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Dear Miss Gilpin,

Returned home today and found all my mail here. Mother did not forward and I sincerely apologize for the delay.

Am now attending Arizona State Univ. on a Graduate Assistantship award from the Dept. of Anthro., this past semester and also renewed for the 1965-66 school year.

Will be working with Pease Engineering Firm in Window Rock for 6 weeks then will return to ASU for the second summer session for a couple of courses in Genetics and Animal Ecology.

Hope to see you sometime this June or July. Sammij's operation was successful and he's recuperating fine. We hope to be married this fall. Will let you know when.

Sincerely  
Shirley Sells



A third honor student receiving an Endowment Fund grant is Shirley Sells. Shirley, now twenty four, was born in Shiprock and received her elementary schooling through the tenth grade in Gallup. Then she spent a year in California with a teacher whom she knew, and going to school there. Returning to the reservation, she graduated from the Window Rock High School and went on to the University of New Mexico, where she majored in anthropology and speech, receiving her diploma in June 1964.

During the summers of 1963 & 64, Shirley held a position as a ranger in the National Park Service stationed at Canyon de Chelly National Monument. In all spare moments she has been working on a thesis in archaeology. Following the summer season of 1964 at Canyon de Chelly, <sup>Shirley</sup> accepted a position with a survey project sponsored jointly by the Navaho Tribe and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. It is altogether fitting that there should be a Navaho Anthropologist, and I am sure that Shirley will perform a major service for her people in recording and preserving the traditions and folklore of the Navaho.

These are but three of the honor students who either have been or are being helped through this endowment fund. There are many others following a variety of occupations, such as doctors, dentists, ~~nurses~~, lawyers and other <sup>professions</sup> ~~occupations~~. This is one of the most valuable of all Navaho projects, giving many young people of ability the opportunity to receive the highest education, and who may well become Navaho leaders of to-morrow.

(An introduction about the Education Fund commences this section including you 3)