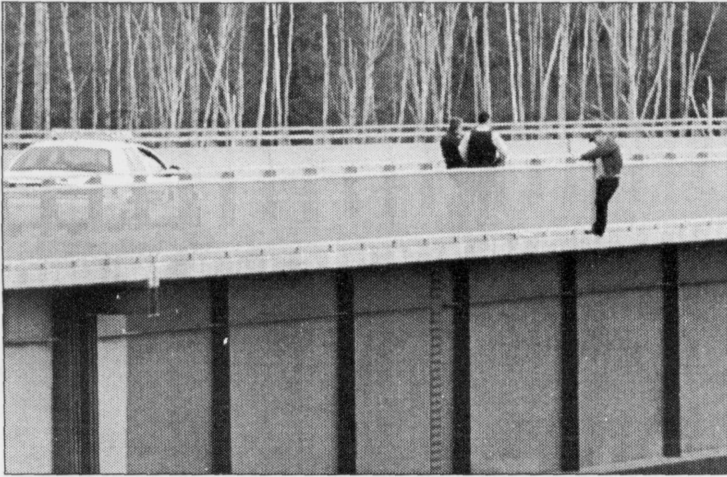


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RCMP stopped traffic on the Yellowhead bridge Tuesday when an unidentified man climbed over the railing and appeared to be ready to jump. He eventually climbed back over the railing where constables waited.

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More space coming for CNC and UNBC

New funding will create 111 more spaces for northern students who want to go to a college or university close to home next fall.

UNBC and CNC will receive a \$2.61 funding boost from the provincial government.

Prince George North MLA Paul Ramsey hopes the funding increases will mean students won't have to leave the region to get their educations.

"We are investing in Prince George's post-secondary institutions to make sure people in the north have access to high-quality education right here at home," he says.

"Today's post-secondary education is a requirement to find well-paid work, and that's why we're making sure access to education in Prince George increases every year."

The University of Northern British Columbia will receive 48 new spaces, including four for high-tech training. An increase of \$1.35 million brings the university's operating budget to \$27.25 million.

The College of New

Caledonia will receive 63 new spaces, including 20 spaces for nursing courses. The \$1.26 million increase brings its operating budget to \$19.92 million.

Mr. Ramsey says the provincial post-secondary budget will increase by \$85 million this year, and will create 5,025 new student spaces in post-secondary

schools province-wide. High-tech programs will have an added 800 spaces, and 400 are being allocated to expand nursing programs.

Since 1996, Mr. Ramsey says there have been about 21,000 new spaces created in B.C.'s post-secondary institutions, which exceeds the NDP government's original goal of 20,000.

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