

# Political Aspirants in the State of Alaska

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## Eben Hopson

Eben Hopson, though he claims his name is not yet a household word, has proven to be a major power on the Native and state political scene.

Hopson, mayor of the North Slope Borough since 1972, has announced his candidacy in June by challenging Gov. William A. Egan for the democratic gubernatorial nomination.

The Barrow Eskimo regards himself as one of the chief proponents of the land claims movement and a major supporter of local government for the people of rural Alaska.

Hopson, who was the governor's special assistant for Native affairs for two years, calls Egan "insensitive to the social and political meaning of the North Slope Borough and the importance of local government to rural Alaskans."

The North Slope Borough's rights to levy sales, use and property taxes "in the political tradition that began on the American continent thousands of years before the founding of the United States in 1776" was attacked by the Egan administration and oil companies according to Hopson.

Last year both the Superior Court and Alaska Supreme Court decided in favor of the borough, its boundaries and powers of taxation.

The borough is seen by Hopson as the restoration of the democratic rights of the Arctic Slope Inupiat and as "the beach head for local government and political self determination in rural Alaska." It is also the world's largest municipality.

"It is clear that only strong local government in rural Alaska will prevent the same economic and political exploitation suffered by Native Americans over the past 200 years through the westward expansion of the White American migration," Hopson said.

Speaking at the second Bush Justice Conference held in Minto June 10-12 Hopson said, "Justice for rural Alaska won't be secure until local government is."

"Justice is the product of the quality of understanding and compassion that only locally controlled government can have for troubled people," he added.

Hopson's formal education ended when he finished the eighth grade at Barrow. The white community he said, then numbering less than half a dozen, considered him "uppity" and did not permit him to attend a B.I.A. high school at Eklutna.

After serving in the Army, he was elected to the Territorial House and later the State Senate. He helped organize the Arctic Slope Native Association and also served as executive director for the Alaska Federation of Natives.

## Keith Miller

Former governor Keith Miller was first to announce his candidacy for the Republican gubernatorial nomination.

His opponents include Walter J. Hickel, former governor whom Miller served as Secretary of State and later succeeded when Hickel became President Nixon's Secretary of Interior. He also faces former state senator Jay Hammond of Naknek.

The 49 year old Anchorage and former homesteader criticizes Hickel for not completing his term as governor. He also believes Hickel had ambitions for higher office on the national scene before he was fired.

"He was traveling around the Lower 48 making speeches and so forth, which he has done for the last four years, building sup-

port for some sort of position in 1976.

That kind of governor cannot attend to the problems of Alaska," he said. Miller believes his strong point as governor "is to reflect the thinking and problems and concerns of the people of Alaska," — something he said Gov. Egan had but lost.

Miller also criticizes Egan for selling the Wickersham ferry at the height of the tourist season when its replacement, the Columbia wasn't yet on the line.

The sale also affected Alaskan travelers and businesses, he added.

The Anchorage candidate is not wholly convinced about Jay Hammond's candidacy either. "He said something about that he was not sure he wanted the job, but so many people urged him to run he decided to." He added, "Some of his supporters aren't convinced yet he's really serious. I think Jay is approaching it on a totally intellectual basis, without the attendant practicality needed to run the state."

Miller believes, he can carry Southeastern, once Egan's power-base, because polls show he is stronger there than Egan or Hickel. Anchorage on the other hand is 55-45 Hickel, though Miller, is confident about Fairbanks, Matanuska Valley and the Kenai Peninsula areas. Miller lost to Egan in a close race in the 1970 elections.

To improve the quality of life, his first step as governor would be to beef up the Division of Planning and Resources. Its now operating on a day-to-day basis but needs to have a long range goal to operate as it should instead of does, Miller says.

Miller does not favor a capital move. "The costs just outweigh any benefits that would accrue to it."

Miller also supports a gasoline through Alaska, though not necessarily El Paso's proposal, because of the benefits to Alaskans. Though Canada is a friendly foreign country he fears it may want majority interest in the line.

Miller had served in the state house and now is a state senator. Before stepping up as to governor in 1969, he was Secretary of State now the same as the lieutenant governor's office.

## Paul Beaird

"Libertarianism is a political philosophy of individual liberty. A person has a right to live his life as he chooses and without coercion as long as he leaves others to do the same," said Paul Beaird, the Libertarian candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives.

Beaird compares the government to a big business and its "national resources" are private citizens. He does not believe in government intervention in the social and economic aspects of society. He calls it coercion.

"Natives are victimized," he said. "The government is deciding to impose a culture on a people whether they want it or not."

"The taxpayers are victimized by supporting the Natives," he added.

"All education ought to be privately financed so people can be trained to the full abilities of their talents. Now there is a definite bias in education in favor of the college prep against those who want to pursue other areas," said Beaird.

A person should be able to purchase the education he wants, Beaird said.

"Government education is not successfully assimilating Native thinking to an industrial culture," declared the Libertarian.

"The government is forcibly

taking children from their homes to other homes," and that he said results in culture shock.

Education is not the only issue Libertarians are idealistic about. Beaird has what he calls "radical proposals" for land, gold, fishing and the gas pipeline controversy.

He favors opening up Alaskan lands for "legal recognition of private ownership" and is "for another land claims movement for all people."

He also favors the right of citizens to own gold, which he believes would accelerate the Alaska mining industry.

Willie Hensley, the Eskimo Democrat candidate for the U.S. House, said Beaird has a view closest to the Libertarians regarding the fishing industry in instituting the propagation and replenishment of fish.

Beaird, once a commercial fisherman himself, does not believe in extending the fishing boundary to 200 miles because Japan would threaten to retaliate which would affect America's tuna industries.

"We would wind up with another Russian wheat deal — the Japanese and American governments bargaining "rather than what his philosophy entails, "the individual fishermen bargaining."

Beaird said there are 50 Libertarians now seeking national office. Rep. Steve Symmes of

## HELP WANTED

The Fairbanks North Star Borough is now accepting male/female applications for the following openings in connection with the Indian Education Act program. All positions require experience and working knowledge of Alaska Native lifestyle. The termination date for the program is June 30, 1975. Final dates to apply August 14, 1974 for Program Director and August 23 for all other openings. Interested applicants should apply in person at the Personnel Office, M.B. II Building, 1255 Airport Way.

**PROJECT DIRECTOR FOR INDIAN EDUCATION ACT.** Coordinate program with emphasis on curriculum development. Will supervise staff of paraprofessionals, provide training for program staff and teachers and oversee development of cultural enrichment and orientation programs for students. Responsible for regular meetings with Native Parent Committee, public relations and preparations of reports to meet Federal Project guidelines. Minimum of B.A. or its equivalent with experience in coordination of education programs required; knowledge of school district structure desirable. Salary \$1,667 per month.

**COUNSELOR ASSOCIATE (2).** At the secondary level, provide career information, career exposure stations and assistance in part-time job placement, develop and interpret intensive student records, tutor and act as a liaison between home and school, teacher and student. High school graduation and college exposure required plus successful experience in working with youth. Counseling and/or teaching experience desirable. Salary \$900 per month.

**HOME-SCHOOL COUNSELOR (2).** At the elementary level, act as liaison between school and home teacher and student, organize Native Parent groups and develop and interpret intensive student records. High school graduation and desire and ability to work with Native students and parents required. Salary \$900 per month.

**TEACHER-AIDE-CURRICULUM DEVELOPER (2).** At the elementary level, develop academic and cultural material for teachers and tutors, establish material and human resource center for Native elementary education, provide input for curricular change and assist tutors where necessary. High school graduation and desire and ability to work with Native students and teachers in a learning environment required. Salary \$700 per month.

**TEACHER-AIDE-TUTOR (6).** At the elementary level, will tutor, assist teachers in academic and social activities, develop cultural enrichment displays and activities and assist other program staff where necessary. High school graduation and desire and ability to work with Native students in a learning environment required. Salary \$700 per month.

**SECRETARY TO PROJECT DIRECTOR.** Accurate typing of 50 words per minute and high school graduation. Also essential the ability to relate well to a variety of people and school district personnel. Experience in working with educational programs desirable. Salary \$700 per month.

ALL ABOVE SALARIES ALSO

INCLUDE FRINGE BENEFITS

Equal Opportunity Employer

Idaho is a Libertarian but ran and was elected as a Republican said Beaird. Tonie Nathan, the Libertarian vice-presidential candidate in 1972 was the first woman to receive an electoral vote.

(More later)

## HELP WANTED

**BRISTOL BAY AREA HEALTH CORPORATION**  
JOB DESCRIPTION  
Wanted: Project Coordinator, BBAHC Bilingual/Bicultural Project Responsible to: BBAHC Board of Directors.  
18 village School Boards (JOM Advisory Committees)  
Executive Director of BBAHC  
JOM Grant Supervisor, AFN, Inc.

Duties: Coordinate all aspects of the program and prepare and have filed all relevant reports, evaluations, and related materials; establish a close working relationship between the programs, the local Native corporation, the school boards and/or JOM Advisory Committees, SOS Administration, teachers, students, and people pertinent to the success of this project; conduct ongoing program evaluations, both internally and from the students served; work with the bookkeeper in budget, central and auditing, as well as, with the village teachers; devise and set direction for long-range planning and effects on the program; report village progress to BBAHC Executive Committee, and to its full board of directors; keep staff in central office and in villages functioning to meet the demands of the program; suggest needed changes to advisory boards and implement their suggestions with AFN approval if needed; keep village staff informed of program progress, or lack of progress; know the program in its entirety, and develop a new one for next year with village input; devise monthly reports for village; prepare reports as needed for AFN; performs under the general direction of the Executive Director of BBAHC; Supervise the village Cultural Display in Dillingham; meet JOM staff in Anchorage to become familiar with their staff and JOM regulations; and others as deemed desirable by the Boards in each program.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Desirable Training: college graduate; education and/or training in Native education, e.g. research and/or related job experience. Desirable Experience and Skills: desirably Alaskan Native; familiar with Native educational problems and programs; familiar with JOM, Indian Education, Title I, and other related Federal programs; Can work with Native organizations, parents, and students; can work with teachers, administrators, and school boards in developing programs for Native students is familiar with the people and communications in the area; can organize and direct a program and coordinate a team effort; can write skillfully in order to report knowledge of requirements to others; ability to assume heavy responsibility; adapt to sudden changes; make independent decisions and creatively exercise judgment; be alert and sensitive to needs and interests of all persons and willing to assist in designing programs for the village of Bristol Bay.

Contact: Donald F. Nielsen, Executive Director, BBAHC, Box 233, Dillingham, Alaska 99576 or phone 842-3322. Send State or Federal application.

Application deadline: August 16, 1974.  
Employment Conditions: \$1,270 mo. 12 mos. for \$15,240, or up until June 30.

## HELP WANTED

**ALASKA METHODIST UNIVERSITY**  
An Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer  
**INSTRUCTOR IN NURSING** (Full-time/9 months): R.N., B.S., preferably Master's Degree in Community Mental Health Nursing or equivalent in CMHN experience. Must have nursing licensure in Alaska. Experience teaching in baccalaureate nursing program desirable; demonstrated supervisory leadership qualities and skills; ability to develop expanded role in mental health nursing; to assess, plan, implement and evaluate communities for development of mental health nursing programs; work effectively with intercultural groups; willing to travel as required. Complete job description on request. Contact Karen Schepp, AMU, Anchorage, Alaska, 99504, 272-4401, Ext. 251.

## HELP WANTED

**ALASKA METHODIST UNIVERSITY**  
An Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer  
**DIRECTOR OF FOOD SERVICES**—Supervision of preparation and serving of all food in cafeteria and snack bar; preparation of all menus for cafeteria; booking all banquets for cafeteria; purchase of all supplies, including food; supervision of all cafeteria personnel; preparation of daily report on both cash registers; maintaining all equipment in working order; supervision of dining room including policing cafeteria area. Deadline for applications is August 3. For further application regarding this position contact Richard R. Gay, Vice President and Director of Personnel, Alaska Methodist University, Anchorage, Alaska 99504 or 272-4401 Extension 213.

## HELP WANTED

**POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**  
TITLE: Executive Assistant to the President  
WHERE: AFN, Inc. 1675 "C" Street  
AVAILABLE: August 22, 1974  
RESPONSIBILITY: Performs complex administrative duties and acts as a personal assistant and secretary. Duties require a high degree of independent action and knowledge of the Alaska Federation of Natives and programs operated by the Alaska Federation of Natives; may entail travel and attending meetings. May supervise clerical personnel.  
QUALIFICATIONS: Three years experience or college education of such level and type as to demonstrate distinct ability to handle responsibility and complex office procedures.  
SALARY AND FRINGE BENEFITS: Commensurate with Previous Experience.

CONTACT: John Shively, Executive Vice President  
Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. 1675 "C" Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501 OR 274-3611  
APPLICATION DEADLINE: Recruitment closes August 17, 1974

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**BRISTOL BAY AREA HEALTH CORPORATION**  
JOB DESCRIPTION  
Wanted: Program Specialist Responsible to: Project Coordinator  
18 village School Boards  
BBAHC Executive Director  
BBAHC Board of Directors  
Duties: Become thoroughly familiar with the program; travel to each project site three times to evaluate, supervise programs and maintain contact so that the programs function smoothly; assist in workshop training; help select and/or develop appropriate curriculum and instructional materials to be taught in project sites; coordinate activities with ASOSS, CNER, ELW, ANEB, Title I, Indian Education and other programs; give village teachers needed help to carry out a good program; know language programs — preferably can read, write and speak Yupik and have a knowledge of Tanaina Athabaskan and Segstun Aleut; Help teachers in area of Native arts and crafts; be able to import upon the people the history of the Bristol Bay people and area; obtain materials on land claims to be taught and be knowledgeable of the same; implement the program; meet with the people of the village, specifically their school board or JOM committee not just the administration; assist the project coordinator in developing the proposal; obtain needed materials for the village teachers upon their request.

Travel extensively (2 trips to Fairbanks, 2 trips to Bethel, 3 trips to 18 villages). Performs under the general direction of the Executive Director of BBAHC; be alert and sensitive to needs and interests of all persons; willing to assist in designing programs to benefit the villages; assists the project coordinator in preparing reports for and provide technical and staff assistance to the village teachers; recommends to project coordinator personnel changes to meet or improve the program standards of performance; make sure there is adequate teaching materials to go along with our bilingual program encompassing both oral and written literacy; others as deemed desirable by the project coordinator; draw up bilingual/bicultural programs as needed for those who haven't had the experience; work closely with ASOSS personnel to help coordinate the program with the regular curriculum.

**EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS:** Salary: \$1,500 per month, 10 months for \$15,000 or up until June 30; and is subject to BBAHC Personnel policy for sick leave, etc.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** (Desirable) Know language programs — preferably can read, write, and speak Yupik and have a knowledge of Tanaina Athabaskan and Segstun Aleut; Desirable training: High school or college graduate; education and/or training in Native education; e.g. research and/or related experiences; be an Alaskan Native, preferably of Bristol Bay; familiar with JOM, Indian Education, Title I and other related federal programs; can work with teachers, administrators, and school boards in developing programs for Native students; familiar with the people and communities in the area; can organize and direct a program and coordinate a team effort; ability to write skillfully in order to import knowledge in curriculum development, language development, cross-cultural studies and Native student problems and strengths; work effectively with teachers and school administration and as part of a team; and do other duties as assigned by the Project Coordinator and for BBAHC Executive Director to insure the success of the program.

Contact: Donald F. Nielsen, Executive Director, BBAHC, Box 233, Dillingham, Alaska 99576 or phone 842-3322. Send State or Federal application.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: August 16, 1974

## HELP WANTED

**ACCOUNTING CLERK I**  
**BERING STRAITS NATIVE CORPORATION** is now accepting applications for the position of Accounting Clerk I. Must have experience or general knowledge in bookkeeping, payroll, accounts payable, typing and filing.  
Salary Range: \$8,000 to \$11,000 D.O.E.  
Send applications to Bering Straits Native Corporation, P.O. Box 1008, Nome, Alaska 99762; Phone: 443-5252.  
Selection will be made on or before August 16, 1974.