

Vision 2000

While it's gratifying to look into the past and see what we've accomplished this year, our vision for the Year 2000 and beyond will continue to see UNBC evolve as a top university and a crucially significant resource for northern BC.

Formal proposals are being sought from developers interested in creating a research and development park on campus. The research park will provide an opportunity for private companies to locate on campus and benefit from a research partnership with the University.

UNBC is developing a BC Rural and Remote Health Research Institute, after hosting national and provincial conferences on rural health.

UNBC is developing a bachelor's degree program in Education in consultation with northern school districts, First Nations, the northern colleges, and with the Ministry.

Campus expansion will continue to be sought. The top priorities are a laboratory expansion and a sportsplex.

In the spring, UNBC will host the first international conference on how to increase the retention rates of aboriginal students in colleges and universities. More than 500 delegates are expected.

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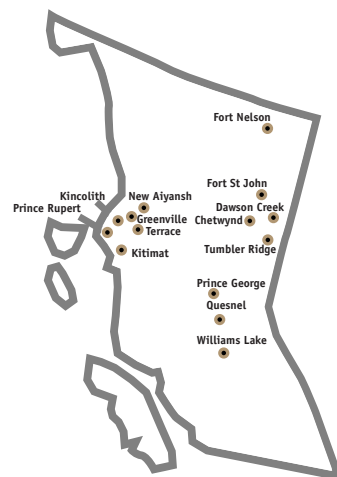
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The University of Northern British Columbia - founded as "a university in the north, for the north" - holds as its mission to improve the quality of life in its region, the province, and beyond, by attaining the highest standards of undergraduate and graduate teaching, learning, and research. *UNBC is committed to serving a vast region by building partnerships and by being innovative, resourceful, and responsive to student and community needs. In the spirit of its Carrier motto - "En Cha Huna" - UNBC celebrates diversity and intends to reflect and to foster the rich cultural diversity of northern British Columbia and its peoples.*

UNBC recognizes that the strength of the University is its people and that the most important measure of its success is the educational enrichment of its students, staff and faculty - *a healthy, safe, open, friendly, supportive, consultative and stimulating environment conducive to individual intellectual growth, personal fulfilment and career progress.*

UNBC embraces the principles of academic freedom and responsibility, education for its own sake, integrity, inclusion, respect for others, equity, fairness, operational efficiency, and public accountability.

UNBC Mission Statement





February

\$400,000 in student awards was handed out to nearly 300 students at the annual awards ceremony. **University Resources Inc is created to promote the University's business opportunities. UNBC is the single shareholder but the company will operate at arm's length from the University.**

March

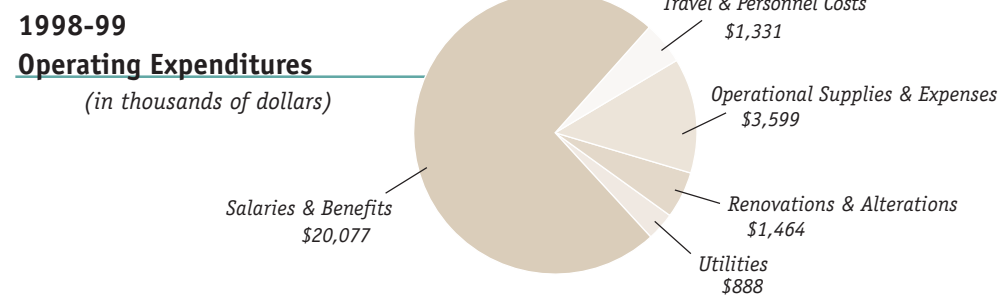
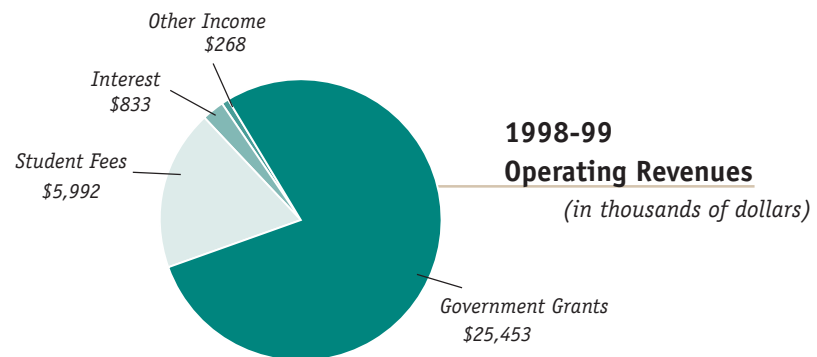
UNBC research forests are announced at Aleza Lake (BC's oldest research forest) and north of Fort St James (managed in partnership with the Tl'azt'en Nation). **UNBC students host a conference on how scientific applications to northern issues.** The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council contributes \$240,000 to help UNBC establish research links with local industry.

April

Forest Renewal BC and forest industry partners invest millions with UNBC to build the state-of-the-art I.K. Barber Enhanced Forestry Lab and hire two research professorships in forest growth and yield and mixedwood ecology. **UNBC receives \$900,000 to develop a research plan for the Northern Rockies (Muskwa-Kechika), one of the most spectacular and wildlife-rich areas in the world.**

May

Health Minister Allan Rock announces UNBC will host a national rural health research summit. **460 students graduate at the annual Convocation ceremony, with Founding Chancellor Iona Campagnolo receiving an honorary degree.** Meanwhile, Founding UNBC President Geoffrey Weller is awarded an honorary degree from the University of Lapland in Finland for his work on developing circumpolar links. **Governor General Romeo LeBlanc visits.**



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Quote from UNBC Mission Statement

Statement of Financial Position (at March 31, 1999) in thousands of dollars

	1999	1998
Assets		
Current Assets	\$26,136	\$21,520
Investments	10,211	8,704
Capital Assets	151,723	154,584
Other Long Term Assets	2,239	14,533
	\$190,309	\$199,341
Liabilities & Net Assets		
Current Liabilities	\$4,464	\$6,301
Long Term Debt	15,455	142,049
Other Long Term Liabilities	127,156	14,367
Net Assets	43,234	36,624
	\$190,309	\$199,341

September

Nearly 3400 students register for classes, up about 6% over the previous year. A BC-wide survey of 1996 university graduates finds that UNBC grads found work faster and make, on average, more money than the 1996 grads of other BC universities.

October

UNBC joins with Health Canada to host the first-ever national summit on research in rural health. The 100 delegates developed a blueprint for rural health research, which calls for greater collaboration, community involvement, and communication of research findings.

November

In the annual Maclean's ranking of universities, UNBC rises from 9th to 8th in the Primarily Undergraduate category. **About 1000 fans pack in to see UNBC's Northern Timberwolves basketball teams play their first-ever varsity games.** UNBC student Barb Sharp, a member of the UNBC Nordic Ski team, is ranked the top female biathlete in Canada and spends the winter with the national biathlon team in Europe.

December

UNBC announces plans to build a Sportsplex on campus, though funding must still be determined. A Millennium Survey captures, for the first time, British Columbians' predictions for what will happen in the next century.

