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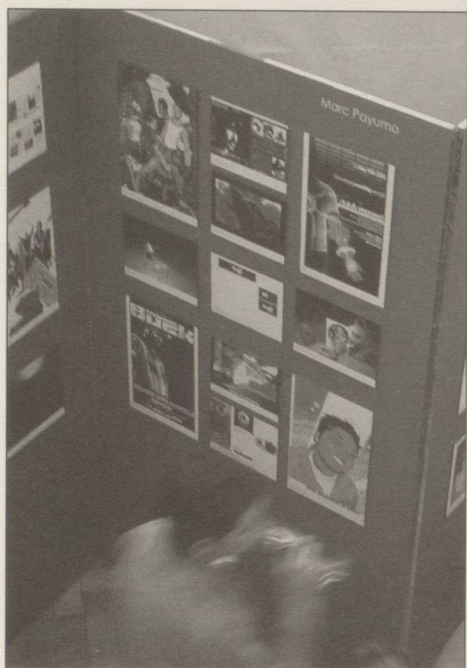
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Digital Graphic Design and Jewellery Graduate Show

New funding for VCC's Centre for Hospitality



An overhead view of the VCC Digital Graphic Design students 'digital mosaic' design show on opening night.



Anita Sikma from VCC's Jewellery Arts, modelling her "Senza Titolo collar" showcased with other works at the show.

Old world meets high-tech at VCC graduate show

Old-world craftsmanship met high-tech stylings in this year's display of work from two Vancouver Community College design programs, where ages-old metalwork techniques were side-by-side with hot digital designs.

It was the culmination of months of work for up-and-coming designers in VCC's jewellery design and digital graphic design programs, who have put their creative and technical skills on the line for a special year-end show that opened in May.

Tiaras, "textiles in metal" and brooches in the style of Salvador Dali's Mae West were among the works from students in the college's jewellery design program, which is widely recognized for its artistic and technical excellence.

First-year student Geoff Gavora, 25, drew from his own childhood to create a series of pieces - called I Have a Dream

- dedicated to the work of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. His medium: gold, silver, pearls, sapphires and rubies.

"Nothing could bring me greater joy than to fulfill the dreams of a child," says Gavora, who is donating partial proceeds from the sale of the designs to the foundation. "I poured my heart into this project, and all I dream now is that it is a success."

It was pixels and colour palettes - not gold and silver - that were at the heart of the companion show Digital Mosaic: Diverse Artists Unite from VCC's digital graphic design program.

Their tools: the latest hardware and software - Mac G5s and digital drawing tablets, Cinema 4D, Quark Xpress, PhotoShop, Illustrator and Flash MX. Their challenge: meld the creative with the practical for striking designs in the likes of posters, packaging and CD covers. ■



VCC president Dale Dom presents Minister Stephen Owen with VCC chef's jacket at funding announcement.

Stephen Owen, the Western Economic Diversification Minister announced \$450,000 in funding for the Centre for Leadership and Innovation in Hospitality at VCC on May 26.

The money will go to renovations and equipment purchases at the Centre to help train thousands of B.C. hospitality workers. "This new Centre will strengthen B.C.'s hospitality and service industry by providing highly-trained and qualified employees," said Minister Owen. "Having a skilled workforce in the hospitality sector is vital to maintain a sustainable economy, especially leading up to the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games." ■

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News Briefs

Les Patterson food service manager

Les Patterson, who has been on short-term contracts as the food service manager since 2003, has officially joined VCC.

Patterson has made many contributions over the years including opening the new store room for the Asian, Culinary and Baking departments and working with the School of Hospitality to improve performance standards. He was also a part of the JJ's at the PNE team that received the community service award last summer and was the driving force behind the VCC Day food service last May.

Patterson's office is on the 3rd floor beside the Seiffert Market. For all catering and event needs he may be contacted at local 8709.

New budget and special projects coordinator

Neera Thandi has joined VCC as the new budget and special projects coordinator. She will be available to assist departments with tuition fees, preparing/reviewing budgets for contract proposals and other financial analysis. She will also be involved with the preparation of the college-wide budget.

Thandi is a CGA and was previously a divisional accountant at OLA. She can be contacted by phone at local 7124 or in person at KEC room 5015, Financial Services.

Acting Vice-President Education

Joan McArthur-Blair is leaving VCC to accept the role of president, Nova Scotia Community College. Her last duty day will be July 15, 2005.

Pat Bawtinheimer, dean of the School of Health Sciences, has agreed to serve as acting vice-president, education until VCC can find a replacement. Pat has the skills, experience and aptitude to perform this role well.

The search process will begin for the ongoing vice-president immediately, seeking applications from both internal and external applicants.

VCC readies 40th anniversary campaign; planning continues for anniversary event

B.C.'s No. 1 college, VCC, is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year – and soon everyone will know it.

VCC is readying special awareness efforts to spread the word in style about the college's 40th anniversary – plans are in the works for a major anniversary presence at the downtown campus

on the evening of Oct. 14 will turn the entire downtown campus foyer into a huge party for the college community to help recognize the four decades of VCC's history and success.

Tickets go on sale over the summer around the college and early bird buyers will have a chance to win a mid-week



Celebrating 40 years of changing lives.



starting this summer, followed by specially created billboard ads strategically posted around the city.

"What's a birthday without a surprise or two?" says VCC marketing director Stephen Barrington. "We have some high-profile initiatives to highlight VCC's 40th, and you'll be seeing a lot more of them over the next several months."

VCC's special 40th anniversary logo – featuring flying confetti highlighting the college's 40 years from 1965-2005 – continues to be included in virtually all VCC advertising; it will feature prominently in upcoming initiatives.

Considerable planning continues for the college's 40th anniversary celebration – dubbed *Feelin' Groovy* – which,



MOUNTAINSIDE LODGE

two-day package at the Mountainside Lodge (www.mountain sidelodge.ca) in the heart of Whistler Village. That's not all – among the door prizes at the celebration will be two more two-day packages.

Tickets cost \$19.65 – reflecting, of course, the year of the college's founding – and will include entertainment, a buffet-style dinner and a drink.

"We're going to give this major milestone the recognition it deserves, both internally and externally," says Linda Martin, VCC's vice-president of advancement and education services and the chair of the 40th anniversary committee. ■

VCC's 40th time capsule ideas needed

Thanks for the memories. . . .

Faculty members Sue Aro and Wayne McNiven are looking for VCC memories and memorabilia for a special time capsule to commemorate the college's 40th anniversary.

So start thinking about what would best represent VCC 2005 to future generations and send in your suggestions to saro@vcc.ca or wmcniven@vcc.ca.

Items to consider include curriculum, photographs, the Connections newsletter – of course; a fine thought, say the editors – program materials and more.

Sorry, quip Aro and McNiven, no employees or students allowed in the time capsule. You're limited only by your imagination and size; the capsule won't be that large. ■

TIME capsule

PHOTO: L. MCKENZIE, PHOTO ILLUSTRATION: C. PARIS

News Briefs

ICS appoints new programmer/analyst

Mindy Qin has been appointed to the position of programmer/analyst with the Application Services team in ICS. She has extensive software development experience and last worked at Mountain Equipment Co-op where she worked on an e-commerce application. Qin's other experience includes working with the Sungard SCT Banner application at the University College of the Fraser Valley.

Director of aboriginal education and services



Ron Johnston has joined VCC as the director of aboriginal education and services, coming to the college with a broad background in trades as well as academia. He has been involved in numerous committees and projects that focus on targeted services for aboriginal people.

His office is room 4051A, next to Financial Aid on the Broadway campus. Reach him at local 7105.

See photos of the welcoming ceremony for Johnston on page 7

JJ's at the PNE



VCC's well-known restaurant, JJ's, returns to the Pacific National Exhibition this year. VCC's presence includes its popular Cooking Show which this year will include a "fireman's cook-off" every day at 6:30 pm.

This year's fair, Aug. 20 to Sept. 5, will mark a third year for JJ's at the PNE and a record eighth year for VCC's cooking show.

VCC Fast Snack

VCC is a strongly regional college – it draws nearly 40% of its students from outside the City of Vancouver.

VCC tackles recruitment and retention

VCC has established a new committee, the Enrollment Management Group, to tackle the familiar and thorny issues surrounding recruiting and retaining students – things such as information flow, customer service and college procedures.

Its aim: catch more of the students who might be interested in VCC and keep the ones who do join the college.

Barbara Ash, dean of student services and chair of the committee, points to recent college statistics. "Our target is to have student satisfaction with services, currently at 74 per cent, go up to match satisfaction with quality of instruction, which is at 84 per cent," she says.

The committee's role is to review, make recommendations, and implement changes to activities that influence students' college choice, student retention and student outcomes.

Among the areas for committee attention:

- Systems problems
- Resource shortages
- Obstacles to change
- Educational support
- Changing expectations

Committee members are drawn from around the college: Sue Aro, Stephen Barrington, Sueling Chang, Sandra North, Blaine Wiggins, Gyda Chud, Dana Fister, Lila Heilbrunn, Ted Hougham, Carrie Leggatt, Michele McLeod, Sylvia Patey, Deanna Rexe, Mark Chapman, Jane Sheil, Susan Vellutini, Colleen Van Winkel, Maija Wiik, Ron Kee and Karin Steichele. Meetings are open to the college community, contact Lisa Middleton at 7023 for a schedule.

Already the committee is recommending adjustments to VCC processes; plans are in the works for an external audit of enrollment management practices. ■

VCC 'family' embarks on its first campaign

VCC is embarking on its first 'family' fundraising effort to help raise money for the college's ambitious expansion plan, which includes a new building for the School of Health Sciences and related renovations at both main campuses.

"A strong show of support from the VCC family – board members, administrators, faculty and staff – will validate the need to the external community, and encourage them to participate in this important endeavour," says VCC's campaign consultant, Rose Terzariol.

While the majority of the \$15 million needed to complete the expansion will come from individuals and organizations outside the college, she says, the VCC family has an opportunity to deliver a powerful message to these potential donors through its own philanthropic support of the campaign.

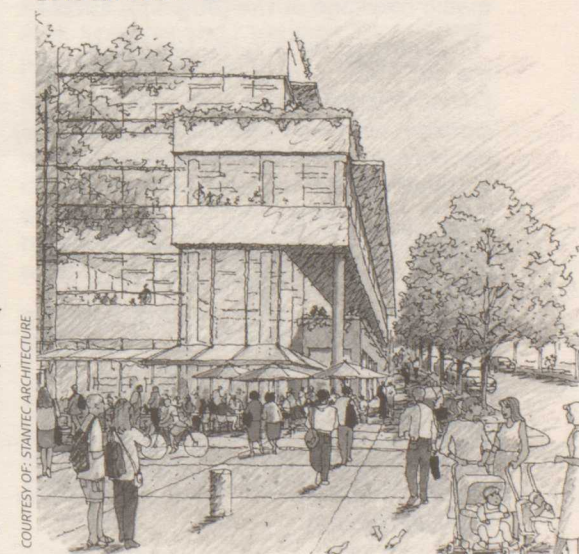
Already the family campaign has begun with the college's boards. Board of Governors chair Gordon Barefoot, Foundation Board chair Malcolm Hunter and Foundation Governors' Council chair Barry Irvine led the way with their own contributions and are seeking the support of their fellow board members.

"As a businessman, I understand the important role VCC plays in providing job-ready graduates for health sciences, transportation trades, hospitality and many other industries," says Barefoot.

"As chair of the college's Board of Governors, I know it's unrealistic to expect others to contribute if I'm not willing to do so myself," he says. "After all, giving begins at home."

Over the next six months, VCC employees can expect to learn much more about the family campaign, which will continue with the appeal to administrators before moving into appeals to both faculty and staff.

For more information or to get involved, contact Foundation executive director Sheilah Henderson at local 7237. ■



Architectural rendering of proposed campus development.

SPECIAL AWARDS FEATURE: VCC wins a cross-section of awards

Innovative VCC program for street youth honoured with national excellence award

It's an innovative Vancouver Community College program that gives street kids a new start, new skills and well-paying jobs – and now it has won a major national award for excellence.

Winning the 2005 Program Excellence Award from the Association of Canadian Community Colleges is VCC's *Stars4Success* initiative, a ground-breaking

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-Dale Dorn
VCC president

collaboration of VCC, Vancouver's major hotels and Covenant House, a social services agency for street youth.

"We are extremely proud of this program – and our track record of making a difference in the lives of students," says college president Dale Dorn. "This is major recognition for the program, the college and its partners, but the real reward is being able to help at-risk youth get off the street with job training, life skills and opportunities."

Dove Dodson was one of those youth: sleeping rough, taking drugs and scrounging for cash was her life on the street. Now she is working in the hospitality industry after turning her life around through *Stars*; she has been profiled in media coverage of the program's success.

"I'm thankful nothing did happen to me out there. I think I'm doing well and I'm very happy where I am now," says Dodson, who works at the Hyatt Regency Vancouver taking reservations, since graduating from the program.

Now instead of living day-to-day with LSD to keep her awake to dodge trouble through the night; furnishing her apartment is on her mind these days, a far cry from sleeping under trees in Stanley Park.

Stars4Success put an idea into action: it came together informally and in a matter of weeks with Covenant House executive director Sandy Cooke, hotel executive Stephen Darling and VCC hospitality dean Dave Donaldson.

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Vancouver Police awards Merit for Bravery to VCC Health Student

Daljeet Nanara, a 20-year-old VCC student in the Nursing Unit Clerk program, was awarded the Certificate of Merit for Bravery by the Vancouver Police Department this past month.

It was in March of 2003 when Nanara went to the aid of a woman neighbour who had just been fatally stabbed by her husband, who was

"You have to live life to the fullest everyday, because you never know what's going to happen"

-Daljeet Nanara
VCC Nursing Unit Clerk program student

still nearby. She stayed with the victim – at considerable personal risk – until police arrived.

"You should help anybody, no matter what their differences, whether it's cultural, financial. It doesn't matter; it's about humanity," says Nanara.

All the clichés ring true, she says. "You have to live life to the fullest everyday, because you never know what's going to happen," says Nanara. "People can take an active role in their society and help make it safer." ■



Daljeet Nanara, with her award for bravery, says that people can take an active role to make their society safer.

VCC ranks No. 1 in medals at Skills Canada competition

VCC students have again come home with a host of medals from the Skills Canada B.C. trades competition, putting VCC in the top ranks of B.C. schools for another year.

VCC earned three gold, five silver and four bronze medals in the provincial skills competition – surpassing other colleges, university-colleges and technical institutes from around the province in the number of medals won.

"This kind of success for our students speaks volumes about the calibre of VCC's programs"

-Joan McArthur-Blair
VCC's vice-president of education

"This is well-deserved recognition for our students," says Joan McArthur-Blair, VCC's vice-president of education. "A lot of hard work goes into preparing for this competition – their dedication and expertise really shows. Congratulations to all the winners."

This year's Skills Canada B.C. competition saw VCC students win medals in several categories including automotive service, auto collision repair, baking, electronics and hairdressing.

See **SKILLS CANADA** on page 6



One of the many winning VCC students from the Skills Canada automotive collision repair category

Meet Dave Ryan – world champion

VCC chef instructor Dave Ryan, as captain of his world champion culinary Team Canada, won four competition categories and his team was awarded Best Overall at the ScotHot Grand Prix 2005 held in Glasgow earlier this spring making them effectively world champions of the culinary world.

The team was put together in three months and included chefs from Alberta and BC. The decision to match experienced competition chefs with younger

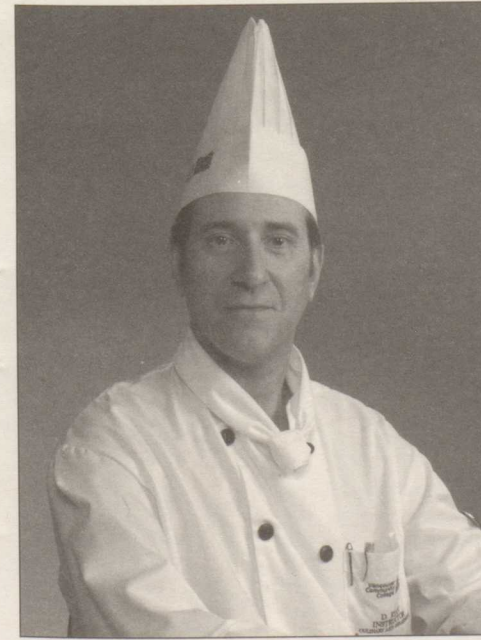
"it was very fulfilling as a chef and an instructor ... to see the skill level and passion for the industry rise to the top"

-Dave Ryan
VCC chef instructor

chefs made for a very eager, energetic team and proved a winning strategy.

"As a captain working with this young, determined team, it was very fulfilling as a chef and an instructor of Culinary Arts to see the skill level and passion for the industry come out and rise to the top," says team captain Dave Ryan, VCC Culinary Arts instructor.

"I believe the key to winning was great teamwork and communication, especially under the stress level in the hot kitchen. I also believe dedication and organization are two essential elements to success," says Ryan. ■



Captain Dave Ryan and his team won the award for Best Overall at the ScotHot Grand Prix 2005 in Glasgow, Scotland.

VCC's Fashion Arts grad receives 2005 Designer of the Year award

VCC's Fashion Arts grad, Kellie Vasin, 31, was awarded 2005 Designer of the Year at Vancouver's Fashion Week this spring.

This award is given to the most noteworthy local rising designer and the criteria is based on talent, creativity, and originality.

Vasin, who graduated in 2003, entered Vancouver's Fashion Week to gain expo-

"Winning this award validates what I am doing ... What the award really means to me is that I've really just begun"

-Kellie Vasin
VCC Fashion Arts grad

sure for her line of clothing called *Where Now?* The event helps to give a boost to up-and-coming designers and winning the award has certainly done that.

"Winning this award validates what I am doing – I am honored that it came from judges that I have so much respect for," says Vasin. "What the award really means to me is that I've really just begun."

Vasin's design theme is all about freedom, beauty and versatility. Her clothes are designed to be worn many places, for different types of events or occasions. Using classic lines and appliques with birds cut out of leather, she creates pieces that draw attention and definitely get noticed.

Vasin attributes her success to her VCC instructors. They inspired her to learn by being so informative and good at what they do. Their patience and guidance helped her to learn at a fast pace and gave her the confidence needed to go out on her own. ■



VCC Fashion Arts grad and designer of the year Kellie Vasin, wearing one of her original designs.

VCC is here earns national recognition

VCC's identity advertising effort, *VCC is here*, finds itself in select company this month with a national award that puts the campaign alongside work of major universities from across the country.

VCC is here has won a bronze medal from the Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education for best advertising campaign, earning accolades for design, strong, consistent messaging and high-quality photography.

"This award speaks volumes about how far we've come with our marketing over recent years"

-Linda Martin
VCC's vice-president of advancement and education services

"This is fantastic recognition – and well-deserved recognition – for VCC's marketing," says Linda Martin, the college's vice-president of advancement and education services, whose portfolio includes the Marketing and Communications department.

"This award speaks volumes about how far we've come with our marketing over recent years," says Martin. "With *VCC is here* we're putting the college name out there like never before in a very strategic fashion – it's nice to have that approach recognized in this way against some strong competition."

VCC is here isn't resting on its laurels, though. An expanded campaign has rolled out with advertising for the college's new centres, Design and Technology, as well as revamped imagery for the School of Arts, Sciences and Language Studies and programs for students with disabilities.

Kicking off the expanded effort are ads in SkyTrain cars and buses along with large wall murals that now grace two of the city's busiest SkyTrain stations, Granville and Broadway. Further flights of *VCC is here* billboard advertising will launch in late July, running through the fall and into January. ■



One of the new 'VCC is here' billboard designs.

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VCC's Adult Basic Education Youth program wins Best Practices Award

The Broadway Youth Resource Centre (BYRC) was honoured by the City of Vancouver at its Youth Recognition Event last month. BYRC was the recipient of the "Best Practices In Youth Engagement" award.

VCC's Adult Basic Education (ABE) Youth program is an integral part of this award-winning organization and

"I think this award reflects the cohesive nature of the Broadway Resource Centre as a whole"

-Peter Herd

department head of College and Career Access

operates out of the centre. It is located at 691 East Broadway, just up the street from King Edward campus.

ABE Youth has a long history of helping 15 to 18-year-olds who have left high school. Successful students complete grade 10 and can move on to further academic or career programs. ABE Youth also helps students acquire the confidence and skills necessary to re-integrate into mainstream society.

"I think this award reflects the cohesive nature of the Broadway Youth Resource Centre as a whole," says Peter Herd, department head of College and Career Access. "One of the strengths of the centre is the availability of several resources in one place."

Herd sits on the BYRC Interagency Management Committee that determines the policies and direction of the centre. ABE Youth is part of College and Career Access. ■

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takes a summer break

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Its first session last year saw 13 kids out of 19 find jobs in the hospitality industry, while the remaining kids reconciled with their families or chose other occupations. All are off the street.

"We consider it part of our corporate responsibility to play a part providing simple solutions to a truly complex problem that our whole community must embrace," says Darling, now regional vice-president of Shangri-La Hotels & Resorts, who while general manager of the city's Westin Grand was the driving force behind the program.

"Stars students have become real contributors to our hospitality and tourism sector," he says.

What's impressive about Stars4Success, says Covenant House's Cooke, is that the students have kept their jobs in the hotels – some have even been promoted since they were hired – testament to the program's high calibre of training and the work ethic it helps instill.

"A willingness to apply innovation to meet both an industry demand and a street youth need ensured the success and sustainability of this program," says Cooke.

Buoyed by the success of the program's first run – initially a pilot project – VCC added Stars4Success to its regular programming and this past spring graduated a second class of 40 students, referred through a host of social agencies, including some from the street, some single parents and some with at-risk lifestyles.

"Stars has attracted attention from across the country," says Donaldson, noting that agencies in Victoria, Kamloops, Whitehorse and Ottawa are interested in starting similar initiatives. "Strong support from the B.C. Ministry of Advanced Education has let us develop specialized curriculum, which is available to any organization in Canada interested in replicating this program."

This year marks the third time in four years that VCC has won national recognition for program or teaching excellence; VCC will officially receive its 2005 award at the annual conference of the Association of Canadian Community Colleges June 5-7 in Moncton, N.B. ■

SKILLS CANADA cont'd from page 4



VCC's baking display at the Skills Canada event.

"The hard work paid off," says VCC student Jin Liu, who won the gold medal in the electronics category; fellow electronics student Corey LaFrance captured the silver medal. "This will look good on my resume and hopefully impress employers," she says.

Notable among the winners were students from an innovative program that lets students in Grades 10, 11 and 12 take VCC's automotive collision program, where they earn high school credits and a valuable VCC certificate at the same time.

Sweeping the secondary school auto collision repair category were: Brodie Finlayson, Christofer Armano and Tyler Jaeger, who won gold, silver and bronze, respectively.

"This kind of success for our students speaks volumes about the calibre of VCC's programs," says McArthur-Blair. "We're always working hard to make sure our programs are delivering the up-to-date training that industry demands."

Next up for VCC students: winners Liu and Esther Yoon go on to compete in the Canadian Skills Competition in Edmonton this month.

VCC winners from the Skills Canada B.C. trades competition are as follows:

Automotive service:
Albert Lam (silver)

Auto collision repair (post-secondary):
Ian Rainone (silver) and Tara Mori (bronze)

Auto collision repair (secondary):
Brodie Finlayson (gold), Christofer Armano (silver) and Tyler Jaeger (bronze)

Baking:
Amber Rutherford (gold), Esther Yoon (silver) and Joan Sy (bronze)

Electronics:
Jin Liu (gold) and Corey LaFrance (silver)

Hairdressing:
Crystal Crete (bronze) ■

accessVCC in full swing

AccessVCC provides an entry point to an umbrella of key services for students and, in the future for employees. It gives VCC students' access to email, forums and other services and has been live since early April.

Nearly 10,000 student handouts have been distributed and two cool iPod Shuffles have been given out as part of the promotion of the new service.

accessVCC uses a secure single sign-on mechanism—students log in once to access multiple new services. These services include:

- access to Banner Student Self-Service, including T2202A records, self-registration and grades.
- Library services, online catalogue and subscription databases.
- VCC-provided email, called NetMail.
- Library notifications and other official college communications via their NetMail-based student.vcc.ca email address.

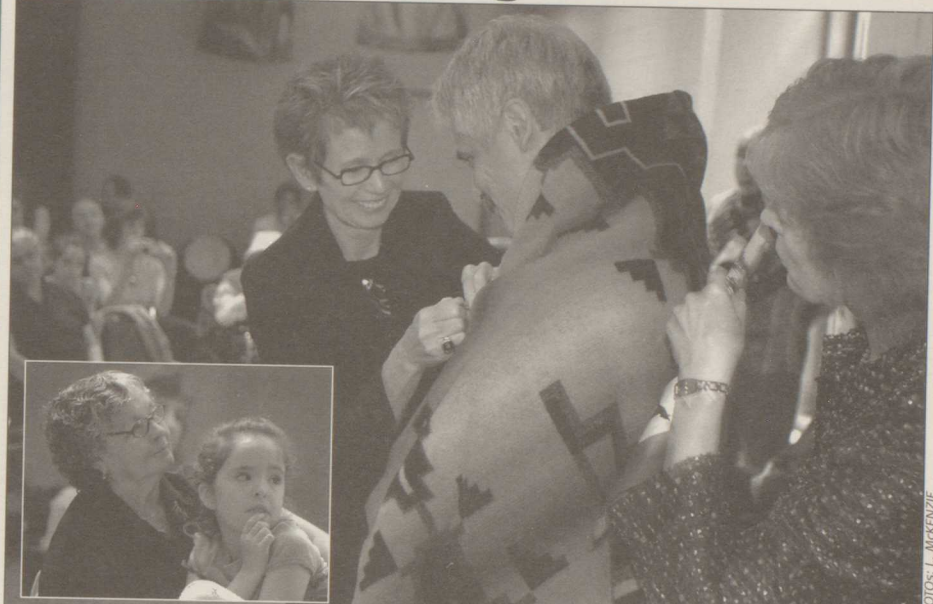
Email is an official means of communication, both for employees and for students. As additional accessVCC services become available over the next few months, faculty members will be able to set up online communication forums with individual classes, thus enabling more effective communications with their students.

accessVCC handouts are still available and should be passed out to students. Email Nadia Kawas at nkawas@vcc.ca for additional handouts. ■



Nadia Kawas presents accessVCC winner Bokhee Chung with her new iPod Shuffle. The winner of the second iPod draw was Deborah Hampton.

Ceremony for new Aboriginal Director



Linda Martin and Barb Ash prepare headband and ceremonial blanket. inset: Ron's aunt and daughter watch.

Leaders from the Aboriginal community joined college employees, students and family members on May 31 to welcome and celebrate the hiring of Ron Johnston, director of Aboriginal Education and Services. Speaker Shane Point, from the Musqueam Nation, guided the

participants through a traditional welcoming ceremony.

A delicious traditional Aboriginal feast was prepared and served by Ben Genaille and students from the Culinary Arts program. Special thanks to Roseanne Ashworth and Deanna Rexe for organizing a memorable afternoon. ■

Summer's here . . .

Time to fire up the VCC marketing

Summer's here. It's time to break out the barbecue, fire up the lawnmower – and watch for more VCC marketing.

This summer sees VCC's marketing efforts continue with one successful initiative at Mission Raceway Park and the launch of another with the Vancouver Canadians baseball team.

"This is a terrific way for us to get our name out into the community," says Stephen Barrington, the college's marketing director. "These are well-attended venues with an extremely loyal fan base – which gives us a great opportunity to effectively extend our presence in the marketplace."

VCC continues this year to support the Stock/SuperStock drag racing series and for this season has added the King of the Hill racing competition to its marketing roster; the latter event reaches

young automotive enthusiasts, including many high school students, who are ideal prospects for the college's training.

Nat Bailey Stadium and the Vancouver Canadians will see the college bring its name to baseball fans throughout the season with outfield signage, poster-ing, on-site promotions and engaging on-field activities.

"Summer is an ideal time for us to be recruiting students for many of our programs," says Barrington. "These initiatives let us do that in a focused way, while raising long-term awareness of the college." ■



The VCC billboard that will decorate the right field wall at Vancouver's Nat Bailey Stadium this summer.



The new logo for the VCC sponsored 'King of the Hill' racing series at Mission Raceway Park.

Jazz Festival is at home with VCC's School of Music and Vancouver Creative Music Institute 2005

VCC's School of Music is well represented at this year's Vancouver International Jazz Festival from June 24 to July 3. Browse the program guide and you will see literally dozens of performers who are associated with VCC: from the world-class faculty to both current and former students.

Sessions culminate in two public performances at the downtown campus as part of the Gastown Jazz Series on June 25 and 26. That's along with the Creative Music Think Tank, a symposium dedicated to research into the aesthetics of creative music, which will feature presentations by the VCC School of Music's Sal Ferreras and Ken Morrison at VCC's downtown campus.



June 18-26 2005
VANCOUVER CANADA



This year, in partnership with Coastal Jazz, the VCC School of Music is taking its participation in the jazz festival to a new level with the Vancouver Creative Music Institute.

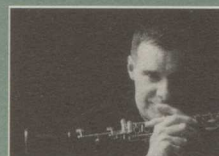
This nine-day workshop in the practice and study of creative and improvised music features 30 student participants from as far away as Mexico and the U.K., taught by a faculty made up of some of the most famous creative music performers in the world, including several VCC instructors.

"Vancouver has become a world centre for creative music and this exciting new initiative, VCMI, is a natural pairing between Coastal Jazz and the VCC School of Music," says Morrison, department head of VCC's School of Music. "VCMI is part of one of the most innovative and successful events for creative music – the Jazz Festival – and one of the most inclusive, progressive music schools in Canada: VCC."

Find out more about the Jazz Festival and Vancouver Creative Music Institute at www.vcml.ca. ■

VCC School of Music participants in VCMI:

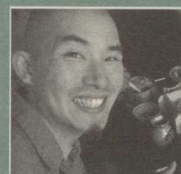
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- Fabienne Lacroix
- Trevor McPherson

Some of VCC School of Music faculty websites:

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www.hardrubber.com

FRANÇOIS HOULE:
www.francoishoule.ca

KATE HAMMETT-VAUGHAN:
www.katehv.com

Fun Facts



The Kate Hammett-Vaughan Quintet, nominated for a Juno this year and just back from a successful Canadian Tour.

François Houle's "Festival Chamber Orchestra" performing a new piece by Houle, commissioned to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Vancouver International Jazz Festival.

The Alan Matheson Nonet playing arrangements and compositions by Alan Matheson and others featuring VCC faculty David Branter, Rob McKenzie and Craig Scott.

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