

15 graduate from apprenticeship course

Fifteen students graduated from the Capilano College pre-apprenticeship carpentry program conducted since just before Christmas at the Learning Centre on Second Avenue.

Prizes and certificates were presented to the successful candidates at the graduation exercises which took place in the lounge at the Learning Centre on Thursday afternoon, March 31.

Don Edison received the top award for overall excellence with a mark of 90. He was presented with a special award. Brad White, with a mark of 96 per cent, received the mid-term exam award; Cliff Dolan with 88 per cent, the Department of Labour final exam award and Jerome Dan with a mark of 96 per cent, received the Union Math exam award.

Other graduates who received their diplomas were Mike Herron, Ray Walker, Ed Moody, Ted Gabriel, Gerald Noganosh, Carol Brown, Alan Williams, Bob Baker, Mickey Nahanee, F. Marvin Williams and Arthur Harry.

Jim Elliott, mayor of Squamish, told the graduates that what they had learned in class would help throughout their lives.

Chairman of the council of Capilano College Hilda Rizun said

she was pleased to see the career-vocational program happening in the community.

"Under Hugh Devlin's guidance you have not just learned a skill but gained a great deal of knowledge," she said.

Paul Gallagher, principal of Capilano College, told the graduates that you don't often find cooperation among as many groups as those which have worked on this program. He added that the college owed a debt of gratitude to Hugh Devlin who taught the course.

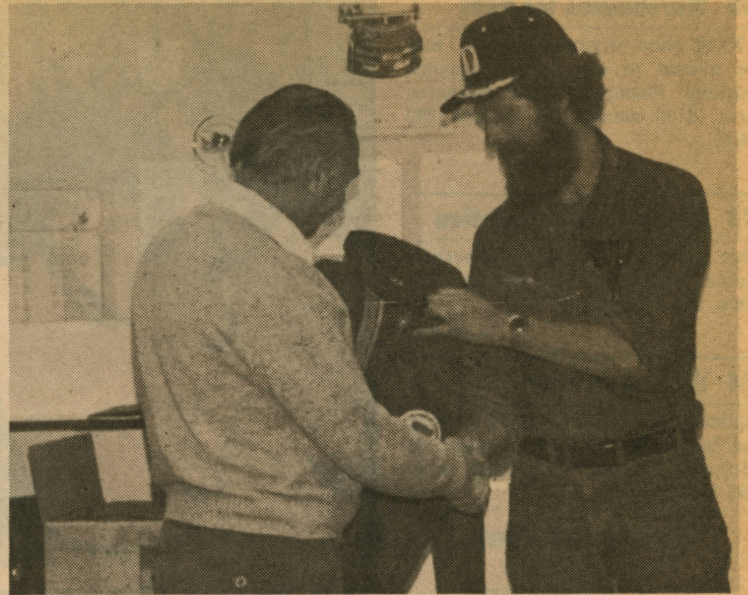
In a brief talk Devlin said all programs reflect themselves in the community sooner or later.

"Technological processes such as building is an ongoing benefit and shows up in the income and standards of life in the area. The people graduating are the beginnings of a stream of techniques," Devlin said.

He added that a greater percentage of technically qualified people are required now than formerly. He also stressed the importance of safety and said this was featured throughout the term.

May Harris presented a gift to Devlin from the Squamish Indian Band.

Refreshments were served at the close of the ceremonies.



Jerome Dan, who received the highest marks in the union math exam in the carpentry course, received his award from Bill Darnell.



Don Edison receiving a jacket from Villi Anderson of the Carpenters' Union for earning the highest course average in Capilano College's pre-apprenticeship carpentry course.



Carol Brown, the only woman to take the pre-apprenticeship carpentry class, received her diploma from course instructor Hugh Devlin while college council chairman Hilda Rizun and college principal Paul Gallagher look on.