of the Vancouver Community College Foundation Entrance Scholarship. It is my first and only scholarship so I am very happy and grateful to be receiving this generous award.

Because there are seven people in my family it is very difficult for my parents to help pay for my post-secondary education. This scholarship will be a tremendous help to me and especially to my parents.

Next year I will be attending Vancouver Community College for the Administrative Assistant Program. This scholarship will definitely help me begin my journey through the road to higher learning. Thank you very much for this award.



Dear Donor,

Thank you for granting me the VCC Entrance Scholarship. It was my pleasure to receive this scholarship. It is a very encouraging award for my post-secondary study. I feel confident in believing in myself.

In the past years, I have tried my best to learn everything I could, and I have gained much from my teachers at school. Now I am graduating and I hope to do my best towards post-secondary also. I am very lucky to be accepted to your college. Thank you again for this award

MAY 2001 50-50 DRAW

Wendy Malo of the Counselling Department at City Centre was the lucky winner of the 50-50 draw held in May.

Congratulations, Wendy!! Hope it helps you have a great summer.

To find out more about the VCC employee 50-50 draw, phone Rebecca at 7148.



THANKS

This year the Finance department faced a number of challenges in preparing and completing the budget and the fiscal year end. They not only rose to the challenges but exceed them. I would like to recognize their hard work and dedication of this group. Thank you for a job well done.

In addition I want to thank the College Community for their understanding and support of the Finance department during this period of transition.

Trish Pekeles
Acting Vice-President
Finance and Administration

College Planning Update July 2001

Background

At the Board retreat in November 2000, the Board gave direction to the College to develop a strategic planning process. Information packages and presentations were made to Education Council and Operations Council in February regarding a draft year-long planning process. After the Board endorsed the proposed planning process, they provided some high-level direction on community priorities for the College at their meeting in February.

The following are the "Top Ten" directional statements supported by the VCC Board at the February 2001 meeting:

1. Our primary customers are students.
2. It is important to provide services to support student success.
3. VCC needs to build strong bridges

with the employment communities.

4. VCC should be constantly evaluating, developing and implementing/eliminating programs to respond to changing needs, such as emerging employment areas.

5. Access (serving as broad a range of students as possible) is a very important job for VCC.

6. VCC should invest so as to ensure students are technologically literate and trained to current standards.

7. VCC should ensure flexible access in its offerings through part-time studies, on-line and distance education, and continuing education.

8. VCC must be able to recruit and retain high quality employees.

9. VCC should offer only programs that are of high quality.

10. Community development should be part of VCC's work.

The purpose of these statements was to guide the scope and direction in VCC environmental scanning and undertaking a SWOT analysis at the departmental level. As such, they are subject to change and affirmation.

Status - SWOT Analysis

Most areas have completed their SWOT=s, and a summary report is being circulated to governance meetings in July. In September, each department will receive a SWOT package, including the summary report.

Status - Environmental Scan

The environmental scan is almost complete, and a major draft is expected to be finalized by mid-July. A draft version will be presented to governance meetings in September.

Next Steps

Completion of Environmental Scan
Sept - Nov

Discussion of Goals, Strategic Directions

Nov

Report of Goals and Strategic Directions to all Governance meetings

Jan/Feb 2002

Final Plan completed, submitted to Board; Implementation of operational planning for 02/03

For information, contact: Deanna Rexe, Institutional Research 443-8646

Thank you!

I would like to thank so many people who made my retirement party on June 27 a huge success for me.

From the wonderful flowers, balloons, personalized wine, skits, multi media events, songs, etc., it was a wonderfully memorable evening. To all of the people who contributed to and attended the reception and /or dinner, thank you. I will wear my pearls with much much pleasure.

It has been a truly wonderfully work experience for the last 23 years and I will treasure the relationships that I have and the skills that I learned. There were many who were unable to come, and yet sent me good wishes.

To the administration staff and colleagues as well as the faculty and staff of the Health Sciences Division a special thank you.

Most sincerely, Pat Hartley

Cancellation of Public Meeting

The Board Finance and Administration Committee's public meeting of July 17th, beginning at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5025 at King Edward Campus has been cancelled. The next meeting will be held on August 14th at the same time in Room 200 at City Centre Campus. Please call 871-7163 for more information.

Connections - Sharing Best Practices3

Multiculturalism, Anti-Racism, and Employment Equity

The Multicultural Education Consortium of British Columbia is pleased to announce a conference on multiculturalism, anti-racism, employment equity and diversity in education strategies for November 1, 2, 3, 2001 at Kwantlen University College in Surrey, BC.

Based on needs identified by educators and community members across BC, the main themes of this conference are:

- * Race & Cross-Cultural Strategies
- * Integration in Educational Environments
- * Community Strategies
- * Conflict, Violence Prevention Strategies

We invite participants from all levels of education and members of community organizations to join us in exploring and examining some of the best practices in use today to promote educational inclusion.

The Multicultural Education Consortium of British Columbia is a collaborative organization between public school districts and post-secondary institutions in the province. Our focus is on building inclusive educational institutions throughout the province.

Connections - Sharing Best Practices3 will offer a wide range of information and activities. The presentations and workshops are structured for participant interaction with the intent that everyone comes away with a toolbox of best practices to apply in their own setting. We are honored to have a keynote address delivered by Dr. Milton Wong. Ad-

ditional workshops and presentations by educators, students and community members include:

- * Employment Equity
- * Unlearning Racism
- * The Power of Youth in Race Relations Initiatives
- * Learning to Live in Linguistic Diversity
- * Race Based Bullying (panel)
- * Defending our Stand: Questions and Answers on Diversity Training
- * Diversity Dialogue On-Line: Sharing Thoughts and Feeling across Cyberspace
- * Communities Working Hand and Hand with Schools
- * The Japanese Canadian Struggle for Social Justice
- * What Kind of Language is That?
- * Making Diversity Work: Strategies for Institutional Change
- * Language Buddy Program in Action
- * Teaching for Understanding: Japanese Canadian Internment and Redress
- * Delivering Anti-Bigotry Education in the Classroom
- * MAGIC: Footprints for Change
- * Handling Racist Incidents: Practical Strategies
- * Teaching Human Rights in the Classroom
- * Learning about Human Rights
- * The Impact of Cultural/Racial Identify Development on Students and Staff in an Educational Setting
- * Campus Mediation and Conflict Resolution
- * Racism and Aboriginal Students
- * Redesigning Assignments for the Multicultural Classroom: Building in Inclusion
- * Arts Education for Multi Cultural Understanding and for Social Justice
- * The Reclaiming Project
- * Wellness through Community Partnerships
- * Building Stronger Communities: Multicultural vs. Anti-racist Strate-

gies

- * Art as a Catalyst for Change: Artists Explore Anti-Racism in BC Classrooms
- * The Above and Beyond Motivational Program

Costs are \$75 per person registered. There are a limited number of subsidies available for individual students, full classes and community members. Please contact MECBC for any special considerations.

MECBC (formerly LMMEC) website: www.mecbc.org

Mail c/o Janis M. Jones, District Learning Services, Vancouver School Board, 1580 West Broadway, Vancouver, BC V6J 5K8

Telephone: (604) 713-5180 X 2120
Fax: (604) 713-5244

E-Mail: jmjones@vsb.bc.ca
Registration will be available shortly through www.langara.bc.ca/csl

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to **Judy Echols**, newly elected Department Head of the Counselling department, and to **Thorne Husband**, newly elected Assistant Department Head.

Jackie Sandy,
Dean of Student Services

I am pleased to announce the appointment of **Ginny Cathcart** as Department Head of Dental Hygiene Department. Ginny's appointment is effective August 1, 2001.

Pat Hartley
Acting Dean, Health Sciences

I am pleased to announce the re-election of **Michael Pidgeon** to the position of Assistant Department Head, ESL College Preparatory. His appointment is effective July 1, 2001.

Marta Gardiner,
Dean of ESL Programs

VCCFA donates to Nanook Daycare

There was much excitement at the Nanook Daycare (across the street from KEC) on Friday June 22nd.

A computer and printer donated by the VCCFA was installed courtesy of Stanley Newman from the ICS department. Bill Miller and John Norman strapped the computer down with cables donated by VCC.

Children gathered 'round anxious to get their little fingers going on the keyboard. Comments such as "Wow! That's a Computer!" "Isn't it cool?" and "Don't turn it on without me!" rang through the room. The enthusiasm and excitement of the children made it a wonderful event.

Summer Update for CF Math Department

Ruth Behnke, Dept. Head, will be on vacation July 6 - August 17, and August 23, 24, 27, 29, 30, 31. On duty for advising: August 20, 21, 22, and 28.

Maria Wang, Dept. Assistant, will be on vacation July 16 - August 13.

Instructors teaching in July/August: Wayne Ko, Costa Karavas, Sherry Lukits, Michele MacKenzie, and Klaus Breslauer.

Routine departmental matters can be directed to: Michele MacKenzie (during the day) @ Local 7282 or Wayne Ko (available after 4 pm) @ 7003. For other matters contact AAA Dean, Barbara Ash.

Ruth Behnke,
CF Mathematics Department Head



News

Extra-Ordinary PD Day

On June 22, the faculty, staff and administration of LAMS participated in their 2nd annual PD Day, structured around the theme: "Ordinary Place? Extra-Ordinary Service!"

SFU librarians Eleaine Fairey and Sylvia Roberts led us to discover and articulate our service strengths, perceived weaknesses and prospects for change.

Workshops addressing conflict resolution, time management and yoga segued into the shenanigans as offered by Carol Ann Fried. Carol kept us laughing throughout the afternoon, and reminded the group of the continuing healthful effects of laughter and play. Paper airplanes flew, yarns were told, "secret" friends made.

Door prizes, a "match the shoe with its owner" contest and wine tasting concluded an insightful and fun-filled day.

People on the Move

Virginia Adams (7319/8349) is the new Circulation Services Coordinator and takes over from Eva Sharell who is on leave until September. Eva will return as a regular Public Services Librarian.

Please welcome contract librarians Julie Grellier (7343), Eva Veres (7223) and Ellen Warner (8346).

Julie's departmental liaison responsibilities include Graphic Communications & Printing Technology, Computer Graphics and Computer Technology. Eva is looking after ESL-CPE and Basic Education. Ellen is responsible for Electronics, Jewellery, Drafting,

Building Service Worker, Early Childhood Ed, Arts & Design, Fashion Design, Interior Design, Hairstyling, Travel & Tourism, Food Service Careers, Retail Meat Cutting and all Culinary Arts and Hospitality programs.

Please call your liaison librarian for your library-related needs.
Mark Goertz, VCC Library

KEC International Centre: Summer Hours

11:30 to 3:30 Monday to Friday.
June 25 - August 16

Due to staff shortages during the summer, the KEC International Student Centre will be on summer hours between June 25th and August 16th inclusive and closed on the 17th.

These hours **do not** include the International Centre on Alberni. Normal hours (8:30-4:30) will remain in place during this period.

Media Services Summer Hours

KEC: June 4 - Sept. 4

Monday - Thursday 8:00 - 4:30pm

Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm

City Centre: June 18 - Sept. 4

Monday - Thursday 7:30 - 4:15

Friday 7:30 - 4:00 pm

Both Closed Saturdays

Please note: Media Services will be cleaning and doing inventory on all A/V equipment in the college during the summer months. Please ensure that all equipment which has been borrowed from Media Services is returned so that we can repair and clean it for the fall semester.

If you have any concerns about A/V equipment in your department needing cleaning or repairs, please call local 7131 at KEC or local 8366 at City Centre.

Summary of Minutes Education Council

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

1. Report of Education Chair
The Vice Chair attended the Advanced Education Council of British Columbia (AECBC) AGM and Conference in June. A plan for the dissolution of the organization is being prepared. The Council of Education Councils (CoEdCo) will continue to meet.

2. VCC Board Report
There are five Board members whose terms expire at the end of July; one Board member has completed his six-year term. The 2001/2002 Budget was approved. The VCCFA will be inviting the Board and College Administration to their 50th Anniversary Celebration on November 1st.

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

- a) Automotive Technician Program Content Guide - revisions
- b) Food & Beverage Management Program - revisions
- c) Drafting Programs - course reorganization

4. For Information

- a) The SWOT report will be discussed at the September meeting.
- b) International Education students will be receiving a certificate at the end of their College Preparatory English studies.
- c) Due to the transit strike, the course ASL for Deaf Newcomers to Canada, Prep 100, has been rescheduled for Fall 01 in a different format.
- d) Changes were made to the ESL Saturday program.

Summary of Minutes VCC Operations Council

Acting Chair: Trish Pেকেles
June 12, 2001, KE, Room 3015

1. The 2001/2002 Budget and Program Profile was recommended for approval.

2. The 2001/2002 Capital Process was recommended for approval. The list represents about \$1 million of capital equipment to be funded for this fiscal year.

3. Guidelines for Commercial and Privately Funded Activities
A revised list of guidelines, incorporating suggestions from the May meeting, was presented for approval by Lizz Lindsay. Further changes were suggested. The guidelines will be brought back for approval in July.

4. Proposed Revisions to Membership and Terms of Reference
Linda Martin presented changes to the current membership, including the addition of the Deans of Applied Programs and Developmental Programs respectively, the substitution of the Director of Libraries and Media Services in place of the College Librarian and a change to the title of the Vice President of Finance and College Services to Finance and Administration. It was also agreed that delegates will be allowed if members cannot attend meetings. The Terms of Reference was approved with the changes.

5. Revised Meeting Schedule 2001
The revised schedule was received for information. All meetings will be held at the King Edward Campus.

6. Earthquake Awareness Week
Planning has begun for the Earthquake Awareness Week, September

17-21 with the theme for the week being Shake, Rattle and Roll. Several activities are being planned at both campuses.

7. Go Green

Decision is pending on the Commuter Challenge winner. Douglas College challenged Langara College and UBC in this year's event. Information was received on a proposed universal transit pass for students. This will be a student driven initiative supported by Translink and the College to provide access to transit at reduce fares. Steve Traviss, Coordinator of Health, Safety and Security is coordinating the initiative.

8. Website Design

The Council endorsed VCC's new website design after reviewing a presentation made by Tene Barber, Web Manager.

9. Employee Photo ID

Steve Traviss presented a draft implementation plan for an employee photo ID program and reviewed some of the benefits and negative aspects (such as cost). The Council endorsed the idea of an employee photo ID program. There was considerable discussion about privacy issues and Steve was directed to investigate options for future consideration by the Council.

10. Capital Project Certificates
The Annual Capital Allowance (ACA) & the Minor Capital Budget list was presented for information.

11. One-Time Funding

VCC received one-time funding of about \$1.8 million for specifically designated areas. The funds will be used for equipment, upgrading information technology systems and library acquisitions.

Donate your old glasses

The Lotus Light Charity Society is looking for donations of used eyeglasses for its Gift of Sight Eyeglass Campaign. The Campaign distributes glasses to the poor in Third World countries in Africa, Asia and South America. To donate glasses, simply drop them in one of the collection boxes the society has placed throughout the Lower Mainland including all Vancouver Public Libraries or at the society's head office 200-357 East Hastings St. Last year, the society collected more than 4,200 pairs of glasses; this year, it hopes to collect 8,000. The campaign runs until July 24. If you are interested in donating, call 692-5616.

classifieds

FOR SALE



Moving Sale

Chairlines Office "task" chair new \$443.46 obo
Ikea Computer desk: removable shelves, white, exc. condition, \$150.00 obo
China lamps with nightlights enclosed - a must see obo
Black leather briefcase never used - new \$250.00 obo
Seats 2 - Bed-Chesterfield - neutral colour obo
Ikea Black TV wall attachment new \$29.95 obo
Pine TV Tables with stand \$114.00 obo
Bedside table - 1 drawer - dark wood \$35.00 obo
Obusforme Back Cushion new \$69.99 used obo

Call Elizabeth at 633-1443

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\$250.00, obo
1 proform treadmill, hardly used,
\$650.00, obo.

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Please allow me to help you publicize your upcoming events, department news and achievements. Keep me abreast of what is happening in your departments!

Thank you,

Elizabeth Thomson

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

(Material may be edited for clarity and length.)

Summary of Board Meeting of June 28, 2001

The Board approved the draft Budget and Program Profile, the audited 2000/2001 Financial Statements, the audited Enrolment Report, the Public Bodies Report and the 2001/2002 Equipment Replacement Capital List. The Capital List represents the top \$1.5 million of identified equipment replacement needs within the College, for the fiscal period 2001/2002.

The Board approved Education Council recommendations for the following :

- ASL Literature for Deaf Community - new course
- Institutional Aide Program - revision
- Math 054, 054N, 054PT - new course
- CCA Health Sciences Preparation 084 - new course

Further to Board discussions at previous meetings, the Board passed a motion put forward by elected Faculty Board member Frank Cosco, asking the Board to refer the "Selection of Administrators' Policy" back to Operations Council, for comprehensive review and possible recommendations in their report back to the Board.

The President informed the Board of the decision to dissolve the Advanced Education Council of B.C. At the recent AECBC Annual General Meeting, at least five institutions announced their withdrawal from Council membership and after general discussion, it became clear that reorganization would not be enough. A plan for dissolution will be presented at a special general meeting in early October, for the consideration of the members. The presidents will continue to meet and a subcommittee has been formed to discuss an ongoing forum that will meet the needs of governors.

This was the last Board meeting for Bhalwinder S. Waraich, who has served the Board for six years. During his time with us, Bhalwinder has chaired the Board Development Committee and the Board Community Alliance Committee. He served two years as Board Vice Chair and has been the Board representative on the VCC Foundation for the past four years. The Board thanked Bhalwinder and recognized his contribution to the College with the presentation of a gift.

The Board will not meet in July or August, unless there is a special need to do so. The next scheduled Board meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 27th in Room 5025 at King Edward Campus.