

# 7 students earn degrees from North Slope center

BARROW — Seven students will be awarded post-secondary degrees during the first annual commencement of the North Slope Higher Education Center.

Students from Barrow, Point Hope, Nuiqsut and Wainwright will participate in the ceremonies. This is the first graduating class at the higher Education Center, which was created in 1986 by the North Slope Borough to provide college courses for local residents.

An associate of arts degree will be awarded to Emma Bodfish of Barrow, Samantha Ruth Oviok of Point Hope and Terry Lee Tagarook of Wainwright. Elizabeth Ahvakana of Nuiqsut and Frances Mongoyak of Bar-

row will receive bachelor of education degrees. Emily Ipulook Wilson of Barrow will be presented with a master of education degree, and Robert Hartly of Barrow will receive an educational specialist degree.

The NSB Education Center is affiliated with the University of Alaska's College of Rural Alaska. All courses are approved and accredited through the university.

In the past, most of the center's classes have been conducted by teleconference from other university locations. A new freshman-year program beginning in September will allow students to attend a complete year of required courses with instructors in Barrow.