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VOCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION RE-ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCED

A complete administrative re-organization involving 37 key personnel in Manitoba's vocational education program will coincide with the official dedication and re-naming of the province's three vocational schools.

The new Youth and Manpower Division of the education department parallels administratively the shift in emphasis to the community college concept.

All vocational and related programs in the province will come under the division.

The new administrative structure was developed to provide a single and unified administration for the operation of the major provincially operated college complex at Winnipeg and the colleges at Brandon and The Pas.

Also included in the new division are the varied education extension programs conducted throughout the province -- vocational preparation courses, special short-term programs, evening institutes, management development and training in industry.

Heading up the division as assistant deputy minister will be E. Brian Angood, formerly assistant deputy minister in charge of vocational education.

J.E. Nykoluk is named as director of the recently-formed review and development branch. He is responsible for the over-all orderly development and revision of courses and programs -- for both the extension programs and the three community colleges.

Each college will retain its own administrative set-up for the training programs but province-wide administrative details will be co-ordinated from the new eight-storied administration building -- central in the Winnipeg complex.

J.E. McCannel will be in charge of the three community colleges as director-general. Three directors under Mr. McCannel are in charge of varied training and administrative operations for the three colleges.

A.R. Low, formerly superintendent of the Manitoba Institute of Technology-Manitoba Institute of Applied Arts, becomes director of training.

A.J. Buhr, former director of the provincial vocational schools, becomes director of administrative services and program development.

G.L. (Les) Talbot becomes director of the regional colleges and extension services. He was previously director of special programs.

Related to the central administrative operation will be an instructional service centre providing Brandon and The Pas community colleges with services located at the Winnipeg college.

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These services to be used by all three colleges include the new learning resources centre with its complete library facilities, films and audio-visual tapes, and the use of the computer centre.

Also reorganized within the new structure were the groupings of training programs at the Winnipeg vocational complex.

Formerly divided between the Institute of Technology and the Institute of Applied Arts, the training programs are now grouped in four "families" of related fields.

The previous groupings had these related courses separated between the two institutes, depending on the level of education necessary as a prerequisite and on the level of training to be received.

The four new groupings are: applied science, applied arts and general education, business, and health science programs.

All Winnipeg staff members responsible for training operations and administration will be located in the administrative centre at the Winnipeg complex. Assistant deputy minister Brian Angood and members of the review and development branch will remain in the education building, 1181 Portage avenue.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Director of Community College Training
(Former MIT/MIAA Superintendent)

A.R. Low has been named director of training for the three community colleges.

Formerly superintendent of MIT/MIAA, Mr. Low has been associated with vocational education in Manitoba since 1963. Before his appointment to MIT/MIAA, he was a vice-principal at the Ryerson Institute of Technology, Toronto.

Since his 1950 graduation from the University of Manitoba with a B.Sc., Mr. Low has specialized in such varied fields as transistor electronics, physics, nuclear technology, programmed instruction, and training for industry.

He is a native Manitoban, married with three children.

Brandon Principal

R.A. Jones, principal of the Manitoba Vocational Centre in Brandon has served as supervisor of the Brandon centre since its inception in 1961. He was named principal in 1966.

Mr. Jones joined the provincial service following 15 years experience in the auto repair and sales field in private industry.

He has taken studies in the field of technical and vocational education at Bradley University, Illinois, and is currently studying in this field at Colorado State University.

Mr. Jones is married and has four sons.

The Pas Principal

Gaston A. Joseph, 39, is principal of Keewatin Community College (formerly the Northern Manitoba Vocational Centre at The Pas). Mr. Joseph was born in Port of Spain, Trinidad, in 1930.

He received his elementary and high school education in Trinidad, and then worked for the government of that country after training in teaching, business education and social work.

Coming to Canada for further education, he enrolled at the Alberta Institute of Technology for a course in land surveying. He later obtained a Bachelor of Arts (Geology) and a Bachelor of Geological Engineering at the University of Saskatchewan.

He worked as a geologist in the North West Territories for the Geological Survey of Canada, and joined the staff of The Pas vocational centre in 1966 as assistant principal.

The following year, he was appointed principal.

Mr. Joseph is married with three sons and one daughter.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Assistant Deputy Minister

E. Brian Angood, 41, has been named assistant deputy minister for the Youth and Manpower division of the Department of Youth and Education.

Formerly assistant deputy minister in charge of vocational education, Mr. Angood has been involved in vocational education in Manitoba in one form or another since it first began.

He was a graduate himself of the old Manitoba Technical Institute on Portage avenue -- the forerunner of the present Red River Community College (MIT-MIAA).

Also a graduate of the University of Manitoba, he was offered -- upon completion of his B.Sc. -- an entrance scholarship and research fellowship to do graduate study at Brown University. He refused, however, because of his strong interest in vocational education.

He was involved in the founding of the vocational centres at Brandon and The Pas, as well as in the establishment of the Manitoba Institute of Technology and the Institute of Applied Arts.

Holding various positions in the education department's vocational education directorate, he was appointed chief of the directorate in 1967.

Director-General of Community Colleges

J.E. McCannel, 46, is named as a director-general for the three community colleges. Previously, he was assistant deputy minister for the operations branch of the education department's youth and manpower division.

Born and raised in Saskatchewan, Mr. McCannel graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in 1950 with a B.S.A. specializing in economics.

He has been in the federal civil service, served as general manager of the Agricultural Institute of Canada, and is a former president of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange.

In 1967, he was appointed assistant deputy minister of the youth and manpower agency in the Manitoba Development Authority, later transferring with the youth and manpower agency to the department of education.