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1st high school grad at Delphian School

Commencement exercises will take place Saturday, July 25, at 2 p.m. for Eve Darling, a boarding student from Alabama, who will become the Delphian School's first high school graduate. The ceremony will take place in the recital hall at the main campus building, or outdoors on the campus, depending on the weather.

Eighteen-year-old Eve who enrolled at the school in 1978, is the first of a projected three graduates of the school this year. As the students work on individually designed academic programs, the students will often graduate on an individual basis.

Rather than assigning grades, or employing a pass/fail system, the school requires that each student must demonstrate complete mastery of the materials studied. evaluation is carried out continuously, as the student progresses through his or her program, as well as comprehensively, to examine the student's qualifications for graduation or promotion to a higher class.

The high school graduation requirements of the Delphian School con-



Eve Darling

list of a set of specified abilities which the student must master prior to receiving a diploma.

Eve will become the private school's first graduate of its Levels Program, which was designed during the past two years for students entering the institution during their teen years. Among the abilities a student must meet in order to graduate are competence in foreign language, art and public speaking; the ability to maintain excellent health and appearance; study skills and logical analysis; excellent knowledge of government and the Constitution; as well as

strong competence in the basics.

The school also offers its Standard Program, for students in entering the school prior to their teens, which requires, for example, that the student be able to speak, read, and write two foreign languages; build and electronic calculator and explain its operation; design, build, and operate an energy production system; create a professional level in at least one art form; as well as gain the ability to evaluate news to determine truth, relative importances, and impact of events. The school expects to see its first Standard Program graduate within the next four years.

Eve will attend 127-year-old Antioch college this fall where she plans to major in either pre-law or government.

"We are very pleased to be making it possible for a student to go out in the world with this breadth and depth of ability", stated headmaster, Dr. Alan Larson, in a press release. "We are dedicated to making it possible for able students to truly prosper intellectually and productively. We can succeed at this task because of the extraordinarily

workable Hubbard study methods employed by our students. We believe this is the way to reverse the educational disaster we are seeing in this country and abroad."

The Delphian School was founded in 1974, and, after a two year experimental and developmental period, opened to public students the summer of 1976. The school is open year round with an average of 145 students from primary through grade 12 in attendance.

The school's curriculum department supplies its curriculum of 350 courses to a growing number of private schools throughout the United States.