

Seven Alaskans receive grants

Seven Alaskans in pursuit of teaching careers have been awarded 1987-88 scholarships by the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education for study in education degree programs under the federal Paul Douglas Teacher Scholarship Program.

Recipients are: Kay Anderson of Craig, a fifth-year student at Walla Walla College in Washington; Cathy Coulter of Valdez, a senior at Lewis and Clark College in Oregon; Terri Hadley of Buckland, a senior at Sheldon Jackson College in Sitka; Peter Hilts of Seldovia, a senior at Biola University in California; Margie Karasti of Ekwok, a senior at Sheldon Jackson College in Sitka; Lisa Sramaty from Clear, a senior at Gonzaga University in Washington; and Debra Van Dyke from Beaver, a junior at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

This program was established by Congress to encourage outstanding high school graduates to pursue teaching careers.

Students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their high school class may be eligible to apply for scholarships of up to \$5,000 for each academic year of in-state or out-of-state undergraduate postsecondary education leading toward a teaching degree.

Applicants must also demonstrate financial need, as well as their potential for success through essays and recommendations.

Scholarship recipients must, upon graduation, teach full-time for a two-year period for each year of scholarship funds received. Failure to secure a teaching position results in repayment of the scholarship funds at an interest rate of about 12 percent or higher.

School districts will be asked in January 1988 to help select eligible applicants from each district for 1988-89 scholarship consideration.

Those who want more information may write: Assistant Director for Programs, Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education, Box FP, Juneau 99811.