

'78 Grads A Joyous Group



Althea Scott, daughter of Leroy and Delphine Scott, and fellow classmate Lynn Graves, nervously lead the graduation procession at Madras High School commencement May 26. DLB Photo

They might have been referred to as "antsy" or "the young and the restless", but whatever, the 137 jubilant graduating seniors of Madras High School listened patiently and quietly to speeches, prayers and songs dedicated especially to them at the graduation ceremony on Friday, May 26.

Twenty-six of those graduating were from Warm Springs. Those happy graduates were

Gladys "Mona" Jim, Larry Squiemphen, Tim Greene, LaDonna Picard, Whitney Miller, Desi Hurtado, Jerald Danzuka, Winona Spino, Sally Rhoan, Althea Scott, Mike Leno, Matt Conner, Simon Kalama, Alex Smith, Corinna Sohapp, Caroline Strong, Owen Danzuka, Brian Conner, Anthony Shadley, Marla Patt, Jamie Smith, Jackie Estimo, Leontyne Tanewasha, Mina Shike, Arlene Wewa and Roger Stwyer.

Calvin Chinn opened the ceremony with the invocation and a message concerning happiness. "Your search for happiness is not to relive the past or put all your hopes in the future, but to live fully in the present."

The address which was delivered by Robert Anderson, Senior Account Executive of Belrod, Hammerback, Inc., was regarding self-confidence. He said that he had read in the London Times that physical illness, emotional problems, personal indebtedness, lack of knowledge, and lack of plan-for-life were listed as the five reasons for loss of self-confidence. He elaborated on each cause and also added, "each of you is the rider of the horse of life, you must make the horse take you where you want to go in life. Set your goals, believe in yourself, and stick to your convictions."

The seniors accepted their diplomas in different ways. One boy jogged to have his diploma handed to him and another yelled triumphantly - not once but twice - after receiving his "reward".

The benediction was presented to the capacity crowd by Sally Rhoan as she performed the "Lord's Prayer" in Indian sign language.

The commencement was ended with a recording of Fleetwood Mac's song, "Don't Stop". And, as in the tradition of Madras graduations, mortarboards flew over the heads of the newly graduated seniors, excited at the prospects in the upcoming years.



Jamie Smith, son of Russell and Ruthie Smith, and Marla Patt, daughter of Olney and Frances Patt, were two of the 26 graduates from Warm Springs to joyously march under the canopy of streamers and flowers at the May 26 graduation ceremony at Madras Senior High School. DLB Photo

Student Banquet Honors Graduates, Parents



Senior Roger Stwyer took a break from the feast to capture on film the guests of honor, Sacheen Littlefeather and Peter McDonald. SLR Photo

With a theme centered around the parents and grandparents as well as the graduates, the second annual Warm Springs Tribal Education Banquet on May 23 honored 35 graduates with high esteem.

Of these graduates, two graduated from college. Celia Greene, daughter of Perry and Verbena Greene received an Associate of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education at Linn-Benton Community College and Celeste Smith received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education at Oregon State University.

The high school students graduated from various schools such as Madras High School, Chemawa Indian School, Maupin High School, Inter-mountain Indian School, and other schools.

Attempting to keep things as traditional as possible, the graduates marched with their parents into the Agency Long-

house while drummers sang the Grand Entry song.

Following dinner, several speakers said a few words. Among them was special guest Peter McDonald, chairman of the Navajo Tribe.

McDonald said he had asked their schools to graduate students in their traditional attire and in much the same spirit as was evidenced at the longhouse, Tuesday night. McDonald also mentioned three things that parents want students to remember:

1. They want you to be wise - learn right from wrong, distinguish good from bad.
2. They want you to think - expand your knowledge and learn.
3. They want you to have strength - be able to take things and work your way up to the best part, be able to withstand the heat.

McDonald finished by saying, "When you are a minority, you must be strong, you must not break down along the way. Walk in beauty."

James Cornett then spoke for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. "Don't forget where you came from," said Cornett. "Remember and respect your elders and what they have kept for you."

Bob Jackson, Health and Social Services Branch Manager, represented the Confeder-

ated Tribes of Warm Springs and spoke on behalf of Tribal Administration.

"Make a commitment," advised Jackson to the graduates, "and strive to attain that commitment. Don't take yourself so seriously. Learn to laugh at yourself. Don't be afraid of uniqueness, in uniqueness there is beauty."

The graduates also received congratulations from U.S. Senators Mark Hatfield and Bob

Packwood; Robert "Baretta" Blake; Representative Al Ullman; Actress Sacheen Littlefeather; Marlon Brando, Darrel Wright (superintendent for School District 509-J), and John Trujillo, vice-principal for Madras High School.

The Tribal Education Department of Warm Springs gave gifts of luggage to all the graduates. And the banquet was a success.



Beaming, a happy Whitney Miller and his proud Dad, Earl Miller, accept congratulations from Tribal Education Committee chairman Mike Clements at the May 23 Student Banquet in the Agency Longhouse. All the graduates and their parents or guardians received a certificate of appreciation and a set of luggage from the Tribes. Roger Stwyer Photo