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NEWS RELEASE

An interest in skiing brought Brian McKee to Kamloops, where he became, successively, a welding student, a welder, a welding instructor, and finally a University Transfer student at Cariboo College and the 1980 winner of the Governor General's Silver Medal for outstanding academic achievement.

McKee, who also received a \$600 Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation scholarship at the College Awards Banquet on June 13, will continue his studies next fall at the University of Victoria, where he plans to specialize in Geography, the discipline which received most of his attention at Cariboo.

He was raised in Toronto, where he came as a child from his native Scotland, and came to Kamloops originally to work at Tod Mountain. But when the Welding program opened at Cariboo College he enrolled in the initial class, proceeded to graduate and to work at the trade for the next few years.

Returning to the College in 1978 as a relief instructor in welding, McKee decided to broaden his education and enrolled in the University Transfer program. He concentrated on Geography, he says, "because both human and physical geography have always interested me. I enjoy working with people."

During the summer of 1979 McKee combined his mechanical skills and his interest in his chosen discipline in the installation of weather monitoring devices and laboratory equipment for the College areas devoted to Geography and meteorological studies.

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