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# ***Bryde's Methods Excite Indian Students in Class***

How are students reacting to Rev. John Bryde's new class in Modern Indian Psychology?

Two of Fr. Bryde's students, Patrick Kills Crow and Mary Crazy Thunder, wrote an article on "Our New Class" for The Sheridan County Star.

"We've got something really different and exciting at Holy Rosary this year and our whole class is talking about it. You'll probably be surprised when I say the exciting thing is a NEW CLASS but that's what it is. I never thought that I would look forward to a class period before

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but we sure do now. Father Bryde went away and did a lot of studying and when he came back he started this new course.

"When Father first came in and put the name of the new course on the board, we couldn't even pronounce it, much less know what it meant. It's called Acculturation Psychology and it can also be called Modern Indian Psychology. It means a study of how to be a modern Indian. Since we are the same as the old time Indians, except in our way of making a living now, we have to learn two things - how to be like the old time Indians and yet make our living in a different way. Since this can be kind of

hard and it is called an adjustment, we have to learn how. And that's what makes the course so interesting. No one ever told us this before.

"Before this course, we didn't even know that Indians were important or that it was important for us to know Indian history and values and what the old-time Indians did hundreds of years ago. Now we can see that it is and it sure makes you feel good to know you are a Sioux. It makes you really proud to see all the obstacles the old time Sioux had to overcome and to know that the Indian race is the oldest race on the face of the earth today. Father says this speaks well of our values because a people is only as long lived as their values. Later on we are going to take these values and also White values and show us how to put the two together is us as modern Indians. I'm not sure what values are yet, but father says they are what makes people tick, so that should be even more interesting when we got to it.

"Other people like teachers in other schools are hearing about the new course and coming out to Holy Rosary. It looks like there is always someone in Father Bryde's office asking questions about the course and I do know that we are always having visitors sitting in the back of the room, but we are used to them now. He has even been asked to teach the course downtown, but he is too busy making the course to teach us.

"At first it seemed funny to look up and see a microphone in front of Father when he taught, but we don't even notice it now. The reason for this is that after class some of the high school girls take turns typing what was on the tape recorder and this is going to be a book so other teachers and schools can use it and have the course. We are really proud that we are the first Indian school to have this course and we will be sorry to see it end at the end of the year.