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STAFF NEWS

NEW...Welcome Aboard, RE-ASSIGNED...Congratulations, RESIGNED/RETIRED...Goodbye.

We extend a warm WELCOME to many faces hired/returning...

Brenda Andersson, Assistant Director, Houston.

Yvonne Danroth, Interpreter, Terrace.

Mathis Duerst, Instructor/Coordinator, Forestry Technology, Hazelton.

Lorrie Gowen, Support Services, Terrace.

Glenn Grieve, Biology Instructor, Terrace.

Vena Hachkevich, Education Advisor, Prince Rupert, back from maternity leave.

David Heinemann, English Instructor, Prince Rupert.

Ross Hoffman, Coordinator, Extension Services, Smithers.

Debby Jackson, Administrative Officer, Hazelton.

Sandra Kuhar, Interpreter, Prince Rupert.

Lois Miller, returning in the ABE department, Greenville.

Linda Milne, Support Services, Terrace.

Sid Nair, Chemistry Instructor, Terrace, returned from exchange in Australia.

John Shepherd, Business Administration Instructor, Prince Rupert.

Yvonne Werkmann, Sociology Instructor, Prince Rupert.

CONGRATULATIONS

Johanne Fort

&

*Yvonne Werkmann
on the completion of
their Masters Degree.*



CONGRATULATIONS...

*Ed Hess, Print Shop Operator,
Terrace, married Diane Lapointe
August 6th.*

*Donna Martin (Vieitas), Cafeteria
Cashier, Terrace married Brad Martin,
July 16th. Donna's son was the Best
Man and Brad's daughter was the Maid
of Honour. You can find Donna listed
in the College directory under "M".*

CHANGES over the summer...

Alison Johnston, full-time ABE Program Clerk, Terrace.

*Cindy Motschilnig, Aide in Business programs moved
to Access Support, Terrace.*

*Coleen Taylor, Access Support moved to Extension
Services, Terrace.*

We said GOODBYE to...

Shelley Anderson - ASE Instructor Aide, Terrace.

Carol Engel - Program Support, Terrace.

Hope everyone had a restful summer and welcome back for another great semester.

Summer Program a Success

The *Community Partnerships for Student Summer Employment* was a program of the Ministry of Skills, Training and Labour funded through the BC21 strategy. The objective of the program was to provide students with opportunities to develop skills which would enhance their employability and ease their transition into the work force. Employers were reimbursed for one half of the students hourly wage to a maximum contribution of \$4.00 per hour to create positions that would not otherwise be filled.

Eligible employers included businesses, cooperatives, agricultural operations, non profit organizations, local governments, school districts, schools, post secondary institutions, aboriginal and tribal councils and provincial crown corporations. Businesses qualified if they were an established operation and were located and operating in B.C. They had to provide employment for a duration of at least 30 working days for an average of 30 to 40 hours per week.

Eligible students had to be legally entitled to work in Canada and be a permanent resident of B.C. They also had to be at least 15 years of age, have attended school within the last year or were planning to return to school in the fall and they have no other full-time employment.

Northwest Community College was asked to be a host organization to administer the program for the north coast region, an area covering from Houston to the Queen Charlottes, north to Stewart and south to Kitimat. Two Business Administration Cooperative Education students, Devawn Ramos and Christine Higginson, were hired as Student Administrators to manage the program.

Far more applications were received than could be funded. The following is a breakdown of the number of positions approved and the dollars allocated to the various communities.

	<u>Students</u>	<u>\$ Allocated</u>
Terrace	32	\$ 63,975.50
Smithers	16	28,056.50
Kitimat	14	23,698.00
Prince Rupert	9	16,660.50
Stewart	8	15,090.00
Hazelton	7	11,184.00
Queen Charlottes	5	6,635.00
Houston	4	4,608.00
Kitwanga	3	3,448.00

Twenty-four of the ninety-eight students hired by employers under this program were attending Northwest Community College during the last year.

Should anyone require further information about this program contact Sandra Bullock at NWCC, local 5258.

*Christine Higginson, Student Administrator/
Sandy Bullock, Co-op Education Co-ordinator*

Canada Savings Bonds - The Payroll Savings Plan



Applications for *Canada Savings Bonds* purchased through the Payroll Savings Plan will be distributed with your pay stub, September 30th. *The completed form must be received in the Payroll office on or before October 14th (the next payday).* The first payroll deduction for the 94/95 bonds will be on the Oct. 28th payday, and will continue for 26 pay periods until Oct. 13/95.

If you definitely DO NOT wish to purchase Canada Savings Bonds, call *Virginia in Payroll, Ext. 5217* and advise, as Payroll did not receive any extra forms again this year.

Virginia Cooper, Payroll

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE

1st Friday of the month

Help us keep you informed!

Deliver contributions by hand, mail or FAX: 635-3511 to:

**CAROL REYNOLDS,
College Services, Terrace**

Services for Students With Disabilities

My name is *Elizabeth Snyder*, I'm the Coordinator for Services for Students With Disabilities. Along with *Lianne Gagnon* (Prince Rupert Campus), it is our job to ensure that when individuals with disabilities enroll, at Northwest Community College the disability does not become a barrier to them being successful in their studies. Also, we are here to help make your job easier, whether that may be teaching or serving a student with a disability.

Support Services offered to Students or Staff

Student

Services may vary depending on the disability and the support required.

Types of support could be:

- assistance with registration
- identify and obtain equipment
- pair student with tutor, scribe and/or reader
- assist with obtaining an assessment
- coordinate the hiring of interpreters

Staff

Resource materials are available to increase awareness of a particular disability and to help understand its implications in an educational setting.

Teaching tips are also available to assist instructors with the presentation of the curriculum, lectures, exams and assignments.

Resource Manual

This year the British Columbia Educational Association for Disabled Students (B.C.E.A.D.S.), in conjunction with the Centre for Curriculum and Professional Development, produced a manual called "Guidelines for Teaching Students With Disabilities" (copies will be distributed to all departments plus a copy will be placed in each LRC). This manual is a good resource to quickly obtain an understanding of a particular disability and possible classroom strategies. I would suggest you use this manual first and if there are still some questions then call this office and we can proceed from there.

Clarifying some Confusion!

Adult Special Education (ASE) and Services for Students With Disabilities - What is the Difference?

Back in 1982 the college offered a course called Experience-Based Vocational Preparation Program for students with cognitive disabilities. The ministry provided the college with resources called ASE (Adult Special Education) to then fund this program.

Over the years the ASE label has become a generic term used to describe any student with a disability. The reality is at Northwest Community College (*Terrace Campus*) A.S.E. is the name of a department which houses the Experience-Based Vocational Preparation Program (E.B.V.P.P.). This program is coordinated by *Debbie Holkestad*.

What is E.B.V.P.P.?

E.B.V.P.P. is a 'feeder' program similar to Adult Basic Education (ABE) in that students who have graduated from the E.B.V.P.P. can ladder into other programs. Examples include A.B.E. or the Pre-school Aide Training Program (P.A.T.). Therefore ASE students are those students who are enrolled in the ASE department, similar to ABE students enrolled in the ABE department, or Welding students enrolled in welding, etc.

Services For Students With Disabilities?

Is exactly that, a service, serving the college student and staff on a regional bases, and housed in the Education and Student Services Department.

Plans for the '94/95 year.

With the help of the Advisory Committee the plan is to formalize guidelines and procedures to help ensure consistent support and accessibility to students with disabilities at NWCC. We welcome your ideas that could help us with this process.

Elizabeth Snyder,
Coordinator

Northwest Passages Needs Your Contributions!



With a new semester well underway, I am reminding all staff that I am again looking forward to receiving interesting articles related to your Centre i.e. department news, staff involved in interesting projects, etc., etc., which you may like to share throughout our region. I need to hear from everyone on a regular basis.

"NORTHWEST PASSAGES" can only succeed if we hear from ALL College Centres/Services on a regular basis.

When you wish to contribute a news-worthy story, give it to your Centre representative (i.e. Director, Assistant Director, or other appointed person). That person will forward it to this office.

Deadline for submissions is the 1st Friday of the month. (i.e. October's deadline - October 7th.)

**SEND...
ATTENTION:
Carol Reynolds,
College Services, Terrace.**

When sending news, it is important to indicate it is for "NORTHWEST PASSAGES", include name/s of person/s submitting story, etc. so I can give credit where it is due. Questions anyone? Please call me 635-6511, Ext. 5219.

Northwest Passages is produced monthly, with the exceptions of July and August.

Looking forward to receiving your contributions!

Carol Reynolds