

Democrat Glenn Olds will oppose Murkowski for U.S. Senate seat

Alaska Pacific University President Glenn Olds today announced his candidacy for the United States Senate seat currently held by Frank Murkowski. "The ignorance about Alaska in Washington needs to be challenged and changed," said Olds, who is on sabbatical leave from APU.

"Bipartisan representation in Washington will improve our support in Congress for Alaska's economic role in the Pacific, the sale of our oil to Japan, and for Alaska's independent course as a new and growing state. Alaska needs an independent voice in the Senate," Olds stated.

The educator and former diplomat declared that he would seek the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate during the August primary election, and would face Murkowski in the fall. "I intend to put **candid** into **candidate**, **dialogue** into **democracy**, **policy** and **performance** into **politics**, and **statesman** into **Senator**," Olds said.

His national and international background and record as a statesman make Olds a formidable challenger for Murkowski. Olds has worked with four United States Presidents: Dwight Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, and Richard Nixon. With Kennedy, Olds helped form the

PEACE CORPS. He was the principal architect of VISTA; initiated the President's Council on Physical Fitness; and served as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

Originally from Oregon, Olds worked his way through high school, Willamette University, and three graduate schools with honors and distinction while laboring as a logger, ranch hand, boxer, dishwasher, and Methodist preacher.

His Anchorage press conference was attended by a large group of supporters at the newly-opened Glenn Olds for U.S. Senate headquarters. In the afternoon, Olds flew to Fairbanks to meet with supporters.

Olds and his wife, Dr. Eva Olds, came to Alaska almost 10 years ago to revive Alaska Methodist University. The state's only private University, it had been closed for two years and was \$42 million endowment, is now called Alaska Pacific University. Seizing the opportunity to foster Pacific Rim relations through education, Olds created a think tank, the Center for Entrepreneurship and Pacific Development, fostered exchange programs among faculty and students, and led one of the first Alaskan delegations to the People's Republic of China.