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Dear Summer Institute Participant.

Welcome to the 1992 Summer Institute in Environmental Education. As a student in the section of Education 452-8, being offered at our Kelowna Tele-Learning Centre, you may wish to have some information about the format of the course. This letter should provide some basic information. If you wish additional assistance, please call the Tele-Learning Centre in Kelowna at 762 7600. Our secretary is in the office in the mornings, so that is the best time to call to be sure of getting an answer.

The Summer Institute in Environmental Education is offered as a total immersion course. If you are taking the program for credit you should be registered in Education 452-8. (Note that in previous summers we used two 4 semester hour courses, Education 452 and 462 for this program. This summer we are using only Education 452, but the value of the course has been raised to 8 semester hours.). There are two sections of the course, one on the lower mainland, offered by Brenda Krause and Harold Krische, and the one in Kelowna, offered by myself and a number of resource people. Please make certain that you are registered for the correct section. Both sections are fully enrolled, with the limit being set at 50 students. There are people waiting to get in if spaces appear, so, if for some reason your plans change, please call the people at Undergraduate Programs at SFU (291 3614) and let them know you are not going to attend. It will also be helpful if you call my office at the TLC as well.

The SIEE is an intensive, total immersion program. The advantage this offers is the chance to work hard in a shorter time period than the regular Summer Session. The disadvantage is that the program is intensive and moves along very quickly. Our format is to operate Monday-Friday, from approximately 0900-1530 or 1600 each day. Typically we use Tuesday-Thursday for formally scheduled course events and classes, and leave some Mondays and Fridays open for field work, group meetings, and special events. We do try to leave the Centre open as much as possible on the weekends as well. The TLC has a fully equipped computer lab and this is available for your use. In the normal course of events we do not schedule class meetings or sessions on the weekends. As you are probably aware, the July 1 Canada Day holiday falls on Wednesday this year. This is an official university holiday so classes are cancelled. It seemed odd to me to have the SIEE begin on Monday or Tuesday,

stop for one day on Wednesday, and then recommence on Thursday. Moreover, I know that many school districts are stopping classes late in June and that a lot of other businesses and professions are using Monday, June 29 as a holiday in order to give their staff a holiday weekend. Hence, I have decided to modify the first week of the Institute as follows: the first day of classes in the Summer Institute in Kelowna will be **Thursday, July 2**. We will meet at the Kelowna Tele-Learning Centre (see attached map) at 0900. We will hold classes on July 2, July 3, and Saturday July 4. We will then begin again on Tuesday July 7, and will keep to our normal pattern thereafter. The last day of classes will be **Thursday, July 23**.

Last year's students spent one day at the McQueen Lake Environmental Study Centre in Kamloops. As a result of feedback from the students we have decided to spend a longer time period there this summer. So, we have arranged to stay at McQueen Lake in the second week of the course from Tuesday morning, July 7 until Thursday afternoon, July 9. This trip gives us a chance to study natural systems on a more sustained basis. McQueen is an ideal spot for forest and pond studies. The Environmental Study Centre is operated by the Kamloops School District. It provides cabin style sleeping accommodation and cooking facilities on gas ranges. However, you will need to plan to bring along a sleeping bag, some sort of air mattress or foam pad, personal clothing and eating gear, and notebooks, binoculars, etc. We will take some time during the first days of the course to allow you to plan food with other members of the group so that you can pool resources with other students for cooking. We will also give you further details about equipment at that time. Please note: we will meet at the base of the Lac du Bois Road, in North Kamloops, at 1000 on July 2. Students who live in Kamloops can go directly to the meeting point. Students who live in other spots or who are living in residence in Kelowna may wish to car pool with other people for the trip to Kamloops. We will be wrapping up in Kamloops in the early afternoon on July 9. I am planning to avoid a formally scheduled whole class event in Kelowna on Friday July 10, but there may be an optional activity on that day.

Other than the McQueen Lake trip we will be working on a day trip basis for the rest of our time. We do a lot of field work in the course so you will be out and about in the Kelowna region for at least a portion of most days. Because we do spend a lot of time in the field you are advised to have comfortable walking shoes, a good sun hat, sun glasses, and comfortable outdoor clothing. We do some work in the woods and fields and some in downtown urban settings, so plan your clothing with this in mind. A clip board and day pack are also very useful in this course. It is hot and dry in the summers in the Okanagan so a thermos or water bottle can also be helpful. Most mornings we do meet at the Tele-Learning Centre before going into the field. This gives us a chance to arrange to pool transportation and thereby cut down on the use of cars.

Last summer a number of students lived in residence at Okanagan College. The college built new residences in 1990 so we have been taking advantage of them for this program. However, we do not operate these residences. Residence costs and details should be arranged through Okanagan College. The person to contact, if you haven't already, is Ms. Dana Webster, at 862 5480 or through the main switchboard at 762 5445. These residences are apartment style with students sharing common kitchen facilities. They aren't fancy, but they are adequate and fairly new. They are a short walk from our site on the college campus on KLO Road in Kelowna.

We intend to introduce you to the field of Environmental Education by looking a wide range of issues and settings. We gear this course to all disciplines, including sciences, Language Arts, Social Studies, and the Fine Arts. It is our intention to make the course useful to teachers from K-12 and to model ideas about curriculum integration and performance-based assessment. We also hope to contribute to your own professional development as teachers by providing you with the opportunity to improve and develop your own knowledge of human-environment interactions. This is the 21st summer of these Institutes. I am looking forward to this summer and I hope that the program will be personally and professionally rewarding for you.

See you in Kelowna on July 2,

Sincerely,

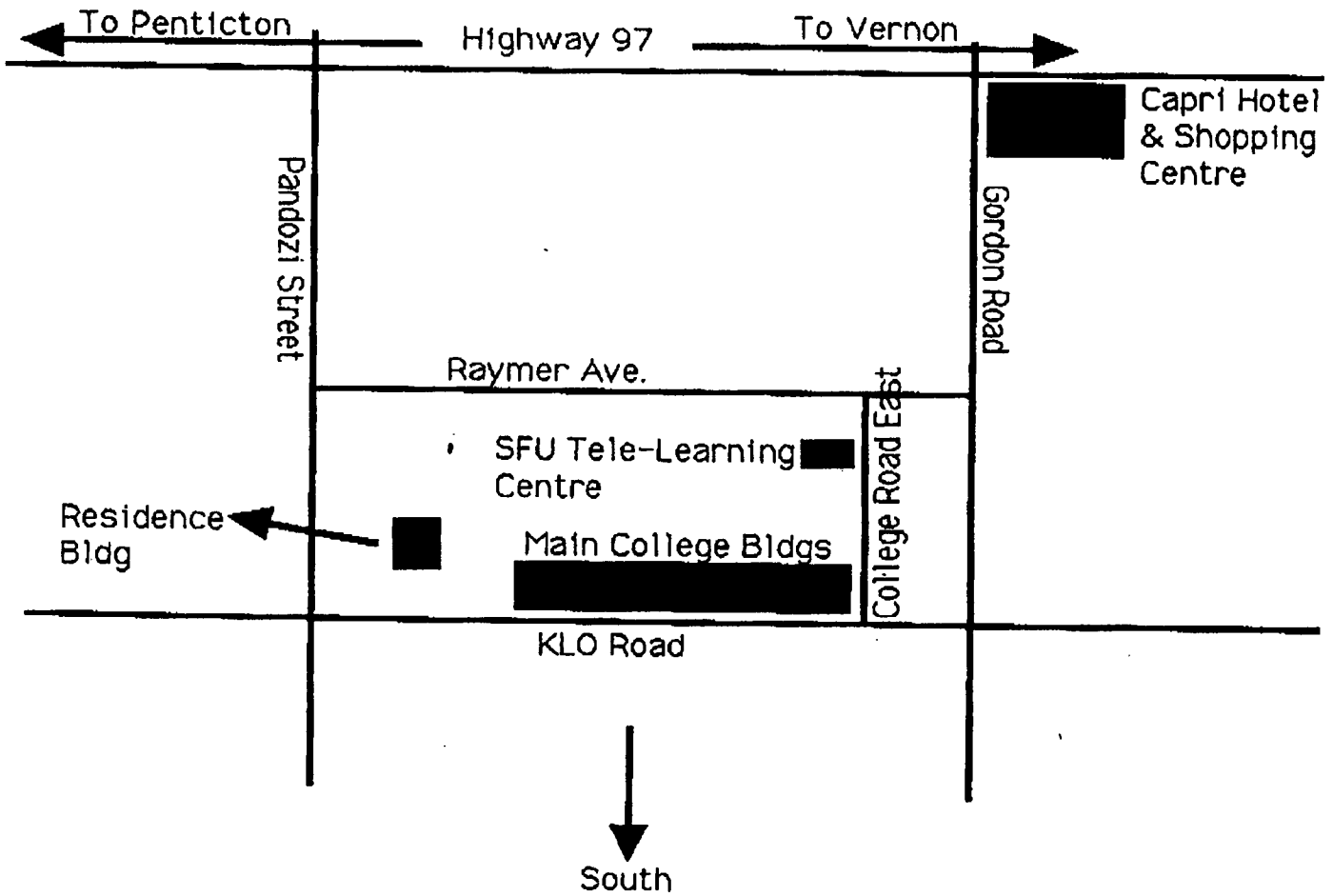
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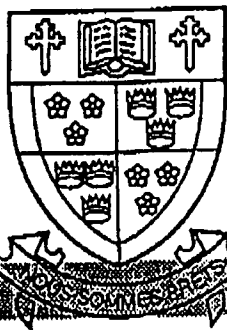
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Map for SFU Kelowna Campus.



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