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University serves all the public educational needs beyond high school of an entire state of 586,400 square miles. To make its resources available to all in Alaska, the university has established seven community colleges that operate in cooperation with local school districts. It also provides evening class academic offerings at various military bases. Through this system, the University reaches 1 in 20 of all Alaskans. Nearly one half of the academic effort at the University of Alaska is conducted off of its main campus.

Dr. Don Dafoe, Provost of the South Central Regional Center of the University of Alaska, speaks about the Anchorage Community College and the Elmendorf Fort Richardson unit.

The Anchorage Community College is the oldest and largest of the community colleges. It is operating largely on its academic programs on a late afternoon and evening basis with some daytime vocational technical programs.

The first phase of a new facility for the Anchorage Community College is under construction and will be ready for occupancy next summer.

The community college has about 18,000 individuals enrolled in academic courses and about 800 in non-academic courses and about 40 full time faculty.

Enlargement of numbers of faculty and students is expected. This fall, in the community college, there has been a 40% increase in individual enrollments and the number of credit hours doubled this year. Many people only take a course or two, but about 400 people are taking a full course load.

The Elmendorf Fort Richardson unit is a separate is a separate operating unit from the Anchorage Community College and predates the community college. Until the creation of the regional center they operated virtually independently. Now the offerings are coordinated, but separately administered.

Mostly lower division courses are offered with associate's degrees being awarded, but some bachelor's degree program offered through Elmendorf Fort Richardson unit. Four master's degree programs are offered through the Elmendorf Fort Richardson unit.