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Photo by Stanley

Welcome to KGC's new receptionist!

By Cooky

Have you noticed someone new working at the reception desk during the past few weeks? Her name is Julie and she comes from Taiwan. She has started working here May 6th 2002. Before that she worked for the Surrey Crime Prevention Society and KGC was her first paid job. She does office work such as answering the telephones, and dataing process and finding places for Friday afternoon's activities. Julie likes her job although there is still much for her to learn. Julie likes to help students. For Chinese students who study at KGC and can not use English effectively enough to explain their situations, they can speak Chinese to Julie and ask her for help. We hope Julie will have a good time working at KGC.

Welcome to KGC.



Interview with Andrea Chan in BCIT

By Cookie, Nicole&Hannah

Andrea M. Chan is an International Student Administrator at BCIT. Her job is quite similar to Harb's (We interviewed Harb in our last newsletter). Many KGC students are from China, and Andrea who can speak Chinese offers her advice in the following interview.

Q: What is your job and what do you do in your work?

A: I am an International Student Administrator at BCIT. Basically, I help students with preparing to study at BCIT. I also assess applications, and I help students to choose programs to meet their requirements.

Q: Can students transfer their credits to other schools after they graduate?

A: Yes, but it depends on the school. Students can transfer credits to other schools in BC. You can go on to the Internet to see BC Transfer Guide (www.bccat.bc.ca). If a Student wants to transfer credits out of BC, the student needs to ask that school directly.

Q: Most students don't know that after they finish two terms of the BMS, they can change to another full time program?

A: International students who want to study business programs at BCIT may study BMS first. After that they can choose another program that they would like to study. Before they study level 2 business diploma courses, they should take a program called the bridging program. It is a part time program, and students will study the missing courses that they haven't learned in the BMS. Also, the students need to pass all the level 1 courses. If not, they should take the course that they failed in level 1 in the bridging program. They may also take one or two extra courses that in level 2.

Q: A Few students complain that after studying BMS, they need to wait for the availability of program that they want to take. How do you solve this program?

A: I have never received any complaints about this. However, students have to wait for the program to start sometimes because level 2 only starts in January each year. Level 1 and 3 only start in September, and level 2 and 4 only start in January.

Q: Students who are studying at KGC are full time, can't get a full time one card; Why?

A: Although they are studying at KGC full time, this course doesn't have any credits. Students must get 12.5 or more than 12.5 credits in a term. That's why they can only get a part time one card.

Q: If a KGC student wants to go back his or her country, does BCIT charge him or her tuition fee for the time they are away?

A: The EPP students pay tuition fees for the whole term. In general, the students who want to go back to their countries are charged the tuition fee because they are studying EPP courses. BCIT doesn't refund tuition fees. However, level 6 students, who pass the exit exam, I mean the students who can study COMM. 0004, not COMM.0004 plus the COMM.0019 can go back their country for a visit. Some of their tuition for the balance of the term will be transferred to BCIT.

Q: If we pass the exit exam early, we don't know what we will do during the long holiday. Does BCIT have some courses that we can study?

A: If students pass the exit exam early, they can take the COMM.0004 course first. The COMM 4 course will start on July 2nd. If you pass the COMM.0004 course before September, you will study BMS with the COMM.0005. This saves students time.

Q: Does BCIT offer international students scholarships?

A: BCIT doesn't have any financial assistance for international students, but BCIT has financial awards for students; even international students. If students want to get financial awards, they must have high marks. You can go to visit BCIT's web page of financial awards for more information.

Q: After finishing BCIT courses, can we work anywhere in Canada?

A: Yes, for international students who finish BCIT programs, the Canadian government allows them to get a one-year work visa. Don't worry too much about not being able to find a job because BCIT courses provide students with job related skills. It may be fairly easy to find a job. Many companies ask for our grads by name.

C, N&H: Thank you for spending your time with us.

Andrea: You're welcome. If students have any problems, I welcome them to come to discuss them with me.

Interesting Slang

By Cooky



Have you ever had an experience like this? When talking with an English speaker you weren't able to understand her, even though your English is quite good. How does this happen? The reason may be that they used slang. Numbers are used in slang quite often.

Check to see if you are a zero or a ten:

Zero

Zero means to be deficient of any redeeming quantities.

E.G He is such a zero.

Or. To zero in someone or something means to come closer to finding someone or something

One

From day one, means right from the start.

Or. One -in-a million means exceptional.

Three

Get the third degree means to be interrogated.

Six

Six of one, half a dozen of the other means to amount to the same thing, to make no difference.

Seven

Seventh heaven means to be in ecstasy.

Eight

Behind the eight ball means to be in a difficult position.

Nine

Cloud nine means euphoric.

Or. Dressed to the nines means to be fancily dressed.

Ten

To be a ten means to be first rate.

Do you like to eat fruits and vegetables? Here is a basket of goodies for you.

Apple

Apple of one's eye means to be one's favorite.

Or. Big apple means New York.

To compare apples and oranges means to compare two things that simply can't be compared.

Banana

To be bananas means to be crazy.

Or. Play second banana means to be second choice.

Cherry

To be a bowl of cherries means to be wonderful.

Grapes

Through the grapevine means information that is coming from an unofficial source, often times a rumor.

Lemon

Lemon means worthless merchandise, junk.

Pea

Like two real peas in a pod means to be identical.

Hope you enjoyed learning some new slang. If you use this slang you will sound cool as a cucumber.

(Searched from American slang overlook.)

Interpretation of a dream

By Hannah

Interpretation of a dream is looking at a dream in a predictive way. Everybody is known to have the ability to interpret his/her own dream. Dreams are heavily effected by circumstances and can be explained differently. The person that can most specifically define the dream is the person who had the dream.

Dreams cannot be defined in one word. But as everyone knows, when you dream a dream, you are sleeping. Dreaming occurs when you are sleeping, and is not the same as day dreaming. That doesn't make it is totally different. If we think of something deeply before we sleep, something related to that appears in our dreams sometimes. This is a proof showing that there is some kind of a relationship between real life and the dream.

There are so many kinds of dreams; sad dreams, happy dreams, weird dreams, scary dreams, etc. For example, if you damage your head in a dream, in real life you can get a mental shock, so you should be careful. If your tears don't stop, it means a small unhappiness will go on and on for a long time. If your nose is bleeding, it shall mean good luck. Throwing up in a dream can also mean becoming successful in the real life.

There are so many different dreams under various circumstances. Also, there are so many interpretations for them. Interpretation is not meant to be 100% certain because it is also being made by another man who dreams as others do. The most accurate person on one's dream is the dreamer herself. So do not hesitate to predict your own dreams!

Life as a Student!

By Richard

Right now, students are at the age when they should study hard for their future, on the other hand, a student's time is also a very beautiful time. Most students' No. 1 aims are to study, graduate from college and get a top degree, but they also dream of finding their true love, so how to deal with these decisions and how to schedule their lives is very important for every student. To deal with this subject, last weekend, I went to BCIT and surveyed some BCIT students, and I asked them how students usually study and how they usually spend their free time.

The first question that I asked them is whether they think it's better for a student to have a boyfriend or girl friend while they are studying or if it is better for them to remain single.. For this question, most students answered by saying ; "of course, a person should have a boyfriend or girlfriend, but I prefer to remain single because we can study what we want to study. If I study with a boyfriend or girlfriend, I wouldn't be able to focus enough on my studies."

The second question was "when do you do your best studying?"

The answers from these students were surprising for me. Most students thought that late evening was their best time for studying. They said they were most awake during this time, and because their teacher usually gave them much homework, every morning they were usually sleepy. Some students said they preferred to study in the early morning, and they had a good habit to get up early, and they thought getting up early is a good habit, and during class, they could keep themselves awake. Then I asked them whether they had enough time to do their housework. I found it was a big problem for boys. Most girls did housework very often. As a boy, I think we should improve in this area. I also asked some questions about their weekends and summer break. Most of them preferred to go out with their friends. Boys liked playing sports, for example hockey, football and soccer. Girls liked to stay together and talk with each other about special soaps that they watched or about clothes and food. Some students plan to travel during their



summer break.

At the end, I asked them whether they thought they had any bad habits that got in the way of their studies. I think the results were very funny, most students said eating was their bad habit. In fact, before I did the survey, I had thought that they would say playing football, hockey, soccer or playing computer games was the bad habit that got in the way of their studies. I think most people didn't want to reveal their private concerns.

Thus, according to the survey, I think that all kinds of life styles are not bad, as long as they are suitable for the individual. However, don't let anything get in the way of your studies. After all, our the No. 1 purpose is to study. Right!

them would stop working to go home and stay together with their mothers. There was a kind of cake called the mothering cake, and I think it was similar to a birthday cake, but there were some little differences, such as, the mothering cake was made for the festival of mothers. Because of the spread of Christianity, this festival also spread throughout Europe. In fact, this festival was continually connected with religion. In about 1872, the festival appeared in the US. The American people thought this festival was very important, and they even had a meeting to discuss some affairs about women every year.

Today, there are various Mother's Days at different times in the world. In Canada, there are many things that are same as the US. People will show their moms their love with flowers and gifts, and they also do many things for their moms. On that Sunday morning, fathers and children won't ask mom to get up early, and they will prepare a very delicious breakfast for them. In addition, a vase with very beautiful flowers, cards, and gifts will be put beside mom's bed. They try to make their moms happy for the whole day.

I think Mother's Day is a very interesting western tradition. It shows how westerners respect women and their conception of family values. I think every mother on this day will feel very happy.



Last Sunday was Mother's Day. Many people celebrated their mothers. I also celebrated my mother on the Internet, and I told her that today is Mother's Day, but she said she didn't know what that was. It was not so surprising. Most Chinese people don't know this festival; most of them only know about international women's day. Today, I want to introduce the history of Mother's Day and what people usually do on this day.

In fact, Mother's Day is a very old festival. In ancient Greece, people wanted to show their honor to Rhea, the Mother of the Gods, so they celebrated Rhea each spring. That was the first Mother's day. Then during the 1600s, England celebrated a day called "Mothering Sunday." It was on the fourth Sunday of Lent. On this day, even if the workers were very busy, all of

