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One last budget appeal to Ministry

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A message from John Cruickshank

As you know by now the budget information panel scheduled for July 8 has been cancelled. There is a good reason for this delay and I'd like to explain it to you.

On Tuesday, July 6, up until midnight, College administrators met with members of the Board's Administration and Finance Committee, and Education and Student Services Committee...nine Board members in total. This is the first opportunity we've all had to see the whole picture that would be painted by the reductions required to pay back the deficit and balance the budget by March 31, 1995. It is a dismal picture.

No matter how we go at this problem, no matter how many different scenarios we consider, the effects are quite devastating for our College. In that light, this group of nine Board members made two decisions late Wednesday night.

First, the entire Board must be made aware of the consequences of the deficit reduction plans before those plans go to the College community or the public. And secondly, the Ministry must be made aware of the damage that will be done by the directives they are insisting we follow.

To that end, we will be meeting with the Ministry on July 13 or 14 to lay out all of the consequences.

It now looks like the Board's meeting on the 15th will be a private one, with a public Board meeting scheduled for either July 22 or 29.

The effects of the budget cutbacks we are being asked to make affect dozens, if not hundreds of employees...hundreds if not thousands of students. It's crucial that all of the Board members, who have been so tremendously supportive of this College, not be rushed into a decision that has this kind of impact. And equally important that the Ministry clearly understand how educationally dangerous a path they've placed us on.

Stay tuned to 7099 and watch for other bulletins....we'll keep everyone as informed as we can.

--John Cruickshank

Three Division Chairs appointed

Three Division Chairs have been appointed.

Moira MacLeod has been named Division Chair for ESL and Jean Cockell has been appointed Division Chair for ABE. MacLeod was formerly head of the ESL Department; Cockell was previously head of the Math Department. Jackie Sandy proceeded through the interview process and was re-appointed Division Chair, Tourism and Hospitality.

Foundation fund tops \$3 million

VCC's Educational Foundation now has \$3.2 million in its scholarship and bursary endowment fund, which surpasses all projections and stands as a notable achievement considering that the Foundation is just nine years old.



In fact, the Foundation's just-released annual report for 1992 points out that VCC continues to receive a larger matching fund contribution from the government than any other college or institute in B.C.

Last year saw the foundation receive its largest single donation, \$150,000 from the CKNW Orphans' Fund. That money, along with the government's matching contribution, established an endowment fund for single parent students.

The annual truck lottery, which raised \$50,000 in 1992, is back in business again this year. Tickets for a truck valued at over \$105,000 are priced at \$100 each, but with only 2,000 tickets printed buyers are looking at far better odds than other lotteries...something like seven times better than winning an equal amount on 100, "649" tickets. Buyers may get together with others and purchase a ticket as a group. There's also a second place prize of a trip to Las Vegas and a third-place stereo system. Phone local 7173 or 7175 to get your application form.

There were five new directors elected at the foundation's AGM on June 28. Dens Forrestal, General Manager for the Westin Bayshore, Lizz Lindsay, VCCFA representative, Chris Rudge, Vice President of Western Operations for Quebecor Printing, Bob Faulkner, Vice President of Marketing for Metropolitan Press and Jeanne Stervnu.

Brandt Louie, President of H.Y. Louie and Bob Brocklebank, President of the McElhanney Group, were appointed honorary directors because of their outstanding support of the College and Foundation.

Exchange gets the message

You've told us that you want the Exchange Newsletter printed on recycled, and recyclable paper. At The Exchange, we believe that the customer is always right. Seriously!

The only reason we hadn't gone into the recycle mode is that we were waiting to see if the system at KEC would develop to the point where the coloured paper we print on would be recyclable, as it is at Langara. That still appears to be a ways off, so we're now in the process of ordering a year's worth of recycled white paper stock for the Exchange newsletter...and, of course, those papers can be recycled again once they have been read (City Centre does not as yet have a paper recycling program).

Because the Exchange is published weekly, we wanted to keep some colour on the cover to differentiate the current week from previous weeks' editions. Consequently, we'll pre-print the masthead in four different colours; because the colour goes on only as ink rather than being part of the paper, the paper will still be recyclable.

And because we're having the Print Production Program at City Centre do this work at a cost far below a commercial printer, the whole changeover won't cost the College any extra money. It will, however, take us a short time to get the new stock in, so please be patient with the old coloured stock for a while longer.

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--Chuck Poulsen