

Anchorage Community College on Expansion

ANCHORAGE—Students and faculty began using the new buildings at the Anchorage Community College this month with more than 2,400 students attending day and evening classes.

The college, one of seven in the University of Alaska system, is in the institutional section of Anchorage east of Lake Otis

Road and north of Providence Road. The \$3 million campus includes five buildings with 120,000 square feet of floor space.

Eugene F. Short, dean of the college, said the ACC library with 32,000 volumes was moved to the new campus in two and one-half days. He said the college would be moving into its new buildings in phases.

The complex includes facilities for general classrooms, vocational-technical courses, administrative offices, library and a future food service unit.

Short said the college operates the year around with two 14-week semesters and a 13-week summer semester. In addition the school offers numerous short courses which arise through local, state, and federal education programs.

The campus operated for several years at the West Anchorage High School campus during the evening hours. ACC also cooperates with the Anchorage Borough School District in offering vocational-technical courses.

The staff at ACC includes about 25 full-time teachers, about 25 vocational-technical staff and about 100 part-time teachers.

Short said the college has had about a 20 per cent growth in enrollment during each of the last three years. He said, however, that he expects a larger percentage of growth next year.

The school was started in 1954 as a cooperative effort by the university and the then Anchorage Independent School District. The academic courses offered by the college are equal to those of the university.