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STAFF NEWS

CENTRAL REGION

Terrace...

Lia Wandl has resigned her position as half-time Access Support. Lia's last day is February 23.

WESTERN REGION

Prince Rupert...

Congratulations goes out to *Vena & Roy Hachkevich* on the birth of their daughter, *Maya Frances*, born January 27th. Vena returns to work in late July.

What's in the pictures to the right?

It's none other than the Pink Panther making a delivery of balloons & roses to Thorine Steinkampf, from her Valentine! Thorine works in Accounting.

(I apologize for the dark photos.)

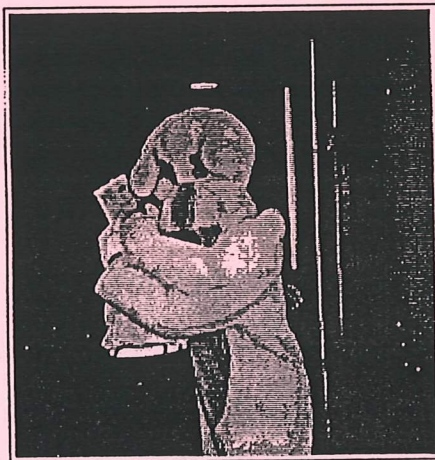
GRADUATION UP-DATE

MAY 21ST, REM LEE THEATRE IN TERRACE

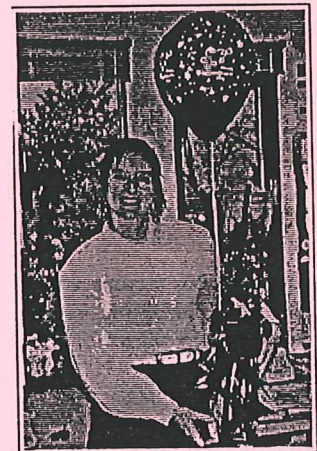
The Graduation Committee, with help from our Southern Director, Clive Hall, has secured the guest speaker for this event. Dr. John Walsh, who is a tenure professor at the University of Guelph, has accepted our invitation to speak to our graduates. Dr. Walsh is presently seconded to our Ministry of Skills, Training and Labour to look at the revitalization of apprenticeship and employment training. In Clive's words, Dr. Walsh is a "guru in this field" and his presentation to audiences "blows them away." We look forward to hearing him.

Mr. Al Gorley, the College Board Chair has agreed to provide opening remarks and Doug Baker, Central Director and Michael Hill, President will act as co-hosts at the Theatre on that day.

We need volunteers for the big day. Please contact Larisa Tarwick Ext. 317 if you are interested. We can promise lots of excitement, a delicious tea afterwards and maybe a College T-shirt!



Try to visualize a person in a pink fluffy suit presenting Thorine with a hug and roses.



Thorine with her dozen beautiful red roses!

Eastern Region

**Remembering
Linda Buchfink
& her Family**

*Be strong, yet gentle
Humble, yet bold
Swayed always by
beauty and truth.*

On January 29th, Linda Buchfink, a NWCC employee in Smithers, was killed in a helicopter accident along with her husband Gary and her two children, Molly and Broddy. The family was well known in the Bulkley Valley for their involvement and contributions in many aspects of the communities of Smithers, Houston and Telkwa. This included a sincere interest in and support for the college.

Linda was employed by the college between 1977 and 1981 in a number of positions as a clerk and as a part-time instructor in Smithers and Houston. Gary was employed during the same period to teach several part-time courses. More recently, and at the time of her death, Linda was working in Smithers in the Career Development Program as the Career Advisor/Work Experience Officer. Gary was working as a Counsellor at Northwood House

in Houston and participated in the Student Success Program as a guest speaker on a variety of topics aimed at removing personal barriers to success.

The helicopter trip that ended in tragedy was meant to take the Buchfinks to a cabin on Morice Mountain for a skiing adventure. Such a trip would have been typical of the family. The Buchfinks were a tightly knit family, known for their love of each other and their passion for life. Their lives were filled with adventures which included settling along the Bulkley River far from their original homes in U.S.A., living and working in Africa, cycling holidays, cross-country ski racing, career changes, and much more.

The Buchfinks knew what it was to live. They will be remembered by those they touched.

*- Respectfully,
Ivan Thompson*

Central Region

**In Memory of
Dr. Peter Weber
1940 - 1994**

"Northwest Community College is the only college in this province that has kept the word community in its name."

- Peter Weber

Dr. Peter Weber passed away on January 27, 1994 after fighting a courageous battle with cancer. Peter in many respects was a paradox of a man. He was a deeply thoughtful person who most enjoyed the simpler pleasures of life. He loved his family, his friends, his books, his bicycle and the countryside.

"100 something for the people who work at the college."

- Peter Weber

Peter Weber was an intellectual and an activist who believed passionately in teaching as a first step for social action. He worked nearly eighteen years for NWCC and over the years he taught numerous courses to hundreds of learners in the fields of History, Political Science, Economics and Sociology.

"Whatever happens is possible."

- Peter Weber



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College Services, Terrace

N.W.C.C. NEWS...

Peter believed that the role of the community college was to support and provide courses of outstanding quality to the people who live in our communities. He also believed that the employees of the College comprise a community of workers who are learners and teachers as well. Together he believed the ideals of equity and justice both in the workplace and in the community could be created.

"The future isn't what it used to be."

- Peter Weber

While Peter is no longer amongst us his spirit and his thoughts are with the many that he touched. Who can forget the thin man in the blue jeans, gray sweatshirt and adidas.

You can rest easy my friend. Your family and your friends remember your intellect and your wit and everytime I drive to Prince Rupert I see you riding your bicycle up another hill surrounded by all that you loved so much.

As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Peter Weber Memorial Scholarship Fund at Northwest Community College would be appreciated.

- submitted by
Rocque Berthiaume &
Andre Klingner

Limerick Contest

Terrace Campus' First Annual Limerick Contest, was held Friday, February 11. The theme was NWCC - Past, Present, Future, Events, Issues, People. No Libelous Limericks tho'!

The winners were:

3rd Prize — Bonnie Weinand
- Stationery

There was a "young" man from Australia
Took a shine to the guinea pig, Esmeralda.
He taught her to dance.
Gave her rides with a chance.
Now she lives her whole life in paranoia

2nd Prize — Alan Weston
- NWCC Sweatshirt

There isn't anything so appealing
As having Nolan coming half thru the ceiling
It gave Preyser a scare
To see he was there
She was soothed by a cup of Darjeeling

1st Prize — Judy McCloskey
-\$50

Beware that you don't get your sweater
Caught in the 'F' Dorm paper shredder
A wounding reception
With perhaps one exception;
Some memos in small strips do read better

Thanks

Thank you to Sheila and Linda for coordinating Fred Pryor's "Exceptional Assistant", Tuesday, January 18th. Also, special thanks to Ella for enabling several of us from Access Services to attend.

This was the first training session I've attended during my employment with the College. I felt that this was a great refresher course, it was effective in helping to create a more positive working environment.

Thanks again, I hope we have the opportunity in the future to attend similar seminars.

Thanks,
Coleen Taylor.

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Left - Michael Hill, NWCC's newest President. Michael took on his new role as of February 1, 1994. Centre - Dr. Val George, Past President. Val George left NWCC in January, 1989. Right - NWCC's most recent retired President, Don Anderson. Don took early retirement as of January 31, 1994.