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1) EDUCATIONAL GRANTS FOR CANADIAN COLLEGES

A "Survey of Sources" of grants for educational or research projects at two year colleges, edited by Norman Barton of our Langara Campus, has been sent to the library.

Some of these grants are available to individual instructors as well as to institutions.

R.F.C.

2) MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

The following was observed in the Vancouver Sun, May 9, 1978:

"Alexander Olson, a double bass student of Ken Freedman's at Vancouver Community College, has won a scholarship to attend the North American Congress of Strings to be held this July and August in Seattle."

Congratulations to both student and instructor!

R.F.C.

3) CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Jean Cockell on the death of her father on Thursday, May 4.

E.MacL.

4) B.T.S.D.

Peter Littleboy will be on vacation from May 15 to May 26. In his absence Starr Owen will be acting in Mr. Littleboy's stead.

P.L.

5) COLLEGE COUNCIL MEETING

The V.C.C. Council met in regular session last Wednesday. Minutes of the April 12th meeting, as well as background materials for Wednesday's meeting, including V.C.C.'s Facilities Proposal, are in our Library for your perusal.

The main item on Wednesday's agenda was the Facilities Proposal. The report addresses itself to the immediate and urgent need for replacement facilities for K.E.C., as well as the other campuses. Council approved the Proposal in principle and authorized College Principal A.S. Manera to pursue the matter with the Ministry of Education.

H.E.P.

6) POSITION OPENINGS

Details of the following vacancies are posted on the faculty notice board at the back of the Main Office.

- a) Business Manager,
Vancouver Municipal & Regional
Employees Union
- b) Chairperson,
Extension Services,
Wascana Institute of Applied Arts
& Sciences,
Regina, Saskatchewan.

7) RETURNING FACULTY

Welcome back to Christel Nierobisch and Norm Dooley, returned to the "fold" at King Ed. after an eight month sojourn in Kitimat teaching English Language Training to Alcan employees.

R.M.

8) VICTORIA R.E.A.D. SOCIETY

The above organization is offering a training program for teachers of adult basic education, commencing June 26. Further details are posted on the faculty notice board at the back of the Main Office.

9) V.C.C. SPACE PROBLEMS

MEETING WITH McGEER SOUGHT

Space-short VCC seeking funds

Vancouver Community College council will ask the education ministry for \$25 million to ease a severe space problem, including possible loss of the King Edward campus by July, 1979.

The 90,000-square-foot adult education centre has been getting yearly reprieves but VCC does not expect the regional hospital district to renew the lease beyond the end of June, 1979.

Three buildings have already been lost to the Vancouver General Hospital expansion plan.

College president Tony Manera said he will seek an early meeting with Education Minister Pat McGeer to discuss the proposal and ask for funds for a more detailed study of college requirements.

The proposal approved in principle by the council Wednesday says VCC requirements include: 163,500 square feet for the King Edward campus; 20,000 square feet of renovations and a 20,000 square-foot addition for Langara; 32,000 in renovations and a 111,000 square-foot addition for Vancouver Vocational Institute.

Manera said the college has not ruled out using some of Vancouver's excess office space, but it was difficult to choose which option the college should follow until McGeer gives approval in principle and more study is done.

"We may not be talking about major construction," he said, adding that if that is the option chosen, he hopes construction can be started within a year.

Manera said that although the typical community college provides 150 square feet for each full-time equivalent student, VCC is working on less than 70 square feet for full-time equivalent student (the college has a formula by which part-time students are added up and calculated as equivalents of full-time students), exclusive of 20,000 continuing education students.

Even without adding students, VCC is operating with half the space it needs, he said. The \$25 million proposal would bring VCC to a gross of 95 to 100 square feet for each full-time equivalent student.

Council was told there is a 2½-year wait for students wishing to enter Vancouver Vocational Institute.

Jake McInnis, principal of VVI, said there has been at least a one-year waiting list for the 13 years he has been associated with the institute, adding that there is now a three-year waiting list for the dental assistant program and a two to four-year waiting list for the licenced practical nursing course.

And if the entire school was converted into a welding shop, the list of would-be students could not be accommodated, McInnis said.

Principal Harry Pankratz of KEC said in an interview that finding space for the more than 3,000 students on his campus is VCC's highest priority.

The adult education centre moved back to the site after a fire, even though the land had been sold the hospital district, Pankratz said.

If the lease is not renewed, the principal hopes new facilities will be built in China Creek.

The proposal to the education minister describes the current KEC facilities as crowded and substandard.

"I am hopeful as far as the minister of education is concerned, he will not let us down," Pankratz said, although several council members suggested during the meeting that McGeer is less than interested in community colleges.

Chairman J.C.M. Brown suggested the best way to get McGeer to a council meeting would be to build an indoor tennis court.

VCC council also approved \$131,175 in part-time vocational programs for 1978-79 already accepted by the ministry of education at an April meeting.

These programs are an addition to the \$69,000 in part-time vocational courses already approved by the council last fall and the \$25,485,900 budget for 1978-79 awarded by the ministry.

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H.E.P.

- 10) You may remember that last week we published Angela McWhirter's piece from the Vancouver Sun. Evidently, many of you responded directly to her, pointing out (helpfully???) her grammatical errors. For these people, she has asked that the following item be printed.

A Pedagogical P.S.

"For those who enjoyed the grammatical errors in my article 'Kids are a Drag', I would like to give due credit to the typesetter and the Editor for eyecatching typos and alterations."

Angela McWhirter

She has also sent in this story with the comment:

"I don't think there are any spelling or grammar mistakes in the Nasrudin tale, other than those intended. So perhaps the censors could relax, enjoy it and maybe learn something from the philosophy of it."

You Never Know When it Might come in Useful.

Nasrudin sometimes took people for trips in his boat. One day a professor hired Nasrudin to ferry him across a very wide river. As soon as they were afloat, the professor asked, "Is it going to be a stormy?"

"Don't ask me nothing about it," said Nasrudin.

"Have you never studied grammar?"

"No," said Nasrudin.

"In that case, half your life has been wasted," said the professor.

Nasrudin said nothing. Soon a terrible storm blew up. Nasrudin's little boat was filling up with water. He leaned over toward the professor.

"Have you ever learned to swim?"

"No, I have never learned to swim," said the professor.

"In that case, professor, all your life is wasted, for we are sinking.

adapted by Angela McWhirter

Signed: "Yours in the florescent gloom of the typing class."
Angela

A lesson plan for ELT students for the above story is available from Rosemary Meyer or Hilary Slatter.

R.M.

11) COLLEGE PRINCIPAL'S VISIT

On Thursday, May 11, Mr. Manera, Vancouver Community College Principal, addressed the faculty and staff of King Edward Campus. Covering a wide range of topics Mr. Manera concentrated his remarks in five main areas:

- Philosophy as it pertains to V.C.C.
- Goals
- Planning
- Facilities
- His administrative roles as chief executive

Mr. Manera asked for faculty and staff input into both the planning of new facilities and in the formulation of goals for the College.

Prior to Mr. Manera's address, Doug Brown described budgeting procedures and showed how King Edward Campus had received most of the money required for the operating budget, an increase of 16% over last year's.

Copies of Mr. Manera's speech are available for those not fortunate to be present, for reading in the library.

H.E.P.

12) QUICK THINKING

John Oastler is to be congratulated in winning the CBC "Hidden Towns" quiz yesterday evening. He beat everyone else to the phone with the three correct answers.

R.F.C.

