

# Educational opportunities available at home - C.N.

Contact North will be delivering significantly more educational courses at all levels this fall.

New distance education programming from Universities, Colleges and Secondary Schools will be delivered in Terrace Bay. In addition, the access sites now maintain libraries of calendars and promotional materials from over 50 distance education and correspondence deliverers.

According to Regional Director, Terry Anderson, "Contact North now provides educational opportunities for residents at all levels - without having to leave their local community. Courses aimed at learners studying basic literacy, through to those interested in University level programs are available."

In its second year of operations, Contact North delivered 221 courses via independent study packages supplemented by audio teleconferencing to over

3,000 students from across Northern Ontario.

The programming which is delivered via Contact North may originate at any of Ontario's Universities, Colleges or Secondary Schools. The five community colleges located in Northern Ontario were the largest users of the Contact North network this past year.

In addition to delivery of credit programming, Contact North communications services have also been used by a variety of non-profit groups including the Law Society of Upper Canada, Literacy NorthWest, Boy Scouts of Canada, North West Regional Daycare Committee and the Women's Health Information Network.

In addition to teleconference courses, many students have enrolled in correspondence courses from a variety of institutions after visiting the Contact North

site in their community.

Most teleconference supported courses are delivered during the evenings and on weekends. This year Contact North will be delivering a number of full-time College credit programs for those who wish to enroll in full-time study - without leaving their home community.

Contact North is in the final year of its pilot project stage and is currently being assessed by the government of Ontario.

Decisions on the long term future of Contact North as a vehicle for delivery of education programming are expected early in 1990.

For more information regarding any aspects of Contact North or for information about fall programming delivered in Terrace Bay, contact the Contact North Site Coordinator, Sheila Kehres, at 825-9160.

# NITC meets to identify current challenges

The North Shore Industrial Training Committee met recently at the request of the Provincial Council of Regents for colleges of Applied Arts and Technology to identify current challenges facing the College system in Northern Ontario and describe solutions.

Participants included: Leslie Dickson, Co-ordinator of Schreiber-Terrace Bay Futures; Megan Havelange, Human Services Co-ordinator Manitouwadge; Wilf Durham, Vice-Principal Marathon High School; Peter Roos, Manager Human Resources, James River-Marathon Ltd.; Mike Walton, Chairman, North Shore Industrial Training Committee; and Jim Ziegler, Reeve, township of Terrace Bay.

The project, called Vision

2000, is a provincial initiative seeking grass-roots community recommendations for education delivery programs at the College level.

Submissions from across Ontario will be reviewed and strategies for implementation developed.

The NITC identified: lack of the use of available technology; the unavailability of multi-disciplined instructors; geography and community populations as barriers to access to education within the present College delivery system in the North Shore area.

Solutions suggested by the group were: immediate application of available technology through satellite and computer links to deliver requested programs simultaneously to all students across Northwestern

Ontario; bilingual and multi-lingual disciplined instructors; college training facilities versatile enough to physically accommodate simultaneous teaching of a diversity of programs - e.g. machinist training, hospitality industry training.

Mike Walton described the North Shore area as, "requiring great attention in the provision of educational and skill training programs to ensure equal access to such programs by our residents."

The NITC is a volunteer organization committed to the identification and provision of training in areas of skill shortages.

The Committee serves Pays Plat, Schreiber, Terrace Bay, Rosspport, Marathon, Heron Bay and Manitouwadge.

# Con-artists peddle foul art warns Ducks Unlimited

Ontario outdoor art admirers and Ducks Unlimited committee volunteers are the targets of fly-by-night sales persons making false claims about the sources of the merchandise they are peddling mainly through business offices.

Currently under investigation by the Ontario Provincial Police anti-rackets squad, is a widespread practice by representatives of an art distribution company operating in the province merchandising art prints as products sanctioned by or originating from Ducks Unlimited Canada.

Since the waterfowl conservation organization is widely known to handle specially commissioned or acquired outdoor art reproductions as a means of raising funds, several individuals have believed the sales pitch of the travelling sales persons into paying up to several hundred dollars for prints they were told originated with DU Canada.

A complaint has been laid by DU and charges against the perpetrators are pending subject to on-going full investigation.

According to Dave Gray, manager of Contributor Services for DU Canada, the sales people have been telling potential customers throughout Ontario that special "commemorative edition prints" sets are being handled on behalf of DU Canada, or are surplus from DU-sponsored banquets, or are DU prints acquired through estate sales.

Art sets including images of pheasants, wild turkeys, Canada geese and mallards are being presented as Ducks Unlimited limited edition prints with the signature of "Ken Zylla" on each piece.

Another set, also including Canada geese, mallard ducks and

pheasants bear the surname "Hartley" on each print. According to Gray, no artists by those names has produced any works for DU.

The artwork, in virtually all instances, has been printed on poster paper of a grade much lower than would be acceptable for collectors of art.

Gray says Ducks Unlimited Canada is working closely with the OPP to halt the operation since the misrepresentation adversely affects the reputation of the organization as a source of genuine limited edition wildlife art of good quality.

Gray points out that individuals who purchased DU Canada art reproductions at previous DU fund-raising events may, from time to time, re-sell their acquisitions.

This is normal procedure for any art collector and is encouraged as one means of keeping the market active.

Potential buyers of these items who are not familiar with DU art or artists may wish to verify the title and artist. To do this they should contact the Ducks Unlimited Canada office in Barrie at (705) 726-1650 or the head office of DU Canada at 1-800-665-DUCK.

An indication of the aggressiveness of sales persons representing one of the distribution firms is the recent case where a salesman walked into the DU Canada office in Kingston and attempted to sell his "DU sanctioned art" to the person in charge of handling DU merchandise.

The salesman claimed his company was associated with DU Canada and was aiding the organization in its fund-raising program.

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