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As the first year of Cariboo College's operation enters its final phases it is interesting to look back and see how the College has made out.

Last September the College started with an enrolment of 640 in its first semester. The second semester started with an enrolment of 550, so the attrition rate for this College has been remarkably small.

Before the College opened last September there were some people who doubted that the College would receive transferability for its courses to the universities. I am happy to report that these doubts proved unfounded and Cariboo College has received documents from the universities of British Columbia, Simon Fraser and Victoria, which clearly state that our courses are acceptable for transfer. These equivalents are listed and will be made available to the students, school administrators and counselling staffs, as our counsellors visit the schools.

Next September the College will be offering second-year academic programs as well as first-year programs.

Career programs and technology programs will also be offered and, as soon as a final decision is reached as to the position of the Kamloops Vocational School in the melding process with the College, the courses and requirements of that institution will be made available to all concerned.

The College, in its inaugural year, has not been able to bring to the communities of Birch Island, Williams Lake, Lillooet and South Cariboo, the programs which it feels would benefit these communities. This has been mainly due to the tremendous amount of work involved in the establishment of a firm base for the College, but it is also realized by the College that this situation must not be allowed to continue.

Recently, members of the College's administrative staff and department chairmen have been visiting secondary schools in the four districts outside Kamloops and holding discussions about the College programs with the various administrators, teaching staffs and students. The College is working hard to provide information

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to the schools and public concerned and is hopeful that the response for the 1971 term will be substantial.

There is no doubt that the College's faculty have worked long and hard to help the students in the past year, and have certainly carried out the College's pledge to provide a great deal of attention to the individual student.

The students have participated in many sports and social events, and are very active in College government. There is a Students' Council and a College Advisory Committee. The latter Committee makes policy recommendations to the Principal who then transmits such recommendations to the College Council. Students are elected by the student body to this very important Committee and so have an opportunity to be involved in the major decision-making processes of the College.

The Student Council at Cariboo College is very active and has done a great deal on behalf of the students it represents. There is certainly hardly a dull moment at the College. Because of the small number of students at the College, compared with the throngs at a university, our students get to know each other very quickly. By the end of the first couple of weeks the students had become a Cariboo College group and had left behind their former secondary school groupings. This is very important for the students coming in from the smaller secondary schools who feel they might have few friends at the College.

It is impossible to tell which secondary school a student came from, and the student body in the College is not interested - as all students are College students.

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