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NEWS RELEASE

I am now receiving many inquiries from prospective students who intend to register at the Cariboo College when it opens next September.

I am pleased to be able to report that the work on the academic division of the College is now complete. I know that secondary school students and adults throughout the College area are most anxious to see what the College has to offer, and I am now in a position to give them all the information they need on entrance requirements, fee structure, courses and course content, general regulations and so on.

Full details are now available on the University Transfer program and the College Preparatory program is finalized. The academic sections of the two-year College Diploma and one-year College Certificate programs are now ready.

I will be very pleased to have students, or interested adults, phone our office or drop in and see us at our temporary offices in the Syd Smith building, 5th and Victoria, in Kamloops.

I am making arrangements to provide the senior secondary schools throughout the six school districts with the necessary information and this will enable students to obtain the facts very easily.

I am also arranging that this material will be available at the offices of the Directors of Adult Education for Kamloops and Williams Lake, as some adults may wish to obtain the information in those places.

Our university transfer courses are very similar to those which are in effect at the other colleges in the province. Indeed, in the academic area there is a considerable amount of standardization developing throughout all the Colleges in B.C. This is, of course, inevitable as this type of course must provide transfer to the universities and there is not too much elbow room available.

The Cariboo College is organized on a semester basis and this does allow some flexibility especially in the case of the part-time adult student.

I hope to meet the senior secondary school counsellors next week, and I feel sure that the secondary schools throughout the zone will support their own College to the utmost.

After all, the Cariboo College provides the necessary courses at a much more economical rate. It will have a first-class staff - teaching comparatively small instructional class units and its courses are virtually the same as those being given at/six other Regional Colleges.

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Frankly, I will never understand anyone who advocates going to a coastal institution of post-secondary education where the costs are many times as great, the classes are often too large for really effective instruction and where the inexperienced young student is tossed into a seething whirlpool of big city students.

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The Cariboo College will provide a bridge between the secondary schools in our zone and the coastal institutions. It will give our young people a little more time to adjust gradually to university life.

I call on the parents, individual teachers, teachers' associations, secondary school students, public bodies, and indeed the communities themselves to support their College all the way.

The people in our six school districts deserve the best, and that is exactly what the Cariboo College is going to provide for them.

J. Harrison
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