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Cap College students will face squeeze

INCREASED TUITION fees and higher admission standards at Lower Mainland universities are going to create a demand for space in college classrooms that likely won't be met.

By NEWS STAFF

Dr. Paul Gallagher, principal of Capilano College in North Vancouver, said this week that the changes in university admission policies mean the college will be faced with "more students applying than we (the college) will be able to admit."

"Our own plans call for us to admit at least the same number of students as we had last year (in university transfer programs)," Gallagher said. "If we can swing it, we'll even admit a few more."

The college is already forced to turn away hopefuls each September because of growing demand for post-secondary education and the situation will only get worse.

Gallagher added that the increases in tuition fees and the raising of academic entrance standards at the University of B.C. and Simon Fraser University are expected to result in about 1,000 fewer admissions this September.

The pressure to take up that slack will fall on the four Lower Mainland colleges — Vancouver Community College, Douglas College, Kwantlen College and Capilano.

"We're tooling up for as many as 300 more applications (than in the past) and that could be as many as 500," Gallagher said.

The Capilano principal says that the college is looking at ways to retain the quality of education while admitting more students into two-year university programs.

At the same time, he said, the college is committed to keeping the current mix of high school graduates, mature students and others.

The college will also not change its standards for admission, he said.

Gallagher said the problem is a difficult one for the



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college.

"We're facing financial problems like the universities are," he said. "We're trying to tackle a difficult problem as best we can."