

Project Career Students Selected

Five Project Career students were selected to attend a college-motivated 4-week "Upward Bound" program planned for Southeastern Alaska high school students at Sheldon Jackson College in Sitka last month.

The five girls were given the good news by AFN Education Counselors, James Jack and Frank Quinto, of the Alaska Student Higher Education Services office (ASHES).

ASHES is a program dedicated to recruiting low-income high school students and motivating them to seek vocational training or higher education. "Our job is not to give out money, but to find money available for students," says Jack. "We help them get started, and then keep tabs on their progress, until they are career-ready."

Quinto, on briefing the girls about the Upward Bound Program "noticed a real change in their attitude. At first they showed very little interest in filling out the application, but after they were selected and listened to what was planned for them, their enthusiasm and eagerness was pretty rewarding in itself."

ASHES is not only involved with the Upward Bound program, but also Talent Search and Special Services. On the local level, they coordinate with BIA, Office of Vocational Re-



PROJECT CAREER STUDENTS - From left to right, front row: James Jack, Trudy Triggs, Charlie Mae Moore (Project Careers counselor), Jerri Knapp and Frank Quinto. Back row: Jolene Brown and Ann Jewell. Not pictured is Donnelle Everson.

habilitation, Employment Guidance Center, Citizens' Participation Committee, ANB-ANS, the Education Task Force and Project Careers.

Areawide, they travel to Ketchikan, Metlakatla, Haines, Wrangell, Skagway, Petersburg, Craig, Hoonah and Kake - working closely with principals and counselors at each school.

"I can see a beautiful relationship between Project Careers

and the ASHES office," says Charlie Mae Moore. "Programs like this help us achieve our own goals where we "prepare" students for either a job, higher education or vocational training."

Two additional students, Elizabeth Horton and Joe Howard were selected from the Juneau-Douglas High School. The group left for Sitka on the ferry April 4.