Libertarian woos WSU students
Candidate urges them to reject vicious, taxing society

By Bill Bartel
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On deadline day for filing federal income tax forms, Libertarian Party presidential candidate Ron Paul was in Wichita, promising to abolish income taxes if he were elected in November.

"If you look at income taxes from a civil liberties view, it is the most vicious, the most vile thing," Paul told a gathering of about 100 college students at Wichita State University. "Today the tax burden is so heavy we have made ourselves a nation of lawbreakers."

Preaching the Libertarian political philosophy of self-reliance that centers on reducing almost all government involvement in peo-

Ron Paul beseeches Wichita State University students to embrace the Libertarian philosophy as America's hope. He assailed taxes, military spending and equal-opportunity laws.

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Libertarian hopeful decries Washington socialism

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Americans don't want to live under a socialist government, Andre Marrou says, but that's what they have after nearly a century of rule by Democrats and Republicans.

"The 1928 Socialist Party platform has been substantially enacted by the Democrats and Republicans," Marrou, the Libertarian Party's candidate for vice president, said in an interview Friday.

Marrou has joined former Texas congressman Ron Paul, the presidential candidate on the 1988 Libertarian Party ticket.

Marrou is visiting Illinois cities this month as the maverick party prepares to collect signatures to get on the state's ballot.

Third parties will have 90 days, beginning May 1, to collect the 25,000 signatures to get on the November ballot. Democrats and Republicans need only supply a small fraction of that number to qualify.

Marrou, 49, a former Libertarian member of the Alaska House of Representatives, said Illinois is typical of many states that discourage third party candidates from the ballot.

"North Carolina requires 45,000 signatures
Small party battles big government
Libertarian candidate opposes intrusion into private lives

By David M. Kottmann
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A Libertarian at heart
Paul held his congressional seat from 1976 to 1984, representing Houston. Though registered as a Republican, Paul said he was always a Libertarian at heart. He gave up his House seat to run unsuccessfully for the U.S. Senate in 1984. In 1987, he changed his party affiliation to Libertarian.

Paul said the Republicans are on their way out as a major party.
Paul said in an interview before his speech Monday.

Like many Republicans, Paul said he was an early admirer of Ronald Reagan. That admiration faded, however, as the country sank deeper into debt during Reagan's years in office.

Paul voted against Reagan's budget proposals in 1981, the only Republican to do so, he said.
Paul eventually apologized to his Libertarian friends for supporting Reagan.

Why do other Republicans remain so loyal to Reagan? "I guess because he has a nice personality," Paul said. "And they aren't very principled people."
He added quickly, "You could say the same about the Democrats too."

Legalization of drugs
As the Libertarian candidate for president, Paul stands apart from his Republican and Democratic opponents.

Unlike Jackson, he advocates the legalization of drugs. AIDS prevention? No, can't tell people to have sex, he says. Raise taxes to wipe out the national debt? No way. Get rid of the federal government to crack down on drugs? U.S. Surgeon General joyce D. Marrow, a former onetime Alaska state representative, as its nominee for president and vice president.

Since then, it's been one stump after another trying to appeal to voters and teach them about the Libertarian Party, said Marrow, 49, at a campaign stop Tuesday in Springfield.

To start that education process, however, candidates must first gain some attention, and President Reagan provided that for Marrow. 
"The U.S. appears to be trying to start a war with Iran," Marrow said. "This is silly. It is dangerous. In fact, one might even use the word insane."

Marrow said the action was reminiscent of the Gulf of Tonkin incident which dragged the U.S. into the Vietnam War.
"U.S. naval forces should not even be in the Persian Gulf where they are protecting Japanese oil instead of American oil," he said.

"American forces should be defending America, not foreign countries."

Marrow said that instead of involving American ships and aircraft, the U.S. should try to bring the Kuwaitis and the Israelis together for mutual assistance.
"The Kuwaitis have a great deal of oil and very little defense capability," he said.

The Israelis have just the opposite. Since they are both in the area, it would make a lot of sense to have the Israeli navy protect Kuwaiti oil tankers and have the Kuwaitis pay the Israelis in oil.

Marrow added that the two sides don't have to like each other to do business. 
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The party also advocates drastic slashes in government spending, starting with a $73 billion freeze to reduce the bureaucracy by 35 percent to 40 percent in four years.

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The party claims membership of about 100,000 people and notes that only 15 states allow voters to register as Libertarians.

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Jacobs supports legalizing drugs, but Marrow said he opposes most government interventions into people's private lives.

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Gannett News Service
SPRINGFIELD -- While Democrats are still squabbling over their presidential nomi- nee and the GOP polls up Vice President George Bush's recent appeal, the Libertarian Party hasn't wasted any time at all.

Last September, when its top supporters claim is the nation's fastest-growing political party, selected former Rep. Ron Paul of Texas and Andre Marrow, a former one-term Alaska state representative, as its nominee for president and vice president.

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Libertarian candidate seeks 'equal chance'

The Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE — As far as Andre Marrou is concerned, anyone who reads the U.S. Constitution, and likes it, is a Libertarian.

"The people we appeal to are the vast majority of Americans," said the former Alaska legislator and vice presidential candidate of the Libertarian Party. "The Libertarian Party is already what most Americans believe, which is very limited government and maximizing individual liberty. This is not a new idea, but an idea of the Founding Fathers of this country."

Marrou was in this area recently for the party's state convention and to stump for the Libertarian bid to capture the White House in November. He was selected to run with presidential candidate Ron Paul at the party's convention last September in Seattle, Wash.

And while Marrou does not reasonably expect to win in November, he does expect to further his party's cause.

"The only prediction I personally make is that we are going to do a lot better than anyone thinks," he said in an interview.

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"There are any number of scenarios other than winning the whole national thing. We could win one or more states. We could win legislative seats in states other than Alaska. We could win electoral votes."

In the 1980 presidential election, Libertarian nominee Ed Clark received 940,000 votes. Four years later, presidential candidate David Bergland won only 250,000 votes.

This year, Marrou hopes to garner several million votes for the Libertarian party.

To get on the ballot in time for the November election, the Libertarians had to collect 750,000 signatures nationwide, 17,340 in Arizona. The state elections department has not yet processed the signatures, but department officials said more than the required number of signatures have been collected.

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"Our system would be very similar to the system in place from the beginning of the republic up until about 1913, except we would not have slavery, we would not have the draft and we would not have an income tax," Marrou said. "There would be very small government, very low taxes and very little regulation. People could do what they wanted to do, provided they did not use force or fraud against anybody."

Marrou said such a system would ignite the nation's gross national product, increasing it by as much as 40 percent starting immediately.

"There would be a tremendous surge, a virtual explosion of economic activity," he said.