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MacBride To Visit Oklahoma City

Roger MacBride, the Libertarian Party Presidential candidate, will visit Oklahoma City on Saturday, December 13th. Roger will give a public address followed by a cash bar reception from 4-7 p.m. in the Canadian Ballroom at the Ramada Inn Convention Center, at the Eastern Exit of I-40. This will be a fine opportunity for all of us to hear Roger MacBride as Presidential candidate and to meet him personally. Roger will certainly be a refreshing change from the conventional politicians stumping for the "major" party nominations. Since we would like to have as much support as possible for this event, please bring as many people as possible with you.



Roger MacBride

Roger is a lifelong Libertarian who is a fully qualified Presidential candidate. He is a 46 year-old attorney from Charlottesville, Virginia, the author of two books on the political process, and is a producer of the "Little House on the Prairie" television series. While living in Vermont in the 1960's, Roger was elected to several local offices and then to the state legislature. While there, he introduced numerous bills to remove both fat and muscle from state government. He entered the gubernatorial primary in 1964 and received 25% of the vote in a three-man race.

In 1972 Roger was chosen as a presidential elector from Virginia. Instead of casting his ballot for Nixon and Agnew, Roger made a decision of conscience and cast it for John Hospers and Toni Nathan, the candidates of the Libertarian Party. This act of principle insured the Libertari-

an Party an early place in the history books.

Before he was chosen as the LP's standard bearer two months ago, Roger had traveled to over 20 states to support Party activities. He was a featured speaker at the 1973 LP National Convention and was the keynote speaker at the 1974 Convention. He has given hundreds of interviews, been featured in over 30 television newscasts, and has appeared on numerous radio shows.

Roger has carried on voluminous correspondence with activists around the country and has been a tireless advocate of the Party in his personal and business relationships. Roger possesses the raw endurance, stability of goal orientation, and dogged determination necessary to carry us through the Presidential campaign. Roger MacBride has the intelligence, the accomplishments, and the stature to command the respectful attention of the media and the public. When you meet him, you will see why Roger MacBride can and should be President!

State Headquarters Grand Opening November 30!

The Libertarian Party Oklahoma Headquarters will have its grand opening open house 2-7 p.m. Sunday, November 30th. The HQ is located at 2502 N. Military in Oklahoma City, just one block east of Classen Blvd. The location is prime for a grassroots party. We are four blocks east of Oklahoma City University, and are situated in a modern, 4-store shopping center between Sattelite Ticket Agency and Full Circle Bookstore.

Besides headquartering the ballot drive and other Party activities, we will be stocking over 100 different Libertarian books and periodicals, bumper stickers, buttons, and other literature. We even have plants for sale! We plan to utilize our spacious back room in the evenings and weekends for educational activities and films. We will be playing taped series on Free Market Economics, Principles of Objectivism (Ayn Rand's philosophy),

Harry Browne's Depression-Inflation Survival Course, Nathaniel Branden's tapes on Romantic Love and Man-Woman Relationships, and more. We will have discussions following each tape (about 80 min.). These seminars promise to be intellectually stimulating as well as fun. Plan to attend as many as possible.

Our basic headquarters budget will run around \$530 per month. We have created a special sustaining fund to meet this budget. We are soliciting monthly contributions for this purpose, and have pledged for \$305 thus far. The HQ is the base of our operations, so it is important that we get secure funding for it as soon as possible. Please pledge as much as you can afford. The investment is small; the potential payoff is tremendous.

ATTEND THE GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION AND SUBSCRIBE TO OUR EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS.

Ballot Drive Underway

The 1976 ballot drive is the most important project the LPO has ever attempted. We must get on the ballot for the right to register Libertarian and to run candidates as Libertarians. Ballot status will give us legitimacy and credibility as a **real** political party in the minds of the public. That is what we want in 1976—to establish Libertarianism and the Libertarian Party as the political **alternative** for those who are fed up with "politics as usual" and just want to live free from coercion by criminals and government.

The tentative date to start circulating the ballot petition is February 2nd. We will then have 90 days to obtain a minimum of 40,242 valid signatures of registered voters. Since there are many ways the Election Board can invalidate a signature, we will need a cushion of at least 20-25,000 signatures, which means we will try to obtain 60-65,000 signatures altogether.

Ballot Drive —

This is an ambitious goal, but it can be achieved with proper organization and utilization of our resources to the fullest. Porter Davis, provisional field director, has been working full time on the ballot drive and other duties as Chairperson for over five weeks now. Shortly he will be appointing members to fill the other key positions in the petition drive organization, the inside coordinator and the legal expert. The inside coordinator is responsible for processing all petitions. The legal expert will help keep us in line with all legal requirements.

We will also be appointing zone captains for various geographical areas across the state.

While we will be relying heavily on volunteers, because of the unusually high number of signatures required in Oklahoma, we will need a crew of six full-time petition workers who will be paid basic living expenses. We have access to three apartments one block from the headquarters for those who will need a place to stay.

We will have an organizational meeting on the weekend before we begin the petition drive. Staffing should be completed by then. A questionnaire will be circulated to find out what days and in what zones people prefer to work. Volunteers will be asked to work two nights and one weekend day per week.

Several incentive plans for volunteers and paid workers are being considered. Moreover, we hope to have some statewide and local parties before and during the petition drive. There will be plenty of opportunities for fun after a day's work also.

The budget for our petition drive will run around \$11,000, with \$8,000 of that going to full-time paid workers and the balance going for printing costs, legal fees, mailings, and miscellaneous expenses. We have a special fund for ballot drive purposes, the Freedom Sooner Fund. Please give generously of your time, energy, and money for this effort. A successful ballot drive is the key to our future success. Please send all contributions to the Freedom Sooner Fund, c/o LPO, Box 60505, Oklahoma City OK 73106.

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LIBERTARIAN BOOKS
Over 100 Titles Available
At the Headquarters**

From The Chair

by Porter Davis

November is the month for two milestones for the LPO. Our membership has broken 100, and we are opening our State Headquarters. Moreover, a determined effort for a successful ballot drive and subsequent campaigns has begun. While I am overjoyed with our successes, I am quick to realize that the same thing is happening in many other states around the country. It is evident that the Libertarian Party is being recognized as **the** third party that so many have predicted would arise amidst the decay of the Reprocrats (or is it the Demopublicans?). **NOW IT'S OUR TURN!!**

The pollsters are discovering that the American citizen is definitely fed up with "politics as usual." Voluntary political contributions are rapidly declining, voter turnout is decreasing, and recently, new bond issues and taxes have been resoundingly defeated across the country.

While many events of the last few years have led us to this point, (Watergate, Vietnam, and our depressing economy being just a few of them), the New York City default is providing the simplest lesson of all for the abused American taxpayer. A microcosm of the federal welfare state, New York City has reached the dead-end of the tax-spend-elect philosophy. It is all too apparent that the only difference between the NYC government and the federal government in their fiscal affairs is that the Feds employ legalized counterfeiting, i.e. inflation, to pay their bills. Prominent libertarian economists predict that if present economic policies continue, we can expect currency destruction in 1977, burning of the cities in 1978, and then— the dictator.

All of this can probably be averted, but **only** if libertarian ideas begin to prevail.

If our ideas and solutions are to be victorious, it will be only because many of us have worked actively to promote them. There is no other way. The job requires commitment and expenditure of time, energy, and money. I have made my commitment. I have been working full time as LPO Chairperson for the last six weeks. I have been doing a great deal of personal contact work and public speak-

ing, as well as helping to open up the new HQ. While not everyone can or should work full-time, each of us should make some commitment to the cause of Liberty.

1976 is the year we have all been waiting for. The Bicentennial is a celebration and renewal of our **libertarian** heritage, and no one else's. The greater our impact in making the public aware of that fact, the quicker our progress and the easier our victory. Pick up the Torch of Liberty lit by our forebearers, and like them, "mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor", so we may complete the task so nobly begun by them 200 years ago. Once the fires of freedom begin to burn in the hearts of our people, there will be no stopping us.

Membership Doubles!!!

With the signing of our 102nd member, Party membership has more than doubled since the July convention. Most of this growth has occurred in the last two months. Our new members are bringing a great deal of talent and enthusiasm with them. With the opening of the headquarters, the increasing activity of our speakers' bureau, and the preparations for our ballot drive we should see our membership skyrocket in the months ahead. Those who have been watching our progress are concluding that we are the **only** political party whose business is liberty, and that we are here to stay a long time. How about giving the pitch for membership to those friends you have been talking with and who agree with our principles, and have just been... waiting? If **you** are not yet a member, please join **NOW**. We need your support.

HQ NEEDS—

We need: desks, chairs, folding chairs, tables, wastebaskets, sofa, ash trays, chalk board, bulletin boards, refrigerator, wall clocks, in/out baskets, bookends, bookshelves, stereo equipment, coffee maker, hot plate, typewriters, postage scales, adding machine, office supplies, and anything else that would properly equip the center of the action. Please bring your spare equipment by the office or call us at (405) 525-8877 and we will pick it up.

Fair Booth A Great Success

by Porter Davis

The LPO booth at the 1975 State Fair of Oklahoma was the center of much interest and activity in September. During the ten day event in Oklahoma City, booth workers signed up twelve new members and saw over 1500 people add their signatures to the Voters' Rights Petition. The booth featured a full display of books, bumper stickers, posters, buttons, and literature, which grossed total sales of over \$100. Overall, 13,000 pieces of literature were distributed.

While a historical slide show and taped libertarian music served as attention-getters, the greatest single attraction proved to be a computerized version of last year's political attitude questionnaire.

Programmed on a Wang Laboratories mini-computer by John Webb and Sam Hays, the test asked a series of twenty questions concerning civil and economic liberties. The results were graphed on a television screen.

Over 500 people took the test and received a mini-education in the process. The average score was about 85% on economic liberty and 75% on civil liberty.

Fair-goers were almost universally against a continuation of forced bussing, compulsory foreign aid and governmental welfare programs.

People were often clustered 3 and 4 deep waiting to get to the literature or the computer. The mood of those we talked with was predominantly one of great dissatisfaction with our country's economic and social situation. People felt overburdened with taxation and regulation, and most were quite eager to see a third party get on the ballot in Oklahoma.

Jim and Linda Rushing did an outstanding job of organizing and producing the fair booth. Moreover, they manned the booth every day with the help of 15 other volunteers. There was a lot of help behind the scenes from other people, and of course, we are indebted to those who contributed more than \$800 which helped finance this project.

Plans are already in the works for next year's booth, with 20 ft. spaces being reserved in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. We would also like to participate in some of the smaller county fairs around the state. Anyone wishing to sponsor a county fair booth or to help plan one of the larger booths should get in contact with Linda Rushing, (405) 947-2606.

BRIEFLY

Speakers' Bureau activities have increased significantly in the last few months. Dr. Michael Steelman has been speaking on governmental intrusions in medicine, Frank Robinson on the ballot drive, and Porter Davis on the LP in general. Audiences have been very responsive.

Please look for opportunities in your area for LPO representatives to speak to civic and business groups, college classes, radio and TV talk shows, to a gathering of 10 or 15 neighbors, etc. If you would like to be one of our speakers, or if you have any ideas and suggestions in this respect, please notify Scott Duncan through the HQ or call him at (405) 799-3804.

Thus far Libertarian Alternatives have been established on three university campuses (OU, OSU, and TU). Members are manning literature tables, passing out flyers, and beginning study groups. The second semester should see an increase in activism. If you want to start a group on your campus, or in your high school, contact the HQ for assistance. At OU call Clyde Rollins 321-9165, OSU— Cathryn Tandy 377-7697, TU— Charles Burris 627-5286.

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LPO MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name

Address

City State Zip

Phone (Area)

What experience have you had in political organizational work?

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what organizations and publications do you have influence with?

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"I hereby certify that I do not believe in or advocate the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals."

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Signature

VOTE LIBERTARIAN

Type of Membership:

- Student (\$4)
- Regular (\$6)
- Sustaining (\$12)
- Life (\$100)
- Life Sustaining (\$250)

(Includes One Year Subscription to
Oklahoma Libertarian)

- Oklahoma Libertarian
Subscription Only (\$5)

BRIEFLY —

A contingent of Libertarians in Oklahoma City has begun monitoring the activities of the City Council. Responding to the increasing talk about more bond issues and a sales tax increase, these LPers have been passing out literature and proposing that many municipal activities be at least opened up to competition by the private sector, if not turned over to it altogether. The way some Council members carry on, you'd think they had never heard of principle... except "feather thy own nest." Call the HQ if you would like to join the OKC group. If you are in another city, form your own group. You'd be surprised what goes on at City Hall.

Literature is available to you at cost through the HQ. It is important that each member actively participate in spreading libertarian ideas among the public through the written word. The more we sow our ideas among the citizenry, the greater the harvest we reap. Please send \$5, \$10, or whatever you wish for your literature kit. LP bumper stickers are 75 cents and Taxation Is Theft stickers are 50 cents.

If you would like to volunteer time to help operate the HQ or to moderate any of our tape-discussion seminars, please let us know at the HQ.

John Webb has been appointed Finance Committee Chairperson, Don Armstrong our Auditor, Scott Duncan Speakers' Bureau Coordinator, and Jim Rushing Campus Coordinator. The Budget Committee needs a Chairperson, and there are a few vacancies on various committees. Anyone who wishes to serve on a committee or just to help out— there is plenty of work to be done— please notify the headquarters.

Anyone who wishes to become involved in the editorship of the Oklahoma Libertarian should contact Porter Davis at the HQ. Articles and news stories are always welcome. Articles for publication should be submitted by the 20th of the month.

CALENDAR

30 November [Sun.], LPO State Headquarters, 2502 N. Military, OKC, 2-7 p.m. open house.

2 December [Tues.], 7:30 p.m., LPO State Headquarters, Principles of Objectivism, "The Role of Philosophy", by Nathaniel Branden, PhD.

3 December [Wed.], OULA, 8 p.m., Memorial Union, Rm. 160.

4 December [Thurs.], 7:30 p.m., LPO Headquarters, Harry Browne Depression— Inflation Survival lecture #1.

5 December [Fri.], 7:30, LPO HQ, The Psychology of Romantic Love, "The Historical Evolution of Romantic Love," by Nathaniel Branden, PhD.

9 December [Tues.], 7:30 p.m., LPO HQ, Objectivism lecture, "What is Reason?"

10 December [Wed.], OULA, 8 p.m., Memorial Union, Rm. 160.

11 December [Thurs.], 7:30 p.m., LPO HQ, Harry Browne lecture #2.

12 December [Fri.], 7:30, LPO HQ, The Psychology of Romantic Love, "The Nature of Love."

13 December [Sat.], 4-7 p.m., Canadian Ballroom, Ramada Inn Convention Center, I-40 & Eastern, OKC, Roger MacBride address and reception.

14 December [Sun.], 1 p.m., LPO HQ, LPO Executive Committee meeting.

16 December [Tues.], 7:30 p.m., LPO HQ, Objectivism lecture "The Objectivist Ethics."

18 December [Tues.], 7:30 p.m., LPO HQ, Harry Browne lecture #3.

All taped lectures are \$1 Federal Reserve Note or 50 cents in pre-1965 silver coins. Coffee, cookies & soft drinks will be available.

NOTE: Presentation and discussion of various lectures should not be taken as official LPO endorsement of the ideas presented in these lectures. While these ideas are libertarian **oriented**, various libertarians may disagree on some or most of them.

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I would like to support the LPO. Here is my contribution:

Monthly \$ One-time \$ Wherever the money is needed most.
 Monthly \$ One-time \$ Headquarters sustaining fund
 Monthly \$ One-time \$ Freedom Sooner Fund (ballot drive)
 Monthly \$ One-time \$ Staff salary fund

Make all checks payable to Libertarian Party of Oklahoma

From time to time we have the opportunity to sell or trade our mailing list to other Libertarian or Libertarian-oriented organizations. Since we want to protect the privacy of all persons on our list, we would like for you to indicate the status you desire for your name:

- You may give my name to other Libertarian or Libertarian-oriented organizations.
- Use my name for Libertarian Party or Oklahoma purposes only.
- Please remove my name from your list.

Please list on the back names and addresses of friends to whom you would like us to send information on the Libertarian Party.

(If you know of any events in this area that would be of interest to libertarians, please notify the editor. News of all upcoming campus and county meetings, speakers, demonstrations, etc. should likewise be submitted.)

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