# Author encourages expanding knowledge

By Brian Carlson Staff Reporter

Ted Sorenson, former special counsel to President John F. Kennedy, addressed the importance of the humanispeech at Kimball Hall Thursday.

In his lecture, "Poetry and Politics: The Importance of Liberal Arts Education for Public Leadership in the Twenty-first Century," the Lincoln native and UNL alumnus said the important connection between politics and intellectualism has been ignored.

Politicians and intellectuals, instead of collaborating for the public good, tend to view each other's pro- edge." Without public assistance, he fessions with disdain," he said.

early politicians often quoted philoso- what they did. phy and literature in their arguments.

ties for America's political future in a intellectual is unfortunate, Sorenson

"No leader can understand the problems of today without some of our intellectual might," he said. knowledge of the past, of other cultures and other religions," he said.

Sorenson also criticized recent efforts to decrease federal funding for the arts and humanities.

He said that America should not privatize "all of its culture and knowlsaid, artists such as Michelangelo and from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Sorenson noted that the country's Shakespeare could not have achieved

guage and poetry gave him a distinct advantage over his counterparts, he tomorrow's leaders should be said. d. minds "stuffed" with knowledge but also "stretched" to increase their understanding of literature, arts and cul-

We must lead through the power

Sorenson's speech was sponsored by the Nebraska Humanities Council. Gov. Ben Nelson introduced Sorenson.

Author of the 1965 international best-seller, "Kennedy," Sorenson published his latest book, "Why I am a Democrat," this year. He will sign copies at the Nebraska Bookstore Friday

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# Speaker: U.S. can push human rights

By Erin Gibson Staff Reporter

In a speech dotted with tales of human-rights abuses in Chile and Romania, a former U.S. ambassador to those United States' power to promote human rights.

Harry Barnes Jr.'s speech Thursday night kicked off the Hendricks Symposium to Address Human Rights, which will continue today through Sunday at the Nebraska Union.

Reagan administrations, Barnes pro- not be ignored, he said. moted democracy, free-market reforms and a greater worldwide respect for now," Barnes said. basic human rights.

two countries and India detailed the manded the audience's attention as he in human rights abuses by foreign told of graphic encounters with human-countries. rights abuses.

In Chile for example, military police doused a man in gasoline and burned him alive for his father's political affiliations, Barnes said.

While serving as an ambassador sponded to the country's demands that during the Nixon, Ford, Carter and human-rights abuses around the world

We are not in one of those periods

Barnes said he worried that the The soft-spoken Barnes com- United States would stop intervening

> Lindsey Smith, a senior international affairs major at UNL, called Barnes' speech "outstanding."

"I appreciated his perspective as a During the 1970s, Congress re- nonpolitical ambassador," she said.

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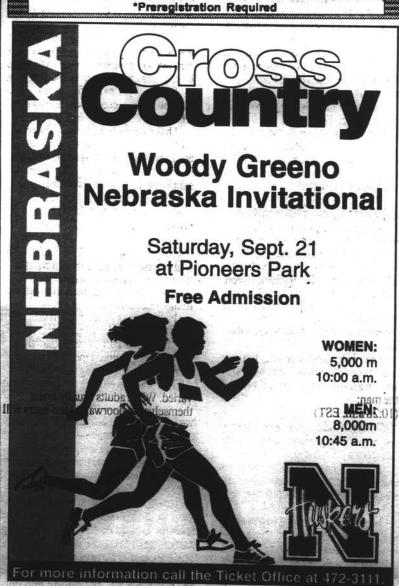
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