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Cariboo College has announced the appointment of directors for three of its four instructional divisions. All three are members of the College staff who will be assuming additional responsibilities. The appointments, effective September 1, are: Director, Science and Health Sciences Division: Dr. David J. Cane. Director, Vocational and Industrial Division: Benjamin L. Eldridge. Director, Business and Mathematics Division: Richard M. Olesen. A further appointment to the position of Director, Arts and Humanities Division, will be announced shortly, according to College officials.

Dr. Cane, who has been Chairperson of the Physical and Life Sciences Department since May 1981, completed his undergraduate and graduate studies at the University of Birmingham, England, where he obtained his doctorate in Organometallic Chemistry. As well, he studied as a postdoctoral research fellow in the chemistry department at the University of Alberta, where he also served as a research associate and sessional lecturer.

He joined the faculty at Cariboo College as a chemistry instructor in August 1978.

As Director of the Sciences and Health Sciences Division, Dr. Cane will have overall responsibility for all courses and programs in General Science, Nursing, Medical Laboratory Technology, Respiratory Technology and Animal Health Technology.

Eldridge, presently the Assistant Director for Vocational and Industrial Training in the Continuing Education Department at the College, has been named as the Director of the Vocational and Industrial Division.

A journeyman auto mechanic with additional qualifications in automotive and heavy-duty mechanics, Eldridge began his teaching career in 1968 at Okanagan College, Kelowna. In 1972 he was transferred to Cariboo College to initiate the Heavy Duty Mechanics program. In 1975 he became Chairperson of the Mechanical Training Department, a position which he held until 1980 when he became the Provincial Industrial Training Consultant for the Cariboo-Okanagan region. The following year he was appointed to the position of Assistant Director, Continuing Education.

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In his new role, Eldridge will be responsible for all courses and programs in the mechanical, carpentry, welding, electrical, electronics and food training departments as well as for the part-time vocational courses and the Training Access (TRAC) program.

Olesen, presently the Chairperson of the Business Administration, Commerce and Economics Department, has been appointed to the position of Director, Business and Mathematics Division. He holds an A.B. (Economics) from the University of California, Berkeley, and an M.A. (Economics) from the University of British Columbia, where he gained his initial experience in teaching. He also spent a year of study as a researcher at the University of Manchester's Northwest Museum of Science and Industry.

Olesen joined the faculty at Cariboo College in 1971 where he taught a range of business and economics courses over the years. In 1980-81 he served in Ottawa as Executive Assistant to the Honourable Nelson Riis, M.P. for Kamloops-Shuswap.

On his return to Cariboo College in 1981 Mr. Olesen became Chairperson of the Department of Business Administration, Commerce and Economics.

In his director's role he will be responsible for all courses and programs in Business Administration, Computing, Computer Systems Operation and Management, Economics, Commerce and Mathematics as well as for the Cariboo College Management Centre.

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