

Traditional ceremony marks graduation

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On May 6, in the Naparyarmiut Elicarviat gym, parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters and teachers proudly saw the class of 1983 graduate, and the class of 1987 enter high school.

Accompanied by the music of "Pomp and Circumstances," the new ninth grade, followed by the graduating seniors marched into the gym. Pastor Chip Swanson of the Covenant Church, Father John and James Gump of the Catholic Church participated in the Invocation and Baccalaureate, James speaking in Yupik.

Maria Green gave the eighth grade address titled "A Step Higher," which preceded the eighth grade graduation ceremony. Mary Schrader introduced the new ninth grade and ASB member Edgar Hoelscher awarded certificates of graduation.

Jonathan Smith, Class of 1983 president, welcomed all, including former graduates. He introduced the graduating class to the audience. Each senior then presented a rose to their mother and a carnation to their father.

Next came the Salutatorian address, given by Christine Olson, and then the two Valedictorian addresses by Della Mae Green and Jane

Smith. James Joseph, representing Sea Lion Corporation, gave a speech entitled "Some Encouraging Words." This was followed by Louis Bunyan, Sr.'s "Advancing Your Education." Louis is a member of both Sea Lion's board and Calista Corporation's Board of Directors. The keynote speaker, Phillip Hendrickson, Vice President for Village Affairs for Calista Corporation, spoke on "The Courage to Continue."

Karl Lund, one of the Senior Class sponsors, reviewed the accomplishments of the Class of '83 before Edgar Hoelscher, member of the Hooper Bay Advisory School Board awarded the diplomas to the new graduates.

Finally, Kirt Bell drummed while Eddie Bell, Magdalene Hoelscher, Neva Rivers, Helen Smith, Bridget Joseph, Henrietta Naneng and Marion Olson danced traditional dances for a very appreciative audience.

The new graduates hosted a dinner for their parents after the ceremony, which was greatly enjoyed by everyone. A community reception was held in the gymnasium.

The Class of 1983 seniors are: Beverly Bell, John D. Bell, Louis Bunyan, Jr., Sharon Bunyan, Nora Fisher, Christine Friday, *Della Mae Green,



Maggie Hoelseker and Bridget Joseph present a traditional Yup'ik dance for the 1983 graduates.

Aloysius Gump, Raymond Gump, Leota Hill, Eunice Joe, Bernie Joseph, Charles Lake, Patty Murran, Theresa Naneng, Victor Night, Judy O'Brien, *Christine Olson, Aaron

Rivers, Jr., Ron Seton, Harold Simon, Betty Smith, *Jane Smith, Jonathan Smith, *Rose Marie Tinker.

*With Honors.

Those graduating from the

eighth grade are: Sandra Hill, Bernice Lake, Clifford Lake, George Moses, Jackie Nanuk, Minnie Nukusuk, John Olson, Marvin Seton, Arnold Simon, Bernetta Smith, Roberta Tinker, Frank Tomaganuk.



1983 graduating class



Hooper Bay 8th grade graduates