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1) LEARNING ANOTHER LANGUAGE

The B.C. Provincial Association for Childhood Education announces that its 1978 Fall Conference theme is "Learning Another Language".

The Conference is to be held on September 22/23, 1978 at the Langara Campus.

Additional information is given on the Notice Board at the back of the Main Office.

R.F.C.

2) HELP!

I'm looking for copies of fairly recent magazines or old reader's digest for my students to read. Any contributions will be gleefully picked up. A note in my mail box will suffice. Thanks.

Betty Cameron

3) Kinesiology Fitness Testing

S.F.U. is offering a comprehensive coronary profile assessment seeking to assess and improve an individual's cardiovascular health.

The tests include:

- bicycle ergometer test with electro-cardiographic monitoring
- lung function
- blood cholesterol and HDL
- body composition and somatotype
- questionnaire

Cost - \$25.00

Phone - 291-4368 for appointments and enquiries.

Rita Katzel

4) POSITION VACANCIES

i) Campus Principal, Pacific Vocational Institute. Further details are posted on the bulletin board at the back of the Main Office. Closing date for applications - June 12, 1978.

ii) Dean of Instruction, V.V.I.

The above position has been posted. For more information, please see the notice board.

- 5) Our deepest sympathies are extended to Jerry Ryan on the death of her husband on the 22nd May.

D.M.

6) Informational Task Forces

A process is being initiated with the intention of defining goals and objectives for Vancouver Community College in a manner which will be meaningful to students, faculty and staff, to the community at large and to the Ministry of Education.

As Mr. Manera informed us,

The intent of the exercise is to promote a greater degree of public awareness and support for the work of the College and to establish a set of principles from which specific procedures may be developed to deal with:

- (i) the pursuit of excellence in education,
- (ii) the promotion of the College, and
- (iii) the planning function.

In order to do this effectively, a great deal of information concerning the work of the College has to be collected. I anticipate that three task forces will be established to collect and classify the materials in terms of:

- (i) Institutional Research - a description of the population currently being served by V.C.C.
- (ii) Market Research - a description of the population whose educational/training needs can best be met by V.C.C. in the future.
- (iii) Evaluation - the perception of services, roles and quality of courses and programs offered by V.C.C.

For each of the three tasks to be addressed, I would like to be able to identify one or two K.E.C. members of faculty/staff who would volunteer to be a part of - to work on - the task forces that Mr. Manera will want to set up.

If you are interested, please let Mrs. Hemphill know within the next few days. Many thanks.

H.E.P.

7)

MUSIC NEWS

Harvey Stenson, from the Music Department, will have completed a successful run at the Arts Club Theatre in "Les Canadiens" on Saturday night. In case you are wondering, the production is about hockey and Quebecois history and the actors were all on roller skates! It was a lively and funny performance. Harvey played the part of the organist and sports-caster (he had to announce events bilingually - French and English) and he also composed some of the music used in the play.

Then on Sunday, 28 May, Harvey has to get up early to do his last broadcast on the French CBC network, in which he comments on the harpsichord music he plays. For you Francophones who get up early on Sunday mornings, and who like harpsichord music, the program is on from 9.15 until 10.00 a.m.

R.M.

8)

KEC SPACE PROBLEMS

The following article was observed in the Vancouver Sun editorial on May 16th.

Pay attention

It is not the first time Vancouver Community College council has decided to approach the education ministry for funds to renovate and expand its facilities.

This time it intends to ask for \$25 million for its King Edward and Langara campuses and for the Vancouver Vocational Institute.

The college has a good case. There is a possibility VCC will lose its King Edward campus, which is owned by Vancouver General Hospital, by July, 1979.

At the moment, space at the King Edward campus is so limited that counsellors, the college office manager and the financial aid officer have no offices and must conduct interviews in an open area. There is a 2½-year waiting list for VVI.

Some classrooms are in continuous use throughout the day and evening. There is no faculty work space. Large rooms have been partitioned off to serve as classrooms, but each class is interrupted by the noise of the others.

According to college president

Tony Manera, the typical community college provides 150 square feet for each full-time equivalent student. Even with the improvements requested, VCC would provide only 95 to 100 square feet.

VCC offers various academic, vocational and other courses, but it is unique in providing a wide variety of programs of basic job training, English language training for immigrants, job and language training for handicapped persons. Without VCC, many students who have failed in other educational systems would have no comparable opportunity to improve their skills and their opportunity for success on the job market.

But VCC is not alone in lacking space and other facilities. Several community colleges outside Vancouver operate under similar restrictions.

What must be decided is the education ministry's priorities for dealing with those problems and its plans for providing vocational and community college facilities throughout the province.

