

# Goodno has longtime roots in Moorhead

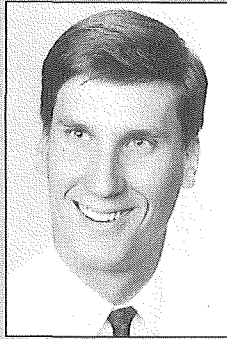
Kevin Goodno is a well-known face around Moorhead. He was born and raised there, graduated from Concordia College in Moorhead, served on the Moorhead City Council for five years, is taking over the local family business, and has recently completed a successful campaign to unseat incumbent Diane Wray Williams.

So call him anything, but don't call him a carpetbagger.

Goodno thinks that voters "understood that I wasn't going to be an extremist one way or the other and that I would take a balanced approach."

And he says that's just what is needed given that his district borders on North Dakota. Raise taxes too high, and businesses will scurry across the border to Fargo. Radically increase funding for social service programs, and people will flock to Moorhead from North Dakota to take advantage of them.

"Everything that people perceive as a problem in the Twin Cities or in rural Minnesota, where Minnesota is, quote, 'Giving away the store,' you can multiply tenfold and it's that much greater a



## Kevin P. Goodno

District 9A

Age: 28

Home: Moorhead

Occupation: Businessman

**District traits:** 9A encompasses the city of Moorhead, which, with Fargo, N.D., forms a metro area of 110,000 people. The swing district voted for the Dukakis-Bentsen ticket over Bush-Quayle by a 50.1-to-49.9 percent margin in 1988.

problem for Moorhead," says Goodno.

Although there isn't a quality-of-life difference between Fargo and Moorhead, Goodno says, "I would never advocate going to a system like North Dakota's because we would be going back decades. For my district, there has to be a happy medium."

Goodno says he hopes he can help achieve that happy medium on a variety of issues — particularly workers' compensation. Goodno and his wife, Linda, just bought out the family home decorating business that has just five employees.

He says he'd like to see a clearer

definition of small business, adding that there are some "people with 250 employees who consider themselves a small business."

Goodno says he is happy to serve on the Environment and Natural Resources and Local Government committees. And unlike some colleagues who have grown weary over the bitter fights over workers' compensation, Goodno says he's eager to serve on the Labor-Management Relations Committee.

"People smile when I say it," he says, "but I look forward to working with the committee."

## Do you know?

Maybe Crow Wing County really should be called Raven Feather County.

An apparent error in translation led to the naming of Crow Wing County. The county is named for the Crow Wing River, which was translated from the Ojibway name, "Kagiwigwan" or "Gagagiwigwuni." While some translators anglicized the Ojibway name as "raven's wing," or "raven feather," the translation of "crow wing" is the one that stuck.

Although most experts concluded that raven's wing is the correct translation, the widow of an early missionary to the Ojibways disagreed.

"Where the river joins the Mississippi was an island in the shape of a crow's wing, which gave the name to the river and the town," wrote Mrs. E. Steele Peake, whose husband lived with the Ojibways at Gull Lake from 1856-61.

