

Students win free MarkAir tickets

Concern on the part of a Barrow resident about the high cost of flying anywhere from North Slope villages turned into free round-trip tickets for college students, according to Elsie Itta of Barrow.

Itta said that earlier this year she took her concerns about cost to MarkAir and was told she could put together a contest in which the prize for three students was a round-trip ticket for each to school. The contestants had to:

- Be a full-time college student during the 1986-87 school year.
- Have a grade point average of 2.0 or better.
- Plan on returning to school during the 1987-88 school year.
- Reside on the North Slope during the 1986 summer.

"Luck played a hand in picking the names because each student represented a different school in Alaska," Itta said.

The winners, all of Barrow, are Vera Aiken, a sophomore at Sheldon

Jackson in Sitka; Nina deJesus, a sophomore at the University of Alaska Fairbanks; and Jeff Maupin, a senior at the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Itta is particularly aware of the problems of students because she is the student advisor for the North Slope Borough School District.

She expressed appreciation and gratitude to MarkAir for the tickets and said she wishes the students safe and happy travel.

Clare Charlie, sales representative for MarkAir, said she was pleased with the results.

"MarkAir is proud to continue its support for the young people of Alaska. Many people have asked me why we give tickets away. In my opinion, Alaska's future depends on educating our young people," she said. "MarkAir's future also depends on them as future travelers. In exchange for our support today, we hope to have their support tomorrow."