

Finally a Decent Acronym! Applied Coastal Ecology (A.C.E) is Here!

By *Martine Gauthier*

Applied Coastal Ecology (A.C.E.) is an exciting new professional program at NWCC Prince Rupert Campus geared to prepare graduates to enter some of the most exciting and rewarding professions in the environmental sector. The A.C.E. program was created in response to growing demands from employers for locally trained experts in the environmental field.

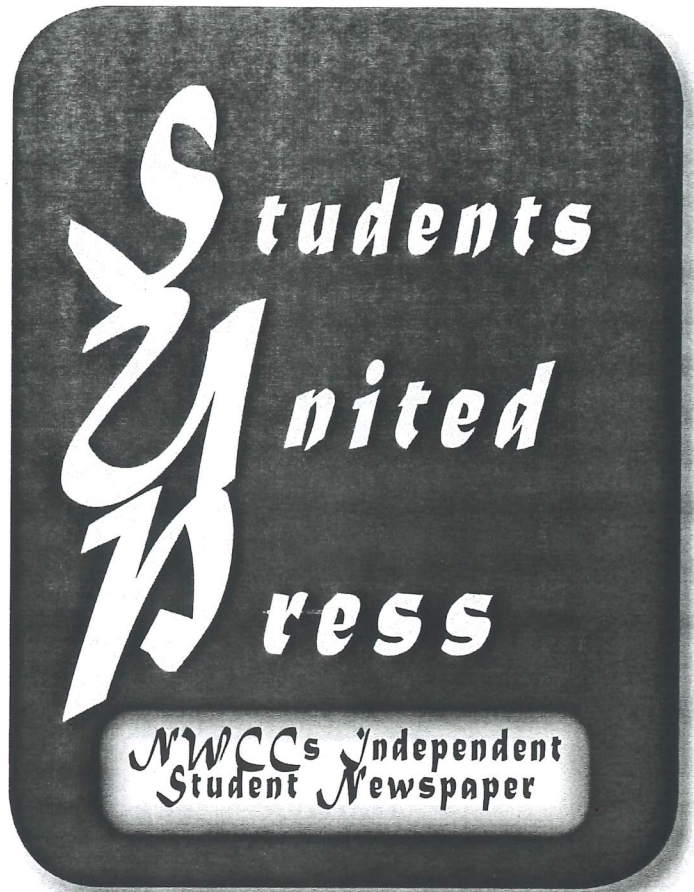
A.C.E. graduates are generally well-known for their pas-

sion and commitment to the environment and the sustainable management of the great wealth of natural resources found in coastal ecosystems across the planet.

Students enrolled in the A.C.E. program can choose from three specialization options:

Coastal Resources Technology Learn to manage Coastal Forests, Freshwater and Marine Ecosystems, and Wildlife Populations. Students travel from land to ocean to river systems in order to investigate biological

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Rock Around the Clock



By *Marlin Smyth*

The competition for Rock King and Rock Queen played out earlier this month in Geography 160. This annual event has students struggling to distinguish rocks from minerals, and igneous rocks from sedimentary and metamorphic rocks. After weeks of practising the class was tested on their knowledge. Leah Kumpolt was crowned Rock Queen, but a tie ensued for the title of

Rock King, Sean Moraes, Marlin Smyth, and Cody Scheuerman (pictured L to R) all won this prestigious award. According to Geography instructor Ken Shaw this three way tie is a first. There would have been four kings this year if Steve Leask had not mistaken the igneous properties of obsidian, "I almost had it" said Leask after failing to win. The names of the winners of 2006 will join the names of winners of past years on the Rock Trophy also pictured.

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- We reserve the right to edit inappropriate content.

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Dear Jim & Tim

Dear Jim and Tim

Ok man, this is the low down on what's up: I've been dating this awesome girl for a while now and we have a blast together except when we watch movies; her movies just straight up suck. Whenever we watch a good movie with mind bending plots she always says, "What did they say?" or "Who is that guy?" or "What are they doing?" I've tried to look for "Movie watching for Dummies" but I've had no such luck. I need suggestions pronto; she wants a movie night next Friday. Oh, and breaking up with her isn't an option because she's one of those rare Good Ones that men can only dream about.

Patrick Rogers

Jim:

Ahh, the Good Ones: cooks, cleans, fetches you things, silent during sports, cleans up well, and maintains for free; I understand. Ok man, this is what's up: an uneducated man would assume if a girl can't follow a Hollywood Production than perhaps her Good One status should be re-evaluated. However, a Good One is a Good One because she is too busy waiting on men's every whim that she has no time to understand movies, unless of course we should allow them the luxury. A real man is more than capable of thinking for himself and his women. In fact it is a man's duty to appreciate film for women as they are incapable of doing so for themselves. The female will ask the superior male to explain things for her because she worships the extent of his godlike knowledge. Remember kids, knowledge is power, women worship power, keep women meek by maintaining control over movie choices, and I guarantee you too will have your very own Good One.

Tim:

Oh yes, the Good Ones: educated, funny, a blast to talk to and share your feelings with, the type of girl you take home to meet your parents, I understand. Well Patty there is no shame in not understanding something, a smart person is one who recognizes that they don't know everything but instead strive to gain more knowledge. It seems like you're the type of person who doesn't like people talking during movies and in foresight you should share that with your special gal so you can enjoy the movie and talk about it after it's over at length if you need to. Another suggestion I could offer is watching a movie twice, once talking through it and explaining it, then the next time just watching it straight though or vice versa, whichever works best for both of you. Remember, women want to know your thoughts and feelings and shutting them up is not the solution to a happy successful relationship, keeping up conversation in any instance is key to happiness.



Theories of a Well-Rounded Man

By Salomon Garcia (Conspiracy Analyzer)

I'm not one to normally cry wolf but, WOLF, WOLF, WOLF! I've been noticing an event in our downtown area like none other I've ever seen, Disappearing Corner Phenomenon (DCP). What's this you ask? It's the theory that there are supernatural forces at work that make the Prince Rupert downtown corners disappear. Examples of DCP are as follows, beside Moby Dick (on both sides), beside Magic Car Wash, behind and in front of the Credit Union, behind Home Hardware, behind General Paint, in front of Ruffles, not to mention the failed businesses in the corners KFC and Dairy Queen.



After relaying this information to credible eye witnesses, Rebecca Carignan had this to say, "Yep, those corners are definitely missing," she goes on to comment on the Credit Union street block calling it a "vast wasteland." Now, so far I have no tangible evidence of aliens, werewolves, and or Bigfoot being directly involved, but I have strong suspicions. I genuinely fear for my safety, NWCC is at ground zero of DCP! Another explanation for DCP is a insurance fraud scheme or insurance companies literally "cutting their losses". Either individuals are scamming insurance companies for money or the insurance companies are trying to get rid of all the corners, thus reducing car accidents, because as we all know most car accidents happen at intersections. We're so hard pressed for corners that we start imagining corners were there definitely aren't corners, for example at "Five Corners". Clearly, if they were "five corners" there would be a "5 way stop" but this is definitely not the case since the stop sign reads "4 Way." The little dinky 1st Avenue side alley does not constitute a corner, it barely constitutes a street with its "no-exit" end facing the so called "five corners."



Reto Riesen shows his students Vijay Manhas and Vu Nguyen bird watching techniques during a weekend field trip.

Emerson's Action Leaves a Deep Hole in Tory Party

By Vijay Manhas

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has outdone his election campaign, surprise! Amazingly, the first actions of a Calgarian leading a western-rooted conservative government are roundly condemned in the West. In editorials and letters, on talk shows and the streets, reaction to Harper's cabinet focuses on a Liberal defector and an adviser appointed to the Senate, David Emerson and Michael Fortier. There's a smattering of accepting comments, but the viscerally negative dominate. The adjectives are harsh: corrupt, hypocritical, cynical, disloyal, manipulative, scandalous, dirty, deceitful, unprincipled, and dishonest. Harper is likened to Frankenstein, Mr. Hyde, Joe Clark, Brian Mulroney, even -- horrors! -- Paul Martin.

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Gossip has Gotten Out of Control!

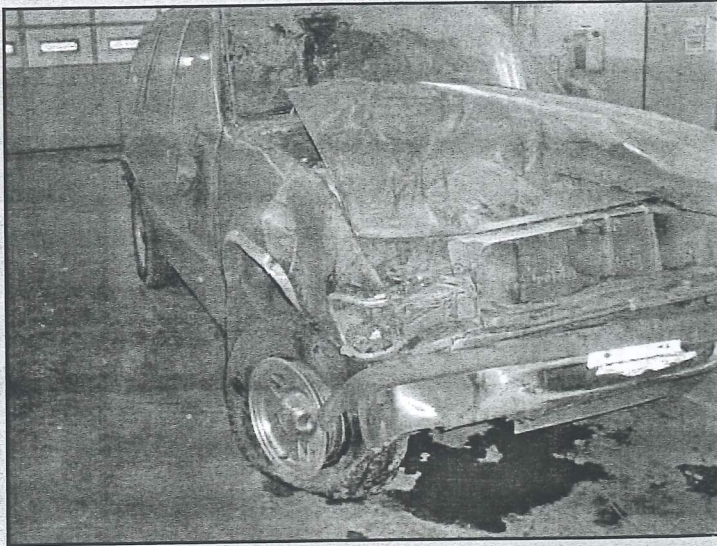
By Holliday Ascroft

As a society, I realize many of us love to know what's going on; it doesn't matter whose life it is, if you know of the person there's a need to know all about them. However, there is a certain point when a piece of meaningless gossip turns into a vicious rumor.

Have you or has anyone close to you ever been on the bad end of such vindictive behavior? It is not a pleasant feeling to ever enter a room knowing only moments before that everyone was talking about you, and are then too ashamed to say anything to your face. On the flip side of that, have you ever thought something about an individual and whispered to one of your peers about it? You may trust your friend enough not to tell, but what you have said may come up in a conversation some other time,

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Miraculously, no one was harmed when this S.U.V. carrying four NWCC students slid off the road on a trip back from Terrace during reading break. Scott Campbell, Salomon Garcia, Royden Mutch and Marlin Smyth all consider themselves very fortunate.



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The cynicism is deepest in the West, where so many felt that, with this government, they were getting politicians who believed what they said about ethics, accountability, and democracy. There's an ugly wound where healing had occurred between the predominantly Western Reform/Alliance group and the Eastern Tory group. Within that Western base, an elected Senate, honor, meaning what you say, democratic reform, and electoral ethics are core beliefs. Those idealistic Conservatives can't feel good that their

party now looks like . . . The Liberals.

When MPs such as the direct Myron Thompson grumble about getting an earful from constituents, it's meaningful, as is Thompson now suggesting Emerson seeks re-election immediately. These MPs take seriously the notion of heeding what constituents say. They now have the condemnation they hurled at Belinda Stronach shoved down their throats.

As Opposition leader, Harper was criticized for not seeking advice. If he made these decisions on his own,

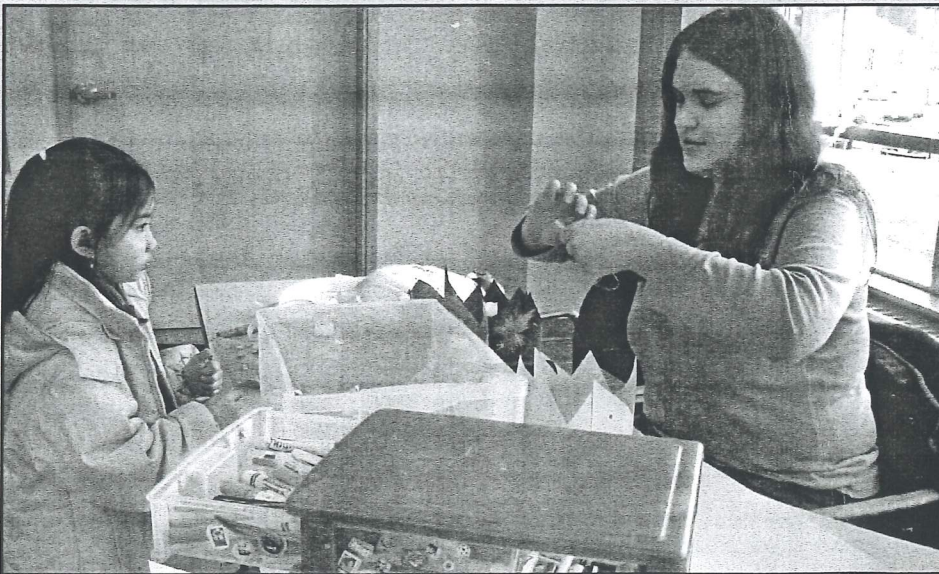
he really is scary. But it's safe to assume advice came from Derek Burney, transition team leader, and Senator Marjory LeBreton, a key campaign adviser, both Mulroneys-era Tories. Perhaps they felt the upside in having ministers from Montreal and Vancouver was worth the risk. But even if Harper didn't discuss it with key Western MPs, he surely had to anticipate the reaction -- he comes from that Reform/Alliance core.

Abandoning principles because upside outweighs downside is what this new party decried. The fact that Emer-

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For literacy week, primary students came to NWCC to listen to stories and to do crafts. NWCC students participated by dressing up as fairy tale characters and entertaining the kids.



son was condemning Conservatives' core beliefs days before jumping aboard deepens the cynicism. He expresses disappointment at the reaction, and Harper dismisses it as "superficial," further offends Conservatives. Don't bet on this blowing over. The wound is real, Harper might be best advised to emulate another Western Conservative, Alberta Pre-

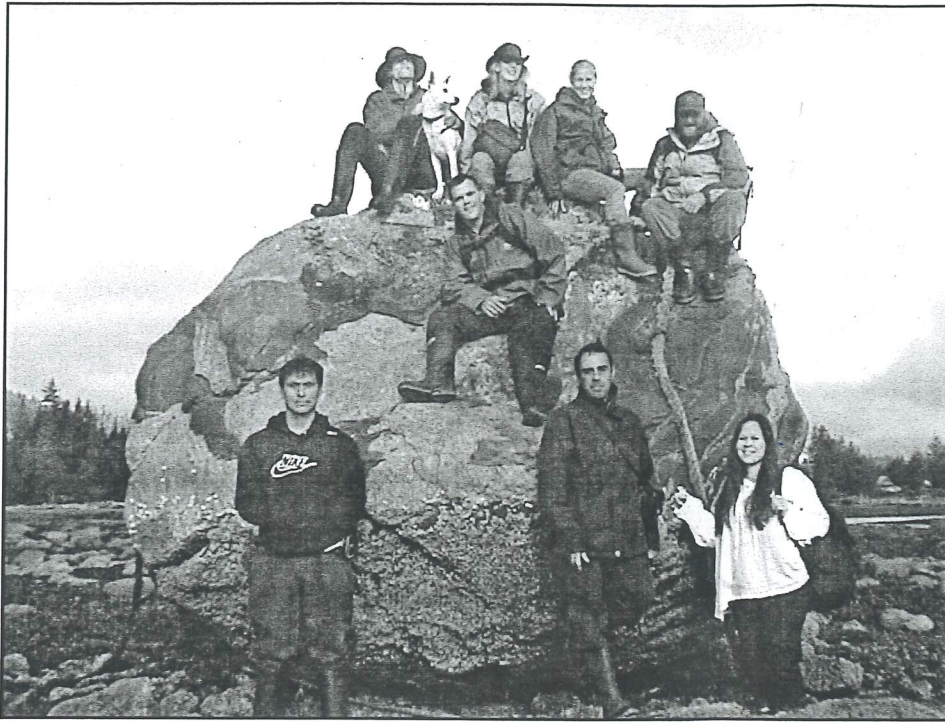
mier Ralph Klein, a master at candidly admitting mistakes in order to move on. Removing Emerson and Fortier, or compelling them into by-elections, might be farther than Harper can go but acknowledging the wrong, and introducing legislation to bar recurrences, would be better than continued denial and defence.

thoughts would be exchanged and soon your original opinion has turned into the sinful whispers quickly sweeping the halls. Furthermore, what about that person that you see in class every day which you have some sort of grudge against (usually for no reason other than them being themselves), but you don't quite feel up to doing much about it... Maybe it would be fun to see how they react to a dark secret about them, true or not, being released? Well... was it "fun" to watch them suffer? Did you enjoy watching that person, whom you loathe, squirm?

I don't believe that causing someone pain (emotional or physical) should ever be considered a way to resolve your conflict. Recently, I've witnessed numerous amounts of school gossip grow into unfortunate outbursts from the student victims... the truth is that a piece of gossip, insignificant or not, is still a rumor. When someone confides in you about a subject that isn't anyone else's business then DON'T tell anyone else!

Dear reader, you enjoy your privacy don't you? Say your friends took it upon themselves to read your journal or all of your e-mails and then knew everything about you. Would you not feel somewhat violated knowing that your secrets have been discovered, and your deepest emotions riffled through as though they were mere scraps of paper? This is the same pain you inflict on your fellow students when you whisper behind their backs and when you put them down to their faces.

Soon it will be spring break, or perhaps you've just arrived back from your reading break and as many of us know from experience, situations may arise where something could get out of hand and become extremely awkward for certain individuals. Now I'm not asking you to keep your exciting accounts from your time-off all "hush-hush", and you could probably get a good laugh out your buddy's embarrassing moments, I simply ask you to be courteous of their feelings and make sure your friend is laughing too.



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processes, examine ecological impacts, and learn key techniques for the management and restoration of degraded habitats. Students will gain the knowledge and practical skills to acquire employment with a large variety of employers including environmental organizations, federal and provincial governments, environmental consulting firms, First Nations Governments and more.

Environmental Monitoring
Learn how to do chemical and biological measurements and monitoring of air, water, soils and living organisms. Environmental Monitoring students will engage in technical level chemical and biological monitoring of air, land and water systems, gain skills in deploying and maintaining analytical equipment, collecting contaminated samples, testing for contaminants in biological materials, conducting environmental impact assessments, using the biogeoclimatic system, and collecting, managing and interpreting environmental data.

Fisheries and Mariculture Technology Get the skills to work as Hatchery

Technicians, Mariculture Technicians, Field Fisheries Technicians, and more. This program is specially designed to serve the needs of First Nations' Communities. Many of its courses are delivered in a short modularized format. The program will remain dynamic in order to quickly respond to the changing demands from the community's main employers. Graduates of this program are well positioned for local employment in their communities.

The A.C.E. program, facilitated by specialists, focuses on hands-on field work in combination with classroom learning and laboratory training. With the exception of the Fisheries and Mariculture Technology which offers a one-year certificate only, each option offers a one year certificate or a two-year diploma. The two-year diploma (Associates Degree) is transferable to a Bachelor's of Science degree (B. Sc.) in Canadian Universities.

For more information about A.C.E., please contact Pouyan Mahboubi, A.C.E. Department Head, at ace@nwcc.bc.ca or (250) 624-6054, ext. 5729.

NWCC Launches Freda Diesing School of Art and Design

Northwest Community College (NWCC) announced today the launch of the Freda Diesing School of Art and Design. Freda's sister, Bobbi Perry, was on hand to officially grant the College permission to use the name of Freda Diesing at the day's signing ceremony.

"Freda Diesing was an exceptional carver, teacher, and mentor to many carving students throughout the Northwest, Alaska, and even Costa Rica. Her death in 2002 was a blow to all who knew her and especially to the artists who studied and worked with her. We are honoured to recognize and continue Freda's legacy to the art world by establishing a school in her name" explains NWCC President, Stephanie Forsyth. "Freda was a tireless educator and a champion of Northwest First Nations art. She is credited with playing a significant role in the revival of First Nations' art and her influence and respect has become well known internationally. In recognition of her achievements, she received numerous awards including the National Aboriginal Achievement Award in 2002, an honorary diploma from NWCC, and an honorary doctorate from UNBC."

Freda Diesing (Haida) was a master in carving masks, head-dresses, bowls, and exquisite raven rattles. Many of her prints are in galleries locally and in museums around the world. Many acclaimed First Nations artists working today studied under Freda.

The Freda Diesing School of Art and Design will be focused on First Nations' art of the Pacific Northwest. The School's offerings will include programs at the certificate, diploma and degree

level and will initially feature carving, weaving, jewellery and print-making.

Currently, NWCC and Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design are working on a collaborative Degree in Fine Arts which will be part of the School's program offerings. This program will be distinct from other degrees offered in the province due to its unique focus on First Nations art of Northwestern BC.

First Nations' art historian and NWCC University Credit instructor Rocque Berthiaume has been charged with the task of developing program offerings for the new School. Together with the School's Steering Committee, comprised of First Nation artists and curators, Berthiaume will be developing a vision and mission for the school, outlining key strategic directions, identifying specific program areas, and building financial and community support.

"Freda was a great teacher of art and a friend of the college who always made time to be with the students at NWCC," explains Berthiaume. "She was also a very humble person who did not seek public recognition but was ultimately nationally recognized for her contributions in the fields of First Nations' art and teaching."

The Freda Diesing School of Art and Design will be announced later this month by Berthiaume in Canberra, Australia at the National Museum's First Australians Gallery. Berthiaume has been working as co-curator on the People of the Cedar art exhibition being arranged by the Canadian High Commission. The Commission is presenting this show as a part of a cultural exchange between First Australians and First Nations People of the Northwest Coast of Canada. The work of Freda Diesing, Dempsey Bob and Willie White, a leading Chilkat weaver from the Tsimshian Nation, will be featured at the exhibit.

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Ever Wanted to Teach the Sm'alg yax Language? NOW YOU CAN!



Sm'alg yax Language Team; Left to right back row: Marjorie Brown, Janice Astawa, Tammy Blumhagen; Front row: Left to right Mildred Wilson, Fred Ridley, Sampson Collinson, Velna Nelson. Missing: Dr. Margaret Anderson.

By Sheila Dobie

UNBC, the Ts'msyen Sm'alg yax Authority, and the First Nations Education Council of School District 52 are partnering to deliver a 3 year teacher education program to prepare the next generation of Sm'alg yax language teachers. The program, which will begin in Prince Rupert in September 2006, includes 60 credits of study of Sm'alg yax language and Tsimshian culture, followed by a year of education courses. Successful graduates of this program will be recommended to the BC College of Teachers for a level one teaching credential, which will allow them to work as Sm'alg yax teachers in the school system. Students may also carry on to complete a full BEd degree program, after which they can be rec-

ommended for a full teaching certificate to teach other subjects as well.

The Sm'alg yax teacher training program is similar to a program offered for Gitksan language teachers in Hazelton which was completed this year, and to a Nisga'a program which is now in progress. Applicants must be admitted to UNBC, and need not be fluent in Sm'alg yax. Interested applicants can contact the UNBC office for an application form. Additional information about the program can be obtained by contacting Debbie Leighton-Stephens at First Nations Education Services at School District 52 (627-1536), or Margaret Anderson at the UNBC office (624-2650).

Sheila Dobie
Regional Services
UNBC Prince Rupert Campus
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WHAT: Free use of computers, Internet, and 1-on-1 Training
 WHEN: Monday to Friday from 8:30AM to 4:30PM
 WHERE: Nisga'a Hall CAP Site (across from Overwaita)
 WHO: Call 627-1595 to make an appointment or drop in anytime!

WHAT: Prince Rupert Volunteer Connections, Register with this organization and they will match your interests with volunteer opportunities and let you know when they become available
 WHEN: Ongoing.
 WHO: Call Jennifer @ 624-3705 (ext.22)
 Or e-mail diverjen@yahoo.com to get involved

WHAT: P.A.C.E.S (Parents And Children Education Services) HUB is a drop in for parents/caregivers with children ages birth to 6 years old.
 WHEN: 8:45 AM - 12:00 Noon (daily)
 WHERE: Roosevelt School
 WHO: For more information contact Jennifer at 624-6126 (ext. 29)

WHAT: Crotchet & Knitting Club
 WHEN: Wednesdays at Noon
 WHERE: NWCC Room 266
 WHO: All Students & Staff

WHAT: Free Computer Basics, English & Math Skills
 WHEN: Mondays & Wednesdays 6:00-8:00 PM
 Thursdays 3:30-4:30 PM
 WHERE: Mon. & Wed. At Roosevelt School
 Thurs. At Seal Cove Elementary

WHAT: Diabetes Education and Healthy Heart Classes
 WHEN: Wednesday, March 1st, 2006
 Second Hand Smoke & Its Effects 3:00-4:00 PM
 Label Reading 4:00-5:00 PM
 WHERE: 'A' Floor Meeting Room at the Hospital
 WHO: Call to register - 624-0225

WHAT: Bridal and Graduation Fair
 WHEN: Sunday, March 5th, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
 Fashion Show at 2:00 PM
 WHERE: Highliner Inn
 Proceeds go to the Transition House

WHAT: Toastmasters-A chance to gain public speaking skills and experience
 WHEN: Every Monday at 7:30PM
 WHERE: The Crest
 COST: Visitors are always welcome! Annual Membership is \$120.00

NWCC would like to thank students who participated in the All-Native tournament.

WHAT: Reading, Writing, Computer Basics & Math Tutoring
 WHEN: Every Monday & Wednesday from 6:00PM to 8:00PM
 WHERE: Roosevelt School
 COST: Free!!

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CLASSIFIEDS

"Success by 6" is collecting childrens' books for distribution to early childhood education projects in the Prince Rupert area. Books can be dropped off Monday to Friday at The Berry Patch- 300 2nd Ave. West

Girl Guides of Canada is looking for adults to help with groups and act as advisers. Girls are welcome to join Sparks, Brownies, or Guide groups anytime. For info call 1-800-565-8111

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