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A workshop-style conference on "Women's Work" ---paid and unpaid--- has been scheduled for Cariboo College on Friday evening and Saturday, March 6-7, by the Community Advisory Committee to the College's Women's Access Centre.

The conference is open to men working with women as well as to interested women, according to Committee Chairperson Sandy Northrup.

Participants will hear a keynote speech Friday evening by a women's employment expert and can take part on Saturday in their choice of any three dialogue-type workshops on topics ranging from women in trade unions to the legal rights of housewives.

Resource people for the workshops are drawn from Vancouver as well as the Kamloops area. They include native leaders, professional women and representatives of trades and career groups.

The conference was made possible by a \$2,500 grant from the Federal Secretary of State for Communications, which has enabled the committee to set the full conference registration fee at only \$10, Northrup said. Free child-care will be provided on Saturday for three- to six-year-olds.

The keynote speaker, Jo Mitchell, is a former coordinator of women's liaison counsellors for the Canada Employment and Immigration Centres in the Pacific region. She is currently special adviser to a model women's employment centre in Vancouver.

Workshops on Saturday are in three groups:

Session A (9:00-10:15 a.m.)---Women's Work in a Man's World; Volunteering, Pros and Cons; Women and Unions; Personal Development (Grooming, Poise, Fashion).

Session B (10:45-12:15)---Hazards of Housewifery; Moving Up: Issues in Career Advancement; Sexual Harassment.

Session C (1:15-2:45 p.m.)---Native Women Working for Native Women; Women in Trades; Women in Professions; Motherhood Not Martyrdom.

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Detailed programs and registration forms can be obtained from Lynn Thomson of the Women's Access Centre at the College (telephone 374-0123, Local 295) or from the committee secretary, Dian Aylwin (374-0123, Local 228).

Registration forms are also available from public libraries and Cariboo College Community Coordinators. Out-of-town participants who register before February 27th may request billeting for Friday night.

Other members of the advisory committee are Laara Atley, Debbie Austin, Mia Gordon, Nona Knox, Anne Molnar, Jeanne Perreault, Ruth Rae, Sue Rush, Susan Safford, Muriel Sasakamoose and Barbara Stobie.

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