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1) COLLEGE COUNCIL

At its regular public meeting last Wednesday, College Council dealt with a rather lengthy agenda, the following being some of the items that were addressed:

1. Principal's Report: Among other matters, Mr. Manera mentioned that
 - The Minister has approved the lease on the West 8th Avenue facility for submission to Cabinet; one more approval is needed: Treasury Board must approve before the Order-in-Council is issued.
 - The Facilities Proposal that was endorsed by Council in May has received verbal "educational approval" and planning funds will be released to V.C.C. by the Ministry to identify and develop plans for V.C.C.'s additional space requirements. The College Council passed a motion requesting \$60,000 for planning purposes.
2. 1978/79 Budget: Council approved the College's revised operating budget for 1978/79 of \$26,342,900 plus \$1,700,000 for debt services plus \$1,178,900 for ancillary services.
3. Organizational Proposal: Last year College Council tabled the Organization Proposal pending the appointment of a new principal. During the past several weeks, the College Administrative Board reviewed last year's proposal, made several changes and submitted it to Council for approval. Prior to approving the proposal, there was considerable discussion on Council's involvement in curriculum development ... on the composition of the C.A.B. ... on the possible impact of the Task Forces reports and recommendations on our organization.
4. Management Advisory Council: Dr. Kennedy is V.C.C.'s member on the M.A.C. He reported on recent developments, two of which are significant:
 - The Minister is asking colleges and provincial institutes to prepare 5-year budgets.

- The Minister is concerned about the seemingly high level of remuneration of some college and provincial institute administrators. He will attempt to effect some controls.
- 5. Special Funding: Council approved for submission to the Ministry, the following requests for special funding for a number of projects, some of which were initiated by the College, others by the Ministry:
 - 11 R.A.C.'s of which three - E.O.W., Homemaker and Vocational Orientation - were ours;
 - 3 special funding requests for C.E.S. programs;
 - 10 A.B.E./E.S.L. curriculum-related requests for K.E.C.;
 - a major supplementary request for the V.C.C. Library; and
 - a major commitment by V.V.I. to engage in curriculum development for its own programs and for the province.
- 6. C.E. Tuition Fees for General Interest Courses: Council approved a tuition fee increase for general interest courses of 15¢ per instructional hour. The new tuition fees will be based on \$1.15 per instructional hour.

A variety of other matters were dealt with in Council. They will be covered in the minutes, a copy of which will be placed in our Library. A copy of Wednesday's agenda, supporting materials, the College Principal's report and the minutes of the Council meeting of May 30th have been placed in the Library for your perusal.

H.E.P.

2) DOMINION DAY

Because Dominion Day - July 1st - falls on a Saturday this year, King Edward Campus will be closed on Monday, the 3rd, to allow a holiday in lieu of July 1st.

Please advise your students that classes will not meet on Monday next.

H.E.P.

3) DEPARTMENT HEAD - READING AND STUDY SKILLS

I am very pleased to announce that Betty Pletcher has been appointed to the above position effective July 1.

Although Reading and Study Skills is a department within the College Foundations Division, Mrs. Pletcher will continue to be of assistance to instructors in other divisions who are involved in teaching "Reading".

H.E.P.

4) RETIREMENT TEA

That the retirement party for Kay Gracey and Wilma Hutchings was such a pleasant success, was largely due to the unseen efforts of the office staff, particularly Dorothy Moutter and Sharon Hemphill, in preparing the room and the refreshments. The V.I.A. efforts were also appreciated.

The added touches made the occasion particularly memorable to those honoured, as well as to the well-wishers present.

R.F.C.

5) CONNIE KELLOUGH

Today is Mrs. Kellough's last day on Campus for awhile; she'll be on leave of absence - actually, on maternity leave - until the beginning of December. Faculty and staff alike will look forward to hearing an announcement from Connie and Howard about the middle of August.

All the best, Connie!

H.E.P.

6) A.S. MANERA'S ADDRESS TO V.V.I. FACULTY

A copy of College Principal, A. S. Manera's address to V.V.I. faculty has been placed in the Library for your perusal.

H.E.P.

7) FREE VISION SCREENING

Joan Kerr, S.H.S. orthoptist, will be available (only during July and August) to do group vision testing, on Wednesday afternoons.

You can make arrangements with Joan by calling 736-2033, or by letting the K.E.C. community health nurses know.

R.K.

8) VACATION

I will be on holiday until September. Mary Waddington will be assuming my responsibilities in my absence.

Betty Cameron

9) VACATION

Bruce M. Watson, Night School Co-ordinator, will be on holiday from June 30th to August 14th.

Any enquiries concerning Night School should be directed to David Brown or Barbara Bowers.

B.W.

10) DITTO MASTERS

We now have ditto masters in three colors!

Add variety to your life and lesson plans in tri-color presentations. See Kathy Lawley, our file clerk and "keeper of supplies" for your share.

M.G.

11) POSITION OPENING

Fraser Valley College has a position opening for a Paraprofessional Student Development Aide. Deadline for applications is June 23.

For further details, please see posting on faculty bulletin board.

H.E.P.

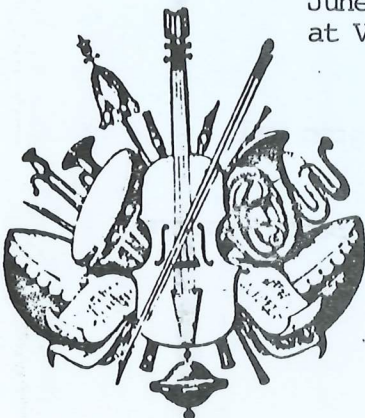
12) REMINDER OF CONCERT

During the past two months, four ensembles from Vancouver Community College Music Department have had the privilege of participating in a British Columbia Government Youth Employment Program Grant. As a result of this funding, over 200 free concerts were performed in lower mainland and Vancouver Island community centres, schools, and hospitals and senior citizens' homes.

The student performers would like an opportunity to express their appreciation to those who made possible, or contributed to, this very successful program.

Therefore, we would like to invite you to our final concert on June 30th, 1978 (TONIGHT) at 8:00 p.m. in the Main Theatre (Room A130) at V.C.C. Langara Campus. We hope you will be able to attend.

Jerry Damer,
Department Head,
Music Program



13) THANK YOU!

Kay Gracey and Wilma Hutchings would like to thank Mr. Pankratz and the staff of K.E.C. for the delightful tea held in their honour last Tuesday.

The many good wishes were appreciated, as was the thoughtfulness shown in the beautiful arrangements.

Thank you.

K.G. and W.H.

14) IN HOSPITAL

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Gordon Griffin, Program Assistant in the Learning Centre.

Gordon had gall bladder surgery yesterday (Thursday) and is doing nicely.

I'm sure cards, notes, and visits will be welcome and help Gordie recover more quickly.

M.G.

15) V.I.A. COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

On June 22nd the membership ratified the 1978/79 Agreement. Subsequently, on Wednesday, June 28th, College Council did as well.

Hopefully, retroactive pay will be included in July pay cheques.

A.S. and H.E.P.

METRIC UP-DATE: FROM 'THE METRIC GUIDE'

Immersion, comparison, or conversion

The height of Mt. Everest is 8840 m.

The length of the river Nile is 6670 km.

The greatest rainfall in 24 h occurred in La Réunion, Indian Ocean, and was 1870 mm.

During metrication, teachers may find themselves teaching the metric system to

a) young students who have had little or no exposure to imperial units—who therefore need not “unlearn” them;

b) young people who have only a nodding acquaintance with metric units, but who do not naturally “think metric” — they are at home with imperial units;

c) adults—in night school and community courses—who have been steeped in an imperial environment for decades and who may be reluctant to change.

No single policy is applicable to all categories of people who must learn the metric system. It will take a good number of years to phase out imperial units, making total metric immersion somewhat artificial, particularly for adults. Duality of metric and imperial units in our society must be accepted for some time to come.

Immersion

Immersion

“This stick (metre stick) is 1 m long. Our door is about 2 m high. The principal is about 180 cm tall.”

In spite of the statements made in 290, it is recommended that the *classroom* provide as total a metric environment as is possible. For the majority, whether young or old, total *immersion* directly into the metric system is strongly advised. Through this technique, comparisons and conversions are not made between metric and imperial units; the two systems are not mixed within the same context. If imperial units are mentioned at all, they are treated alone, as members of an entirely different system.

It is strongly recommended that **total immersion in metric thinking, without reference to imperial measures, be adopted with respect to the learning and use of common metric units.**

Comparison

Comparison

“A length of 1 m is a little longer than 1 yd.”

For a few students *comparison* may be helpful in the initial stages only. For example, they might be told that a tonne is a little greater than the imperial ton, or that \$3.50/kg for meat is not more expensive than \$1.60/lb. Comparisons should not involve numeric conversions and should be dropped as quickly as possible.

Conversion

Conversion

Don't read this unless you are desperate!

“1 m = 39.37 in.”

For a limited time there may be the need for mathematical *conversion* between imperial and metric units for a small minority of people. A dietician may need to know that 1 Calorie = 4.19 kJ (kilojoules); a machinist, that 1 inch = 2.54 cm; and an electrician, that 1 hp = 746 W where hp denotes horsepower and W is the symbol for watts. At the end of this document (see 604 and 605) a few conversion factors are reluctantly given, but only for those who *must* use them.