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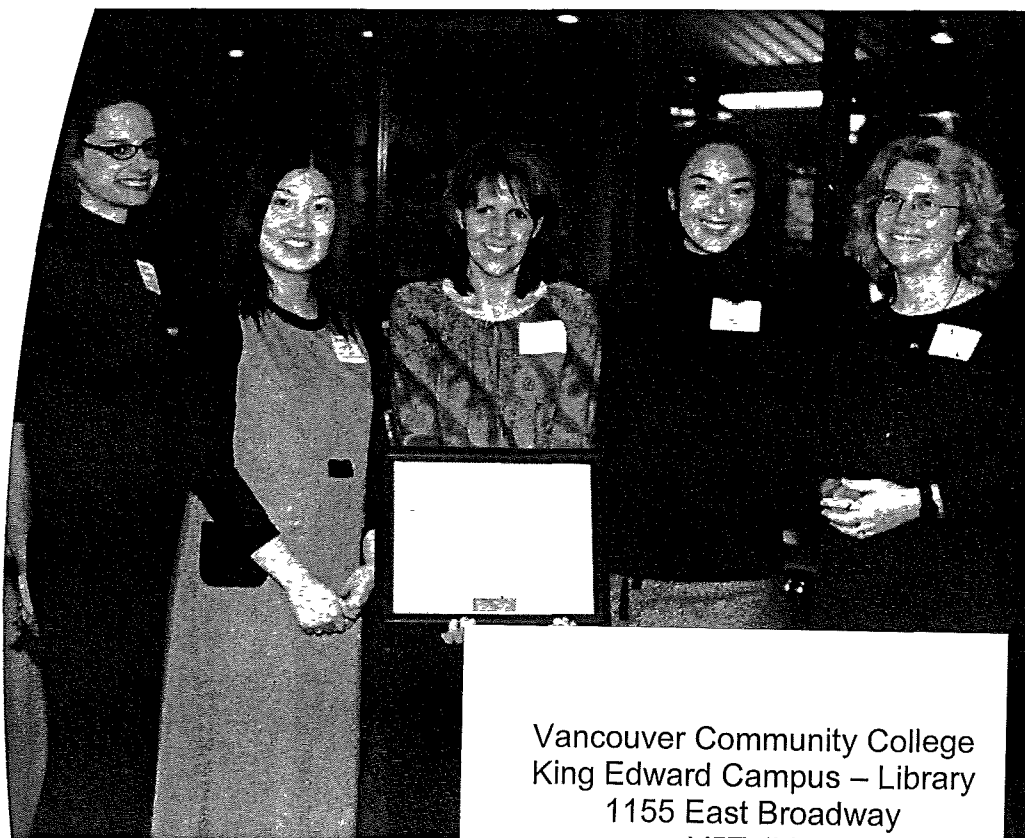
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Vancouver Community College
King Edward Campus – Library
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Fifty-five employees were honoured in several categories at this year's Employee Recognition Event held on December 5th. Above: Susan Vellutini, Mimi Chau, Elise Routhier, Patricia Mahler, Mary Sullivan were recognized for Excellence in Teamwork at the recent Employee Recognition Awards. (story on page 3)

5th Annual Employee Recognition Event

We were delighted to honour so many employees at this year's Employee Recognition Event on December 5th. A total of 55 employees were recognized in the following categories:

30 Years of Service - 14

25 Years of Service - 22

20 Years of Service - 19

Excellence in Education - Kie Tio, CF - Mathematics

Excellence in Customer Service - Gwen Guile, Learning Centre

Excellence in Leadership - Joan MacArthur-Blair, VP Education

Excellence in Community Involvement - Culinary Arts Department

Excellence in Teamwork - Assessment Centre

For an employee or group to be nominated for such an award is exceptional and a tribute to their consistent hard work and dedication. All nominees were sent a letter from the President to applaud them for achieving this mark of distinction. As well, the President sent letters to employees recognizing the following:

- a significant certificate, diploma or degree (22)

- volunteerism (22)

The event was well attended, not only by the honoured guests, but by their friends and colleagues. The room was a sea of friendly, cheerful faces, everyone enjoying the opportunity to visit with colleagues and share in this very special occasion. Sandra MacSorley, Shirley Ripley and students decorated the room to look very festive, music students entertained us and an

incredible array of light refreshments were available for everyone to enjoy. Throughout the event, the pride and enthusiasm were noticeable amid the applause, as the tokens of recognition were awarded.

Dale Dorn, President, provided the official welcome and thanked so many for coming to recognize fellow employees and celebrate their various achievements. Gordon Barefoot, Board Chair, brought greetings on behalf of the Board. He congratulated those being honoured and thanked all the employees for their commitment and dedication to the College and community.



Above: Dale Dorn congratulates Kie Tio on his Excellence in Education Award.



Above: Rob Henderson congratulates Joan MacArthur-Blair on her Excellence in Leadership Award.



Above: Gwen Guile displays her bouquet while accepting her Excellence in Customer Service Award.



Left: Rob Henderson congratulates Ngee-Moi Voon on behalf of the Assessment Centre.

Right: Robert Kraatz, Wayne Baxter, Settimio Sicoli, Tony Humphries, Harald Bonkowski and Ian Smith accept the Excellence in Community Involvement Award.



5th Annual Employee Recognition Event (cont'd)

Employee Recognition Wall

An Employee Recognition Wall is being planned for each campus where we will recognize the 20, 25, 30 long service recipients and recipients of the 5 VCC awards. We would like to thank Media Services, who captured the moment by taking a number of pictures. Thanks to his efforts, we are pleased to be able to share some of the pictures with you. The Employee Recognition Walls will be located as follows:

City Centre - on the 2nd floor next to the Donor Wall (near Continuing Education)

KEC - on the 4th floor by the elevator (opposite side of the Donor wall)

Thank you

On the topic of recognition, we would like to thank a few special people who assisted in the event. Thanks go to those dedicated VCC Award committee members who made it possible to enhance our Employee Recognition Event this year by including 5 VCC awards. These committee members were responsible for adjudicating and selecting the recipients. This was a lot of work.

To all those who helped behind the scene and/or during the event, thank you for your contribution to the success of the event.

And, congratulations again to all those who were recognized on this occasion.

Carol Sicoli
Coordinator, Employee
Development
Human Resources Department

Meet the Writer Series!

This December CF-Humanities received notification from the Canada Council that the department had received its second grant to host three of B.C.'s most well-known writers, Billie Livingston, Marilyn Bowering, and William Deverell. All three have accepted the department's invitation to meet with and read for VCC's students, staff, and faculty during the January-April, 2003 term.

Billie Livingston - at VCC on
Wed. February 19, KEC Cafeteria
12:30-1:45

Marilyn Bowering - at VCC on
Wed. March 19, KEC Cafeteria
12:30-1:45

William Deverell - at VCC on
Wed. April 16, KEC Cafeteria
12:30-1:45

The department is deeply indebted to instructor John Patterson whose dedication, hard work, and donation of professional development time made this wonderful opportunity possible. John trudged through the mountain of paperwork required by the Canada Council as well as contacting and recruiting the writers. This is an open invitation to everyone to "Come meet the writers!"

In the meantime, we invite readers to take advantage of some of the titles we have in VCC Library and read from them ahead of time. Please check out these titles in the Library.

Billie Livingston
Going Down Swinging
(KEC) PS 8573 I95 G64 2000

Marilyn Bowering
Human Bodies : New and Collected Poems 1987-1999
(KEC) PS 8553 O865 H86 1999
To All Appearances A Lady
(KEC) PS 8553 O865 T6 1997

William Deverell
The Dance of Shiva
(KEC) PS 8557 E92 D36 1984
Fatal Cruise
(CC) PAPERBACK
Kill All The Lawyers
(CC) PAPERBACK
Laughing Falcon
(KEC) PAPERBACK
Mindfield
(KEC) PAPERBACK
(KEC) PS 8557 E92 M56 1989
Platinum Blues
(KEC) PS 8557 E92 P58 1988
(KEC) PAPERBACK
Street Legal : The Betrayal
(KEC) PAPERBACK
Trial of Passion
(KEC) PS 8557 E92 T75 1997

VCC Social Committee

"Just for Fun"

I would like to encourage employees to share their enthusiasm and energy by volunteering to be a member of this newly formed committee. It would be ideal, to get volunteers from both campuses to come together in early February to begin planning for 2003/2004. Success comes through the efforts of many of our employees who are willing to put forward the effort to help plan various "Fun" activities/events throughout the year. Let's work together to continue to build on the successful results of the "Just for Fun" BBQ held in September.

If you are interested in joining this "Fun" Social Committee, please contact Carol Sicoli at local 7011 or email at csicoli@vcc.ca.

Student Success?!

A couple of weeks ago, as I was unlocking my bike in front of Coast Mountain Sports after my almost-successful quest for my first good mountain boots in thirty years, I was panhandled. As I responded that I had no change (that was true), the panhandler said, "Is that Peter? Do you remember me? Mike. I was in your biology class." I admitted that I didn't recognize him, but as I looked at him and he identified himself as an A student in 1977, the memory bank vaguely jarred. He told me how much he had enjoyed the class, and went on (and on) about his life. He told me his story about hard times in the Interior, and using all his money to bus to Vancouver, and how he was awaiting friends coming back from the Island, and how he needed money for a night at the hostel until they returned. Then he asked me if he could still succeed in life (of course I said yes), and told me he would call on me at the college and enroll once again. After chatting for half an hour, we took leave of one another, he clutching what used to be my twenty-dollar bill for the night at the hostel, and me wondering how much I contributed to this quite sweet former student's lack of success.

I needn't have concerned myself. Last week, after purchasing tickets to *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* at the Fifth Avenue, I turned to find Mike talking animatedly with my wife. I joined them with a smile, and as Mike was concluding his story about bussing into town, I chimed in, "and that's when you found me". He repeated, "And that's when I found you". Then he left. As my wife and I walked away to join the theatre line-up, I asked her if he told her the story. She replied, yes, about his hard times in the Interior, friends coming back from the Island, needing money for one night at the hostel. "No," said I, "Did he tell you about us meeting last week. that he was my student, the one I told you about?" She

replied in the negative. Of course, Mike hadn't seen me in the line-up. "He's a very sweet guy," said my wife. "I gave him five dollars."

I don't resent the twenty-five dollars my household contributed to Mike's livelihood. I feel much better, in fact, as yet another of my students demonstrated excellence in his chosen career.

Peter Ballin
October 16, 2002

Go Green!

I really don't like cars, but I do like the convenience they provide once in a while. If any of you feel the same, and you don't need a car every day, you might want to try the car co-op. It's cheaper in the long run than running your own car and much better for the environment.

I joined the Co-operative Auto Network last summer. So far, it's been great. You buy shares, just as in a housing co-op, and pay a monthly membership fee, a mileage fee and an hourly usage fee. The shares are \$500 for life and the monthly fee varies according to the usage plan you chose. I'm a very infrequent user so my plan is \$60 for the entire year. I pay \$1.75 an hour and \$.32 per kilometer when I'm using a car. It generally costs me about \$15 to take a car out for the entire morning to run errands all over town. If you are on a higher usage plan, your mileage rate is lower. The co-op pays for all insurance, gas, repairs and maintenance costs.

There are now 52 cars stationed at different locations around the Vancouver area. Members can book a car on-line, over the phone or in person at the office downtown. There is at least one van available.

If you'd like to check this out for yourself, the website is www.cooperativeauto.net. Their phone number is 604-685-1393 and their address is 205-470 Granville Street.

The co-op is just a few years old, but has been quite successful. They've won several environmental awards. They were also one of the three finalists for the Vancity \$1 million grant this year.

Marta Goodwin

Health Care Communication Management Merges With The Hospital Unit Coordinator Program

I am pleased to announce the merge of two program areas into one new department within the School of Health Sciences. The Health Care Communication Management Department brings the (formerly) Medical Office Careers Department (Medical Office Assistant, Medical Secretary, and Medical Transcriptionist programs) and the Hospital Unit Coordinator Program together under one umbrella. Faculty are excited about this because it offers an opportunity for sharing of resources—both instructor and curricular—and will lead to a united approach to dealing with the ongoing challenges presented in health care communications and technology systems. Congratulations to Moreah Hament who is presently Acting Department Head for this new department.

Appointment

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Norm Dooley as Department Head of the Centre for Instructional Development Department. Norm's appointment is effective January 3, 2003.

And thank you to David Tickner for his work as Department Head in the past.

Pat Bawtinheimer

LIBRARY NEWS

NEW BOOKS AT VCC LIBRARY

Title: Against the Grain

Call: (KEC) VIDEO: VIDEO SHELVES S
494.5 B563 L372 1999 c. 1

Summary: Mar Lappe and Britt Bailey offer a scientifically-grounded skepticism of food biotechnology and genetically modified foods.

Title: Beirut to Bosnia Muslims and the West : A Personal Journey

Call: (KEC) VIDEO: VIDEO SHELVES DS
119.7 B457 2000 vid. 1 c. 1

Summary: In this three-part series filmed in Lebanon, Gaza, Israel, Egypt, and Bosnia, Robert Fisk, award-winning Middle East and Balkans correspondent for the London Independent, reports on Muslim unrest as ideology, religion, history, and geography come into conflict. *The martyr's smile ...* documents the guerrilla war of Lebanon's Hezbollah and Islamic Jihad movements to free southern Lebanon of Israeli occupation forces and Western interference, beginning with the destruction of the American Marine barracks during the early 1980s. *The road to Palestine ...* examines the displacement of Palestinians by Zionist immigrants and Jewish refugees. *To the ends of the earth ...* investigates the desperate situations of Muslims in Egypt and Bosnia who, though worlds apart, are plagued by a common feeling of betrayal by the West.

Title: Britannia a Company Town

Call: (KEC) VIDEO: VIDEO SHELVES FC
3845 B86 B85 2000 c. 1

Summary: The community of Britannia, near Whistler, BC, was once home to the largest copper mine in the British Commonwealth. It is now a ghost town, tarnished by a run-down mine building and a legacy of environmental destruction. This film takes a hard look at how, more than a quarter of a century after its closure, the mine continues to empty up to a ton of heavy metals daily into the

scientific waters of Howe Sound. This is the story of a small town struggling to reinvent itself and a celebration of the people who used to, and those who still do, call Britannia home.

Title: Bully Dance

Call: (KEC) VIDEO: VIDEO SHELVES BF
637 B85 B85 2000 c. 1

Summary: A non-verbal film with a strong message about bullies. A bully victimizes a smaller member of his group and disrupts the life of his community. Eventually the victim and the group must deal with the bully, who is himself a victim in his own house. This film is part of the ShowPeace series of animated films without words.

Title: The Death Penalty Debate

Call: (KEC) VIDEO: VIDEO SHELVES HV
8694 D384 1995 c. 1

Summary: Talk show interview discussing the death penalty debate with mothers of murderers, victims of crimes, interest groups and a death row inmate whose execution was stopped 15 hours before scheduled.

Title: Eating Disorders

Call: (KEC) VIDEO: VIDEO SHELVES RC
552 A5 E16 2000 c. 1

Summary: Looks at eating disorders that affect millions of people and discusses how they can be treated with psychological counseling and emotional support as well as medical treatment for severe disorders. Emphasis is on anorexia nervosa.

Title: The Global Generation

Call: (KEC) VIDEO: VIDEO SHELVES JZ
1318 G562 2001 vid. 1 c. 1

Summary: This six part series focuses on current trends in globalization and the implications for both industrialized and developing countries. Drawing on live interviews and case studies from around the world, the programs explore concepts such as human rights violation, exploitation of the environment, biodiversity, third-world debt, ethical investment policies and free-market economies.

The efforts of various humanitarian groups, non-governmental and grassroots organizations in staving off the widespread efforts of globalization are also explored.

Title: An Introduction to the IMF

Call: (KEC) VIDEO: VIDEO SHELVES HG
3881 I56 2000 c. 1

Summary: This program explains how the IMF is structured and illustrates how it sets policy. The program also uses archival footage to examine the dual birth of the IMF and the World Bank and to explore the vision of its founding members: John Maynard Keynes, Harry Dexter White and Henry Morgenthau.

Title: The Mission School Syndrome

Call: (KEC) VIDEO: VIDEO SHELVES E
96.65 Y8 M57 1988 c. 1

Summary: Documents the role of mission schools in the education of Indian children from the 1920's to the 1980's and assesses the long term impact on native communities in the Yukon. Former students describe the feelings of isolation and fear as they were separated from their families and forbidden to speak their own language, as well as the difficulties they encountered on returning to their villages.

Title: Mordecai Richler

Call: (KEC) VIDEO: VIDEO SHELVES PS
8535 I22 Z53 2000 c. 1

Summary: Mordecai Richler talks about his life, his work and the writing process.

Library Hours

CC & KEC

January to April 2003

Monday	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Tuesday	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Wednesday	10:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Thursday	10:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday	11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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Disruption of Periodical Subscriptions

Not only does the Library have hundreds of periodicals available online in full-text, there are also a number of subscriptions received in paper copy that are available in the Library to be borrowed. This message is to let you know that there may be a disruption in receiving some of these paper copies, as the subscription agency that the Library has used for a number of years is in serious financial difficulties.

As a result, subscription renewals for periodicals that were to take effect in January are now being ordered through another subscription agency, and I anticipate that it may take a few weeks for the subscriptions to start up again. This may mean the most recent copy of a magazine will be late in showing up on the Library shelves, your routed copies may be delayed, and departments that pay for their own subscriptions may find their magazines do not arrive for a few weeks.

Thanks for your patience as we get this sorted out, and feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Carol Elder
Coordinator, Library Technical
Services local 7385

Mystery Booktruck

Has anyone lost a booktruck? A CC instructor noticed an idle booktruck in a classroom and brought it to the library. It is not ours, but we are keeping it in storage until its owner comes to claim it. Please contact City Centre Circulation at 8340 if you are the owner.

LOCAL BUSINESSES SUPPORTING X'MAS EVENT AT NETWORK TO WORK

Network to Work is an employment assistance service funded by Human Resources Development Canada and administered by the Vancouver Community College. We are a job search resource facility that focuses on enhancing the networking and self-marketing skills of job seekers. We are located off-campus on Davie Street, Vancouver. Please find out more about us @ www.networktowork.com.

Every Christmas, Network to Work organizes a special networking event for our clients. As an integral part of the West End community in downtown Vancouver, we take the time to encourage local businesses to support this event by donating gift items for attending clients.

This year on 18 December, 27 clients, 4 guests and the staff team participated in the event and appreciated the opportunity to share their experience and exchange information about the job market. Of course, they all enjoyed the festivity, the wonderful gifts, and tasty home-baked cookies and muffins donated by our staff members Judy Peterson (Program Co-Manager) and Becky Knapton (Employment Service Specialist).



Above: Event Participants



Above: Gifts donated by local businesses.

On behalf of our clients, staff at Network to Work, and the Vancouver Community College, I would like to acknowledge the tremendous support of the following businesses:

Abasa Optical Lab Ltd.
Book Warehouse Discount Bookstore
The Fountainhead Pub
Joe's Grill
Kam's Place Singaporean Cuisine
Kentucky Fried Chicken
Prestige Hair Salon
Quizno's Classic Subs
Rogers Video
Royal Bank
Shoppers Drug Mart
Stepho's Souvlaki Greek Taverna
Subway Sandwiches and Salads
Takis Taverna
T-Bone Clothing Co.
The Dish
Tim Hortons

Special thanks are extended to Becky Knapton for her great effort and commitment in making this event possible. Becky was instrumental in soliciting support from the local businesses and organizing the gathering.

Michael Yue
Program Co-Manager,
Network to Work

Special Thanks to VCC's Santa Helpers

On behalf of the McGregor Child Care Centre, we wish to extend our sincere appreciation to all the VCC Santa Helpers who helped to make the holiday season more enjoyable for our needy families. Without your generous support, a number of families would have continued to struggle in trying to meet their basic needs (non-perishable food, warm clothing for the children). A number of children had gifts placed under the tree which no doubt brightened their faces come Christmas morning.

It was extremely rewarding for me to personally greet some of the family members and give them their Holiday Bags. Previously, I participated in this program but I had never experienced what it was like to personally get acquainted with the families in the Centre and to see their faces as they were handed their Holiday Bags. There were tears shed by the families as they were overwhelmed by the kind-hearted generosity of our employees. I shed tears knowing how much it meant to these families to gain such support during this difficult time in their lives.

With some of the money donated, we provided each child with a book. As well, we were able to provide some much needed non-perishable food hamper items and gifts for some of the children of the families that were adopted. Irmgard Blumke, Library - Circulation Services kindly donated her time and energy to make a nice cozy blanket for each of the children to use during their nap time.

I would be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to thank Santa (Bill Miller) for his special visit to the Daycare. The children were so excited to have Santa personally visit them at the Centre. There were some children who were too shy to sit on Santa's knee but enjoyed the festive

moment at a distance or convinced their mom or dad to share the moment with Santa. Everyone enjoyed sharing in the anticipation, singing songs, Santa's visit, opening gifts with the children and then being served light refreshments. A number of pictures were taken to capture the moment. What a great way to start the holiday season.

I am so proud of VCC's employees who reached out to support our needy families in the community during the holiday season. Not only did our employees come forward to adopt the needy families but others donated a significant amount of money or time and energy to help the children in other ways. In the past, one of our employees had her children attend the Centre and now the children are saving their money to donate to this worthy cause. Wow, we're so fortunate to receive such generous support from our employees and their extended families.

I believe our lives are so much richer having been able to reach out and help those in need in our community.

From our hearts to yours, we wish you health, happiness, peace and prosperity in 2003.

Carol Sicoli
President,
McGregor Child Care Centre

Next Information Night - April 9!

The next Information Night for VCC programs will be held at City Centre on Wed. April 9th from 4:30-6:30pm. Hundreds of potential students show up on this night to see the wonderful programs VCC has to offer. If you are not already volunteering at your own program table, but are still interested in volunteering and being part of this fun event, we want to hear from you! Please contact Brenda Toporowski at Local 8442 or by e-mail by March 19th.



50/50 DRAW

Congratulations to these recent 50/50 draw winners:

September 2002
Elizabeth Burnyeat
October 2002
Jim Funk
November 2002
Michael Brown
December 2002
Rick Irwin
January 2003
Rob Henderson

THEY ALL SAID "WOW!!!"

Congratulations also to these VCC Entrance Scholarship winners, whose scholarships were paid from 50/50 draw proceeds:

Nga Nguyen
Jordan Campbell
Kingsley Tse
Autumn Fabiano
Sylvia Cheng

HERE'S WHAT THEY SAID:

"This scholarship will definitely help my journey through the road to higher learning"

"It is a very encouraging award—I feel confident in believing in myself"

"I am very lucky to be accepted by your College AND to receive this Scholarship"

For your chance to win—and to help a student come to VCC—make sure you are on the 50/50 list. And remember—for every five tickets you buy each month (\$10) you get one free ticket—and one more chance to win. Call Rebecca at 7148.

Passing Over: IEPA sends Gifts to Basic Ed

With regret, Basic Ed instructors accepted boxes of bounty once used by the IEPA Program. The IEPA Program was one of the victims of last spring's round of program cuts to students services and A.B.E.. The Educational support IEPA provided to many of our students with learning disabilities has been tremendously missed this term. We shall continue to work for the reinstatement of this program. In the meantime, a big thanks to Malcolm, Nancy, Lorraine and Celeste, from all of us.



Above: Basic Ed Instructors Sally Gellard, Jan Weiter, and Claudia Mason.

Reach the Community as a Volunteer ESL Tutor

The Homefront Learning Program of the ESL Outreach Department provides volunteer opportunities to those interested in helping immigrants learn English and get settled in a new country.

The Homefront Learning Program provides free ESL tutoring to non-English speaking adults who are unable to attend existing classes. Volunteers tutor on a one-to-one basis in the learner's home and receive a free training course and statement of completion. Homefront Tutors also receive ongoing support from the Homefront Instructors and have access to resources and materials. The minimum time commitment is two hours a week for six months.

This award-winning program has been in effect since 1979 and currently has approximately 200 volunteers tutoring learners in Vancouver and Burnaby.

Homefront runs 6 trainings a year and can always use more volunteers. For further information and details on the next training session, please contact Penny Barrados at 871-7277 or email pbarrados@vcc.ca

Summary of Minutes of the Education Council Meeting

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

1. For Information

The orientation for members of Education Council took place at the December meeting.

Members are continuing to have discussions with regard to distributed learning. The Curriculum Committee will address distributed learning as an educational issue as opposed to an operational issue at its next meeting and report back to Education Council in January.

Received as information the following:

- VCC Library Special Borrowers Card Application Form * change in categories
- Legal Assistant Certificate Program * name change to Paralegal Certificate Program
- BC Provincial Instructor Diploma Program and VCC Diploma in Adult Education Program * course name and number changes, to meet

requirements related to shifting to the BANNER registration system

- TOEFL Score Improvement course * name change to TOEFL Skills.

2. Report of Education Chair

The Chair distributed the letter from the Chair of Council of the Education Councils (CoEdCo) to the Minister of Advanced Education.

Norm Dooley will be presenting his views in January about whether Education Council has a role regarding fees set for courses that are now cost recoverable.

COLLEGE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2003

Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of each month* starting at 6:00 p.m. at one of the following locations:

King Edward Campus: Room 5025
City Centre Campus: Room 240

Date:	Location:
January 28	City Centre
February 27	City Centre
March 27	City Centre
April 24	King Edward
May 22	City Centre
June 5	City Centre
June 26	City Centre
July *	no meeting
August 28	King Edward
September 25	City Centre
October 23	King Edward
November 27	City Centre
December *	date to be determined by the Board

(*With the exception of June 5th)
(#Any changes to the time will be posted at both campuses.)

For further information, please contact Vivienne Garrott at (604) 871-7159.



TIP TOP SHAPE

By Maritza Nunez
Maint. & Repair Tech IMS

Maritza's Maintenance Message

Camcorders

Video recording is increasing in use to facilitate teaching and learning because it provides a vivid description of classroom interaction, laboratory or workshop activities, language skills practices or any activity carried out to enhance the learning process. Operation of video recorders require some basic technical skills that can give good results, even without reading the manual!

Here is a list of fundamental aspects to consider when using a video recorder:

VIEWFINDER

Use the camcorder viewfinder to check for appropriate lighting and viewable area. It displays the image you will see when playing back your videotape.

FOCUS and EXPOSURE

Verify the focus and exposure settings of the camera. When using the AUTO setting, camcorders use an averaging process to select the best focus and exposure. The AUTO focus works well if the brightness values vary smoothly across the viewable area and the objects are not moving, but it often fails when the levels of brightness differ greatly or people move around. Exposure may also fail if people are wearing dark or light colour clothes when you zoom in close. Recommend that the participants wear neutral brightness clothes.

LIGHTING

Good lighting is critical for good video. Poor lighting will result in graininess and the loss of detail in the finished video.

AUDIO

The use of the built-in microphone is not always a good idea for video projects because of its distance to the subject. The camera's automatic gain features will usually pick up too much room noise. Consider a combination of microphones for capturing audio from different sources at different volume levels.

TRIPODS

Rather than attempting to use a hand-held camcorder, a tripod is very important to spare the audience from distraction and to avoid visual disorientation when viewing the tape. A tripod helps to obtain a more professional quality product.

Care of equipment:

DO NOT DROP CAMCORDERS!

Use of a tripod and locate the camera in an isolated area to prevent these type of accidents.

ALWAYS PUT THE AC ADAPTER ON THE FLOOR TO PREVENT IT FROM FALLING!

The AC adapter (power supply black box) is a very expensive component.

MAKE SURE THE CABLE FROM THE CAMERA IS UNPLUGGED BEFORE RETURNING IT TO THE CASE.

PAY PROPER ATTENTION TO THE INSERTION OF VIDEOTAPES. If a cassette is inserted upside down or backwards, DO NOT attempt to remove by force. Bring the unit to Media Services right away!



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Submit your pieces via email to

Karen Wilson, kwilson@vcc.ca

Please title submissions

Connections: (with article name)

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February 19, 2003 by 5 p.m.

Please note:

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For Sale

Beermakers/Winemakers

For Sale:

48 green glass beer bottles - \$15; 30 clear glass wine bottles \$5;
30 green glass wine bottles \$5; IKEA 48 bottle wood wine rack - \$25
Call Chris at local 7361

Wanted:

A caring sitter for our big, beautiful cat. Mano, the lap cat, lives inside and needs care for a month beginning about February 20. Please call Jodi at 7297 or Lorraine at 7491 if you can help out.

Right: Mano gives a pleading look in requesting a "caring" sitter.



For Sale:

Antigued, Pale Oak **Coatrack** with mirror, \$60 OBO; Large Black Laquered **Wall Unit** with Mirrors and Glass Doors, \$400 OBO; Genuine **BARBIE Computer!** Yes, it's back (my daughter has finally authorized its sale) and now is your chance to buy this extremely rare, collector's item. This is not a toy (unless you are a MAC user and consider all PCs to be toys.) This is a real, fully functioning, PC equipped with: an IBM 333 Mhz Celeron Processor; 32 Megs of Ram; 40 GB Hard Drive; CD-Rom Drive; matching **BARBIE** powered speakers; matching **BARBIE** mouse and Keyboard; 15" matching **BARBIE** Monitor; **BARBIE** Digital Camera; and scads of installed software. Make us an offer!!!
Call Lindsay at local 7131 or 604-205-5896

