

Alaskan of the Year narrowed down to five finalists

The list of candidates for Alaskan of the Year for 1985 has been narrowed to five persons.

The five finalists were selected in statewide balloting by competition electors. The finalists are Capt. Thomas Richards Sr. of Anchorage, an airline pilot and former mayor of Kotzebue; Harold Newcomb of Wasilla, former president of the Mat-Su Borough Assembly and an organizer of the City of Wasilla; Dr. Glenn Olds of Anchorage, president of Alaska Pacific University; Cliff R. Taro of Ketchikan, president of Southeast Stevedoring Corp.; and Dr.

William R. Wood, former president of the University of Alaska and former mayor of Fairbanks.

Larry Baker, chairman of the Alaskan of the Year Committee, said the winner will be announced at the Alaskan of the Year Banquet to be held March 29 at the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel.

Baker also noted that the committee is now accepting nominations for the Governor's Awards, which will also be unveiled at the March 29 banquet. Anyone may submit nominations for the Governor's Awards and up to five recipients may be selected.

The Governor's Award is to honor outstanding Alaskans who deserve acclaim and recognition for service to Alaska, but may not qualify for the Alaskan of the Year Award. The Alaskan of the Year Award is for those who have made outstanding contributions to Alaskan life over a period of years.

Anyone wishing to nominate persons for the Governor's Award should send the names and information on the nominees to Alaskan of the Year Committee, 501 W. Potter Dr., Anchorage, AK 99502.