

College Public Hearing Ignored

North Vancouver district council and municipal officials addressed a public meeting jammed with empty seats at the Maplewood Elementary School gymnasium last Tuesday night.

Only 17 persons turned out to listen to proposals to change a zoning bylaw to allow the establishment of Capilano College in a 35 acre wilderness in the Lynmour area.

Almost as many — 10 to be exact — representing the municipality sat in their shirt sleeves on the gym stage and explained the proposal. The public meeting was necessary before the bylaw (4266) as amended, could be returned to council for second and third reading.

Capilano College is hoping to build a campus on the Lynmour site. Zoning for the area is limited however to low density single family dwellings. To permit college development zoning has to be changed to Public Assembly.

A delegation from the college, headed by college council chairman Bae Wallace, and principal Alf Glenesk outlined their philosophy of the college as "a dispenser of education for the community."

They said they planned to develop the college as a community education facility which would fill the hiatus between secondary schools and technical schools universities. They predicted the college would eventually spread across the North Shore. A second campus might subsequently be built in the Upper Levels area of West Vancouver, they hinted.

The Lynmour site would be developed in two stages, principal Glenesk said. The first, built on 11 acres of land, would be sufficient to handle up to 1,200 students. The next, probably completed in two years time, would utilize the remainder of the property and would accommodate up to 4,000 students. Glenesk expected the college would be operating at full capacity within three years after construction started.

Preliminary building plans include about 17,000 square feet of new construction and another 16,000 square feet of portable units.

Council expressed concern about using portable units. They feared the college would resemble post-war UBC with its bric-a-brac shanty shacks littering the campus and posing as classrooms.

Mr. Glenesk tried to allay their feelings and said that "demountable" was a better word to describe the units and that they were made of such durable materials as steel and masonry.

In other problem area the college deputation second guessed council's concern and said that traffic flows into the college would not necessarily interfere with local traffic as most residents would be normally commuting in the opposite direction. They urged council to support them in persuading the provincial government to improve the nearby 401 interchange which they felt is a potential bottleneck.

Though there was unanimous support for the college as such there was some criticism about how it was to be built.

One interested citizen, W.K. Paulus, condemned the