

CAPILANO COLLEGE

First Graduation. (Ceremonies were May 28)

- Another milestone in B.C. ~~education~~ higher-education, especially in the reasonably new area of regional-community colleges.
- Capilano College, which was first of the new community colleges on the lower mainland and the third two-year college in the province, has graduated its first students.
- By provincial statute the Colleges cannot offer courses beyond the 2nd year university level.
- As Capilano College opened in September 1968 (with some 750 students) April 1970 - the end of the fourth term of operation (the College operates on basic four month terms - September to December and January through ~~April~~ April)
- As Capilano College ~~opened~~ opened in September 1968, the first students who would have completed two years, or four ~~years~~ terms, would have done so in April 1970.
- ~~in~~ Eight students accomplished this. Eight students had successfully completed four terms of work with the required grade point average to graduate. Of these six were on the academic transfer (to university) program while two others were graduating from the Early Childhood Education program, which is one of the main program areas in the other major course area of the college - the Career Programs. These graduates all receive an Associate in Arts and Science Diploma from Capilano College.
- In addition one Career Programs student had completed one ~~year~~ of the one year Career programs which qualifies them for a ~~year~~ Capilano College Certificate. This person was Mrs Betty Vogan who finished the Retail Fashions program.
- The eight College students receiving the Associate in Arts and Science Diploma were:
  - Barbara Black
  - Barbara Black - Academic program - 1785 Rosebery, West Van.
  - Susan Bowers - Early Childhood Education - 906 Fairfield, North Van
  - Grant Cumming - Academic program - 6678 Sumas Prairie Rd, Sardis, B.C.
  - Elizabeth Hamblin - Academic program - 680 Barnham Rd., West Van.
  - Carol Mason - Early Childhood Education - 1105 Keith Rd, North Van.
  - Jane Rawson - Academic program - 1714 McGuire, North Van.
  - Kerri Sutherland - Academic program - 3341 Redfern Place, North Van.
  - Jacqueline White - Academic program - 4077 Sunny crest, North Van.
- In addition the College also awarded its first Governor General's Silver Medal - ~~to the student who graduated in the Early Childhood Education program.~~

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Here is a copy of the press release plus some notes on our graduation.

As the graduation (actual ceremony) was on May 28, I felt it was too late for an actual press release, so I have just put it in point form for you.

As a recent newcomer to this rather different scene in the higher education field, I feel that the graduation and to some extent the summer term bit, are of considerable interest in the development of the two year community colleges in the province. Taking the newer colleges, excluding Vancouver City College and Selkirk, both these events are milestones in that development.

We are all very busy here as you can imagine and though I am trying to coordinate information and p.r. for the time being, I am afraid I am not devoting enough time to it and that the effort might appear rather amateurish. But nevertheless the effort is genuine, and to us is very important.

I would sincerely hope that you can make some kind of a story, no matter how short, out of this for the Province.


If there are any queries please phone me anytime. We have pictures of our summer art-in the park program, of graduation ceremonies, and ~~you~~ could arrange for summer term class pictures if you are interested.

Any suggestions you might have re our publicity would be greatly appreciated.

In the near future I hope to be in touch with you re our decentralization and expansion for this September (expecting about 1200 students), some of the new trails we are blazing in the much needed career programs, and something definite on our site for our "core campus".

Nice to talk to you again and ~~to~~ find that a few of the old ~~students~~ regulars are still around.

Sincerely,

  
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