

SCOTT HOME

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I wanted to get to talk to Scott about the Andrews office; and we went down to the cafeteria to talk. He's leaving to do development work for Concordia College in Moorhead, but will live in Fargo. And he hasn't given up the idea of returning to politics.

It turned out to be a dull interview. He is a very nice 23 year old kid who understates everything and is scared to commit himself to motherhood. He looks like apple pie and professes not to know much about anything.

He started as an intern on the AU program. Originally was going to work for Don Bonker, a younger man, but that fell through and he called a friend and went with Mark.

I asked about staff stability and he said it was average to high. All but one member of the House staff came over to the Senate (He ticked em off-- MaryAnn, Denise, Sally C., Joyce, Bill, Scott, Andrea and Jill. Only Linda R. went home to N.D.) He also noted that Major Walpole and Ed Doherty had been with Mark at one time in the Senate.

Later he talked about staffers who left or retired, as people I might want to talk to.

1) George Stannard was his AA for a long timer (an ex-military man). He's retired and lives at 440 Elizabeth Lane, Annandale, Virginia 22003. Tel. 978-6638.

Dorothy Gwinn was his long time personal secretary and she retired and lives in Annapolis. Tel. 261-7254.

3) Van Olson was his AA and he now works for sugar lobby.

4) Don Jacob was his LA and now works for Pfizer Chemical in NYC.

He said Earnie Schmitt was retiring the first of the year and that

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Austin of the American Feed Manufacturers was going to be his new field manager.

About House and Senate he said major difference was that Andrews now has more committee assignments and is spread thinner and must rely more on staff. He has more subcommittees on Appro. than he had on the House Appropriations Committee--let alone having 3 other committees! (Budget, Agriculture, Indian Affairs)

Secondly, more lobbyists come to see them now. And that in turn gives them a feeling of greater importance. "You do feel more important as a Senate staffer than you do as a House staffer."

Also "I don't have anything to do with the House since we moved over here. I feel like we crossed the river. I see the House when I go home at night, because I live near the House. Otherwise, I don't think about it."

I asked about media; and most interesting thing was that no regular reporters cover the Office--none that he knew of. No ND papers have bureaus there. They must have great longevity. He's a congressman still, I'd say. They've had a little Senate-type attention from Time and Newsweek. But not much.

He works on Defense and Interior Subcommittees. Interior gave them some trouble when they announced something on Indian education "without letting us in on it beforehand." He said MA fought them and beat them. Defense touches bases better. But he saw subcommittee staff as key in both cases. Said MA checks with Stevens on defense matters.