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Arnold Griese, interviewee

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Arnold Griese said summer school was a relatively small affair. They brought in faculty in the summer because at that time because it added variety to the teaching since there weren't a lot of regular faculty on staff. Griese will be retiring at the end of the summer. He has been involved with the summer school both as a student and a faculty member. The first summer school was held in 1947, but didn't become a regular program until 1950. Arnold Griese attended summer school in 1954 when BIA conducted a special session for BIA teachers and their families. Griese said they set up a tent city on campus for four weeks or so. It was a primitive arrangement. They would walk up the hill to classes. At the end of the session they had to pull up camp and place everything on trucks. The university was small. The library was located in the upper part of the old gym which was the old museum. It was a small room with a limited number of shelves and the noise from the gym could be heard from below. It just wasn't a library, there weren't any books. He said books are the heart of the university. Now the library has a tremendous collection and a connection with computer services. He joined the faculty in 1960 and he has had an opportunity to be involved with the summer school nearly each year. The summer school has taken on new dimensions. Griese said now there is a broader faculty teaching courses. The formation of new campuses has had an impact. Griese said the emphasis for the Fairbanks campus has been on the rural. Summer classes for teachers permits them to bring their families to campus. Griese is now working on another children's book. He said he will miss the summer sessions at the university. During the regular school year they are teaching the education student the theoretical. During summer session with experienced teachers the students learn from each other.

Karen Cedzo talks about the campus calendar and activities.