

THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN

Access to community is Cap College ideal

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Capilano College is intending to increase its "presence" throughout the region in the next five years even when this may not be economical.

This is one of the key elements of the future development of the college proposed in 'The Educational Plan for Capilano College 1981-1986' a report prepared for the Minister of Education.

During the preparation of the report last year, public meetings were held in Howe Sound, on the Sunshine Coast and on the North Shore, and over 100 citizens completed questionnaires requesting input on the college's future.

At the very start of the report, the college makes it clear that more financial support is necessary to meet all needs and provide for expansion.

"... in the period 1981 through 1986 there will be more applicants and established post-school educational needs in the College community than the College will be able to respond to unless it receives considerably more financial support than it has received in the recent report," the plan's preface says.

"... the College cannot be assured that it will have the resources to do well everything it might wish to do within the limits of its mandate and the legislation by which it is governed."

The report goes on to talk about the "reluctance" with which "difficult priorities" must be set.

Yet the report goes on to say that "Capilano College plans to maintain a physical presence throughout the college region ... even when such developments may not be the most efficient or economical."

More specifically the college plans to construct its own satellite facilities in Squamish by 1982 and establish a permanent

primary location in the Sunshine Coast region by 1984.

The college also plans "to provide travel and living allowances to residents of the College region to ensure an equality of accessibility to College services."

Although there has been a steady increase in the number of people attending Capilano from outside the region, the college "plans to give enrolment preference to qualified applicants from its region except for programs which are unique to Capilano College in the Lower Mainland."

The plan says the college intends to maintain the same general directions it has been attempting since 1968 but the following highlights a number of proposed changes and additions:

- There will be a substantial increase in Vocational programs until 1983-84

- Campus life will be enhanced by providing increased space for study and recreation

- A study of the feasibility of establishing a full summer term will be prepared

- A "child-minding service" on or near the Lynnmour Campus will be established

Many of the proposed developments, such as the travel expenses and child-care service will depend on the availability of funds, the plan points out.

However, the major aim of the college to provide accessible education throughout the region does not seem to hinge on available money. "Many desirable directions and activities have been set aside in the interests of ensuring, at the very least, the College's highest priorities for 1981 through 1986."



CAP COLLEGE principal Paul Gallagher oversees the day-to-day running of the college and is looking ahead to the next five years.