

## Idiot box to teach

Capilano College is looking forward with interest to working with a new Math instructor — television.

Along with consultants from Okanagan College, BCIT, Laine

Community College in Oregon and Whatcom Community College in Washington, members of the math department spent a week in May discussing and experimenting with the filming of video tapes. The tapes, which will be filmed all summer, will be used as student learning aids for the Self Paced Learning Math program starting this fall.

"We're trying for usable tapes as opposed to producing a polished product," explained Ted Bentley, Math department co-ordinator. As he and the other instructors gain experience they should be able to produce a 20 to 25 minutes tape in about two hours, gradually building up a comprehensive reference library for student use.

The idea of Math on TV is not new. Laine College was one of the first to experiment with the possibilities of video and over the past few years has compiled a considerable collection of "home grown" tapes. B.C. colleges are now interested, particularly Capilano which has good accessible video facilities.

So, college students will soon be watching a different kind of TV. And no commercials.