

# Steve Cowper Files for House

Steve Cowper, 35, of Fairbanks has announced that he will seek the Democratic nomination as a candidate for the Alaska House of Representatives, District 17.

Cowper, a lawyer, participated as an assistant district attorney in some of the first trials to take place in remote Alaska villages in the Second and Fourth Judicial Districts.

He is currently assisting the Association on American Indian Affairs in the negotiations between the Tanana Chiefs Conference and the Bureau of Indian Affairs relating to the operation of TCC of the Fairbanks BIA programs.

On what the Native issues are, Cowper said, "There are issues I am going to have to work out in my mind — I am not going to promise this or that simply for political expediency."

But the candidate did speak out on what HUD and other agencies are doing in the bush, particularly at Bethel and Council. "I think the building projects there are an insult to the Native people — I really do."

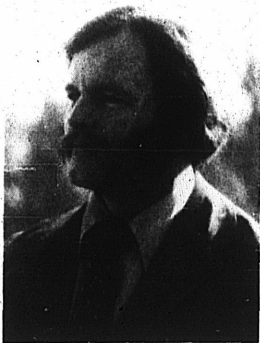
Cowper believes that someone should plan rural housing who "knows something about the area — namely, the people who live in a given area."

The candidate first came to Fairbanks in 1968 as an assistant district attorney. Last year he and Dick L. Madson, formerly head of the Alaska Public Defender Agency, formed the partnership of Cowper and Madson.

"This is not going to be an ordinary year for politicians," said Cowper. The public is not going to stand for a lot of hot air and backslapping and empty promises anymore. We need a lot more basic honesty, and it's about time."

The candidate's headquarters is in his office at 210 Nerland Building, and he invites any

persons wishing to discuss, advise, help or complain to call him at 453-4254.



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