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IT'S PARTY TIME!!

PARTY #1: GEORGE CLARK tells us that the Care and Share Annual Christmas Sing-a-Long will be taking place this year on **Friday, December 15 from noon until 2:00**, in the Mall. George invites all faculty, staff and students to join him, Santa, and a musical combo from KEC to sing Carols and get into the festive season. Once again George has managed to find prizes for a lottery draw with the money going towards the Care and Share program which helps about forty students at City Centre. Light refreshments will be provided.

George has allowed us to quote from a letter he received last year from a student who had benefited from the Care and Share program. Dona wrote and said "It gets desperately hard for a single mom around Christmas time and this money was a life-line to us. We used the money to buy groceries and we've set aside some of it to buy our Christmas tree." Dona's two sons also wrote lovely letters to George. As George said that made it all worthwhile...so help on the program this year and buy the lottery tickets and join in the Carolling.

PARTY #2: MARVIN LAMOURE, JOHN VANDENAKKER and their respective Councils have decreed that following the Care and Share carolling party on the 15th the campus will then be closed and a party for faculty and staff will take place for the rest of the afternoon. This party will take place **December 15 in Room 240, from 2:00 until 4:30** (give or take an hour!)

MORE EVENTS IN THE MALL...

Another bulletin from GEORGE CLARK: The Red Cross will be on campus on **Tuesday, December 05**, for a blood donors clinic from 10.00 until 4:00 in the mall.

POTENTIAL PILOT PROJECT

JEROME SCHATTEN writes to say that a number of City Centre Department Heads have indicated they would prefer a course-based instructional delivery system, this implies some type of semester, tri-mester, or quarter system. Students would register for a number of courses and not for an entire program. When they complete the requisite number of courses they would receive some type of certification. The advantage would be a student centred initiative - giving increased access to program offerings and increase flexibility to pursue their own education and training goals.

Over the next couple of months Jerome will be talking to other institutions, identifying those departments which might be interested designing a pilot project; departments that feel a course semester system would be inappropriate; or departments who would be interested if the pilot project is successful.

Once all that is done, a detailed report will be published and, if there is enough interest, then a pilot project for a couple of programs will be run. If your department is interested in being part of this survey contact Jerome and fill out his little questionnaire.

FEDERAL FUNDING FILLING FACILITIES!

DALTON KREMER writes to say that federally funded students are on the increase. Four years ago federal funding for fully-funded students on campus declined from 40% to 10%. However, as of mid-November this year, out of approximately 2,000+ full-time students on campus there were 275 CEIC full-funded students and 251 CEIC/UIC funded students. Bringing the totally federally funded students to approximately 25% of our student population.

ARE YOU READY FOR IT?...IT'S COMING!!

Stay tuned for the *New! Improved!* campus newsletter. BARB CAMERON and the Editor got together over a rather alcoholic luncheon and came up with a brand new look to reflect the new City Centre image. God, and the budget, willing we will have the new look in your mailboxes for the first January edition. (All we have to do is convince the Administrative Council!) If you want to see your name, or your department's name in the inaugural edition - get those news items in now!

SO NOW THE MINISTRY HAS CHANGED IT'S NAME!

Is it merely coincidence that just as our campus changes it's name the Ministry decides they would like a new name also. They are now called: the Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology.

WHO'S NEW AT CITY CENTRE PLUS LIBRARY NEWS

(Two columns for the price of one!)

EVA SHARELL writes to say that the Library is very pleased to welcome PAM CANTRY, the new Library Assistant for Periodicals. A native Victorian, Pam comes to City Centre after spending two years in New Zealand. Pam is replacing ROBIN RIPLEY who left in august to attend the Emily Carr College of Art and Design.

JUNE HILLMAN tells us that the Library has the following computer software: Wordperfect 4.2, Professor DOS, Student Edition Lotus 1-2-3 and Letterfall Plus. They've also acquired many new videos including the following:

- Tourism is Your Business (2 separate series)
- The Japanese
- The Expedition
- Introduction to Orthodontic Technology
- Preventative Dental Care
- Nutrition and Dental Health

AND NOW FOR A FEW WORDS FROM THE HOSPITALITY and TOURISM DIVISION...

DICK KOK got a nice write-up in the Vancouver Sun on November 15, 1989. The article said in part: "A reader tipped us off about one of the best fruitcakes in town. The cake is a tradition at Vancouver Vocational Institute where students in the 10-month baking course have been making it for more than 15 years. Department Head Dick Kok, who brought the recipe with him from Holland, says the secret to the cake's success is soaking the fruit in dark navy rum for 24 hours, and using real butter for extra flavour." If you want to read the whole article, or get a copy of Dick's recipe give JACKIE SANDY a call at local 242.

RYUN SINCLAIRE tells us that the Culinary Arts Department will, once again, be doing their special Christmas Menu's. But if you want to try Medallions of loin of reindeer with mushrooms and chestnuts in a red wine sauce or Roast Suckling pig or Roast goose with English Stuffing, or Roast Pheasant breast with wild mushrooms and a wine sauce followed by Christmas Pudding with Brandy Sauce or Mince pie or Syllabub de Galoise - if you want to try any of these delicacies you'd better make your reservations now!! Seating is getting very restricted for the few days these dinners are being served.

ARE YOU STILL CONTEMPLATING BUYING YOUR OWN COMPUTER?

More good words from JEROME SCHATTEN who tells us that on **December 8, 1989 in Room 220, from 9:00 until noon**, Infomax, the College's authorized dealer for Apple Computers will be available to take order for Apple Macintosh computers and peripherals. If you are a full-time registered student, a term or full-time instructor, or permanent staff member, you may be interested in Infomax's offer of a substantial educational discount for qualified buyers.

GOOD STUFF TO KNOW:

...FROM THE VCC EMPLOYEE RELATIONS DEPARTMENT:

The VCC Employee Benefit Plan was established to provide a vehicle whereby plan members/eligible VCC employees could defer a portion of their monthly income for the purpose of financing a future sabbatical leave or to supplement their retirement income. Effective July 1, 1986, salary deferral for retirement supplement is no longer allowable under the Income Tax Act.

All present and prospective plan members/contributors who wish to defer a portion of their 1990 income to finance a future sabbatical leave must file signed Letters of Agreement covering the calendar year 1990. This letter must be submitted to the Employee Relations Department no later than December 22, 1989. Plan membership and contributions by payroll deductions for 1990 may not be authorized after that date. For more information and Letters of Agreement, contact the Employee Relations Department.

...FROM THE SUPERANNUATION COMMISSION

Representatives from the Superannuation Commission travel to the Lower Mainland once every month (except August) to meet employees and employers covered under the various pension plans that the Commission administers. They provide personal counselling to employees who are contemplating retirement within the next year or two. Interviews are scheduled at the Medical Services Plan Office in downtown Vancouver on either the first or second Friday of each month. A supply of "Application for Half-Hour Personal Interview" forms are available at the VCC Employee Relations Department.

If an employee is contemplating retirement and only requires an estimate of his/her pension, then call the Superannuation Commission in Victoria at 387-1002.

LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB FOR THE NEW YEAR?

If you're interested in any of the following positions contact the Employee Relations Department for further information.

1. ASSISTANT DEAN, STUDENT SERVICES - City Centre
Closing Date: December 08, 1989
2. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR - Public Relations and Development - CA
Closing Date: December 08, 1989
3. COMMUNITY EDUCATIONAL WORKER Mount Pleasant Community - KEC
Closing Date: January 01, 1990

We've also received word that the following is available:

DEAN OF INSTRUCTION - Arctic College - Inuvik, N.W.T.

Closing Date: December 15, 1989

for more information contact: Regional Superintendent, Department of Personnel, Government of the NWT, Inuvik, NWT, XOE OTO (Fax: 403-979-4152)

LATEST WORD FROM PACIFIC RIM MAGAZINE

TOM MEIKLE writes to say that they are looking for interesting Pacific Rim recipes (from students - please!) for a feature in their next issue. They will do the translating if ESL students are concerned about their English. For more details contact Tom at 324-5430, or Richard Hopkins at 324-5473.

WANT TO EDUCATE YOURSELF MORE?

A seminar on Evaluating Teaching in Post-Secondary Institutions will be given by Dr. Ron Smith, Director of Learning Development at Concordia University. The talk will be at SFU on Thursday, December 07, 1989 from 1:30 to 4:30. If you're interested and want more information call Diane Morrison at the Centre for Curriculum and Professional Development (604) 387-6377.

CLASSIFIED AD:

For Sale: Walnut Dining Room Suite - excellent condition, Buffet and Hutch (with light). Table 60" x42", two extra leaves 18" each, six Cane-back Chairs \$1,500. Call Margaret Hartley at 437-0479 if you're interested.



H U M A N R E S O U R C E D E V E L O P M E N T

WordPerfect Corner

After several sleepless nights and much concentration at the keyboard, phantom would like to report that WordPerfect 5.1 has some startling new features that will quickly become addictive. Some of the more significant ones are mentioned below:

Tables

Tables are defined with 3 keystrokes. First I chose to create a table, then I was asked how many rows and how many columns. Then I am free to cursor from cell to cell inserting any length of text, numbers or equations.

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| this is a demonstration of tables in WP 5.1 | it shows that tables are easy to produce and that each cell will automatically accomodate the contents | there are many uses for such a feature |
| haloperidol | EPS and sedation | monitor need for anti-parkinsonian drugs |
| clomipramine | orthostatic hypotension | patient teaching and careful assessment; good oral hygiene |

Spreadsheets

If you work with Lotus, Quattro or Supercalc, you may import rows, columns or cell ranges directly into your document and incorporate them into your manuals, teaching materials or reports.

Equations

When working with equations WP 5.0 was a little cumbersome. Now it is easy to "paint" very complex formulae, matrices, vector diagrams and so on with the new equations editor.

Merges and Macros

I have saved the best until last. The distinction between merge characters and macro commands and prompts has been dissolved. This means that intelligence can now be programmed into merge documents and macros can now be fully programmed. This allows very sophisticated manipulation of documents. For example, in a merge, it is possible to specify that only accounts overdue by 30 days are merged for specific key values like province, region etc. Using the macro enhancements, it is now possible to use WordPerfect as an authoring system and present information, including graphics, to a student and then quiz them about what they have learned. With a little imagination, it can be persuaded to act as an expert system, simply by using standard programming features like IF, IF EXISTS, VAR, VALUE, DO WHILE, FOR, NEXT and so on.

Friendliness

Help is now context sensitive; if you like to use a mouse, here is your big chance and last but not least there are now pop-down windows if you do not like remembering the Function keys.



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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

LEARNING ABOUT DISABILITIES (010303)

Vancouver Community College Continuing Education Division is pleased to announce that they are holding eight (8) spots free of charge for college employees wishing to learn about hearing or visual impairment, learning or physical disability, mental handicap and mental illness. Learn causes, how to help and relate, adaptations, mobility and services available. The "Introduction" session is a prerequisite for a single section.

Instructor: Each session will be taught by an expert in that field of disability.

Schedule: 13 evenings starting Tuesday January 16, 1990 -
19:00 to 21:30 at King Edward Campus

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| Jan. 16 | Introduction | Mar. 6/13 | Physical Disability |
| Jan. 23/30 | Visual Impairment | Mar. 20/27 | Mental Illness |
| Feb. 6/13 | Mental Handicap | Apr. 3/10 | Learning Disability |
| Feb. 20/27 | Hearing Impairment | | |

To Register:

- 1 - Complete a "Request for Leave from Duty" form if applicable.
- 2 - Complete and send the form below to Employee Relations. Note: Your registration will be confirmed in writing. Call 875-1131, local 337 or 291 if you require more information or assistance.

LEARNING ABOUT DISABILITIES

Introduction _____ Visual Impairment _____ Mental Handicap _____
Hearing Impairment _____ Physical Disability _____ Mental Illness _____
Learning Disability _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

Department: _____ Campus: _____

Phone Local: _____ Supervisor's Name: _____

Date sent to HRD: _____

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