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Administrative Vice-Principal Leo Perra of Cariboo College will be leaving his post on August 15 to become Principal of Selkirk College in Castlegar, it was announced today by Cariboo Principal Charles W. Brewster.

"This is certainly a case of mixed emotions for the staff and students at Cariboo," Brewster said. "In fact, it's no cliché to say that Selkirk's gain is our loss. They're getting a dedicated and super-competent educational administrator."

Brewster's observation was concurred in by Andrew M. Smith of Williams Lake, Chairman of the Cariboo College Board. Smith noted that Perra, as Acting Principal, had played a key role in carrying the College through the difficult year or so following the resignation of the founding principal, Jack Harrison, including the period of labour problems in the summer and fall of 1978.

Upon Brewster's appointment as Principal a year ago, Perra returned to administrative duties as Vice-Principal. One of his major activities during the past year has been supervising the assembly, tabulation and analysis of huge masses of survey data which will form the basis of the College's forthcoming Educational Plan.

Perra has been associated with Cariboo College since 1971. He became Director of Continuing Education for the region's northern area at that time, continuing and expanding the work he had been doing as adult education director for School District 27 (Williams Lake) since 1968. In 1974 he moved to Kamloops as Vice Principal of the College. In 1969 he took an active role in supporting the plebescite which led to the inclusion of the Williams Lake area in the Cariboo College region.

A native of northwestern Alberta, Perra is a graduate of the University of Alberta Faculty of Education. After a period of teaching in that province, he moved to Kamloops as a secondary school teacher in 1965, and served as evening school principal from 1966 to 1968.

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