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VCC Instructor Wins Prestigious National Award

Congratulations to Peter Hopkinson, who has been awarded the 2002-2003 Teaching Excellence by the Association of Canadian Community College (story on page 3).

Update on the VCC Code of Ethics

You will recall that the VCC Code of Ethics was developed over a period of almost two years by a representative committee, with considerable input from the College community. The document was approved by the VCC Board in October 2000. In the interim, feedback on the usefulness and relevance of the Code has been very positive. We have had several requests from other colleges, some from the USA, for permission to use the Code in the development of their own document

The VCC Code was to be reviewed at the end of two years. This review has recently been completed in an e-mail survey sent out to the College community by Rob Henderson, Director of Human Resources, in November 2002. Responses were submitted college-wide. The original committee reconvened to review responses received and follow up on some of the recommendations. The suggested changes have been incorporated into the document and the Code has been updated on the College website

The committee would like to thank all those who responded to the survey. From responses received, it was clear that where the Code has been used, it has been helpful. It was also clear that a number of people did not know where to access the Code or were unaware it existed. The Code is available on the VCC website. It is presented to all new employees in the Employee Orientation handbook and is available in hard copy from the Executive Office.

One recurring theme and suggestion we heard from several sources was on the topic of gift giving/receiving. We would like to hear back from you, if you think the Code of Ethics should make specific reference to this. (When) Is it appropriate to receive gifts in your position at VCC? The committee felt that the topic is already addressed in the Code under "C. Equality and Acceptance", # 8 with a reference to favouritism, and under "D. Honour & Trust", #11, with a reference to conflict of interest. Please let us know if you think this needs to be addressed more clearly in the VCC Code of Ethics

Based on feedback received in response to the review survey, we intend, in the next edition of *Connections*, to present some of the "Principles" and some of the "Examples" cited in the VCC Code of Ethics, to remind everyone of the relevance of the Code and encourage usage. So look for more information next month.

Rob Henderson
Director Human Resources

...On With The Show!

*The
Maple
Leaf Singers*



The Maple Leaf Singers are a show choir who love to share the joy of music and have a reputation for excellence in performance and repertoire. I am a member.

We are a group c
residences, community centres and churches as well as fundraisers, conventions and other events for groups such as the Lions Club and the Kinsmen

We are proud to present our **Spring Show at Massey Theatre** (New Westminster) **May 9 and 10 at 8:00pm**. To enjoy a great evening of music including classics by Cole Porter, Gershwin, Jule Styne, Andrew Lloyd Webber and more contact **Keith Parker** for tickets at 604.431.6907 or email: keithparker@shaw.ca.

General Admission \$15 (arrive early!) • Seniors/Students \$12
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MLS Line 604.594.6235 or 604.521.3079

Fun and physics is name of game for award-winning VCC instructor

Luke I am your physics instructor

Darth Vader he isn't - but Vancouver Community College instructor Peter Hopkinson doesn't hesitate to dress as the Star Wars villain, whip out some shaving cream or fire up a leaf-blower to illustrate a point to students

It's precisely that committed and energetic approach to teaching that has earned the veteran VCC instructor prestigious national recognition this year's Teaching Excellence Award from the Association of Canadian Community Colleges

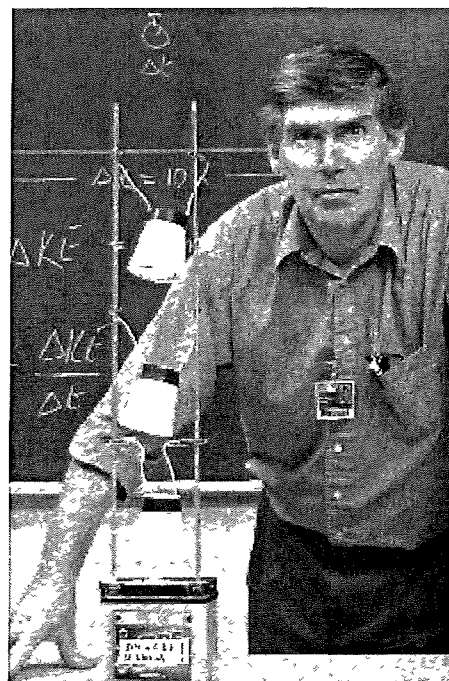
"Physics is so easy to teach badly," says Hopkinson, who teaches Grade 11 and 12 physics as part of VCC's highly regarded high school upgrading program "We've all had the teacher who writes equations on the board with one hand and erases them with the other hand - so people come in with this fear of physics".

To get his students past that fear he draws on his university drama training - a self-described "bit of a showman", he minored in the subject - for in-class antics, demonstrations and experiments. He sees equations as merely guides to thinking, not something to learn by rote, although he admits it took him years to get past that notion.

"This is a true honour for Peter and for VCC", says college president Dale Dorn "He has a profound commitment to teaching excellence and student success, which has a major impact in the classroom This is well-deserved recognition".

While Hopkinson's award recognizes his innovative teaching, dedication and interest in curriculum development, he's quick to note that he's just one of the "many top-notch instructors working at VCC and other colleges"

"Colleges have their strength in teaching", says Hopkinson "It's such a pleasure to have a job where you're focused on teaching - developing it and looking at ways to do it better".



In Memory of a Colleague:(Perry) Wayne Wilson

In 1961 Wayne graduated from a Vancouver Night School program in Basic Education. Thirteen years later, in 1974, he joined the College as an instructor in the College Foundations Math Department. No one could possibly understand the heart and soul of an adult learner like Wayne did – he'd been there. finishing his elementary education when he was in his early twenties, then on to high school and university to achieve his goals.

Wayne was always well respected and loved by his students. He had incredible patience and gentleness with students who were slow learners or who had various special needs. He was known both within the department and across the campus for his unique sense of humour and his skills as a cartoonist. If a department meeting was getting boring or too serious, or to keep it from becoming so, Wayne would find an issue that deserved to have a face put on it in cartoon form and circulate it around the table for a momentary chuckle. Many departments in the college were benefactors of Wayne's cartoon talents. He made many other contributions to the Math Department and the College, participating on various committees such as Awards and IEPA. His performance was always thorough and professional.

When Wayne retired from the Math Department in March, 2000, a fellow instructor wrote the following lyrics which were sung at his retirement party to the tune of "Amazing Grace"

Amazing Wayne, how sad we are
That you are leaving us
For twenty-six years you've been
a star
We'll try not to make a fuss.

Amazing Wayne, what will be
done
To turn the copier on
No early rides down Highway #1
No work but to mow the lawn.

Amazing Wayne, the students
say
You re the very best
You help the ones in IEPA
Have patience with the rest.

And now it's our turn to say good-
bye
We think you've got the gist
We'll have no new cartoons
about the number _
You know you will be missed!!

Wayne and his wife, Claire, had enjoyed almost 3 years of an idyllic retirement lifestyle at Qualicum Beach on Vancouver Island when he passed away suddenly on March 12, 2003, shortly after his 63rd birthday. Colleagues and students mourn his passing, but he will not be forgotten by all those who knew and loved this special man.

*Submitted by Ruth Behnke, CF
Math Department*

Appointment

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Moreah Hamend as Department Head of the HealthCare Communications Management Department. Moreah's appointment is effective March 17, 2003

Pat Bawtinheimer

Electronic Mail Policy Approved

At the Operations Council of March 25, 2003, the Electronic Mail Policy (Employees), B 5 4, was approved. The Policy may be viewed on the College website. If you require a hard copy, please contact Vivienne Garrott at 7159.

Thanks Vivienne

MAILROOM MESSAGE

Could staff check their desks for inter office envelopes? If you have accumulated a pile, could you send all extras to either City Centre Mailroom or KEC Mailroom.

Thank you, Helen

Passion and Hope

ESL Valedictorian Speech

Judy Zhu Jing

March 7, 2003

Ladies and Gentlemen, distinguished guests, members of the faculty, family members, friends and fellow graduates- Good Morning.

I'd like to start by saying how honoured I am to be speaking as a representative of our graduating class. How can I condense all of our memories, our feelings, and our emotions into a five minute speech?

I would like to address the people who taught us and supported us. I've always believed that teaching is one of the most challenging, yet most rewarding professions in the world. Because true teaching comes from within, with passion and motivation. At VCC, your teaching has made a tremendous difference in our lives. And I believe that you all really know how it feels to bring out the best in your students, who in turn, bring out the best in you. I know that we have not told you how much we appreciate you taking time out of your schedules to help us and care about us. So I'd like to say thank you. Thank you for sharing your passion. We were so fortunate to have you as our teacher.

Fellow graduates, many years from now when we reflect back on our time here, I'm sure that we will remember the friends we made and the time we spent in each other's company. We will remember the laughs, the tears, the disappointments, and the triumphs. We will remember how we played on various teams, acted in drama productions, and participated in activities that shaped and made us. We did so much more, and as a result, we learned so much more.

Personally, I really enjoyed the way classes were conducted in small settings, which enabled me to get to know my classmates and teachers through discussion and conversation. The way I learned and the way it fostered an outlook on education, I felt it was different than anywhere else. The spirituality at VCC has been such an influence on my life.

"Today is the first day of the rest of your life." Consider this as we leave here and go on to another. Since most of us are new immigrants from diverse cultures, we have come a long long way and grown physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. Today we all share a moment. For some this is a moment to be full of pride. For others it is a moment in which to hope. Let us be grateful for the support that we have received from our teachers, families and friends. Let us move on, with confidence, passion and a commitment to excellence.

*We have to work very hard
And overcome many obstacles
We have to go against the judgment of other people
And bypass their prejudices
Then we may have whatever we want
If we try hard enough
And we may live a life and love it
Designed by ourselves
I wish everyone the best of luck in the future
Thank you*

New Library Books Posted on the Web Each Month

Check Out the New Books in the Library
for January 2003

http://www.vcc.ca/library/vclb_new_books.htm

The titles are sorted by call number so that books on the same subject are together. However a quick browse of all titles may turn up additional items of interest. For example, call numbers beginning with "R" indicate medicine, yet in the January list there are other books of possible interest in "BF" [psychology] "Life-Span Development", in "BL" [Religion] "Will the Circle be Unbroken? Reflections on Death, Rebirth, and Hunger for a Faith", under "H" [social sciences] there are "Canada's Aging Population: A Report" & "Returning Home: Fostering a Supportive and Respectful Environment in the Long-Term Care Setting" and under "QR" [microbiology] there is "Jonas Salk and the Polio Vaccine"

If you would like to receive an e-mail reminder each month with the link to our web page, please let us know by e-mailing jwurzbach@vcc.ca and we will add your name to a mailing list

Life-span development / BF 713 S3 2002 KEC

Will the circle be unbroken? · reflections on death, rebirth, and hunger for a faith /
BL 504 T47 2001 KEC
SUMMARY. .. Interviews with emergency room doctors, Hiroshima survivors, AIDS co-workers, and death-row parolees express the beliefs, hopes, fears, and expectations of people confronted with death and life's ultimate experience

Kings and queens of Britain /
DA 28.1 V53 1997 KEC

Canada and the United States .
ambivalent allies /
E 183.8 C2 T46 2002 KEC

Guide to understanding aboriginal
cultures in Canada /
E 78 C2 A261 1999 KEC

North American Indian, Metis and
Inuit women speak
about culture, education and work /
E 98 W8 K36 2001 KEC

The Klondike gold rush .
photographs from 1896-1899 /
FC 4022.3 W54 1997 KEC

Immigration /
FC 60 B33 2002 v.68 no. 3 KEC

Professional railroad atlas of North
America . United States, Canada,
Mexico
G 1106 P3 P76 1999 CC

The World factbook.
G 122 W67 CC

Under the ground /
GN 783 B67 1996 KEC

Pierced & pretty . the complete guide
to ear piercing, pierced earrings, and
how-to create your own /
GT 2265 H65 1984 CC
SUMMARY.... Presents a history of
this universal ornament, tips on
having one's ears pierced, and
suggestions for making
earrings

Seasons and celebrations /
GT 3930 M34 1997 KEC

A national overview, population and
dwelling counts
HA 741.5 2001 N38 2002 KEC

The cost of poverty.
HC 120 P6 C87 2001 KEC

Work and family provisions in
Canadian collective agreements/
HD 4904.25 W676 2000 KEC
SUMMARY Topics covered
include organization of working time,
overtime, scheduling, flexibility in
hours, reduction of
working time, telework (home based
work), maternity leave,
paternal and adoption leave, health
and safety provision for
pregnant employees, family care and
health leave, leave for
personal reasons, vacations and
statutory holidays, child
care services, employee benefits,
non-medical benefits,
assistance program.

Start and run a consulting business /
HD 69 C6 G73 2002 CC

Apparel merchandising . the line
starts here /
HD 9940 A2 R59 2001 CC

Commerce /
HF 1008 D38 2002 KEC

International trade, putting gender
into the process :
initiatives and lessons learned /
HF 1479 H37 2000 CC

Women and trade in Canada : an
overview of key issues /
HF 1479 H37 2000 CC

Microsoft Office 2000 /
HF 5548.4 M525 O442 2000 CC

Exploring investment in work-related
learning in British
Columbia /
HF 5549.5 T7 G35 2001 KEC

Silent selling best practices and effective strategies in visual merchandising / HF 5845 B35 2002 CC	The art of awareness how observation can transform your teaching / LB 1027 28 C87 2000 CC	Urban blues / ML 3521 K44 1991 KEC
Budget plan / HJ 13 A17 2001 PLAN KEC	Multimedia projects in the classroom a guide to development and evaluation / LB 1028 4 G76 2002 KEC	Music and the racial imagination / ML 3795 M87 2000 KEC
Service plan HJ 13 B7 B736 KEC		Celine Dion my story, my dream / ML 420 D565 A3 2000 KEC
Canada's aging population a report / /HQ 1064 C2 C36 2002 CC	The role of class discussion in the learning-centered classroom LB 1032 C76 2002 KEC	SUMMARY The singer offers readers an intimate portrait of her life, her struggles to find success in the recording industry, her romantic life, and her 1999 decision to start a family and spend more time with her cancer-stricken husband
Canada, the new frontier for Filipino mail-order brides / HQ 1236 5 C2 C32 2000 KEC	Film / LB 1044 S73 2001 KEC	
My forbidden face growing up under the Taliban a young woman's story / HQ 1735 6 Z75 L38 2001 KEC	Internationalizing higher education building vital programs on campuses / LB 2331 72 N48 no. 117 KEC	Drawing step-by-step / NC 730 G63 1983 CC
Start and run a home daycare / HQ 778.5 P78 2002 CC	Building robust learning environments in undergraduate science, technology, engineering, and mathematics / LB 2331 72 N48 no 119 KEC	Street style British design in the 80s / NK 1443 M35 1987 CC
Returning home fostering a supportive and respectful environment in the long-term care setting HV 1454 2 C2 K693 2001 CC	Towards a learning province : recognizing and crediting learning in British Columbia a vision for prior learning assessment in the 21st century LB 2359 5 T68 2000 KEC	The best of costume jewelry / NK 4890 C67 S34 1999 CC
On her own young women and homelessness in Canada / HV 4509 O53 2002 CC		Instructor's manual to accompany ten steps to improving reading skills / PE 1121 L37 1988 INST MAN KEC
Striking terror America's new war / HV 6431 S76 2002 KEC	Ensuring quality and productivity in higher education an analysis of assessment practices / LB 2806 22 E57 2002 KEC	Instructor's manual to accompany ten steps to building college reading skills / PE 1121 L371 1989 INSTR MAN KEC
Annual report / HV 745 B7 B743 CC	30 days to the new GED 30 one-day lessons for complete GED prep / LB 3060 33 G45 B37 2002 CC	Instructor's manual, test bank, and computer guide to accompany ten steps to advancing college reading skills / PE 1121 L372 1993 TCH KEC
Management of the information technology portfolio in the Ministry of Attorney General JL 429 5 A8 B76 2001 KEC	Focus on learners : a research project examining the drop-out and drop-in of learners in the Fort St. John Literacy Society's volunteer tutoring program research report / LC 154 3 F678 F63 2001 KEC	
Forging our legacy : Canadian citizenship and immigration, 1900-1977 / JV 7220 K562 2000 KEC		
Canada's recent immigrants a comparative portrait based on the 1996 census / JV 7225 5 C352 2001 CC	Thematic catalogues in music an annotated bibliography / ML 113 B86 1997 KEC	

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- SUMMARY The advanced text in the series that includes Ten Steps to Building College Reading Skills and Ten Steps to Improving College Reading Skills, this book is similarly organized
Ten steps to better reading are presented and followed by mastery tests to measure the student's skill proficiency
Ten reading selections with questions based on the ten skills reinforce the earlier sections
Questions are multiple choice and short answer
AUDIENCE Intended for advanced to college prep level ESL students
- Ten steps to improving college reading skills instructor's edition /
PE 1121 L38 1992 TCH KEC
- Lexicarry pictures for learning languages /
PE 1128 M664 2002 CC
SUMMARY .. An English word list intended to be used with the Lexicarry
collection of pictures for second-language vocabulary
building A collection of pictures designed to help language students build vocabulary Includes an English word list
- How to teach pronunciation
PE 1137 K336 2000 CC
SUMMARY . A guide to the theory of pronunciation and to practical skills required in its teaching
- Writing fundamentals /
PE 1408 L96 2000 KEC
- Basic idioms in English book 1 /
PE 1460 S482 1993 CC
SUMMARY.. . Based on actual, recorded conversations where
- American English idioms are used in a variety of situations, including daily activities, problem solving and relationships Each module is divided into four lessons, and is a self-contained unit Suited for self study
AUDIENCE. . Intended for upper beginner to lower advanced level ESL students
- Basic idioms in English book 2 /
PE 1460 S483 1993 CC
SUMMARY .. Based on actual, recorded conversations where American English idioms are used in a variety of situations, including daily activities, problem solving and relationships Each module is divided into four lessons, and is a self-contained unit Suited for self study
AUDIENCE. Intended for upper beginner to lower advanced level ESL students
- English idioms sayings and slang /
PE 3227 M35 1995 CC
- Pros and cons a debater's handbook /
PN 4181 P76 1999 KEC
- Atonement /
PR 6063 C4 A86 2001 KEC
- Pavilion poems /
PS 8553 O479 P39 2002 KEC
- Apocrypha of light /
PS 8555 R72 A86 2002 KEC
- The stubborn season /
PS 8557 A8384 S88 2002 KEC
- Blue in this country : poems /
PS 8573 A5315 B58 2001 KEC
- Videotape index [for] Intermediate algebra, ninth edition /
QA 152 2 K432 INDEX 2003 KEC
- Rainforests /
QH 541 5 R27 A42 1995 KEC
- Animals in danger
QL 82 P68 1996 KEC
- Crystallography made crystal clear a guide for users of macromolecular models /
QP 551 R46 2000 CC
- Jonas Salk and the polio vaccine /
QR 31 S25 B365 2002 KEC
SUMMARY A biography of the scientist and humanitarian who discovered the vaccine for polio, a disease which crippled many people in the early part of the twentieth century
- Medical terminology for health professions /
R 123 E47 2001 CC
- Introduction to medical office transcription /
R 728.8 B42 2003 CC
- Patients first renewal and reform of British Columbia's health care system
RA 412 5 C2 P37 2001 CC
- Health goals for British Columbia women
RA 564 85 B75 2000 CC
- You and your health a woman's handbook.
RA 778 Y68 2001 CC
- Phlebotomy a customer service approach a textbook for developing phlebotomy and customer service skills /
RB 45 15 D38 2002 CC
- Blood collection in healthcare /
RB 45.15 D525 2002 CC
- The forgetting : Alzheimer's, portrait of an epidemic /
RC 523 2 S535 2001 CC

Introduction to 12-lead ECG the art of interpretation /
RC 683 5 E5 G37 2003 CC

ECG workout exercises in arrhythmia interpretation /
RC 685 A65 H84 2002 CC

Ethical patient care a casebook for geriatric health care teams /
RC 952 5 E85 2002 CC
SUMMARY ... This book is designed to teach effective and responsible group decision making to clinicians working in teams to treat older patients. The editors use case studies to present ethical dilemmas that team members encounter

Dental hygiene in review /
RK 60 5 D438 2002 CC

Brush well a look at dental care /
RK 63 B34 2002 CC
SUMMARY .. Presents an introduction to teeth, brushing, flossing, and the importance of good dental care

Nutrition in the prevention and treatment of disease /
RM 216 N87 2001 CC

Nursing care plans guidelines for individualizing patient care /
RT 49 D64 2002 CC

The caregiver's sourcebook /
RT 61 D38 2002 CC

Success in practical/vocational nursing from student to leader /
RT 62 H45 2001 CC

From LPN to RN role transitions /
RT 82 H346 2002 CC

The nursing experience trends, challenges, and transitions /
RT 82 K43 2002 CC

Pollution /
TD 176 B67 1998 KEC

Lee's building maintenance management /
TH 3361 L43 2000 CC

The official Rent-a-Husband guide to a safe, problem-free home quick, easy, and effective solutions for everything in need of repair or improvement /
TH 4817 3 W37 2001 CC

Electrical safety homeowner information guide
TK 152 E44 CC

CGI manual of style /
TK 5105 565 M34 1996 CC

A first lab in circuits and electronics /
TK 7867 T75 2002 CC

CMOS sourcebook /
TK 7868 L6 B73 2001 CC

Flight /
TL 570 D43 1997 KEC

U F O.s /
TL 789 B76 1999 KEC

Jewellery making /
TT 212 C53 1994 CC

Jewelry making : a guide for beginners /
TT 212 F66 1981 CC

Jewelry /
TT 212 J49 1978 CC

Secrets of the couturiers /
TT 505 A1 K46 1984 CC

Tailoring suits and coats.
TT 515 T35 1966 CC

How to make clothes that fit and flatter /
TT 520 M34 1969 CC

Coming clean dirty little secrets from a professional housecleaner /
TX 324 W37 2002 CC

The occidental tourist more than 130 Asian-inspired recipes /
TX 724 5 A1 F73 2001 CC
SUMMARY. Presents a collection of recipes for dishes that combine American tastes and creativity with Asian flavors, including black tea-soaked roast chicken, honey and spice-scented pork ribs, East Indian chickpea smash, and green onion noodle cakes.

Barbecues and salads creative ideas for outdoor eating with more than 400 sizzling barbecue recipes and succulent salads /
TX 840 B3 F73 2002 CC

ZagatSurvey top international hotels, resorts & spas
TX 907 Z34 CC

Handbook of print media technologies and production methods /
Z 244 H25 2001 CC

Web-based instruction : a guide for libraries /
Z 711.2 S65 2001 KEC

Creative dressing : the unique collection of top designer looks that you can make yourself /
TT 515 O26 1980 CC

DANCEARTS VANCOUVER

DANCEARTS VANCOUVER is a not-for-profit organization that works to educate the public both about the opinions of young people and our fragile relationship with the earth

DANCEARTS VANCOUVER is offering FREE and interactive workshops for our newest initiative "The EARTH Project" We welcome students from all backgrounds to join us to discuss themes of globalization, environmental sustainability, and our relationship with the earth. There will be two Movement workshops: March 16, 17, and 18, from noon-4pm, or for experienced dancers March 21 & 22, from noon-4pm, both at 677 Davie, 3rd floor. There will also be a Discussion workshop on April 23rd from 5-9pm, at the same address, and a Theatre workshop Sunday May 4th, from 12-4pm at the Britannia Centre, 1661 Napier Lane, (off Commercial). All promise to be fun and interesting sessions of expression and exploration, and snacks will be served.

More info or sign up forms can be found on our website at www.dancearts.bc.ca or call 604-606-6408 to register

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Meet the Writer Series!

VCC welcomed Marilyn Bowering on Wed. March 19. She read to staff, students and visitors. Don't miss the last brilliant B.C. writer: William Deverell.

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

Again, 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.

William Deverell

The dance of Shiva
(KEC) PS 8557 E92 D36 1984

Mindfield
(KEC) PAPERBACK
(KEC) PS 8557 E92 M56 1989

Fatal Cruise
(CC) PAPERBACK

Platinum blues
(KEC) PS 8557 E92 P58 1988
(KEC) PAPERBACK

Kill all the lawyers
(CC) PAPERBACK

Street legal : the betrayal
(KEC) PAPERBACK

Laughing falcon
(KEC) PAPERBACK

Trial of passion
(KEC) PS 8557 E92 T75 1997

WELCOME TO BUY-A-BOOK 2003!!

VCC LIBRARY IS ABOUT TO LAUNCH ITS THIRD BUY-A-BOOK CAMPAIGN

WE PLAN TO RAISE \$10,000!!!

WHAT is the **BUY-A-BOOK** Campaign?

The **BUY-A-BOOK** Campaign is a concentrated effort to raise money within the College Community for much-needed acquisitions that will support student learning at both KEC and City Centre Libraries.

WHY are we having a **BUY-A-BOOK** Campaign?

We are having a **BUY-A-BOOK** campaign because of an urgent need for new materials. The amount of money available through the College budget is simply not sufficient to meet needs that have been identified by the entire College Community.

WHEN will the **BUY-A-BOOK** Campaign happen?

The **BUY-A-BOOK** Campaign will be launched April 01 and will run until April 30

WHERE can I donate to the **BUY-A-BOOK** Campaign?

Look for donation cards and envelopes in your pay envelopes, in the cafeterias and Libraries, and at reception desks throughout the College.

HOW can I donate to the **BUY-A-BOOK** Campaign?

You may donate by cash, cheque or credit card, or through payroll deduction. Complete the donation card, and be sure to include your name and address so that the Foundation can issue a receipt for tax purposes. Give your sealed envelope to a Library staff person, or put it in the campus mail.

Receipts will be issued for all donations of \$10 or more. Names of donors of \$10 or more will appear on a list posted at both campuses.

WHO can I ask for more information about the **BUY-A-BOOK** Campaign?

The following people form the committee to coordinate the Campaign:

Virginia Adams	7223
Bob Altwein	7531
Rebecca Davey	7148
Lila Heilbrunn	7318
(Foundation) (Director, LAMS)	
Manijeh Golkhizi	7351
Irene King	7183/8641

AND REMEMBER—

THE LIBRARY IS FOR EVERYONE

GIVE-A-BOOK TO BUY-A-BOOK!

Don't forget to weed your personal collection and at the same time support the VCC Library's Buy-a-Book Campaign.

Donations of books, magazines, videos, DVDs and CDs may be dropped off at either City Centre or King Edward Campus Library Information Desks before 18 April 2003.

Sales will take place at City Centre on Wednesday, 23 April 11 00 a.m. to 6 30 p.m., and at King Edward Campus on Wednesday, 30 April 11 00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. All proceeds go to the Buy-A-Book Campaign to buy new materials for the VCC Libraries.

**Summary of Minutes of the Education Council Meeting
Held on February 4, February 18, and March 4, 2003,
in KEC Room 5025 at 3:30 p.m.**

1. Advice to the College Board:

- An Ad Hoc Advice Committee was struck at the Special Meeting of February 18th. The purpose of that meeting was to arrive at a consensus on advice to the College Board with regard to the Education Plan 2003-04
- The Ad Hoc Advice Committee presented its recommendations at the March 4th meeting. The following motion was carried:
That the education advice to the College Board from Education Council is to do everything possible to save Vancouver Community College's unique programs whose elimination or reduction would be an irrevocable loss to the educational enterprise within VCC and to the community at large
- The Education Plan 2003-04 was discussed at the February 4th and 18th meetings. From the discussion, the following advice was gleaned for the College Board:
 - Cuts to lower level ESL programs may produce poor student numbers at higher levels and that there may be a domino effect on those programs. This is particularly true as fees are going up on at least some of those higher level ESL programs.
 - To seek Institutional Research statistics regarding the economic value of VCC's programs and to use that information to support arguments for increased funding.
 - Cuts to programs likely mean that those programs will not return; e.g., BEST, ABE Youth, EEAW. It is very difficult to resurrect programs once the instructors and materials have been "out of use" for any period.
 - Reductions in ABE programs like the Business and Computer Studies area will make it more difficult for students to attain Grade 12 graduation through VCC.
 - Many immigrants who are certified professionals in their country of origin need Canadian certification in their fields and suggest that the Board consider offering courses to help those people learn language and skills sufficient to allow them to achieve those Canadian certificates.
 - Programs, which fill special needs, would likely not be found elsewhere in the Lower Mainland. By not filling certain program areas, VCC is, in effect, closing the door to certain types of students.
 - The Board to seek new funds; think outside the box; find creative ways to fund programs, particularly those that are slated to be "not filled".
 - The Dental Departments are appreciative of the service provided by students in the Building Service Worker and Institutional Aid programs; their service will be missed.
 - Access to English Language skills will be greatly reduced by the Education Plan and many students will have to wait longer.
 - Approved the new courses Accounting for the Information Technology Specialist 1001 and Business Communications 1001.
 - Approved the proposed changes for the Telecommunications Systems Specialty Program.
 - Approved the new program Hospital Pharmacy Technician, and the prerequisites for Health Information & Questionnaire for Health Sciences Programs.

2. **For Information**

- As an example of a successful on-line program, it was mentioned that Continuing Education, with OLA and BC Campus, has completed the legal interpretation program on line, that 94 people have registered for the next class, and that the program is done simultaneously in 8 languages.
- Graphic Communications & Production Technology – “industry practicum” (optional). The duration is one month for 4 credits.
- User Support & Training, Course #4264 – name change to Client Support & Training.
- Baking & Pastry Arts Program (ESL, Patisserie & General Baking & Breads) – change in passing marks from a C+ to a C average
- ASL & Deaf Studies – scheduling change for summer session ASL Class
- Reading/Writing and Grammar/Writing ESL Outreach classes to be renamed Grammar/Writing/Reading.

3. **Report of Education Chair**

- There is the possibility that Education Councils could be phased out when the government reviews the legislation with regard to colleges and universities. A motion was passed requesting that the College Board write a letter to the Ministry of Advanced Education in support of the valuable work Education Council does.
- Changes were made to the Governance Committee of the College Board. Persons or groups wishing to make presentations are directed to contact the Executive Assistant to the Board and are asked to provide advance written copy of their presentation. There will be “public forums” to provide opportunities for the public to be heard.
- By-elections will be taking place for three positions on Education Council.
- Peter Hopkinson, Science Instructor in College Foundations, has received the ACCC Teacher of Excellence award.

- ANNOUNCEMENT -

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

I am pleased to announce that Peter Legg has been appointed to the position of Director of Financial Services effective March 3, 2003

Peter holds a CMA (Certified Management Accountant) designation from the Society of Management Accountants of BC and a Bachelor of Commerce Degree from the University of Calgary

Peter has over 20 years of extensive senior experience in financial management, accounting and budgeting, primarily with Westcoast Energy (now Duke Energy Gas Transmission). While at Westcoast Energy he was responsible for both international and domestic ventures. In addition, he coordinated the development and implementation of budget processes, administrative, operational and management reporting systems and financial information systems.

In his new position, Peter will have a leading role in financial and budget planning process for the College and reporting of these matters to management and to the VCC Board. He will also have overall responsibility of Financial Services functions such as accounting, payroll, and purchasing.

Please join me in welcoming him to VCC. His office will be located at King Edward Campus, on the 5th Floor. You will be able to reach Peter at 604-871-7162 or at plegg@vcc.ca

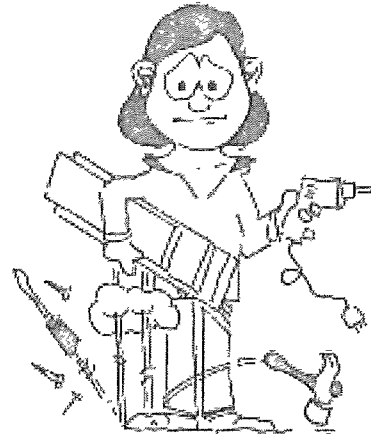
Trish Pেকেles, Chief Financial Officer and Bursar

Tip top Shape

By Maritza Nunez

Maint. & Repair Tech.

Video connections



The introduction of a variety of video equipment in the classroom has introduced us to a lot of jargon, cables and connectors, causing confusion when connecting different pieces of equipment.

Using a single cable for video would certainly be the easiest way of doing things; but due to technological advances, VCRs, DVDs or projectors offer different output connectivity options. Projectors and television sets are equipped with a variety of inputs according to their age or model.

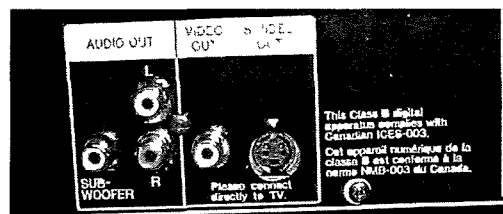
Composite video, developed in the 1950s, it was a solution for transition from black & white to colour TV. It was the composite of the two picture components: the black and white picture and a layer of colour information on top. Old TV sets would ignore the colour component while the new sets separated out the colour information and displayed it with the black and white picture.

Composite video shows up everywhere. It is the signal retrieved by a TV's antenna or through the coaxial cable from cable TV providers. The yellow "video" jacks on the back of VCRs, laser disc players or DVD players are all output composite video.

Composite video is transported using one coaxial cable connector. The most commonly used connectors for composite video are the RCA (usually colour coded yellow) and the BNC connector. The center pin carries the signal and the outer shield connects the cable shield.

The S-video, introduced in the 1980s, solved some of the problems that came with composite video, providing a better picture due to colour separation and a much cleaner signal. S-video signal (also called Y/C-signal) splits the video signal in two parts (luminance and colour).

These signals are transported using two different coaxial cables. The standard connector used for S-video is the 4-pin mini-DIN connector.



Component Video is the system in use for DVDs. The signals are encoded in Component Video (Y, Pr, Pb) rather than kept separate to ensure the highest possible quality. "Y" is luminance, or "Brightness". "Pr" is basically the level of Red, while "Pb" is basically the level of Blue. Green is derived from the levels of red, blue and the overall white level ("Y").

Component video needs at least three high quality coaxial cables for the Y, Pb and Pr components. These RCA type connectors are usually colour coded green, blue and red respectively. A regular red, white, yellow RCA cable can be used instead but make sure the connections go from Pb to Pb, Pr to Pr and Y to Y respectively.

It is important to mention that picture information is lost when component video is compressed into composite format. Once luminance (Y) and chrominance (C) information is packed into one signal, this signal cannot ever be separated cleanly again. When the television or projector tries to convert the composite signal back to component video, it can't recover the entire original signal. The final video image on the screen is diminished, the picture is not as crisp and clean, and the colours aren't as accurate and rich, as they would have been if the composite video compression had been avoided.

VANCOUVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE BY-ELECTION RESULTS MARCH 20, 2003				
BOARD OF GOVERNORS – CITY CENTRE STUDENT				
	YES	NO	TOTAL	RESULTS
COLLISHAW, Ashlin	19	0	19	<u>ELECTED</u>
Total of Ballots – 19 with 0 Spoiled Ballots				
EDUCATION COUNCIL – FACULTY Academic/ABE/ASE				
JEWELL, Stephanie A	10	0	10	ELECTED
Total of Ballots – 10 with 0 Spoiled Ballots				
EDUCATION COUNCIL – STUDENTS				
<u>City Cent</u>				
MENDEZ, Eileen	6	0	6	ELECTED
Total of Ballots – 6 with 0 Spoiled Ballots				
FOMINYKH, Elena	21	0	21	ELECTED
BUDD, Lyle	9	0	9	
Total of Ballots – 30 with 0 Spoiled Ballots				



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For Sale

rectangular, solid wood dining table w/ six matching chairs, very solid, light oak color/clear stain, 1 yr old, asking \$600 obo for the set

2 wing back type chairs, custom light blue fabric, emmaculate condition, barely used (in storage) asking \$300 ea obo (paid \$700 ea)

Contact Robyn 604-739-0805, Kitslano area

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Please title submissions: Connections (with article name)

Deadline for submission for next issue is Wed. Apr. 23rd by 5pm

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