

PRESS RELEASE

Interest in the Cariboo College is continuing to grow throughout the zone and it would appear that the College will have a very successful start next September.

Certain trends are already beginning to appear and one of the most interesting of these is a desire to come to the Kamloops campus, even from the most distant part of the zone.

There seems to be a growing realization of the advantages of attending a Regional College rather than going to a large impersonal educational complex at the coast. I am pleased to note that students, adults and parents are taking into account the smaller classes, lower costs, better personal contact between instructors and students, better teaching, and pride in their local College; and more favourable entrance requirements provided by our own Cariboo College.

I have noticed that students are interested in sport and social program possibilities and I would like to emphasize that Cariboo College is wholeheartedly behind such development. In co-operation with the student body, the administration and faculty will establish these and hope that sports teams from Cariboo will compete with the other colleges and universities without delay.

A provincial college debating competition is also being established and I am sure that we will wish to participate.

Library and study facilities will be provided on a day and evening basis throughout the week and on Saturdays and Sundays. This will be very helpful to students whether they come from Kamloops or the other districts.

I might add that many adults are also expressing an interest in our programs and for them there are many advantages, such as being able to take one or more subjects at a time, a single semester program, introductory College programs and the mature student regulations.

There is a demand for College Certificate and Diploma programs of one or two years' duration in the Career fields. The College is now "endeavouring" to finalize such programs and will be offering training in secretarial practice, private kindergarten teacher, welfare assistant, business programs, commercial art, teacher assistant and recreational leadership. These career courses are a very important part of our overall program and we will be informing the schools and the public of the details in the near future.

Cariboo College has received applications for entry from as far north as Yellowknife and as far south as Hope, and from Alberta, although a heavy fee surcharge is levied on all non-resident students in order to protect the interests of taxpayers of the six contributing school districts.

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