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Clayton Brockle is interviewed by Steve Sherman

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Steve Sherman said the University of Alaska is unique among institutions of higher education. Within the scope of its resources the university serves all the public education needs beyond high school of an entire state of 586,400 square miles. The university has established 7 community colleges that operate with cooperation of local school systems. Classes are also offered on military bases. Through this system the university now reaches 1 in 20 persons within the state. One half of the academic effort is conducted outside of the main campus. Clayton Brockle is the resident director of Kenai Peninsula Community College.

Clayton Brockle said the scope of their activities has increased with the increase of the population on the peninsula. This fall they are running 21 courses. They offer about 40 courses at their site. There are nine credit classes and eleven non-credit classes. They can offer graduate courses and upper and lower division classes. They offer such classes as basic education, bookkeeping, creative writing and even judo so it is a wide range of classes. They have even offered taxidermy. There are about 137 students enrolled at the college at this time. They are still expecting late students. The college started in the spring of 1963. It was started as an adult education program being run the Kenai City School District. There were five classes offered at that time. Three credit classes were offered through the off campus division of the university . In 1964 they had their first contract with the University of Alaska and the Kenai City School District. Since then as many cities on the peninsula have done they have incorporated into a borough on the Kenai Peninsula. So as of 1965 the contract with the university has been with the Kenai Peninsula Borough School district and that gives them the name the Kenai Peninsula Community College. They have offered classes in about five or six different communities on that peninsula.