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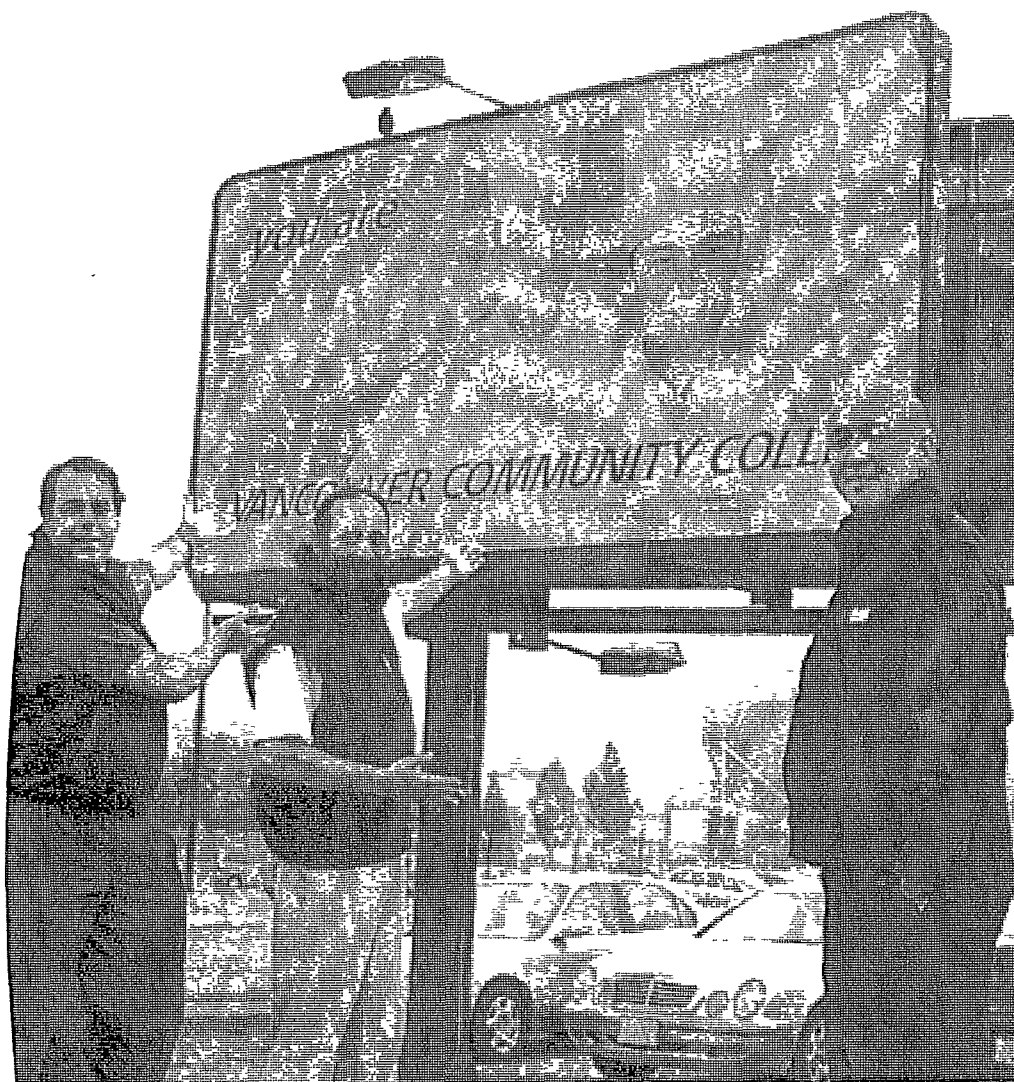
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Director of International Education

I am pleased to announce that Donna Hooker has accepted the position of Director, International Education. Her first day will be Monday, December 2, 2002.

Donna has an MBA degree from Athabasca University, and has increased her expertise with a balance of business and public education experience. She has had extensive international education experience working with contract services and as a Board Director with the B.C. Centre for International Education (BCCIE). With the B.C. Institute of Technology (BCIT), she was employed as an instructor of business courses, supervisor of the International Student Centre, and coordinator of international students. Donna also managed marketing and program development for BCIT, including the development of international contracts.

Her most recent employment was as Managing Director of a Kester Grant College/BCIT project, in which she was management consultant responsible for strategic business and marketing planning and implementation. In this position, she also acted as human resource coordinator organizing academic and administrative teams.

I know this extensive experience will be of great benefit to VCC's International Education Department, and I ask that you join me in welcoming Donna Hooker to Vancouver Community College.

Linda Martin

Vice President, Advancement and College Services



*Above: Donna Hooker
newly appointed Director
of International Education.*

Who Says Major Gifts Don't Fall From The Sky?

Last month, CF-Science received two fabulous gifts: a data projector and a laptop computer. Wow! What luck!

There was a small degree of luck involved in this story, but the relationship between an enthused student and a receptive, caring team of instructors was pivotal

Student, Simon Rosengarten, was really impressed with his learning experience at VCC. He was particularly enthused about his CF-Science instructor, Peter Ballin. Simon was an eager learner. Peter's team of instructors helped Simon discover his ability to succeed. It's a VCC story you've heard many times before.

Last year, Simon's father, Dr. Herbert Rosengarten, coordinated the World Assembly of Mental Health in Vancouver. After the assembly, the coordinating group disbanded and was required to dispose of its assets.

Dr. Rosengarten had heard all about Vancouver Community College from his son. He had learned that VCC had wonderful instructors, and that VCC was an inspiring place for a mature student. VCC was the first place he thought of when asked to find a new home for a data projector and a laptop.

And what has CF-Science learned through this process? Never underestimate the power of your relationship with your students, your PAC members, your personal community and business contacts, etc. You never know when those relationships will result in a major gift that seems to fall from the sky!

Jane Westheuser

VCC Foundation

Here's An Idea!

Develop a wish list of things your department needs. Small things, big things, cheap things, expensive things. You get the picture. Post your list in the classroom, in staff offices, on information boards in the hallways, in *Connections*. Let the world know what you need. Then cross your fingers. A little luck can't hurt.

College's Marketing Goes Big – Literally

Go big.

That's the approach that Vancouver Community College is taking with its latest marketing campaign – an outdoor advertising effort that puts our name into the market in a big way.

VCC's billboard campaign – featuring three VCC culinary graduates – rolled out in early October in high-traffic locations around the city, giving the college tremendous visibility in the community.

"These billboards take the college name into the community in a big way – literally," says VCC's Vice-President of Advancement and College Services, Linda Martin, whose responsibilities include marketing

"We're able to reach a tremendous amount of people this way," she says. "These billboards give us substantial impact for an extremely modest cost."

There are more to come: billboards will be in place through October and November for the first part of the campaign, which will expand to focus on trades and health over the coming months

"We need to get the college name out there," says marketing director Stephen Barrington. "This campaign is about raising awareness and putting Vancouver Community College in front of the public."

"That's the first step. That's critical to the college's ongoing success," he says. "Education today is a competitive marketplace and we need to be visible."

Some of the locations of the college billboard advertising:

- * Georgia and Cardero
- * Main and 49th
- * Burrard and Fourth
- * Clark and 1st
- * Smithe and Homer
- * Kingsway and Knight
- * Broadway and Cassiar

Work on the campaign was done in-house, with strategy, creative development and design coming together from Marketing & Communications and Media Services departments: Barrington, Elizabeth Thomson, Lauch McKenzie and Zoro Mihajlovic.

Among other collaborations of those two departments: new backlit signage at the college's downtown campus, where the southeast corner of the building is now aglow promoting VCC.ca.

"Our Web site is a major vehicle to tell people more about the college," says Barrington. "This backlit signage is just one of the ways we're working to give better prominence to VCC.ca."



Left: Zoro Mihajlovic (Media Services Designer), Stephen Barrington (Director of Marketing), and Dale Dorn stand in front of the first of Zoro's billboard creations.



Above/Right: Wide-angle and close-up shots of the new backlit panels designed by Zoro Mihajlovic.



54th Annual Employee Recognition Event

December 5, 2002

3:30 p.m. – Staff Lounge at KEC

We currently acknowledge and celebrate those employees with long service (20, 25 and 30 year anniversary with the College), employees who have achieved a significant certificate, diploma or degree and those who have volunteered their services

This year, we have enhanced the Employee Recognition Event by providing various areas with an opportunity to select up to two specific awards for their area. Each area has been responsible for developing criteria, nominating candidates and selecting the award winner(s) in their area.

2002 Area Awards

- Academic ABE/ASE Programs/Centre for Instructional Development
- Administrative & College Services (Administrative Services, Financial Services, VCC Foundation, Health Services, Human Resources, Human Rights, Marketing, and Ventures & International Enterprises including Ancillary Services)
- Continuing Education
- ESL Programs
- Health Sciences Programs
- Information & Computing Services/Library and Media Services
- Student Services (Assessments, First Nations, Counselling, I.E.P.A., Interpreting & Braille Services, Learning Centre, and Registrar's Office including Financial Aid)
- Technology Programs
- Tourism, Hospitality & Business Programs

2002 Wellness Incentive Program

We will be recognizing the employees who have attained specific achievement levels in our Wellness Incentive Program.

Long Service

30 Years
25 Years
20 Years

Please join us on December 5, 2002 in the Staff Lounge, KEC from 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. for light refreshments and an opportunity to celebrate with your colleagues. Presentations will be made at 4:00 p.m. If anyone is missing from the long service list, please let Carol Sicoli know at 871-7011.

About Community Policing at VCC

I work at the Community Police Office located within the City Centre campus. The office is primarily in place to offer other Police Officers a space to write reports, use the telephone, eat lunch, etc. There are no volunteers able to work at this particular Community Police Office. For this reason, there are no set office hours. However, you are welcome to contact me via phone or email, or take a chance and drop by and see if myself or another Officer is there to provide assistance.

Sandwich Boards

Vancouver Community College recently allowed me to put up two sandwich boards. One is at the Pender Street entrance and the second is inside the College. They have a list of places where a person can get free meals, clothing, shelter and showers. The hope is that we can help direct a person in need to a local service. The other hope is to discourage aggressive panhandling near VCC and inside the building. Many people have told me they have felt intimidated by panhandlers, and this is one possible solution.

Safety Lectures

I am available to provide safety lectures to staff and students who work or attend school in the downtown area. I am unable to provide them for other areas of the city. Other Police Officers are available for locations outside the downtown core. Contact me for further details.

Constable Wendy Sinclair
Badge #1537
Local #8645

VCC Social Club – Call for Volunteers!

Please contact Carol Sicoli, HRD at local 7011 or email csicoli@vcc.ca if you are interested in forming a VCC Social Club. This group of enthusiastic employees will join together in planning various "fun" activities throughout the year.

Carol Sicoli
Local 7011

Thanks a Million – What a Team Effort!

Lew Bloomingdale, Department Head, Automotive Collision was very keen on the idea of an opportunity for all employees to get together "Just for Fun." What started as an afternoon chat soon became a reality in the planning of a free employee BBQ to be held in September. We approached the College with the idea and were pleased to receive approval to proceed with our plans.

Special thanks to:

- Administrators' Association-donation of funds
- VCCFA-donation of funds
- CUPE-member support
- Poster Design-Zoro Mihajlovic, Media Services
- Hosting/Set Up-Trades area (Auto Tech, Diesel and Auto Collision)
- Vehicles on Display-organized by the Trades Area and provided by a number of employees
- CACE students & staff-homemade salsa & chips
- Asian Culinary Arts-assortment of appetizers
- Culinary Arts-Baron of Beef, veggie burgers, salads
- Baking & Pastry Arts-cookies & squares
- Food Services-contact with suppliers & extensive support
- Sodexo-coffee
- Suppliers-Canada Bread (buns), Unisource (all paper products), Vitality Foodservice Canada Ltd. (cold beverages)
- Music students - Liam Greig, Ian Jones, David Spidel, Richard Graham



- Karaoke & set up-Joe Wallace + Zoro Mihajlovic
- Door Prize-Dennis Cumming donated a beautiful framed picture
- MC/Door prizes-Sheilah Henderson
- Volunteers-Large group of employees

It takes a number of people working behind the scenes to bring an event like this together. It was evident how many additional employees volunteered during the event. Please join me in commending all those who generously donated their time and energy to making this BBQ such a success.

We raised \$1,133 in the 50/50 draw thanks to a number of volunteers selling tickets.

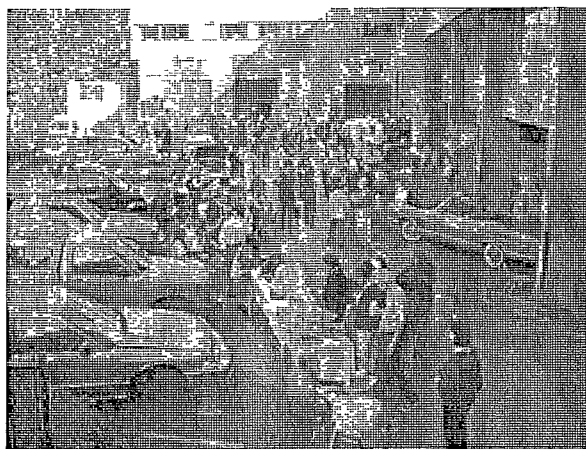
Congratulations - Tene Barber, Web Manager for winning the 50/50 Draw of \$566 50! Special thanks to all those who purchased tickets.

Aproximately 200 employees attended the "Just for Fun" BBQ where they indulged in an incredible display of food, enjoyed the music performed by our very own music students and shared time well spent with their friends and colleagues. This was meant to be a time for everyone to come together Just for Fun and in looking back, I believe the results speak for themselves.

Top Left: Sheilah Henderson as emcee.

Middle Left: View of the barbeque area from above.

Left: Joan McArthur-Blair and Lew Bloomingdale.



McGregor



Child Care Centre

Monthly News Bulletin

We were excited to celebrate 30 years of working together with Vancouver Community College by inviting employees to join us for coffee and cake on Thursday, October 10, 2002 from 11.30 - 12:30 p.m. in the KEC Cafeteria. There was plenty of cake and coffee to enjoy along with people reminiscing and sharing their favourite stories. A number of daycare staff, children and VCC employees enjoyed sharing in the celebration.

The McGregor Child Care Centre, located behind KEC campus, enrolls children up to 5 years old and serves VCC employees, students and the local community. We currently have a couple of vacancies in the Over 3 age group. If you are interested, or know someone else who may be interested in registering their child, please contact Susan Mumford at 604-871-7407 for more information.

The Westcoast Multicultural and Diversity Services is running a program that the daycare staff are implementing through discussions, drawings and projects. They have been focusing on helping the children in expressing and recognizing the basic emotions; happy, sad, frightened, angry in themselves and others including adults and peers

Please note that the daycare staff and children will not be coming on campus for Halloween this year. While this may be disappointing, we are hoping you will take some time to drop by the centre between 10.15 and 11.15 a.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2002.

Directory of Literary Resource People

Are you sitting next to a resource person? Are you one yourself? Should you or your colleague be included in the Directory of Literacy Resource People in BC?

The National Literacy Secretariat (NLS) and Ministry of Advanced Education (AVED) have funded a project to compile and distribute an inventory of literacy resource people in BC to provide training and/or workshops to literacy/ABE practitioners

I am distributing a survey designed to serve two purposes: 1) to give practitioners an opportunity to recommend resource people - including themselves - for inclusion in the Directory, and 2) to identify areas for professional development and/or training in which practitioners have an interest.

If you haven't received a survey and would like to be included, please contact me. The deadline for responses is November 18th.

Thank you,

Jan Weiten
Instructor, Basic Education
Department
jweiten@vcc.ca
604-871-7503

Call For Donations at First United Church

With winter approaching, the mission at First United Church is putting out a call for warm adult clothing, blankets, sleeping bags & towels. There is a special need right now for socks and shoes.

First United Church supports people who live in the Downtown Eastside with food and clothing. Many are homeless. Donations can be dropped off Monday to Friday

8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. First United is at the corner of Hastings Street and Gore (one block east of Main.) Enter the underground parking area off Gore Street.

VCC continues to run Basic Education classes four afternoons per week at this location.

Room Bookings

In order to make it easier for employees across the College to book rooms on campus, we have created email addresses through which one can make room booking requests.

Please direct your requests for room bookings to either: "Room Booking - CC" when booking rooms at City Centre, or "Room Booking - KEC" when booking rooms at KEC.

The Room Booking Clerk at the appropriate campus will receive your email and respond to your request as soon as possible.

Learning Centres Update

The Learning Centres at the King Edward, City Centre and International Education campuses support independent learning with selections of materials appropriate to learners at the campus. Whenever possible, we choose materials with answer keys and encourage students to monitor their own learning

The Centre at King Edward has an array of tapes and books for ESL study and a complete series of grammar worksheets for independent review of the English grammar topics from the "scope and sequence" curriculum. The worksheets are not for class practice and are available for independent study and review only. Each level has a multiple choice "test yourself" paper with answers. We recommend that students use these to check their grammar skills at levels below that at which they are currently studying and discuss any problems

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with the tutors. The centre also makes worksheets available for Math and Science courses taught at KEC and for help with common writing problems.

The International Education Centre has a similar set of ESL materials and an attractive selection of computer programs for ESL learning. The City Centre Campus Learning Centre has books, tapes and worksheets for basic skills like English, Math and Science and some of the special vocational studies at CC.

Further learning resources are available on the Learning Centre pages on the VCC website. These pages are not linked from the main site, but can be reached by typing /tlc at the end of the URL – <http://www.vcc.bc.ca/tlc/>. These pages contain interactive ESL grammar review questions at every level and links more than 150 websites useful to VCC students

Instructors are encouraged to recommend the Learning Centre to their students and advise us of any other learning resources that may be helpful in your area of study.

New Health Sciences Librarian

Mark Goertz is the new librarian for all CC Health Sciences programs.

Mark is at CC Library Monday & Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and at KEC Library Wednesday – Friday. You can reach him at local 8652 or 7183

Congratulations!

The Community and Career Education Department at City Centre is proud to announce that our new Department Head, Lorna Downie, was successful in completing her M.Ed. through Simon Fraser University. She worked long and hard and is very deserving of this accomplishment. Just shows that you can teach an old girl new tricks

CIBC Run for the Cure

Sunday, October 6, 2002

BC Place Stadium, Vancouver

Once again, VCC formed a team for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation CIBC RUN for the CURE. This year, we had 27 employees register on the team, and those interested met at the City Centre campus before heading down to the stadium. We received a free t-shirt with our team name on it – Vancouver Community College. Our team name was in large print and easily identifiable amongst the crowd.

Men, women and children walked and ran in the event as this was their chance to help in the fight against breast cancer. Team participants felt proud to be a part of the largest RUN ever – 34 communities coast-to-coast.

We'd like to thank everyone for their tremendous support and look forward to you joining us at next year's event. Mark your calendars it is on October 5, 2003!

Carol Sicoli
Team Captain

A Garden Gift

Winter pansies in the planter off Broadway greet you as you enter the KEC campus. And there are bulbs to surprise us in the spring. Those of us on the north side of the 3rd floor have enjoyed a profusion of colour this summer and fall and now the planter is full of new pansies and bulbs. Bouquets to Stephanie Jewell of the Humanities Department and her partner Bob Freeman for donating the plants, soil and Thanksgiving weekend labour.

Joan Rike
Humanities Department

City Centre Bookstore Kitchen Sale

Come do your Christmas shopping early at your convenient and super friendly CC Bookstore. There will be a table of bargains plus 10 % off all other handy kitchen items. Joseph, our resident expert, will help with any products you need explained. Mark your calendars for the following: November 12 to November 15!

VCC Library Film Break – Everyone Welcome!

Please share with your students

VCC Library's October Film Break showing *Love, Culture & the Kitchen Sink* was very well received with many in the audience wanting to borrow the film to show to their multi-ethnic families. Several people discussed the film afterwards and its theme of the challenges and joys of bi-cultural relationships. All were pleasantly surprised to know that all films we will be showing in this series are infinitely borrowable from your favourite campus library.

Our next video showing from VCC Library's media collection features two Canadian classics: *The Concert Stages of Europe and Connection*.

Both begin at 12 p.m. and will end by 1:00 p.m. at KEC, Tuesday, Nov 5 in the KEC Auditorium and at CC, Tuesday, Nov. 12 in the CC Theatre, room 112.

The Concert Stages of Europe

From the pen of well-known BC author Jack Hodgins, this sweet story is about a fifteen year old piano student whose mother has dreams of glory for the young musician. Barclay, who prefers to be called Clay, has many dreams and fantasies, but few involve satisfying his mother's wish for him to win the

local talent show. Beware, all parents, there is a lesson to be learned here!

Connection

Canada's pre-eminent short story writer, Alice Munro, explores the relationship of a young couple. He is upper Canada and a snob; she is a farm girl now presiding over a smart and luxurious lifestyle. A call from a spunky older cousin results in a painful and hilarious candlelit dinner that confirms the shakiness of this marriage.

Our final show this semester, Tango in a Cold City, will warm both your body and your soul.

Tuesday, Nov. 26 in the KEC Auditorium and Thursday, Nov. 28 in the CC Theatre, room 112

Each begins at 12:00 and end by 1:00 pm.

Tango in a Cold City

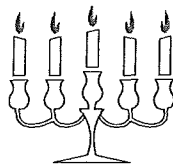
As late fall cold and gloom descend on Canada, let us escape through the passion and power of Tango. Here you will meet Argentinian immigrants and other Canadians whose lives and losses are filled by the sensuality and life force of this most dramatic of dances. Watch the exquisite dancing and listen to the strains of Tango's haunting music. You too may find the music, the history, the sentiment, the social history incredibly captivating and become one of those Canadians who live for the art and philosophy that is Tango.

Info Night a Success

On October 22, 2002, approximately 600 parents and prospective students attended the 4th biannual Program Information Night at City Centre campus. Thanks to everyone for their support and hard work at this important event.

Above Right: Sandra North, Associate Registrar, listens to a guest's question.

Right: Condly Leung demonstrates his culinary talents.



Christmas Buffet!

We know it's early but...

Christmas is coming and so is the Christmas Buffet. So Plan ahead and don't miss this popular feasts!

What:

An evening of fine dining, good companionship and great music. A full seasonal buffet at JJs with music and carollers provided by the School of Music.

Dinner, coffee/tea, gratuities and taxes all included for a low, low price of \$20.00 pp. No host bar.

When:

December 3, 2002 at 6:00

Where:

JJs Dining Room and Lounge, City Centre

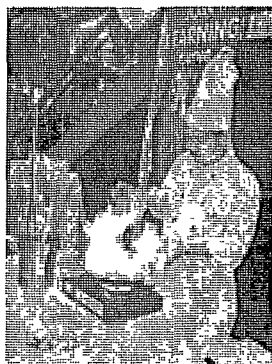
Who:

VCC faculty, staff and friends

How:

Contact Brigitte Kirmis at 8317 or bkirmis@vcc.ca

Please note limited to 85 seats.



Summary of Minutes of the Education Council Meeting

Held on Tuesday, October 1, 2002 in KEC Room 5025 at 3:30 p.m.

1. Advice to the College Board:

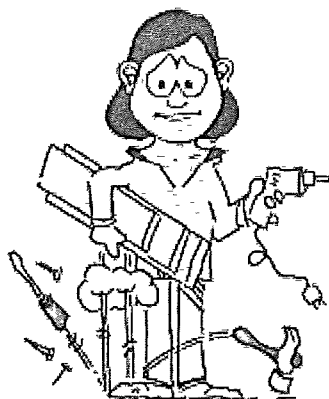
- Education Council endorsed the revised Mission Statement
- Automotive Technician Program - approved content change from 4 modules to 3 modules
- Hospital Unit Coordinator - approved new one-credit course 'Foundations for Processing Physician's Orders' and reduction of credits in Course #7626 and Course #2827.

2. For Information

- Applied Business Technology (ABT) Core Program - online training in Office Management Skills - 3 courses added.
- The Curriculum Committee will review the role of Education Council with regard to provincial curriculum projects offered online.
- The Policy Committee will review whether there should be a policy concerning the sharing or selling of curricula to private institutions
- The Executive of Education Council will check whether policies will be affected as a result of the Ministry of Advanced Education Service Plan

3. Report of Education Chair

- The Chair is a member of the President's Performance Assessment Committee. The survey for the President's evaluation has been sent out. The consultant's report will be submitted to the Committee on October 15th.
- The Chair participated in the Mission Statement Review Committee.
- Board member Rob Tarnowski is Chair of the Finance Committee.
- Board member Sung Van is Chair of the Board Advocacy & External Relations Committee
- Board Chair, Gordon Barefoot, thanked Frank Cosco for serving on the Board
- Recommendations from Education Council in September were passed
- The College Report to the Board, highlighting events of the month, is available on VCC's website



Maritza's Maintenance Message

Tip-Top Shape: Carousel Slide Projectors

The best audio-visual aid for presentations is you, the speaker.

A badly organized speech cannot be salvaged by colourful slides but when used effectively, technology can enhance the transmission of the message. Otherwise, it can obscure or bury the message.

The use of 35mm photographic slides is still very common in the classroom. A tip-top shape Carousel Slide Projector makes presentations smooth and easy.

The proper sequence of actions when using a slide projector is:

1. Load your slides into the carousel. Most projectors will take the 80-slide carousels only.
2. Turn Power On to the slide projector.
3. Hit Lamp On.
4. Advance or reverse slides as necessary.
5. Focus carefully on the first slide. The projector has auto-focus and will adjust to the rest of the slides.
6. If you want to pause in the middle of the

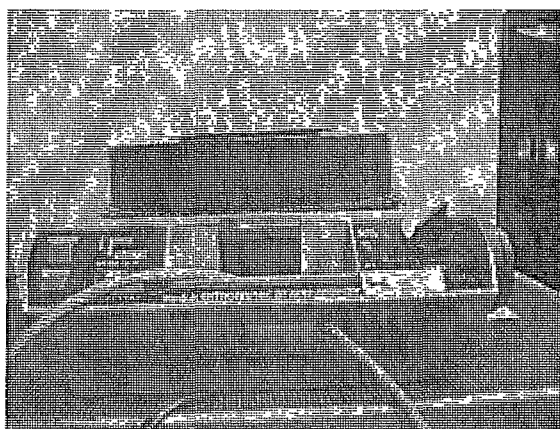
slide presentation, just select the Lamp Off button, but NOT the Power Off button.

7. The lamp should always be allowed to cool before it is turned off.
8. When the slide show is FINISHED, turn OFF the lamp and WAIT 5 MINUTES for the lamp to cool.
9. Then press the projector Power Off button.

When loading the slide tray make sure that the metal slide retainer is locked in the correct position by the plastic latch. The end of the latch should engage the small notch in the slide retainer. In case this is not so, turn the retainer until it is locked.

Arrange the slides in the proper sequence and place one slide in each slot. When the slides are loaded, replace the locking ring and twist one-half turn clockwise.

Do not use slides that are bent, torn, frayed, have sharp corners, are loose, or sticky.



Slide trays will wear out or show increased friction after some time. If the tray does not turn freely when in use, they should be cleaned or replaced.

Report any problem with lamps, trays or general function of the Carousel Slide Projector to the Media Services Department, and we will do our best to get the unit back in order as soon as possible.

Maritza Nunez
Maint. & Repair Tech IMS

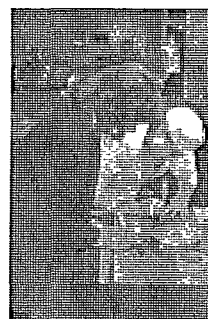
United Way Campaign On Track!

The United Way Campaign is almost over...

Thank you to all the volunteers and donors! Look for more information in the next issue of Connections.

Left: 50/50 Draw Table;

Below: Roseanne Ashworth, Michele Bickell and Barb Ash; Bottom: Dave Donaldson and a free breakfast.





Learning Centres. Update

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Note from the Editor:

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.ca

(Your submissions are welcome.

However, material may be edited for clarity and for length.)

For Sale

MOVING SALE

Pool table- excellent condition; \$1000. obo

Genie organ & bench- \$250. obo

IKEA bedroom suite- in excellent condition; ideal for teen-age girl; five pieces, including bed (with brass head-board), desk, bedside table, dresser drawer (with mirror), and book shelf with 3 drawers- \$650.00 obo

Captain's bed- \$150. obo

IKEA desk & chair- \$200. obo

email.gmdegessst@cruiserespice.com OR telephone: 604-439-0932

FOR SALE

1990 grey 2 door Pontiac Sunbird. One owner. Good condition. 186,000 kms.\$2,000. Call Dave at 604-941-0899 after 6:00 p.m.

FOR SALE

Please Mum Winter Jacket \$20 XL(navy blue)

Please Mum Spring Jacket \$20 XL(navy blue)

Call Lea at 604-871-7407

FOR SALE

Doc. marten's boots, black leather. Never worn

British size 9, Canadian size 10. \$60 obo

Call Chris at local 7361

FOR SALE

Antiqued pale oak coatrack with mirror \$60; ~~Black Leather chair and ottoman \$60~~; large black lacquered wall unit with mirrors and glass doors \$400; ~~off-white sectional sofa \$300~~.

Call Lindsay at 604-871-7131 or 604-205-5896

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