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## UNBC loses chair of nursing

The University of Northern British Columbia has lost another senior administrator.

Dr. Leslie Hardy is stepping down as the head of the university's nursing program.

This is the third resignation from UNBC in recent months. First, Ken Coates left his position as vice-president (academic) and then Geoffrey Weller stepped down two years early as president of the university.

UNBC media officer Rob Van Adrichem says the departure stems from "philosophical differences in the operation of the university and resource allocation."

Attempts to reach Dr. Hardy by press time were unsuccessful.

Mr. Van Adrichem says all faculty members would like more resources but adds it is important to remember "this is a new university and we're still working out all the bugs."

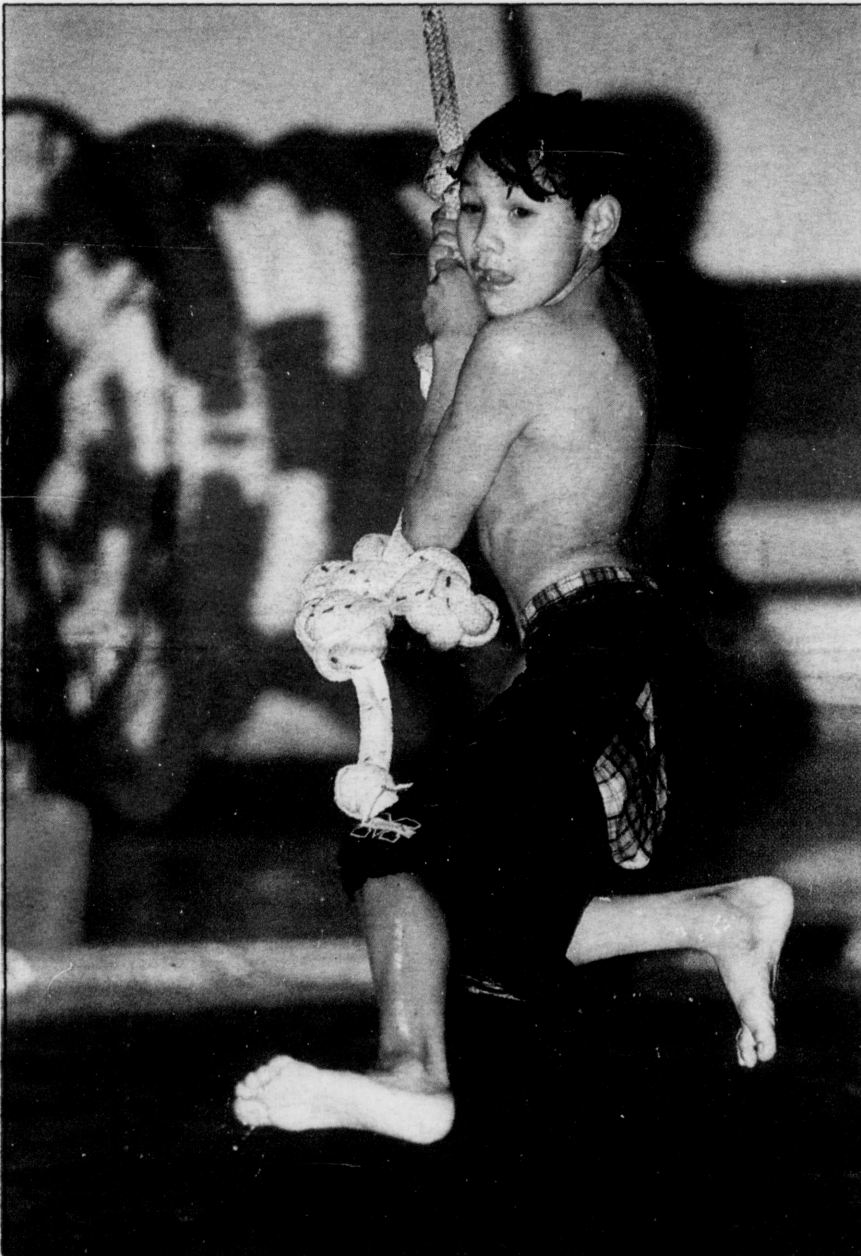
The recent resignations, notes Mr. Van Adrichem, are partially reflective of the fact building a university is much different than running one. "It's not a university issue, it's an administrative one."

Dr. Hardy, who came from Memorial University, is the first program chair to resign. But Mr. Van Adrichem says it is not that unusual for program chairs to step down.

At other universities, he explains, the program chair is an administrative function and the professors rotate in and out of the position.

Dr. Hardy, who has developed the nursing program at UNBC, is staying on as a faculty member. The date of resignation is unknown.

## Is that Lord Greystoke?/No, it's Terry!



It might have been a little nippy outside of the Four Seasons Pool, but the students from Carney Hill Elementary School kept warm while they were inside. Terry Caldwell shows he isn't afraid to impersonate Tarzan, with the proper yell and all. ROB BIRON/FREE PRESS

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## Central Mountain Air back from the brink

By SHANE MILLS

Prince George Free Press

Central Mountain Air is ready to fly high again. Now it just needs a boost from its creditors.

The company, which had filed for protection from its creditors in June, has submitted a restructuring plan to its creditors and will know on December 6 whether the proposal has been accepted.

"Our company is extremely confident that the terms of the proposal will be accepted and that Central Mountain Air will prosper in the future," says company president Neil Blackwell.

"The changes we have made, such as the consolidation of certain routes and the resulting yield, have contributed to CMA making a small profit during the restructuring process."

Peter Byrnes, the company's director of marketing, says details of the restructuring proposal are not being released at this time. "Some of the creditors may not have received the information yet," he explains.

According to Mr. Byrnes, the response from everyone connected with the company has been extremely positive. "The support we have received from our employees, suppliers and the communities we serve was the key to our successful completion of the restructuring process."

Mr. Byrnes says the restructuring process, which was

coupled with changes began early in the year, has resulted in a more efficient operation. "By hubbing in Prince George and the consolidation of our routes we have lowered our operating costs and raised our yield per route."

Based in Smithers, Central Mountain Air flies to Kamloops, Kelowna and twice a day to Vancouver. The company also covers Terrace, Smithers and points in-between.

Mr. Byrnes says the outlook for the industry as a whole is beginning to pick up. "The airline industry is starting to come out of the slump it's been in the previous three years." He adds the restructuring process Central Mountain Air has gone through is no different than what other airlines in Canada and the United States have to do to remain competitive in a depressed market.