

Brandley Favors Open Presidential Primary

Kent Brandley, a candidate for the State House of Representatives from the Fairbanks district (District 16), said today he favors an open Presidential preference primary.

In an interview with the Tundra Times, Brandley said "the political managers have been in charge long enough. The people want a more active voice in selecting Presidential nominees."

He called a contest between Vice President Hubert Humphrey and former Vice President Richard Nixon "disappointing," but said it appears likely. Brandley, who favors Eugene McCarthy, said he believes many Americans would like to have a choice between Nelson Rockefeller and McCarthy.

"But, the Alaskan people have not been given a chance to express their opinion," he said. "Alaska should have an open Presidential primary.

He also said he favors the right of minority parties to appear on the ballot. "While I dislike much of what George Wallace stands for," Brandley said, "I believe he should have the right to appear on the ballot in Alaska.

Write in votes should be counted and reported in full, as should all aspects of the election, Brandley said.

Anchorage attorney Wendell Kay, who ran for governor in the Democratic primary in 1966, said he regards Kent Brandley as one of the up and coming young politicians of the Democratic Party. "I am confident he will make an outstanding member of the House of Representatives," Kay said.

Millard Ingraham, Brandley's campaign coordinator, said a \$5 per person barbecue to benefit the candidate's campaign fund will be held at Sumner Weed's cabin at Harding Lake on July 21.