

# MEHS students graduate

by Irving Ungudruk

The 1986 MEHS graduation ceremonies were held in the City of Sitka. MEHS auditorium was among the buildings that were not renovated in the summer of 1985. We went to the Sheldon Jackson College Allen Auditorium for the Baccalaureate Service, and to Sitka's Centennial Building for the Commencement Program. The backdrop read "The Dawn of a New Tradition." The graduates represented the different races in Alaska, from Wainwright on the North Slope to Craig in Southeast Alaska. In his welcome, Superintendent Larrae Rocheleau thanked the 135 students who remained the entire school year. Among the dignitaries sitting to the left of the 18 graduates, I

was pleased to see two Thlingit, one Inupiaq.

In his speech to the graduates, Alaska House Finance Committee Chairman Albert Adams greeted by name, his former schoolmates, his former teachers who were present, recalled the days and nights he spent at the High School. After a fine, but short speech, Al Adams concluded by reminding the graduates to be ambassadors for MEHS. "We must keep it open" he told them.

Several parents and grandparents came for the graduation. After the reception, as we were leaving the cafeteria, in front of us was a young man in an Army uniform. I heard him say, "They did not have this railing when I was here." 10,000 Alaskans call MEHS their school.

## Graduating Members of the Class of 1986

Dushkin, Susan B.**	Nikolski
Johnson, Donald A.	Emmonak
Kameroff, Christine	Emmonak
Kauffman, Renee I.	St. Paul
Mandregan, Byron D.	St. Paul
Martin, Garvin P.	Juneau
Martin, James A.	Juneau
Martin, Showalter L.	Juneau
Melovidov, Nicolai D.	St. Paul
Melovidov, Sherry A.	St. Paul
Michaels, Tammy N.	Bethel
Miller, Frank G.	Napakiak
Nick, Olga F.	Russian Mission
O'Connor, Brent A.	Craig
Panik, Isaac I.	Wainwright
Pegues, Terrence D.	Juneau
Von Scheele, Suzanne M.*	Port Lions
Wassillie, James J.	Napiak

\* Salutatorian

\*\* Valedictorian