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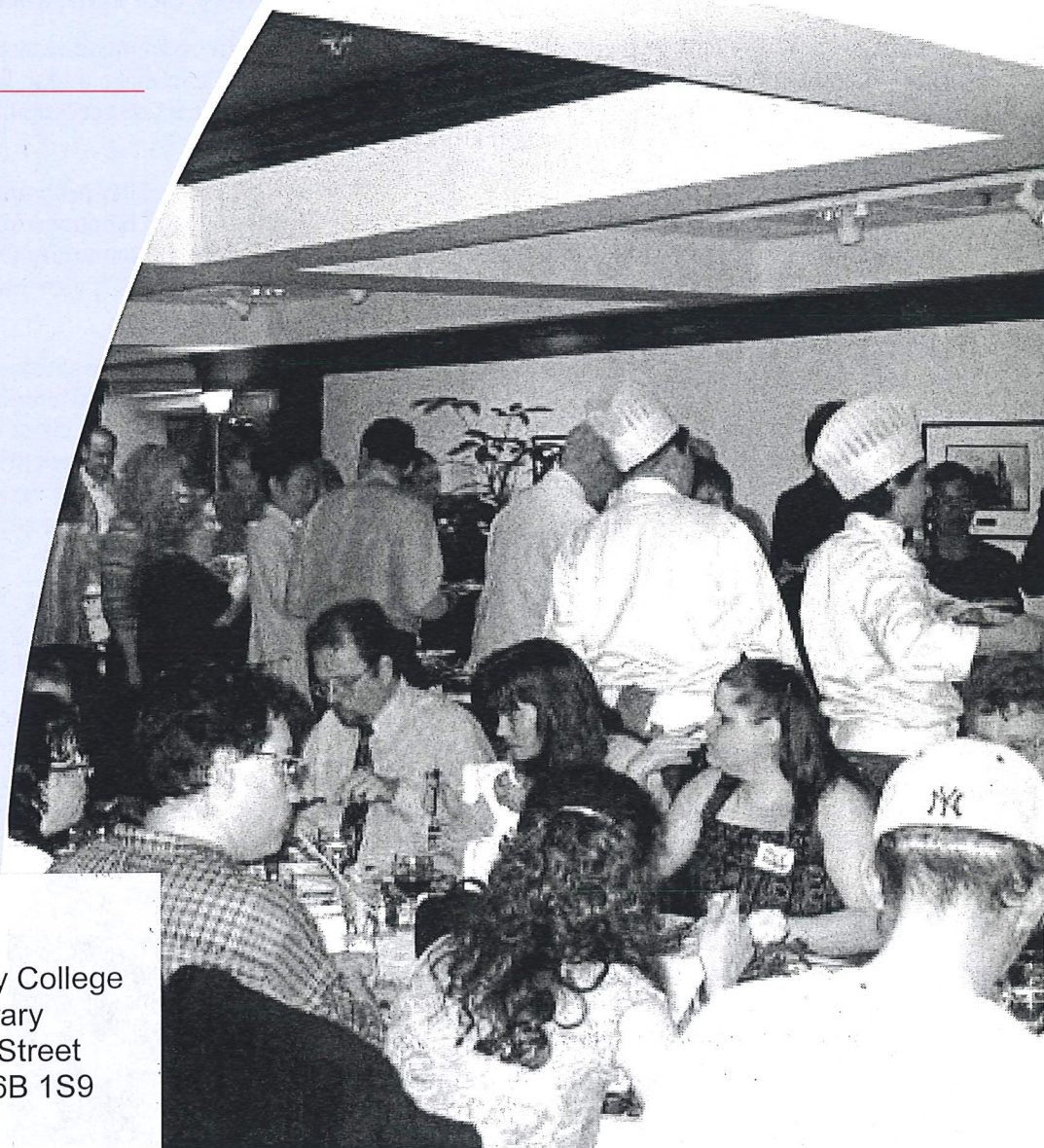
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Deaf Community Celebrates its 30th Anniversary at Vancouver Community College

It was called a "new and radical idea" at the time. Now that once-radical idea - programs specifically geared to helping the deaf and hard-of-hearing - is celebrating its 30th anniversary at Vancouver Community College.

A series of special events kicked off this week at VCC's Broadway campus to mark the ongoing success of the college's sign language training and programs for deaf and hard-of-hearing students, which together include an array of offerings in sign language skills, academic upgrading and interpreting.

VCC coordinators Leonor Vluc and Vincent Chauvet, who oversee the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Adults program and the American Sign Language and Deaf Studies program respectively, remember a time when deaf people had far fewer opportunities than they do today.

"In the last 30 years there has been a dramatic improvement in access and understanding," says Vluc, who is deaf herself.

"It's very gratifying for the college to have played such a large part in that - both through serving deaf people and training the sign language interpreters who assist them," she says.

Today VCC continues to be the only college in the province to teach deaf and hard-of-hearing students directly in sign language - just the same way that other courses would be offered in Cantonese or Spanish, for instance. That way deaf students learn English, reading, writing and math first-hand, rather than through an interpreter.

When interpreters are needed, though - typically at schools, health centres or community services - it's usually Vancouver Community College where they received their initial training.

"We're tremendously proud of the work we do and how it can make a real difference: interpreters are a critical part of accessibility for deaf individuals," says Chauvet.

This specialty programming serving deaf students and training sign language interpreters is part of what makes Vancouver Community College distinctive, says Moira Henderson, VCC's vice-president of access and education services.

"It's extremely satisfying to know that our programs can make a real difference in the deaf community," she says. "Whether it's classes specifically geared to deaf and hard-of-hearing students or training sign language interpreters - we are very proud of the work we've done in this area and the positive impact we've had over the last 30 years."

Deaf student Shafiq Walji from Coquitlam, for instance, credits the deaf and hard-of-hearing program with improving his English skills.

"This program provides a good education for people like me," says Walji, 21. "It does very well in teaching deaf people. I'm surprised at how much my English and grammar has improved."



The Art Show on Thursday, May 1 showcased the work of deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind and hearing artists. Artists whose styles ranged from traditional Chinese painting and drawing to more abstract and contemporary pieces displayed various types of visual art and crafts.

"What an incredible way to communicate," said Carol Sicoli, Employee Development Coordinator. "Each artist was truly able to reach inside me and make me long to see more creativity."



The Meet the Authors of the Canadian Dictionary of ASL event, which was co-sponsored by the BC Cultural Society of the Deaf and VCC's ASL & Deaf Studies Department, gave the public the opportunity to get to know Kathy Dolby and Sue Bailly.

The pair took the audience on a detailed and fascinating "20-year journey" of how the Dictionary was developed. They offered a special thanks to the Deaf community - specifically the Canadian Cultural Society of the Deaf - who made their work possible.

The week would not have been successful without many individuals and supporters, including:

The Bank of Montreal
Cactus Restaurants, Ltd.
Carol Sicoli
Deaf Children's Society of BC
Dennis Cumming
Henry Vlug
James Coffey & Family
Max Fomitchev
Catherine Kottmeier
Pagenet
Phonic Ear
Rebecca Davey
Safeway Canada
Sara MacFayden
Siamak & Zahra Ashrafinia
Sodhexo
Stanley Neumann

VCC Foundation
VCC Ancillary Services
VCC Library & Media Services
VCC Interpreting & Braille Services
VCC Human Resource Development
(KEC and City Centre)
Westcoast Association of Visual Language Interpreters (WAVLI)
The Western Institute for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
and especially
Barbara Ash
Marta Goodwin
Elizabeth Brooks
Vincent Chauvet
Debra Coffey
Aastrid Evensen-Flanjak
Suzy Gaspar-Smith

Kirsten Hagemoen
Shannon Hougham
Hiroko Kitayama
Yann Lehoux
Julie Martin
Lindsay Park
Cheung Poon
Ying Sin
Andrea Sam
Yassaman Shahbakhshi
Ally Wang
John Warren
Leonor Vlug
Staff & students from the ASL and Deaf Studies Department
Staff & students from the Program for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Adults
Members of the College and Community



Friday evening, May 2nd, was a virtual culinary creative feast held at JJ's in City Centre. Over ninety people attended, savouring both food and good memories.

Vincent Chauvet and Leonor Vlug were the MCs for the evening, commencing the event by introducing special guests Wayne and Bernice Bottlinger, and Gerry Bain (widow of Bill Bain, VCC's first Deaf ASL teacher). The College was well represented by Marta Goodwin, Cheryl Draper, and many other current and past faculty and students.

"This was without doubt the best party I've been to in years!" said Marta Goodwin. "Leonor and Vincent did a wonderful job of reviewing DHH and ASL's long history and of honouring past and present contributors to the programs' success."

The Anniversary Entertainment Show on Saturday, May 3rd, was a visual celebration of talent from the College and Deaf Community held in the KEC Auditorium.

The entertainment included: "My World," an ASL video by Deaf producer Tristan Blackburn, signed by Forrest Smith; Julie Martin and John Warren presented original ASL poetry and stories; Max Fomitchev and John Warren staged comic skits; John Warren did a "roast" of past and present Coordinators/Department Heads of the two departments; Deaf magician Siamak Ashrafinia dazzled the audience with his magic; Deaf student Yassaman Shahbakhshi signed a thought-provoking ASL poem; Max-i-mime recreated his unique, world-class act, "The Rainman;" and Aastrid Evensen-Flanjak performed the ASL rendition of the song "Believe Again" for the finale.





RECENT 50-50 WINNERS

Here are the latest winners of the VCC Employee 50-50 draw:

February.....**Doris Kiernan**
 March.....**Sandra North**
 April.....**Gyda Chud**
 May.....**Maija Wiik**

Proceeds provide entrance scholarships for students from nine local high schools, and for dependents of full time VCC employees. So everybody wins!

To get in the game, phone Rebecca at 7148 for a sign-up card.

50th Queen Jubilee Award

Congratulations to Jeannine McCarthy, recipient of this prestigious award for the Fort Langley, Aldergrove area. Jeannine was selected for her contribution and dedication to the community. She is an instructor in the Continuing Care & Allied Health Department at City Centre Campus. Her focus is in the field of Caring for Person's with Dementia.

Ella Lam



We're Going International!

International Education is changing its name to VCC International to reflect a new broader vision of internationalization. Watch for exciting news over the months here, in Connections.

APPOINTMENTS

Coordinator Appointment

I am pleased to announce the election of Andrea Sam to the position of Coordinator of the Program for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Adults.

Andrea's appointment is effective May 1, 2003.

I know she will continue to be a great asset to the department in her new role.

Marta Goodwin

Appointment-Acting Department Head

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Keith Milton as Acting Department Head of Denturist/ Dental Laboratory Technology Department.

Keith's appointment is effective April 1- May 31, 2003

Pat Bawtinheimer

New Manager, VCC International

We are pleased to announce Ms. Ivonne Navas as Manager, VCC International. Ivonne joins our team on May 5 and will be responsible for international marketing and recruitment.

Ivonne has a Bachelors of Media and Communication Sciences from the Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM) where she later worked as the Coordinator of Media Relations and Promotions. Ivonne also has extensive experience working in the field of marketing and student recruitment for Canadian institutions.

She is the President of the Canadian Council for the America's, the Vice President of Mexican Business Association of Canada and an active member of the Marketing Executives of Vancouver and Business Networking International.

Ivonne adds great value to our department's language competency as she is fluent in English, Spanish, and Portuguese and also has a working knowledge of German, Basic French and American Sign Language. She can be reached at 871-7491.

Donna Hooker

VCC on Transit: How did we get there?

If you have taken a bus or SkyTrain in the past few months, you couldn't have helped but notice the new Vancouver Community College campaign for Continuing Education and International Education.

Bright, bold panels posted on buses and SkyTrain cars feature three separate student profiles - career inventories, so to speak - each of which tells the story of how VCC's programming has helped their training and careers. "How will you

get there," reads the tagline, with the implied answer being Vancouver Community College.

"Our Continuing Education programming has great potential for growth - and we're working to realize that potential," says Joan McArthur-Blair, VCC's Vice-President of Education, who oversees that division.

"We have an extremely strong continuing education product that truly does have an impact on advancing careers," she says. "This transit campaign is an ideal tie-in to how our programming helps people build on their professional skills and enhance their careers."

VCC's transit advertising launched in mid-March and continues through June, putting the college's CE and IE in front of thousands of commuters - a key audience for these programs - each day.

A VCC marketing team of Bob Altwein, Karen Wilson and Stephen Barrington created the campaign with flexibility in mind - giving the ability to add new student stories or focus on different areas within Continuing Education as needed.

A second flight of the campaign is expected later in the summer to help drive September registrations for VCC CE and IE.

VANCOUVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Continuing Education

**How will
you get there?**

604 443 8484
www.VCC.ca

Vancouver
Community
College

Name:
Rebecca

Last Year:
Stay-at-home mom

This Year:
Mastering the ABC's of early childhood education



VANCOUVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
International Education

**How will
you get there?**

604 871 7537
www.VCC.ca

Vancouver
Community
College

Name:
Shadan

Last Year:
Learning English in Vancouver

This Year:
Fine-tuning a music career



VANCOUVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Continuing Education

**How will
you get there?**

604 443 8484
www.VCC.ca

Vancouver
Community
College

Name:
Farouk

Last Year:
Juggled several part-time jobs

This Year:
Networking a career in telecom



VCC students dominate two categories at Skills Canada

Vancouver Community College students from two separate trade departments; baking and hairstyling win the majority of awards in their area at the Skills Canada – B.C. Competition.

The annual event was part of the Pathways to Careers Fair held at Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre in April. B.C.'s top students and apprentices on trade and technology career paths see how their skills measure up against their peers and the chance to go on to represent B.C. at the Canadian Skills Competition.

The VCC baking department dominated the competition winning the top four awards: the gold went to Esther Tso, the silver to Heather Giasson, the bronze to Karen Smith, and 4th place was awarded to Heather Moorman.

"I entered this competition solely for the experience", Esther says, "The VCC baking program has given me a solid foundation on which I can build, with space for creativity. And, it definitely gave me the confidence to know I can make it out there!"

Esther wants to become an apprentice to gain as much experience and hopes to one day have a place of her own. She is currently working at two bakeries: a European and a Chinese bakery.

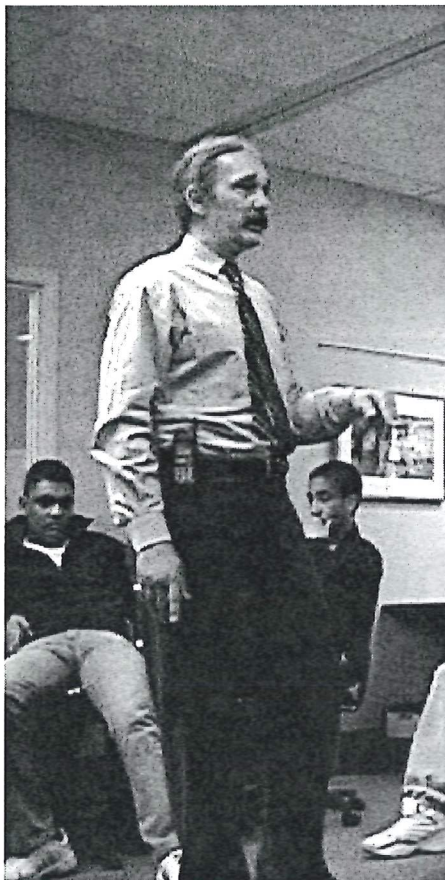
The VCC Hairstyling department also had a great showing, taking the top two awards in their area: Alexii Mattiussi won gold and Stanley Wong won silver.

"The competition was so much fun and the environment was not too stressful, unlike the day before the competition when everything I did just wasn't going right," says Alexii of

Cloverdale, who spends 3 hours a day commuting to and from school.

Alexii hopes to work with Goldwell in her future and be a platform artist and to eventually own a salon. Winning this competition is an acknowledgement of her talents and skills and will "open a lot of doors" for her career aspirations.

The gold medal winners will compete in the National Skills Canada competition being held at the end of May in Kitchener-Waterloo. Competitors are required to pay their own expenses so the students are hoping to receive some sponsorship and funding help to assist in their expenses.



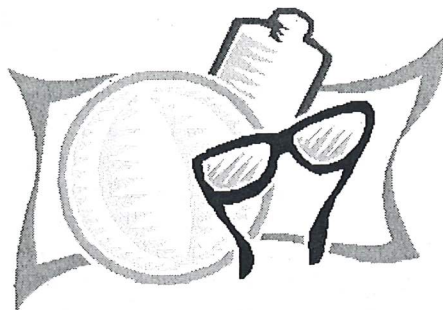
Above: "Larry" from the John Howard Society speaks to students about his years of durg addiction.

ABE Youth Program Hosts a Lunch and Learn Event with the John Howard Society

Through a generous donation from the Royal Bank of Canada, students in the ABE Youth Program were treated to a Lunch and Learn event with the John Howard Society. The Lunch and Learn program is a shared arrangement to provide a series of healthy meals and educational speakers for the students attending ABE Youth.

The students were quiet and attentive when Larry spoke in an experienced and educated manner about his years of drug addiction and life in prison. Larry, who currently works in a law firm, came to the Broadway Youth Resource Centre to share his stories about making choices. He advised the students, "You can always tell who your friends are when they respect your choice to say no. Try it."

Most of Larry's friends from his prison days are dead. Aids, drugs and hepatitis have taken their toll. He told the students, "Life is about choices. When you are in prison you can't make any choices." He encouraged the students to stay in school and to pursue their dreams and goals. The catering staff at KEC served up a delicious and nutritious lunch of sandwiches, fresh vegetables, juices, cookies and chocolate milk. The bountiful table was a stark contrast to the violent and limited world of prison Larry described. "I learned a lot," said one of the students. Another student asked, "Can Larry come back next year?" Thank you Larry for sharing your life stories and inspiring the youth to make positive choices in their lives.



Annual VCC BBQ - JUST FOR FUN

This is an early reminder for all VCC staff and faculty to mark off Thursday, September 18, 2003 from 3:00pm-6:30pm on your calendars for the Annual VCC BBQ.

We are going to turn the Trades area at King Edward Campus into a swinging beach party!

We have timed it in hopes that as many staff as possible can come. So remember not to put your sunhats and flip-flops in storage after Labour Day - beach attire is hugely encouraged!

We hope to see you there!

Learn about VCC's ESL program offerings at Info Night

VCC's English as a Second Language Program is holding an Info Night to give prospective students a chance to meet instructors and learn about the college's diverse program offerings.

To find out about VCC's ESL program, please attend Info Night Thursday 12 June 2003 at 6:30 p.m. in room 5025 at VCC's King Edward Campus.

IN HONOUR OF OUR RETIRING EMPLOYEES

The 2003 Annual Retirement Dinner in honour of VCC's retiring employees will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2003 at J.J.s Restaurant. Honoured guests are invited to bring a guest and are introduced by a College colleague who provides a special tribute. The dinner is hosted by the Board and is attended by the Board Chair and Vice Chair. It is a small token of recognition, but it offers an opportunity to thank these special people for their contribution to the College and to wish them well for the future. It is traditionally a very warm, meaningful evening.

This year the list of retirees up to September 30, 2003 includes:

James Barabe - *ESL Outreach*
Miriam Bennett - *ESL - CPE*
Peter Bower - *Bus. Management*
Betty-Ann Buss - *ESL - ELS*
Helen Cunningham - *ESL - ELS*
Raminder Dosanjh - *ESL - Vocational*
Marg Elsoff - *Payroll*
Joan Fierheller - *Receiving*
Geoffrey Flack - *ESL - ELS*
Sally Gellard - *Basic Education*
Barbara Gerber - *ESL - ELS*
Noreen Green - *Institutional Aide*
Aphrodite Harris - *Library*
Loren Houldson - *Counselling*
Thorne Husband - *Counselling*
Dobрила Jadranin - *Laundry*
Peter Lear - *CCA*
Ying Lo - *ESL Vocational*
Paulette Maglaque - *Basic Education*
Lorraine Marigold - *Int. Education*
Wayne Marshall - *Drafting*
Wyn Martin - *Food Services*
Iola Pagnossin - *Continuing Ed.*
Thomas Petersen - *ESL - CPE*
Thomas Quinn - *ESL - ELS*
Rabinowitz, Myrna - *ESL - Outreach*
Gail Reed - *Institutional Aide*
Maureen Sawkins - *ESL - ELS*
Eva Sharell - *Library*
Grace Shaw - *CF - Humanities*
Cheryl Silver - *Bookstore*
Edward Soltis - *ESL Vocational*
Helen Spencer - *ESL - CPE*
John Vautour - *Bldg. Service Worker*
Eroca Wheeler - *Hairstyling*
Linda Wickens - *Auto. Col. Repairs*

Dale Dorn
President

ROOMS FOR REST, MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Quiet Rooms for meditation and prayer at KEC and CC are now ready for use. Both rooms have been arranged to provide a private and comfortable space for reflection and spiritual practice. The rooms have soft lighting and some seating is provided. However, if you require a meditation cushion/mat you will need to bring your own. The Quiet Rooms are intended to accommodate people of all faiths and the entire college community is welcome to use this space regardless of one's spiritual/religious orientation. The plan is also to have a selection of spiritual readings available in both rooms (donations are welcome!)

Thank you to Rob Henderson, Linda Martin, Larry Waddell, Bill Miller, Angelo Iappalucci and others who have worked hard to make this all happen.

Take a moment from your busy day to rest, pray, or meditate in one of these spaces. Here is how you find them:

KEC:

Location: The room behind the Auditorium on Level 2.

Access: Go to KEC Security (Level 2) and they will help you to sign up and enter the room. A number code will open the door.

CC:

Location: Room 104 G (through the Registrar's, past Financial Aid, the second door on the left)

Access: Continue into the Facilities department and ask Suzanne or Karen to open the door. The door may also be opened with a common CC key. After hours, contact CC Security to let you in.

These spaces are intended for quiet reflection, prayer, and meditation/etc. only. Please help us to keep them neat and tidy and do not bring in food or drink. Contact Maija Wiik (local 7040) if you have feedback or questions about the Quiet Rooms.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2003 VCC SUN RUN TEAM!

What a great team effort! By the final registration deadline, we had 65 team members registered:

Brenda Andrews
Wendy Lee
Jane Pannell
Teresa Armstrong
Vince Grywacheski
Melanie Primeau
Roseanne Ashworth
Jessica Henderson
Tami Pulham
Wayne Avery
Dorothy Ho
Jane Roberts
Peter Ballin
Trudy Holmes
Nicole Rogers
Michele Bickell
Graham Huckin
Ross San Diego
Harald Bonkowski
Kevin Jackson
Karen Shortt
Mark Brandle
Madhu Jaini
Carol Sicoli
Lorna Brown
Ella Lam
Settimio Sicoli
Elizabeth Burnyeat
Wendy Lee
Cheryl Silver
Cathy Cameron
Carrie Leggett
Pat Smith
Kathy Campbell
Joe Liu
Taryn Thomson
Heather Chan
Joan McArthur-Blair
Debbie Tippet
Judy Christie
Janice Mennell
Marlena Vanderwal
Chang Won Chu
Diane Miller
Joseph Wallace
Zack Cooper
Terry Mills
Helen Wong
Janet Cozens
Deborah Young
Keith Milton

Meghan Cozens
Homa Mina
Ming Zhao
Regeline David
Vivian Munroe
Chris De Vaz
Mary Jan Oberhofer
Dana Fister
Niall O'Connor
Kathy Fukuyama
Alison Oliver
Emily Gall
Mary Jo Oxtoby

The entry fee included a cotton T-shirt with the new Vancouver Community College logo on the back. Once again, Diane Miller and Tami Pulham kindly volunteered to pick up the t-shirts and materials on Wednesday, April 9th and get the packages ready for distribution at KEC and CC on Thursday, April 10th. Team participants were invited to a social gathering to celebrate this year's VCC Sun Run Team. This was an opportunity to get to know other team members and wish everyone a healthy and successful walk/run.

Some of the team members managed to meet at City Centre by 8:30 a.m. on the morning of the event to have a group photo taken. Other members chose to venture out to their designated areas for the race to begin at 9:00 a.m. For some participants, this was their first Vancouver Sun Run and everything was a new experience. For others, they were looking ahead to improving their standings from the previous year. Unfortunately, some of our team members were unable to participate due to injuries or ill health; however, they look forward to returning next year.

It didn't matter whether you were new or old to the experience, the atmosphere along Georgia Street provided a high level of energy and optimism as VCC's team mingled with the other participants.

While the weather was supposed to be quite promising, it turned cold and the rain came down hard and heavy. Some of the runners may have escaped the rain but a large number of team members had to brave the elements, keep up their spirits and stay focused until they crossed the finish line. Each of the members had a goal in mind, for some it was to complete the 10K walk for the first time and for

others it was to jog a bit further or run a bit faster.

After completing the Sun Run, there was an overall sense of pride and accomplishment as members celebrated together. Needless to say, participants were anxious to get out of the cold and rain and either went in to B.C. Place to get warm and enjoy the variety of nutritious snacks kindly donated by a number of sponsors or they decided to return home to soak in a hot tub and enjoy the balance of the day.

Whether you participated in The Vancouver Sun Run as a VCC team participant or individually, congratulations on completing the 2003 Vancouver Sun Run!!!

To each and every team member, thanks for your time and effort in participating in this year's Vancouver Sun Run. What an accomplishment!

Stay tuned for your invitation to join the 2004 VCC Sun Run Team!!!

Carol Sicoli
Team Captain

VCC Spring 2003 Award Ceremonies have been scheduled as follows:

Thursday, 29 May 2003
Tourism, Hospitality and Business
Division

10:00 a.m. Reception
10:30 a.m. Presentations

ASE and ESL Divisions

1:30 p.m. Reception
2:00 p.m. Presentations

Friday, 30 May 2003
Health Division

10:00 a.m. Reception
10:30 a.m. Presentations

Technology Division

1:30 p.m. Reception
2:00 p.m. Presentations

Receptions will be held in the KEC faculty/staff lounge, and presentations in the Auditorium. Please call (871-7148) or e-mail me (rdavey@vcc.ca) if you have any questions.

Rebecca Davey

Summary of Minutes of the Education Council Meeting

Held on April 1, 2003,
in KEC Room 5025 at 3:30 p.m.

1. Advice to the College Board:

- Approved amendment to Grade Appeal Policy C.1.2.
- Education Council considered the new Education Plan 2003-2004, dated March 19, 2003. The following motion was carried:

As members of Education Council, we applaud the partial restoration and enhancement of a number of VCC programs as well as some new initiatives as outlined in the Education Plan of March 19, 2003.

However, there are many other valuable programs that are still under elimination or reduction sequence that require urgent action.

Therefore, be it resolved we advise the College Board to continue these positive steps to restore all the reduced or eliminated programs, as listed in the Education Plan of March 19, 2003, where there is community need as soon as possible.

2. For Information

- The Curriculum Committee will review the requirement of successful VCC students from one program to take further assessments for another VCC program and bring forward a recommendation to Education Council.
- Ted Hougham was elected Chair and Jackie Sandy, Vice Chair, for the term April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004. Two Members at Large will be elected at the May meeting.
- The following members have volunteered to serve on the Curriculum Committee: Heather Chan, Dave Donaldson, Lorna Downie, Stephanie Jewell and Terry Mills.
- The College & Career Access Department is changing the numbering of its skills courses in English from 7 as a last number to 6 as a last number.
- Applied Business Technology (ABT) Program – the remaining 13 courses are now available on line.
- Self-paced College & Career Access Biology 083/093 will be offered starting in September 2003.
- The Accounting Program has rearranged its course sequence in Level 1.
- The Traffic, Customs & Transportation Program has changed its name to Transportation Logistics Program.

3. Report of Education Chair

- Newly elected members are Stephanie Jewell, Academic/ABE/ASE; Eileen Mendez, CSSA; and Elena Fominykh, KESA. Marta Goodwin is the newly appointed Administrator to replace Barb Ash.

- The Chair was unable to attend the last meeting of Council of Education Council Chairs.

Summary of Minutes of the Education Council Meeting

Held on May 6, 2003,
in KEC Room 5025 at 3:30 p.m.

1. Advice to the College Board:

- Biology 1 & 2 (Human Anatomy & Physiology) – new University Transfer courses
- Sociology 1 & 2 – new University Transfer courses
- Calculus 1 & 2 – new University Transfer courses
- Chemistry 1 & 2 – new University Transfer courses
- Psychology 1 & 2 – new University Transfer courses
- Pharmacology – course changes in Practical Nursing and Access to Practical Nursing
- Community Pharmacy Assistant Program – new program
- Hospitality Management Program – entry requirement range
- Hospitality Management Program – changes to course credit
- Admissions Policy D.3.6 – changes
- Career Awareness Program – reduction in length of 2 weeks

2. For Information

- College & Career Access (CCA) – Math 054 to be changed to Math 1054 and CCAC 084 to CCAC 1084.
- Dental Laboratory Technology Program – name change to Dental Technology Program.
- Course/Program Grading Policy C.1.1 – changes

3. Report of Education Chair

- Patrick Saunders and Elena Fominykh were elected by acclamation as Members at Large on the Executive Committee.
- There is a College committee working on a new policy on the sharing and selling of VCC's intellectual property and curricula.
- The Chair will be drafting for the College Board a letter to the Ministry of Advanced Education in support of the valuable work done by Education Council.
- A motion was passed that future Education Plans be accompanied by a detailed rationale for program or course additions, cancellations or reductions.

Amendments to Policy C.1.2

Amendments to The Appeal of Final Grade Policy, C.1.2, were approved at Education Council on April 1, 2003. The revised policy is available on the web. If you require a hard copy, please call Vivienne Garrott at 7195 (e-mail: vgarrott@vcc.ca).

VCC CODE OF ETHICS

In the *Connections* distributed at the beginning of April, we provided an update on the VCC Code of Ethics. We also advised that we would be publishing some of the "Principles" and some of the "Examples" in future editions of *Connections* to remind everyone of the relevance of the Code and encourage usage. We encourage you to let us know if you have questions, suggestions or concerns around what is provided. The following is an extract from the VCC Code of Ethics:

"The Principles and attached examples were developed based on the stated values of: *Integrity, competence, equality and acceptance, honour and trust, and privacy*, to assist employees in interpreting the VCC Code of Ethics. The applications are not inclusive of every situation; rather, they are intended to provide some examples of the way the Code is applied."

PRINCIPLES APPLICATION EXAMPLES

INTEGRITY Employees must act with integrity in their relationships. They must cooperate and treat others with respect, honesty, and fairness. They must accept the rights of others to hold values and beliefs that differ from their own. Employees must maintain VCC's Code of Ethics when engaged in any college-related activity. *Personal standards and conduct are private matters; however, when employees act as representatives of the College, they must conduct themselves according to the VCC Code of Ethics. *VCC recognizes that many employees act under other codes of conduct or standards of practice and licensure. *The College accepts that these professional standards supersede VCC's Code of Ethics.* _Visitors to the College must be treated courteously and provided with helpful and accurate information. _Colleagues should maintain polite, professional relations. Shunning, ostracizing and gossip constitute unprofessional behaviour. _The VCC Code of Ethics applies to representatives of the College in College-sponsored activities (e.g. the VCC Golf Tournament, United Way Campaign, VCC Foundation Notable Event).

Please submit any comments or suggestions to Rob Henderson, Director, Human Resources, or Sarah Lucas, Executive Assistant to the President. Thank you.

Rob Henderson

COLLEGE PENSION PLAN SEMINAR (FOR FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATORS)

Beginning April 2003, the College Pension Plan will be providing seminars at select Colleges and locations throughout BC.

The seminar topics will cover the retirement process from application to receiving your payments with emphasis on plan options and benefits, purchasing service and how to get credit for child-rearing time. Spouses or partners are invited to attend this three-hour seminar.

There is a minimum registration of 25 plan members per seminar, so please sign up early. If fewer than 25 plan members register, the seminar may be cancelled or combined with another seminar within that region.

The Application Form with the dates and schedule can be downloaded from www.pensionsbc.ca or it can be picked up in the Human Resources Department at the King Edward Campus. You can also contact Eugenie Wong at (604) 871-7136 for a copy of the application.

Vancouver Children's Festival 2003, Vanier Park

On Monday May 26th the students from VCC Hairstyling will be taking part in this years Children's Festival's Big Hairy Deal Tent. Our students will be on hand to add a few coloured highlight to the hair of children attending. Start time is 9:30 am. at Vanier Park. We'll be sending 20 students and an instructor. Our contact person is Dianna at 604 708-5655. This is the second year we have volunteered for this.

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Audio-Visual and Digital Materials

Even though the College has an Access © license, this license does not cover the use of audio-visual and digital information in our classrooms. Other rules govern what non-print and digital materials we can use with our classes and how we can use those materials. The College is concerned that we all comply with the copyright rules and regulations. It is the responsibility of each of us to learn about what is Copyright and Copywrong.

Here are some answers to frequently asked questions about using audio-visual and digital materials:

What isn't covered by our Access © license?

We need to seek permission to use any of the following types of materials which are not covered by our Access © license:

Audio-visual materials;

- Electronic or digital materials;
- Works in which copyright no longer exists in Canada;
- Works listed on the Access © Exclusions List which is posted at all photocopyers;
- Government publications;
- Originals of artistic works;
- Business cases which are available for purchase;
- Others listed in our VCC Copyright Guide.

What rules govern the use of audio-visual materials?

- Very simply, to make copies of A/V materials you must have permission;

What if I want to tape a program from the TV and show it in class?

- News programs taped from television can be shown in class in some instances;

- Other programs need to be logged and require a royalty fee which is paid by Media Services;
- Check the Off-Air Taping brochure available from Media Services for information.

Can I show a video rented from a video store to my class?

- Rented videos may be shown in class if a special fee is paid or if they are covered by a special license held by the VCC Library.

Can we download information from the Internet or on-line databases for use in class handouts?

- No, we cannot make photocopies of material from the Internet unless we have permission;
- Some databases provide permission for journal articles within the licensing agreement. We need to check those agreements prior to making copies;
- Access © does provide an on-line service, for a fee, which can assist us in obtaining permission;

What about providing links to websites to my students?

- It is permissible to provide students with URL's and/or links to web sites.
- Caution should be used in linking deep inside the pages of a website (deep linking).

Where do I get help with my copyright questions?

- If you'd like to find the answers to these and many, many more questions about copyright check the VCC Copyright Guide.
- Or call Brenda Appleton (local 7343 or 8641) to arrange for a copyright workshop for your department, or to assist you with any of your copyright questions.

Campus Learning Centres

The King Edward Campus (KEC) Learning Centre welcomes Nancy Barr to its team of humanities tutors. Nancy was formerly part of the IEPA program and will add great value to the program.

The KEC Learning Centre is offering small free workshops through the month of May to help VCC language students develop study skills. The sessions will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Workshop Room at the back of the Learning Centre. Details can be found on the KEC Learning Centre bulletin boards around campus and schedules are currently available at the Centre.

Also to watch for in *Connections* are May/June workshops on strategies for test taking and technique for writing science lab reports. All KEC Learning Centre workshops are for self-referred students and will be offered outside class time. Early arrival is recommended as each workshop has only sixteen seats and pre-registration will not be available.

At the City Centre (CC) Learning Centre, Maureen Mills has come from Community and Career Education to tutor English and Study Skills. Welcome to CC Learning center Maureen!

The Centre offers resume and study skill workshops for students in specific career programs by arrangement with the instructor.

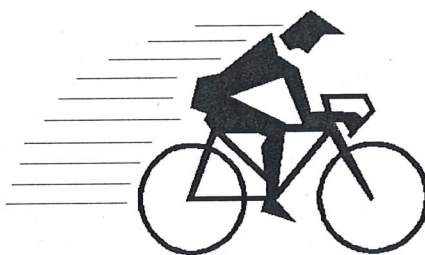
The newest addition to the International Education Learning Centre is Celeste Roberts, formerly of the IEPA program. Celeste has hosted several workshops for ESL students and will be offering them next term as well. We welcome her warmth and her skills to the International Education Learning Centre.

Watch for a new Conversation Partners Program to begin at the Centre in May.

Cosmetologist's Association Award

We have been awarded with one of this year's Cosmetologists' Association of B.C. Outstanding School Award. It was given to us in recognition of our student's consistently high theory marks. It was given out at the annual general meeting on Sun. May 18 2003.

Karen Griffiths
Hairstyling



Eco-Events

College employees who want to know more about the following four events can contact Lee Henderson, KEC Learning Centre, at local 7219 or at home: 604-255-2102.

Lantern Bike Ride

Saturday, May 31st - 9PM

Come join us for a magical evening lantern ride through the forests of Stanley Park. The ride will leave from David Lam Park (Drake and Pacific Blvd) at 9pm. Wear a snazzy cycling outfit and create a lantern to cover your bike light, or you can come early (between 8 and 8:30pm) with a translucent plastic jug and make your own lantern (we will provide tape and tools). The ride will travel along the seaside bikeway and quiet streets in the West End out to the park. We will stop a few times for songs performed by the Bikesexual Chorus and will finish at about 10:30 p.m.

Solstice Bike Ride

Saturday, June 21 - 7:30PM.

Meet at Ontario and 37th at 7:30pm. The ride leaves at 8pm sharp. We will ride west along the 37th Avenue Ridgeway to Pacific Spirit Park. We will celebrate the fractal time flux in the very glade where Lilith Butch first called the Dinosaurs Against Fossil Fuels out of the flux portal. The ride will end at about sunset 9:20 p.m. at Acadia Beach. Participants are welcome to stay at the beach to share a snack and enjoy the evening.

The Dinosaur Opera

Saturday, June 28 - 9PM

The Dinosaurs Against Fossil Fuel present the Dinosaur Opera in the Park. Come see Brad and Janet's fossil fuel addiction deconstructed by Lillith Butch and her band of Dinosaurs and bikesexuals. Meet at La Casa Gelato (1033 Venables) at 9PM for ice cream and an escort to the venue in Cottonwood Gardens. Show starts at 9:30, ending at around 10:30 p.m.

The Chocolate Sex Cycle Cabaret

Friday July 11th, doors at 8PM - show at 9PM, Polish Community Hall (corner of 24th and Fraser)

A cabaret fundraiser for PEDAL (Pedal Energy Development Alternatives) featuring song, dance, comedy and decadent desserts by some of the finest chefs in Vancouver. PEDAL develops and promotes the use of pedal powered technology at home and abroad. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door (or you can buy a table for \$150 - 8 to a table - or 10 if you squeeze).

Tickets are available online at www.pedalpower.org/ or by calling

604-306-0925 or 604-873-3877.

Media Services Summer Hours

KEC : June 3 – Sept. 1

Mon – Thursday 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

(Fridays closed for lunch 12 – 12:30)

Closed Saturdays

City Centre: June 3 – Sept. 1

Mon – Thursday 7:30am – 4:15 pm

Fridays 7:30am – 4:00pm

Closed Saturdays

Please note: Media Services will be cleaning and doing inventory on all A/V equipment in the college during the summer months. Please ensure that all equipment borrowed from Media Services is returned so that we can repair and clean it for the fall semester.

If you have any concerns about A/V equipment in your department needing cleaning or repairs, please call local 7313 at KEC Media or local 8366/67 at City Centre.

Thanks

Malcolm McIntosh

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PLANNING A LANDSCAPING PROJECT?



Here is your opportunity to get good used patio bricks at a fraction of the regular price. The bricks are available at King Edward Campus at a price of 5 cents each. To arrange for viewing and for pick up, please contact Bill Miller at 871-7133.

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TIP TOP SHAPE

By Maritza Nunez
Maintenance & Repair Tech IMS

Sound Enhancement

The teaching/learning process requires more than classroom structure and lesson; it also involves innovative methods of audiovisual presentation. The use of audio to emphasize our points has a great deal of audience appeal and can be very effective and when used appropriately.

The acoustics of the classroom is an important factor to consider. Small classrooms, large lecture rooms, theatres or large auditoriums all have different acoustical requirements. Reverberation time is used to measure how quickly the sound decays when traveling through the room.

Intensity and frequency are two characteristics of sound waves. Intensity refers to the physical measurement of sound; in other words, how loud the sound is perceived to be. Frequency refers to the rate of repetition of vibrations of the sound source.

We can think of sound as a beam traveling through space and encountering objects. As it does this, a number of events are happening:

- **Transmission:** Sound passes through the objects into the space beyond them, like light passing through a window.
- **Absorption:** The objects absorb the sound like a sponge absorbs water.

Maritza's Maintenance Message

- **Reflection:** The sound strikes the objects and changes direction like a ball bouncing off the wall.
- **Diffusion:** The sound strikes the objects and is scattered in many directions like a golf ball.

As a result of these factors, the original sound never reaches the audience with its original intensity and frequency. It is for this reason that microphones and speakers are used in the classroom for sound reinforcement.

A typical system consists of a microphone for the teacher and one or more loudspeakers located in front of the classroom or in the ceiling. Amplifying the teacher's voice improves speech intelligibility and reduces vocal strain, but it also has several drawbacks:

- Ambient noise is also picked up by the microphone and sent through the loudspeakers with the speech.
- Loudspeakers amplify only the teacher's voice and it is hard to hear when students ask questions.
- The amplified sound becomes just noise for the adjacent classrooms.

Here are some tips to prevent damage to sound enhancement equipment:

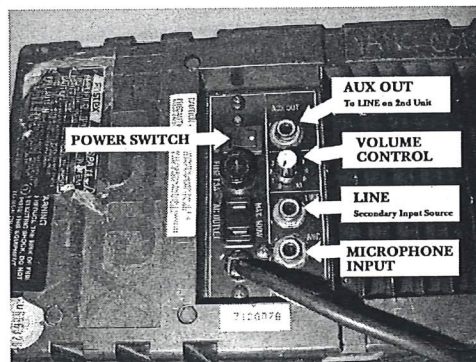
- If a power loudspeaker such as a "Fostex" is in use, turn off the unit and set the microphone or line inputs at minimum level while doing the set up to prevent any damage to the loudspeakers.

- Keep the microphone within certain distance of the loudspeakers to avoid the annoying sound of feedback.

If you have any problems with sound or set up of sound enhancement equipment in classrooms, please contact IMS and we will serve you right away!

RIGHT: Fostex Powered Speaker and Microphone.

BELOW RIGHT: Rear view of Fostex Powered Speaker



Everything I know about leading a department, I learned from Ellie Casey...

Ellie has decided to take the early retirement package and call Salt Spring Island her home and will be leaving VCC, and Vancouver, at the end of April.

Ellie has been with VCC for 20 years in the Interpreting and Braille Services Department, first as an interpreter, then eventually leading the department, and then back to her roots as an interpreter. Her dedication to her profession and to Deaf, hard of hearing, Deaf-Blind, and visually impaired students over the last 20 years has been remarkable. She has been a teacher to new interpreters entering the profession and has been a mentor to MANY of us throughout the years.

Her compassion and genuine caring for people is what impressed me the most about Ellie. She led the department with style and she set the standard for us way up high and she wasn't afraid to lead by example. When I took over as Department Head, I often thought, "What would Ellie do in this situation?" To this day, I still find myself asking that question.

I will miss the friendship that we have formed, however, I am grateful that our paths have crossed for the last thirteen years. At the end of every day, Ellie would always quip in her New Brunswick accent "We'll do'er all over again tomorrow" and then I would say to her "Yeah, that's right Ellie, we'll do'er all over again tomorrow." It was a way for the two of us to look back at the day and laugh and to try and see the humour in the seriousness of our jobs.

I'm trying not to look at it as though I am losing a valued colleague, but rather that I am gaining a weekend getaway on Salt Spring Island with a dear friend. Enjoy living the country life on the island Ellie, and as for me, "I'll do'er all over again tomorrow."

Jami Nystrom

Special Thanks From Grace Shaw

Many, many thanks to my wonderful Humanities Department for the great retirement dinner and drop-in tea. Also thanks to my friends and colleagues who came to make the celebrations a memorable time in my life. Special thanks for all the gifts, cards and good wishes. I will try to make them all come true. King Edward Campus, my students and my colleagues will remain in my heart and I will think of you all fondly. My very best wishes for success and happiness to you all.

Grace Shaw

Drop in at KEC Counselling

Come and say farewell to counselors Thorne Husband and Loren Houldson who will be retiring this August and will be greatly missed. Complimentary refreshments will be served!

When: Thursday, June 17 from 2:00-4:00pm

Where: Room 4001 (next to the Counselling Dept)



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