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HERE'S THE Latest! **Staff News**

Human Resources
Department Report

Flip Cervo, Purchasing Agent has recently been seconded to the **Open Learning Agency** in Burnaby. Flip leaves January 17th and will be away for two years.

Ian Hamilton, Educational Advisor, and **Nancy Ross, half-time IBT Support Specialist**, Terrace have each been successful on their bid to instruct half-time in the **Career Transition program**. **Judy McCloskey, Library Technician** will fill the **Educational Advisor** position half-time in Ian's absence.

Congratulations go out to Dina vonHahn, Student Success Coordinator (Terrace Centre) and her husband, Rod. They are the proud parents of a baby girl, born January 7th, weighing 9 lbs. 2 ozs. **Mae Derrick, First Nations Coordinator** will fill in as **Student Success Coordinator** while Dina is on maternity leave.

Congratulations go out to Sid and Jani Nair on the birth of their first child, a baby girl, born January 12th, weighing in at 6 lbs. 5 ozs. Sid is a Chemistry instructor in Terrace and is on educational leave in Australia.

Lynn Gould has been hired as **Educational Advisor, Southern Region** replacing **Laurie Kent** who resigned to move to Calgary.

Sheila Peters, Educational Advisor, Smithers will start a 2 month leave of absence as of January 20th.

Frieda Dams, Support Clerk for U/C and SSW in Terrace is on leave of absence until the end of February. **Lynn Nordstrom** from the **Switchboard** is filling in and **Loralee Cordeiro** has been temporarily hired to monitor the **Switchboard**.

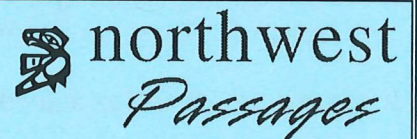
Ann Peltier and **Darlene Westerman** have both been hired part-time to fill the position of **Child Care Access Co-ordinator**. They replace **Eleanor Skelton** who recently resigned. Ann and Darlene will work out of the Terrace campus.

Central Region

Thank You

Many thanks go to all Terrace staff who donated to the Salvation Army Christmas '96 Student Fund. A total of \$175.00 was delivered to the Salvation Army by Freida Dams for NWCC needy students for food and gift hampers.

Your generosity was greatly appreciated. Thanks.



**Help us keep
you informed!**

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1st Friday in the month

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College Services

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Eastern Region

Excellent Opportunity

On December 5, 1996 I visited the FRBC Value-Added Skills Centre in Abbotsford. This centre is a partnership between Forest Renewal BC and BC Wood Specialities Group. This training facility is the only one of its kind in the world that is supported by the industry. The centre provides opportunity to businesses of all sizes to upgrade the skills of their employees.

The core of the value-added training is provided by professionals, using state-of-the-art equipment at a dedicated site, strategically situated in Abbotsford.

Courses are targeted at three groups:

- Current employees of BC Value-Added firms,
- Out-of-work forest workers identified by FRBC, and
- Unemployed BC residents who have guarantee of work after training.

Qualified residents of BC do not pay tuition fees for the first five years of operation.

The centre was established about a year ago, and training started last July. Mr. Peter Vogt manages the operation, and he would be most interested in meeting with you. Peter is also working on his Masters degree in Adult Education and is very interested in the enhancement of the adult learning environment. In this regard all classrooms are very well designed. They are inviting, warm and functional.

It was a very rewarding and educational trip.

- Laara Atley,
Extension Services



Staff Reports

ALL outstanding monthly STAFF REPORTS must get to me as soon as possible.

Without all these reports I cannot get out your **1997 VACATION ENTITLEMENT**.

- Linda McMurray
Personnel Officer

Real Court Case in England!

A young woman, several months pregnant, boarded a bus. She soon noticed a man smiling at her and began feeling humiliated on account of her condition. She changed her seat only to notice that he seemed more amused. She moved again, and then on her fourth move the man burst out laughing. The woman had the man arrested.

When the case came before the court, this was the man's reply when asked why he acted in such a manner.

"When the lady boarded the bus, I couldn't help notice she was pregnant and that she sat under an advertisement which read "Coming Soon: The Gold Dust Twins". It certainly made me smile. She then moved only to sit under an advertisement that read "Sloans Liniments Remove Swelling". I was even more amused when she moved a third time only to sit under a shaving advertisement which read "William Stick Did the Trick". I could not control myself any longer when on her fourth move she sat under an advertisement which read "Dunlop Rubber would have prevented this accident".

He won the case.

Western Region

FROM THE RUPERT ROWDIES

SNOW IN THE SUNNY COASTAL PARADISE!

Yes, we had to pay after feeling so smug over the Christmas holidays, when we experienced a cold and clear atmosphere, but the rest of the province was having severe difficulties with snow! And, yes, WE DO HAVE DUCK BOOTS!

But we're back, here in the metropolis of Prince Rupert, everyone rested, except for those that are still having travelling difficulties - Rocque Berthiaume, David Heinemann and David Archer.

It looks like an exciting winter semester with the classrooms filled to the rafters and scheduled both day, evening and weekends! In spite of difficult times throughout the College, Prince Rupert Centre is still actively pursuing new programs and courses of study. David Heinemann is teaching Philosophy and David Archer is presenting a new Archaeology course to the residents of our area. Through Extension and Continuing Education, the new course list expands even further! In addition to this activity, we are exploring new partnerships with our neighbours in Ketchikan at the University of SE Alaska.

We have some new staff members joining us through courses offered in the Extension Department and we extend a warm welcome to: Lynne Hill and Tracy Bawtinheimer. Our part-time instructional list, through Continuing Education programming, will expand to 98 for this coming semester.

We received a late Christmas present....the Coastal Integrated Resource Management Diploma has just been given ministerial approval....of course, no money! CONGRATULATIONS to Barb and Ken Shaw and Beth Davies who put so much work into the project!!!

Other congratulations to Vena Hachkevich, our Education Advisor, who is following a professional dream of getting her teaching certification. Vena began her year's leave January 9th, and we wish her the best! Dave McKeever is a welcome addition to our staff.

A wish for a very happy and productive 1997 to all, from the staff of Sunny Prince Rupert.

NEWS FROM EXTENSION SERVICES, PRINCE RUPERT

Extension Services has started the new year with a flurry of activity. As well as our ongoing programs Debbie Stava has secured another contract with United Fishermen and Allied Worker's Union. Read on for more....

After meeting with Arnie Nagy, representative for UFAWU, Debbie has secured a contract to run a varied number of courses for members of this organization. Courses are scheduled to start January and run until April of this year.

Pending and confirmed training courses include: Coastal Eco-Adventure Tourism, Office Administration, Coastal Integrated Natural Resources, Forklift Certification, Salmon Enhancement & Stock Assessment, Basic Computer Skills, Artifact Cataloguing, Stream Surveying, Outdoor Safety, OFA Level One, ESL, Literacy Training, Driver Training, and Responsible Fisheries.

Retail Sales Skills

The first intake for this course began January 6th and is taking place at the 3rd Avenue location next to the Common Core classes. There are currently six students enrolled for the month of January. The students are learning a variety of retail skills including customer service, sales techniques, and cash management. Throughout the course numerous field trips and guest speakers will assist the students in understanding the importance of quality service

and practical skills. By the end of the course students will have hands-on experience to assist them in establishing careers in retail sales.

Workplace Literacy Skills Training for Shoreworkers

GED, Math, and English Upgrading started January 6th with 22 students attending and more entering the program daily. The Basic Computer course and instructor Craig Brooks have been popular and successful with all of the students, with most enthusiastically signing up for the next intermediate computer component. Forty students have already completed computer courses.

Assisted Job Search

This program is continuing with high numbers in all courses that include Employment Assessment, Resume Writing, Job Search Skills, Job Interview Techniques, Communication Skills, Assertiveness Training, and Career and Educational Planning. We are hearing positive feedback about the program from the community, and are excited and delighted with how the program is progressing. There is currently a waiting list for students wanting to register for the employment assessment component of this program.

Front Line Personnel

The first intake of students started this month with noteworthy enthusiasm, embracing the principles of professional behaviour and customer service with admirable effort. They have been able to contribute personal experiences to illustrate the various aspects of how to treat customers (and how not to), and are looking forward to practicing their public speaking, record management, reception, typing and cashier skills.

Students have visited Ikon Office Solutions, Safeway, and McDonald's in their quest to ensure they are ready for the work force when they decide to enter it. The class attribute their efforts to being an excellent example of teamwork.

Accounting Technologist

Students completed the Statistics component of this program in December and are now working on Accounting 251.

Introduction to Oxygen & Acetylene (Safety & Cutting)

This is the second contract of this nature for Skeena Cellulose, (last course ran October 1996). One hundred Skeena employees will take part in this training, which starts January 15th and ends in February.

More Contracts Coming In

Possible future contract training with Lax Kw'alaams Band. Erminio Pucci, representative for the Band, has been meeting with Debbie Stava to discuss delivery of courses which range from Office Administration to Resident Care Aide. More information to follow in our next newsletter.

- Emilia McConville
Program Assistant

Thank You

Mills Memorial Hospital Auxiliary would like to thank College staff for their support of our fund raising activities in 1996. You are always willing to buy a raffle ticket or craft item when we approach you and this year Sandy Soares, ABE Program Support, won the 100 "Scratch and Win" lottery tickets from our 1996 Christmas raffle, drawn December 14th.

With your help, the Hospital Auxiliary has been able to donate more than \$56,000 in equipment purchases for Mills Memorial Hospital in 1996.

Members of Mills Memorial Hospital Auxiliary who are employees of NWCC are: Marilyn Bennett, Carol Reynolds, Rhonda Ross, Linda McMurray and Sandy Bullock.

- Sandy Bullock,
Auxiliary President

YOUR NEWS IS IMPORTANT!

**SUBMISSIONS TO
NORTHWEST PASSAGES
is the 1st Friday of the month.**

**Don't miss out.....
mark these dates on
your calendar today!
Feb 7th, March 7th, April 4th,
May 2nd & June 6th.**

Education Council News

January 1997

Happy New Year from Education Cncl!

The Education Council of NWCC consists of elected and delegated representatives of the College's community. Members of support staff, teaching faculties (CUPE and BCGEU), students and management form an integral part of this dynamic group.

Each Centre is represented by either faculty, staff or management and there are student representatives elected by the Student Association membership.

THE PEOPLE THAT REPRESENT YOU!!!

The following people represent the College community:

Doug Baker	Terrace	5402
Kathy Bedard (Chair)	PR	5715
Larry Bolingbroke	Terrace	5453
Cheryle Brown	Terrace	5371
Stephen Doyle	Smithers	5814
Ted Eberle	Smithers	5812
Kate Greenall	Hazelton	5328
Marie Grinstrand	Pr Rupert	5726
Mona Izumi	Pr. Rupert	5738
Michael Hill	Terrace	5346
Andre Klingner	Terrace	5248
Terrie McAloney	Smithers	5808
Larisa Tarwick	Terrace	5317
Hayes Beatty (Student Rep)	Terrace	
Joe Allen (Student Rep)	Pr. Rupert	
Lyle Widdifield	BAdmin	5371

The official recording secretary is Carol Bull.

VACANCIES exist for Support Staff (Terrace), Trades, and two student representatives.

The best way to cope with change is to help create it!
- Senator Robert Dole

Standing Committees of Education Council

For your information, the Education Council made some significant changes to the names of the Standing Committees, primarily to better reflect the committee's actual responsibility.*
Course/Program Curriculum and Articulation

(Internal and External)

Chair: Larisa Tarwick

* Educational Policy and Regulation

Chair: Kathy Bedard

* Student Support and Access

Chair: Kate Greenhall & Larry Bolingbroke

* Learning Resources and Technology

Chair: Terri McAloney

* Admission, Assessment, and Awards

Chair: Ella Goodlad

* International Education

Chair: Doug Baker

* Educational Planning & Program Review

Chair: Beth Davies

Your input is necessary to make Education Council a valued resource. If you wish to participate in any of the following Standing Committees of Education Council, please call the person listed as Chair, or Kathy Bedard at local 7515 and leave a detailed message on voice mail regarding your name, your locale, your local and the committee of choice!

Your input is valuable to Education Council

MEETING DATES

January 17 - Terrace (teleconference)

February 14 - Terrace

March 14 - Prince Rupert

Education Council meetings are open to any one wishing to attend.

Time: 10 am - 3 pm

Elections are Coming!!!

A new Education Council (14 members) will be elected from the College constituencies to take office in April.

Talk to people in your workgroup and determine the best person to represent you!

It's a good feeling to be involved!

Some people make things happen,

Some watch things happen,

While others wonder what has happened!!

WHAT DOES EDUCATION COUNCIL DO??

The Education Council of Northwest Community College works with the internal community of the College to make educational policy.

We are concerned with all educational issues from those dealing with credit to those involved in the Continuing Education or Extension programming.

We have placed a documentation system for all new courses and programs that allows for a complete consultative process to take place.

We have developed policy for Prior Learning Assessment, Admissions, and are in the process of looking at more areas; such as international education.

We have been involved with the Board of Governors to present policy to be followed in the case of deletion or relocation of NWCC programs, that has provided a solid framework for the current Task Force process.

We were proud to be involved in the development of the NWCC Strategic Plan and will be working as part of the team in the Institutional Review process.

As Education Council matures into it's second, two year term, it will take on more and more of its mandated duties as outlined in the College's and Institute's Act.

Get Involved!