

HISTORY MAKING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES BELLEVUE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

OFFICE OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

Bellevue Community College is a member of the Puget Sound Regional Minority Affairs Consortium which was established approximately three years ago. The activity which developed with Consortium originated at the State level through Dr. Canfield, who was Executive Director of Community College Education. Dr. Sam Kelly, who is presently the director of Minority Affairs at the University of Washington is the single most important individual who contributed to this program. Three years ago, Shoreline Community College was fast about the business of addressing itself to the needs of minority students through the courageous efforts of Dr. Kelly and President Dick White.

Once the commitment was made at both the state and college level, these



concerned colleges named themselves the PSRMAC. There were seven colleges originally, now the number has grown to eleven, whose membership is based upon their commitment to the five goals developed by the Consortium.

Once common objectives and goals were formulated the essential task of program implementation was the responsibility of each institution. I should say that Bellevue's administrative leadership in its President, Deans, Executive Assistant, and Board of Trustees made the job here less difficult even though we did in fact have problems, the nature of

which were inherent in the new attitudes expressed by third-world students in higher education. Bellevue's first talk of preparing its clientele centered around selecting a Black program director and developing workshops. Through it all the program began in the summer of 1970 with 19 minority students, now the enrollment totals 276. Students were given an opportunity to four hours per day, as well as attend college classes.

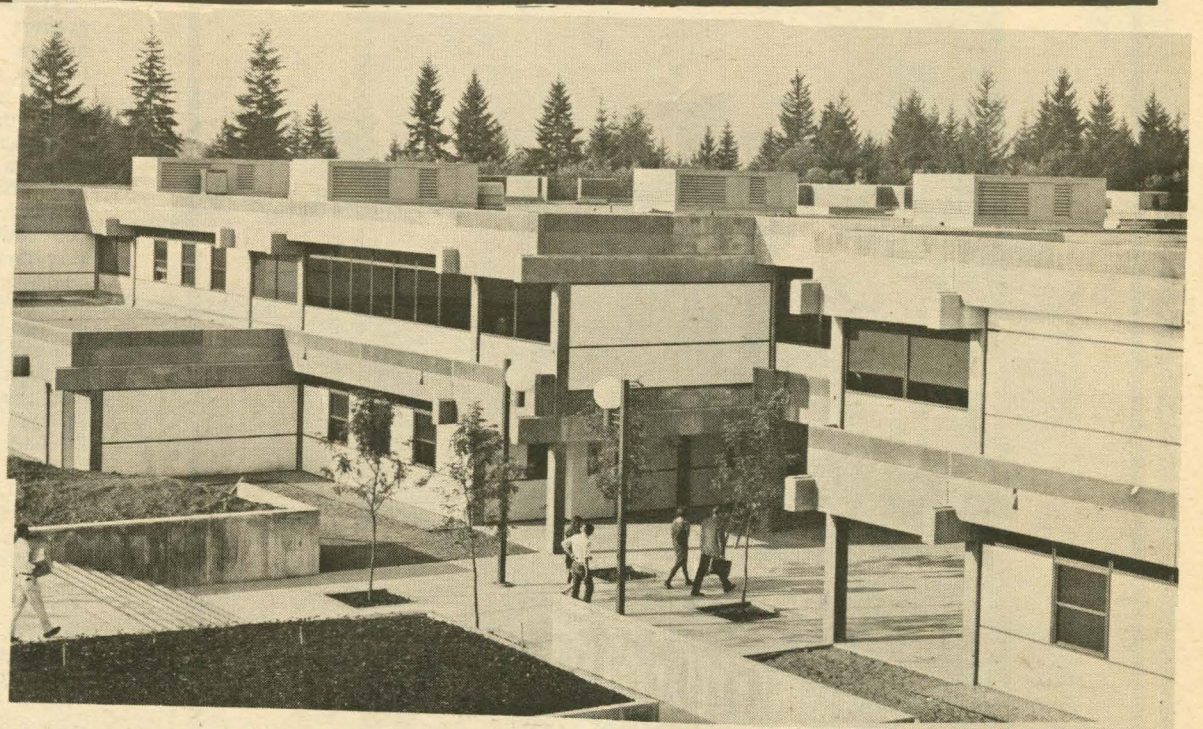
Also, one mandatory class called "Career Exploration" was taken by all students in the program for enlightenment regarding the world of work.

The M/A program at BCC is continuing in its effort to assist all minority and disadvantaged people in pursuing their goals by achieving either a degree or certificate in a field of study of their choice. The main objectives of this program for the academic year 1973 are: (1) to develop a recruitment program in conjunction with SOIC in the Allied Health fields such as Bio Med., Rad Tech, and Nursing;

2. to work with the Lake Washington School district in the development of an "Internship Program" with Black colleges whereby potential minority group teachers and administrators will intern in the district;

(3) to continue our bus service free of charge, and to further effect our efforts and achievements in the work being done with a new peer counseling program. These are several new efforts we think to be beneficial to and for minority students in addition to our regular activities. Perhaps the single most important among the programs being offered students at BCC is the Individual Development Reading Center (ID), which is designed to help students excel in Reading and to improve in basic skills of English, Writing, and Spelling. Students are able to work on individual projects which may help them succeed in their chosen professional goal.

This reading center is equipped with speed reading machines, reading accelerators, and Science Research Association



(SRA) materials. The students evaluate their own progress and work at their own speed. They find the multilevel learning labs to be of great assistance. Some of the reading programs are:

SRA - WE ARE BLACK; SRA-Word Spelling Lab; RFU-Reading for Understanding; SRA-Reading Program; Selections from the Black, by Jamestown Publishers; Study-type kits to assist the student with the Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, and Human-

ities. the student to develop some of the skills necessary to succeed in college, whatever his goal may be.

Included in this program is the Counseling and Educational Planning center. Staffing in this area consists of one full-time Black counselor, assisted by three peer counselors. This part of our program operates out of the Human

Development Center which is the regular counseling office on the entire campus. We located here for the purpose of student referral to the various resources in the center, e.g., vocational, job and career testing, tutoring, as well as transfer information to four-year colleges and universities.

Two-Year Associate Degree Programs at Bellevue Community College

Business Division

Food Service Mgmt.
Marketing
Real Estate
General Business
Accountant
Professional Secretary
Graphic Reproduction

Humanities Media Technician

Social Science
Law Enforcement
Early Child. Education
Social Services
Interior Decoration

Certificate Program

Welding (one - year program)
Semi-professional Ski Inst.

Diver Certification Pro.
Clerk-typist
Accountant
Early Child. Education
Food Services
Quality Control
Real Estate
Social Services

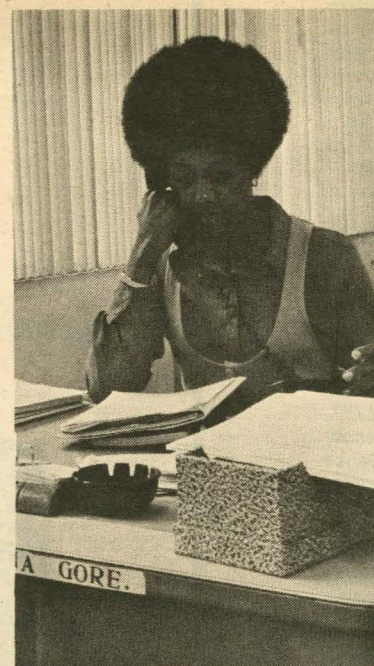
Physical Education

Recreation Leader
Prof. Ski Instructor

Science

Ornamental Horticulture
Associate Degree Nursing
Radiologic Technology
Civil Engineering Tech.
Biomedical Photography
Drafting

Interdisciplinary
Fashion Merchandising



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These are high interest level readings for minorities as well as for whites. Besides the Lab., regular classes are held daily each hour. Motivation is high in these classes because the students motivate each other.

"Readings on Thinking" is a course that stimulate high interest levels. They relate to everyday experiences, i.e., eating and sleeping; Freud; Jackie Robinson; Malcolm X, etc. The communications skill classes consist of 5 to 15 students in one class; therefore, teachers are able to give more individual help. (Also, there are group discussions where students work together as a team). The point here is that this program helps

