## Little Lady gets big honor from peers

At one point during the competition, it seemed that the only competitions that diminutive Lady Laraux of Bethel didn't participate in were the four-man carry and the ear weight carry.

Laraux, an eight-time competitor at the Olympics, this year entered the womens' blanket toss, the greased pole competition, one- and two-foot high kick, the stick pull, the knuckle hope, the one-hand-high kick, and the womens's knee jump. She managed to place in the finals in most events and did well in the others.

Laraux, a 21-year-old who

has the youthful looks of a high school girl, was selected by her peers Saturday as the winner of the Howard Rock Memorial Award for All Around Best Athlete.

She was part of the powerful Bethel Women's team and when she was not competing, she stayed close to the competition to encourage her Bethel teammates.

Laraux, who rarely showed anger or disappointment during her competition, had been voted Miss Congeniality in the Miss Kuskokwim Delta competition the week before the Olympics.

She is a customer representative for Wien Airlines in Bethel.