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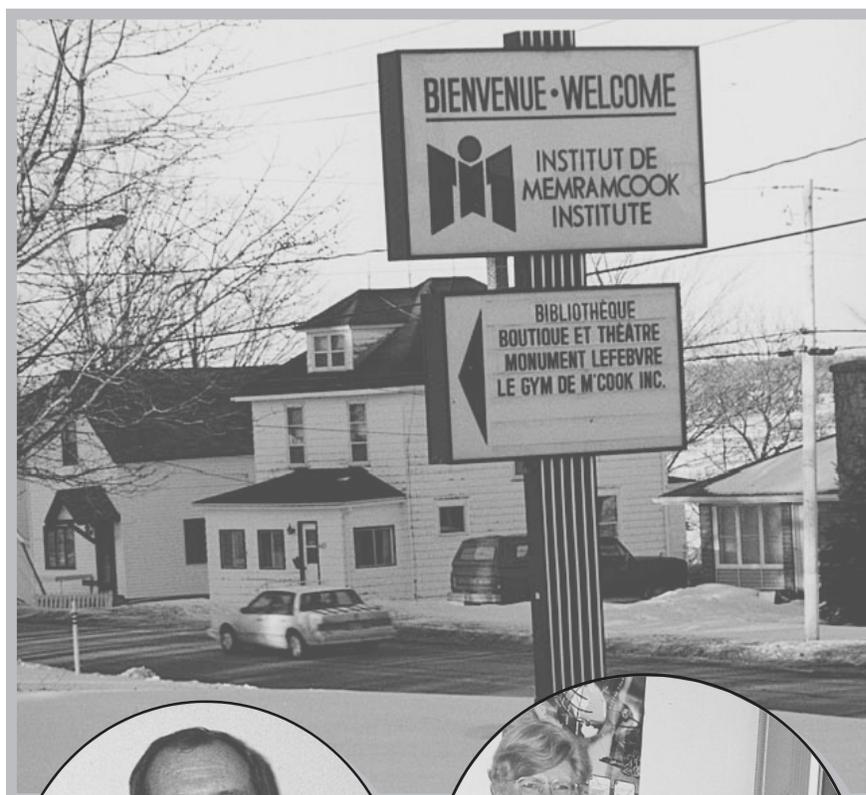
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Real Game Training

Real Game Training was held in Memramcooc, New Brunswick on February 19-22, 2000. Saskatchewan representatives, all SCWEA members, were Wayne Sawka, Regina Catholic School Division, Mary Lou Ast, Saskatoon Public School Division, and Lynn Peterson, Saskatchewan Rivers School Division.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Wayne Sawka

By the time this message reaches you, the 1999/2000 school year will be near completion and I'm sure everyone will be looking forward to a well-deserved summer holiday.

SCWEA has had a busy spring. I will highlight a number of activities:

- (i) the major focus centered around the inservice for the teachers field testing our new curriculum, "Career Work Exploration". I believe the new curriculum will enhance the quality of career program offerings to students and that they, the students, will be the ultimate winners.
- (ii) Rick Grant, President of Cooperative Career Work Education of Canada (CCWEAC) presented to SCWEA's Board of Directors of our partnership with Industry Canada and the Community Access Program (CAP).
- (iii) Start making plans to attend our annual conference. The theme of this year's conference is "Careers: An Open Highway", to be held October 5th and 6th, 2000 at the Bella Vista Inn, Humboldt, Saskatchewan.
- (iv) Our summer workshop, "Career Development Programs That Work", will provide support to educators who deliver career programs. We plan to focus on available resources, including print and electronic. The workshop will be held August 10th and 11th, 2000 at the STF building in Saskatoon. If interested, please check the 2000 Professional Growth Opportunities catalogue.
- (v) In closing, I would like to sincerely thank my dedicated and enthusiastic Executive and Directors. They are totally awesome!!!

Have a great summer holiday!!

Editorial Comments

Welcome to all Career and Work Exploration field test teachers! Over 25 dedicated individuals from a variety of disciplines attended the May 12 inservice day in Saskatoon. It was an exciting day with new ideas being shared in all the sessions. Teachers left with a feeling of enthusiasm and anticipation for the new school term.

We would like to warmly invite all of these teachers to take advantage of the many opportunities and resources that S.C.W.E.A. has to offer.

We hope to see all of you at the fall conference in Humboldt. We are very excited that Dave Redekopp, one of the leading experts in career education in Canada, will be giving a public presentation. Mark your calendars now for October 5 and 6. (See program and registration form in this issue.)

Cheers!

Linda, Lou and Anna



SCWEA Conference 2000

Careers: An Open Highway

Thursday, October 5 – Friday, October 6

Bella Vista Inn, Humboldt

Please call 682-2686 for reservations.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Thursday PM October 5

- 7:30 – 9:00Opening Remarks
 Public Presentation **Offroad Career Planning** by Dr. Dave Redekopp
(Sutherland Theatre at Humboldt Collegiate)
- 9:00 Registration and Reception *(Poolside, Bella Vista Hotel)*

Friday October 6

- 8:00 – 9:00 am.....Registration/Breakfast *(Poolside, Bella Vista Hotel)*
- 9:00 – 9:15Opening Remarks *(Winston/Salem Room)*
- 9:15 – 10:15**Career and Work Exploration 10, 20, 30:** Anna Fornal and Christel Gee
- 10:15 – 10:30.....Nutrition Break
- 10:30 – 11:45Two Concurrent Sessions
 1. **Real Game Series: Grade 7-8/9-10:** MaryLou Ast, Wayne Sawka, Lynn Peterson
(Charleston Room)
 2. **Safety, Rights and Responsibilities:** Jeri Marchinko *(Winston Room)*
- 11:45 – 1:15 pm....AGM/Lunch *(Salem Room)*
- 1:30 – 3:15Two concurrent Sessions
 1. **Why Not Our Kids Too? Facilitators Workshop:** Labour Force Development Board
(Charleston Room)
 2. **Career Planning Using the Internet** (Maximum 25: Damon Steadman
(Humboldt Collegiate – Carlton Trail Regional College Computer Lab)

Send Registrations to Robert Bellamy, Humboldt Collegiate, Box 1780, Humboldt, SK S0K 2A0
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SCWEA Conference 2000 – Careers: An Open Highway **REGISTRATION FORM**

Last Name:	First Name:
Address:	
City/Town:	
Phone:	Postal Code:
Payment Enclosed:	(\$100.00 includes membership)
School Board:	
Signature	

Why Not Our Kids, Too?

Facilitator's Guide

A pilot of the workshop, "Why Not Our Kids Too?" developed by Sheri Striesal was held in Regina on January 22 from 11:00 to 3:00. It was hosted by SIAST, Wascana Campus and facilitated by Luanne Belyk. Twenty-nine invited participants attended. The members of the Education and Training Reference Sub-Committee, (except for Kevin Quinlan and Jim Savage, were present. SIAST was represented by nine participants. There were also participants from Saskatchewan Education, Regina Work Preparation Centre, Saskatchewan Indian Federated College, Radius Community Centre, Northlands College, Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Southeastern Métis Development Corporation and the University of Regina. As well, the

youth coordinator for Saskatchewan Labour Force Development Board attended. Representatives from school divisions also attended, (several guidance counselors, several Work Education coordinators, a career facilitator, a department head and a division consultant).

Evaluation sheets with comments were collected from 26 participants. Three participants left copies of the draft with comments for review. In a cursory examination of the suggestions for revision of the workshop and materials, there were themes than re-occurred frequently. Highlighted are four:

- To provide an information or pre-reading package prior to the workshop

- To reorganize the workshop to allow for more discussion among participants
- To highlight exciting, innovative approaches now occurring in the province – whether through Saskatchewan Labor Board, Saskatchewan Education, school divisions or other partners
- To increase the number of hands-on activities and handouts in the workshop which might be used directly with students.

A team (Anna Fornal, Luanne Belyk and Donna Patterson) have been contracted to revise the workshop based on these evaluations. Currently, the intention is to interview three to five participants to develop a deeper understanding of the comments and suggestions made on the evaluation sheets, and to revise accordingly. Timelines are to complete the product for fall distribution. Thanks are extended to the subcommittee for supporting this revision of the workshop so that it will be both more useful to educators and reflective of the Labor Board's ongoing commitment to Career Education.





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April 30 - May 3 - International School to Work Conference, Toronto - SCWEA members represented Saskatchewan with a presentation to delegates on Saskatchewan Career and Work initiatives.

May 12 - Career & Work Exploration Inservice - over 25 teachers were involved from across the province.

May 26 - Career Development Saskatchewan Stakeholder Meeting in Regina - looked at Career Guidance, Real Game series, Blueprint for Life\Work Designs, Career & Work Exploration curriculum with the main emphasis on the Blueprint. Four members from the National Life\Work Centre were present.

August - Summer Short Course - August 10-22, 2000, Saskatoon.

March, 2001 - International Career Development conference - Going for Gold, in Vancouver. Check the following website for information: workinonet.bc.ca/goingforgold2001/index.html

& BYTES

Career Development: A Parallel Learning Experience

By Shelley Hosaluk, Saskatoon Public School Division

In career development education, a pioneering and evolving curricular/concept field for Saskatchewan educators, the current local emphases for school appears to be commencing with the student; the primary customer in the educational domain. How can we heighten awareness and exploration of the myriad of choices available to students in our globally influenced environments? Naturally, educators aim to develop resources and programs which will best meet the needs of the students served. As changing world conditions dictate, career education for students is becoming increasingly important. Thus, the climate in Saskatchewan is optimum for the development of educational offerings consistent with these goals.

As educators model the way for their students and set the example, career education and career development of teachers and administrators can be homogenized with efforts that are directed and intended for students. Changing the way in which we approach career preparation and career development requires planning and goal setting. Teachers and administrators who provide time to reflect on their own professional development and career education can position themselves to best meet the needs of their students and staffs who require guidance, support and facilitation. Through career education initiatives for educators, student career development principles can be infused, developed and enhanced; offering educators and their pupils parallel learning

experiences which can increase future opportunities and point the way for further skill development, research and learning, and identification of individual strengths and areas for improvement.

One useful device for collecting and showcasing information regarding career pathways, career development and career planning is the portfolio. Portfolio building can assist in determining individual strengths and pinpointing areas for further consideration and growth. Educators can encourage the use of portfolios with their students as evidence of quality work and skill development. Those individuals who are new to the teaching profession find the portfolio a beneficial resource to assist in professional development. Many seasoned educators choose to create portfolios based on an historical or chronological record of their own careers documenting achievements, professional development and contributions to the lives of young people in the community and in the province.

Career education and career development for educators and students is crucial to the continuous improvement and lifelong learning process. As adults, we may find that reflecting, documenting, and sharing our own career pathways to be instrumental in illuminating the way for our youth. Members of the Council of 21 claim:

"The benefits of being able to use technology go far beyond the preparation for a career or avocation ... Getting ready

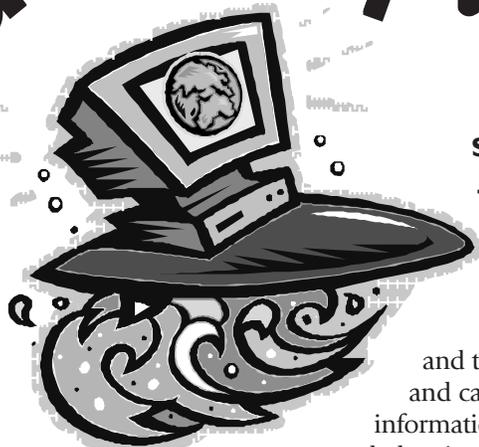
for a specific vocation (sic) may be less important than having those skills, habits, and bodies of knowledge that are basic to most, if not all, personal and professional endeavors. The Council of 21 suggests that business and professional people be involved in curriculum decisions that affect employability (Withrow, 1999, p. 28)."

As we awaken to the dawn of the new millennium, we have many exciting and potentially rewarding experiences to share in the career education and career development of our Saskatchewan students. With support and encouragement from one another, we are well on the way to new discoveries together.

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Surf's Up!



Submitted by
Judy Behrns

Come on in...the water's fine! A little surfing on the 'net will lead you to some great career development websites that are free of charge. A few of my favourites are described below. These and others can be accessed from <http://www.communitynetworks.org> which can, in turn, be accessed from our SCWEA site. If you have favourites of your own that you'd like to share, please forward them to me at jbehns@rbe.sk.ca.

SaskNetWork

<http://www.sasknetwork.gov.sk.ca>

SaskNetWork is a comprehensive resource for career planning, education and training, job market trends, and employment issues and opportunities for Saskatchewan people. The "Youth" section of the website lists appropriate programs, services, and resource links. Employment programs and services, career planning resources, information for young entrepreneurs, job opportunities, and job search techniques are among the resources offered.

Canada WorkInfoNet

<http://www.workinfonet.ca>

CanWIN helps Canadians connect to resources in areas of jobs, work and recruiting, learning, education

and training, occupations and careers; labour market information; self employment, workplace issues and supports; and financial assistance. This site provides easy access to useful information about work and life-long learning in Canada.

Career Paths Online

<http://careerpathsonline.com>

This Canadian website strives to be an inspiration, interactive career resource that will help youth make relevant and informed career plans. It offers an online version of the Career Paths publications, relevant links, as well as the new 10 Step Career Planning Guide. This interactive guide is designed to help students explore their career options. The first five self-discovery steps focus on values, personality, learning styles, skills and interests. The last five steps include options, research, connections, goals, and action. The 10 Step Career Planning guide can be accessed directly through <http://10steps.careerpathsonline.com>

Youth Resource Network of Canada

<http://www.youth.gc.ca>

This site, designed for and managed by youth, offers a wealth of information. Self-assessment tools; labour market information; training and education; job search techniques; job opportunities; and self-employment are some of the highlights.

Career Parent Magazine Online

<http://careerparent.bridges.com>

Set kids up for success with Career Parent Magazine, a new free service from Bridges.com. Published each Monday, it's available by e-mail or on the Web. This magazine will be of interest of parents who want to educate and interest their children in self awareness; career awareness; career/life exploration and planning; personal management; and connecting to the community.

The Edge On-Line

<http://www.theedgemag.org>

"The Edge" is a bilingual career information magazine designed for and with youth ages 13 to 18. Accompanying resources include a facilitator's guide, a career calendar for families, and The Edge On-Line. This website promises to serve as a virtual community where teens, parents, educators, youth workers, and the community can work together to support career building.

Canada Career Consortium

<http://www.careerccc.org>

This CCC site aims to create and offer quality career information through strategic partnerships. Resource Centre; Activity Centre; All the Latest; and CCC Office are main topics. The Resource Centre, for example, is a collection of career materials and websites designed to help users make good career and life decisions. Electronic versions of Canada Prospects Newspapers can be accessed through this site.

The Real Game

www.realgame.com

This site provides an international online community for current and future users of the Real Game Series. Although some areas are still under construction, users can try a game out online, check out the "Blueprint," order products and more.

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