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Bob Egan is interviewed by Dean Warner on October 27, 1969 in Fairbanks, Alaska

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Dean Warner talked about a program to help Alaska Natives and other rural students obtain academic success. The program is directed by Bob Egan. An advisory board of Native students has been organized to help guide the work of the program. Dean asked Bob Egan how the program was started. Bob said for several years on campus faculty members have been concerned about having realistic help to students coming from rural areas of Alaska. Recently a more effective committee was formed. They did get some real support to get a program started. Dean asked why do these students need aid. Bob said coming from some of the more remote areas of Alaska the student has not had the exposure to competition, preparatory classes. When the student arrives on campus there are many adjustment problems in class and out of class. It can be a difficult experience for these students. Dean asked where the funding for the program comes from. Bob said that some oil companies have donated monies to the university and specifically in some cases for this program. Eventually it will be included in the university budget. Dean asked what part the students play in the program. Bob said that the student advisory board is helping them realize where the main problems are. They are listening to the students involved. Dean asked about facilities. Bob said they have two rooms in one of the buildings and there is a lounge for the students.