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89 YEARS OLD THIS MONTH

Through eighty-nine years of continuous operation, Chemawa has faithfully continued its purpose of providing educational opportunity for Indian Students, catering mainly to students who do not have another school readily available or an educational program that does not readily fill their individual needs. It has undergone many changes and innovations to fulfill its purpose.

Started in 1880 with a meager 23 students and a limited program it has gradually grown until today there are 850 students enrolled and a program that is broad enough to meet the needs of all serious students.

This Spring, Chemawa has a graduating class of 262 students. This will be the largest graduating class in the school's history. While in years past, the school had a terminal educational program where the student was prepared for a special vocation, it now concentrates on preparing students for further training. A large number of the students graduating this year will enroll in vocational, technical, community colleges, or four year regular colleges. It is very probable that a record number of this year's Seniors will enroll in and attend community or regular four year colleges.

All students must qualify for graduation from the four year academic high school program. However, some who have already made a selection of a vocational choice, have an opportunity to get extra training in their field, by enrolling in a half day vocational training program. In this program they attend academic classes for a half-day and spend the other half at their vocational training. Half-day classes are offered in the areas of auto shop, cooking, dental assistant, office practices, practical nursing, and welding.

NO SCHOOL FRIDAY

To celebrate the birthday this year, the Music Department and the Indian Club have joined together to present an anniversary program of music and traditional Indian Dances.

The first performance will take place on the afternoon of February 26, 2:00 P.M. in the school auditorium. Another performance will be given that evening and again on the evening of the 27th.

-John Brower

Living on a limit

As a part of Chemawa's total educational program, Senior students live off campus in apartments for two weeks. An important aspect of apartment living is the budgeting of money. Charlotte Skin, Norma Mae Smith and Rena Ballot weigh produce before buying it to determine if the price is within their budget.

Most of Chemawa's students come from sparsely populated areas of the country and benefit from the experience of living in a populous area.

The Seniors who participate in this program share their experiences with the student body.

