

'78 Graduates Are Talking College but Occupying Themselves in other ways

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Last May, twenty-three students graduated from high school. Only five of those students have returned back to school this fall. Thirteen have jobs and are working and six are looking for a job or are planning for college.

When compared to the class of 1977 we find that there were thirteen who graduated from high school. There are currently six in college with three of them in their second year. Five are working and two are not accounted for.

Many graduates said that their parents would like to see them enter college. While they were still young their parents were hoping and even planning for them to go to college. But as it appears, most graduates prefer to work rather than further their education. After the student receives a diploma, apparently the last thing he wants to do is go to school some more.

Eleven out of the eighteen graduates not going to school have intentions of going to college within the next year but are afraid to make the decision

that could affect their lives. They would like to please their parents by going to college but want to take some time off from school. At the same time. When the graduate does decide to go to school we discovered that many don't know what they want to study or what school they want to attend.

Their aspirations are high but they say they can't foresee pursuing a college education because of the limited job opportunities on the reservation.

Then there are the handful of graduates who say they can work at Kah-Nee-Ta, the mill, or in the woods and be satisfied.

One said that if she went to college and earned a degree she would probably still come back and work as a secretary. She can't picture herself as taking on a big job.

Trouble with funding prompted many graduates to work and try to earn their way through school. Some are working at places that are related to their main interest.

Marla Patt is one that has shown interest in Accounting. She is working in the Accounting Department of the Confederated Tribes and said she would like to pursue accounting as a career.

Jamie Smith is working for Tommy Smith and Levi Greene Logging gaining experience in mechanicking. He said he would like to continue his education but is "pretty much too lazy to go to school" at the present time.

Although no success rate is kept on the persons going to college by the Tribal Education



WAITING - Jamie Smith is biding his time as a garage worker for Tommy Smith and Levi Greene's logging outfit. He might go to school in January...and he might not.



CONTENTED - Until she goes to secretarial school Arlene Wewa is happy working at the Tribal Group Home office. CDS Photo

it isn't a secret that out of the many going each year, few graduate. '78 graduates don't want to be a part of that because they said that if they go to school, it would be just for the experience and not to earn a degree.

As the '78 graduates were interviewed, it was noticeable that they weren't really certain what they intended to do but they did have some plans in their heads. Only time will tell what the graduates are going to do.

Widespot Candidates Selling Tickets in Bid for Queen

These five girls are representing the annual Widespot powwow, to be held December 1-3, 1978 at the Agency longhouse. They are now selling raffle tickets for one dollar in hopes of being selected queen of the powwow. A sixth candidate, Florence Johnson, has been selected and will be pictured in the next edition of Spilyay Tymoo.



DONNA SUE SUTTERLEE 13, was born July 8, 1965. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fabian Sutterlee of Warm Springs.

Donna decided to run for Widespot queen because she enjoys meeting and talking with people.

Donna is in the eighth grade at Madras Junior High School, where she participates in volleyball and basketball. Traveling to powwows for dance competition is another of Donna's favorite



MARIAM TIAS, 17, born May 9, 1961, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Craig.

Mariam decided to run for Widespot queen because she just wanted to do something different. In June she will graduate from Madras High School.

Her favorite hobby is Disco dancing. Mariam is of Warm Springs and Umatilla descent.

ALFREDA MITCHELL 14, born April 18, 1964, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur



Mitchell.

Alfreda decided to compete for Widespot queen, because she wants to win the title. Alfreda's comment was, "It's a good feeling to complete something that I set out to do."

Her favorite sports and hobbies are volleyball and beadwork. She is a ninth grader at Madras High School.

BRIDGETT SCOTT 9, born March 1, 1969, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Scott of Warm Springs.



Having been 2nd runnerup in the Jr. Princess contest in 1977, then Jr. Queen in 1978 at Delta Park, Bridgett is no newcomer to things like this.

Her favorite sport is rodeoing. One of her achievements in this was winning first place in Jr. barrel racing at a recent Jackpot held here in Warm Springs.

She is a fourth grader at the Warm Springs Grade School. Bridgett's next rodeo is October 21 and 22 at the St. Patrick's cowdeo in Madras.



SHARI SAMSON 16, born July 28, 1962, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Samson of Yakima, Washington. At present Shari is staying with Mr. and Mrs. George Danzuka here in Warm Springs.

Her reason for running was to help out the powwow, and to see how outgoing she could be.

Her interests include basketball, beadwork, and reading. Shari attends Madras High School where she is a Junior.