

ASHES provides advice, information and assistance

Graduation is just around the corner for many Alaskan high school students. Twelve years of schooling, what has become a way of life for many, is about to be completed. In the halls and rooms of every high school in Alaska, seniors are releasing unmistakable sighs of relief, and a deserved sense of accomplishment is felt by all.

However, at the same time, slowly at first, another feeling also begins to peek around the corner of the conscious mind — a constantly emerging uncertainty about the future, accompanied by the question, "What am I going to do now?" As the days pass, the uncertainty grows, the question appears more and more frequently, and alternative answers begin to appear, such as "I'll go get a job, if I can find one," or "Maybe I'll go to college" or "I think I'll check out a vocational training program," . . . and so it goes.

The Talent Search Program of the Alaska Student Higher Education Services (ASHES) at AFN, Inc. understands this dilemma and is doing all it can to provide advice, information and assistance to each of these students. The services are not restricted to recent graduates though — former graduates, students, high school drop-outs, college students and drop-outs can all benefit from what Talent Search has to offer. The ASHES counselors, all specifically trained college students have at their disposal:

Time, patience and understanding — to sit and talk with anyone about possible areas of study or training.

Information — on all Alaskan (and many "Outside") educational institutions, both colleges and vocational training centers.

Technical knowledge — on how to fill out all application forms for each institution and appropriate financial aid forms.

If you find yourself confused on what direction to take, if

you haven't answered the question, "What am I going to do now?" or if you need information on colleges, vocational schools, GED programs, boarding schools, financial aids, etc., please contact the Talent Search office. Just write to:

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Meanwhile, best of luck in all the important decisions you are about to make. And congratulations!