

A good man for the job

The addition of John Shively to the staff of Gov. Bill Sheffield is a definite plus for the entire state.

Shively has lived in the state for more than a decade and has seen it grow from a true last frontier to a boomtown oil-based community to an entity trying to reach a settled state of calm.

He has lived in the rural areas of the state among the first inhabitants and in the urban area of the newcomers. He has dealt with representatives of both and has to our mind respected the attitudes of both.

In his capacity as NANA Regional Corp. and NANA Development vice president, Shively has dealt with business matters ranging from oil drilling to mining to reindeer herding and marketing.

In his capacity with the Rural Alaska Community Action Program, he has dealt with the pressing social service problems facing the state.

He has been involved with the statewide political arena and has experience as a lobbyist with the Legislature.

It is hard to think of a better person to act as chief-of-staff for Gov. Bill Sheffield. The political knowledge that Shively has, his knack for dealing with people, and his broad range of experience in all public and private sectors of the government give Sheffield a man who knows what he is talking about and can do so firmly but without acrimony.

A lack of suspicion and hard feelings is definitely needed as we head into the legislative session. There have been entirely too many ill feelings passed back and forth among those working for the public good in Juneau.

Shively has pointed out that he feels everybody wants the government to work for the good of the state. We hope that is so.

We hope that the problems of the 1983 legislative session are left in the past.

We hope that everyone heading to Juneau remembers they are there to serve the people, not to bicker.

The appointment of Shively is a good step forward and perhaps should be viewed as a peace effort on Sheffield's part. We hope that the effort is picked up on by the others who helped leave the 1983 session in a shambles.

We hope that the government gets back to work.

To the Editor:

*I am happy we cripples have received recognition,
It gives reward and purpose to a difficult mission.*

*Complaint has become a national trend,
A hollow rhetoric with a leftist bend.*

*The jealous lament when they lose the limelight,
The should consider diligence and foresight.*

*Constructive criticism is what we must learn,
Not only offer "profane concern."*

Jim Frey, Sr.