

Press Release II

In my recent visits to the various districts in our zone I have discovered a very wide information gap which the College must try to close.

This gap relates to the technology fields and in one sense this is very strange, because we in the Cariboo can see industrial, mining and hospital developments all around us. We read about automation, new processing plants and extractive industries every day of the week. We read about the shortage of technicians and the surplus of unskilled labour. These are the things that the technology training programs, offered at Cariboo College in co-operation with the B.C. Institute of Technology, are all about.

The students in these programs do their first year of learning at Cariboo College and their second year at B.C. I.T. The ~~subject~~ courses include business management, chemical metallurgy, mining, forest products, electrical-electronics, medical lab assistant and natural gas and petroleum.

The financial outlay here is not too great and the returns in terms of salary are good and not too distant. The demand for skilled technicians is there and so these courses are really training for direct employment.

Parents and students must surely take into account the possibilities of employment and I would like to suggest that if the student is at all inclined in this technology direction that good employment opportunities in these fields should be seriously considered.

We cannot escape from technology and it is steadily taking over many jobs that have prevailed for many years. The realistic and smart approach is to face the inevitable and turn the situation to our advantage. Technology destroys jobs but, it also creates new ones. Let us train for these new jobs which pay well and which are in great demand. The Cariboo College will provide much of this realistic modern training, so if you want a job in the technology age I would suggest that you study these programs carefully.

If you do not understand the courses offered in the industries and actual jobs involved please do not hesitate to inquire at our College office at 5th and Victoria or see the secondary school counsellors as soon as possible.