

PRESS RELEASE

Last September, Cariboo College entered its new permanent buildings located on grounds covering about 80 acres in extent. The buildings along with their equipment cost in the neighbourhood of \$7,000,000. In addition to the main building there is a large modern students building which contains a students lounge, student council rooms, a coffee shop and restaurant. A modern language laboratory has been installed for those who wish to study French and German, and a small observatory has been constructed in the College campus for those who wish to take the Astronomy course. These facilities are a tremendous improvement on the quarters which housed the college a year ago.

The vocational courses are now starting up and a substantial number will be available for students next September. The equipment is modern and will provide excellent training for the students who enrol in such programs. Last September the full-time student enrolment in the College was nearly 900 and it is expected that this will increase again this coming Fall.

University transfer programs still remain in substantial demand and a number of interesting Career Programs will be offered.

In spite of Cariboo College's expansion, the same policies regarding close contact between instructors and students remain. This has given the students a tremendous advantage over the impersonal massive classes which operate in a university.

It is certain that because of the personalized individual attention that can be given in a smaller college, many students have been able to make the successful adjustment in their work which might, in a larger institute, not be possible and could have led to very great difficulties.

The College's standards are high, and students should not expect an easy time. The Cariboo College is planning a course of action that will enable students who have not made up their mind as to their future, to transfer easily from one division of the College to another. College credit programs in the vocational, technical, academic fields are being established for those who wish to go no further than one or two years in the College. Cariboo College treats all its students as equals and all the students participate in the life of the College. Our sports program has been greatly expanded and this process will continue. This year the Cariboo College hockey team is representing the B.C. Colleges in the Western Canada tournament in Winnipeg. Our team defeated all other teams from B.C. Colleges in the College league. Cariboo College's soccer team placed second in this league. Inter-mural sports will be available next year also. Our College also has teams entered in College leagues in volleyball and basketball.

There is a wide variety of social events which the students enjoy, and the new buildings certainly have made a tremendous difference.