

What others say...

Anderson withdraws from race

To the editor:

You probably have heard that I have withdrawn from the race for Lt. Governor. I have talked the decision over with several of my political advisors and they agree with my assessment that my chances of winning are limited to remote without an adequate supply of money.

I estimated that I would need at least \$195,000.00 back in November to win the race. I have not been able to raise anywhere near that amount. I have also been spending my own money which I promised my family I would not do.

This is a hard decision to make but a realistic appraisal of my chances tell me that funds are needed to travel, buy TV time, radio time and newspaper advertising. If there are no funds to get my name out, there is not a chance for

success.

I also started too late. By the time I had filed, all of the people that I wanted to work with to set up a state-wide campaign committee had already committed to other candidates.

I do not intend to bow out of politics completely. I learned several valuable lessons from this experience. First, start early and tie down supporters and second, start getting financial commitments well in advance of filing for state-wide office.

My withdrawal at this time will give you and other of my supporters an opportunity to evaluate and choose another candidate before the primary.

I want to thank all those people who wanted to help me and encouraged me to keep on trying.

Very sincerely,
Nels A. Anderson, Jr.

Folk Arts submissions sought

To the editor:

In an effort to try and present to the public more information about Alaskan folk and traditional art events, a 1987 Calendar is being compiled by the Alaskan Folk and Traditional Arts Association (AFTAA). An event will be considered for the Calendar based upon the following criteria. The event should occur within Alaska, or should have some bearing upon Alaska; and the event would involve either music, dance, drama, the fine arts (drawing, painting, sculpture, etc.) or folk traditions.

The compilation of this information will inform and should encourage people to participate in the events. A yearly calendar will permit advanced planning, and will be a valuable reference tool. The Calendar will be distributed

to all AFTAA members or may be purchased for six dollars. The AFTAA annual membership due is five dollars.

Please provide the following information: 1) a brief description of the event, 2) date, 3) time, 4) location, and 5) sponsor. If information is not available at this time, then please notify AFTAA as details become definite. Correspondence should be addressed to:

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Reader sings Cowper's praises

To the editor:

This election year has prompted people to ask "Where are the statesmen anymore?" Too often we have a surplus of politicians and a dearth of statesmen. We Alaskans miss our statesmen of the caliber of Bartlett, Gruening and Begich.

But they're not only in the past. We have now a real, live, genuine statesman of that caliber: Steve Cowper. Long before his present campaign for governor, this fellow show-

ed a down-to-earth genuineness and strength of character which reminded me of those earlier statesmen.

Eleanor Roosevelt said that on rare occasions a person will come along with that spark of greatness (she was speaking of Harry Truman at the time). Here in Alaska we have such a person now running for governor who has that spark: Steve Cowper.

Sincerely,
Alan M. Gaddie
Anchorage