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## College Services



### STAFF NEWS

#### CENTRAL REGION

*Terrace...*

*Margaret Lavergne* hired Feb. 23 as *1/2 time Access Clerk*.

*Donna Vietas* hired as *Cashier, Food Services*, replacing *Robert Jensen*.

#### EASTERN REGION

*Hazelton...*

*Marion Oke* hired as *Educational Advisor*, replacing *Diane Jules* who recently resigned. Marion began work March 21st.

## A Special Bouquet....

*To the staff in the accounting department - thank you for always being so patient and helpful.*

*- Linda McMurray*

## Central Region

### Terrace

#### Students Compete In Competition

It was tight competition between students from Kitimat, Prince Rupert and Terrace that lead to the Terrace campus 2nd year Business Administration students *Dave Schulmeister, Debbie Reinhardt, Linda Milne and Rob Geier*, accompanied by instructor *Cathay Sousa*, as their coach, to compete in the B.C. Colleges Business Competition, held in Richmond, February 22nd to 27th. This yearly event saw twelve colleges competing against each other. The competition consisted of two days of fast-paced, computer simulation decision making.

This simulation is a dynamic business exercise designed for students enrolled in business administration. It provides competitors with simulated real-world experience in managing the variables that are encountered in strategic management choices. It also provides an excellent learning opportunity for students, a chance to demonstrate their skills, and the opportunity to establish contacts within the business community.

Briefly, the competition involves the takeover and continuing operation of a multidivisional, multinational corporation. Competitors act as management teams, making a variety

of decisions that will have an impact on the future of their company.

Some of the decisions a team would be involved with include; type and size of strategic business units; quality of product/service delivered to the marketplace; risk-taking behaviour as decisions about new ventures are made; pricing of products in a portfolio; and size of the sales force established. Some unique features of the simulation include the ability to acquire or merge with similar business units of other companies, the ability to control product/service quality, and the opportunity to make decisions about critical management issues such as social responsibility, ethics, and unusual business opportunities.

The competition was keen and a high level of performance was exhibited by all teams.

*Northwest Community College has traditionally done very well in this competition and this year's team was no exception. The market value of their company placed third out of twelve, and they won a team award for the "Best Business Plan". The skills, professionalism and decision-making capabilities exhibited by our students, in a very stressful situation, helped prove, once again, that the Business Administration programmes at NWCC is one to be proud of.*

This competition enables business leaders throughout the province to witness the quality of the business students in B.C. This event also at-

tracted significant contributions from the private sector. Locally — Wilkinson Business Machines donated the use of a notebook computer and the College supported the team financially. Other sponsors included: Institute of Chartered Accounts of B.C., Certified General Accountants of B.C. and Certified Management Accountants of B.C., Chapter American Marketing Association, Human Resources Management Association, Educational Society for Operations Management, ANO Office Automation, Service Work Distribution Inc., Benndor-Verster, Hewlett-Packard (Canada Ltd.), Texas Instruments and Microsoft Canada.

## Movie Reviews from English 101 Students

*The Last of the Mohicans*, a film by Michael Mann, is an action-packed film of a time in Canadian history when the British and the French were fighting for control of the new world. It is a terrific movie filled with adventure, battle scenes, and romance. The British recruit the Mohawks; however, the main character John Cameron played by Daniel Day-Lewis, refuses to be subjected to anyone's rule. He later rescues Cora (Madeleine Stowe), her sister Alice and Daniel, from an attack by Muguuaa and his Huron war party and thereafter becomes involved.

Muguuaa, a man filled with hatred, is determined to seek revenge on the British leader Muro, who destroyed his village and killed his children. He

falsely portrays himself as a Mohican and leads the British troop and Munro's daughters into a planned ambush where John rescues them.

The scenery in this film is splendid as it shows a land under no man's control. The strength and rugged beauty of the land, the clearness of the rivers, and the thundering water-falls leaves you with a sense of wonder. The serene mountain tops are unlogged, unpolluted, and untouched. And you realize the land is living and breathing and deserves respect.

As the French and British make a truce, the action again picks up as Muguuaa refuses to accept this peace and again attacks the retreating British. Muguuaa later captures Cora, her sister Alice and Daniel and tries to convince his Huron Chief that they will be considered equal to the French and the British now that he has shown them his strength. John intervenes and the tension is thick as the Chief decides what he will do next. Cora is to be burned for Muguuaa's part hurts caused by her father. Again disbelief as Daniel is taken away to be killed in Cora's place, unknowingly to John since he had been the one to request this. John shoots Daniel rather than have him die a slow death in the fire.

As Muguuaa leaves with Alice, they are met on the cliffs and John's brother is killed. Alice then chooses to jump also. During a pause, Muguuaa reaches out to her to come away from the cliff edge with a look of disbelief and maybe a renewed respect for her. But, before I could continue to speculate about the course this was to take, Alice turns and jumps. Muguuaa is then killed by John's father.

The movie does not dwell or focus on the gory mutilations as many war scenes do. It moves quickly from one action to another. Just as you start to focus on the rugged beauty of the land, some action again interrupts you. The romantic interlude between John and Cora has you wondering if they are perhaps destined to be separated by death or captivity, but he always manages to rescue her. The film touches on the hardships suffered in colonial times and the tradition that is still followed today.

I assumed that the name of the film, "Last of the Mohicans" meant John as he was the main character in the film but in the end the film finally focuses on John's adopted father, who is after the death of his son on the cliff, now the last of the Mohican tribe.

- Adella Saul

## Mr. and Mrs. Bridge

In this heart wrenching tale of an upper middle class family, in the late twenties and early thirties, the audience is left with a feeling of the desperation possible in marital relations.

Mr. and Mrs. Bridges, based on the novels "Mr. Bridge" and "Mrs. Bridge" written by Evan S. Connell, portrays the lives of the Bridges, and their children, who lead lives which society has come to look upon with envy. The outer shell may look tempting to most, but we begin to awaken from the myth as we delve into the everyday lives of these people.

Mr. Walter Bridge (Paul Newman), a now prominent lawyer who has worked hard for everything he owns, completely loses touch with his family. His oldest daughter, Ruth (Kyra Sedgwick), begins to rebel from the tight conformity of her family, and their morals. Mr. Bridge can

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College Services, Terrace

no longer comprehend his wife, India (Joanne Woodward), or her-what he finds ridiculous - tactics to sustain the boredom of loneliness and the lack of fulfillment she feels. Mr. Bridge's control and power in the relationships between the members of his family, employees, and even the weather can, in some attributes, be admired, but can also leave you with a desire to shake the screen off your T.V.

On the other hand, Mrs. Bridge creates another type of frustration altogether. Her passive ways, lack of ability to think on her own actions, and general unsatisfied desperation leaves her in a position of a human-doormat for her children and husband to wipe their feet on at the end of the day. The naiveté of this part is played to a 'T' by actress Joanne Woodward, and although Mrs. Bridge is a weak character in herself, the acting is strong and allows the audience to feel compassion for Mrs. Bridge, but then again who could not feel compassion for someone who has been shunned by her children, and who has failed in any attempts made to create a relationship built on love and friendship.

Bring a tissue.

- Laura Gosnell

### Publication Announcement

*Jo Patterson, French/English Instructor at the Terrace Campus* announces the publication of her translation of *One Way, Bernard Dadie Observes America*.

This publication will be available through the:

*University of Illinois Press,  
1325 South Oal Street  
Champaign, IL 61820*

## GHEGK THIS OUT!

### Three New Scholarships Available for NWCC Students

Alcan, Eurocan and Methanex have established scholarships with the College for students entering our *Applied Technology* programme. Alcan has established one in the amount of \$1,000, Eurocan has set-up one for \$800 and Methanex will award two scholarships, in the amount of \$500 each, with one designated for a female graduate.



## GRADUATION UP-DATE

MAY 21,  
REM LEE THEATRE  
TERRACE

The Graduation Committee is working hard getting information out to those who are eligible to participate.

*Volunteers are still needed.*

*Contact Larisa Tarwick*

*Ext. 5317 if you are interested in giving a hand.*



## Western Region

### Prince Rupert

#### Open House a Success

An 'Open House' held March 10, with staff and faculty participating was a very successful event. Thirty-four students participated, tours were given and valuable student input was shared. Thanks goes out to George and Pat for all their organizing and also to Sheila Wells and Angus MacDonald, the guidance counsellors from Charles Hays and Prince Rupert Secondary schools for their valuable help.

#### Presentation for Students

Peter Bower, Director of Admission for CGA Association of B.C., gave a presentation on the Certified General Accountants programme to a group of Business Administration and University Credit students, March 16. This session was very informative and generated follow-up questions from the students.

#### Workshop Well Attended

A workshop on 'Streetproofing Your Kids' held this past month and was very received. The class was so full that some of the 40 students attending had to listen to the speaker while standing in the hallway.

#### Research Paper Published

Research paper "Historical Glacier Activity in the Vicinity of Peter Lougheed Provincial Park, Canadian Rocky Mountains" by Dan McCarthy and Dan Smith appears in the current issue of *Western Geography* 4 (1994) pp. 94-109.

*(Dan McCarthy, Instructor, University Credit, Prince Rupert.)*

- from "Prince Rupert McCampus Information Bulletin", March 18.

COMPUTER SERVICES WIRELESS NEWS

HACKERS INFILTRATE LOCAL COLLEGE

June 16, 1993 - Strange occurrences on the N.W.C.C. VAX computer system lead Paul and Todd, the colleges' computer technicians, to discover they had a hacker. A comprehensive investigation showed that the hacker was logging on to the system and running a program to hide. The two technicians were fast to act and used the hacker's hide program to bust the culprit. Witnesses reported that the excitement was in the air when the Hacker was on the system and being watched without knowing it. "Todd was overdosing on adrenaline," one witness reported. It was learned the Hacker's connection was originating from Italy, but may have been coming from elsewhere before Italy. All possible entrances were changed and the Hacker was shut out.

March 14, 1994 - Security auditing reported that the college was being hit again by Hackers but were not successful in gaining access. Over 250 attempts were made between 4:00pm and 4:40pm. The report indicates that the Hackers were using a name and password generating program to run through common or typical words that may be used. The incident was reported to the security department at BCTel and DATAPAC in Ontario. BCTel reported that the call was originating from Norway and may be coming from a source that has been traced to Serbia. This Serbian source has been a nuisance across Canada and attempts are being made to shut them down.

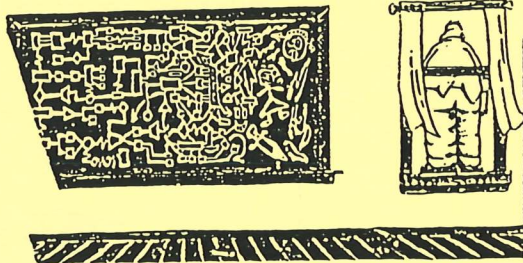
NEW NETWORK INCREASES CONNECTIVITY

March 4, 1994 - The college made the switch on this date to their new phone network. A Mitel 2000 telephone switch was installed along with a VoiceMemo system. The new equipment offers many new capabilities for employees. The addition of the voice mail system seems to be proving itself, some users have already said their communications with clients and colleagues has been dramatically improved. The new network now offers desk to desk calling to each center as well as expanding our data network. There will be four connections that will connect Prince Rupert, Kitimat, Houston, and Smithers to the VAX computer. Several pieces of equipment from Gandalf will connect to the switch and will split a large line into 4 voice lines and one data line for each center listed above. This connectivity will increase use of applications on the VAX and therefore should increase productivity in many of the college departments.

WITH HIS MOON IN LEO AND SCORPIO ASCENDING, BENNY SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO DIAGRAM THE NETWORK CABLING THAT DAY.



"CAME, BELMORAN, YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I DO THAT 'MOUSE-SCRAMBLING' IS OUR BEST DEFENSE AGAINST UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS TO PERSONAL FILES."



**English Department & Learning Resource Centre, Terrace Centre**

**announce**

**THE 5TH ANNUAL**

**GREAT DEBATES**

**RESOLVED**

**That testing on animals  
be eliminated.**

**Tuesday, April 5th**

**12 Noon - 1:00 pm Room 208 (Boardroom)**

**Wednesday, April 6th**

**12 Noon - 1:00 pm Room 208 (Boardroom)**

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

## THE TIME HAS COME TO SAY GOOD-BYE!

*Over the past 22 years I have given 120% dedication to educate and prepare some 470 students in: Professional Cooking (Basic), Professional Cooking (Upgrade), Upgrading for T.Q. Exam (Home Study) Basic and Advanced Cake Decorating (Night Class) and Food Safe (Basic)*

I feel that I have made the difference for those students that have successfully completed their course under my instruction by teaching them the basics in Professional Cooking as well as the professionalism needed to be successful in the food Catering Industry. These students leave NWCC taking with them pride and confidence.

The ability of these students has brought NWCC recognition from Mr. Duncan McRae, Department of Education; Mr. Jim Engler, former Catering Superintendent of the B.C. Ferries Corporation; plus many companies and businesses from the private sector throughout Canada.

Many former students have found continuous employment in good class food establishments as prep cooks, grill cooks, camp cooks, pantry cooks, etc. Some have reached the position of Chef de Cuisine and many now own their own business (ie. hotels, restaurants, catering companies, etc.). Some have entered the Calgary and Vancouver Culinary Arts competitions winning gold, silver and bronze medals. Also, it was NWCC trained student Gordon Lam, owner of the Green Apple Halibut and Chips, Prince Rupert, that was the overall "Gold medal winner" in the Canada-wide, Dairy Bureau of Canada Cooking contest.

All of this has made my time spent at NWCC very rewarding and worthwhile. The students that have completed the Professional Cook Training programmes over the years have made me proud to have been a part of their success.

Big or small, the difference was made at NWCC by all those dedicated people who worked there over the years. We all had an important part in giving all students that passed through our doors the help and opportunity to gain the knowledge and skills in their chosen area of interest. Upon completion of their course of study, hopefully these students left with that knowledge and skills for a richer and better path in life which, after all, is our goal, "The Betterment of Our Students in Life Through Education".

To all the NWCC Campus regions, Band Offices, UIC Offices and School Districts throughout the NWCC area, I would like to take this opportunity to truly thank you all for your participation, communication and interest that you have taken with the Cook Training programme in my years at NWCC.

To all the staff at the Terrace campus, (many who are like family), I can sincerely say it has been a pleasure to have worked with you over the years and as the weeks go by in my retirement, you will be remembered fondly.

Now my time has come to say good-bye and join the ranks of former employees of NWCC. I will be leaving effective April 15, 1994.

Over the years my 120% has been worn down to 100% (commonly known as burnout) and I know for my students to be successful I need at least 110%. I must be fair to my students and step aside for younger blood so future students can enjoy the success that former students have achieved.

Culinary yours,



Mr. Parkes

**Food for Thought!**

*"A teacher affects eternity - he can never tell where his influence stops." by: Henry Adams*

*God Bless and Good-bye,*

*Brian*