

**CARNage COMMITTEE**

# Message to grads: 'Come home alive'

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"Don't try to pack all life's experiences in one evening — come home alive."

That's the message being given to Prince George students the CARNage road safety members in advance of graduation celebrations later this month.

CARNage members started their safety campaign by giving 120 Kelly Road Secondary School students a solemn lecture on drinking and driving this week.

The committee will also speak to the 500 graduating students at Prince George Secondary School on June 14 and the 160 graduating students at Duchess Park Secondary School June 8.

"Of the 22 fatal accidents in Prince George last year, 64 per cent were due to drinking and driving and 37 per cent involved people under 19," students were told.

A row of eight empty chairs faced the students — a grim testimony to those who have died on the highways in Prince George this year.

Students also saw a film and gruesome slides showing accident victims.

"These films are designed to scare you and make you think; I don't want to spoil your fun, but I would ask you to approach your celebration with sanity and return home alive," Roland Stieda of CARNage said.

He told the students "life gets livelier and more fun when you get older."

"Even if you're not driving you're better off to get your parents annoyed and walk 10 miles home or present them with a \$20 taxi bill," he told the students.

Students were told that 6,000 Canadians die annually from motor vehicle accidents and the majority of those accidents involve alcohol and teenage drivers.

"Make prior arrangements to get home or stay overnight wherever you're having your party," a CARNage member said.

An ambulance driver told students drinking and driving was "crazy and stupid, but nobody seems to be listening."

Dr. Ron Dabbs, a member of the emergency team at Prince George Regional Hospital, said it was impossible to share the emotions he felt in the emergency ward of the hospital.

"But I can assure you if you drink and drive sooner or later you'll suffer those emotions too."

A ministry of forestry spokesman told student "graduates use forest service campsites for parties and some sites have already been used and at some there's broken glass and garbage all over the place."

The spokesman urged students to "clean up their mess and consider sleeping out over night if they celebrate at a forestry campsite."

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"It made an affect on me, I would think twice before I got into my car again," said student Frank Mercuri, 17.

Another student said the talk "re-affirmed his feelings about what can happen when you drink and drive."

"You need something like this to re-affirm your thoughts, but I don't think it would make much of an affect on those who are going to drink and drive anyway," said Remondo Bernardo, 18.

"Maybe more roadblocks

and heavier fines would work with people like that, or if they brought people here who had been in an accident."

Bernardo said the CARNage talk "makes the responsible mind more aware but others can associate more with people than with films."

He said most of the parties he and his friends go to "we stay overnight."

"But I think we're in a minority in this school; I don't think this (CARNage talk) would make any difference to most people; if your mind is made up you're not going to change it."

### RUPERT-ISLAND

## Ferry route cut by new terminal

BEAR COVE, B.C. (CP) — Premier Bill Bennett travelled to this northern Vancouver Island hamlet Thursday to open a new \$2.5 million ferry terminal that will cut four

hours off the ferry run from the island to Prince Rupert.

The new terminal, near Port Hardy, replaces one at Kelsey Bay, about 115 kilometres to the southeast.

Construction of the Bear Cove terminal took seven months. Dock facilities are designed to handle the ferry Queen of Prince Rupert and the Queen of Surrey, which Premier Bennett said might soon be coming out of mothballs for use on the Prince Rupert run.

Charles Gallagher, general manager of the British Columbia Ferries Corporation, also said he expects the Queen of Surrey to be reactivated for next summer.

A \$5 million refit has already started on the ferry which has a larger passenger and vehicle capacity than the Queen of Prince Rupert.

Gallagher said the Queen of Surrey would more than double the Queen of Prince Rupert's capacity of 450 passengers and 80 vehicles. The Surrey is also faster.

He said it would cost another \$3 million if a dock is to be built for the Queen of Surrey at Skidegate to serve the Queen Charlotte Islands.

### SFU dispute inquiry slated

BURNABY, B.C. (CP) — A former vice-chairman of the British Columbia Labor Relations Board will head a three-member industrial inquiry commission appointed to resolve a lengthy labor dispute between Simon Fraser University and the Association of University and College Employees.

Ed Peck of Vancouver was appointed today following negotiations between the university and the union representing about 650 workers.

The university representative on the commission is Victoria lawyer Ian Stewart while the union representative is Diane MacKenzie Baigent, a provincial health and human resources co-ordinator at Masset on the Queen Charlotte Islands. Meetings of the commission, which will make binding decisions on wages and vacations, the two outstanding issues in the dispute, are scheduled to begin July 3. The decision is expected two weeks after the sessions conclude.

The employees were involved in a six-week strike which followed months of rotating walkouts. The strike ended April 24. During the walkouts, 18 persons were arrested and charged at a demonstration at the university.

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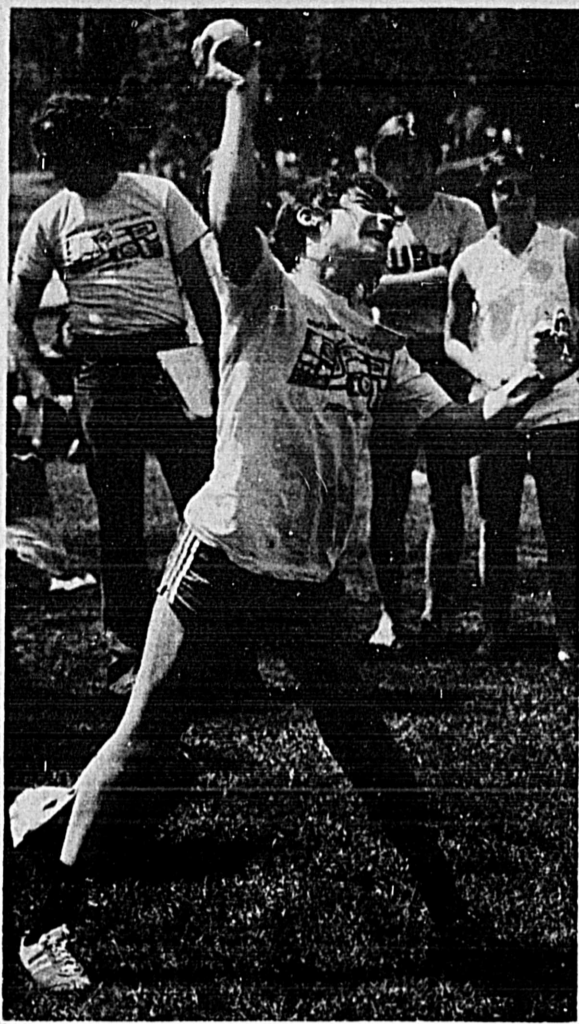
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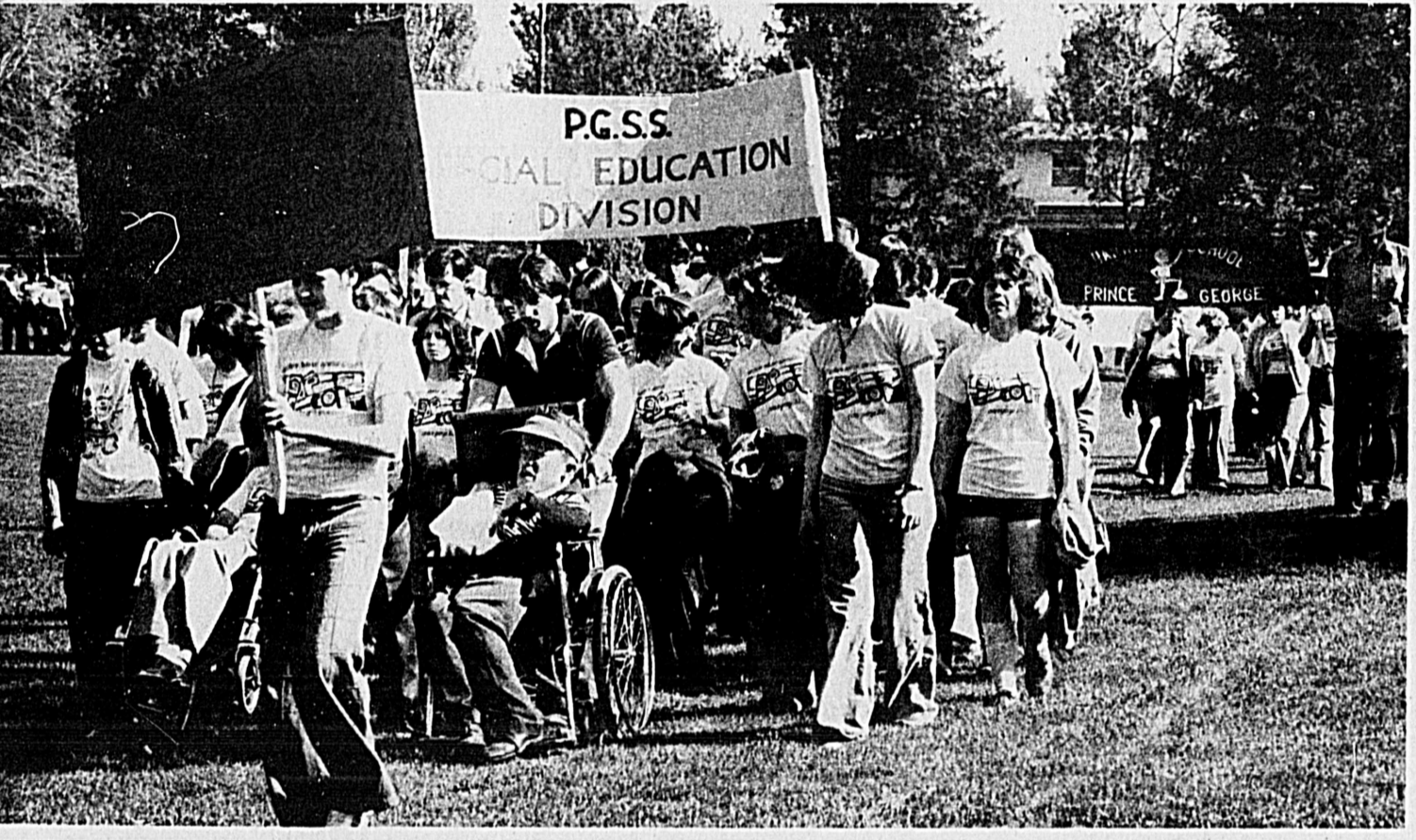
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It was the thrill of victory for all athletes in the 1979 Northern Interior Special Olympics in Prince George Thursday — for the fact that 264 handicapped children and adults overcame their mental or physical disabilities was a victory in itself. Organized along the lines of the regular international Olympics, there were track and field events all day at Fort George Park and swimming and bowling in town. The softball throw (top left) took the place of a shotput while volunteers (top right) helped those unable to push themselves in a wheelchair. The Parade of Athletes (bottom) was done to music from the Prince George Senior Secondary School Band as athletes from Merritt to Fort Nelson and from Prince Rupert to McBride participated in the third annual event.

### Special Olympics



### PRE-1940 REUNION

## 'Bobby-soxers' sought



The 1938 graduating class of the Prince George High School poses in the school yard.

### RADIO, TV

## Stations charged

VANCOUVER (CP) — Eight radio stations and two television stations in the Vancouver area were charged Thursday with conspiring to fix advertising prices between June 30, 1976, and Dec. 1, 1977.

The combines investigation branch of the federal department of consumer and corporate affairs charges that the stations conspired to lessen competition in the sale or sup-

ply of radio and TV broadcast time for advertising.

Named in the charge are television stations BCTV and CKVU, New Westminster radio station CKNW, Vancouver radio stations CHQM, CKWX, CJOR, CJVB, CFUN and CKLG and CJJC Langley.

Also named are the sales managers of the stations at the time the alleged conspiracy took place. All the accused are to appear in court June 12.

### Cancer Society sets up booth

The Prince George chapter of the Canadian Cancer Society will hold its annual raffle and information booth at the Pine Centre Mall Saturday.

A couple whose only daughter died of cancer in 1972. Since then, items donated by this couple have raised \$50,000 for cancer research.

Tickets for the raffle are 50 cents each or three for \$1.

## 'Fewer mishaps involved alcohol'

VICTORIA (CP) — Alcohol accounted for only 18 per cent of the motor vehicle accidents in British Columbia during the May holiday weekend, Attorney General Garde Gardom said Thursday.

Gardom said 34,000 drivers were stopped in road checks throughout the province during the weekend ending May 21. Criminal charges will be laid against 251 motorists while another 207 were given 24-hour roadside suspensions. The attorney-general said

drivers involved in 66 alcohol-related accidents will be charged. But these accidents involving liquor were just 18 per cent of the total weekend count.

Impaired driving charges were laid against 330 people during a March roadside blitz and 227 roadside suspensions were issued.

Gardom says there were fewer impaired charges in the May blitz because advance warnings resulted in fewer drinking motorists on the road.

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