

Emma Widmark Accepted at Harvard for Graduate Study

Emma Widmark, a Tlingit in Klawock and now living in Fairbanks, has been accepted for graduate study at Harvard University.



LOOKING TO THE FUTURE — Reluctant to leave home, but anxious to further her education, Emma Widmark, accepted for graduate study at Harvard, will leave for the East in the fall.

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Emma is presently a home economist with the Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Alaska. She earned her degree at Oregon State University and then spent several years in extension service work on the Mescalero Reservation in New Mexico.

Emma also serves on the Board of Directors of the Fairbanks Native Association.

She plans to get a master's degree in education, specializing in early childhood. Although she is reluctant to leave Alaska, Emma decided it was time to

go further with her education.

"I hope to be gone only two years," she said. When a certain amount of the financial help she planned on fell through with Nixon's budget cuts, Emma determined to go ahead with her plans on her own.

"Like most Indian people," she commented, "I am going with a certain amount of blind faith."

Emma is the second Alaska Native to be accepted by Harvard within a year's time. Fred Bigjim, an Eskimo, left to study law last year.