

# Cap College permanent

Students returning to Capilano College this fall found themselves on a different campus from the one they left in April.

With the completion of a \$9 million multi-purpose building, the campus space has increased by 50 per cent. Eighty per cent of the campus has been moved around, and even longtime veterans of the college will be wondering where a few things are.

The 105,000 square foot building has been a long time in coming, and will relieve the chronic space shortage at the college.

"We were bulging at the seams," Alan Smith, director of planning, said recently. "The building will create instructional space for new and growing programs as well as providing better space for existing programs."

Smith sees greatly improved instructional lab space, better faculty office

space and a consolidation of services as the three major benefits of the new building. The library and media resources centre, previously split in two, is now housed in one building.

The long, narrow building, designed by architect Ron Howard, follows the contour of the hill, and has several skylights and a courtyard to bring daylight into as many classes as possible.

Capilano College began as a small collection of portable buildings at West Vancouver Secondary School. When the college campus moved to the Lynnmour campus in 1973 many of the portables were moved and used as temporary buildings. In the tradition of temporary buildings, they have served the purposes of permanent classrooms ever since.

The college has been upgrading their temporary buildings at a cost of \$3.5 million.