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Libertarian Party growing

UNL class listens to vice presidential candidate

By Jim Beckman
Staff Reporter

"We want to maximize individual liberty and this means we must minimize governmental power," said Andre Marrou, vice presidential candidate for the Libertarian Party.

Marrou, former Alaskan state legislator, spoke to about 70 students in an introduction to political science class Friday.

Marrou, who is running with presidential candidate Ron Paul, said the Libertarian Party's power is growing. In 1978, the first Libertarian was elected to a county position and since then, 105 Libertarians have been elected to various county and local positions.

Marrou said the reason for its growth is because people don't like the choices they're given.

Two facts help support this, he said. In 1860, 75 percent of the population voted and in 1984, only 45 percent voted, Marrou said.

Second, the number of independent parties has increased over the years. In the 1880s, there were three independent parties. In 1984, people could choose from 12 parties, he said.

The Libertarian Party offers more diversity than other parties in terms of its candidates' race and sex, Marrou said.

Toni Nathan, the party's first vice presidential candidate in 1972, became the first woman to receive a vote in the electoral college, he said. Also, Russell Means became the first American Indian to run for president when he ran in the 1987 Libertarian presidential primaries.

In terms of foreign affairs, Marrou said, Libertarians think that the United States doesn't have the right to interfere in the affairs of other nations. Marrou said his party's platform suggests that the United States should stop subsidizing competitors such as Japan and communist aggressors such as the Soviet Union.

In terms of defense, Marrou said Libertarians want American troops to guard only the United States, not 49 countries all over the world.

At the national level, Marrou said Libertarians want to pay off



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Andre Marrou, Libertarian Party vice presidential candidate, speaks to a political science class Friday.

the national debt.

He said this would be made feasible by putting the Grace Commission Report into effect. President Reagan set up the Grace Commission to investigate ways to save money in the government, he said. Its members found hundreds of agencies, such as the Tea-Tasting Council, that "literally do nothing" and found that the government could save \$487 billion each year if those agencies were eliminated.

Libertarians, Marrou said, also want to legalize drugs. He said this would put "the Mafia out of business."

"Every 1 1/2 years," Marrou said, "the average senior citizen will take out the same amount of money they've put into it their

entire lives."

If this trend continues, he said, social security tax will rise to 40 percent by the year 2000.

"This is crazy!" he said.

In terms of taxes, Marrou said Libertarians want to do away with federal income tax.

When federal income tax was established, he said, it was never intended to go over one percent. The average income tax is now 44 percent.

Instead of taxing people, Libertarians want to save money by instituting a hiring freeze of federal bureaucrats, he said.

Such a move, Marrou said, would save \$100 billion a year in salaries which equals the amount of money brought in by federal income tax.

Massengale not pleased with attempts at recruiting minority faculty, students

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ries. He called on his audience to make sure the second year of the

three-year salary improvement plan is implemented. New funding priorities must not overshadow this, he said.

Massengale said he was pleased with the progress in research since last fall and wants to continue the trend.

Last November, in response to Gov. Kay Orr's proposal to improve the university's research, UNL pinpointed five areas of research if new funds were made available. They included engineering and computer science centers, biotechnology, materials science, water quality and decision sciences.

Using the governor's research initiative, four of those five target areas are being financed during the 1988-89 school year.

- Engineering and computer science centers: \$1.6 million will be used to establish and support a center for electro-optics, a center for micro-electrics and optical materials research and a center for communications and information science.
- Biotechnology: \$950,000 will finance four faculty positions, a laboratory, equipment and graduate education.
- Materials science: Funds will be used to develop a central service facility and to finance research.
- Water quality: Funds will support planning and coordination and establish a graduate research assistantship program.

Massengale said he wants UNL to

be among the top 100 research universities in the nation. Improving research can help strengthen UNL's partnership with the state, he said, because of the potential to increase Nebraska's economic development.

Educational quality at UNL can be enhanced in two ways this year, Massengale said. He asked his audience to rededicate themselves to recruiting and retaining minorities in the faculty, staff and student body. He also said that permanent funding for the university libraries needs to be increased by at least \$1 million in the next few years.

"Commendable progress" was made last year in general education, he said. A communications class for freshmen and a mathematics course for sophomores was added. A committee is also developing new courses in the humanities, in basic and applied sciences and in the fine arts, he said.

Massengale said he also was pleased with the progress in the University Foundations course for freshmen, in general studies advising and in the honors program.

His goal of improving UNL's image and communication with the general public has also progressed, he said.

A new position, director of public relations, has been created to coordinate image and communications activities at UNL. Massengale said the university is currently advertising and hopes to have the position filled by second semester.

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