



Peace and Freedom Party makes attempt to reach ballot

by Bart Becker

Robert Hirschfield may get his political inspiration from the old advertisements that read, "They laughed when I sat down at the piano. But when I started to play..."

Hirschfield is heading an attempt to place the Peace and Freedom party on the Nebraska ballot, and although people don't laugh at the party, they do have misconceptions about what its goals are, he said recently in an interview.

"We have to serve as an educating body," the 32-year-old UNL English instructor said. "I don't think enough people know where their interests lie. Certainly not with Richard Nixon."

The party named Dr. Benjamin Spock to serve as its Presidential candidate at a recent national convention. The party's name was also changed to "People's Party" but Hirschfield said the party is actually a coalition of many groups "which aren't

represented under the existing structure."

The leftist party, he said, is based on "hope, more than anything. We hope we can rally the young people."

"Kids are beginning to realize what's happening. We've been in a state of paralysis and one way to get out is through a fourth party. The two-party system has outlived its usefulness."

Hirschfield originally became involved with the party while living in California. The party's basic strength still lies in that state, he said.

"I think we'll get more static here," he said. "California can absorb a Peace and Freedom Party. I don't know if Nebraska can tolerate it, much less absorb it."

"Nebraska is on the tail-end of things in terms of changes. I hesitate to call it a sleeping giant. Maybe it's a sleeping midget."

Said Hirschfield: "There is a direct connection between Attica, black people being

killed by police, farmers and (secretary of agriculture Earl) Butz, and the Vietnam War. It's all part of the same pie."

"The problems aren't going to be solved by congressmen whose pockets are padded every day on their way to work. And they aren't going to be solved by throwing bricks."

He said no organizational work has yet been done in Nebraska and volunteers would be needed for much of the work to be done. He said the attraction of a fourth party for young people will hopefully provide enough volunteer personnel to launch a campaign.



Libraries receive classical collection

The cousin of a former Lincoln minister has given the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Libraries a collection of 200 volumes and some manuscripts by classical authors.

Ruther Sherburne of Paxton, Mass. presented the gift of the personal library of the late Rev. Dr. Simeon Mills Hayes, former rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity in Lincoln.

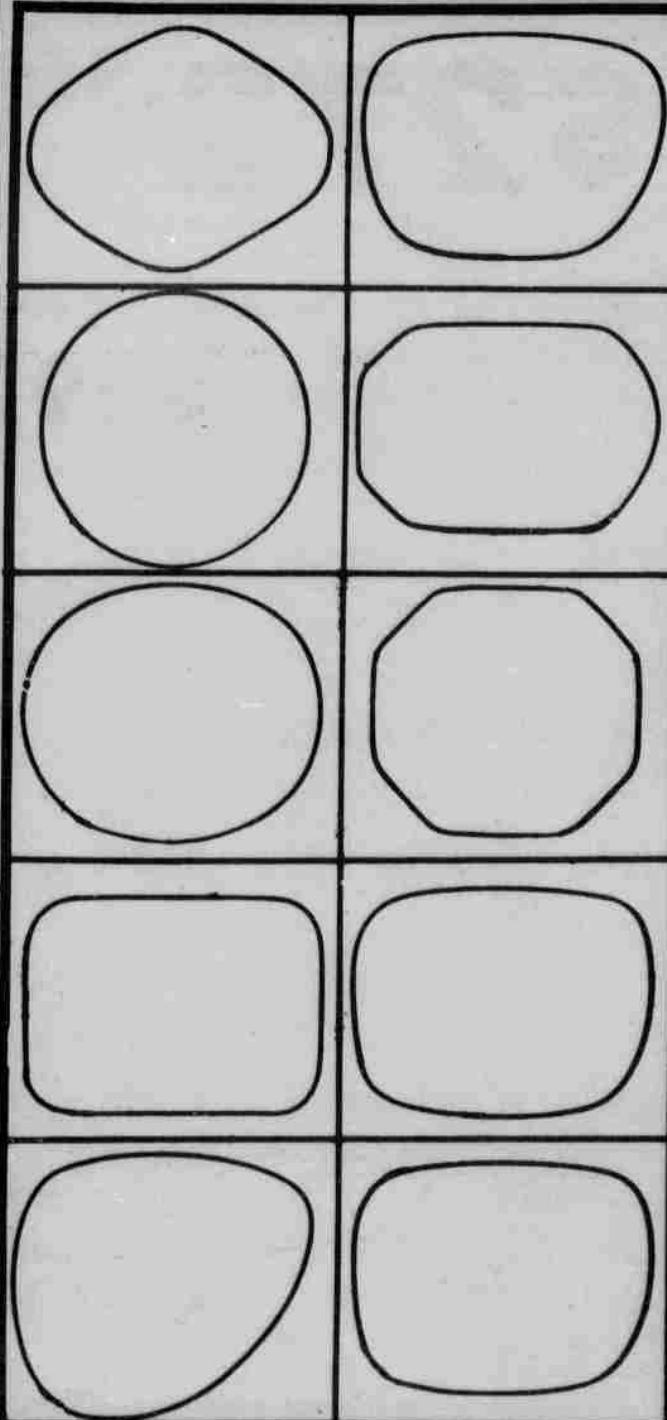
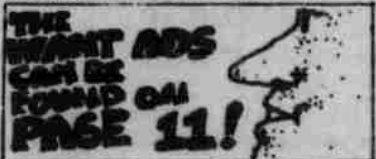
John Heussman, director of libraries at NU, said "we appreciate the gift of these excellent materials for our library collections."

The collection contains the works of classical authors of several languages, mostly in the original language, but some in English translation. Among the authors represented are Goethe, Rabelais, Schiller, Euripides, Racine, Petrarch, Pindar, Lucretius, and Sophocles. Most of the volumes are bound in 19th century bindings.

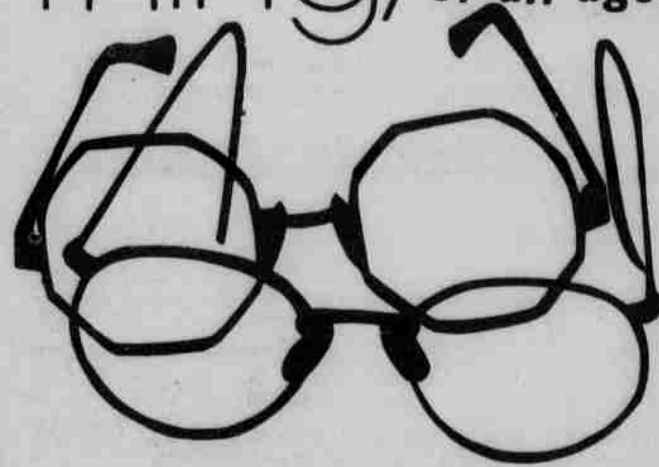
Rodney R. Boslase, NU humanities librarian, said "one particularly interesting title is a 1813 edition of 'Theatre de Voltaire in six volumes.' The collection also contains numerous grammars and dictionaries in such diverse languages as French, Greek, Italian, Hebrew, and Latin."

In 1907, the Reverend Hayes came to Lincoln where, in addition to his responsibilities as Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, he was an honorary professor of history, English, and art at the University of Nebraska. In 1917 he was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Literature by the University.

As his personal library testifies, Reverend Hayes read widely in the world's literatures and had a particular preference for the Classical writers in Greek and Latin.



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