

Peterson tries to upset Roman's chariot

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The chairman of the University Department of Economics, who officially announced his candidacy for the U.S. Senate Saturday, said he is optimistic about his chances of unseating incumbent Sen. Roman L. Hruska.

"I didn't enter as a token gesture. I entered to try to win," said Wallace C. Peterson. He officially announced his candidacy at press conferences in Lincoln, Omaha and Kearney.

"I intend to conduct a forthright campaign directed toward the issues," Peterson continued.

If the 48-year-old Peterson wins the May Democratic primary he would oppose favored incumbent Hruska in the November general election.



Wallace Peterson

As of yet there is no known Democratic opposition to Peterson's candidacy.

The most immediate problem confronting the nation today is inflation, according to

Peterson. The economist said the roots of the inflation can be traced to large military spending.

"I'm skeptical about the efforts of the present ad-

ministration to fight inflation," Peterson said.

Peterson said he is running for three reasons. First he believes that "much more attention must be given to the well-being of the working man, the small businessman, the farmer, and the Nebraska consumer."

Second, he is concerned about the role of young people. Peterson wants to stem the migration of youth from Nebraska and also contribute to the constructive involvement of youth in the normal political process.

The final reason for Peterson's candidacy is that as an economist he believes she "can contribute knowledge, insight, and ideas to the solutions of some of our critical domestic and foreign problems."

The economist said he hopes about \$100,000 can be raised for his campaign mainly through small contributions from a large number of people. Peterson admitted there are no sources of large donations available for his campaign yet. He said his campaign would utilize as much television advertising as financially possible, but he would also travel extensively around the state.

Commenting on the planned student protest at Pershing Auditorium, Young said, "We haven't even talked about it."

"Agnew is used to crowds and protestors," Young noted. "The secret service men will whisk him in so fast that he may not even notice the demonstrators."

The native-born Peterson said if he wins the May primary election he will apply for a leave of absence from the University without salary

for the period of the general election. However, during the period of the primary election he said, "my obligations to the University come first." Any primary campaigning will be done during his free time.

Commenting on other issues, Peterson said he is concerned about pollution which threatens the survival of the nation.

Damage to the earth's environment may be irreparable, the candidate said. Token gestures to end air, land and water pollution will no longer do.

On the military draft Peterson remarked, "Personally, I want to end the draft. Conscription is not compatible with our traditions. The draft can be ended if we get rid of some of our standing armies."

The problems of rural America are mainly due to inadequate income in comparison with the rest of the economy, he said. Peterson would like to see the family farm remain as a productive economic unit in agriculture.

Peterson admits he is a Democrat in a state usually controlled by Republicans and that he will probably be an underdog in the race against Hruska.

"Nebraskans are independent minded and willing to listen, however," he said. "They have a lot of common sense."

Ten peas, a piece of meat, and Agnew

The "Tribute to Tiemann" fund-raising dinner featuring Vice President Spiro Agnew as the principal speaker should raise about \$100,000, according to Dale Young, treasurer of the dinner committee.

Young said the \$50-a-plate dinner Feb. 9, at Pershing Auditorium should attract at least 1500 and hopefully 2500 Tiemann supporters.

"Agnew is pretty hot property," he said. "Ten peas

and a piece of meat don't sell political dinner tickets, but many people are attending for the prestige of dining with the vice president."

"We don't know if Secretary of Agriculture Clifford Hardin will be here," Young said. "But probably all five members of Nebraska's congressional delegation will be present."

Practically all of the money raised at the dinner will be used in Tiemann's election campaign, Young explained.



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