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Far-reaching questions about energy, growth and land use, and other issues vital to the future of the British Columbia Interior will be explored by an impressive array of experts at Cariboo College on May 23 and 24.

The weekend "Alternatives for Growth" Forum, in which all interested persons are invited to participate, will have as keynote speaker Professor Melvin Kranzberg of the Georgia Institute of Technology, a pioneer in technological history, president of the Scientific Research Council and the author of numerous books, including the recent "Energy and the Way We Live".

Dr. Kranzberg's address on Friday evening is entitled "Technology Is the Answer, but That's not the Question".

Senator Ed Lawson will also play an important role in the forum as the moderator for the Saturday morning panel discussion, and B.C. Minister of Forests Tom Waterland will be the Saturday luncheon speaker.

Panel members for Saturday morning include:

Robert Kadlec of Vancouver, president of Inland Natural Gas Ltd.; Phil Esmonde, coordinator of the NRG Project in Vernon; Denis O'Gorman, Victoria, director of the Environmental Land Use Secretariat; Ruben Nelson, futurist from Ottawa; Cliff Stainsby, Vancouver, Executive Director of SPEC; and Lawrence A. Smithers, Regional Director of Environment Canada for the Pacific and Yukon region.

Saturday afternoon will be devoted to workshops and a concluding report.

Workshop topics include energy needs and policies, land use, resource management, economic implications of growth, limiting of growth, and public involvement in decision-making.

Resource persons for the workshops will include Dr. Kranzberg and the various panel members, plus J. Allan Hermanson of Edmonton, regional manager of planning for the Canadian National Railway.

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All sessions will take place on the main Kamloops campus of the College: the plenary sessions in the Student Lounge, luncheon in the cafeteria, and workshops in the main building.

Registration fee of \$10 covers the Saturday luncheon and coffee service. The Continuing Education office at Cariboo College (phone 274-0123, extension 281) has further information.

The forum is patterned on a similar one held in Vancouver last October. Cooperating agencies and organizations, in addition to the College, include the City of Kamloops, B.C. Telephone, B.C. Hydro, Canadian National, Weyerhaeuser Canada, Southern Interior Construction Association, Federal Business Development Bank, along with conservation organizations and concerned citizens.

Dianne Kerr of the College's Department of Continuing Education, who has coordinated the planning of the forum, will preside at the opening session on Friday evening.

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