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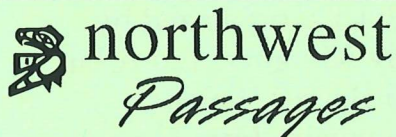
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Carol Reynolds
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monthly, with the exception of July
and August.*

STAFF NEWS

Tom Walker, Co-ordinator/Instructor, Applied Technology, Kitimat resigned effective May 31st and we wish him well in his future endeavours.

Mary Ellen Graham, resigned from the position *Administrative Officer, Continuing Education, Smithers,* effective May 31st. We bid Mary Ellen a fond farewell.

It's A Granddaughter!

Sheila McDonald, Director, Personnel is pleased to announce the birth of her 1st grandchild. *Carlee Allen* arrived May 13th, weighing in at 7 lbs. 13 ozs. Grandma and granddaughter are doing just fine!

IT'S VACATION TIME

"NORTHWEST PASSAGES" starts summer vacation and will not be available again until September. Deadline for submissions will continue to be the 1st Friday of the month. ONE exception, SEPTEMBER which will be the 2nd Friday, September 13th, thus giving everyone time to get organized and back to a workabe schedule.

All submissions are to be directed to Carol Reynolds, College Services. Remember to mark your submission..... "Northwest Passage News".

Wishing everyone a great summer....if some heat and sunshine ever arrives.

- Carol Reynolds

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**NORTHWEST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
HOST AGENCY - STUDENT SUMMER WORKS '96!**

This year this program was given \$200,000 to allocate over the North Coast region. Of the \$200,000 that we were given \$181,512 has been allotted and we have disbursed \$2,858.54 to date. The amounts that we have allocated in each area are as follows:

Terrace	\$ 65,912.50	Hazelton	\$ 5,436.00
Kitimat	\$ 18,437.50	Prince Rupert	\$ 50,528.00
Queen Charlottes	\$ 7,900.00	Stewart	\$ 2,156.00
Smithers/Telkwa	\$ 22,534.00	Houston	\$ 4,928.00
Atlin	\$ 3,680.00		

The area that we are covering this year are from Houston to the Queen Charlottes and Kitimat to the Yukon. So far we have received applications from Atlin, Stewart, Houston, Telkwa, Smithers, Hazelton, Terrace, New Aiyansh, Gitwinksihlkw, Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte City. We have approved 96 applications to date and still have another 321 applications to assess for approval. Of the 96 applications approved, 2 have been in Atlin, 1 in Stewart, 10 in both Smithers and Telkwa, 2 in Houston, 5 in the Queen Charlottes, 25 in Prince Rupert, 18 in Kitimat, 4 in Hazelton and 29 in Terrace and the surrounding area for a total of 96 students being hired.

We have approved a wide variety of positions. Some of these positions have included Student Veterinarian, Forestry Technicians, Accounting Assistants, Reporter and Lab Technician Assistant.

This past month has been very interesting and hectic. We still have another 3 months to go.

*- Stephen Aguiar and Spencer Kerr
Student Administrators, Student Summer Works '96*

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REGION**



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*Terrace
Centre*

**"OLEANNA" WINS
BIG TIME**

The play "Oleanna" received the award for best ensemble at the Skeena Zone Drama Festival held at the Performing Arts Centre in Prince Rupert. Alan Weston and Marianne Brorup Weston starred in the play, directed by Jo Patterson. During the plays Terrace run, faculty and staff members from the Terrace Campus, facilitated talkbacks, organized by Andy Klingner, Ted Altar, Patti Barnes, Leanne Boschmann-Epp, Doug Foster, David Heinimann and Jayeson Shaffer. Thanks to everyone for all their hard work.

*Jo Patterson, Director &
U/C Instructor.*

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*Hazelton
Centre*

It's A Boy!

Saturday, May 11th CONGRATULATIONS...

Fiona Ramsay & Stephen Schug on the birth of a baby boy, 56 cm., 9 lbs. 2 oz, born at 9:40 am. Fiona has been working part-time in the Career Development Program in Hazelton. Welcome Samuel!

CONGRATULATIONS...

Velma Sutherland-- Velma has successfully fulfilled all the requirements of the Master's in Education Program and will be receiving her degree at Bishop's University on June 8th. Velma teaches Biology and Chemistry, part-time, in the Transition program in Hazelton.

*Houston
Centre*

I am almost afraid to say it for fear of putting an omen on it, but I think that Spring is finally here!! The NWCC partner of The Learning Centre courses are slowly dwindling down. ABE (is that what it's still called?) is the only program still running which will go into June. Twyla Hurley, the instructor for Pre-Requisite Training, has moved to Cranbrook to work with Crestbrook Forest Products, we wish her the best of luck.

Two summer students have already been hired. They are returning summer employees from last year, Lucia Amaral and Joanne Dickinson -- welcome back girls!

The Morice Community Skills Centre was granted money from Industry Canada towards the Community Access Project to be a provider for Internet Access. Sites are located at: Community Futures; the Public Library; and, The Learning Centre LRC. The Basic Skills Up-grading course is still running and still a huge success. Students use the computer lab from 7:30 am, after mill employees finish the night-

shift, till 9:30 pm, with requests to stay open till midnight for those out-of-towners working nightshift. A new Training Consultant has been hired, Robert Smith will be starting on June 1st. Brenda Allen is currently the Assistant Manager.

The staff and students were quite spoiled by students at The Houston Storefront School. The students started a lunch program and would make lunches and homemade goodies and put them up for sale during lunch hour, in return they received credit for Home Economics. They had everything from soup and sandwiches to burrito's and perogies...mouth watering! They also had a basket of homebaked treats they left in the staffroom. Squares, cookies and muffins...I think we are better off they aren't able to run summer classes for fear of not fitting into any of next Fall's wardrobe.

Houston Link to Learning is getting ready for summer. Last year they ran some adult and children computer camps that were very successful, much the same to come this summer. Will up-date next issue (September/96).

*Patty Bruce,
Administration*

“ALLS WELL THAT ENDS WELL”

On May 25th all eight students (seven men, one woman) graduated from a Professional Driver Training program. This six week, full time upgrading course was aimed at unemployed truck drivers. The training was financed by Human Resources Development Canada and sponsored by A.E. Bradford Trucking Ltd., Smithers. Bradford provided the shop facilities and three training trucks; a logging, low bed and dump truck.

This being a pilot project some "teething" problems occurred. However, the students and instructors worked out the rough edges, and at the end everyone felt good about what they had learned.

The course provided the students with real everyday driving experience on mountainous logging roads as well as loading and unloading heavy equipment. The students also appreciated the relaxed and supportive learning environment. In addition, the College is presently offering guidance in resume writing and job search. So far, a few of the students have found employment.

- Laara Atley
Extension Services

CULTURE SESSIONS PROVING TO BE WORTHWHILE

An exciting educational initiative that has been taking place in the Eastern Region has been a series of "Between Cultures Dialogue Sessions". With the support of the Federal, Provincial and Wet'suwet'en Treaty offices the College has hosted three dialogue sessions between Wet'suwet'en and non-Wet'suwet'en members from the various communities that make up our region. The first session took place in Smithers in November/95, a second session was held in Houston in March/96 and the third session was held June 8th in Smithers.

The model we are using is an adaptation of the work that has been done by the "Public Conversations Project", a group of family therapists who have had a great deal of success working with groups of people who are divided on controversial issues affecting their community. The third session brought together previous participants for a deeper discussion as well as individuals who are new to the process.

Should anyone want further information regarding these sessions please contact Ross Hoffman, Extension 5806 at the Smithers Centre.

“IN-HOUSE” BUSINESS CARD SERVICE



Just a reminder....the College now does all personnel business cards "In-House".

THE PROCESS.... Ordering is very simple:

Forward your card information (print or type information... less chance for errors), add account code to charge and have the order signed off by authorized personnel for your department, then send directly to **Carol Reynolds, College Services, Terrace**. Cards are laser printed on card stock, cost is very reasonable - **\$12 PER 50 CARDS (double-sided \$24)** and you should have your order within a few days. We suggest keeping orders to 50 as this can be a very cost saving operation for all budgets i.e. Staff information changes frequently so this way there is less to throw away and you will always be up-to-date with your information.

Carol Reynolds
NWCC Business Card Service

Safer Campuses Newsletter

June 1996

This will be the last Safer Campuses Newsletter prepared by the Safer Campuses Coordinator. This position is finished on June 28th but the Safer Campuses Committee will still be active around these important issues. People who are interested in being involved with this committee should contact Elizabeth Snyder at local 5237.

A Harassment Workshop for Senior Management was hosted on June 3rd 1996. It was facilitated by Louise Pohl of LearningWorks who specializes in harassment issues and training. This workshop was held in anticipation of the adoption of NWCC's **Harassment Policy** by the College Board of Directors. Safer Campuses hopes to do extensive training and awareness around this policy for all staff and students. Thank You to the Occupational Health and Safety Committee for all their hard work developing this policy.

Deanna Rexe, of the NOW project at BCIT, will be facilitating a **workshop for Trades and Technology Instructors** in late August. The focus of this workshop will be on gender inclusivity and the challenges it poses for Instructors.

APRIL 28 A DAY OF MOURNING

The Canadian Labour Congress chose April 28 as a day of mourning for the thousands of people who are injured, permanently disabled or killed as a result of their work. *Every year more than 1200 Canadian Workers are killed on the job. Hundreds of thousands are injured.*

Safer Campuses wants to acknowledge all these workers.

As a way of trying to make our campuses safer for workers, our committee has made arrangements for the **Workers Compensation Board** to provide training to our staff on **Violence in the Workplace**. More details on this workshop will be forthcoming. Please call Melissa at local 5229 if you want more details.

Keep Your Eyes Open For...

No Excuse For Abuse a publication from the YWCA. This kit is designed for individuals who may have an opportunity to assist a woman in an abusive relationship. It has a rural focus and easy to copy information. One kit was sent to each campus -- please be sure to have a look.

The Clothesline Project. This project is scheduled to coincide with Take Back the Night demonstrations across the region. This project involves individuals creating t-shirts to recognize violence against females. Shirts are colour coded to represent various types of abuse - child abuse, sexual assault, wife assault, murder, etc. Shirts are created by women who have experienced the abuse or by friends, family or others who wish to do one to represent someone they know with this experience. We hope to have a regional focus for this project.

Northwest Community College Personal Safety Guide. This guide is going to be available to staff and students by September. It has information on car and bicycle safety, tips for safety in residence, harassment information, information on AIDS/HIV, on Sexual Assault and on learning environments and more. All staff will receive a copy via internal mail.

Quote of Note:

To aim for other than the highest would be not only self-destructive but worse, boring.

To aim for and miss the highest is only failure.

Not to aim for the highest is betrayal.

Adele Wiseman, 1987