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Dr. Paul Gallagher, Principal of Capilano College, told the College Council last Tuesday night that Ministry of Education officials had advised him of a 14.34% increase in the 1978/79 General Operating Budget for the school. All Provincially supported colleges will receive a basic 6.8% lift to cover inflationary growth; however, Capilano will receive an additional 7.56% for real growth. This gives Capilano the 3rd highest lift of the nine established colleges.

In keeping with urgent economic priorities, the purpose of this year's budget is to provide for additional education in skills training programs. The Council was encouraged to mount 6-8 month courses in that area. The Ministry expects that the growth budget provided will permit real growth across the College's divisions and cover both instructional as well as support items.

The college sector represents a major growth item in this Provincial Education Budget. However, it is anticipated that this growth represents the last major increase for a number of years; and councils have been advised to spend their funds in growth directed toward the future maintenance of an increased instructional volume.

Dr. Gallagher indicated the \$7,706,000 budget would provide \$3,939,100 for Academic/Career; \$536,900 for Vocational (with additional funding likely for specific projects in this program) ; \$414,400 for Non-Credit courses; \$856,200 to Administration; \$722,400 Facilities; \$562,000 Media (libraries); and \$675,600 for Student Services.

"I am now instructing the Deans to proceed with the 1978/79 time tables to include a growth of 40 sections in the Career programs and 8 sections in the Academic Studies Division," Dr. Gallagher said, "plus a substantially increased development of Vocational programs."

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