Greetings Folks! Happy New Year 2002!

Conference 2001: A Career Work Odyssey was a great success! Held at the Temple Gardens Mineral Spa in Moose Jaw on October 4-5, 2001, it featured a variety of focused and hands-on sessions that provided Career and Work practitioners with an opportunity to learn about new resources and gain new skills. Check out the great pictures on pages four and five of this edition of Career Connections! A special thank you to Carrie Kiefer, our Conference Chairperson, for a job well done.

We were proud to have, as our keynote speaker, Phil Jarvis of the National Life/Work Centre. Phil Jarvis has authored Choices, was the founding National Coordinator of CCIP and initiated Canada Prospects. He was the founding President of Canada WorkinfoNET. He now coordinates the Blueprint for Life/work Designs, coordinated Real Game Series partnerships and advises on national department of education projects in the U. S., the U. K., Australia, New Zealand, Hungary and Denmark. His presentation, “Career Building: Beyond Career Decision-Making” was a highlight of the conference for many.

Other sessions included Destination 2020 (Lynn Peterson); Powerful Portfolios with Practical Implications: Multiple Intelligence and the Portfolio Process (Shelley Hosaluk and Murray Guest); Career and Work Exploration (CWE) Resources (Ray Robertson); Ready for Work Resources (Carole Sedgwick and Peter Lavalley); Saskatchewan Labour Force Development Board (Ashley Topuschak).

Our Annual General Meeting also generated many good ideas. The possibility of joint-conferencing is being pursued. As well, a resolution to support The Role of the School Report Recommendation 15.0 on Career Education has been submitted for discussion at Spring Council.

On another note, I must express a special thank you to the great folks on the SCWEA Executive. Returning this year are Mary Lou Ast, Judy Behrns, Shelley Hosaluk, Carrie Kiefer, Hazel Lorenz, Bill Pennefather, Lynn Peterson, and Wayne Sawka. New this year is Dennis Moffat of Saskatoon. Carrie Kiefer serves in a one-year appointment as Vice President. We all look forward to serving you.

I hope you have a great year!

Cheers,
Anna
The Role of the School document identifies strong support from students and trustees for career education in schools. In particular, students made direct recommendations that career education and career counselling be made available to improve their learning environment. Career education:

…needs to be seen as part of the self-assessment and evaluation components of Core Curriculum. As such, career education includes goal setting and research. This understanding and these skills will equip them for lifelong learning and for following multiple career paths, rather than thinking of the matter simply in terms of finding ‘the right’ career. (Tymchak, 2001, 94)

The Task Force urges “the Saskatchewan education community to honour and act upon the request of students for enhanced career exploration and career education opportunities: and “that wherever possible career exploration and career opportunities be articulated with the academic program so that these curriculum and learning opportunities are mutually supportive, rather than competitive” (Tymchak, 2001, 93). Career exploration and planning, developed in the context of an individualized student portfolio, for example, can occupy a vital and valid place in an improved learning environment. Inherent in the design, the portfolio enhances the school experience for students by providing a process that is relevant and meaningful; thus connecting subject areas and personal interests with the greater community.

Reference

The “High Five” of Career Development

Follow Your Heart

Stay Learning

Focus on the Journey

Change is Constant

Access Your Allies

Submitted by Judy Behrns

ARE YOU READY?
Answer the questions in this checklist, adapted from the Canadian Career Consortium, to see if you’re ready to welcome the career challenges of the future.

Follow Your Heart
• Do my dreams shape my goals?
• Do I go after what I want?
• Do I do what makes me happy?

Stay Learning
• Do new ideas and concepts excite me?
• Do I like to take on new challenges?
• Do I take advantage of every learning opportunity?

Focus on the Journey
• Do I value all of my career/life experiences?
• Do I set short-term goals to help me achieve my long-term goals?
• Do I view life as an exciting trip with many directions and goals?

Change is Constant
• Do I initiate change?
• Do I welcome change?
• Do I adapt to change easily?

Access Your Allies
• Do I seek advice from family and friends to achieve my goals?
• Do I view my community as a career resource?
• Do I offer advice and support to others?
2001: A Career Work Odyssey

SCWEA Conference was held October 4 & 5 at the Temple Gardens Mineral Spa

Pre-Conference “The Be Real Game” (top) “The Be Real Game” enthusiasts (bottom)

Pre-Conference presenters

Keynote Presentation: Phil Jarvis

Don Morrison and Liz Henger at Registration Desk

Murray Guest, and Shelley Hosaluk, presenters
SCWEA AWARDS 2001

Each year SCWEA recognizes individuals or organizations that have made outstanding contributions in the area of Career and Work Exploration in Saskatchewan. The following awards were presented at our annual general meeting in Moose Jaw.

Friends of Career and Work Education
- Sask Labour: Alan Walker, Marlene Smale and Carole Sedgwick

These awards are presented to non-educators who have assisted in the development and promotion of Career Work Education in Saskatchewan.

Linda Reynolds presented this award to Carole Sedgwick on behalf of Sask Labour.

“Rarely over my career have I had the opportunity to work with materials of the quality of Ready for Work. Not only quality but the quantity of materials which are available. There are materials to use in all of Grades 9-12, not only in the Career Work programs, but also in all of the Practical and Applied Arts. And now we have the facilitation workshops to look forward to starting this month. It is my pleasure to present this Friends of Career Work Education award to Sask Labour and to Allan Walker, Marlene Smale and Carole Sedgwick.”

Recognition of Service Awards - Bill Pennefather and Lynn Peterson

These awards are presented to members who have made recent and present contributions to Career Work Education in Saskatchewan.

One of this year’s winners is Bill Pennefather.

Bill started his teaching career in 1975. During those early years, Bill initiated an Alternative Work Education Program in Enderby, British Columbia. He also attended the founding meeting of CCWEAC in Winnipeg in 1982. From 1985 to the present Bill has been employed with Saskatoon Public Schools. Most of these years have included involvement in a Career or Work Education Program. For the past two years, Bill has been the Youth Internship Coordinator. The Youth Internship Program is designed to provide specific training to students who have demonstrated a definite interest in a particular industry. The program blends in-school education with work site experience.

Bill has been part of the SCWEA executive for the last four years. Currently he is the secretary-treasurer. He also chaired the last SCWEA convention that was held in Saskatoon in 1999. The one area where Bill stands well above the rest, an area that no SCWEA member has ventured before, is that of SCWEA web site master. Bill is the major architect of this venture. If you know Bill, you will know, working with computers is one of his passions; therefore, captaining our web site is a natural fit. He does an exceptional job on the web site. I encourage you to check it out at www.scwea.com.
The Award of Excellence - Judy Behrns

This award is presented to the SCWEA member who has made the most outstanding contribution to the development of Career Work Education in Saskatchewan - presented by Lynn Peterson:

Judy Behrns is a leader “par excellence” in the Saskatchewan Career/Work Education community. Her participation in this area has taken many forms that of Practical and Applied Arts Consultant with the Regina Public Schools, innovator of new collaborative programs and partnerships, counsellor, curriculum developer and teacher of, and expert in the applied arts.

With roots in the private sector, Judy has brought clear thinking and common sense to SCWEA. Her advice is sought and valued by her colleagues and she is generous with the help that she is willing to provide. She is interested in new innovation and seizes the opportunity to enhance Career/Work planning opportunities for students.

Judy is a person who “focuses on the journey”. She works hard and plays hard an indication of the balance that is evident in her life. In addition to her occupational roles, she is a wife, mother, golfer, basketball fan, and highly esteemed friend. Humour is woven throughout her personality as evidenced by the long-standing practical jokes that pass back and forth between Judy and her collaboration buddy Wayne Sawka.

Community netWORKS, an award winning partnership between Regina Public, Regina Catholic, Buffalo Plains school divisions and many community partners, offers programming for three distinct and essential groups; students, educators and community members. Project activities compliment and enhance Career Development programs that already exist in Regina and area schools. This project is a testament to Judy and her co-coordinator’s organizational ability, public relations skills, knowledge of current innovation and the ability to follow through.

Judy believes in experiential learning, taking a “people” approach and taking measured risks that start small and build. It is an honour to present the SCWEA Award of Excellence to Judy Behrns.

Bill, through your commitment, effort, and hard work, we thank you. You are indeed a credit to our organization.

Another of this year’s winners is Lynn Peterson. Over the years she has been an efficient school counsellor, a dynamic consultant, and an extremely effective workshop presenter whose insight and expertise has helped improve the delivery of career development in our schools.

And what about this woman, herself? She is honest, intelligent, witty, and understanding. People say that she is a woman of dynamic talent whose ideas and ideals benefit all who come in contact with her.

There are many valid reasons why she is deserving of this award. That’s not to mention that she: piloted a Career Education class from 1993 to 1995 plus she has participated in or facilitated many “Real Game” workshops throughout Saskatchewan, and facilitated Middle Years Career Education workshops. Certainly it is an honour for Lynn, but we are equally honoured to have her with SCWEA.

Lynn, we thank you for your efficiency: thank you for those times when we were debating many SCWEA issues, that were resolved because of your expertise and depth of understanding: thank you for caring about career development in our province.
2001-2002 SCWEA Executive

Anna Fernald, President

Anna is in her second year as President. She has served on the SCWEA Board since 1997. She is currently the Work Education Coordinator for the Saskatoon Public School Division. Past positions include that of classroom teacher, librarian, career centre coordinator, career facilitator, curriculum writer, and school-based program coordinator. Her contributions include the Career and Work Exploration 10, 20, 30 Curriculum Guidelines (Saskatchewan Education, Draft 2000), Why Not Our Kids Too? A Facilitator’s Guide (Saskatchewan Labour Force Development Board, January 2001), as well as numerous papers, proposals, presentations, and projects in the area of career development. She is Myers-Briggs, True Colors and Real Game trained. She was Career Connections’ first editor (May 1999) and has remained a co-editor and contributor since. She has a B.Ed., B.A., and M.Ed. She lives happily with her husband, Mike Gollop and their eleven-year-old son, Alex.

Bill Pennefather, Secretary-Treasurer

Bill graduated from the University of Calgary in 1975 and began teaching at Wesmore Junior High School in Prince Albert. From this first teaching assignment to the present he has been involved with work education.

After leaving Prince Albert Bill initiated an Alternate Work Education Program in Enderby, British Columbia in the early 80’s. Prior to coming to the Saskatoon Public School Division Bill was the Principal at Brabant Lake School in the Northern Lights School Division. Since coming to Saskatoon he has been involved as a work education teacher at Mount Royal Collegiate and City Park Alternate Program. Presently Bill is the Youth Internship Coordinator.

Bill is the Secretary/Treasurer of SCWEA and is working on the development of the SCWEA Web Site.

Carrie Kiefer, Vice-President

Carrie is currently the Work Education Consultant for Moose Jaw Public School Division #1. In this position, she coordinates the Work Education Programs as well as Community Based Learning and Job Shadowing experiences. Partners in Education is another initiative she is involved with. Carrie became associated with Work Education when employed by Thunder Creek School Division #78. From 1994-1998, she was the School Work Education Coordinator in Mortlach. Carrie continues to enjoy her involvement with SCWEA and looks forward to serving as acting Vice-President.

Wayne Sawka, Past-President

Wayne completed his Bachelor of Education degree at the University of Regina. He worked in the Student Services area for three years before returning to the University of Regina to obtain a post-graduate diploma in School Guidance and Counselling. He spent one year with the Regina Catholic School Board and the last 18 years with the Regina Catholic School System.

This is the 11th year Wayne has been involved in the Work Experience Program. He has served on SCWEA’s Board of Directors since 1990. For the first two years, he was the Editor of the Newsletter.

From 1994 to 1996 he served as Vice-President and from 1997 to 2000 as President. Wayne is the Regina Catholic School’s representative on the Community netWORKS initiative.

Lynn Peterson, Director

Lynn works as an Educational Psychologist with the Saskatchewan Rivers School Division. Her career has included several different occupations all centering around counselling and community development. Although her roots are in Saskatoon, she has lived with her family at Christopher Lake for the past 20 years. She loves her work but loves recreation even more, especially travelling. It is her fondest hope that in her working life time a comprehensive K to 12 Career Exploration curriculum will be developed and implemented in Saskatchewan.
Hazel Lorenz, Director
Hazel has been involved with work education since 1985, and has served four terms on the SCWEA executive. She is currently employed with Lands West school division as the Practical and Applied Arts coordinator, a job, which changes and grows on a continuing basis. She is happy to be back on the executive and hopes to serve the membership of SCWEA well.

Judy Behrns, Director
Judy is currently the Career Development Consultant for Regina Public Schools. Past positions have been with three Saskatchewan school boards, SIAST, Wascana Institute, and Saskatchewan Education. At various times, she’s contributed to career development for students as classroom teacher, guidance counsellor, curriculum writer, PAA consultant, and Work Experience Coordinator. Judy and husband, Don, have two sons.

Mary Lou Ast, Director
Mary Lou taught in rural Saskatchewan for 16 years before moving to Saskatoon in 1992. She is currently teaching Home Economics, Accounting and Career and Work Exploration at Evan Hardy Collegiate in Saskatoon. Mary Lou has served on a number of career committees, she is a Real Game Series trainer, and has been a co-editor of Career Connections for the past three years. Mary Lou and life-partner, Brian, have three children.

Shelley Hosaluk, Director
Shelley completed her Bachelor of Education at the University of Saskatchewan and graduated with a Master of Arts in International Educational Leadership (Career Education) from San Diego State University. With over 20 years of experience as an educator in a variety of settings, Shelley is excited to work with an inspiring and dedicated SCWEA executive team. Professional teacher portfolios and student career portfolios are her passion. Marion Graham Collegiate Institute in Saskatoon is where Shelley presently teaches English, Creative Writing, and French. She is coordinating a student-driven, learning-centered, teacher-facilitated Student Portfolio Exhibition scheduled for May 2002. Hope to see you there!

Dennis Moffatt, Director
Dennis Moffatt is a Career Facilitator at Nutana Collegiate in the Saskatoon Public School Division. He coordinated the development of the integrated “Career Model” for Nutana Collegiate. Dennis has worked as Youth Internship Coordinator for his school division and served as President of the Saskatchewan Business Teachers Association.
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ON THE EDGE

Submitted by Judy Behrns

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