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GEORGE FOX COLLEGE KOTZEBUE CENTER

An extension program of George Fox College, Newberg, Oregon,
providing accredited liberal arts college courses
for Northwest Alaska

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As a result of almost two years of study and planning, George Fox College has developed an extension program of college courses in the community of Kotzebue, a city of two thousand predominantly Eskimo population in northwest Alaska. The specific objective of this project is to provide higher educational opportunities for northwest Alaskan natives at the community level. This is a report of the first short-term of classes scheduled in October 1972.

This college extension program is sponsored by the Friends Churches (Quaker) of Alaska Yearly Meeting, comprising a dozen churches and 2500 adherents among the Eskimos in the villages of the Kobuk-Noatak River basin. George Fox College is the Quaker liberal arts college of the Northwest, is fully accredited by the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools, and enters the educational picture in the state of Alaska at the invitation of church and community leaders in the community of Kotzebue. The natural rapport with its church constituency and alumni in the area creates a favorable climate of interest and cooperation in which the college can effectively serve the community. A modest federal grant through the TITLE III educational program was secured to launch the pilot project.