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GEORGE FOX COLLEGE - KOTZEBUE CENTER

Director's annual report

April 1974

The second academic year of George Fox College extension classes in the community of Kotzebue in northwest Alaska has been completed and this is a detailed report of the program. This innovative educational venture of taking the college to the people has been made possible by a grant from the Eli Lilly Endowment, Inc. of Indianapolis.

A total of twenty-two weeks of college classes were programmed during the 1973-1974 school year from September through March, closing with the annual Eskimo Conference at Selawik at which the director served as speaker. Fourteen college courses offering 30 term-hours of credit were offered during the year.

Total class registration was 190. On the basis of a minimum academic load of 12 hours this represents a full-time equivalent student body of 32. Compared to last year's registration of 124, this represents an increase of 53% over the class enrollment of one year ago. In addition to the class registration, 28 young people enrolled for preparatory music instruction from the college faculty, bringing the total registration to 218. The ethnic composition of enrollment was 156 native (83%) and 34 non-native (17%). Approximately 20% enrolled for college credit and 80% as audit students. The reason for the high audit figure is the lack of high school background among most young adults. Some of these are being assisted toward completion of their GED equivalency program.

Courses scheduled during the year and the class registration for each is as follows:

<u>CLASSES SCHEDULED</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>	<u>ENROLLMENT</u>
Eco 285 PRINCIPLES OF ECONOMICS	2		5
Bus 285 INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS	2		5
Bus 101 PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTING (Beginning)	3		25
Bus 102 PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTING (2nd term)	3		6
Lit 285 LITERATURE OF THE BIBLE	3		10
Psy 285 PRINCIPLES OF LEADERSHIP	2		21
Rel 285 TECHNIQUES IN PASTORAL LEADERSHIP	2		21
Mus 285 FUNDAMENTALS OF MUSIC	2		37
Hst 285 HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY	2		9
Rel 285 COMPARATIVE RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD	2		8
Bus 285 FEDERAL TAX STRUCTURES	2		17
Psy 285 INTERPERSONAL PSYCHOLOGY	2		10
Ed 285 INTRO TO AUDIO-VISUALS	2		14
Mus 105 APPLIED MUSIC	1		2
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	30 hours		190
	Preparatory music		<u>28</u>
	Total registration		218

Faculty teaching the courses were Thomas Head, M.A.; Harold L. Wilhite, M.A., C.P.A.; Dr. William D. Green, Ed.D.; Roy P. Clark, M.Ed. In addition to the courses listed above, there were four courses offered which did not materialize because of insufficient enrollment.

Two courses were programmed with modern audio-visual instructional equipment. The course in LITERATURE OF THE BIBLE utilized the modern Sound-Sponder self-instruction facility and technique and proved to be highly effective with the Alaskan natives. The course in FUNDAMENTALS OF MUSIC is a synchronized film-strip and cassette program for class instruction. Ample use of audio-visual aids such as films, film-strips, slides, and transparency projection was made in all classes to make the instruction more effective to the native level.

Two courses were programmed in the community of Noorvik, an Eskimo village 50 miles east of Kotzebue. Requests have come to the center for similar programming in the villages of Selawik and Noatak, and these have been tables for future consideration.

Liaison with native and community leaders is implemented through working closely with native corporation officials, church and mission leaders, and school personnel. The college program endeavors to be sensitive to the educational needs of the community and to meet the people at the point of their needs and interests. More of the young people each year are finishing high school and will become a growing market for college education. Community leaders have given unsolicited testimonials to the impact which the George Fox College extension program is making in the community of Kotzebue and over the Kobuk-Noatak basin area in northwest Alaska.

Roy P. Clark
Extension Program Director

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