

College to open film training centre

Animation program also expanded

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CAPILANO College is making movie magic.

The new Capilano College Film Industry Craft Training Centre opens in September.

Located on the north campus, the centre will provide a new full-time program in professional film studies.

The facility will include more than 19,000 sq. ft. of dedicated space to train students in film construction, painting, hair and make-up, set decoration, grip, cinematography and other related crafts.

Fifty students will be given an introductory overview to

the industry. A full-time technical training program, for students who wish to learn specific film crafts, is being developed for January 1999.

Program coordinator Bob Morris said the college has consulted with film unions, production companies and industry professionals to ensure the courses meet professional standards.

The college has offered a continuing education film program since 1992.

That program has grown to include more than 40 part-time courses and apprenticeships in most areas of motion picture production.

Capilano College is increasingly focusing on vocational occupations in the film industry. Said Morris, "We'll be leaving the training of future Steven Spielbergs to other people."

Morris said the film centre will be entirely student-funded.

"We're running it cost-recoverable, there's no extra government funding for this," he said.

The film centre complements other media-related programs already offered at the college such as media resources and commercial animation.

The college will be adding a \$2.5 million R10000 Silicon Graphics computer animation lab to its animation program in

September as well.

The technology represents the highest-end platform for movie and computer animation.

Said Carol McCandless, dean of Science and Media Technology, "These initiatives move us one step closer to the completion of the Capilano College Centre for Arts and Entertainment, which we hope

to open within five years."

California-based Silicon Graphics Inc. brings in its Magic Bus to the North Vancouver campus on Monday.

The bus will be open to the public between 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. in front of the Birch Building.

The display showcases much of the computing technology that will be part of the

animation lab. McCandless said the lab will be upgraded to an R12000 platform within 18 months.

Sixteen computer animation program students will have 24-hour access to the lab for the full 16 weeks of the program.

Silicon Graphics' tools are widely used by the entertainment, energy, sciences and education industries.