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## OUT-OF CANADA (OVERSEAS) WORK/ASSIGNMENTS

During the course of the past year or two, I've received numerous requests or inquiries from private sector firms as well as provincial and federal government agencies seeking qualified personnel for out-of-Canada - international, overseas - contract work. The wording for an agreement with a major engineering firm is presently being developed whereby the firm will first approach VCC - my office - to meet its needs for personnel for out-of-Canada assignments. The requirements of the firm go far beyond the usual parameters of "engineering" and I am confident that we have, within VCC, the expertise to fill many of the wide range of needs that do come up from time to time. To meet the requests, I would like to establish an inventory of faculty interested in taking on short assignments outside Canada. Some assignments are as short as ten days; others can be as long as a year - or two - or three.

To get started on the inventory, I would like to invite members of faculty who wish to be considered for overseas work to complete a single-page form giving the essential details: name, address, campus, academic degree(s), diploma(s), area of expertise/teaching discipline (both primary and secondary), type of work or assignment desired, preferred country(ies) for foreign assignment, etc. In addition, a passport-size photograph is required.

To assist you in preparing your dossier, an 8-1/2x11 form has been prepared entitled "Indication of Expertise and Interest for Out-of-Canada (Overseas) Work/Assignment" and copies are available from the principal's secretary. Please send your completed form to me at the World Trade Centre at Canada Place. (Use the College's inter-campus courier service already in place.)

Finally, I want to assure you that the information you provide will remain confidential within my office and, prior to releasing the information in your dossier to a prospective employer/contractor, I shall first alert the campus principal or dean and the faculty member concerned to ascertain interest in the specific project.

T. Toulson

## CONSTRUCTION - CAFETERIA

Sorry for the inconvenience, but please bear with us.

D. Moutter

VCC

King Edward Campus



1. Summer Term Enrolment

King Edward Campus (approximately)	150
Langara Campus	105
Vancouver Vocational Institute	5

Additionally, Continuing Education projects an enrolment of 400 in the short-term Summer English Language Programmes at Langara.

2. Teaching in Japan

David Kos has had a successful beginning as a Visiting Professor of English at Tokushima Bunri University, Japan.

It is anticipated that further two-year appointments will be available in the near future. Direct inquiries to Ian Andrews, Continuing Education.

3. International Conference for Translators & Interpreters

Sponsored by Vancouver Community College and held on May 23-24, 1987 the conference attracted over 200 participants from 15 countries and was a programming and organizational success.

4. King Edward instructors involved in International Education met with Jindra Repa on May 29th. Ideas were exchanged on directions, further development and funding of international education. It was agreed to hold such meetings regularly in order to improve the co-ordination and implementation of international initiatives.

5. Please send any news items to Jindra Repa, Central Administration.

NOTICE TO ALL INSTRUCTORS FROM FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

Students applying for financial assistance are expected to attend regularly and make progress in their course of studies. Many times throughout the year, the Financial Aid Office sends out written request asking instructors for comments regarding students' performance. Financial Aid is not able to provide assistance without a response from instructors in these cases. In cases where students apply for 2 types of aid, 2 requests for comments will go out and we ask the instructors complete both and return to Financial Aid.

Your co-operation enables us to better serve your students.  
Thank you.

E. Buriak

### AT THE LIBRARY

This week we have a lot of media news:

Firstly, the Media Library at Langara has acquired a number of old favourites to its 16mm film collection. Some new additions are:

A farewell to Arms (b&w) 78 minutes

Gulliver's Travels, 1939, (col) 74 min.

The Most Dangerous Game, 1932, (b&w), 63 min.

Of Human Bondage, 1934, (b&w), 83 min.

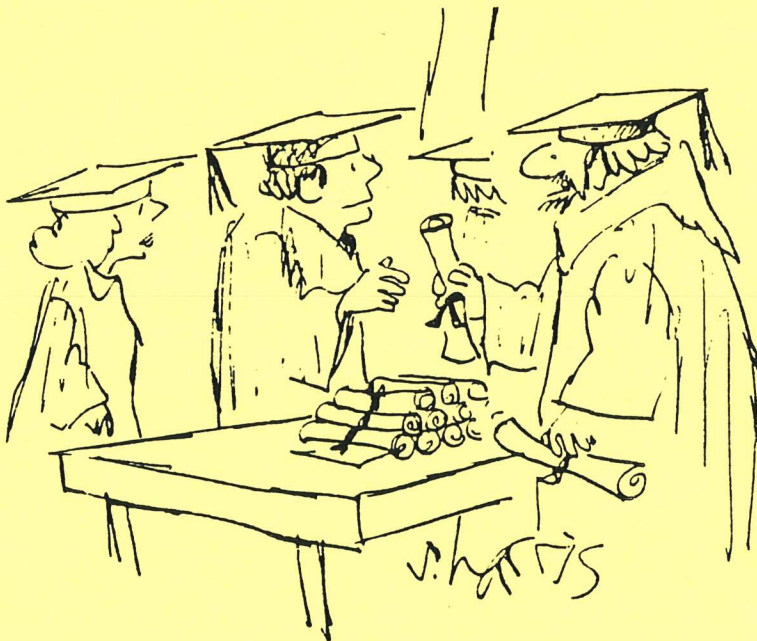
Our Town, 1940, (b&w), 90 min.

Any of these films can be booked for KEC use by calling Amanda, loc.435.

Secondly, the KEC Library has now developed its own integrated film and video catalogue. This is a title list of KEC holdings, without descriptions, but very current. If you would like a copy for your department, please notify Amanda (local 435) this month. She is taking orders for copies.

Thirdly, the bad news for the day. The National Film Board has notified us that they will be charging overdue fines on borrowed materials. ...\$1.00 PER DAY PER ITEM. If you require any extensions to loan periods, please arrange for the extension at least 24 hours before the due date. Please beware of DATE DUE which should be on each packing slip.

S. Weber



"Gridley, try not to tell too many people that you went to this school."



## TELEPHONE REPAIRS

For all telephone repairs, dial 0 and report to switchboard.

D. Moutter

## BOARDROOM ETIQUETTE

After your meeting in the 4th floor boardrooms, we request that you kindly cleanup after yourselves. It is not the secretary's job to do this. Please leave dishes on trolley outside room, clean blackboards, and generally keep these rooms tidy.

D. Moutter

## LEARNING CENTRE NOTES

For July/August, the KEC Learning Centre will be closing at 1:00pm instead of at 4:00pm, as a way of conserving funds from a lower demand period for a more demanding schedule in the fall and spring semesters.

Math/Science tutors for July/August include Gordon Wong, Alex Bowie, Tom McDiarmid and Joe Huang. Humanities tutors are Lee Henderson and Peter McLennan.

The Centre bids farewell to its Tutor Emeritus, Mrs. Ruby Nichols who has served diligently and faithfully these past three years on a part-time but highly effective basis. Although retiring from service to KEC students, she will be seen from time to time as needed to substitute.

G. Kelly

AS A REMINDER ABOUT TIMESHEETS FOR WEEK OF JUNE 26,1987

Due to the holiday that falls on July 1 all timesheets must be submitted on Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> in order to be processed in time for payday.

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G. Coates

## POSITION OPENINGS

V.C.C./K.E.C. requires a Library Assistant III (KEC Library). Closing date for applications is June 19, 1987.

V.C.C./K.E.C. requires a Remote Job Entry Operator I (International Education). This is a temporary position until approximately March 31, 1988. Closing date for applications is June 22, 1987.

V.C.C./C.E. requires a Work Experience Counsellor - Relief Worker. Closing date for applications is June 26, 1987.

V.C.C./V.V.I. requires a Financial Aid Clerk. Closing date for applications is June 22, 1987.

V.C.C./V.V.I. requires a Clerk II/Admissions Dept. Closing date is June 23, 1987.

V.C.C./V.V.I. requires a Department Head - Electricity & Industrial Electronics. Closing date for applications is June 20, 1987.

V.C.C./Langara requires a Library Assistant II. Closing date for the position is June 24, 1987.

V.C.C./V.V.I. requires a Security Alarm Installer Instructor. Closing date is June 23, 1987.

Lethbridge Community College requires a Chemistry/Pharmacology Instructor, Comp. No. 87-45. Closing date for applications is June 25, 1987.

L. Fast

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

### Double talk aids writers of references for losers

Associated Press  
BETHLEHEM, Pa.

In today's atmosphere of open records and ready lawsuits, a Lehigh University professor has come up with a system of doublespeak to pan job applicants without risk.

Under the system, dubbed LIAR or Lexicon of Inconspicuously Ambiguous Recommendations by economics professor Robert Thornton, managers and teachers can hide behind ambiguity when asked to write recommendation letters.

"There must be a million people out there suffering from the problem of how to write a letter of recommendation for a person who isn't really qualified," Mr. Thornton said.

To describe a lacklustre employee, he said, a manager would write: "In my opinion, you will be very fortunate to get this person to work for you."

To describe a candidate who is

woefully inept, he recommends saying: "I most enthusiastically recommend this candidate with no qualifications whatsoever."

To describe a candidate who is so unproductive the position would be better left unfilled: "I can assure you that no person would be better for the job."

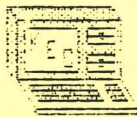
To describe a candidate who is not worth further consideration: "I would urge you to waste no time in making this candidate an offer of employment."

Any of the statements might be taken as praise, Mr. Thornton said. But, he added: "These phrases actually convey the complete opposite. That's what makes them so strange and that's what makes them so humorous."

"Whether perceived correctly or not by the candidate, the phrases are virtually litigation-proof," he said, noting that court rulings have opened up employment records to workers.

P. Hopkinson





# COMPUTER NEEDS COMMITTEE

KING EDWARD CAMPUS  
VANCOUVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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There will be a demonstration of the Apple //GS on

Wednesday, 24 June

Room 3242      10:00 - 11:30 am

This newest Apple is a 16 bit processor with superior graphics and sound capabilities. At the same time, it can run the large existing inventory of Apple II educational software. The GS makes use of a Macintosh-style user interface while providing gorgeous colour graphics. Its sound abilities are good enough to teach language and music.

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