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All Fine Arts and related courses at Cariboo College will be offered in spacious new quarters on the main Kamloops campus beginning next September.

The announcement by Principal C.W. Brewster that construction on the \$750,000 project would be under way by mid-April was greeted by a chorus of "at last!" by students and faculty. For the past decade studio classes have been held at the Kamloops Indian Residential School, three miles from the main campus, necessitating shuttle transportation and other inconveniences.

The new installation is scheduled for completion in August, and should be fully equipped and ready for study by the start of the fall semester.

The structure contains 15,300 square feet. It will be located on the Dalhousie Road extension, opposite the Day Care Centre and adjoining the Archaeology laboratory, a short walk from the main campus facilities.

It will provide ample studio and auxiliary areas for sculpture and ceramics in addition to the studios earmarked for painting and drawing classes. The graphic design setup will include a darkroom and a print reproduction room.

"The significance to the College and the community of this long-awaited structure is immeasurable," Brewster commented. "In addition to giving our full-time and part-time students---currently about 200---a properly located home, it opens up interesting possibilities for service to the art-minded people of the area."

He explained that ready access to other College facilities and services---library, cafeteria, administration, etc.---would encourage the offering of special workshops and other programs, in addition to a range of evening classes not feasible in the off-campus location.

The installation will consist of 20 pre-fabricated units, each 12 by 64 feet, assembled in an L-shaped pattern for maximum studio light and efficiency.

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The exterior will consist of pre-finished spruce siding with cedar fascia at the roof-line.

The Fine Arts offerings of the College include a full range of studio and classroom courses, most of them carrying university transfer credit, plus a one-year certificate program in Commercial Art and Printing.

The faculty currently consists of four full-time instructors, supplemented by several part-time instructors in specialized courses.

Information about the Cariboo College Fine Arts programs can be obtained from the Office of the Registrar, 900 McGill Road, Kamloops, V2C 5N3, or by telephoning 374-0123.

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