Eighty Natives Enroll In UA Upward Bound

COLLEGE-The University of Alaska's Upward Bound Program for high school students began Monday (June 16) with an expected 80 students from villages around the state.

The program runs through Aug. 8 and is intended to encourage high school students who show potential toward higher education but who without help might not succeed. Upward Bound at UA is operated in cooperation with the U.S. Office of Education.

Robert H. Egan, director of Upward Bound, said the program is in its fourth year at UA and this summer will stress self-evaluation. He said students will be encouraged to appraise their abilities and what they would like their lives to be as adults.

When it comes to looking at their futures, Egan is talking about the year 2,000 when they will be about 45 years old and will have realized the potential they may be able to develop now.

The courses for these students vary according to their age and interest. About 17 seniors will take college level courses in English and anthropology. They will also have a course on how to survive college studies.