



DURANGO, COLORADO

FORT LEWIS A & M COLLEGE

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Newspaper, photo
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Dear Editor:

Approximately five hundred American Indians have just completed summer courses of study on the Fort Lewis College campus at Durango, Colorado. This is the third summer that the College has arranged such programs.

The story of the workshops is told in the enclosed newspaper.

The American Indians who study here each summer have learned skills that will help them to do better work in Indian Reservation dormitories and dining halls. They take care of thousands of young Indian students (many of whom are away from home for the first time) during the period when they are not in class. The workshops are designed to give these adults some child guidance skills, better command of the English language, more confidence in making talks or issuing instructions, and "brush-up" training in reading, writing, and grammar so that they can help improve the English of their young charges.

Unfortunately, the majority of the instructional aides do not have a high school education; nearly all the first-graders come great distances from their hogans to live at the Reservation school and do not know a single word of English.

Please feel free to use any material you wish from "The Peace Pipe." You may find interesting some of the interviews with instructional aides or some of the essays they authored. We would appreciate it if you will credit the College. You will find legends in the newspaper for the photographs that have been enclosed for your use.

If I can help you by supplying supplemental material or by answering specific questions, please call on me.

Sincerely yours,

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Fort Lewis College
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A small college in the Rocky Mountain West is all set to experiment with year 'round education.

Fort Lewis College at Durango, Colo., thought to be the first state-supported liberal arts college to try to utilize its facilities and faculties eleven and one-half months out of the year instead of nine, will start operating under a trimester academic calendar immediately after Labor Day.

The Fort Lewis College trimester calendar provides for three 15-week terms, each equivalent in length to the customary semester. The fall trimester opens Sept. 4 and ends before the Christmas holiday. The second or winter trimester opens on Jan. 7 and ends the third week in April. The spring trimester opens April 29 and ends in August.

Students may elect to attend either two or three trimesters. Those who go year 'round can be graduated with the B.A. or B.S. degree in slightly less than three calendar years. The following majors will be offered: biological science, business, English, history, humanities, mathematics, and physical science.

A sufficient number of courses are being provided in education to permit a young person to be certified to teach in secondary or elementary school systems. Two-year programs will be continued in pre-agriculture, pre-engineering, pre-forestry, and secretarial science.

Fort Lewis College has been offering college work since 1927, but will begin its first junior and senior level courses this year. The lower-division program is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Accreditation of the baccalaureate degree curriculum is pending. The coeducational, liberal arts college is in an all-new campus in the southwest corner of Colorado.

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