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Few students sign up for Libertarian Party

By Jeff Browne
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More than 400 people, most of them students, registered Monday in the Nebraska Union to vote in November's general election, said Laura Hein, co-chairwoman of ASUN's Government Liaison Committee.

GLC and the Nebraska State Student Association are sponsoring a voter registration drive in the union.

Workers at the drive said most of the registrants had little trouble deciding what political party, if any, they would register with. The traditional choices of Democratic, Republican and Independent sufficed for most.

Nebraskans have another choice. More than 5,500 Nebraskans signed a petition allowing Libertarian presidential candidate David Bergland to be included on November's ballot. Because of that petition, Nebraska voters may register as Libertarians, said Nebraska Secretary of State Allen Beerman.

Third parties have not done well in recent presidential elections, said UNL political science professor Robert Sittig.

If Bergland can poll five percent of the popular vote this year, the party will qualify for automatic reimbursement of campaign funds.

The Democratic and Republican parties are spending more than \$40 million each in this year's general election. The Libertarians, left to themselves to cover campaign costs, had spent, through July, \$327,028 on the primary elections and less than \$4,000 on the general election, Federal Election Commission figures indicate.

Begun on the Pacific Coast almost 10 years ago, the Libertarian Party is committed to providing the maximum amount of personal freedom in Americans' lives, state party coordinator Daniel J. Salem said.

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Guy and dolls...

UNL junior Pat Dugan, with some of the 110 G.I. Joe action figures he has collected during the last three years.

UNL junior in heated battle over vanishing G.I. Joe dolls

By Gah Y. Huey
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"From the halls of Montezuma — to the shores of Tripoli. We will fight our country's battles — on the land and on the sea..."
Anonymous, "The Marines' Hymn."

For nearly two decades, they were the soldiers young boys loved. Brave. Fierce. Strong. They conquered jungles, fought enemies and won wars vividly created in a child's mind.

Hasbro Industries Inc., creators of these soldiers called them "America's movable fighting men." Most remember them as G.I. Joes.

In the late 1970s, G.I. Joe became the casualty of an OPEC oil crunch. As the cost of petroleum escalated and plastic became more expensive, Hasbro, who originated the doll in 1964, found it impossible to continue manufacturing the doll.

The 4-inch Joes children see on the shelves today are shadows of

the original 11 1/4-inch heroes. The disappearance of these once popular dolls for a generation of G.I. Joe players seems almost sad.

Perhaps, that is what drives UNL junior Pat Dugan to avidly collect these rapidly disappearing dolls. Dugan began collecting G.I. Joes three years ago after a high school friend gave him one for Christmas as a joke.

"The doll was supposed to look like me," the brown-haired, blue-eyed Dugan said.

The gift made him wonder where the G.I. Joes were that he had played with as a child. He found his mother had given them away years ago.

Dugan said he started to ask for the dolls in doll stores and antique stores, but found the stores were not selling them. The more he looked, the more he realized G.I. Joes were hard to find. But the scarcity of the original Joe figures made him even more determined to find them, he said.

To date, Dugan has about 110 of the fully jointed dolls. Most he

bought for himself; some were given to him by friends.

Dugan said the road to collecting G.I. Joe has not been easy.

When he started collecting Joes seriously and knew where to look, the dolls were easy to find. But, about two years ago, G.I. Joe collecting became popular with the rest of the country, he said. People probably started to realize the dolls were a collector's item after they saw the 4-inch Joes, he said. Others buy them as toys for their children.

With the increase in competition, Dugan said he's found it nearly impossible to find the dolls at once easy sources like flea markets, antique dealers, garage sales and salvage stores.

Some people who work at garage sales, flea markets and salvage stores will hold back the dolls for themselves, Dugan said. Also, antique dealers and doll sellers have raised the price of the dolls because they realize the dolls' value, he said.

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Crime Stoppers seek suspect

By Donna Sisson
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Lincoln police still are investigating seven related sexual assaults that have occurred in Lincoln since August 1983.

The assaults took place between 11th and 33rd streets from R to Garfield Streets. The assaults usually take place between midnight and 6 a.m., Lincoln police said.

The attacker is described as a thin, muscular, black male with short hair, 20 to 25 years old and 5-7 to 5-9 in height. He has always been armed with a knife, according to descriptions by victims.

Crime Stoppers, a statewide

operation that seeks information on crimes, is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the person responsible for this crime. The reward will be in effect until the end of the year, at which time Crime Stoppers will reevaluate the crime.

Lincoln police said they are unsure whether there have been any sexual assaults committed by this suspect since January 1984.

Sexual assault is a crime of violence and often is repeated. Once the assaults start, they probably won't stop until the assailant has either been caught or moves, police said.

About 50 percent of all reported assaults occur at the victim's home, police said.

The following are some suggestions by the Crime Prevention Bureau to help protect you against possible sexual assault:

- Keep all doors secured. Have both a good lock and a dead bolt installed. When moving into a new apartment, be sure all locks have been changed — there is no way to tell who might have a key.
- Install a peephole in the door with a viewing area of at least 180 to 190 degrees. This allows a person to see low areas and areas to the side of the door where someone might hide.

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Vaden Hellerich, 8, leads his tug-o-war team to victory at the Ag Olympics. Story on Page 7. Other team members include Todd Brown, Phil Narjes, Mick Neu and Chris Cullan.