

Teacher of the Year on Juneau Visit

Cordova elementary school teacher Trudey Bodey, Alaska's Teacher of the Year, will be visiting Juneau Tuesday, May 20, to meet Governor Jay Hammond, members of the Department of Education and members of the State Legislature.

She will be further honored at a no-host dinner the evening of the 20th which will be attended by representatives of the Department of Education, NEA-Alaska and the Juneau Education Association.

Ms. Bodey's nomination for Alaska Teacher of the Year came from the Cordova Education Association with numerous recommendations from fellow teachers and parents of students at Cordova's Mt. Eccles Elementary School where she has taught for the past four years.

Her selection was made by a committee including

representatives from NEA-Alaska, the Association of School Administrators, the Association of Alaska School Boards, the Alaska Department of Education, and a student from Juneau-Douglas High School.

As a teacher, Ms. Bodey strives "to move each child forward, to challenge him or her to achieve some small goal but still reach for a star."

Among her many activities praised by community members was her presentation to each of her students at the end of a three-year program of an individually made plaque through which she tried to leave each child "with seven important words: try, think, learn, love, live, laugh, and give."

A native of Hoquiam, Washington, her other interests include mountain climbing, fishing and razor clam digging.