

The Western Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada

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Good day

Good day, my colleagues. In the previous newsletter, I wrote about making resolutions to do much better in a number of areas. I just want to assure you that I really did get this message to Marnie McFarlane much earlier than last time. I'm still late, but I like to think I'm doing Much Better. Unfortunately, I won't get another chance to dazzle you with my improvements yet again, as my term as President is up this month. But I'm sure the incoming President, David McLeod (Brandon U), will have his own ways of impressing you.

Every two years, a number of WARUCC Executive members have to step down, and it is with regret that we say goodbye to the following people:

Joan Fraser (Athabasca U) finishes her term as Past President. I am deeply indebted to Joan, who has a great memory and a wonderful understanding of and commitment to this organization. Thank you, Joan.

Lawrence Van Beek (TWU) finishes his 4-year term as Member-at-Large from B.C. Lawrence has a deep love of big 4X4s, and regularly reminds me that he is playing tennis while I'm struggling to work in a blizzard. He has represented B.C. well, has obvious capabilities & wisdom, and made sure that we all had a laugh along the way. Thanks Larry.

Janet Denford agreed to serve as Secretary/Treasurer for 2 years, and in those two years, has made things so clear for us. Janet has an amazing ability to summarize and clarify our position, and she has an astonishing administrative mind. Thank you, Janet.

Claude Lang stepped in to the vacated position of Member-at-Large for Saskatchewan, and has done a great job. He's agreed to let his name stand to complete a full term as MAL. Thank you, Claude.

Marnie McFarlane is stepping down after five years as Newsletter Editor. She's a wonderful editor, demonstrating great patience with Yours Truly. She has overseen the transition from a paper newsletter to an electronic newsletter. I've really appreciated Marnie's work, and am sad to see her go. Thank you, Marnie.

I'll be tapping some of you on the shoulder to consider serving in one of these roles. If you know someone who would do well in one of these positions, please let me know. My email address is gmcmillan@briercrest.ca

Hope to see you in

Moose Jaw at

WARUCC 2003!



by Grant McMillan,
President of Warucc

news from British Columbia

Douglas College is expanding. We have received funding to add a fifth and sixth floor to the north side of our New Westminster campus. This expansion will focus on creating a "Teaching and Learning Technology Centre", centralizing student labs in the new space and freeing up space elsewhere for other College use with emphasis on general purpose classrooms.

Our Summer semester has just commenced and we have a record number of students attending classes this summer, spread over both of our campuses in New Westminster and Coquitlam. Our registration head count is up approximately 44% over last summer. All of our students must register online and this summer we implemented a new feature of e-payment. We were pleasantly surprised that approximately 21% of our students paid their fees over the web. We anticipate this will grow each semester.

We have also implemented Web for Faculty. In the Fall 2002 semester, 28% of our faculty submitted their grades online. A substantial increase to 60% of our faculty submitted their grades online at the end of the Winter semester. Again, we expect this to increase in subsequent semesters.

In order to promote and maximize student success, Douglas College has established and will be implementing a

minimum general admission requirement for open enrollment program areas in Language Literature and Performing Arts, Science and Technology, Commerce and Business

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Administration, Health Sciences, and Student Development. Applicants are required to have achieved a **grade of C or above in English 12 or an approved equivalent.** Where students have not achieved this standard, they would be limited to the appropriate Developmental Education

courses. This requirement will come into effect for the Fall 2004 intake.

Most recently we have implemented an appointment booking system that interfaces with our Student Information System (Banner). This system allows us to book appointments for Academic Advisors, irrespective of what campus. Our Counselling Office and our Financial Aid Office will also be utilizing this system. Future plans include utilizing the system to book Assessment Testing and ultimately, to move the module online to allow students to book their own appointments.

Brenda Walton, Associate Registrar,
Admissions & Information Services

Kathy Wainman, Manager of Scheduling at **Kwantlen University College**, wins the Association of Canadian Community Colleges Staff Excellence Award for 2003!

Kathy joined the Office of the Registrar in a front line position, as an Admissions Assistant. Her problem solving skills and her aptitude for working with complex technical systems became readily apparent. A few years later Kathy received a significant promotion to the position of Admissions/Registration Coordinator. It is in this position that Kathy has proven to be an invaluable member of the Office of the Registrar. Over the years she has played a significant role in several records systems upgrades and spearheaded the move towards several on-line

applications such as student registration over the web and admissions over the web. Kathy has been the liaison between the Office of the Registrar and our Information and Educational Technology office when implementing such systems. She has also been the principle trainer for staff in using these new systems. She meets technological challenges with interest and vigor and is patient with others when training them on the use of new systems. Her technological aptitude and her strong sense of teamwork has led her to assist other areas of the institution with their systems challenges. Kathy is fondly known as our "Student Banner Guru."

All of us in the Office of the Registrar wish to congratulate Kathy for her hard work and dedication.

news from Alberta

submitted by Mike Sekulic, Alberta
Member at Large for WARUCC

Spring's Arrived, but ...

If you live in Southern Alberta you know Winter did not want to depart without the special gift of a blizzard during the last week of April. Calgary ground to halt and surrounding roads became impassable as a thick, heavy blanket of snow covered the city. The University cancelled final exam sittings scheduled for the evening of Saturday, April 26. I should have known it would snow – I washed my truck and put my snowbrush and snow shovel away just a few days before the blizzard hit!

Fairview College & Nait Merge

Fairview College and The Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) have agreed to enter into a partnership to increase the number and diversity of programs offered to post-secondary students in northwest Alberta. Under the agreement, NAIT assumes responsibility for the administration of Fairview College, effective July 1, 2004.

"The key of opportunity" is an important symbol historically for Fairview College. A key was used in the grand opening

Left to right: Dr. Sam Shaw, president of NAIT; Brian Butlin, board chair of NAIT; Dr. Lyle Oberg, Minister of Learning; Frank Lovsin, board chair of Fairview College; Daniel Dunwoody, president of Fairview College

ceremony in 1951, and several times since. An image of this particular key appears on the college coat of arms. Yesterday's event symbolized the turning of a key — a BIG key -- of opportunity for students and communities in Alberta's north.

In making the announcement, Fairview College President Daniel Dunwoody stressed NAIT's commitment to maintaining and building on Fairview College's reputation for serving students in its six communities. "This partnership means that students in Alberta's northwest region will gain access to a broader range of options," said Dunwoody. "As a result, Alberta's post-secondary system will be strengthened."

NAIT President Sam Shaw noted that the partnership is consistent with the Campus Alberta concept. "Campus Alberta promotes collaboration, accessibility and responsiveness," said Shaw. "Campus Alberta also recognizes the advantages of education providers

working together to better meet learners' needs and improve the efficient use of available resources. This agreement offers a creative long-term solution to meeting the needs of students, business and industry in northwest Alberta."

"I applaud the Boards of NAIT and Fairview for their initiative in working together to benefit students," said Learning Minister Dr. Lyle Oberg. "This unique partnership will provide students more options and that's what Campus Alberta is all about - institutions working together to better respond to student needs."

At present NAIT trains approximately 59,000 full, part-time and continuing education students, employs 2,400 staff and has an annual budget of \$170 million. Fairview College trains more than 5,000 full, part-time and continuing education students, employs 300 staff and operates with an annual budget of \$20 million.

"We're on the verge of something truly tremendous," said Minister Oberg. "The

opportunities will be truly world class for students in the north." The minister commended everyone involved for their hard work in bringing this partnership to pass, and mentioned how important it is for post-secondary institutions to work together to build Campus Alberta. "The NAIT and



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Fairview College partnership is the best example of Campus Alberta we have today.”

“We have a saying at NAIT—‘bring on the future’,” said Dr. Shaw. “What I’d like to say to all of us is ‘Let’s bring on the future together’.”

Southern Alberta Institute of Technology

Employers pursue SAIT students

by Leah Pugh

Companies from as far as Florida are contacting SAIT’s Student Employment Centre to set-up interviews on campus with SAIT students. Schlumberger, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Inventa Sales & Promotions and Hyatt Regency Coconut Point are a few of the companies looking at SAIT students to fill summer and full-time positions.

Since November 2002, the Student Employment Centre has set up interviews for 11 different companies with over 100 SAIT students. “Considering that companies are seeking SAIT students as potential employees, it is convenient for interviews to be held on campus,” said Dawn McInnes, Employment and Event Specialist in Customer Services. “We set up everything for the employer — from booking the rooms to contacting the chosen candidates for the interview.”

NOVA Chemicals is one of the companies that recently held interviews at SAIT. “We have interviewed students from Power Engineering, Industrial Instrumentation, Chemical Technology and Information Systems programs,” said Amanda Borle, Human Resources,

NOVA Chemicals. “Four students from the Chemical Technology program were recently hired for our Joffre plant.”

Hyatt Regency Coconut Point flew in from Florida on March 13 to interview students from the Hotel Restaurant Management and Professional Cooking programs. There were approximately 35 students interviewed throughout the day.

“The enthusiasm and quality of students that we interviewed was very impressive,” said Lydia Berlage, Employee Relations for Hyatt Regency Coconut Point. “We will definitely be hiring from SAIT and coming back next year for more interviews.”

EnCana, Petro-Canada, Imperial and ExxonMobil are a few of the companies that repeatedly conducted interviews on-campus. “It is great to see companies coming back year after year to arrange on-campus interviews,” said McInnes. “This indicates that SAIT students are having successful interviews and obtaining employment.”

Setting up interviews on campus is convenient for both employers and students. “Helping students find employability during or after their stay at SAIT is really important to us,” said McInnes. “Arranging interviews on-campus has proven to be very effective for both employers and students.”

The Student Employment Centre also provides job postings on-line, resume critiquing and job search workshops. For more information regarding student employment services, please contact 284-7313 or e-mail student.employment@sait.ca.

SAIT Responds to Industry

by: Shauna Lowry

In response to industry demand, SAIT has made several changes to its programs. These changes more accurately reflect the type of learning our students are gaining while preparing them for the workforce. These changes include:

- 1. Administrative Information Management** – this two-year diploma will replace SAIT’s one-year Office Assistant certificate and two-year Office Administration diploma. The new program will focus more on technology providing courses in computer applications, web page design and database design along with traditional administrative skills.
- 2. Professional Cooking** – a required 8-week paid internship between the second and third semester has been added to the Professional Cooking program. This will provide another opportunity for students to apply their training in a work environment. This also provides students with an opportunity to network with industry, hone their job search skills and potentially find employment upon graduation.
- 3. Professional Baking** – SAIT has changed the name of its Commercial Baking program to Professional Baking. This better reflects the nature of the training and employment opportunities available to graduates.
- 4. Nutrition for Healthy Lifestyles** - This certificate program will replace SAIT’s Food and Nutrition Management diploma. The new certificate will prepare students to work as nutrition educators and health promotion consultants in fitness and community recreation centres, weight-loss centres corporate wellness, wellness spas and non-profit health education organizations. This training will also allow professionals already working in health and wellness to enhance their career opportunities by

gaining nutrition knowledge and skills.

5. Technology Infrastructure Management – in order to meet the demanding changes of the IT industry, SAIT has revamped its Information Technology Professional program. This new certificate will prepare individuals to plan and manage the technology infrastructure of an enterprise. This preparation includes knowledge and skill development in business operations, communication, and leadership. The technology focus of this program will be network management, with an emphasis on project management, business effectiveness, and security of the complete technology infrastructure.

6. Medical Radiologic Technology – SAIT has received approval to offer the Medical Radiologic Technology diploma. This is the art and science of correctly positioning the patient and X-ray equipment to produce and record images for visualizing the extent of disease or injury to a patient. The Medical Radiologic Technologist is responsible for the safe and competent operation of a wide range of X-ray generating machines, film processing units and accessory equipment.

For more information on SAIT's programs, visit our web site (www.sait.ca), email advising@sait.ca or phone 284.7248 (toll free 1.877.284.7248).

University of Alberta

Byrne Appointed Registrar

Carole Byrne has been appointed the new Registrar of the University of Alberta—accomplishing a personal life-

long goal.

“I’ve always wanted to be the registrar of a major institution,” says Byrne, recalling the career objective she set in the mid-1970s while working as a timetable clerk at Dawson College in Montreal. “I looked at the registrar’s position there and thought ‘I could do that. I could do



a really great job in that job.’ It’s been on my mind ever since. And having gone to four universities to get my first degree and two to get my second, I felt I knew the university scene.”

Byrne was initially drawn into the realm of university administration while completing a BA Honors in Psychology at McGill

University. After completing her studies, she worked three years at Vanier College, then moved west to Alberta and got her first taste of the U of A campus as Administrative Officer for the Department of English.

She went on to hold a variety of administration management positions in the private sector and other postsecondary institutions, including Student Services Officer for the University of Calgary and Registrar and Manager - Program Services for The Banff Centre’s School of Fine Arts.

She returned to the U of A campus in 1998 as Associate Registrar and Director of Admissions and served as Acting Registrar since March 2002. One of Byrne’s main objectives as Registrar is to make the World Wide Web a stronger force in providing services to the university community.

“It’s really important to help develop a web that students, staff and faculty want to use,” says Byrne. “I want them to use the web because it’s a service they find useful, not because it’s something that’s imposed.”

She also wants to establish an advisory committee of students, faculty and staff to provide input and feedback on how the Registrar’s Office serves campus.

“We have to listen to our customers and give them the services they require rather than providing the services we think they need.”

Byrne also envisions an single-access, all-encompassing application form which a prospective student could use to apply for

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admission, housing—even award competitions.

“I really believe going to university is a life-changing event for young people and being a part of that is tremendous,” she says.

Byrne, who holds a MBA in Marketing from the University of Calgary, is the U of A's seventh Registrar and the first woman to hold the post.

U Of A

Names new

VP (Academic) and Provost

Dr Carl Amrhein—dean of the University of Toronto's Faculty of Arts and Science—is heading west to become the U of A's new Provost and Vice-President (Academic) September 1, 2003.

Born in Pittsburgh, PA, Amrhein joined the University of Toronto in 1986 as an assistant professor in geography after studying at Pennsylvania State University and State University of New York at Buffalo.

Amrhein replaces the U of A's outgoing Provost and VP (Academic) Dr Doug Owram, who has held the post for nearly nine years.

U of A e-Recruits with Chatroom

The Office of the Registrar and Student Awards has launched monthly online chat sessions to assist prospective students.

More than 100 students logged on in March to talk about applying online with advisors from the Registrar's Office and Faculties. April's session saw more than 200 students chatting and learning about registration.

The chatrooms are a great opportunity for students to learn more about the

U of A and to connect with other future U of A students.

Making the Move to Letter Grades

In September, the University of Alberta will implement a letter grading system with a four-point scale of numerical equivalents for calculating grade point averages (GPAs) and class/course means on transcripts.

The new letter grading system will affect the grading of both undergraduate and graduate students, and replaces the nine-point scale that has been in place since 1966.

For more information see www.grades.ualberta.ca

Tuition Increase and Program Fees Approved

The University of Alberta approved a general tuition fee increase of 6.9 percent for all Faculties and programs effective September 1, 2003.

In addition, the U of A will introduce program fees for three degrees: MD, LLB and MBA.

For more information see www.registrar.ualberta.ca/fees

Bear Tracks, an Exciting New Web Service for Students

Last summer, the U of A launched an enhanced, interactive, web-based service offering online registration and much more.

Applicants can check on their admission status and document requirements; registering students can view course listings and search the Class Schedule for available sections; add, drop, swap classes; view and print timetables and exam schedules; view financial holds; access grades; and maintain contact information.

Following two registration periods with students using Bear Tracks, the U of A discontinued its telephone registration system in January. As of mid-April, more than half of the new and continuing students had successfully completed registration for Fall 2003/Winter 2004 using Bear Tracks.

Reducing the Cost of the Calendar

A Calendar Review Committee, with student and cross-campus representation, has been established to assess the feasibility of moving to a fully web-based Calendar.

The Committee will identify the major issues involved in such a change and discuss the needs of the various users prior to presenting recommendations to senior University officials in early fall 2003.

Currently, the U of A maintains an online Calendar and distributes a print

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version to new and continuing students, faculty and staff, and outside institutions.

OASIS Upgrade

The University of Alberta is currently upgrading its PeopleSoft Human Resources and Student Administration applications in partnership with service provider IBM.



The upgrade will move the applications to a web-based environment. This will allow direct, secure access for users, increased functionality and the ability to develop new applications to meet the needs of campus users.

The go-live date for this PeopleSoft upgrade is targeted for November 17, 2003.

or 5 years after last registration. With the impending implementation of IEDMS, this file room will be a thing of the past!

After an extensive evaluation of 16 vendors who replied to an RFP, we selected Microdea Inc., a small, dynamic and progressive Canadian company that specializes in document management and workflow solutions. We

scanned and the direct capture and indexing of admission correspondence produced from SIS.

Since all documents are stored electronically, complete with any annotations or notes, they can be shared by authorized users over the computer network and form part of a workflow and decision making process. The software has differing levels of functionality and system requirements depending on the user's role, but most users will only require a web browser and a low end PC in order to take part in this process or to view a student's file. While there are significant space saving advantages, the greatest benefits will accrue from vastly improved turnaround

times for many of our critical business processes such as admissions. In addition it is a critical component of a customer relationship management systemstaff will have the information at hand to accurately and quickly respond to enquiries without having to search for paper files or



scattered other sources.

Even in this first phase, all authorized users across campus (or the world, for that matter), not just those in Graduate Studies or the Registrar's Office will be able to view the electronic file

and participate in workflow. This will allow many faculty offices to eliminate the duplicate hard copy student files, which they now maintain. Future phases will see those other offices also creating (e.g. scanning) documents, which are unique to their business practices for inclusion in the same electronic student file.

University of Calgary

O Brave New World That Hath No Paper Files In It

by Fred Rosmanitz, Associate Registrar

What was just a gleam in some peoples' eyes has moved closer to reality. The Office of the Registrar and the Faculty of Graduate Studies was successful in obtaining funding for the introduction of an Integrated Electronic Document Management System (IEDMS). The IEDMS will replace the hard copy student file with an electronic file.

Several years ago the University of Calgary changed its hard copy file retention rules. Hard copy student files were destroyed 3 years after convocation

are now working with Microdea and expect to be operational in time for next year's admissions cycle.

The system will provide for the electronic storage, organization, sharing and viewing of documents which originated from a variety of sources, including paper, fax, email, or computer-generated correspondence. The system will be integrated with our Student Information System. This integration will include; the ability for authorized users to invoke the student's "virtual" file with a single keystroke while viewing that student in SIS, automatic indexing and verification of documents being

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I should stress that this initiative does not in any way detract or diminish our continual goal of reducing paper and moving more and more to an e-business environment, using self service web applications and electronic file transfers. In fact an IEDMS is much more than a repository of scanned paper images. It integrates and organizes all forms of information and business documents, no matter in what form they originated. Also, one of the first things we will tackle in this project is to have a hard look at which documents actually do need to be stored, even in an electronic format....just because we have been filing something for years, does not mean we will perpetuate practice in the electronic file!

While we have a lot of hard work and some tough decisions ahead of us this summer, we have a very capable and motivated team. The chance to do interesting work, which can make a real difference, is invigorating to all of us!

Back in the Block

After spending the winter in trailer "C", the Office of the Registrar and the Admissions Office moved back into renovated and updated space in MacKimmie Library Block. The renovations entailed more than a "face-lift" as the majority of the budget was spent on electrical, mechanical and data upgrades necessary to make older space function with today's technology.

While a modern office needs to support modern technology, better in person service remains a priority. Those familiar with the old "front counter" will notice the addition of a new service window. Behind the counter, extra counter space and stations have been provided so that at peak time more students can be served more quickly. The renovated front counter also allows

for wheel chair access (left of this photo).

Faculty, staff and students are "re-adjusting" to the change. After getting use to finding us in our temporary home in trailer "C" students made their way back to MacKimmie Library Block. As the final boxes are unpacked, the tours of the new space become less frequent, the last of the pictures are hung and other post-move odds and ends are sorted out, staff are settling into the steady hum of "business as usual" – with one big difference – clean, fresh space.

University of Lethbridge

by Leslie Lavers, Associate Vice President (Student Services) & Registrar

The Only Constant Is Change

Jay Dobson is leaving the Registrar's Office after more than 10 years service. As we say thanks and good by to Jay, we are welcoming Courtney Atkinson as Coordinator of Documents, Convocation and User Support! Courtney

comes to us from the University of Saskatchewan where he has completed an MBA. Jennifer Copeland, Courtney's wife, is starting at the Uof L in a tenure-track position, Department of Kinesiology. Courtney will be completing a 6 week internship in Japan (as part of his MBA) and then Jennifer and Courtney will spend 2 weeks in Thailand before starting at the UofL in mid-July. The unit is seeing some turnover, as Jody Gallais moved into the Convocation/Degree Audit position earlier this spring, up from our Recruitment operation. As well, Matthew Ellis, Calendar Editor is moving to Ontario so we are on the

hunt for a Calendar Editor.

We are also seeing interesting developments in both Counselling and Career and Employment Services. Several years ago, the UofL started a new graduate program in Counselling Psychology, housed in the Faculty of Education. After several trial attempts, we are happy to welcome up to three M.Ed. interns who will work in both these units. Barbara Williams (Counselling) and Pat Tanaka (CES) are both very pleased to see the increase in resources for students.

Having introduced a true on-line Application for Admission last year (where the database is updated from the Application), we have introduced our first web registration pilot. Debi Sandul, Associate Registrar, is heading up this pilot, to be followed shortly by web grade entry. Nobody in Registrar's Offices can ever sit on their laurels!

Debi Sandul was also a member of the National Transcript Project and we should all have received copies of the National Transcript Guide for use in Canadian Post-Secondary Institutions. Thanks to that committee for having the tenacity to make this happen. Ten years ago, who would ever have believed that this could have been accomplished!

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Fairview College to offer Early Childhood

Fairview College has announced a new program for its High Level campus this September. "We're pleased to offer Early Childhood Development as a one-year certificate program," says Fraser Deacon, director of Fairview College's High Level campus.

Fairview College is brokering the program from Grande Prairie Regional College in order to meet the needs of the community in High Level and area. Deacon observes that northwest Alberta has "some of the highest birthrates of any region in Alberta." With so many parents either employed or seeking employment, the need for daycare is growing. "I see the Early Childhood Development Certificate as formal education to provide the proper care for the children of workers," he says.

The director says the program is good for the college too. "It's great to have another program that can add diversity to our offerings and enrolment."

So far, interest has been high. According to Deacon, there is a concern that some applicants may not meet the admission requirements, particularly the English standard. The college has taken steps to assist students in this area. "Currently we are running the English Upgrade program to help individuals meet these requirements. Right now there are 8 or 9 individuals in that program."

The Early Childhood Development certificate program offers hands-on training in addition to the classroom work. Students will have the opportunity to spend time in daycare facilities, nursery school or kindergarten classrooms. Graduates will be qualified for entry-level positions in daycare centres, child health facilities or within the school systems. Or certificate holders could choose to continue their studies into diploma programs at other institutions.

"We're pleased to offer Early Childhood Development as a one-year certificate program," says Fraser Deacon

BC students attracted to Fairview College

The stats are in. Fairview College, based in Fairview, Alberta, conducted its annual student survey and this year's numbers were surprising—fully 26 per cent of the students at the main campus are from BC!

"We're pleased to be serving such a wide area," says Roger Warner, director of College and Community Relations. "And it's clear we provide a needed service."

The number one program of choice for BC students attending Fairview College is Animal Health Technology. A close second is the Equine Studies program, with majors in Horsemanship and Horse Training. The Turfgrass Management Technology and its related programs also attract a large number of BC students, as does the Harley-Davidson Technician program. All of these programs are offered at the main campus.

Although there are a few BC students scattered throughout the other five campuses—Grande Prairie, Peace River, High Level, La Crete and St. Albert—it's the main campus in Fairview that attracts the majority. Twenty-three per cent of the college's BC students hail from the northeastern part of the province (the Dawson Creek, Fort St. John and Fort Nelson region) and the rest come from Prince Rupert to Kamloops to Victoria and everywhere inbetween. In fact, this year's Fairview College valedictorian was Jenifer L. Lizotte of Vanderhoof.

As to how the BC students heard about Fairview College, fully 43 per cent cited word of mouth—alumni, friends, family, co-workers, etc.

"Our grads have an excellent reputation for being able to find good jobs. That kind of news travels fast," explains Warner.

For more information about Fairview College, go to www.fairviewcollege.com.

Who are the scientists?

The names of three scientists are written here, the vowels have been missed out. Replace the vowels to discover the three names.

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news from Saskatchewan

The opening of the new building of the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College on the University of Regina campus is scheduled for June 21. Designed by renowned architect Douglas Cardinal, the new College is an absolute beauty. You can see it as you drive through Regina on Highway One. SIFC departments are currently moving in, and telephone numbers are changing, so if you can't reach the person you want, call the main inquiries number at (306) 790-5950.

Other buildings are rising quickly at the U of R. Work is taking place concurrently on a new 700-bed residence in the heart of the campus and the Centre for Kinesiology, Health, and Sport. Both buildings will be pressed into service for the 2005 Canada Summer Games to be held in Regina. To prepare for construction, the U of R's Physical Plant moved almost 500 trees from the academic green to new homes around the campus, using one

of the largest tree spades in North America. On the prairies, we really know how to value trees!

Two major pan-provincial projects are currently under way with the generous support of Saskatchewan Learning:

- First, Campus Saskatchewan is joining the ranks of Canadian virtual campuses. Campus Saskatchewan is a consortium of Saskatchewan post-secondary institutions working together to maximize educational opportunities for Saskatchewan students through the provision of alternative-delivery and off-campus courses. It includes the development of complementary web courses and a suite of advantages for students who are visiting from one institution to another, including waiver of application and transcript fees; a

common, unified application and request for letter of permission that is accepted by SIAST, the U of R, and the U of S; and the automatic submission of grades at semester's end. Visit the website at www.campussaskatchewan.ca.

- The second initiative, which is closely allied to the first, is a Saskatchewan public-view electronic post-secondary transfer guide. This idea has been mooted before, but participants are determined that this time, the guide will be a 'go.' The plans are ambitious: course to course and program to program transfers both ways and including any Saskatchewan institution or organization that is recognized for credit by another. Watch this space for more news as the guide continues to take shape.

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And don't forget WARUCC 2003, Registrars in Hot Water. Saskatchewan post-secondary institutions are pulling together on a third front, this time to organize your biennial conference in the delightful prairie city of Moose Jaw. Be there!

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news from Manitoba

Assiniboine Community College

Province Announces new Wireless Telecommunications Technology Diploma at ACC

Assiniboine Community College will receive over \$300,000 from the province for the creation of a new wireless telecommunications diploma program, Advanced Education and Training Minister Diane McGifford announced today.

“The development of the telecommunications technology – wireless specialization program anticipates a growing demand for technologists as more companies switch to wireless services,” said McGifford. “Graduates of the program will meet the needs of business and industry in rural and urban Manitoba for multi-skilled telecommunications technologists.”

Wireless telecommunications technology includes cellular, computer, paging, mobile, radio and mobile satellite communications. No other college in the province has a technician or technology program specializing in wireless technologies.

“Under the College Expansion Initiative, our government continues to work with colleges around the province

to develop programs such as this to meet the needs of employers,” noted McGifford.

The Wireless Technology program came out of community consultation with Westman business and industry representatives. “As we move increasingly from a wired to a wireless

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world of data transmission and communication technologies, skilled technologists are required in Manitoba,” says College President

Brent Mills. “Assiniboine is once again on the cutting edge of technology with the introduction of the Wireless Technology program.”

There are approximately 10 million wireless devices currently used by Canadians on a daily basis, including 7 million wireless phones, more that 1.8

million pagers, 1 million mobile radios and 10,000 mobile satellite phones.

This new specialization is a two-year program beginning in September 2003. In the first year, students will be trained in the basics of telecommunications, and in the second year, students will focus on wireless technology.

“When designing the program, particular attention was given to the practical applications of wireless telecommunications,” says Information Technologies Academic Director Bonnie Proven. “Approximately 50 percent of all studies take place in cutting edge telecommunication and digital wireless lab facilities. Student’s courses will be in a wireless environment. An important component of the two-year program will be a mandatory, industry-based, cooperative work experience placement.”

The program will accommodate 15 students in each year of study.



having a bad day.



Little known Canadian Facts

Who was Canada's first female medical doctor?

The woman generally considered to have laid claim to this title is Emily Howard Stowe. Inspired by her husband's illness from tuberculosis, Stowe studied medicine at the New York Medical College for Women. The lifelong champion of women's rights and former Brantford, Ontario teacher was forced to study in the United States because no Canadian college would accept a female student.

Where is the narrowest building in the World?

Ripley's Believe It Or Not says the narrowest building in the world - is in Canada - and it's located on Pender Street in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Looking at the building from the side, it is four-feet, 11 inches wide and is 96 feet long along the street.

What is Canada's most valuable coin?

Money experts say the Canadian coin worth the most money is the 1911 silver dollar, which is valued at more than \$1 million. Its value is that high because only two were made, says Graham Esler, curator at the Bank of Canada Currency Museum in Ottawa.

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answer: Who's the scientist?

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Isaac Newton, Albert Einstein and Louis Pasteur

the answer is:

HI HO SILVER

Silver was the trusty stead of the masked, crime fighting "Lone Ranger". Hero extraordinaire and basic, all around "Cowboy Good Guy". The Lone Ranger was a weekly television show from the 50's.