

## **The Harry T. Fultz Albanian American Educational Foundation**

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The Fultz Technical School and Community College, Tirana, Albania**

### **Calendar Year 2001, Second Quarter**

This report covers the period from April 1 to June 30, 2001.

#### **Overview**

The Community College has yet to hit its stride but plans to redouble publicity efforts to familiarize the public with its name and offerings. During this quarter, contracted management training was successfully delivered to district court personnel at off-site locations. The Ministry of Science and Education has agreed to two more years of partial support for teacher salaries. Fultz Technical School (FTS) representatives attended the Balkan Network of Secondary Schools (BNSS) spring workshop in Bulgaria. Business department students entered the annual Junior Achievement competition in which one of two groups qualified to participate in the next level among Central European contestants held in the Czech Republic. Two FTS students won first prize in national mathematics contests and both secured a place on Albania's national team. The ASHA grant application for infrastructure development and improvements at FTS was approved during the quarter, with the formal grant award dated as of July 19, 2001.

#### **Community College Training Activities**

During this quarter, the Community College contracted with the East-West Management Institute to conduct management courses for district court personnel in Shkodra, Vlora, and Tirana. The College was able to organize training in these cities and in the skills desired at the times requested, while gaining experience for itself in the logistics of mounting off-campus courses. Four courses of office management and two in Excel for budget officers were delivered to 64 women and four men.

Course enrolment for individuals declined in this second quarter filling only five classes, down from 13 in the first quarter. A German language class took shape for the first time. The others were English at levels 1, 2, and 3. Prior experience suggests that individual registrations tend to be seasonal with the larger number of courses starting in the autumn period of September – December. (The summer quarter, July to September, is traditionally an off-time.) However, because contracted training fees are higher than those for individuals, the Community College realized more income this quarter than realized from individual fees last quarter: \$10,906 from April – June versus \$7,122 from January – March.

The change in status from a public to private institution resulted in difficulties obtaining a license from the Transportation Department for the Driving School. Students who

enrolled in the first quarter were unable to finish the course that only resumed in the second. They are not, therefore, counted in the tabulation.

The College realizes that ongoing efforts at advertising and publicity are necessary if it is to gain more individual students as well as contracts. They are readying several technical courses to introduce in September. A fitness course, an idea apparently taking hold in Tirana, is to begin soon.

## **Fultz Technical School**

### GOA and Fultz Foundation Agreement

Based on the request of the Ministry of Science and Education that the Fultz Technical School (FTS), after privatization, would charge no fees to previously enrolled students; on the 15/05/01 request of the Fultz Albanian American Foundation for financial support for 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 academic years addressed to the Education Directory of Tirana; on the 17/05/01 request of the Education Directory of Tirana for "Financial Support", Protocol 926; and on implementation of the Council of Ministers decision No. 207 on 29/04/00, the Ministry and the Foundation agreed:

- That point No. 4 of Order No. 283 of the Minister of Science and Education on 22/09/00 related to the transition plan be abrogated.
- The Ministry will provide financial support for:
- 41 teachers during 2001-2002 academic year
- 28 teachers during 2002-2003 academic year

During the first year 2000-2001, the Ministry continued its usual salary grant to the FTS. The new agreement is a welcome recognition that the government still has some financial responsibility for the "public" students of the upper three classes. How the above will translate into Lek is not known exactly but we think it may be in the range of dollars 50,000 next year and perhaps 30,000 the following year. These amounts will certainly position the FTS more comfortably to cover its operating costs. Moreover, the agreement evinces the continuing cooperation of the Government of Albania with the Fultz Foundation in Tirana and with the institution's educational and developmental objectives.

### Student Extracurricular Activities

The Balkan Network of Secondary Schools held its spring workshop in Sofia, Bulgaria on May 17-19. The centerpiece of the two-days was a "Joint Media Project." Three students—Ard Krasniqi, Ariel Apostoli, Jonida Muka—and mathematics faculty head, Ms. Brikena Baxhaku, represented the Fultz Technical School.

Over the past three years, students of the Business Department have taken part in the annual Globus "Messe" competition organized by Junior Achievement.

FTS fielded two groups of student contestants. One of these groups qualified to enter the next level and will join students from 17 Central European countries at the third European Junior Achievement Conference. All will meet in Zlín, Czech Republic, July 23-29, where they are to examine the economic indices for evaluating the performance of business enterprises.

Renis Karriqi, 4<sup>th</sup> year student in the Business Department, took first place among 4<sup>th</sup> year high school students competing in the national mathematics contest. Ariel Apostoli, 3<sup>rd</sup> year in Electronics, won first place among 3<sup>rd</sup> year competitors. Thereby both FTS students gained membership on Albania's National Mathematics Team and will participate in the 42<sup>nd</sup> International Olympiad held in Washington, DC in July.

On the cultural side, a June exhibition took place in Tirana among high school students around the country. FTS student, Arlind Bebo, was awarded Best Picture. In the performing arts, Elinda Brinja, Parrid Qosja, and Erisa Hoxha, won second place for their singing.

### **ASHA Grant Award**

The grant application submitted to ASHA in June 2000 by the Fultz Foundation, Virginia was approved during this quarter. The award dates from July 19, 2001. The sum of \$403,000 was the amount requested to be used for infrastructure development and improvement of the Fultz Technical School and College. The selection of works to be undertaken responded to basic needs and to the completion of each within a reasonable period of time. Thus, this first ASHA application contained provision to address the sewerage and water systems, the electrical system, the ground floor renovation of a recently acquired third classroom building, security, an office for the community college, equipment for new electronics and computer laboratories, and expanding the library's collection.

- The sewerage and water systems, built some 60 years ago, will be replaced/upgraded. A break in a sewerage pipe last spring emphasized the need of replacements.
- For the electrical system, transformers are to be installed and wiring upgraded in the two main classroom buildings and extended into the "electrical school" building, which was acquired last year as a result of the Government of Albania's privatization of the school.
- Destined to become a center for the community college, the facilities of the three-story "electrical school" will also be available for use by daytime high school students, its laboratories in particular. The building's roof, windows, and exterior walls are in good condition and fairly new. The interior, however, requires renovations, which will be carried out in stages. Under this ASHA grant, the entire ground floor will be renovated to house, classrooms, electronics/computer laboratories, and the community college office. Second and third floor renovations remain for the next stage.

- In this building, office space for the college will be renovated, equipped, and furnished. From a modernized office, the college can more efficiently manage its adult training and outreach programs into the business and commercial communities.
- Apart from infrastructure improvements, the ASHA grant includes support for equipping electronics and computer laboratories as well as for expanding and updating the library's collection of Americana and technical materials.

At the end of June, the Fultz Foundation submitted another application to ASHA for support to continue work on the capital development plans for the school campus.

### Attachments

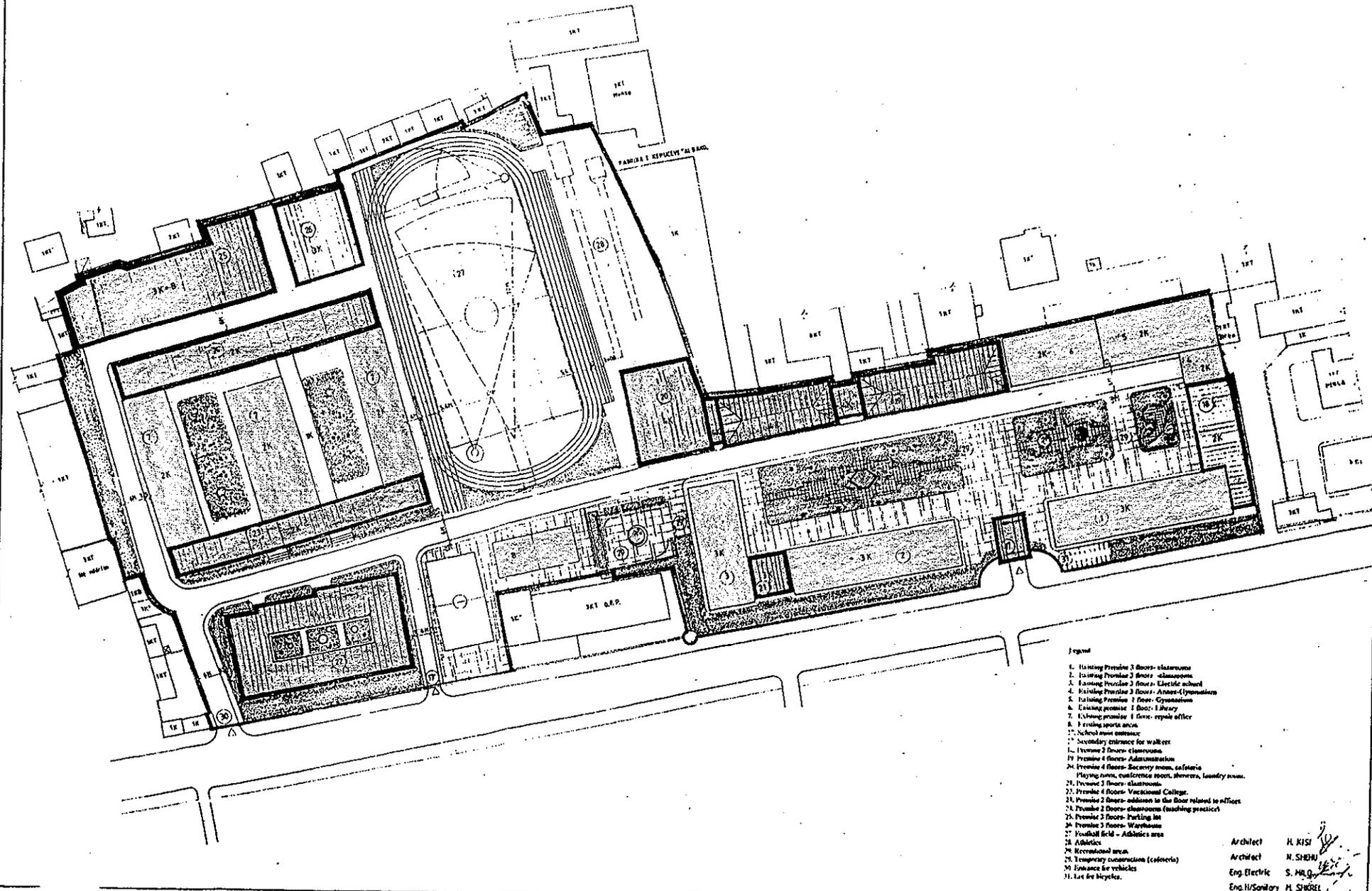
Community College training data for Second Quarter, April – June 2001

Plan of FTS campus:

Existing buildings shown in orange

Proposed future constructions shown in green

Community College Training 2001						
Second Quarter April - June 2001						
Course Title	#Hours	#Classes	# Female	# Male	Trained	
Beginner English	70	1	6	1	7	
Intermediate English	70	2	7	7	14	
Advanced English	70	1	5	5	10	
German Language	60	1	5	5	10	
EWMI Office Management	50	4	40	2	42	
EWMI Excel	46	2	24	2	26	
<b>CC 2nd Qrt 2001 Total</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>104</b>	
<b>Total CC2001 (2 Qrts)</b>			<b>157</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>224</b>	
Total FTS/BDC 1994			238	352	590	
Total FTS/BDC 1995			1308	1108	2416	
Total FTS/BDC 1996			2108	2002	4110	
Total FTS/BDC 1997			1363	1002	2365	
Total FTS/BDC 1998			1261	1217	2478	
Total FTS/BDC 1999			1150	1386	2536	
Total FTS/BDC 2000			894	1194	2088	
<b>Total FTS/BDC/CC To Date</b>			<b>8479</b>	<b>8328</b>	<b>16807</b>	



- Legend
- 1. Existing Premise 2 floors - classrooms
  - 2. Existing Premise 3 floors - classrooms
  - 3. Existing Premise 2 floors - Electric school
  - 4. Existing Premise 2 floors - Art and Gymnasium
  - 5. Existing Premise 2 floors - Gymnasium
  - 6. Existing premise 1 floor - Library
  - 7. Existing premise 1 floor - eyegle office
  - 8. Existing sports area
  - 9. School main entrance
  - 10. Secondary entrance for walk exit
  - 11. Existing 2 floors - classrooms
  - 12. Premise 4 floors - Administration
  - 13. Premise 4 floors - Security room, cafeteria
  - 14. Existing 2 floors - classrooms, conference room, showers, laundry room.
  - 15. Existing 2 floors - classrooms
  - 16. Existing 4 floors - Vocational College
  - 17. Premise 2 floors - addition in the floor related to office
  - 18. Premise 2 floors - classrooms (teaching practice)
  - 19. Premise 2 floors - Parking lot
  - 20. Premise 2 floors - Warehouse
  - 21. Football field - Athletics area
  - 22. Athletics
  - 23. Recreational area
  - 24. Temporary construction (cafeteria)
  - 25. Entrance for vehicles
  - 26. Lot for bicycles.

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