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Go Green

VCC is going Green! The purpose of the Vancouver Community College Go Green project is to raise awareness of alternatives to single occupancy vehicle transportation and the impact of traffic on communities.

Funding was provided by the former provincial government to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in BC communities. The college and the student and faculty associations have also contributed to the project, which is to be coordinated for one year, three days per week.

One very specific goal of the project is to set up negotiations for a universal transit pass for VCC students. We will help TransLink survey and study travel patterns. This will help TransLink determine the price to charge for the student pass based on filling transit capacity (the new SkyTrain is a factor to be considered) without losing revenue. Students will vote in a spring referendum to decide for or against the deal.

I look forward to further discussion of transportation alternatives with you. Please feel free to contact me with any comments or concerns. I will be working on the project each week from Monday - Wednesday. My office is in room 106, part of the Facilities office at City Centre Campus, and my telephone number for the Go Green Project is (604)443-8604. My e-mail is lhenderson@vcc.bc.ca

Lee Henderson



Announcement: Update on College Personnel Changes

There have been a few changes in administrative personnel that we would like to bring to your attention. We thank all those leaving these positions for their hard work and commitment to VCC, and extend a warm welcome to all new employees at the College - to those listed below and also to all new faculty and staff.

College Library:

Brenda Appleton completed her term as College Librarian in June, having served seven years in the position. She did an excellent job of ensuring a smooth separation from the Langara library and has championed the cause of the library at VCC for many years.

We are pleased to welcome **Lila Heilbrunn** who has been appointed Director of Library & Media Services, effective September 4, 2001. Lila has 14 years of experience as a librarian and comes to us from the University of Western Ontario where she was Head of Reference Services and most recently held the position of Acting Head, Music Library.

Ventures & International Enterprises:

John Magor who served the College for one year as Director of Ventures and International Enterprises left the College at the end of June. In the interim, Linda Martin is overseeing this area, with the ongoing assistance of all members of the department located both at KEC and at the Downtown I.E. Centre.

Continuing Education:

Connie Gibbs resigned from her position as Director of Continuing Education, effective August 10, 2001, after two years in the position. We are grateful to **Gyda Chud**, Senior Coordinator of the Early Childhood Care Education Program, who has agreed to take on the position of Acting Director of Continuing Education in the interim.

Communications & Marketing:

The position of Director of Marketing and Communication has been posted. The new Director will be responsible for contributing to the overall planning of VCC's marketing and visibility strategies and creating a wide range of marketing and communications initiatives. We would also like to mention that, after working at VCC for nine years, **Dale Rasmussen** has resigned from his position as Marketing and Communications Officer and his position has been posted. We recognize Dale's knowledge and expertise and thank him for his enormous contribution to College communications, especially in the introduction of the newsletter design in Connections.

Finance & Administration:

The Selection Committee for a Vice President Finance & Administration met to review the applications of a number of candidates who met the position profile. Unfortunately, the process did not identify a successful candidate. The Committee will be reconvening to resume the search as soon as possible. In the meantime, we are very grateful to **Trish Pেকেles** for agreeing to continue as Acting Vice President, and to her staff in Financial Services for their hard work and continuing cooperation.

Health Sciences:

Previously announced was **Pat Hartley**'s stepping down from the position of Acting Dean Health Sciences in order to take a Retirement Prep leave, and the selection of **Pat Bawtinheimer** as the Dean, effective August 13, 2001. Since Pat B. has now been in the job for a few weeks, it seems appropriate to mention this change of personnel in this announcement. We welcome Pat to her new position and wish Pat Hartley good health and happiness in retirement.

Smile... Employee Photo Identification is Coming to VCC

At the July Operations Council, implementation of employee photo identification was approved. As of January 1, 2002:

- all VCC employees will be required to carry College ID while at VCC and be able to present their ID to security and other employees to confirm who they are
- VCC employees working in areas other than their own department that require a key to access those areas will be required to wear photo ID while in those areas
- Individual departments will have the option of making the wearing of ID required within their department
- All employees will be required to present VCC employee ID to borrow resources from the College libraries

Employee ID will have the College Logo, the employee's picture and the employee's first and last name. Employees required to wear photo ID will have the choice of a clip-on or necklace to attach their ID.

Employee ID will not be taken during student ID times. To ensure you have your ID before January, please mark your calendar and plan to attend one of the following dates to have your Employee ID taken:

King Edward Campus	
Media Services Room 2001	
September 24	12-8
September 25	12-8
October 3	12-4:45
October 31	12-4:45
November 13	12-4:45
December 4	12:45-4:45

City Centre Campus	
Media Services Room 204	
September 24	12-8
September 25	12-8
October 2	12-8
October 16	12-8
November 15	12-8
December 4	12:45-4:45

If you have any questions about VCC's photo ID implementation, please call Steve Traviss at 8603.

Meet the Poet Humanities 2001 Reading Series

The Humanities Department is pleased to announce their Fall Reading Series. VCC welcomes four highly-acclaimed writers to the Employee Lounge at KEC.

Everyone is welcome to attend and coffee is provided. Please join us for a reading and discussion.

Susan Musgrave
September 26 1:00pm

Evelyn Lau
October 24 1:00pm

Tom Wayman
November 21 11:00am

Michael Turner
December 5 11:00am

Look for more information on these events in the September issue of Connections.

Transportation Fairs Go Green VCC

King Edward Campus
Level 2 Courtyard
Wednesday September 12th, 2001.
11:00 to 2:00

City Centre Campus
Main Mall
Thursday, September 13th, 2001.
11:00 to 2:00

Visit the information displays about sustainable transportation:

KESA and CESA Student Associations
www.cfs-fcee.ca/

Better Environmentally Sound Transportation
www.best.bc.ca/

Our Community Bikes!!
www.ffcf.bc.ca/allies.htm

The UBC TREK Program
www.trek.ubc.ca/

TransLink & Coast Mountain Bus Company
www.translink.bc.ca/index.htm

VCC Transportation Trades
www.vcc.bc.ca



VCC WALKING GROUPS

Calling all walkers! Calling all walkers!

Sunday Walking Group:

We have a small group who have been meeting at 9:30 a.m. at various Lower Mainland locations. We are currently meeting at the Vancouver Planetarium. The walking group enjoy taking time out for a coffee break at Granville Island.

Thursday Walking Group:

There is a small group of employees who have been meeting on Thursday evenings at 5:00 p.m. We have enjoyed walking around Stanley Park, Seawall to Science World, Burnaby Lake and the Vancouver Planetarium.

This is an opportunity to:

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

This is not limited to just employees!!! Please feel free to invite friends or family and you're welcome to bring along the family pet.

You do not have to be an avid walker to join, just eager to venture out to the great outdoors. There will be people at various levels to share the walk. The walks may vary in length from one to two hours depending on your speed, fitness and enthusiasm.

Each time you are out enjoying a walk you will also be earning points toward the VCC Wellness Incentive Program.

If you're interested in joining, please contact Carol Sicoli or local 7011.



VCC WELLNESS Initiative 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.

An information meeting will be offered to discuss how this innovative program can work for us.

King Edward Campus
September 12, 2001
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Room 5025

A minimum of 12 - 15 members is required to offer regular weekly meetings.

Regular meetings may be offered:
King Edward Campus
Every Wednesday
starting September 19
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Room 3121

City Centre
Every Wednesday
starting September 19
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
440 Cambie - Assessment area

Please register with Parviz at local 8312.

Department Head Appointment

I am please to announce the appointment of **Ella Lam** as Department Head of Continuing Care and Allied Health. Please join me in welcoming Ella to this position. The appointment is effective August 13, 2001.

Jackie Sandy
Dean of Student Services

Volunteers Needed: BC's Sixteenth Annual AIDS Walk

Sunday, September 23, 2001

Community groups are gearing up for the BC's sixteenth annual AIDS Walk in Stanley Park. Join thousands of others and show your support for people living with HIV/AIDS. Volunteer today by calling (604) 915-9255 (WALK). Every step counts.

We are still looking for committed folks to help out on the day of the event. Here are some of the positions we have available:

- * Route Marshals
- * Setup and Tear-down Crews
- * Staffing Water Stations
- * Cleanup Crews

It's sure to be a day of fun and a feeling of our community working hand-in-hand. You'll receive an AIDS Walk T-shirt, an invitation to the Volunteer Party at the fabulous Boathouse Restaurant and other party treats.

The signature event has two purposes: raising money and public awareness about HIV disease. More than 10,000 British Columbians live with HIV/AIDS.

Please accept our thanks in advance from the 13 community groups who will benefit from funds raised by the AIDS Walk.

Contact:
James Ong
Team Coach, AIDS Walk 2001
(604) 893-2264 (o)

PLEASE!!

Please send back inter-office envelopes to the Mailroom. We are in desperate need and appreciate your consideration.

Thank you!

Health Services at City Centre Campus

We will be closed until September 04/01. If you have any health questions or concerns, please call college health nurse - Pauline at 871-7187 at King Edward Campus.

Sorry for the inconvenience.

Meeting Schedules

Board Finance Committee

The Board Finance Committee meeting scheduled for August 14, 2001 at City Centre Campus was cancelled. The next meeting will be held on **September 18, 2001**, Room 5025, King Edward Campus, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you would like further information, please call 871-7163.

Doreen Sharan
Confidential Assistant

VCC Board

The next meeting of the VCC Board will be held on **September 27, 2001** at 5:30pm in room 5025 at KEC.

Summary of Minutes Operations Council

Held on Tuesday, July 10, 2001
2:00 p.m. in KEC Room 5025
Acting Chair: Trish Pেকেles

1. Guidelines for Commercial and Privately-funded Activities:
The Guidelines for Commercial and Privately-funded Activities, for attachment to the Non Base-funded Activities Policy, were approved at Operations Council. The "Guidelines" will be presented for input at Education Council.

2. Employee Photo ID Implementation Plan:
Operations Council approved the plan to implement employee photo I.D. cards. These cards will be mandatory for contractors and for employees with key access to departments other than their own. Further details will be available to the College community through an article in Connections and other printed notices.

3. The Facilities Department reports that the Smoke Free Policy is working well. The majority of employees and students are complying with the rules, and air quality in formerly problem areas has greatly improved.

4. The SWOT report (Successes, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) is nearing completion. Departments will be receiving a copy of their own reports in September, with an invitation to comment and/or question. The Institutional Research Department reported that the process, overall, has been a positive one.

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submitted by:
Jackie Kinnersley
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VCC'S EARTHQUAKE AWARENESS DAY

"Shake, Rattle & Roll"

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2001

CITY CENTRE FOYER

11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

ARE YOU READY? The recent earthquake that shook parts of British Columbia served as a reminder to learn ways in which we can be better prepared at work and at home.

The Health & Safety Committee would like to invite you to participate in our upcoming information event. We are holding this event to raise awareness around emergency preparedness, specifically regarding earthquakes. This event is open to all employees, students and community. We will be offering rock and roll entertainment during the event to give it a "Shake, Rattle & Roll" theme.

Information will be provided by:

Amateur Radio
B.C. Gas
Canadian Red Cross
City of Vancouver, Emergency Planning Department
City of Vancouver, Emergency Services
E-Comm
ICBC
Provincial Emergency Preparedness
St John Ambulance - First Aid Presentation + Survival First Aid Kits

Sign up for **QuakeSafe**, offered by the Canadian Red Cross, an earthquake safety workshop to be held in Room 5025 from 9 - 12.

October 2 - Basic Course
October 30 - Basic and advanced course

Please join us in learning what we can do before, during and after an earthquake!

Come and learn about earthquake preparedness in a "fun" way!

classifieds

FREE STUFF

FREE STUFF: PostFax, Heavy duty paper, numerical tab dividers starting at number 21 through to 31, fits standard size binders. 32 Sets available.

Please call Vivienne at 871-7159, or e-mail at vgarrott@vcc.bc.ca.

PETS



Conan is a three year old blue-heeler/lab cross who is looking for a permanent home with a single person or couple. He knows the basic commands of sit, down and stay (needs a little work on come) and is okay with cats. Conan is an active, though not hyper dog and seems content with two or three walks per day, enjoys catching balls and being in the water. He would be a great dog to take hiking. Separation anxiety has not been a problem for Conan who could live in an apartment (although a yard would be a plus).

For more information contact Dolores at Local 8440.

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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.)