

The Wilcox Collection

of Contemporary Political Movements

The WILCOX COLLECTION ON CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL MOVEMENTS, located in Kenneth Spencer Research Library at the University of Kansas, is one of the largest collections of the literature of the American political "right" and "left" in existence. It was established at the University in 1965 when Laird Wilcox, a participant and observer in the protest movements of the 1960's and a life-long student of the psychology of social and political movements, donated his papers and books to the University Library.

The Collection has grown dramatically over the years as Mr. Wilcox has continued to collect and donate materials to the library. From time to time other interested individuals have also donated small accumulations of relevant materials, and the library has made special acquisition funds available, largely to purchase back issues of serials. The collection is regularly used by students, researchers, writers and scholars.

From 1985 to 1989 the collection will be undergoing a comprehensive cataloging project funded by a Department of Education grant totalling \$345,000.00.



Laird Wilcox, founder of the Collection, publishes a series of directories and bibliographies on political and occult movements and is editor of THE WILCOX REPORT NEWSLETTER and CIVIL LIBERTIES REVIEW. He is a frequent lecturer at various seminars and forums and is a regular guest on radio talk shows. He is widely quoted in the media and has appeared in television documentaries.

The WILCOX COLLECTION is available for use by the general public. Although materials are non-circulating and may not be checked out, there are photocopying facilities available at nominal cost. The collection is accessible from 8 to 5 on weekdays and from 8 to 12 on Saturday during the school year. For further information write:

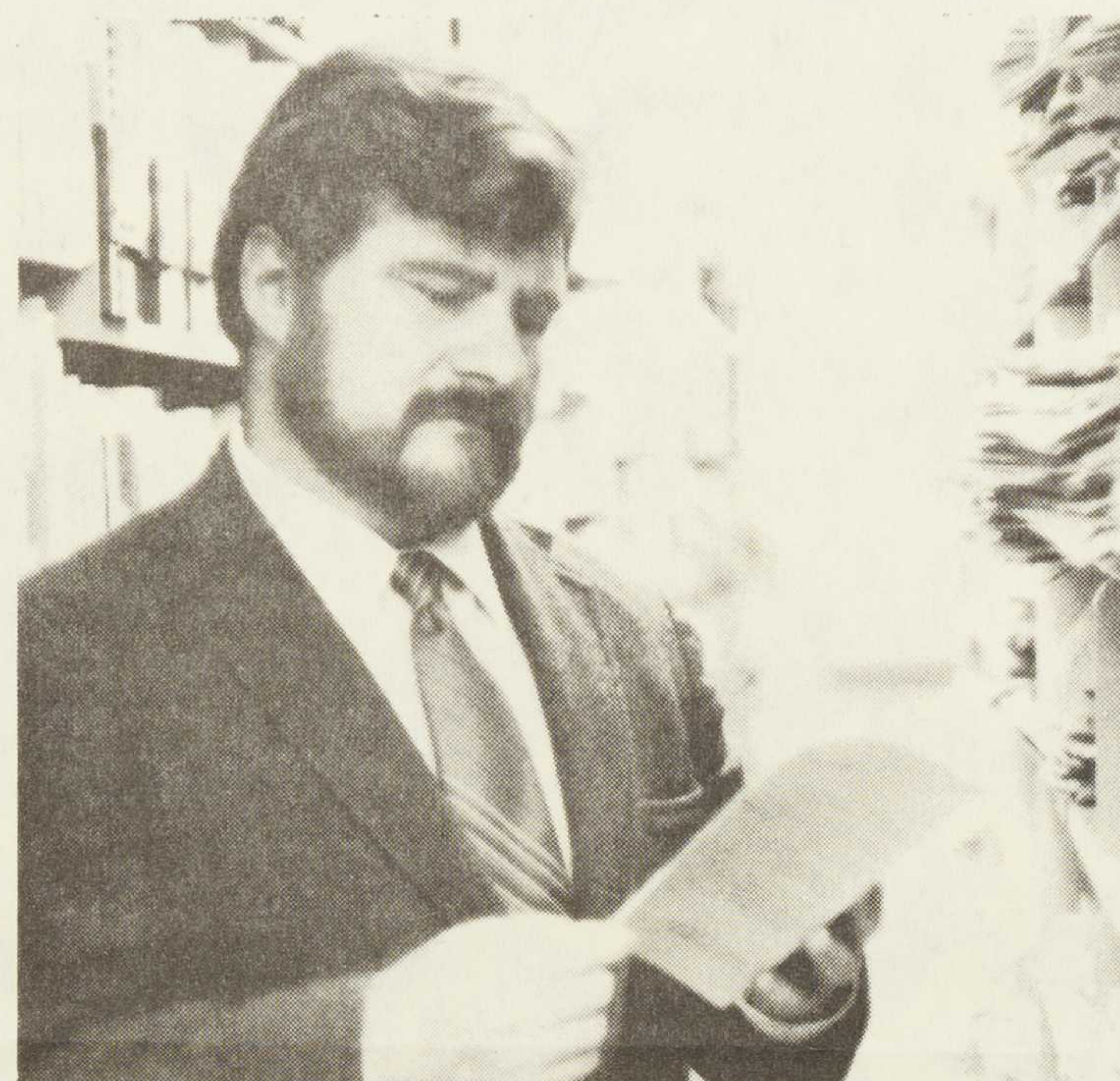
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Currently, the collection consists of approximately 4,100 serial titles, ranging from a few issues of some journals to hundreds of others; over 5,500 books and pamphlets, including many historical, sociological and biographical works on social and political movements and their leaders and followers; over 700 audio tapes of lectures, speeches, meetings, debates and radio talk shows; over 100,000 items of ephemera, including correspondence, brochures, catalogs, flyers, broadsheets, posters and clippings from numerous sources, and several manuscripts. In addition, there is a small but growing collection of videotapes and photographs. Over 7,500 organizations and serials of the American "right" and "left" are represented in the WILCOX COLLECTION.

The collection primarily covers the period from 1960 to the present, although some material goes back to the 1920's. The holdings are divided approximately 65% on the "right" and 35% on the "left." The entire collection occupies some 1,400 feet of shelf space in closed stacks under temperature and humidity controlled conditions where it is carefully maintained by professional staff.



Laird Wilcox