



Historical Highlights

College of New Caledonia



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Mission statement

The College of New Caledonia, as a comprehensive college, provides access to lifelong learning and facilitates the achievement of personal and educational goals. We are responsive to the diverse needs of our students, our employees, and the communities in our region. In a dynamic, consultative environment, we deliver quality programs and promote the success of every student.

Honorary Founding Chairmen

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Principals/Presidents

1968–70 Wolfgang Franke

2004–06 Ralph M. Troschke

1970 Acting Principal, A. Enns

2006–07 Interim President, J. Bowman

1970–78 Dr. Frederick J. Speckeen

2007–13 John Bowman

1975–76 Acting Principal, G. Ingalls

2013–14 Interim President, B. Kulmatycki

1978–90 Charles J. McCaffray

2014–19 Henry Reiser

1990 Acting President, J. Blake

2019–19 Interim President, T.Szerencsi

1990–2004 Dr. Terence Weninger

2019– Dr. Dennis Johnson

Council/Board Chairs

1968–71 Sam Evans

1993–95 M. Lynne Garner

1971–74 J. Galt Wilson

1995–96 G. Keith Gordon

1974–75 Robert Affleck

1996–99 Marilyn G. Harkness

1975–76 Findlay Dingwall

1999–02 Murry Krause

1976–77 James Pritchard

2002–07 Art Robin

1977–80 Ruth Rushant

2007–10 Bruce Sutherland

1980–82 A. Howard Gibbon

2010–11 Ray Gerow

1982–83 Don Flynn

2011–14 Robert (Bob) Murray

1983–85 Robert Stewart

2014–15 Keith Playfair

1985–87 Glenn Barr

2015–16 Vince Prince

1987–88 John Blunt

2016–16 Jason Fisher

1988–90 Dr. Frank Lo

2016–18 Robert (Lee) Doney

1990–91 Marion Nielsen

2018– Gil Malfair

1991–93 Bob Buxton

Overview

The College of New Caledonia has served the needs of students in B.C.'s Central Interior since 1969—and with the inclusion of the B.C. Vocational School, since 1962.

The College region is approximately 117,500 sq. km. (or 12% of the province), with a population today exceeding 145,000. The region encompasses three school districts: #28 Quesnel, #57 Prince George, and #91 Nechako Lakes. College campuses are located at the sites shown on the map.

The College offers a full range of Career, Technical, Vocational, and University Credit programming. Average annual enrollment is approximately 5,000 students.



Key dates in our history

1958

BC Public Schools Act is amended to allow colleges to be established.

1959

School District 57 (Prince George) goes on record supporting “the need for a junior college in this area” (January, moved by Harold Moffat and A.W. Wilson) and applying for “the establishment of a school district college” (June).

1962

The provincial MacDonald Report on Higher Education recommends that four colleges be established, in Prince George, South Cariboo, Kootenays, and Okanagan.

On the vocational side, a B.C. Vocational School is set up in Prince George, with facilities officially opened in June 1964.



First automotive class

1963

Other school districts become involved. A “Regional College Committee” is formed, under the northern Interior Branch of the B.C. School Trustees Association to study all aspects of setting up a college in this region. The Committee is chaired by Dr. A.W. Mooney of Vanderhoof.

1967

In May, the Regional College Committee holds a press conference and announces that the new college will be called “New Caledonia,” a name given to the region by the early explorer, Simon Fraser.

On June 12, a plebiscite is held in six school districts: Quesnel, Smithers, Burns Lake, Vanderhoof, Prince George, McBride. Voters are asked: “Are you in favour of [your School District] participating in the establishment and operation of a Regional College, within the Central Interior area?” The plebiscite is accepted in all districts except Quesnel.

In November, the five accepting school districts appoint a College Council. It is comprised of provincial, school board and college council appointees. Chaired by provincial government appointee Sam Evans (engineer), the other government appointees are Harold Moffat (merchant), Al Mooney (doctor), and A.J. McDougal (mine manager). School Board appointees are J.G. Wilson (lawyer), Mrs. Dutton (housewife), A.G.A. Bolton (farmer), Mrs. Haggerty (housewife), and Mrs. Knoerr (housewife). The college council appointee will be the Principal, when hired.

1968

In March, the College Council holds its first meeting.

In August the Council announces that Mr. Wolfgang Franke has been hired to be the first Principal, effective September 1. Formerly, he was the Principal of Lambton College of Applied Arts and Technology in Ontario. The first administrative offices are set up in a portable building on the grounds of the Prince George Senior Secondary School.

In October, the Council submits a preliminary budget in anticipation of classes beginning in September 1969. The plan is for classes to be held in the Prince George Senior Secondary School between 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.. The budget allows for the acquisition of a first-class library and the latest scientific and technical equipment to be added to existing school laboratories. Tuition fees are set at \$250 a year (compared to \$460 at UBC).

Advisory committees are established to assist in planning programs: Chemical Technology (O.R. Affleck, Ross Craigie, John Wesch); Data Processing (David Boughey, Ron Buchanan), Early Childhood Education (Kelly LaVoie, Mrs. William de W. Mann, Reverend E.R. Powell); Electrical Technology (Howard Evan); Forest Technology (L.A. DeGrace, Merle Lloyd, Norman McRae); Mining Technology (J.M. Gibbs, E.T. Kimura, J.D. Wright); and Paramedical Courses (Joan Dawes, Colin Elliot, Dr. V.M. Fraser, Dr. J.C. Godell).

On November 7, a second plebiscite is held in the Quesnel School District and passes with a large majority.

On November 22, an Official Agreement to establish a Regional College is signed by the six participating school districts.

On December 7, a Capital Assets Referendum is held to raise \$411,500 for buildings and equipment. The referendum is accepted in Quesnel and McBride and rejected in the other four districts.

1969

In January, after reviewing the Referendum results, the Council decides to go ahead with plans to establish the College on an "operating funds only" basis, with financial assistance from participating school districts and using leased facilities at the Prince George Senior Secondary School. The total operating budget for the College in 1969 is \$314,302.



First registration

Over the summer, faculty are hired to teach courses in the first programs: (1) First Year University Arts and Science; (2) Administrative Science; (3) Data Processing; and (4) Early Childhood Education. The Library is set up on the mezzanine floor of the Secondary School Library.

In September, 253 students from all parts of the College region register for the first term.

On October 10, the College holds an official opening ceremony at Vanier Hall.

Education Minister Donald Brothers, MLA Ray Williston and Mayor Garvin Dezell are invited dignitaries. Guests receive the first issue of the newly-launched student newspaper, S'quun! ("fire" in Carrier).

1970

In February, Principal Wolfgang Franke resigns, citing disappointment with threatened budget cuts for 1970.

The College is much in the news, with Council debating (and approving) a motion to support new provincial legislation for regional colleges, several college employees not having their appointments renewed, and students organizing protests over pollution on the Fraser River and the war in Vietnam.

In April, the Council selects the college registrar, Dr. Abraham Enns, to be Acting Principal, and advertises to fill the position of Principal.

On May 1, the first convocation ceremony is held in Vanier Hall to honour the first five graduating students: Mrs. Phyllis Pidcock (valedictorian), Miss Ute Inkler, D'Arcy Gabriele, Miss Allyson Maxwell and Steven Buba.

In June, Dr. Frederick James Spekeen arrives to take on the duties of Principal, overseeing a staff of 31 and a student population of about 400. Previously, Dr. Spekeen was vice-principal of Cambrian College of Applied Arts and Technology in Sudbury.

Articulation with all four universities in British Columbia is achieved by June. UBC, Simon Fraser University, the University of Victoria and Notre Dame University have all agreed to grant credit for courses at CNC.

In August, the government announces that Grade 13 will be dropped from the B.C. education system in 1971, as regional colleges have taken over first year university education in local communities.

In September daytime classes are introduced, and the Forest Technology program is added. The program is headed by Bob Dunsmore, with an advisory committee comprised of Doug Little (Northwood Pulp), Larry de Grace (Industrial Forestry Service) and Bill Haviland (PG Pulp and Paper Mill).

In November, the first Council Chairman Sam Evans steps down on the occasion of his transfer to BC Tel's head office in Vancouver.

1971

In February, Prince George lawyer Galt Wilson is elected chairman of the Council.

In May, a Convocation is held for the first 37 graduates of the two-year program.

On July 9, the College amalgamates with the B.C. Vocational School to become a comprehensive community college, offering academic, technical, and vocational programs. This is the first of several college-vocational school mergers in B.C. The merger takes in a large number of students. In 1970/71, 810 vocational and 448 college enrollments were reported.



Graduates of 2-year program

CNC's administrative structure is reorganized under four deans: academic, career, vocational and continuing education. Vocational programs are funded 100% by the provincial government. Other programs are funded 60% by the province and 40% by the local region.

In the fall, the College's portable building housing administrative and faculty offices is moved from the Secondary School to the Vocational School site.

A semester system is introduced for the first time, dividing the year into a September- December term and a January-April term.

1972

On March 18, the College holds its first Open House. Displays feature a lie detector, laser beams, a space-scanning telescope, a film on Canadian history, welding demonstrations, and front-end alignment checks on visitors' cars. All departments take the opportunity to participate in this community event.



ECE program

In the spring, students in Allan Mackie's log building class build a cabin during the course.

In July, CNC announces a new admission policy to permit early admission for students who have completed Grade 11 with exceptional standing.

In August, UBC professor John Dennison completes a study of transfer students from colleges to Simon Fraser University. The results shows that all former CNC students have passed their courses, with 25% achieving grades of B or better. Dr. Dennison notes that "CNC has every reason to be most satisfied with the performance of its transfer students."

During mid-August, another 10,200 square foot portable building complex is added, to house the library and more classrooms and offices.

Senior citizens are pleased with the Council's decision in November to permit people over 65 to register free for college courses.

1973

In February at a School Board meeting in Burns Lake, Principal Speckeen reports on the space constraints facing the college and describes a proposal that has been sent to Victoria to address this.

On the weekend of April 6 and 7, the College hosts an Open House with tours of all program facilities.

Education Minister Eileen Dailly tours the campus in May. Discussions with Council Chairman Galt Wilson focus on the need to streamline the higher-level course approval process. Later that month, a model of a planned expansion is unveiled, with a 17,000 square foot food services building, a 20,000 square foot gymnasium and a 19,000 square foot library.

The government assumes 100% of capital financing for regional colleges.

In September, a new 8-month Forest Resource Technology program is offered, to provide students with practical skills and work experience to take positions in logging, sawmilling, pulp and paper, plywood manufacture and surveying.

Geology instructors capitalize on the popularity of interest in searching for gold by offering a Prospecting course. Students learn to identify rocks and minerals, techniques for finding mineral deposits, claim staking and other associated legal issues.

Early in December, the government announces that the proposed \$5.5 million expansion budget will be cut back by \$1.3 million. Areas immediately affected are administrative areas and fine arts.

1974

Council Chairman Galt Wilson is replaced by Bob Affleck. Wilson had been on the Council since its inception in 1969 and was a strong advocate for the college. He continues on as President of the BC Colleges Association.

By mid-February, the building plans have been further modified, eliminating an enclosed heated mall connecting the buildings.

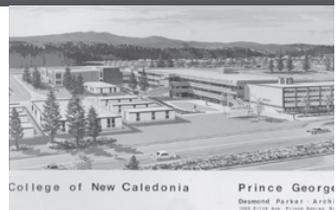
A new Director of Food Technology and Hospitality Services is hired to design the food services facility.

CNC students complete the building of a log home on Kerry Street. It is an attractive two-storey, gabled entrance home with a large wooden deck and is auctioned off for \$68,300.

In November, the College publishes a 397-page Carrier-English/English-Carrier dictionary. This project was begun in 1972 with the aid of a Canada Council grant.

1975

The Nechako Campus is the first regional campus to be opened. It serves Vanderhoof, Fort St. James, Fraser Lake and other communities in the area. Prior to this, courses throughout the College region have been offered by the College's Division of Adult and Community Education. Regional students attending classes in Prince George receive a living allowance of \$50 a month.



Architectural model

In March, the Council appoints acting replacements for Principal Speckeen and Student Services Director Dick Scales, who will take eight month sabbatical leaves in the fall. Gordon Ingalls, an instructor in English, philosophy and the humanities, is appointed Acting Principal for the July 1975-April 1976 period. Counsellor Ralph Maida is appointed to replace Dick Scales.

A large architectural model of the site expansion is set up on display, showing the configuration of college buildings expected to be in place by December 1976. The government commits \$11.8 million in capital funds for the expansion. Construction work begins.

On August 27, the board approves a request from Smithers and points west to leave CNC and join the newly-created Northwest Community College region.

In September, a new Registered Nursing diploma program is introduced, giving students an opportunity to train in a northern environment.

1976

The Lakes District Campus is established, to enhance educational opportunities in Burns Lake and surrounding communities.

The government announces further reductions in funding to post-secondary institutions. One of the courses that will no longer be funded is the log home building course, which has run successfully for eight years.

In December, the College asks school districts to make English placement tests mandatory for Grade 12 students. The purpose is to identify students needing help with writing skills in preparation for post-secondary education, to increase their chances of scholastic success.



Log home building

1977

In Mackenzie, a tripartite agreement between CNC, the Town of Mackenzie, and School District 57 leads to the establishment of the Mackenzie campus in the Town Centre Mall.

The gymnasium is opened. It will serve as a training facility for the new two-year university transfer program in Physical Education which starts in September.

College instructors John Harris and Barry McKinnon compile and edit a book of vignettes about life in Prince George entitled "The Pulp Mill," for use in English classes.

CNC's Audio-Visual Department produces a 33 1/3 rpm record of Carrier Songs and Music, to support the teaching of the Carrier language.

CNC celebrates the success of its 1,000th graduate of the General Education Development program. GED is a provincial government test of Grade 12 equivalency in Mathematics, English, Social Studies, Science and Literature. The award is presented to Mrs. Patricia Banks, whose overall average was 96% on the battery of tests.

CNC students build a train, the Fort George Express, for the miniature railroad in Fort George Park.

In August, Jim Blake is appointed Bursar and Chief Financial Officer.

In September, the government passes a new Colleges and Provincial Institutes Act, making each of the fourteen colleges legal entities in their own right. College councils become boards and school boards no longer have representation on college boards. The main financial responsibility for colleges shifts to the provincial government.

1978

The year begins with the announcement of Principal Speckeen's resignation, effective December 31. He notes that all of the objectives he was hired to accomplish will be in place by that date, including developing the college into a two-year institution, melding the college and vocational school, completing the building program, and expanding courses and programs throughout the college region. At the time of his appointment, college enrollment was about 400 students and by the beginning of 1978, it had surpassed 3,000.

In June, Board Chairman Ruth Rushant announces the appointment of Charles McCaffray to replace Principal Speckeen. The new Principal, who arrives on July 19, indicates his intention to increase regional involvement and expand the level of programs offered.

By mid-October, the newly constructed building, called the Vanderhoof Building, is ready for staff to move in. The mammoth task of moving the library begins in mid-December.

1979

Film Studies is a popular new course, offered in January by instructor Stan Shaffer.

Another is the first Astronomy course, developed by Dr. Bob Nelson using a \$2,000 telescope and a star map. Thanks to his efforts, by year-end, the government has agreed to provide \$12,600 towards the construction of a larger telescope and domed building. The site chosen for the new observatory is the south side of Tabor Mountain.



Official opening ceremony

On February 16, an official opening ceremony is held to celebrate the completion of the five-year \$10.5 million expansion in Prince George. Addresses are given by Premier Bill Bennett and MP Franke Oberle. Dr. Mooney and Harold Moffat are recognized as Founding Fathers for their role in establishing the college. Over the weekend, the public has access to racquetball courts and lessons in snowshoeing and cross country skiing. The vacant third floor, which could not be completed due to funding, becomes an indoor jogging track.

In February, the college signs an agreement with the BC Institute of Technology, allowing students to complete the first year of a general process industry course before moving on to BCIT for specialized courses.

In March, the cafeteria is opened and 600 customers enjoy food made from all fresh ingredients under the direction of food services manager Mike Wilson.

In April, a pilot project is announced to deliver instruction using the Anik B satellite. A \$1.2 million federal government grant is obtained to cover equipment costs and satellite air time. The satellite dish is installed in September.

In May the College receives an unusual gift. Artists Karin Cromar-Birch and David Cromar donate a 24-foot sculpture of an oolichan fish. Dubbed "Old Oolie" the creation is hoisted high above the courtyard on one of the college's exterior brick

walls.

Following five years of construction, CNC is finally landscaped in October. Heavy Equipment Operator students level the ground in preparation for seeding the lawns.

The City of Prince George provides loads of topsoil and the Red Rock Nursery donates numerous trees and shrubs.

1980

A Band course is offered in January. Director Norman Bakehouse develops a new 30-member Band, open to CNC students and any aspiring musicians in the city.

In January, the college signs an agreement with UBC for agricultural courses. It involves UBC faculty coming to Prince George to teach courses in animal science, soil science and agricultural economics. Faculty express concerns about this, and other recent agreements and the matter is not resolved until just short of going to arbitration.

In February, the government gives approval-in-principle for \$1.5 million to finish the 3rd floor of the Vanderhoof Building.

On February 5, Governor General Edward Shreyer visits to tour the campus and meet with recipients of the Governor General's Award.

In September, courses in broadcast journalism and broadcast television are offered for the first time, with students completing their first year at CNC and then transferring south to complete the second year.

In October, a building is acquired on Ogilvie Street to house a new carpentry apprenticeship program planned for the spring. The electrical apprenticeship program is expanded. The Fort George Trades Building is purchased and renovated to create more classrooms and shops.

Quesnel celebrates the opening of a refurbished educational centre on Reid Street. The four college programs (English as a Second Language, Employment Opportunities for Women, Business Office Training, and Basic Training for Skills Development) are together for the first time. Prior to this, programs were offered in various places, including the United Church in Quesnel and Alexandria and Nazko reserves.

A new Cook Training program is offered, and the first Daycare is opened.

1981

The college begins receiving Knowledge Network programming over the Anik-B satellite. Courses are organized in four-month semesters and students receive assistance from tutors to complete the courses.

Regional library services are established in February by the newly appointed Regional Librarian, John Backhouse. A 1,500 volume resource centre is opened in Mackenzie. Students in the college region are



Nechako campus

provided with access to the interlibrary loan system with the Prince George campus library.

Budget plans announced in June reflect a shift towards supporting more trades and vocational programs and reducing fine arts and language offerings. Faculty lodge a strong protest and file a complaint under the BC Labour Code.

In June, Heavy Equipment Operator students do the preparation work on a new stock car racing oval on Aitcheson Road near the top of Airport hill.

In August, plans for a two-year diploma program in Lumber and Plywood Technology are announced.

On August 14, the Ogilvie Street trades building is opened by Labour Minister Jack Heinrich. In his speech, the Minister comments on the alarming shortage of tradespeople. The government's goal is to increase the number of apprentices in training in the province from the current 14,000 to 20,000.

On November 20, the Nechako campus celebrates its move into the renovated St. John Hospital building in Vanderhoof.

1982

In February, the government places a freeze on capital spending. Projects at hospitals, colleges and universities are all affected. Budget restraints imposed include a 12 percent limit on budget increases for public institutions, including colleges, and a 10 percent limit on wage increases in the public sector.

CNC announces that it will accept foreign students. The board assures the public that the students will have to pay full fees and will be accepted on condition that they are not displacing other students.

In Fort St. James, a new waiter-waitress training program is offered using facilities at the high school.

New courses announced in March include a ten-week course in journalism for those considering a career in the news business, and a ten-week course in calligraphy.

In April and May the board struggles with the impact of government restraints. A number of positions are cut. Word is received that pre-apprenticeship programs will no longer be funded.

On May 12, the staff union, the Association of University and College Employees (AUCE) vote to join the Pulp, Paper and Woodworkers of Canada (PPWC).

In June, a new certificate program in Management Studies is announced to commence in the fall. The courses cover computer applications, financial management and cost control, advanced management communications, personnel administration, industrial relations, and management and supervisory skills.

In September, the 60,000 volume library automates its circulation system using software developed at Malaspina College in Nanaimo.

The Vanderhoof campus opens a new 700 volume library in October.

In November, the first graduates in the Piping Trades complete their training. The program has run six weeks a year for four years, with courses in steamfitting, plumbing, sprinklerfitting and gasfitting.

1983

In January, the English Language Proficiency Test is adopted as an entrance requirement for students in September. It is designed to identify students requiring remedial assistance before embarking on a program of study. A report on admission standards filed with the board also flags the need for stronger backgrounds in mathematics and science for technical programs.



Forestry students

CNC is awarded \$2.5 million from the federal government to purchase a CAD-CAM (computer aided design-computer aided manufacturing) system.

At the end of January, the Forest Resource Technology program receives accreditation from the Society of Engineering Technologists of BC.



Burns Lake campus

In April, the government approves the college's budget of \$14.5 million. The budget factors in expansion of nursing and introduction of a cooking program.

A Student Aid Committee is struck in April, with the goal of raising \$60,000 to fund the growing demand for scholarships, bursaries and loans. The committee is chaired by John Backhouse and includes Horst Sander, Bryson Stone, Alistair McVey, Peter Usher, Tage Mogensen, Cindy Hill and Shannon Martinsen.

For the first time, a summer semester is offered. The schedule includes two accounting courses, a computer information systems course, introductory courses in criminology and psychology, and an English literature composition course.

In June, in cooperation with the Emily Carr College of Art and Design, CNC announces that a two-year Art and Design program is being developed for the fall term.

Education Minister Jack Heinrich hails the joint effort as innovative and commends CNC for its initiative.

The Burns Lake campus, which shares space in a building with School District 55 Resource Centre, begins receiving Knowledge Network courses through a satellite dish installed on the roof.

A new computer lab is set up with 10 Apple II and 10 IBM-PC computers. People sign up for classes in "Buying a Personal Computer."

On November 23, the Northern Institute for Resource Studies is opened at CNC in a wing of the library. The Institute's goal is to promote economic development in the north. Mining Association of BC President Tex Enemark worked with the college,

corporate sponsors and government on its establishment.

A fun project in December is a "Name the Robot" contest for CNC's new Heathkit Hero robot.

1984

The administrative structure is changed, to allow the Principal to devote time away from his college duties, to attract industry and government support. A goal is to obtain federal funding for a high technology research centre in Prince George.

The library acquires a complete collection of BC Gazettes dating back to 1889, thanks to the efforts of the Provincial Archivist and CNC history instructor Frank Leonard.

A second Summer Semester is offered, but is subsequently cancelled due to low enrollment.

On August 28, the college's 160-member non-teaching staff union takes strike action. Classes are cancelled. The strike lasts for six weeks, ending the second week in October.

The Vancouver Foundation announces in September that it has ratified a proposal to create a special endowment fund for CNC. The agreement specifies that the college will make an initial \$10,000 investment and that for each \$25,000 raised, the Foundation will provide matching funds.

1985

Government restraint guidelines weigh heavily on the college system. CNC's response to Ministry priorities, shifting the emphasis from university transfer courses to trades and vocational programs, draws criticism. The driving factor for the changes is a \$250,000 operating deficit for the 1985-86 academic year.



Mackenzie campus

In March, three business courses offer a co-operative education experience enabling students to gain work experience prior to graduation. Computer Information Systems, Accounting and Finance, and Marketing and Management students participate in the only co-operative education program outside of the Lower Mainland.

The college begins negotiations on a first contract for part-time instructors.

A computerized exam grading system called Camelot is purchased to analyze the results of the new English and Mathematics Achievement Tests. All students entering the college in the fall need to write the tests. Computer-generated letters from the system give them their results and include suggestions for remedial work if necessary.

At the end of April, the business program celebrates the success of a new entrepreneurial studies course. A total of 19 second-year students, working in four groups, have developed new venture proposals. Eight Prince George businessmen are called in to judge the winner and award a \$1,000 prize. The winning business is

A-La-Kart, a hot dog service to run as a street vending operation downtown.

Despite efforts to garner interest, college enrollments decline in business, university transfer and forestry.

In May, a donation of computer software valued at \$1.2 million is received from a Boston company, for use in a new Centre of Advanced Resource Technology. The Centre has been set up as a separate entity from the college.

The Mackenzie campus moves to the Evergreen Mall.

In August, the Library holds an Amnesty Week during which people can return their overdue books without paying fines. The Principal is most grateful for the reprieve; he returns the largest number of books. In the same month, an 1878 edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica is donated, a fascinating source of information from a century ago. It was written at the height of the British Empire when Canada's population was just over four million people.

Efforts are underway to get an MBA program started in Prince George.

In November, CNC's \$200,000 travelling computer classroom is on the road visiting smaller centres in the college region to deliver computer-based training. This is the first program of its kind to be offered in BC.

1986

In the first week of March, faculty vote 83% in favour of a strike. The following week, the college reports that a collective agreement has been successfully negotiated with the assistance of a mediator from the Ministry of Labour.

In May, the government announces its disbursement plans for a special education fund. An amount of \$318,400 is granted to CNC. Bursar Jim Blake is quick to point out that even with the extra grant, the operating funds are still short about \$300,000 over last year's budget.

Further extra funding of \$170,000 is announced in May. This time, the money is for the purchase of equipment for the new Automotive Training Program and general maintenance and repairs at the campus. The Automotive program has been operating since September. It is an 18-month course comprised of 12 months of class training, six months of co-operative work term placement, followed by 30 months of employment as an automotive apprentice.

A project to construct a 94-unit \$1 million student residence is put on hold.

In September, the college announces that a City University-accredited MBA program will begin in January 1987.

CNC opens the Enterprise Development Centre as an outreach service to local business.

By December, the future of the separately constituted Centre for Advanced Resource Technologies looks doubtful as staff are laid off in the wake of funding cuts. Consultants are called in to suggest a future course. Extra funds are secured in the spring to allow it to continue to develop research and technology projects, under the direction of a full-time president with a science background.

1987

In February, construction of a \$1.3 million dental facility is announced, with plans to begin in May for completion by the end of the year. It will house the dental assisting program and the new dental hygiene program. Local dentists have helped to develop the hygiene program, the first to be offered outside of the Lower Mainland. The announcement attracts 140 applicants for the 20 program seats in hygiene.



New dental facility

In mid-March, Principal McCaffray announces plans to implement a trimester system in the fall, enabling programs to be offered year-round. Students express concern over increased fees and faculty debate the educational merits of the change.



Cook training

An Open House provides many opportunities to showcase the work of students in art programs. Painting, weaving, sculpture, pottery and three dimensional works are on display.

The R-2000 Builders' Qualification Course is offered in conjunction with the Canadian Home Builders' Association. The course teaches the methods required in constructing energy efficient homes.

Weekend courses towards degrees in Business Administration at the bachelor's and master's levels commence in April. Instruction is offered at the Prince George campus through City University.

Trees are planted along the Bypass at the front of the college.

In May, a drive begins to expand the college library. Shelves are overcrowded and more study seats are needed. The library director reports that demand for library services is so high that within the provincial interlibrary loan system, CNC's rate of use is second only to that of Simon Fraser University.

In August, a new Social Services training program is announced, to prepare people to serve the needs of the disabled. Students can earn a certificate through correspondence and distance learning.

CNC chefs David Fleck and Herman Wuest bring home five medals from the World Culinary Arts Festival.

In November, the college's multi-year plan highlights the need for more diploma programs in areas such as social work, early childhood education, gerontology nursing and speech therapy, and identifies the potential for degree-level programs.

1988

On January 9, a banquet is held to celebrate the official opening of the Dental Training Clinic.

In May, a Swedish company, SKF, donates a large vehicle equipped as a mobile demonstration unit for trades training.

A new 18-month Heavy Duty Mechanic program is launched. It consists of 12 months of instruction followed by six months of paid work term placements.

At the end of May, the college announces that it is running a deficit of almost a million dollars, the result of declining enrollments and an increase in operating costs.

In the fall, the college undertakes an institutional evaluation. A steering committee calls for volunteers to participate in conducting surveys, interviews and gathering data to get community input about suggestions for improvement and development of CNC.

The board announces in December that Advanced Level University Science Programs will begin in the following fall term. Named "Science One," the program is designed for high achievers in Grade 12 interested in working towards degrees in the sciences or engineering.

1989

In January, the first Food Safe course is offered for anyone in the food service industry who wish to become credentialed as a Registered Food Handler by the Ministry of Health.

A Prior Learning Assessment program is introduced, giving people the opportunity to obtain college credits for learning experience obtained through work, travel, volunteering or other pursuits. Potential students are encouraged to assemble a portfolio describing their experiences and bring it to the college for evaluation.

On January 21, Advanced Education Minister Stan Hagen officiates at the opening of the expanded and renovated college premises in Quesnel.

At the end of March, CNC announces a 16-week Nurse Refresher Program for the fall.

Good news comes in April with a 12% increase in funding for the college. The funding is from the government's Access For All initiative to expand opportunities for post-secondary education. The increase amounts to \$1.4 million, making a total budget of \$13.3 million for the 1989-90 year. The college expects to provide extra spaces in Early Childhood Education, University Transfer and Career/Technical divisions.

At the end of May, the board unveils plans for a \$7 million improvement to the Prince George campus, to connect the trades building with the main building, improve the entrance and add a new amphitheatre.

The Danson site is acquired in the BCR Industrial site, and renovated to provide space for Heavy Duty Equipment courses.

With the fall term, a series of faculty photographs and biographies is placed in the newspaper to highlight their expertise and academic credentials.

The CNC institutional evaluation committee's work is reviewed by an external team.

The team's report is critical of various aspects of college operations, while acknowledging that CNC has strong community and regional support and other positive points.

1990

In January, Principal McCaffray is released from his contract, and accepts a position as President of Yukon College. College Bursar Jim Blake is appointed Acting President while the Board undertakes the process of recruiting and filling the position. The title of Principal is changed to President.

A second attempt to build a student residence is shelved, after an increase in bank lending rates renders the project no longer financially feasible. The earlier plan in 1986/87 had been abandoned because Prince George had a high vacancy rate and affordable housing was available.

By the end of May, a million dollar budget shortfall poses serious problems for coping with rising registration numbers anticipated for the fall term. Plans to expand university transfer courses and upgrade labs and equipment have to be scaled back. The board also decides to end a \$75 a month housing subsidy for out-of-town students.

In May, the college signs an exchange agreement with the Changsha Communications Institute in China. Arrangements had been formally negotiated during a trip to China by a CNC delegation.

A report to the board in July notes that action is being taken on the recommendations made during the earlier institutional evaluation.

On July 11, Board chair Marion Nielsen announces that Dr. Terence A. Weninger, the Vice-President of Medicine Hat College, has been selected as the new president of CNC. Dr. Weninger's previous experience, which includes a term as deputy minister of education in the Yukon, along with his academic credentials and open communications style are viewed as particular strengths by all of the groups involved in the selection process, and people look forward to his arrival on August 15.

During the month of August, CNC hosts its first Happy Homecoming event welcoming former students from the past 21 years to visit and see how the college has grown and changed.

For the first time, the Quesnel campus offers a full year of university transfer courses in the fall term.

At the September board meeting, a 5-year capital plan is presented, with projects totalling \$23.7 million. Need has been demonstrated for more classroom and library space in the main building costing \$9.5 million; upgrades to the college's computer system of \$1.2 million; and \$1.15 for a new building in Burns Lake. Instead of a go-ahead from the government, the college is awarded \$75,000 to document its needs. A Vancouver firm, the Resource Planning Group, is contracted

to prepare the report.

In November the college advertises to fill the position of Academic Vice-President.

1991

An Academic Council is created at the January board meeting. Its function is to increase involvement and input into academic decision-making at the college. The first council is composed of nine faculty, three students, two staff, two administrators, and representatives from the campuses in Burns Lake, Vanderhoof, Quesnel and Mackenzie.

On February 6, a part-time office is opened in Fort St. James, in space provided by the local Chamber of Commerce.

The Trades Continuing Education department announces that a needs assessment will begin in March to determine what training programs are needed by industries in the college region.

The April 12 and 13 Open House has "Imagine" as a theme, and people are invited to take part in a compelling list of activities. Examples: "Electronics displays that will shock you. Watch how automotive wheel alignments are done. Get your mortgage analyzed by the accounting department. Enjoy "Hamlet in the Hallways." Noting that all faculty, staff and administrators have shared in organizing the Open House, newly-appointed President Weninger calls it "a truly an impressive team effort."

The College creates First Nations Education Support Services (FNESS) to enhance support for Aboriginal students, using funds from the BC Skills Now Initiative and in partnership with the Carrier Sekani Tribal Council.

By August, enrollment is capped after the rates approach 12 percent more than the facility is designed to accommodate. A three-phase master site development plan worth \$65 million has been submitted to the government. The first phase involves removing the portable buildings, improving access for the disabled, and doubling the library's size. The college also calls for letters of interest from developers interested in designing and building a student residence.

In October, the Prince George and District Credit Union donates \$50,000 to CNC's athletics programs, payable over five years, to assist with equipment acquisition and student endowments.

1992

In January the board approves a Sexual Harassment Policy, as well as a Clean Air Policy that will eliminate smoking in college buildings starting March 1st.

Enrollment in university credit courses is the highest ever at CNC. College planners attribute this to the increased publicity about the new university opening in 1994. Students taking university courses are gaining credits for entry to UNBC when it is established.

The Prince George Home Builders' Association announces a partnership agreement with the college's Carpentry program to build a house. The Association commits a budget of \$85,000 and will provide a building lot, all materials, a project manager, sub-trades, financing, warranty and marketing. Students will gain experience

building the foundation, framing the structure and doing finishing carpentry. At the end of the project, the Association will donate \$6,000 to the CNC Endowment Fund. The trimester system in business and certificate programs is abandoned at the end of January in favour of a semester system, with the change to be implemented in the fall.

In February, CNC students host a forum to discuss Canada's constitution. Local MP Brian Gardiner is impressed with the discussion, on issues such as Senate reform, Quebec's position in Canada, aboriginal rights and the question of Canadian identity, and promises to report on the discussions when he returns to Ottawa.

By April, CNC and UNBC have developed a closer working relationship, recognizing the benefits of collaborating on topics such as programming, facilities development and funding.

The library holds another Amnesty Week in the third week of April. The library is also on the agenda at the July board meeting, where a presentation is made on the need for expanded space.

On July 24, the College and Institutes Act is amended to allow colleges to grant Associate Degrees. Students who have completed the equivalent of two years of study can apply for the degrees. The college welcomes the change, which will assist with student retention and help students in demonstrating their accomplishments to potential employers.

Negotiations continue to find a larger property for the Burns Lake campus.

CNC hosts Canadian Volleyball championships and BC Tae-Kwon-Do championships.

By November, a five-year protocol agreement is reached between the northern community colleges and UNBC about which courses will be taught. Advanced Education Minister Tom Perry's wish has been to avoid duplication of programs within UNBC's region. The level of co-operation achieved is hailed as unique and recognized as the first of its kind in the province's post-secondary system. President Weninger describes it as an "historic occasion."

1993

Through the February snow, CNC students work on building a new dining hall and 4,500 square foot dormitory building at Camp McInnis. The project is a partnership with the federal government, funded through a Canadian Jobs Strategy grant. It involves training a group of unemployed workers as well as giving first-year carpentry students experience in residential construction.



Opening of CNC Residence

Construction begins in March on the first student residence located in the southwest corner of the Prince George campus. The \$2 million project is a two-storey building designed to accommodate 92 students. The project comes in over budget due to some unexpected costs such as the discovery of a concrete bunker

on the site, which had been constructed by the Royal Canadian Air Force during the Second World War. The first students move into the new residence on Monday August 30 for the September term.

The April budget includes funds for planning an expansion and President Weninger makes the prediction that, "In 1995, our 25th anniversary year, we should have a sod-turning for a substantial addition to CNC."

At the end of April, Dr. Rachael Donovan of Grande Prairie Regional College is appointed as CNC Academic Vice-President. Geography instructor Alistair McVey is selected to represent the college in liaison activities with UNBC concerning course and program co-ordination.

History is made at the board meeting in April, when representatives from students, faculty, support staff and middle management are added to the board. President Weninger notes that no other college in the province is as inclusive, involving the representatives in both public and in camera sessions.

The first two-year Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees are awarded to CNC graduates at the May Convocation ceremony. Over 1,000 people attend the event.

In May, carpentry students get valuable experience as they participate in building a house on Ranier Crescent in the Hart Highlands subdivision.

Over the summer, a first edition of Sir Alexander Mackenzie's journal published in 1801 is on display at the college library. It contains the record of his explorations in the late 1700s through the remote regions of Canada. He was the first explorer to reach the Pacific Ocean.

In September, two First Nations Studies courses are offered for the first time. Courses are later revised based on input from the community and taught by Aboriginal instructors.

By October, Academic Vice-President Donovan is advocating that more emphasis be placed on the potential for technology transfer for BC colleges. A first step was having an industrial technology advisor position moved to the college from Forintek. The main client groups to be served are secondary wood producers, manufacturers and those involved in environmental innovation.

In November, CNC carpentry students begin building the Prince George Tourism centre building at Victoria and Patricia Boulevard. The 2,500 square foot structure costs \$440,000 and is expected to be completed by the end of January. Landscaping is provided by the Kinsmen Club with provision of a \$56,000 donation to create Kinsmen Gardens.

A drive to build the fund for college scholarships and bursaries gets a boost in November with a campaign to light up bulbs in the trees outside. Each bulb lit represents a donation received, which is then matched by the government.

A formal signing ceremony is held at City Hall in early December declaring 1994 as the Year of Post-Secondary Education in Prince George. In 1994 the UNBC campus will open and CNC will celebrate its 25th anniversary. New Year's Eve is celebrated at CNC with a gala 25th Anniversary Silver Ball. The festivities include dancing to music by the Prince George Symphony Orchestra and a gourmet buffet dinner.

1994

Celebrating the 25th Anniversary, the college awards a free year of tuition to the first baby born in the college region on the 25th day of each month. January's award goes to Miranda Kozjak.

In April, an Open House features displays of college history and interactive activities in all program areas. On April 16, the college hosts a gala dinner and fundraising art auction.

On May 6, Premier Mike Harcourt attends an Open House at the Quesnel campus, which uses the theme of "Windows of the Mind."

The government approves \$1 million for planning and \$11 million for expansion of the Prince George campus.



Quesnel campus



The Big 25

The College and Institute Act is amended to include Education Councils. At CNC, the academic council is replaced with an education council comprised of ten faculty, four students, two staff and four administrators. Nancy Tarrant, a dental faculty member, is elected to chair the first council.

At the May 14 convocation ceremony, students wear special 25th anniversary garb of dark blue gowns and silver stoles. Following the ceremony, they assemble on the lawn to form the number 25. Citizen photographer Dave Milne and Pacific Western Helicopters are on hand to record the event. A photo is taken from a hovering helicopter of "the big 25" and makes front page news.

In June, Vanderhoof weather observer Norman Green donates a century of weather records, dating back to 1874, to the college library.

In July, the board approves a plan to charge parking fees for people wishing to have an assigned parking space. 225 of the 900 parking spaces on the campus are designated for this purpose.

Over the summer the William Konkin Elementary School in Burns Lake is extensively renovated, with construction expected to be completed by March 1995.

At the annual Long Term Service Award ceremony, gold timepieces are presented to five faculty — Alistair McVey, Louise Backman, Conrad Jarosch, Rowland Green and Barry McKinnon — to mark their quarter century of service to CNC.

After months of anticipation, in the last week in September Health Minister Paul Ramsey is able to assure CNC that funding is in place for the college's planned expansion. The government also allocates \$142,000 to upgrading computer equipment at the college.

In December, a new Student Honour Wall is unveiled, recognizing top-achieving students who have made it to the President's List.

1995

CNC administrator Alistair McVey, who has served for two years as a commissioner on the BC Utilities Commission hearings into the Kemano Completion Project, donates his extensive collection of reports to the college library.

On February 15, faculty members go on strike over the issue of contracting out. By March 8, the college announces tuition fee refunds to students for the lost classes. A mediator negotiates a settlement package which is accepted on March 10.

On September 22, the new Burns Lake campus is officially opened by the Honourable Jackie Pement.

CNC hires its first Elder Advisor, in partnership with the Carrier Sekani Tribal Council.

The Quesnel Campus building on McLean Street is renovated to share space with UNBC. Renovations are completed in the first week of November.

On November 6, sod turning ceremonies are held to mark the start of construction at the Prince George campus. Board chair Keith Gordon, city councillor Monica Becott, MLAs Lois Boone and Paul Ramsey, and student representative Travis White take part with ceremonial shovels. Kraft Construction Ltd. of Vancouver is the builder.

1996

In mid-February, construction workers remove the last of the portable classroom buildings, which had been brought to the campus during the early 1970s. Work begins on the new student services building and day care centre.

In March, Premier Clark announces a tuition freeze for all post-secondary institutions. This policy will remain in effect through the life of the NDP government.



Daycare sod-turning ceremony

A Technology Centre for Northern BC is established at the end of March in collaboration with UNBC. It is designed to stimulate economic development in science and technology.

In July, the Fraser River becomes an outdoor classroom for 20 CNC students. They embark from Cottonwood Island on a 12-day, 1,000 kilometre trip to replicate that taken by the explorer Simon Fraser in 1808. Students earn credit in the Fraser River Studies program offered in conjunction with Langara College in Vancouver.

On July 29, the College is granted its Coat of Arms in an historic joint ceremony with the City. The Governor General's Heraldic consultant for British Columbia has worked with both CNC and City committees on their designs. The Chief Herald of Canada, Robert Douglas Watt, presides over the ceremony.

On August 23, the new Day Care Centre is opened by MLA Paul Ramsey.

By September, CNC and UNBC have reached agreement on cooperating to offer a four year Bachelor of Science program in nursing. It is called the Northern

Collaborative Baccalaureate Nursing Program.

The end of October marks the half-way mark on the construction project, expected to be completed by September 1997.

In November a new entrepreneurship course called Business: The Next Generation is launched. Students in the course will plan, organize, develop and market an actual business, running it for the term and then closing it down. The community supports the initiative with about \$120,000 in cash donations and many times that amount in donated services from a roster of mentors.

1997

For the first time, CNC offers courses over the Internet. Biology 103 is offered in January, to be followed by Biology 104 in the fall. The courses have an online component and an in-class laboratory component.

In April, President Weninger takes a three month leave to work on a government "Small Colleges" initiative. The aim is to develop a more equitable financing formula to support college development.



New expansion opening ceremonies

A delegation from mainland China arrives in May to visit the college and finalize an agreement on faculty and student exchanges and for sharing technology. The delegation notes that Chinese students are particularly interested in learning English and in studying forest and paper-making skills.

On September 26, celebrations are held to mark the completion of a \$12 million expansion to the Prince George Campus. A new entrance building houses Student Services, Continuing and Community Education, the Library and Media Services. Other new features include an Atrium, a centralized computer lab area, office space for part-time faculty, several new stepped classrooms, and ergonomic improvements in many work areas. MLAs Paul Ramsey and Lois Boone participate in the opening ceremonies and unveil a commemorative plaque at the entrance.

Canadian astronaut Bjarni Tryggvason visits the college in November. He talks about his work as a mission payload specialist during a 12 day voyage in space aboard the space shuttle Discovery.

1998

The Hospitality Administration Program begins in January, the only one of its kind north of Kamloops.

The board receives a report on enrollments, which are at record levels. Highly attractive employment-related programs are credited with boosting interest in the college. Courses in computer topics and the value-added forestry sector are popular. New programs in international education are beginning to attract foreign students in large numbers. In addition to its solid trades and technology offerings, the board indicates strong interest in developing fine and performing arts education.

In May, carpentry students finish constructing a new visitor centre at the Railway Museum. A host of Prince George companies has contributed time and materials to support the project. The entrance lobby is officially named the College of New Caledonia Gallery to honour the students' work.

For the third time, the Fraser River Studies program is offered in July. In the ultimate outdoor classroom, students navigate down the river, read literature about the lore of the river, complete lab work and listen to lectures in the open air.

Over the summer, the Richbar Nursery landscapes the Prince George campus. About a quarter million dollars is spent on hardscape surfaces and for trees and plantings to complete this phase of the building expansion. The next phase involves improving Trades facilities and this now becomes the focus of attention.

A new CNC sign made by Norway Lighting is installed on October 6 at the corner of 18th Avenue and the Bypass.

1999

In May, a Dental Homecoming is held to commemorate 34 years of Dental Assisting and 12 years of Dental Hygiene programming at the College.

Vice-President Academic Donovan leaves in August to take up a post at St. Clair College in Ontario. The Dean of Arts and Social Services, Catherine Giles, is promoted to take her place.

The government designates CNC as one of three new Career Technical Centres in BC. This program allows high school students in Grades 11 and 12 to earn credit towards a college diploma. Beginning in September, students can begin studying subjects like cooking, carpentry, electronics, welding, drafting and design. At the official opening participants don welding hoods and watch as a cutting torch cuts through a length of metal ribbon.

A new two-year Wood Technology program is offered in September. Designed with industry, the program prepares students in communications and computer skills, woodworking and wood machining, marketing and management skills.

On September 10, a Donor Recognition Wall is unveiled in the Atrium to honour individuals and organizations who contribute to CNC's Endowment Funds.

Over 400 people participate in the creation of a Diversity Wall. The wall is a collage of ceramic tiles, individually painted with images on the theme of diversity.

The College earns membership in the North American Learner-Centred Colloquium, on the basis of best practices in providing support to learners.

In December, John Brink, President of Brink Forest Products, pledges half a million dollars over five years towards construction of a Wood Technology Centre. The centre, still in the early planning stage, is expected to provide research, technological innovation and training to enhance the value-added wood sector.



Diversity Wall

To celebrate the coming Millennium, the College sponsors a popular Forum 2000 lecture series, which is broadcast and made available on video.

2000

In January, the Nicholson building is purchased and renovated, with the aid of a \$485,000 government grant, to house the new Career Technical Centre. Danson site trades programs are relocated to the 22nd Avenue campus.

In Quesnel, the college and the local community skills centre join forces. The merger is hailed as a model for what will follow with other skills centres in the province.

In conjunction with Forest Expo 2000 in May, the CNC Forest Resource Technology Program hosts a reunion. All but one of the founding faculty from 1971 attend the celebration. Blake Dickens, Bob Watters, Bob Dunsmore, John Keefe, David Stearns and Cal Bardal attend. Missing is Jack Gillespie who has passed away.

In September, the first university transfer course in Art History is offered. It is a first step towards establishing a full Fine Arts program.

Kodiaks Restaurant opens on campus. Its purpose is to function as a laboratory for students in the Culinary Arts and Hospitality programs, giving them hands-on training in a real restaurant setting.

In October, CNC Board Chair Murry Krause is honoured as the Prince George Citizen of the Year.

At year's end, CNC in partnership with the McGregor Model Forest Association Consortium is engaged in business management training in Russia. Building on a two-year program, the intent is to provide sufficient training that infrastructure can be created in the Nanaiski Raion region in southeastern Russia to develop their forest resources.

The Northern Cariboo Community Campus Society is formed to create awareness and support for a new campus in Quesnel.

2001

A seven month Refresher program for Registered Nurses begins in February to update nurses in the field in new medical technologies and diagnostic methods.

At the February board meeting, the board approves the purchase of 17 acres in Quesnel as the site of a future campus.

Cinema CNC gets a boost in March with the purchase of two 35 millimetre projectors. This will allow access to a wider range of newer and foreign films.

The college mourns the passing of Academic Vice-President Catherine Giles. John Meagher is appointed as an interim replacement.

In May, the Library Legacy Fund established. The first named fund is in honour of Dean Alistair McVey, a strong supporter of the library who is leaving for a position



Practical nursing program

at North Island College.

Over the summer, the Small Woodlands collection is set up in the Library. It is one of two provincial collections established by Forest Renewal BC to support the Small Woodlands training program.

In August a WoodTEK Business Development Centre is opened in downtown Prince George. The facility is designed to function as an incubator where entrepreneurs can benefit from sharing ideas and production techniques.

In September, a new one-year Wood Processing Certificate Program starts in Quesnel. The program prepares students for entry level positions as equipment or process operators and also includes skills to support those planning to be self-employed.

A new 12-month Licensed Practical Nursing Program begins in September. More than 100 applications are received from across the north, for the 32 program spaces.

In September, the Canadian Securities course is offered for the first time, for students interested in banking, financial planning and investment careers.

The College partners with School District 57 on a new Aboriginal Youth Mentoring Program for grade 9-12 Aboriginal students.

The Northern Outdoor Recreation and Ecotourism Program starts in Valemount. Promotional posters invite students to "Go Wild in our Classrooms."

The Criminology program marks its 20th anniversary. Program founder Ken Parker recalls spending over eight years getting all of the courses accredited with the degree program at Simon Fraser University, and is pleased with how successful students have been.

The college receives \$50,000 from the Vancouver Foundation to continue the innovative Aboriginal Youth Mentoring Program.

2002

In February, new government appointees are placed on the board and former Royal Bank manager Art Robin is elected chair.

In March, cutbacks in provincial funding have serious implications for the college. Faced with a budget deficit, the board reviews plans to close the daycare centre and cancel Volunteer Adult Literacy Tutoring in Prince George and Quesnel; Adult Basic Education in Quesnel; Legal Secretary and Computerized Bookkeeping; the second year of Electronics Technology; and the first year of Wood Technology. Tuition fees are also on the agenda. With the lifting of the tuition freeze, all institutions have raised fees. The board adopts a policy to set fees at the mid-mark level of all post-secondary institutions. In university level courses this still translates into an average 35 percent increase. The new fee structure is approved for implementation on May 1.

CNC launches a pilot program called Prime Time Employment Options, a free employment assistance service for people 55 to 64 years old interested in working. It connects willing workers to potential employers.

In June, CNC decommissions its old Vax computer, used since the mid 1970s. Ben Malcolm, the Dean of Science and Technology, is appointed Academic Vice-President.

In July the Academy student pub, which had existed in an old portable building for twenty years, is closed and the building is removed.

In September, the CNC/UNBC Nursing degree program is expanded to Quesnel.

CNC also receives funding approval to build the new Quesnel campus. The announcement follows an 18-month freeze on capital expenditures. A further announcement is good news for the Burns Lake campus where a \$1.5 million renovation will create much-needed space.

On October 2, the International Education Centre is officially opened at the Prince George campus. There are 118 international students on campus at the time, from 14 countries. Increases in enrollment are expected in the future.

The Mackenzie campus celebrates an expansion in November, with a new main office and Employment and Career Centre on the entrance level of the Evergreen Mall and more teaching and study space on the upper floor.

2003

In January, Wood Technology faculty demonstrate Cadwork, a computer design and management program for wood frame construction. Developed in Switzerland, the program acquaints students with modern wood manufacturing and the potential for adapting automated woodworking machinery in prefabrication. The software is capable of designing all the components of a wood framed house.

In February, a new Employment and Cooperative Education Centre is opened. The service is designed to connect students with employers.

The board continues its policy of having tuition fees set at the mid-mark of other BC colleges, and approves another increase in fees. In terms of participation in the cost of education, President Weninger notes that CNC education is still a good bargain, with students paying 10 to 12 percent of the actual cost and government grants paying the rest.

A good news announcement comes in March when the government awards a onetime grant of \$408,000 to enhance trades training, create more student spaces and upgrade equipment and software.

In March and April, newspaper reports focus on parking issues, with students protesting the rates and asking for more short-term and 24-hour options.

In April, the Hospitality program celebrates its fifth anniversary.



2003 Convocation



Burns Lake campus

Business: the Next Generation students form a business called Blue Pine Products to manufacture and market promotional items made from beetle-infested wood.

Convocation ceremonies in June are moved to the Multiplex for the first time to accommodate the large number of friends and family members who wish to attend.

A Skilled Trade Shortages report released by a CNC/HRDC Labour Market Partnership provides a framework for addressing northern training issues.

In July the government grants \$11.6 million to build a new campus in Quesnel for CNC and UNBC programs. Preliminary planning has already begun for a 47,000 square foot facility situated on a 17 acre site along North Star road. Completion of construction is anticipated for June 2005.

The federal government contributes \$50,000 to support the WoodTEK Business Development Centre in downtown Prince George.

In September a 10-month Culinary Arts program is offered for the first time in Mackenzie.

Beginning in October, a 25 week Entry Level Residential Electrician course is offered as a pilot project with no tuition fees. Students are required only to purchase textbooks, safety equipment and tools.

Capital projects completed in 2003 include \$1.5 million renovation at the Burns Lake campus; \$40,000 in improvements to the site at Mackenzie; a \$700,000 upgrade of the trades building; and a \$23,000 upgrade to the Nicholson building in Prince George.

In September, Burns Lake hosts a national Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder symposium.

During September, CNC representatives travel to Romania to share knowledge with staff at the Regional Adult Training Centre in TurnuMagurele. The anticipated entry of Romania into the European Union has led to increased interest in developing a skills base including better proficiency in English and administration techniques.

In October, CNC representatives travel to Daegu City Health College in South Korea to initiate a student and faculty exchange program and to share information between educational institutions.

In November, CNC begins negotiations to purchase the former Canadian Tire store on property across 18th Avenue from the College. The property's location is regarded as strategic for college expansion of trades and technical programs.

On November 21, the new wing of the Burns Lake campus is officially opened. This has involved converting a gymnasium into two floors of classrooms and offices.

In December, for the first time, students are able to access their grades online, using their student accounts to log in to the college website.

2004

CNC celebrates its 35th anniversary, using the theme of "35 Years of Excellence." A special banner is hung inside the Prince George campus entrance, a 35th logo is added to college web pages, and a committee meets to plan other celebratory events.



New Trades building announcement

In February, after serving as President for 14 years, Dr. Weninger announces his plans to retire at the end of the summer. A nationwide search for a replacement begins in March.

In April, after five years of planning the college is pleased to be able to announce that a full Fine Arts Certificate program will be in place by the fall. The program includes nine courses offered over two semesters. Students in the program who wish to go on in the field can complete a degree at the Emily Carr College of Art and Design, or use the university course credits at other institutions.

In May, the college offers a 12 week Firefighter Training Program in conjunction with the Justice Institute. Prior to this, training was only available in the Lower Mainland. A further agreement between CNC and the Justice Institute in July broadens the scope of training to include paramedics training.

In August, John Bowman is appointed the new Director of Student Services, replacing Paul Seens who is retiring after 32 years of service to the college.

In May, the government announces funding for CNC and UNBC to develop online courses. Province-wide, \$3 million is distributed for this purpose.

After struggling with funding, the WoodTEK Business Development Centre is closed at the end of May. Although successful businesses were launched, there was not sufficient financing to carry on. Ownership of the building reverts to the city and the sixteen wood manufacturing machines are transferred to the college's trades training centre.

The Mackenzie campus celebrates 25 years of operation with an end-of-May outdoor celebration catered by the culinary class, followed by tours of the premises.

On June 4, Premier Campbell announces that the province will invest \$6.46 million to refurbish the former Canadian Tire building for use by the trades program at CNC. The 58,000 square foot facility will accommodate automotive, carpentry, wood technology and electrical training, with renovations expected to be completed in 2005.

On June 17, CNC signs a protocol agreement to join Alberta North, a network of post secondary institutions in Alberta and the Northwest Territories providing distance and online education options to people in northern regions.

On August 19, a ground-breaking ceremony is held in Quesnel to start the construction of the \$12.6 million shared UNBC/CNC facility. The campus will be known as the North Cariboo Community Campus.

At the end of August, the college welcomes the new President, Ralph Troschke, who

was previously Vice-President of Student and College Services at Portage College in Alberta. His official start date is August 30. President Weninger remains for a further month to assist with the transition.

In November, a new Pulp and Paper Operations Certificate Program begins. It is a seven month program in mill operations, environmental awareness, process controls, and mechanical and technical skills, developed in co-operation with Malaspina University College, CNC and industry.

2005

On January 27, a graduation is held for 67 Career Technical Centre (CTC) students. This is the fifth year of this successful program, in which Grade 11 and 12 students combine education at CNC with their high school studies.

On February 5, NHL Hall-of-Famer Mike Bossy is the keynote speaker at the CNC Sports & Education Fundraising dinner. Also on the program is Ann Oishi, a CNC faculty member, golf professional and triathlete. The event is emceed by Canadian comedian Clark Robertson, impersonating Don Cherry.

In February, the Quesnel campus offers a new entry-level Plumbing program.

On February 22-23, the 11th Annual Career Fair attracts 1,500 secondary students from Prince George and region. This year's event features a "Journey Through the Trades" for students interested in trades careers, hosted by the Prince George Construction Association.

In March, the Quesnel campus is praised for its "green" design and wins the Award of Excellence for Building Engineering from the Consulting Engineers of BC.

In April, a significant shortfall in the budget leads to cuts in some programs and services. The volleyball program is kept with the understanding that the community will help to fund it.

In May, results of a public opinion survey conducted by Ipsos-Reid, a national marketing research firm, show that people in the region have a high regard for the College. CNC earned high marks for visibility, and for being "accessible," "dynamic," "open," and relevant.

In the summer, the Prince George campus wins the city's Communities in Bloom corporate award for landscaping.

New programs starting in the fall include a seven month Pulp and Paper Operations Certificate, one year Fine Arts Certificate, and two year New Media Communications and Design program.

In October, Burns Lake receives \$200,000 to expand its FASD Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder online program, from two courses to nine courses.

On October 24, the John A. Brink Trades and Technology Centre is officially opened. The building, a former Canadian Tire store, was acquired in June 2004. Renovations of \$3.7 million were made to house classrooms and shops for carpentry, electrical, electronics, and automotive programs. The event is highlighted in "Celebrating Trades and Technology," a large magazine supplement in the November 5, 2005 Prince George Citizen.

2006

On January 26, the \$11.6 million North Cariboo Community Campus in Quesnel is officially opened. It is a joint facility for UNBC and CNC, on a 17 acre site, with 4,570 square metres of space for classrooms, labs, student services and offices. Over 150 people attend the opening, including Ministry and City officials, representatives of local Aboriginal bands, members of the North Cariboo Community Campus Society, donors, contractors and students.



North Cariboo Community campus

In January, the Vancouver Foundation commits \$30,000 to purchase equipment simulators for the Forest Equipment Operator program in Burns Lake. Additional funds of \$98,000 are received in July from the Nechako-Kitimaat Development Fund Society and Burns Lake Community Forest.

In February, Black History Month begins with the opening of an art exhibit in the library entitled "Black by Popular Demand," by Jamaican-born artist Gerald Ferguson. Other events are held throughout the month. The keynote speaker at the Black History Month Cultural Show is Vancouver-based activist and lawyer Paul Winn.

In February, the College establishes 17 new Student Leadership Awards, providing a tuition credit of \$2000 to one graduating student from each of the 17 secondary schools in the college region.

On March 18, hockey legend Paul Henderson is the guest speaker at the 2006 Sports & Education Fundraising Dinner.

On March 26, the College and PPWC Operational Staff sign a new five year Collective Agreement, effective June 1, 2005-May 31, 2010.

In April, a new Mining Exploration Field Assistant program, developed in partnership with Northwest Community College, is offered in Mackenzie. It provides training for the booming exploration industry. The program is later offered in the Burns Lake- Nechako region.

At the end of April, a group of 10 nursing students arrive from South Korea to spend four months at CNC, learning about nursing practices in Canada. Study Abroad opportunities are popular.

On April 28, six students and faculty in the social services program travel to Korea for two weeks. On May 4, 17 students, faculty and staff travel to China for three weeks.

On May 17, CNC signs a "first of its kind" partnership agreement with Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops, expanding access to university degree completion and other post-secondary studies for residents across the region.

On May 25, CNC and the Prince George Racquets Club form a college badminton team, to compete as part of the Kodiaks athletic program in the BC Colleges Athletic Association.

On May 27, at the CNC Convocation ceremony, the Mary John Award is presented

for the first time, in memory of the late First Nations Leader. Social Services student Bibiane Francis receives the award, for mentoring others, serving her local community and living her life with dignity.

In June, a group of Russian educators from the Khabarovsk Krai area spend three weeks at CNC learning about wood frame housing. The College has been involved in economic development projects in Russia since 1999.

On June 24, the College Board approves the CNC Strategic Plan 2006-2010. The plan was created with extensive community and stakeholder consultation, and sets major priorities, which will be supported by annual action plans for the coming five years.

In July, Burns Lake develops a new National Train the Trainer Program for FASD caregivers.

On July 13, the College partners with the Prince George Youth Soccer Association. The Association will use the "Kodiaks" logo and College facilities, and two \$500 tuition waivers a year will be offered to athletes entering the college.

On August 31, a media event is held to launch CNC's new logo and marketing campaign. The event features the new website, and a CNC promotional video created by Ace Film Co. of Vancouver. The College's Strategic Plan is also unveiled by John Bowman, the Interim President appointed to replace Ralph Troschke, who has left for a position in Alberta.

Beginning in September, CNC expands trades offerings, adding the following apprenticeship classes: Welding, Millwright, Electrical Machinist, Planerman Maintenance (Prince George); Electrical, Residential Framing, Plumbing (Quesnel); Electrical (Burns Lake); Carpentry (Vanderhoof); and Electrical (Mackenzie).

On September 15, CNC signs a "Partners in Education Agreement" with the Prince George Construction Association.

On October 13-14, an Open House is held for the first time since 1994 at the Prince George campus. The theme is "Start Here, Go Anywhere" and the event attracts a good community response. A group of 120 people participate in "Books on the Brain," a Guinness World Record attempt for the most people standing at one time holding books on their heads. The Library presents the "Common People" China photo exhibit by Graham Pearce (CNC English).

On October 18-20, the Burns Lake campus hosts a national aboriginal conference on "Strategies for Meeting the Educational Needs of Aboriginal Learners in Rural and Remote Communities," attended by approximately 100 delegates from across Canada.

On November 10, Duke Energy Gas Transmission donates \$5,000 to the College trades division. Funds will be used to outfit a mobile trailer for welding training in the region.

In mid-November, the College receives \$116,750 from the government for adult literacy programs, and a one-time grant of \$667,000 to create 200 additional student spaces in high-demand areas and develop and support new programs.

On November 29, the three northern colleges (CNC, Northwest and Northern

Lights) sign a Memorandum of Agreement to identify the key training needs of the North and designate institutions with a lead role for specific industries.

On December 15, representatives from the 31 BC and Alberta colleges and institutes sign an agreement to increase their cooperation. CNC will benefit from this agreement, which is expected to open up transfer possibilities among institutions and enable them to work together to develop new programs and share curriculum.

2007

In January, the Mackenzie campus and McLeod Lake Indian Band receive \$20,000 from the Vancouver Foundation to continue building an archive of Tse'khene language resources in the FirstVoices database.

Kim Ward-Robberts (CNC Athletics) visits the island of Chiloe in Chile, where the College is working on plans to set up a forestry field school and deliver business and ecotourism programs.



Global Gourmet fundraising gala

On February 9, the College receives \$1.6 million from the province for a new Medical Laboratory Technology program, which will start in January 2008.

On February 23, the Nechako-Kitamaat Development Fund Society donates \$40,000 to Burns Lake, as a final installment towards the purchase of training simulators for the Forest Equipment Operator program.

In February, the CNC Press book "From Broadaxe to Clay Chinking" wins the Jeanne Clarke Local History Award. Spring events such as Black History Month, Career Fair, Construction Trades Career Fair, and NorthWorks! Job Fair continue to be popular and well-attended.

On March 2, Kemess Mines donates a CAT 950 loader to the College for use in the Heavy Duty Equipment program.

On March 9, the Caledonia Writers' Series is launched, with a poetry reading by acclaimed Canadian poet Sharon Thesen.

On March 26, the College and Faculty Association sign a new three-year Collective Agreement, effective April 1, 2007-March 31, 2010.

From March 26 to April 27, the College hosts Aboriginal History Month, with activities and celebrations at each campus. The College is one of eleven institutions to receive Aboriginal Service Plan funds from the Ministry of Advanced Education this year, to implement a three year strategic plan in collaboration with Aboriginal communities. This funding is awarded on several criteria, notably a proven track record of successful partnerships with Aboriginal communities.

On March 29, CNC and UNBC hold a joint Board meeting to discuss opportunities for further collaboration. Examples include being part of a Northern Curriculum Institute, developing the capacity for greater distribution of courses through new technologies, and creating degree-completion opportunities for graduates of Trades programs.

In April, four Russian carpentry instructors visit CNC to study training methods.

On May 2, a new campus in Fort St. James is opened, to expand post-secondary opportunities for people in the community.

On May 4, the College and Students' Union sign an agreement to partner in the building of a new Student and Cultural Centre at the Prince George campus. The Students' Union held a successful referendum in January to use their Building Fund for the project. Additional approval and financial support from the government will now be sought.

On May 11, after a Canada-wide search, the College Board appoints John Bowman to the position of President and Chief Executive Officer. Bowman has been Interim President since September 2006 and his appointment is unanimously endorsed.

On May 12, a Global Gourmet Fundraising Gala is held, showcasing the talents of CNC Culinary Arts students and raising over \$10,000 for scholarships and bursaries.

From May 12-24, a group of nine CNC students, faculty and staff participate in a Study Abroad trip to China, and share their daily experiences and photos in a blog.

On May 18, the government announces that it will invest more than \$1.2 million to create 462 new seats for trades programs. Programs that will benefit from the new funding include cook training, electrical, millwright, welding, joinery and carpentry. CNC will also be able to offer two new programs, industrial electrician and carpentry and joinery, a dual-credit program for high-school students.

On May 26, Convocation attracts a record 1,800 people. Melanie Labatch, a nursing student, receives the Mary John Award for service to the community.

In May, CNC pre-apprentice students help build a Habitat for Humanity duplex in Prince George.

Over the summer, a variety of university transfer courses is offered in a condensed semester format over 10 weeks. English as a Second Language courses are also popular.

On June 5, Dr. Linda Duxbury, one of Canada's leading workplace health researchers, delivers a public presentation on "Managing a Changing Workforce" to a packed house. The event is organized by CNC with co-sponsorship from many local organizations.

On June 22, the College receives \$250,000 to help the Lheidli T'enneh First Nations band move towards its goal of self-government. The fund will provide skills to band members in adult basic education, job readiness, management and leadership.

On June 21, CNC signs a Memorandum of Understanding with Daegu Health College of South Korea to continue student exchanges, which began in 2003.

In June, the Quesnel campus becomes the first organization to use Trade Routes, the Industry Training Authority's new \$1.5 million mobile training facility. The trailer will spend 12 weeks in Quesnel, training welders, and will then move out to Nazko to host the Aboriginal trades exploration program.

In September, the Caledonia Writers' Series begins its 2007-08 program with a strong line-up of nationally-known writers.

The Open House in October features Team Canada Masters Volleyball games, sports clinics, art and photography exhibits, and activities for all ages.

In October, CNC receives \$366,906 in federal funds to purchase new mobile training equipment for skills development in pine beetle affected communities.

In November, International students host an international fair and compete in a spelling challenge before a large audience.

Another 50 new seats are funded to provide Home Support/Resident Care training in Vanderhoof, Quesnel and Fraser Lake.

CNC signs an agreement to provide an Interfaith Chaplaincy at the Prince George campus.

In December, six CNC students receive \$5,000 scholarships through the new Irving K. Barber BC Scholarship Fund, to pursue their university education.

The province approves the purchase of a property in Fort St. James, and plans are developed to renovate the building and expand programming at the new campus.

In December, CNC and UNBC implement a dual admission system.

2008

In January, 18 students begin their studies in the new Medical Laboratory Technology program. A state-of-the-art lab is officially opened in April, and the government commits to funding six additional seats in the program.

At the Northern Business Technology Awards, CNC wins awards for Mentor of the Year (George Kennedy) and E-Commerce (Information Technology Services).

The CNC Students' Union celebrates its 30th anniversary with a cake social and banquet. People who attend the annual Community Appreciation Dinner on January 25 are treated to a "cruise" on the Ship of HOPE and a gourmet Greek dinner prepared by Culinary Arts students.

CNC secures \$310,000 in provincial Aboriginal Gathering Place funds, to create a supportive learning environment at the Fort St. James campus.

In February-March, the College struggles with a large budget deficit. A number of programs get temporarily suspended, among them two programs for students with disabilities, later reinstated in a new format; and the Forestry program, restructured as the Natural Resources and Environmental Technology program, with a research forest component. The recreation/eco-tourism program in Valemount is continued under a new business plan. The Black History Month committee celebrates its 10th anniversary with a host of activities and events.

In March, the New Media Communications and Design Program hosts a public forum on Web 2.0. Speakers include Eric Karjuluoto, creative director of smashLAB in Vancouver.

The Quesnel campus holds a Trades Open House on March 26.

CNC business students distinguish themselves in two provincial competitions, finishing first in the BC Portfolio Management Challenge, and winning top awards including the "Best CEO" award in the BC Business Simulation Challenge.

In April, the College receives \$905,375 to purchase new equipment for millwright, power engineering and welding programs.

Aboriginal History Month in April is celebrated across the region.

CNC Fine Arts students exhibit their work at the Two Rivers Gallery and the College Library.

A new CTC Career Technical Centre Heavy Duty Mechanics program is launched, and an information night is held for interested high school students and parents.

In May, CNC dental instructors and students hold a clinic for residents of the new Baldy Hughes Therapeutic Community addictions treatment centre, and volunteer their time to "Seal a Smile," a unique program in Canada, which provides free dental care to local school children.

The second annual Global Gourmet Fundraising Gala on May 9 is a big hit, with gourmet delicacies from Brazil, Canada, Italy, Caribbean, Morocco, Spain and Vietnam.

On May 24, 1,500 graduates attend Convocation at the CN Centre. Speakers include MLA Shirley Bond, MLA Pat Bell, and retiring Mayor Colin Kinsley.

On May 25-27, CNC hosts the national Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC) conference in Prince George. The conference is a great success, attracting 500 delegates from across Canada. Keynote speakers include the Honourable Romeo A. Dallaire, Roslyn Kunin, Paul Charette, Storm Cunningham and Tom Rosser. A particular highlight is a social event held at the college, featuring local artists, a native smokehouse, and culinary delights created by CNC staff and students.

In June, Maclean's magazine publishes BC college rankings. CNC ranks in the "top 10" colleges in most categories and in the "top 5" for two questions relating to the quality of instruction.

Over \$1,000 is raised at the College to help survivors of the recent earthquake in China.

The annual enrollment audit shows that student numbers have increased by 7.6% in 2007/08 over the previous year, with regional campuses experiencing the largest increase.

Summer programs include a "Health Sciences Explorer" program, where people of aboriginal descent can learn more about careers in the health sciences.

The government commits \$549,000 to CNC to retrain forest workers affected by mill closures in Mackenzie.

On August 20, a completion ceremony is held for visiting Korean nursing and dental exchange students.

In September, a new online Aboriginal Early Childhood Education (AECE) certificate program is launched. Funds are also received from the government's Aboriginal Special Projects Fund to develop a Metis Culture and History course in collaboration with local Metis elders.

Culinary Arts students prepare over 5,000 meals for participants in the BC Seniors'

Games in Prince George, September 12-13.

In September, accounting instructor John Shepherd impresses delegates at an international accounting conference in California with a presentation of his students' community projects, for groups like the Public Library and Airport Authority.

In October, CNC signs a Memorandum of Understanding with the Technical University of Zvolen in Slovakia, to explore academic partnerships in the fields of natural resources and English language training.

In November, Trades students rebuild four antique machines for the Prince George Railway Museum.

The government contributes \$13,000 for a new Leadership Lab program at CNC, to begin in January.

On November 26, Creative Writing students celebrate the publication of their poetry chapbooks and host an evening of poetry readings.

A new 30-week Automotive Autobody program is announced, a "first in the North."

The College celebrates the holidays with many charitable activities, including a Christmas village in the Deans' area (for St. Vincent de Paul); the Trees of CNC (for student food bank); and the Library Lights tree (for Habitat for Humanity). The College President makes headlines when he buys a goat, in a fundraiser hosted by International Education students for the Samuha Overseas Development Association (SODA).

2009

The year begins with the announcement that the Forest Technologist Program is now retitled as Natural Resources and Environmental Technology Program. The revised program is scheduled to begin in the fall term accommodating mining, oil and gas and the eco-tourism industries. Graduates will be able to collect and analyze data and implement/enforce environmental standards.



Inside Fort St. James campus

Students' Union moves to a new space near the Atrium for better visibility. The building fund now stands at \$750,000 in anticipation of constructing a purpose-built student centre.

A ten-month program is offered in Mackenzie beginning in February to assist forestry workers in achieving power engineer certification for those wishing to transfer into oil and gas, pulp and bioenergy sectors.

In March, Jack Schultz Auto Body donates frame-straightening equipment to the automotive training program at the CNC-Prince George campus. Also, a feasibility study is underway at CNC-Nechako campus in Vanderhoof about the potential for providing commercial pilot training.

With the arrival of spring, CNC receives the welcome news about a \$19.7 million

investment made jointly by the federal and provincial governments. These funds are earmarked for constructing a new Technical Education Centre in Prince George as well as for renovations to the John A. Brink Trades and Technology Building. Construction phase is anticipated to employ over 200 people through the duration of the two-year building period. The design will add 7,000 square metres (75,000 square feet) of instructional shops, labs, classrooms and office space.

CNC-Quesnel campus introduces the Building Conservation Certificate Program (the first college-level program in Western Canada). This will prepare graduates with knowledge about heritage, conserving and rehabilitating existing buildings. The program is developed with the province's Heritage Branch, the University of Victoria, Parks Canada and other partners.

The CNC-Fort St. James campus is completed for the May 1st opening. Renovations to an existing building yield 12,000 square feet designed to accommodate programs in electrical, welding, culinary arts, office training, Aboriginal Early Childhood Education as well as space for community events.

During June, the Prince George Astronomical Society mounts a display to teach about outer space and how to become a "sidewalk astronomer." Also, the Women in Trades Training program is introduced to assist women in exploring possibilities for working in non-traditional fields. Insights into the tasks involved in various trades are featured plus experience dressing in safety gear, operating heavy equipment and jobsite training.

Student applications for the fall semester are soaring over the summer indicating the need to add classes to meet the demand for courses in criminology, English, Aboriginal studies, business mathematics and accounting and finance.

The architectural firm of McFarlane Green and Biggar is selected to design Phase II – the Trades and Technology Centre – a \$10 million project for completion in March 2011.

With the opening of the school year in September, CNC and School District 28 (Quesnel) partner with the Community Development Trust's tuition assistance program. The aim is to create new trades training for displaced forest industry workers. Students will earn certification for Power Engineering Class 4. CNC-Quesnel campus is recognized as a hub for trades training in the Cariboo region.

The provincial government announces that CNC is to receive an additional \$1 million in funding for trades programs throughout the region. This is to relieve large wait lists for electrician, carpentry, heavy-duty mechanics, culinary arts and power engineering programs. The new funding allows needed expansion to accommodate demand at all the college's regional campuses.

Also in September, CNC-Fort St. James campus celebrates its grand opening. Meanwhile in Prince George, the old storage barns are razed to make room for building the Trades and Technology Education Centre. Space is being designed to accommodate training needs for welding, machinist, industrial mechanic, millwright, planer mill technician, automotive collision repair, plumbing, engineering technology, mining technician, process operations, transportation and logistics and environmental technician programs.

Plans for celebrating the college's 40th Anniversary are announced beginning with

a western-themed event Friday, September 25th at the Prince George campus and a Ruby Ball the next evening.

On October 15th, McFarlane Green and Biggar architects unveil their model of the \$19.7 million expansion for the Trades and Technology Centre. The building features LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) technology and will provide space for 360 students, 22 instructors and support staff. The design allows for maximum natural light to reduce electricity requirements. Both geothermal and radiant heating will be installed in the floors.

Concurrently, the CNC-Quesnel campus announces building a trades training facility. The building will provide 2,660 square metres (28,600 square feet), thereby doubling instructional space. The \$9.8 million building will accommodate 276 students and additional instructor and staff positions.

At the beginning of November, new medical radiology training is announced. Currently in the planning stages, the 32-month program is planned to begin in 2011 assisted by a quarter million dollar budget for development. The clinical placement part of this training is to be provided through Northern Health. Also, an automotive collision repair course is created to teach all aspects of repair including straightening bent frames. At month's end, Bruce Sutherland, President of Wolftek Industries, indicates his intention to step down from the Board as chair after three years. In his place, Ray Gerow is named as interim chair until the end of the academic year in April.

A two-year flight training program proposed to be based at CNC-Vanderhoof is announced. It is to include private and commercial pilot training, float plane training and business management.

CNC Press publishes *The Carrier Language, A Brief Introduction* by William J. Poser. The 50-page book describes vocabulary, grammar and dialects.

2010

Applications are invited for the Natural Resources and Environmental Technology program for September. The program is designed to meet staffing needs of sectors involved in forestry and mining industries for the development, exploration, research and protection of natural resources.



First graduates of Medical Laboratory

CNC Press publishes a history book, *Aviation North*, by Trelle Morrow. It chronicles the early years of flight in this region. The book later receives the Jeanne Clarke local history award.

A challenge is presented to the college's Board and administrators at the end of January with news that the budget for capital and operating costs in 2010-2011 will be reduced by \$1.1 million. The college recognizes that this will result in postponement of repairs and upgrades to facilities.

The first-ever program in horticulture in northern British Columbia is announced in March to be offered at CNC-Quesnel campus beginning in the summer. The Horticultural Technician Foundation program will teach horticulture, plant science,

horticultural practices, plant health and pest management.

The International Education Centre unveils mosaics by Ian King featuring symbols significant to cultures around the world.

In response to heavy demand, the provincial government grants \$2.7 million to CNC-Prince George to create a Medical Radiography Technology program to begin in September 2011. Also in April, CNC signs a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with BCIT and School District 91 (Nechako Lakes) respecting development of a mining program to begin September 2011.

At the April Board meeting, Ray Gerow becomes the first person of Aboriginal ancestry to chair the college's Board.

During the first week of May construction begins on the Trades and Technology Education Centre with completion anticipated for March 2011. That week, a McLean's magazine student satisfaction survey confirms high marks for the student experience at CNC. Measures include quality of institution, available and approachable instructors and development of life skills such as critical thinking.

The first Horticultural Technical Foundation level program in British Columbia launches at CNC-Quesnel campus over the summer. Studies cover plant sciences, horticultural practices, plant health and identification and soil management. Knowledge gained can equip graduates to start landscaping businesses or become employed in the horticultural field.

At graduation time in June, CNC celebrates the first graduates produced from the Medical Laboratory Technologist program introduced in 2008.

CNC announces the successful bidder for the \$9.8 million expansion of the Quesnel campus goes to PCL construction of Kelowna. Construction begins mid-July on 2,223 square metres (24,000 square feet) of space to accommodate welding, carpentry, electrical, plumbing, power engineer, agroforestry, horticulture and animal science programs. Project designers are McFarlane Green and Bigger Architects.

New courses will be offered at CNC's Canoe-Robson region in McBride and Valemount. Meetings are held to discover interest in entry level trades programs and academic courses. Assurances are given that courses will run if subscribed with enough participants to cover costs. A community-wide appeal for suggestions is made to over 40 community groups attending the information-gathering meeting.

One of CNC's international students, Ayman Aldhabaan, is recognized by the Canadian Bureau for International Education at their October conference. He began attending CNC in May 2007 and as a direct result of his experience and influence, 125 Saudi students are studying in Prince George as of fall term 2010.

CNC's official tartan, registered with the Scottish Register of Tartans, is revealed and adopted at the November Board meeting. It incorporates heraldic colours of blue (for loyalty); dark green (representing coniferous forests); gold (for prosperity); white (representing snowy winters); and red (representing the arms of explorer Simon Fraser who explored and mapped the region). The tartan was registered on behalf of the college by English instructor Sheldon Clare. Future plans include marketing tartan clothing like ties, socks, scarves and kilts made to order.

In the last month of 2010, CNC announces that a special Metis course has been developed and is offered online. Students can learn about that culture's medicines, social practices and history.

The atrium is brightened during December with 15 decorated trees contributed with especially chosen themes from various college departments. "Votes" for the favourite tree are made by placing a non-perishable food donation under the tree of choice. Donated food makes a substantial contribution to the student food bank.

2011

The year begins on a cautionary note with indication from the provincial government that the college's budget would likely be tight for the 2011-2012 year. That is confirmed with advice that the shortfall will be \$1.85 million, necessitating a reduction in expenditures on capital equipment.



CNC students visit China

In February, the Bush Pilot training program is announced to begin in May at CNC-Vanderhoof.

The unique experience of offering training there is learning to fly small planes in challenging terrain. Flight training is to be provided by Guardian Aerospace in single-engine craft using visual flight rules (VFR). To support the program, CNC begins looking to acquire two flight simulators; one housed at the college campus and the other at the Vanderhoof airport.

February 2011 marks the 15th Anniversary of CNC's Film Festival. An array of foreign language films, drama and documentaries form the offerings for broad appeal and a variety of interests.

By month's end, CNC is proud to announce that it is ranked as the second most affordable college in British Columbia.

In March, CNC's Board unveils the scope of its Five Year Plan going forward. The plan outlines six priorities and 18 goals flagged for change or improvement within the next five years. They include expanding or enhancing online instruction and video-conferencing. All college regions have contributed to planning this document. The overriding emphasis is on remaining a community college. Future focus is for development of programs in civil engineering technician and programs related to nursing, transportation, bioenergy and agriculture.

Federal funding of \$180,000, earmarked as support for mining sector training, is received mid-month. This allows CNC to purchase heavy-haul truck and front-end loader simulators and provides funding for training 50 Mining Industry Certificate program students at CNC campuses in Burns Lake, Fort St. James and Mackenzie.

At the March Board meeting, the decision is taken not to increase tuition by 2% for the 2011-2012 year, acknowledging that this will add \$119,000 to the operating deficit. The decision is purpose-specific: to keep instruction as affordable as possible.

An analysis is published the first week of April highlighting the boost to the economy of attracting international students. Currently 900 foreign students are

living in this region while attending CNC and UNBC. Collectively, they spend \$24 million annually on housing, goods and services and tuition. In addition, their presence creates 250 jobs.

CNC experiences a turnaround in its financial fortunes with the provincial government's decision to restore funding to the level anticipated for the year. The one-time only grant is given to offset some of the costs of trades training and purchase of equipment for health education programs. That took the college budget from a deficit position to a small surplus to finish out the academic year.

During May, CNC students and their instructors travel to China to take part in a field course on forest land management. They also get to observe how timber sampling and inventory record-keeping is done in China's forest industry.

Beginning on May 16th, CNC marks an historic event. For the first time in CNC's history, students can register online instead of lining up in person. Registrations for fall 2011 and spring 2012 classes are made through the CNC website.

At the invitation of CNC English instructor Peter Maides, the president of the National Film Board – Tom Perlmutter – visits Prince George and meets with community representatives. He said "I am here to hear the stories. We're trying to find ways to tell the stories of the changing landscape of who we are as a country."

In June, a field trial is undertaken by horticulture students to test growing mustard greens with fungi. The test had been suggested by the Quesnel Farmers' Market. Their quest is to produce foods important in Asian cuisines that are not commonly available in this region.

A special three-day cattle evaluation course is co-ordinated through CNC-Vanderhoof campus. The course is announced to take place at the end of the Nechako Valley Fall Fair in August.

Over the summer, progress is reported on the digitization project for the Prince George Citizen newspaper, now accomplished up to the year 1977. The Prince George Newspapers Digitization Project is an initiative provided by the Prince George Public Library, the College of New Caledonia Library and the Geoffrey R. Weller Library at UNBC. Funding is also provided by Irving K. Barber Learning Centre's B.C. History Digitization Project as well as past support from the Prince George Citizen newspaper.

A special display is mounted by the end of August to honour the work of architect, urban planner and designer, Paul Zanette. An architecture graduate of UBC, he worked for an architecture firm in Boston and taught at the Boston School of Architecture. He returned to Prince George to work on the master plan for UNBC. At CNC, he generated designs for the Fort St. James campus gathering place, the John A. Brink Trades and Technology Centre, the Nicholson campus, Kodiaks Restaurant and the Prince George Student Centre.

Training programs aimed at preparing future employees in mining begin in concert with owners of the Mount Milligan mine. The open pit mine is expected to produce copper and gold over the course of its expected 22-year life. The Thompson Creek Metals Company, Inc. announces that it expects to hire 350 people for work in mine processing and administration and intends to hire people living in Fort St. James and Mackenzie.

A new Metis study course is launched in September. A display of artifacts and books relating to Metis culture is showcased at the Aboriginal Resource Centre.

Under development beginning in fall 2011 is a Forest Industry Resource Skills Training (FIRST) program. The 12-week course is designed for those who already earned qualifications to drive a logging truck but have yet to gain experience working in the forest industry.

CNC continues to build partnerships with six post-secondary institutions in China. During September, 13 vice-presidents arrive to spend two weeks in Prince George learning about Canada's post-secondary system.

The Health and Wellness Centre at the CNC-Prince George campus is expanded and relocated next to the dental studies wing. The centre provides care to students without a family doctor or to those requiring non-urgent assessments.

At the beginning of October, the Board announces that Bob Murray has been elected chairman and Keith Playfair has stepped into the role of vice-chair.

Flight simulators are delivered to the CNC-Nechako campus for flight training in collaboration with the Vanderhoof airport. The 20-month program will include business training as well as flight training to earn a private pilot's licence. Purchase of the simulators is funded jointly by Western Economic Diversification Canada, Northern Development Initiative Trust and the Nechako Kitimat Development Fund.

A new mining industry certificate program at CNC-Quesnel campus is announced in November. The program is designed to help students explore employment opportunities in mining.

Canfor and CNC sign a partnership agreement to create new technical support for students and help ensure that qualifications align with industry needs. The intent is to incorporate job shadowing at Canfor before classes commence.

The office of the registrar reports that enrollment is up for international students by 15 per cent. Students have come mainly from India, China and Saudi Arabia. There are also students here from Nigeria, Japan, South Korea, Kenya, Vietnam and Zambia.

In mid-December, CNC is presented with a \$30,000 endowment fund from the Canadian Institute of Mining. The endowment is created to support students planning on entering the metallurgy and petroleum industries after completing the mining certificate program. It will provide four \$500 scholarship awards every year.

2012

Exciting news comes in mid-January when CNC is awarded a two-year applied research grant of almost \$200,000. This research will investigate innovation enhancements in the Natural Resources and Environmental Technology program. The project aims to determine how tree species commonly grown in this area will thrive in future as climate changes. Information



CNC students learn about core samples

gathered is to be shared with industry to help inform future forest management.

A special program offered in Fraser Lake and Vanderhoof – Targeted Assistance for Older Workers – helps those wishing to become employed to ease back into today's workplace.

Approval is given at the January Board meeting for practical nursing to become a diploma program, thereby expanding it into a two-year program. Upon completion of training, candidates will write an exam required for registration as practical nurses in British Columbia.

Ten simulators used for heavy equipment instruction are received in February. They're geared for learning to operate vehicles such as front wheel loaders without causing wear and tear on actual equipment. The simulators will be used by students working towards the mine industry ticket.

Preliminary meetings begin in mid-March among BCIT, CNC, the BID Group of Companies and Canfor about transforming the Rustad Bros. Sawmill site (closed in December 2011) into a new trades training centre. The discussions are focussed on meeting labour demands in the region. The proponents meet with the Minister of Advanced Education to discuss potential government support. They propose a \$10 million contribution from the province, calculating that as equal to the value of the site's land and buildings. Other support is being sought from the federal government and private industry.

The college Board reports that despite an anticipated \$2.3 million shortfall, adjustments to the spending plan have accomplished the balanced budget as required by provincial legislation. Some of the deficit was relieved by attrition and early retirement to reduce payroll. The rest was accomplished by re-allocating some budget amounts and consolidating classes. Robert Murdock is acclaimed chairman.

In April, Prince George artist and CNC fine arts instructor, Betty Kovacic, unveils her large mural, "Shadows of the Past." It is prominently displayed on the wall outside the college cafeteria. The work depicts themes relating to the First World War in four mixed-media panels and was created under a commission from the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund.

The free federal government-sponsored ESL (English as a Second Language) programs initially created for new immigrants are now extended to all Canadian citizens. Anyone interested in upgrading language skills to allow participating in skills and trades training at CNC are encouraged to take part.

Dr. Galt Wilson is honoured on April 14th for his role in laying the foundation for the Northern Medical Program. He began his own post-secondary studies at CNC – coming right out of grade 11 – as he was so eager to get into an accelerated program towards earning a medical degree at UBC. When inducted into the Northern Medical Hall of fame, the citation celebrated him as "the father of the family practice residency program in Prince George." Dr. Wilson practiced family medicine in this city for 30 years and is celebrated as an outstanding CNC alumnus.

A welcome announcement from the provincial government comes in May with the announcement of nearly \$250,000 to fund expansion of skills, trades and technical training at CNC.

During the first week of June, West Fraser Mills and CNC create a partnership to address shortages of trained workers. Foundations courses will be offered at the CNC-Quesnel campus leading to certification in carpentry, electrical, millwright, pipe trade, plumbing, power engineering and welding.

Local media celebrate CNC for offering programs allowing students to become skilled workers in the health sciences and trades. CNC is regarded as a major player in meeting regional labour needs. Especially singled out are expansions to the dental hygiene and nursing programs plus addition of the medical lab technology and medical radiology programs.

Dental hygiene is celebrating its 25th anniversary as a CNC program. In July, Dr. Richard Wilczek is honoured for his work in establishing dental hygiene and serving as an instructor for 25 years.

Infrastructure upgrades for CNC campuses in Prince George, Quesnel and Mackenzie are announced in August. They include improvements to the heating and cooling system power plant in Prince George; a new water well and septic system in Mackenzie; and an exhaust system upgrade in Quesnel. The work is being funded by a one-time provincial government grant. September sees a new 8-month program funded for primary care paramedic training.

Premier Christy Clark visits CNC and announces that the province is making a \$117 million dollar investment in trades training in British Columbia. The funds are to be used for equipment purchase for trades training instruction. Of that amount, about \$5 million is earmarked for Northern British Columbia with a good portion of that to CNC.

The provincial government further announces creation of the BC JOBS plan. Under that program, tuition will be funded for 36 students attending a 13-week environmental field assistant program at CNC campuses in Vanderhoof and Burns Lake. Graduates will help fill demand for trained workers needed in fisheries and wildlife natural resources management as well as in the renewable energy sector.

The Employment Skills Access initiative announces it is providing tuition-free training for 56 people with funding provided to CNC in the amount of \$288,000. The training is offered in five areas: forklift operating, occupational first aid (level 1), Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS), occupational health and safety, and transport of dangerous goods. The first intakes will be at CNC-Prince George and CNC-Quesnel campuses.

John Sanderstrom, superintendent of training and development for the Mount Milligan Mine, is awarded an Industry Partner Award by CNC for his longstanding support and leadership respecting CNC's mining industry certificate program based in Fort St. James.

A record number of international students register for the fall term for studies at CNC.

In November, results from a report commissioned to study the need for a new CNC-Vanderhoof campus are made public. The report confirms the need for a new facility based on the growing and developing community needs and that demands for educational opportunities are on the rise.

The Integris Credit Union again sponsors 30 places in the Introduction to Non-Profit Management continuing education course for second year students. The course is taught in Prince George with students in Quesnel participating through videoconferencing.

The Digital Technology Adoption pilot program is unveiled in December designed to help small and medium-sized businesses increase efficiency and productivity by adopting technology. Funded by the National Research Council of Canada, the 18-month program shows how to access advice, to design and manage projects and to procure funding.

A partnership is renewed among northern post-secondary institutions for another five years. Signed by CNC, UNBC, Northern Lights Community College and Northwest Community College, it promotes co-operation in sharing the training expertise each has to offer. The agreement also provides for sharing curriculum and instructors.

The Canadian Institute of Mining presents another \$10,000 to CNC as part of its commitment to assist students training to work in the mining industry.

2013

A challenge over the annual budget for 2013-2014 faces the Board at the beginning of the year. The shortfall is caused by many factors – including inflation, increased costs for maintaining buildings and equipment, updating software and upgrading utilities. College tuition raises are capped at 2% which makes a modest contribution to the budget. CNC becomes challenged to find resourceful solutions.



Doggie Fashion Show

Positive news comes to CNC in February with a commitment from West Fraser Mills to donate \$2.5 million to CNC-Quesnel campus over ten years. The funds are to be conveyed each year in \$250,000 installments. In recognition of the company's generosity and commitment, Phase II of the campus construction is being named the West Fraser Technical Centre.

A change in leadership is coming to CNC with President John Bowman's announcement on March 22nd that he has been recruited to become President and C.E.O. of North Island College in Courtenay on the east coast of Vancouver Island. He has been with CNC for 15 years, beginning as Regional Director of the Quesnel campus and the last seven as President.

The electrical program takes possession of eight new electrical test benches altogether valued at \$250,000. This upgrades motor repair modules dating from the 1960s. This new equipment incorporates the ability to test functions using computers and programmable controls. Funding for this comes through a province-wide \$17 million dollar investment for upgrading skills training equipment.

May 22nd sees the opening of the trades building at CNC-Mackenzie campus. The classrooms and work areas are equipped to support heavy duty mechanics,

millwright and carpentry programs.

Dental hygienist and dental assistant students travel to Peru during the second week of June to volunteer providing free dental care to villagers living outside the capital of Lima. During their three-week period of service, they are prepared to help 800 patients.

The Board of governors names Dr. Bryn Kulmatycki as interim President, effective July 1st. Currently, he serves as Vice-President, Academic. The search for a new president begins in September.

At mid-June, good news is shared about a 3,700 square metre (40,000 square foot) purpose-built structure for CNC-Vanderhoof campus. Construction is expected to cost \$15 million and will commence within five years.

A free course is offered to business owners in July to upgrade computer skills. The need is driven by the requirement to adopt electronic invoicing systems. Moving money electronically is required for doing business in increasing numbers of companies.

CNC-Mackenzie campus announces a four-week haul truck program in co-operating with the College of the Rockies. The course content is designed to fit the needs of the mining and oil industries.

Culinary arts program instructor, Ron Christian, announces that they will host Culinary Team Canada this fall before the team heads to the international culinary competition in Switzerland and then on to the Culinary Olympics in Germany in 2016.

Impark announces installation of a new parking system with inside ticket dispensing machines. No longer are drivers required to leave receipts on dashboards – a featured appreciated during cold weather. Another improvement is that parking can be paid at the dispensing machine, by phone or online using an e-permit.

With September comes an announcement from the Association of BC Forest Professionals about a donation from ForesTrust – a fund assisting students in forestry with the costs of tuition and accommodation. The contribution is to be divided between CNC and UNBC.

The search begins for the next CNC president with the intent to have the position filled by the summer of 2014.

October brings the welcome announcement from the Ministry of Advanced Education about \$48,000 to fund extra seats in the health care assistant program at CNC-Fort St. James.

The popular annual Doggie Fashion Show is held November 16th, marking its 10th Anniversary. This is a fundraiser for the SPCA and so far has contributed more than \$10,000 as well as impressive amounts of food, pet toys and supplies to the local animal shelter.

2014

On February 20th, CNC makes the official announcement that the new president will be Henry Reiser. He holds a Master of Applied Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from UBC and was formerly Dean of Trades and Technology at Kwantlen. He assumes the appointment on June 1st.



Thermo-electric generator research

The federal government announces a \$10.5 million fund for English as a Second Language (ESL) training to be shared amongst post-secondary institutions in British Columbia. CNC's share is \$77,000.

CNC's Lakes District campus holds an open house in the first week of March to showcase training programs.

Dunkley Lumber and CNC sign a 10-year agreement for developing and managing CNC's Research Forest and also to expand partnership activities supporting forestry students. The agreement also contributes funds to the Natural Resources and Environmental Technology diploma programs, the student Study Abroad activities and applied research projects in forestry. Summer employment opportunities for students and donations of lumber to the carpentry program form part of this agreement.

The largest research grant ever received in the college's history comes to CNC in mid-April to support research innovations in forestry. The \$1.88 million grant is awarded from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC). There is also a further donation received from the CNC Research Forest Society of \$200,000. The college plans to work with research partners from Canfor, Dunkley Lumber, BC Timber Sales and Lakeland Mills. CNC owns a 12,500 hectare (30,888 acre) research forest near Prince George.

Keith Playfair, owner of K&D Logging of Fort St. James, is appointed chairman of CNC's Board at the April meeting.

CNC's power engineering and electronics instructors involved in the thermo-electric generator research project report some results in the first week of May. The researchers demonstrate that electricity can be produced from the heat of a woodstove. This technology has applications for greenhouse operators to extend the growing season. Costs of this method are similar to using solar panels yet more reliable in not needing sunlight to work. Although generating electricity from heat sources is not new, its application to greenhouses is an exciting innovation. It is especially well-suited to applications in off-grid locations adjacent to a wood supply.

June begins with the announcement that the provincial government-sponsored Skills for Jobs Blueprint will benefit the college region. CNC is awarded \$150,000 to offer job skills training and retraining through the CNC-Quesnel campus. This action is taken in response to closure of the Canfor mill in Quesnel.

School District #57 and CNC sign an Education Partnership Agreement at the July Board meeting allowing high school graduates access to the Career Technical Centre trades training at the CNC-Prince George campus. The agreement is to be

renewed annually. It will mean that high school students can earn credit for courses in the heavy duty mechanic commercial transport program along with foundation courses in electrical, carpentry, automotive service, professional cook 1 and 2, plumbing, industrial mechanic/machinist, welding and power engineering.

A report sponsored by BC Colleges reveals that CNC contributes significantly to the local and regional economy. It is estimated that \$200 million flowed into the region in 2012-2013 from CNC students and alumni.

In August, the provincial government recognizes the increasing and immediate demand for qualified workers in the liquefied natural gas sector. CNC receives a \$143,000 grant to fund 16 extra spaces in each of the apprenticeship programs for welder, electrical and heavy duty mechanic plus eight crane operator seats.

September's registration shows that there are now 310 international students in classes at CNC. Their countries of origin are: Brazil, China, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Ghana, India, Nigeria, Russia and Tanzania.

In October, Henry Reiser is installed as the 11th President by BC Supreme Court Justice Glen Parrett in a ceremony held at CNC's gathering place.

Three literacy training programs are offered at CNC-Fort St. James campus as part of a provincial government initiative to improve adult literacy.

The college's Board passes a motion to raise tuition fees by 2% in 2015 in order to achieve a balanced budget.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into with two post-secondary institutions in India. It will allow students from these schools to attend who are especially interested in health sciences and power engineering. This MOU will create international exchange programs and study abroad programs to be developed over five years.

At mid-October, the School of Trades and Technology takes on a study at Purden Lake Ski Resorts Ltd. investigating a green means of providing power as an alternative to diesel-fired generators. The goal is to produce 2,000 to 3,000 watts of power.

Sixteen seats are added to the welding program after a one-time special grant of \$192,000 received from the Ministry of Advanced Education. The program is to begin in mid-February at CNC-Quesnel campus.

In November, CNC begins working with Quanto Test Solutions to test new customized LED lighting systems for greenhouses and warehouses. The purpose is to determine the best light intensity for local growers and to evaluate the efficiency of LED lights for industrial applications. Tests are conducted at the Baldy Hughes greenhouses.

The Board announces a 2% tuition hike for the 2015-16 academic year. Despite that increase, CNC remains one of the most affordable post-secondary institutions in the province.

A \$1.5 million funding boost for health care training at seven institutions is announced by the provincial government. CNC's share will go to provide 34 more spaces in courses at CNC-Quesnel and CNC-Vanderhoof campuses.

The Canadian Institute of Mining donates \$10,000 to provide scholarships for students involved in the CNC trades program partnership with School District #57. The program allows high school students to take part in college-level trades training.

2015

The combined investment in forest research totalling \$2 million continues with projects relevant to industry. Researchers are investigating forest operations and stewardship, emerging digital technology, mapping and adapting reforestation practices to climate change.



Donation for skills training programs

In the first week of January, CNC nursing instructor, Dr. Vasiliki Douglas publishes a book on Aboriginal Health Care in Canada.

Northern Gateway makes a \$250,000 donation to CNC's Digital Delivery Initiative in mid-February. DDI is a program to provide college instruction to learners in remote northern communities. Students in various locations can be linked to the instructor in real time. This donation covers the cost of installing one of the six planned classrooms linked in what is called "synchronous learning."

Another substantial donation is made by TransCanada (a subsidiary of TC Energy) in the amount of \$250,000 for skills training programs. This allocation is being made to help fund implementation of the college's Digital Delivery Initiative (DDI).

By the end of February, the college faces a \$2.8 funding deficit. To address that, a proposal is put forward to eliminate dental programs and student counselling. That announcement inspires widespread public concern and pleas to maintain those programs and services. That concern continues into April and attracts widespread media coverage. Resolution comes with a decision to suspend registrations of any new students in dental assistant and dental hygiene programs for the fall 2015 term with hope to re-open the program for fall 2016. A reversal of the decision comes on Friday May 1st with the announcement that the dental assistant program can be saved. This is accomplished by revising the dental assistant program to fit a smaller budget by shortening the length of the program from 38 weeks to 37. The Education Council approves changes to dental assisting May 12th and the provincial government provides one-time special funding of \$268,000 to support the revised and shortened program.

The college community region wide celebrates this news. However, the two-year dental hygienist program remains suspended with hope of accepting student registrations again in fall 2016.

On April 27th, the provincial government announces \$330,496 in funding for 64 seats to be divided amongst electrical, millwright and engineering programs.

On May 22nd, the province announces that \$150,000 is being provided to CNC to provide training and assistance in finding new careers for laid-off mine workers in Fraser Lake.

CNC announces a certificate program leading to a level 1 classification in pipefitting

for four trades: plumber, steamfitter and pipefitter, gas fitter and sprinkler system installer. The 25-week program is to commence in February 2016.

Jason Fisher of Dunkley Lumber Ltd. is presented with an Industry Partner Award for his role in the company's joint management of CNC's research forest.

In mid-June, the province grants \$1.5 million to CNC for investment in trades training equipment for welding tools, a solar array recorder and a diesel engine.

CNC signs two ten-year agreements at the end of June with Indian institutions to offer skills training in health care and in offshore oil and gas.

The fall term begins with more welcome program support from the provincial government in the form of a one-time \$153,000 grant to the CNC-Quesnel campus to provide 18 additional student spaces in the 35-week health care assistant program to begin October 1.

Also in September, CNC and the Thermal Electronics Corp. create a partnership to study a means of generating power from a TEG stove – described as “a method of producing electricity from two surfaces with different temperatures.”

A special distinction is earned in October when, for the first time, CNC is named as one of the top 50 research colleges in Canada. The list is compiled by Research Infosource Inc. Significant to CNC's success, the college is also ranked first in formal research partnership growth among mid-sized colleges. The CNC Research Forest and the growth and success of the Applied Research and Innovation Department are the main contributors to earning this distinction. The total research income currently runs at \$660,000.

Registrations of international students increased again in 2015, There are now 364 foreign nationals studying at CNC, mostly hailing from India and China.

November sees Canfor fund \$1,500 in bursaries to seven students who completed the Career Technical Training and Work Experience program with the company over the summer.

At year's end, CNC's Board announced the strategy for its recently-adopted action plan. In summary, it intends to develop a 5-year plan with performance indicators; develop plans to incorporate Aboriginal content in the curriculum; focus on increasing recruitment and retention; ensure CNC's training aligns with the BC Jobs Plan; implement changes to the college structure; ensure even distribution of resources across the region; expand international education and implement digital delivery for students at a distance.

2016

This year begins with a happy circumstance in the form of a million dollar budget surplus forecast for the fiscal year end at March 31, 2016. Unexpected numbers of students enroll bringing about this good fortune and putting the college into a celebratory mood. That news coincides with open house celebrations of CNC-Quesnel campus 10th Anniversary.



Quesnel campus 10th anniversary

The BC Centre of Training Excellence in Mining signs a Memorandum of Understanding with CNC. The intent is to offer a year-long mineral exploration and mining technologies diploma program. This upgraded training is needed now that mining has become a scientifically-driven and high-tech industry.

In February, a Canada-British Columbia partnership sees a \$1 million program established to fund education in project-based training. CNC's share will be used to fund heavy equipment operator programs at CNC-Prince George and CNC-Mackenzie campuses.

Finning Tractor and Thompson Creek/Mount Milligan Mine each donate \$25,000 in April to fund establishment of a computer lab needed in the heavy duty mechanic program.

A research project funded by the Natural Science and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) looking into tomato production and food security at CNC-Quesnel's campus is undertaken by the Applied Research and Innovation Department in partnership with EdgeWood Farm & Coffee Co. in Quesnel. EdgeWood is providing staff and also use of their greenhouses. This study will determine the best varieties of tomatoes to grow in unheated greenhouses and investigate test preferences for hybrid or heirloom varieties.

CNC announces new two-year programs to begin in the fall at the CNC-Lakes District campus: Pathway to Practical Nursing and Access to Business. These introductory programs are made possible by special provincial government funding of \$400,000.

CNC-Vanderhoof campus benefits from provincial funding of \$68,000 provided for a millwright apprentice level one program to begin in September.

At the April Board meeting, Jason Fisher is appointed chairman.

The province supports 32 new apprenticeship positions in construction, liquefied natural gas and forestry at CNC with a \$151,600 investment.

The college is pleased to announce that it has completed the 2015-16 fiscal year with a \$1.8 million budget surplus.

On July 3, 2016 the Board announces that the Dental Hygiene program is to be reinstated for September 2017.

An Industry Partner Award is made to the Duz Cho Group of Companies for development of an innovative heavy equipment operator program based out of CNC-Mackenzie campus.

CNC finalizes a four-year plan for 2016-2020 aimed to enhance the student learning experience at the college and to establish a culture of service and support. The plan includes improving the organizational culture and employment satisfaction at CNC and also increasing the involvement and engagement of community stakeholders.

The fall term begins in September knowing that funding has been secured to establish an industrial research chair in forest health at CNC. The five year position will be funded by a \$1 million Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) grant and \$100,000 from the CNC Research Forest Society and \$160,000 from industry partners. This work will also be supported by in-kind funding from

other partners valued at \$2 million.

BC Skills for Jobs Development announces a \$1.2 million investment in trades training at CNC. The money is needed to purchase new trades equipment in welding, metal fabrication, heavy duty mechanics, industrial mechanics, power engineering and the electrical program.

In recognition of the CNC Research Society's partnership with Dunkley Lumber, CNC is awarded a silver medal at the 2016 Global Best Awards in the category of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) for the North American Region. The medal was presented at the 13th annual IPN conference in Oslo.

Near the end of 2016, funding for the new \$15 million heavy mechanical trades training facility to be built east of the Prince George campus is announced jointly by the federal and provincial governments – each pledging \$6.9 million with the balance of \$1.2 million contributed by CNC. Construction is to begin early in 2017 with completion anticipated by the spring of 2018. The 2,326 square metre (25,000 square foot) facility will be built to LEED Gold building standards.

2017

A change in Board leadership comes in January as Jason Fisher steps down as chairman and Robert (Lee) Doney is installed as acting chairman.

Near the end of March, the year-long construction period begins on the new trades training facility.



Opening of ICBA room

The training room in the John A. Brink Trades and Technology Centre is named for the Independent Contractors and Businesses Association (ICBA) which donated \$25,000 for equipment and technical upgrades.

A new diagnostic medical sonography diploma program is announced to begin at CNC in September.

Two significant contributions are received from the provincial government during April. One is a \$3.8 million contribution to expand the CNC-Quesnel campus. The improvements include installation of a new high-pressure steam boiler needed in the power engineering program and construction of more classroom space. The second is a \$111,000 investment to fund emergency medical responder and industrial medic training at CNC.

Another industry partnership is created in June with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CNC and the Independent Contractors and Businesses Association (ICBA) to assist graduates in finding employment and making a smooth transition into industry.

During the summer, construction starts on the new heavy-duty equipment building at the Prince George campus and at the new CNC-Vanderhoof campus building.

After a two-year hiatus, the dental hygiene program re-commences in September. While the program was suspended, equipment was upgraded to current standards in modern dental practices.

In concert with the beginning of the academic year, the province launches Study North BC – a campaign promoting the four post-secondary institutions: CNC, UNBC, Northern Lights College and Northwest Community College. The intent is to attract more students to study in the northern part of the province. Advantages are promoted as smaller classes, more affordable accommodation and living costs, lower tuition, outdoor recreational activities and exposure to possibilities of unique career prospects.

Free continuing education courses in a variety of disciplines are offered through the CNC-Burns Lake campus to allow potential students a chance to experience college studies. The Foundations for the Future program serves as a first step for students in becoming enrolled in a program of studies.

Renovations are completed on the CNC-Mackenzie campus building.

Research into discovering the growing capabilities in Northern British Columbia's climate are undertaken at CNC-Quesnel campus.

By November, the Natural Resources and Forest Technology Program begins working with government and industry partners to develop innovative means of restoring rivers and streams throughout northern British Columbia. The intended outcome is restoration of health to the watershed and improvement of habitats for fish and wildlife.

International Education at CNC is growing. As of the fall 2017 registration, students from 47 countries outside Canada arrived in numbers sufficient to comprise 21% of the student population.

CNC receives a national award in November, recognized by CompTIA, the computing technology industry association. CNC is recognized as a Rising Star – a distinct honour as the selection is made from a field of 200 Canadian post-secondary institutions.

During the first week of December, Troy Morin is appointed Principal of the CNC-Vanderhoof campus.

The college enters into a large co-operative effort with post-secondary institutions in Asia. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is signed with six colleges and universities in support of increasing international opportunities for students. These MOUs will allow CNC students to study in foreign countries and permit curricula to be delivered in those countries where shortages of qualified instructors exist. As of December 2017, there are 900 international students at CNC.

2018

The year begins with notice that the practical nursing program for Burns Lake is to be delayed until September to allow time for Digital Delivery Instruction (DDI) to be installed and to ensure that the program's curriculum meets provincial standards. Classes begin in mid-month via videoconferencing.

Funding dedicated to development of a Civil



Pro-cook kitchen greenhouse

Engineering Technologist Diploma program at CNC is announced by the provincial government.

A hydroponic cubic grow system is installed at the CNC-Quesnel campus. The equipment is being used in agricultural research conducted to support year-round food production in northern communities.

CNC's Applied Research and Innovation department is also celebrating with the Twin Maple Group about the effectiveness of reflective aluminum foil as insulation. The research is being conducted to discover whether it is more effective than polypropylene as a vapour barrier in construction. With funding from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), an experiment is undertaken by the carpentry program to discover whether using reflective foil in walls instead of polypropylene vapour barrier will improve heat retention in homes. The test will be conducted in a 40-year old home with success being measured by an expected reduction in heating bills. If adopted after being proven successful, a revision will be required to building codes.

During February, Quesnel city council receives an update from CNC representatives on plans for the region's six campuses located in the communities of Quesnel, Burns Lake, Fort St. James, Mackenzie, Prince George and Vanderhoof. Currently, CNC offers programs in health science, trades and technology, business and management, social services, university transfer studies and upgrading and access courses.

Also in February, CNC engages a consulting firm, Leger Marketing, to refresh the college's visual identity. The new images will appear on printed materials, signage and on the website. Re-design of the website is contracted to Resim.

Internet access is substantially improved in March with CNC's change of internet provider to BCNet. The greater bandwidth provided now allows for faster internet connection.

March also brings \$200,000 worth of equipment upgrades to the dental programs which will now benefit from using a new digital imaging system to replace old technology. Also, the program has new chairs, LED lighting and up-to-date software to enhance image resolution.

The Redbird flight simulators (worth \$130,000) which had been acquired by CNC for a business aviation program are now donated to the Nechako Valley Secondary School. CNC's program was discontinued because it proved too expensive to operate. This donation gives high school students insight into what pilot training would be like and keeps the equipment in the community.

A provincial government announcement at the end of March signals a solid commitment to trades training for post-secondary institutions. A \$15.8 billion dollar commitment over the next three years will be expended to support that purpose. For CNC, this translates into a share of \$18.5 million for the new trades training facility and a further \$310,455 for equipment upgrades.

CNC's professional cooking program has a new greenhouse right in its kitchen! It's called an Endura Form micro greenhouse and relies on both electrical and solar heat to warm the water solution. Germination and growth happen more quickly in this system. The bonus is that it is an organic, bug-free way to grow vegetables,

micro-greens and lettuce within reach while preparing food.

CNC-Quesnel campus announces that by mid-April its first year of operating the industry training centre has trained more than 1,200 students with those completing becoming certified in that area. Courses included minor wound care, operating aerial boom lifts or scissor lifts and instruction in food safe level 2. By month's end, the provincial government announced a further \$150,000 to fund 15 more student places in CNC-Quesnel's health care assistant program to meet increasing demand for care aides.

In May, the province allocated \$5.2 million to fund renovations for CNC's student residences; \$2.6 million for a purpose-built residence at the CNC-Prince George campus to house Aboriginal students.

The government allocates funds for the CNC-Quesnel campus of \$1.3 million for facility upgrades and \$1.2 million for power engineering. Those dollars are over and above the \$3.8 million allotted to the power engineering program in 2017. This upgrade will expand the computer simulation lab, provide a new welding lab, build a new atrium and provide more yard space.

Gil Mayfair is elected Board chairman and Dan Marcotte is elected vice chairman at the May Board meeting.

CNC joins with the Colleges and Institutes Canada's international building projects initiatives in Chile and Peru which will initiate and co-ordinate exchanges of students and instructors.

New courses are launched region-wide through Digital Delivery Instruction (DDI). They include: basic microbiology, anatomy and physiology II, anatomy and physiology for practical nursing, management and organizational behaviour, English composition and style, finite mathematics and introduction to biological psychology.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is signed among four colleges: CNC, Okanagan, North Island College and Selkirk College – to co-operate in offering online programming in applied business technology.

BC's Building Excellence Research and Education Grants program awards CNC \$40,000 to develop a method to determine thermal resistance of a house on site. The aim is to improve quality in residential construction.

Funding for renovations and upgrades to the CNC-Vanderhoof campus comes with allocation from the province of \$5.2 million in addition to the \$1.7 million provided in 2017 to purchase the building.

CNC representatives meet with the Burns Lake Village Council in mid-June to showcase new programs scheduled to begin in the fall at CNC-Burns Lake campus; made possible through Direct Delivery Instruction (DDI). Through this system, four instructors at the Lakes District campus will be teaching five courses to all CNC campus locations.

A new trails design and maintenance program is launched at CNC-Quesnel campus on June 18. This includes classroom instruction, technical training and field work. Upon program completion, graduates will design, build and maintain recreational trails in the area.

A new partnership is formed in mid-July between CNC and a career college in Zhejiang province in China. Students from that province are expected to begin studies at CNC in 2021. The partnership also opens up opportunities for CNC instructors to teach in China.

An associate of arts degree is planned for fall at the CNC-Burns Lake campus. This is a two-year program which allows for transfer to four-year post-secondary institutions.

The Early Childhood Care program is expanded with the addition of 12 seats made possible by provincial government funding of \$109,000 for the post-basic early childhood care program.

Special funding from the province of \$75,000 is granted to CNC for work-integrated learning. This initiative is aimed at improving capacity to place students in workplace-based learning situations.

In mid-August, CNC announces the launch of the anticipated Northern Diagnostic Medical Sonography program. Intake is to begin for classes starting in January at the CNC-Prince George campus.

At the beginning of the academic term in September, Henry Reiser announces he will retire as President in June 2019.

CNC-Mackenzie campus joins Work BC in a job creation partnership. Funding will go towards organizations creating jobs for unemployed eligible workers.

On September 17th, CNC opens the long-awaited heavy-duty mechanical trade facility at the Prince George campus. It will accommodate 25 FTE students in heavy-duty equipment technician and truck and transport mechanics programs. This is funded by the federal government with a \$6.9 million contribution and \$10.1 million from the province of British Columbia.

A 16-week course in the automotive glass technician program is launched at the CNC-Prince George campus. For the first time, in delivering this program CNC is using both face-to-face and online instruction.

October sees the announcement that a 24-week foundation program in carpentry, electrical and industrial mechanic/machinist is set to begin in February 2019 at the CNC-Quesnel campus.

CNC highlights its international study abroad partnerships which are now established in seven countries. Intercultural grants are offered to those interested in opportunities to live and study in another culture with the aim of promoting global citizenship.

The province grants \$342,390 to CNC for supporting adult literacy programming in 16 communities located in the CNC region.

The Dental Assisting Program marks 50 years celebrating a total of 1,200 graduates since the first class began in 1966 at the Prince George campus.

December begins with an invitation to interested members of the public in Vanderhoof to view plans for the proposed campus. A conceptual design of the first and second floors is displayed including a 357 square metre (3,800 square foot) trades shop. Input from the public will be considered as the renovation project

progresses.

Chad Thompson is appointed Vice President, Academic after holding the position as acting for the past year.

Construction at the CNC-Quesnel campus is on schedule for completion of the trades wing expected by May 2019. The power engineering program there is to be equipped with state-of-the-art equipment and lab space.

2019

In celebration of CNC's 50th anniversary this year, special entrance awards are announced. They are to be made to students enrolled in credentialed programs at any of the region's six campuses. Those wishing to be considered are advised to register before midnight on March 17, 2019. Altogether, 94 students will be selected to receive these special anniversary awards.

The Northern Diagnostic Medical Sonography program begins January 7th as the first sonography program in Northern British Columbia.

CNC signs a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Western Sydney University in Australia to facilitate exchange visits of students and employees for scholarly activities.

A new regional principal is appointed for the CNC-Quesnel campus. Tim Lofstrom begins the position February 28th.

A brand launch is held February 28th across all six campuses to reveal a new college logo and visual identity standard for CNC. The bar stretching across the capital letters is meant to represent a bridge between learners and educators. This rebranding cost \$95,000 and involved focus groups, interviews and feedback from students, alumni, instructors and stakeholders over the past 14 months.

At the April Board meeting, a \$72.2 million budget is passed marking the fourth year in a row that no cuts have had to be made to any programs. The budget reflects CNC's commitment to improving classroom technology, thus enhancing the learning experience for students and the teaching experience for instructors.

An analysis of employment at CNC is released in April revealing 51% work as instructors, 38% are in operational positions and 11% are administrators. In actual numbers, the college employs 247 full-time instructors, 97 part-time instructors, 186 full-time staff and 130 part-time staff.

Site preparation work begins early in May at the new campus for CNC-Vanderhoof. Renovations will provide shop space to house machinery and equipment for trades programs. Digital Delivery Instruction (DDI) will make it possible for students to join in with classroom instruction in Prince George while completing coursework and projects in Vanderhoof.

A ground-breaking ceremony is held for a new Aboriginal housing project on May 24th. The 440 square metre (4,700 square foot) residence will house 12 Aboriginal students to support their experience at CNC. Completion is expected by spring of 2020.



On May 29th, CNC launches its new website – the first update since 2006. The website is designed to improve the online experience for presentation around the world. Prospective students in British Columbia, Canada and internationally can find information efficiently about programs and requirements. The page design and images all incorporate CNC's new identity and brand.

During the last week of June, CNC-Quesnel campus holds an open house with drop-in information sessions to inform potential students about courses and programs and to conduct tours of the science labs, trades shops and the specialized instructional area for nursing.

Excitement surrounds the announcement on June 25th about the selection of the new President for CNC. Dr. Dennis Johnson will commence his new position on October 1, 2019. He holds a Ph.D. in Educational Administration from the University of Saskatchewan. He comes to the job with 29 years of administrative experience in post-secondary education.

Another significant donation is received in September as the college receives a \$1 million donation from lumber manufacturer John Brink, President of the Brink Group of Companies. It represents his personal commitment to support trades and technology training at CNC.

During October, construction gets underway for an unusual structure. It's a 42-foot diameter GeoDome greenhouse located at the Prince George campus. It will be used for teaching and research to explore and adapt emerging indoor growing technologies.

The recently-completed Heavy Mechanical Trades Training facility at CNC-Prince George campus is recognized at the 2019 BC Architectural Awards. The architectural firm of McFarlane Biggar Architects was recognized for the design as a project representing outstanding and exceptional work from the architectural community. The building is cited for "elevating the design of an industrial academic facility."

The Adey family has consistently donated to CNC over the past decade to honour the memory of their son, Dillon Adey. In December, they donate \$12,000 worth of equipment to the college library's media department. To mark the tenth year of Dillon's passing, the family is awarding two \$7,000 scholarships to nursing students. Their total contributions to date approach a quarter million dollars.

Coat of Arms

The College received its Coat of Arms in an historic joint ceremony with the City of Prince George in 1996.

Coats of Arms are grants of honour from the Crown. Symbols used in the design represent unique features of the College and its region. Elements from an earlier College crest form an important part of this new design

SHIELD OF ARMS:

The “Y” in the Shield represents the confluence of the Fraser and Nechako Rivers at Prince George, where the College was first established. On the “Y” are five Cross Crosslets, taken from the Coat of Arms of Simon Fraser—the explorer who gave the region its early name of New Caledonia, later adopted by the College. The Five crosslets honours the original School Districts which helped to establish the College. At the top of the Shield is an Open Book, a traditional symbol of learning.

CREST (ABOVE THE SHIELD):

A closed Helmet means the wearer is “ready for battle.” Above the Helmet is a gold Coronet or crown, a link to the royally-named City of Prince George. The Coronet is rimmed with Pine Cones, representing the forests of the region. At the top is a Beaver, an animal associated with diligence and in an historical context, symbolic of the early fur trade of the region and its native heritage.

SUPPORTERS:

On either side of the Shield are Supporters, chosen from animals indigenous to the region. On the left is a Bear wearing a blue collar and pendant disc on which is displayed a Pair of Dividers, representing Design and Technical Studies. On the right is a Fox, wearing a disc on which is displayed a Lamp of Learning.

COLLEGE COLOURS:

Blue (“loyalty and achievement”) and Gold (“prosperity”).

MOTTO:

“Toujours la Vérité” (The Truth Always). The motto is in French, in recognition of the bilingual nature of our country.

BADGE AND FLAG:

Both the Badge and Flag have a Cross Crosslet, taken from the Shield. The Cross Crosslet is surrounded by a golden sun or Sun in Splendor. This represents the light of learning. It also associates the College with the Province of British Columbia, which has a Sun in Splendour on its Coat of Arms.



Flag



Badge

This booklet was first issued in 1994 as a small brochure. In 2004, to celebrate the College of New Caledonia's 35th anniversary, it was updated and made into a more substantial publication. Periodic updates followed. The latest updates were made in 2020, to celebrate the College of New Caledonia's 50th anniversary. Special thanks to Dr. Valerie Giles for research and assistance. More information on the College's history is available in News Releases posted on the CNC website and in the College Library Archive Collection.



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