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## Roueche to probe leadership

One of the leading experts on community college education will be visiting KEC September 1 for a special one-day workshop for faculty, staff and administrators.

Author Dr. John Roueche is a professor with the Community College Leadership Program at the University of Texas in Austin. He's co-authored many books and articles on the community college system and is a well-known international lecturer and educator.

Roueche's book "Shared Vision .... Transformational Leadership in American Community Colleges" was a landmark study of leadership styles at community colleges in the 1980s.

Roueche examined the leadership qualities of hundreds of college presidents. His conclusion: community colleges have a special role to play in today's society, and therefore need special leadership qualities from their presidents, administrators and faculty. That special quality Roueche calls those qualities "transformational leadership".

In another key work "Access and Excellence", Roueche and co-author George Baker explore the dynamic link between excellence in teaching and excellence in leadership. Roueche



Dr. John Roueche

believes that the same qualities that make good teachers also make good leaders. In his upcoming book, Roueche is concentrating on the vital leadership role faculty can play at the community college.

Says Roueche, "Community colleges need leaders with vision, with the ability to motivate, and with a strong commitment to a set of values; values which respect learning and which recognize the special role their institutions play in today's society."

The best leaders, says Roueche, are energetic, highly motivated individuals, who can transfer that energy and commitment to their colleagues. These leaders make all faculty and staff feel like valued members of a team.

"Transformational leaders set the tone. They understand the relationship between the leader and the followership," says Roueche and fellow authors George Baker and Robert Rose.

Roueche and his co-authors also discuss the special and very positive role women are now playing in senior leadership positions at community colleges. Roueche has high praise for their unique contributions and their increasingly important role in the community college system.

His one day workshop takes place Friday, September 1st, in the KEC Auditorium, from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. All are welcome.

By Barbara Cameron



## Nursing fund hits jackpot

After years of refunding pop cans and holding rummage sales for modest returns, organizers of the Irma Musil scholarship fund have hit the jackpot.

A recent weekend casino raised a whopping \$13,484 for the fund, which was established by the Langara Nursing Department in the name of Irma Musil, a grad who died in 1982.

"The casino was fun; we had a great time and the money raised was just fantastic," said the Nursing Department's Gail Bremer. "We had tried book sales, rummage sales and collecting pop cans from the faculty lounge for \$7 a week. But nothing came anywhere close to this amount."

The casino was organized by Bremer and awards committee chairperson Pam Novak Cawley. It was staged through the Great Canadian Casino Company at the Holiday Inn on Broadway, where the company has its own clientele of regulars.

The charity receives 50% of the take, with 40% going to the casino company and 10% to the provincial government. The casino company supplied most of the staff, although the charity was required to have several volunteers on hand to assist, including Bremer, Novak-Cawley, Rhoda Brooke, Bill Garrick, Wendy Low, Paula Husband, Mary Kruger, Darlyne Farrell, Doug Murray and student Heather McKay.

The Irma Musil casino was staged before the provincial government raised the minimum on blackjack bets from \$5 to \$25. The casino company has estimated that the new limit will double the average take.



Gail Bremer (right) accepts cheque from Great Canadian Casino's Mary Van Eeten.

Said Bremer: "Irma Musil was an outstanding graduate and the trust fund allows us to award one or two bursaries or scholarships each term and an excellence award."

Because of a waiting list, casinos are open to any given charity only about twice a year.

Editor's Note: Casinos and lotteries are a productive fund raising opportunity. However, some people are philosophi-

cally opposed to raising money through gambling events. Write to Chuck Poulsen at Langara about your views on this issue and we'll be happy to print them in the next issue of Update. (Only signed letters will be printed).

#### Do the town at half price

Some terrific bargains in entertainment and shopping are now available to VCC employees.

Entertainment and Saving Spree coupon books will save you up to 50% on dining, movies, theatre, sports, travel, retail shopping and much more. At the same time you'll be helping to support scholarships at VCC.

The Saving Spree book is only \$10. Or perhaps you'd enjoy even more bargains with the Entertainment book at \$40. You can get together with a few others and split up the valuable coupons.

For more information on how to save yourself a bundle-and support VCC students-phone the Alumni Association 875-1131, Local 344

### Multicultural papers welcomed

The Canadian Council for Multicultural and Intercultural Education has put out a call for papers for its fourth National Conference to be held in Ottawa November 24-26, 1990. The conference theme is "Multicultural, Intercultural, and Race Relations Education: Taking Ownership".

Educators, community representatives, researchers, and others interested in presenting should submit an abstract of their proposed session by November 30, 1989. The abstracts, no longer than one page, should summarize the title, content and specific nature of the presentation (whether speech, seminar, workshop, or poster session), as well as the time suggested for the presentation. To submit abstracts contact Andrew J. Krawczyk, Program Chair, Race Relations Consultant, Vancouver School Board, 1595 West 10th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C., V6J 1Z8.

#### More than sales to insurance career

The Exxon Valdez runs aground causing one of the world's largest oil spills. A plane crash-lands in Iowa, leaving a death and injury toll in the hundreds. A roof collapses on the Save-On food store in Burnaby.

The events hit the headlines with a bang, but in the distant aftermath of these calamities, an entire industry quietly sorts out the complexities of compensation and clean-up.

A new program at VCC's Langara campus will offer a two-year diploma in general insurance. Much more than just writing insurance, the program will draw the bigger picture of the insurance industry.

"Just recently we've seen two examples of how the insurance industry is changing," said Russ Sykes, Co-ordinator of the General Insurance Program.

"For instance, the courts have ruled in the (nurse) Susan Nelles case that she has the right to sue the attorney general of Ontario for wrongful prosecution. And in B.C., there is an \$18 million claim in the house fire of Edgar Kaiser. That claim could cause serious financial strain on the insurer.

"The industry will have to cope with these kinds of issues and there will be excellent job opportunities for trained people."

Sykes is a chartered accountant with an extensive background in insurance, financial planning, taxation and risk management,



#### A leaning tower of phone books are readied for recycling by Dianne Parsons

# Recycling comes naturally to Dianne

Now that polling results are coming in, politicians are becoming more vocal about environmental issues.

In a quieter way, a number of people at VCC with a long standing concern for ecology, have been taking steps to help us clean up our act. The latest measure being initiated at Langara by General Office Secretary, Dianne Parsons, provides a means for faculty and staff to recycle waste paper, magazines and telephone books.

Employees can dump their waste paper into large white boxes (magazines and cardboard to be separated) and Golden West Document Shredding will do the rest.

"The Company will empty the boxes and take the paper away for recycling," says Parsons. "This service will be more convenient than the arrangement we had last year, where cardboard boxes were collected but had to be placed into an outside dumpster, which was inconvenient for the cleaning staff, and was discontinued.

"Conservation may be a bit inconvenient, but I think we have to take a stand about wasting our resources."

It is anticipated that these boxes will be placed campus wide within the next couple of weeks.

Watch for the winter edition of Spectrum Magazine...we'll take a look at conservation measures being taken throughout VCC.



## SWAP MEET

Saturday September 9, 1989

King Edward Campus 1155 East Broadway

From 10:00am to 2:00pm

Addmission 50c or \$1.50 per family

Vendors' Tables: \$8.00 reserve by calling 875-1131

Items may also be donated for sale by the Alumni Association