

Cordova man teacher of the year

Jerry Bendzak, a physical education and swimming teacher at Mt. Eccles Elementary School in Cordova, has been named the 1983-84 Alaska Teacher of the Year. The selection was made by NEA/Alaska.

Bendzak, a Cordova teacher for 12 years, helped develop the Cordova School District's physical education program, prompted construction of a

covered community playground, and instituted an Elementary Olympics in which all school children participate.

Bendzak was selected from a field of six candidates. The other five were:

Beth Auni, music teacher at North Pole Elementary School, Fairbanks;

Bill Darling, science, compu-

ter and math teacher at Dillingham High School;

Janet Dodson, elementary and art teacher at Deering School, Northwest Arctic School District;

Jan Heinrich, science teacher at Service High School, Anchorage;

Steve Kinney, science teacher at Ketchikan High School.