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College- VCCFA agreement helps ensure viability of KEC

VCC and the VCC Faculty Association have achieved an agreement which will help ensure the long term viability of KEC.

The agreement has already resulted in an increase to the number of students in some classes, and under consideration now are additional increases in the amount of instruction offered after November 1 in some programs. The increases will then more closely meet Ministry of Advanced Education guidelines.

In return, the College has guaranteed that there will be no further reductions in support services covered by the VCCFA bargaining unit certification for the term of the agreement to March 31, 1994. The only exceptions to the guarantee would be if there is a decline in student enrolment, a change in the '94-95 program profile or reductions in government funding.

"I'm delighted that the College and the VCCFA have been able to accomplish what I believe will be a solution to our budgetary problems...and a means of ensuring that King Edward Campus will remain viable for many years to come," said VCC President John Cruickshank.

He added that the Ministry has provided one-time funds for advertisements assuring students and the general public that KEC is alive and well.

Dalton Kremer, President of the VCCFA, said the union views the agreement as "concessionary."

"We've had to make concessions that no other group of instructors in the college system has been asked to make," said Kremer. "However, we recognize the College's budgetary problems and we have attempted to assist."

A copy of the agreement is available either through the VCCFA or the Employee Relations Department.

Transition Council Update

Here's a brief round-up of the items discussed during the Monday meeting of Transition Council:

- * Fred Inglis has been appointed Continuing Education's Associate Director (Administrative Services). Inglis, a Chartered Accountant, worked for 16 years for St. Paul's Hospital, most recently as Comptroller. Inglis fills the position which was previously occupied by Fred Wylie.

- * VCC has finalized a \$3.5 million LINC (Language Instruction for New Canadians) contract with Immigration Canada. Dale Dorn, Vice President of Instruction for KEC, said that the College credited discussions with the Enhanced Program Delivery Committee with "allowing us to feel comfortable that we can deliver instruction within the targeted amounts."

- * The VCC Planning Team will hold its first meeting on Friday, Sept. 17, so watch for regular updates on their activities.

- * With the 500 FTE cap on international students having been lifted, the College has stepped up recruitment activities, particularly in the careers area, reported Tom Toulson, Director of International Education and Contract Services.

- * Valerie Dunsterville, Acting Dean of Administration and Student Services, reported that LARS (Langara Automated Registration System) got off to a good start. Although additional system capac-

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ity would be helpful, Dunsterville said LARS "worked beautifully" in its first term of operation.

New Harassment Issues Advisor named

Shirin Theophilus has been named VCC's new Harassment Co-ordinator. Theophilus has a M.Ed. with a specialization in counselling from Acadia University. She has a background in working with international students, most recently at UBC, and lengthy experience in a variety of community-based organizations.

A message from John Cruickshank

I've had a chance over the summer to take a look at the coming year and the challenges that we'll need to deal with. Without a doubt the top priority continues to be the internal structuring of the College--and that of course also means internal communications.

We thought we'd begin this term by establishing an editorial policy for the Exchange Line and the Exchange newsletter...and because both of the Exchanges really belong to you, I need your input.

Here is the editorial policy we're proposing. It reads: "The Exchange provides a complete, trustworthy and balanced airing of the issues affecting the College community. It further provides an exchange of information and opinion between all members of the College community. The Exchange also reports on the achievements of College employees and students."

Bear in mind that this policy will be our--and I do mean **our**--guide for internal communi-

cations. So if you have any comments or questions about the proposed policy, please leave them on the Exchange Line (7099) or send them in writing to Chuck Poulsen, 5th Floor, KEC.

The policy will not be finalized until we've heard your thoughts on what it should say.
--John Cruickshank

Overwhelmed by subscribers

The good news is that the College's plan to "direct deliver" Exchange Line information to your voicemail was met with great enthusiasm on your part. The bad news is that our current voicemail computer couldn't accommodate the unexpected level of participation that you've shown.

In two words, it meant busy signals...to the point where both those who signed up for the Exchange and others on the voicemail system were inconvenienced by delays.

Consequently, the Exchange Line has gone back to the regular phone-in system, with news updates available after 2:30 p.m. each day. Please remember that the number is 7099, or 871-7099 if you're calling from outside the College.

If the College's bank account ever lets us upgrade the voicemail computer, we'll give the subscription system another try. You've certainly told us that's what you want.

**If you have any
comments or questions,
please send them to
Chuck Poulsen, Manager
of The Exchange, in care
of College Administrative
Services.**