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NEWS RELEASE

C.U.P.E. Local 900 Business Agent Bill Ferguson and Cariboo College Principal Chuck Brewster announced today that the College had successfully negotiated a new collective agreement with its support staff bargaining unit. Ferguson stated that the new collective agreement which runs from July 1, 1979, until June 30, 1981, provides for an increase of seven (7) per cent during the first year with an additional nine (9) per cent increase during the second year of the contract. In addition, the College agreed to an increase in dental plan benefits for support staff employees.

The new agreement, which was concluded with the assistance of Ministry of Labour mediator Phil Phillips "represents a sincere and dedicated effort to reach an acceptable contract by the negotiating committees of both parties," Brewster said. "Negotiating is often a thankless task," he continued, "and it is important for the public to realize the efforts made by both sides to reach an agreement."

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