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V.I.A. GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 13th
TIME: 1:15
PLACE: Sheraton Plaza 500
12th Avenue and Cambie Street

Faculty members who wish to attend, and who have scheduled classes at that time, are asked to make appropriate arrangements for their students.

Please alert your department head of your intention to attend the meeting.

H.E.P.



Have you heard about

INSTRUCTIONAL SKILLS WORKSHOP?

- * If you know about it and would like to take part, now's the time to sign up for the next one, to be given at King Ed. March 18, 20, 25, 27.
- * If you haven't heard about it, you may want to get more information.

Either way, contact one of the following people:

Ted Anderson
Walter Behnke
Roger Gibbard
Elizabeth MacLeod

Rosemary Meyer
Roger Ofield
Howard Turpin
Rose Mary Watson

T.A.

TEAL CONFERENCE, MARCH 13, 14 and 15

Just a reminder that the TEAL Conference is professional development time (NOT LEAVE) for the English Language Training Departments.

Therefore, there will be no Night School ELT classes on Thursday, or day ELT classes on Friday, so that all instructors can participate.

I wish you a very pleasant conference and I hope to join you.

R.F.C.

REMEMBER THIS DAY - FRIDAY, MARCH 14th

Another Career Seminar! Persons from the Vancouver Police Department, the Vancouver Fire Department, and the Criminal Justice, Court Reporter and Security Officer programs will be visiting KEC. Bring your "CAREER" questions to Room 110 at 12:30.

N.C.

TALENT IN HOMEFRONT, NEIGHBOURHOOD ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Myrna Rothman's (Manya) paintings are on display in the Queen Elizabeth Playhouse until the end of March.

R.M.W.

A VISITOR

Harryette Erhardt, one of the presenters of our Cognitive Style Mapping workshops from Texas, will be spending a day with my wife and me on Friday, May 9th. She is very anxious to spend that afternoon with us at King Edward. Would those people who would like to meet Harryette please let me know by calling in to see me or by leaving a message in my mail box? I would also appreciate it if you could tell me what topics you would like to discuss, or in what way Harryette may be of assistance so that she can bring necessary materials with her.

E. Colin Casey

COLLEGE BOARD MEETING

The College Board meeting, scheduled for March 12th, has been cancelled. The next meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday, March 26th at 7:00 p.m.

H.E.P.

CAR ALLOWANCE

On February 27th, 1980 the College Board approved a new rate for automobile allowance as follows:

<u>Weight of Automobile</u>	<u>Rate</u>
1180 Kg. or over	18¢ per Km.
Under 1180 Kg.	15¢ per Km.

Please destroy all old forms in your possession. New forms may be obtained from Judy Williams, file clerk.

For your convenience, there are two columns on the revised form; one for miles - the other for kilometres. Only one column is to be filled in line by line. The total miles can be converted to Kilometres by multiplying with the factor 1.609 as shown on the form.

The new rate applies to all claims incurred on or after February 28, 1980. Claims incurred before that date will be paid at the old rate.

D.M.

WORK ORDERS AND DUPLICATING

The duplicating operators are having trouble prioritizing work with "ASAP" as the deadline! To some, "ASAP" means "tomorrow"; to others, it may mean "in a week or two".

Please indicate your deadline date in the proper space so that we can have your work completed when needed.

"Once more with feeling" - we ask that you NOT interrupt the operators in the print room with special requests, rush jobs, etc. Please see the office manager or her assistant when you need special or rush jobs.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

M.G.

ATTENTION INSTRUCTORS, COUNSELLORS, ETC.

For the month of March, the Student Health Services will have a second Psychologist on staff every Monday and Thursday. She is Rosemarie Alvaro, who for the past 12 months was a clinical supervisor at UBC Health Sciences. She is from Vancouver, did her undergraduate work at UBC and has a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago.

Rosemarie has experience with undergraduates and did her thesis on anxiety and academic achievement. She also has experience with students learning a second language and did work on a project involving learning a language and obtaining counselling at the same time. She is quite interested in prevention of mental illness and would be willing to speak to classes on this topic.

If you have any referrals for Rosemarie, please contact the Student Health office for appointment times.

J.N.

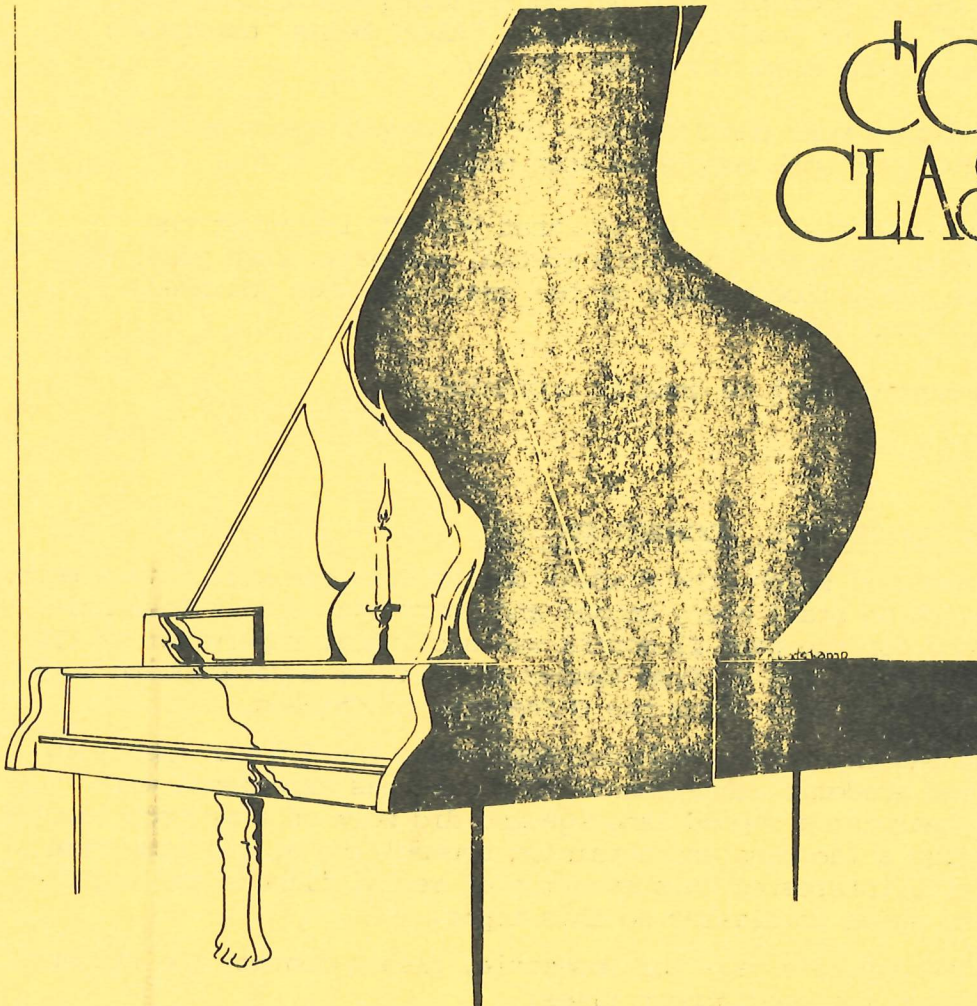
NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The V.C.C. Music Department is pleased to present its first Sunday afternoon concert featuring Susan Oberhoffner, Soprano and Jane Young, Alto, in a "Celebration of Song". Both Susan and Jane are students in the Music Department and they will be presenting their recital this Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at the Mt. Pleasant Centre. They will be performing selections by Strauss, Schubert, Dowland, Faure and Bernstein, to name a few, and the afternoon promises to be one full of variety and interest for all.

Tonight, the Music Department is presenting a different type of evening's entertainment. The V.C.C. Jazz Combos will be performing in a "Combo Clash" beginning at 8:00 p.m. at Mt. Pleasant Centre. This will be an evening of jazz and popular music presented in a Coffee House setting.

This weekend at Mt. Pleasant offers music for everyone's taste, so please come out and enjoy whichever suits yours!

T.S.



CONCERTS
CLASSIQUES

POSITION OPENINGS

V.C.C. King Edward Campus requires a Duplicating Machine Operator I. Closing date for applications is March 11, 1980.

V.C.C. Regional Offices requires a Clerk Typist I-II and a Telephone Operator/Typist. Closing dates are March 10 and 11, respectively.

V.C.C. V.V.I. requires a Clerk II in the Continuing Education Department. Closing date for applications is March 11.

V.C.C. Langara Campus requires a Library Assistant III in the Library Processing Department. Closing date for applications is March 10.

V.C.C. V.V.I. requires a Business Education Instructor. Closing date for applications is May 30.

For details on the above positions, please check bulletin boards.

H.E.P.

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE

Three positions at Grande Prairie Regional College have been posted on bulletin boards:

Director, Division of Liberal Studies;
Director, Division of Career Studies;
Chairman, Department of Library Services.

H.E.P.

LEARNING ENGLISH AS IT IS SPOKE

A student at Harper College once asked his teacher, "What does 'sadall' mean?" "Where did you hear that?" she asked. "Well, I ordered my lunch at Kentucky Fried Chicken, and then the lady asked 'Sadall?'"

---The Illinois "ESL" Vessel



A special tribute for two special teachers

I was struck by the thought — as the elementary-school term ends — that the sheer number of hours spent by a teacher with our children is mute testimony to their influence. If you deduct the sleeping time, play time outside, homework time — those concentrated six hours a day, five days a week for eight months in the schoolroom are imposing.

We always hope for a good teacher. It's certainly not a foregone conclusion. It bothers me that any tax cuts we vote are made up — sometimes first — by cutting back on schoolteachers and recreational facilities in the schools. That kind of insanity takes it out of our own hide.

The children are our money in the bank. So is the clean air. And clean streams. And clean living without ghettos. We don't take enough care or give sufficient priority to any of them.

Nonetheless — it's been a remarkable year at school. A great year. The school is the teacher — and our girls really had special teachers at Medina Elementary. In the third grade, Jennifer came up lucky with Anita Bhat. Mrs. Bhat is Indian — she wears saris to school — her caste is clear on her forehead.

The third-graders weren't sure what to make of it all at the start of the term. This teacher was "different" to them. Even the soft cadences of her speech were unlike anything to which they were accustomed.

As always, children look on something "different" as something to be cautious about. That's how insecurities are born. The only reason for it is that their parents too often view anything "different" warily, to say the least.

Mrs. Bhat dispelled all that. She employed the sari — the cast sym-



It's a mad world

Stanley

Krumer

Times columnist

bol — the cadenced speech — to educate, provoke curiosity and encourage learning.

On the first day, Jennifer said: "I don't think I'm going to like this." What followed was a heartwarming display of education and love. I do not feel adequate to the description. So, I asked both my daughters to write a paragraph about their feelings toward their teachers. I explained it was for a column in the newspaper — but I promised not to edit or change. Here is Jennifer's appraisal of Mrs. Bhat:

My teacher is Mrs. Anita Bhat. She teaches the third grade at Medina Elementary. She is from India and wears beautiful saris to school. She is a mother of two children and she is very loving and understanding. I wish there were many more teachers like her. We all work hard for her and we all love her very dearly. She has always been loving and understanding to me and she means a lot to me. If she is different in some ways, I would like to be different like her. And I am very very glad she is my teacher.

P.S. I hope everyone else has been as lucky as I have been with Mrs. Bhat.

Dear Indian lady — how can we say what we owe you? Only by stating that what Jennifer feels — we also feel. Thank you.

Sixth grade offers challenges beyond the norm. It is dastardly

pre-teen time — the onrush of everything from self-assertion to acne to the menstrual cycle. Low key and high key — shy and brash — introverts and extroverts. What manner of genius deals with all this? His name is Frank Bowker — sent straight from Heaven for the sole benefit of sixth-graders and their parents.

Bowker is the kind of teacher who deals with the individual child and his or her problems as though there were not 30 others in the class. If Katharine's weekly assignment was left partly undone, he smiled — because she expressed herself for the first time in class. And she did double the work in the next week.

If she had ~~be~~ be reprimanded for being too loud or rowdy — it was made more important that she found new friends in a new place. An introvert extroverted in one easy lesson.

Imagine what this all meant to parents with children transplanted to a new community with no friends or acquaintances beforehand. There is a free atmosphere in his class which responds to discipline when necessary. I asked Katharine to say something about her teacher:

I think Mr. Bowker is an extremely good teacher and a very nice man. And he has a great sense of humor.

He teaches a lot about life. Not that he doesn't teach the regular subjects, but he teaches things that most people don't teach in schools.

He's also just about the nicest most understanding person I've ever known. He seems to know each of our personal thoughts and feelings in our class. And he listens to us. I really like Mr. Bowker and I feel I've known him much longer than I have. I will miss him in junior high.

I make note of these reactions of students and parents in the name of all students and parents who are lucky enough to have had the good teachers we had. I hope the sense of satisfaction of the teachers for being what they are is deep and fulfilling.

Surely they aren't paid so well that it can all be written off as part of the job. It's more than just a job to give education and receive love in return.

Sometimes Frank Bowker mutters under his breath about retiring. No chance. My third-grader,

(about to be a fourth-grader), corrected him one day:

Jennifer: "You'll wait for me, won't you?"

Bowker: (swallowing hard) "Yes, Jennifer — I'll wait."

Well, Romeo has not only the pressure of Juliet. He has her parents with whom he must deal. A promise is a promise, sir.

(from the Seattle Times)
L.P.

