

Two Bob Dole Halls Dedicated

MANHATTAN — Senator Bob Dole, R-Kan., joined President Jon Wefald and Board of Regents Chairman Jack Sampson for the dedication of the Bob Dole Hall.

The hall is part of the Kansas Regents Educational Communications Center and houses its offices and production studios on the campus of Kansas State University in Manhattan. It also houses the television sections of the A. Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications and Kansas Cooperative Extension Service.

Dole began his speech with a comment that brought laughter and applause from the crowd — a reference to the K-State football team's recent performances.

"Maybe I can come back and talk the day K-State goes to the Orange Bowl," he said.

Dole discussed the implications of the center on education in Kansas.

"This state-of-the-art center creates unlimited opportunities to communicate," Dole said. "Today is all about Kansas and our commitment to education and 21st-century technology that will keep our state at the forefront of higher education."

The hall was made possible by a \$6-million grant from the United States Department of Education which was obtained through the leadership of Dole. Four million dollars of the grant went toward construction of the building, and the other \$2 million is and will continue to be used to purchase equipment for the center.

The Huck Boyd Center for Community Journalism also is part of the hall. The center is a part of the journalism school and works to strengthen community media.

Dole Hall offers a program for grade schools and high schools. The Star School program brings math, science and foreign language classes to 90 schools in Kansas via satellite.

Mel Chastain, director of the communications center, said that the Spanish program is especially strong. "The program reaches 800 students in nine different states," Chastain said. "Supplementary material, such as teachers' manuals and lesson plans, is also provided with the videotapes."

Technology doesn't teach — people do.

Mel Chastain, director of the Educational Communications Center at K-State, expressed that message at the dedication of the center's building, named Bob Dole Hall.

Jack Sampson, chairman of the Kansas Board of Regents and K-State President Jon Wefald thanked Dole for his leadership, vision and efforts in obtaining federal financing for the building. Wefald said Dole's support of the center was crucial in obtaining the funding.

"This center will add powerful new technological means to expand the potential, the ability and influence of our excellent faculty," Wefald said.

Chastain extended a challenge to Dole to host an inaugural series of town meetings televised statewide. The meetings to be broadcast using the center's satellite, fiber optics, public television and cable television connections to link the center in a two-way communication with public schools, community colleges and regents institutions — and al-

most every resident in the state. Replied Dole: "Maybe I can do it the day K-State goes to the Orange Bowl."

"The idea of town meetings on the air sounds especially interesting," Dole said. "The comments and questions I've received at my town meetings prove that Kansans are vitally interested in the issues of the day."

Dole said that the name on the building is not important, but said that his colleagues in Washington agree with him on the importance of the center.

"This high-tech facility is a sound investment for the future," Dole said. "In the final analysis, today is all about Kansas and the commitment to technology and 21st-century technology that will help keep our state at the forefront of education."

Dole expressed pleasure that a classroom in the \$6 million facility was named after former Phillips County Review publisher Huck Boyd, a one-time mentor to Dole and a former K-State student and staunch supporter.

"It means a great deal to me that a center named for Huck will now use Dole Hall to teach lessons to future generations of Kansans."

Among area cities with satellite receivers connecting local schools to the center are Alma, Centralia, Clay Center, Concordia, Hanover, Marysville, Onaga, Riley, St. Marys and Washington.

Mission and Purpose

The Kansas Regents Educational Communications Center (ECC) is the product of federal, state and institutional efforts to provide the state of Kansas, the Midwest and the nation with educational and instructional services through the use of state-of-the-art communications technology. The ECC was designated a Regents facility by the Kansas Board of Regents in June 1986 and began operations from a temporary facility in 1987.

The mission and purpose of the ECC is to extend the educational and instructional resources of the state to the residents of Kansas. This charge is accomplished in several ways, including cooperative efforts between Regents institutions, service to public schools in Kansas (and beyond), and ventures with Kansas business and industry for economic development and economic recovery.

The ECC delivers audio, video and data to homes, schools, work places, and learning centers, in both traditional and non-degree formats, including continuing education, professional development and "lifelong learning" settings. Operational responsibility has been assigned to Kansas State University; the facility is located on the K-State campus and basic operations are provided through the K-State budget. The ECC operates within Regents policy, which is established and interpreted through the Regents Council system.

Facilities and Equipment

The heart of the ECC operation is Bob Dole Hall, a 32,000 square foot educational program production and distribution facility with six studios, an educational development laboratory, several editing suites, a fixed KU-Band uplink, and numerous offices, conference rooms and special purpose centers. Also at the ECC are two fully equipped mobile units — one for production of live or taped instructional television programs from any location and the other to uplink via satellite, also from any location.

The ECC produces material in a wide range of formats, including live broadcasts via satellite, compressed video or fiber optics, ITFS and low-power TV, and distribution to public TV stations and CATV systems nationwide.

Programming

Annually, the ECC produces and distributes nearly 1,000 programs and projects, reaching more than 11,000 participants and providing more than 120,000 learner contact hours of service. To date, the ECC has been involved in cooperative educational and instructional programs and projects with Regents institutions, public schools, state

agencies and professional associations. The Kansas Bar Association, for example, utilizes the ECC for the majority of its mandated annual Continuing Legal Education (CLE) courses.

The Association of State University Financial Aid Offices annually instructs parents of high school seniors in the proper method of applying for financial aid for their

children to attend college . . . via the ECC satellite system. And, because of its participation in the federally funded "Star Schools" project, a significant continual undertaking of the ECC is the (Aprendamos! (Spanish I and II courses for high school students). Combined enrollment for the two courses exceeds 2,000 students in nearly 200 schools in 13 states.

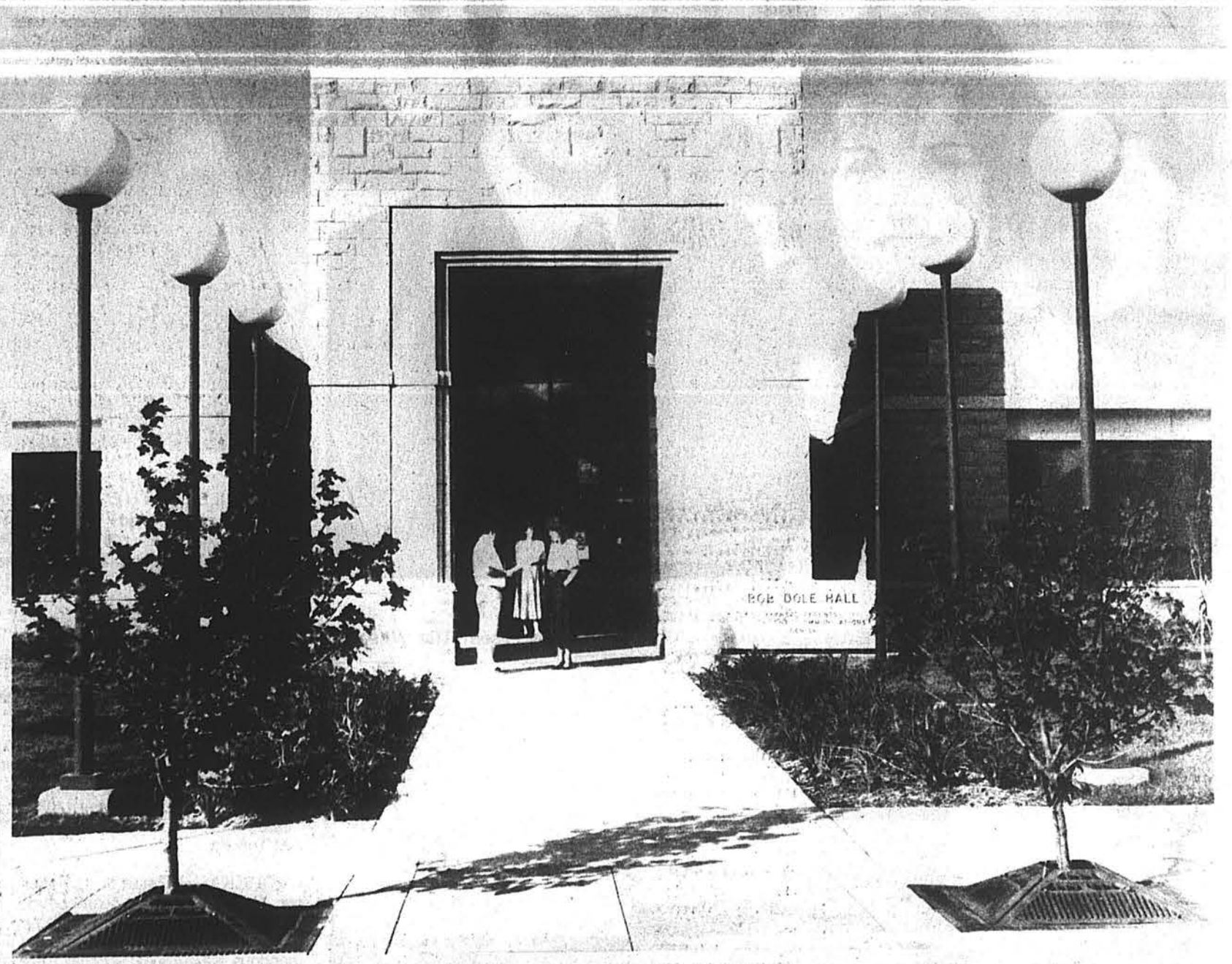
mories came flooding back — memories of the heroism, the sacrifices and pain men and women suffered.

Before visiting France, I traveled to Northern Italy where I served in the 10th Mountain Division 49 years before. While revisiting the battle sites, I thought about why we had been sent there, about the America of our youth, the America we were risking our lives to protect, and about our hopes for the generations who would follow us. And then I thought about the America we live in now — an America still great and still the beacon of freedom around the world, but an America that is headed in the wrong direction.

Standing there gazing across those peaceful fields I thought of why it is critical to have a president who knows what made America great, who knows what has been sacrificed to keep us free, and who would do all in his power to lead America back to her place in the sun.

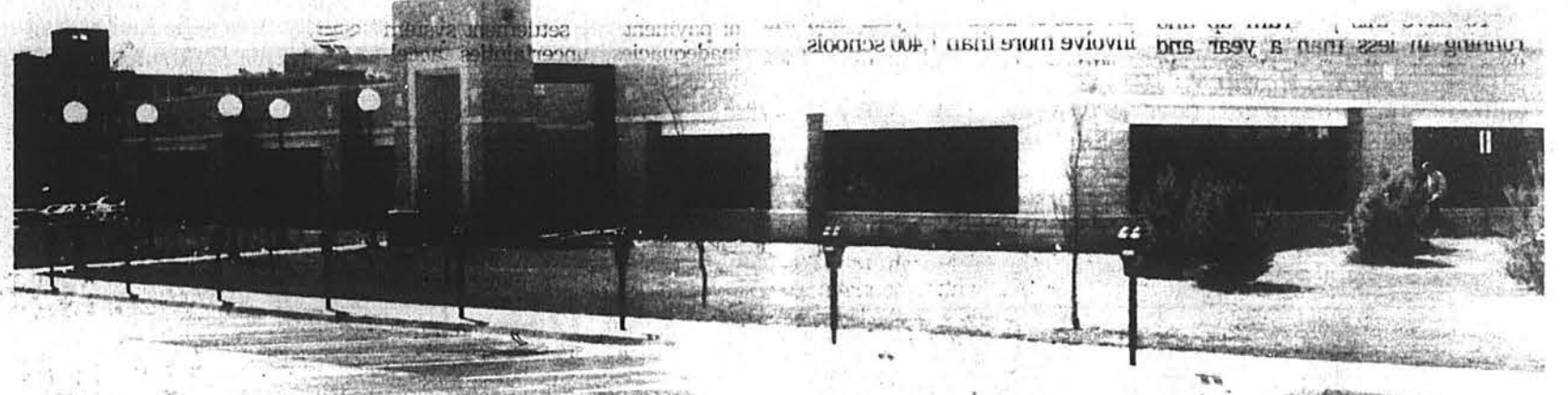
My friends, I have the experience. I've been tested, tested in many ways. I am not afraid to lead, and I know the way. Let us rein in our government to set the spirit of the American people free. Let us renew our moral convictions and strengthen our families by returning to fundamental values.

We should do it for ourselves — we owe it to our children. We must act to be worthy of the gift our ancestors sacrificed so much for: To ensure the next century will dawn on a new beginning of American greatness . . . prosperity . . . and freedom. Let us do it together. Let us begin today.



BOB DOLE HALL — This building, located on Mid-Campus Drive, at Kansas State University in Manhattan, houses the Kansas Regents Educational Communications Center, which is the product of federal, state and institutional efforts to extend the resources of the state of Kansas to the Midwest and the nation through the use of communications technology. This 32,000-square-foot facility for educational program production and distribution

contains six studios, an educational development laboratory, four editing suites, a fixed KU-Band uplink, and numerous offices, conference rooms and special purpose centers. Dole Hall was planned during the administration of Duane Acker and was constructed during the administration of President Jon Wefald. The facility was named in honor of Bob Dole, U.S. Senator from Kansas, and was dedicated in October, 1991.



Dole Points —

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on our children, not bureaucracies and red tape; and let's implement school choice to return power to parents. HUD has become a cash cow for big city mayors and the well-connected. We should give housing vouchers to those who need them and get the government out of the landlord business altogether. Energy would function better as an agency within the Department of Defense. And more than half of what the Department of Commerce does has nothing to do with commerce or trade — duplicated by 71 other governmental departments, agencies, and offices.

And there are other questions we should ask. We spend hundreds of millions of dollars on the Endowments for the Arts and Humanities. Why is the federal government in the culture business? In this explosion of the information age, why do we have a Corporation for Public Broadcasting?

There are a host of other areas that cry out for reform. I will be talking about them at greater length in the year ahead. Welfare is one. The federal system has failed. Why are liberals in Washington so afraid to turn welfare decision-making over to our governors and state legislatures? There is already considerable evidence that they can do much better.

Affirmative action is another federal policy out of control. Discrimination is wrong, immoral. This is America. We should have a color blind society. But fighting discrimination should never be used to di-

vide Americans by race, ethnic background, or gender.

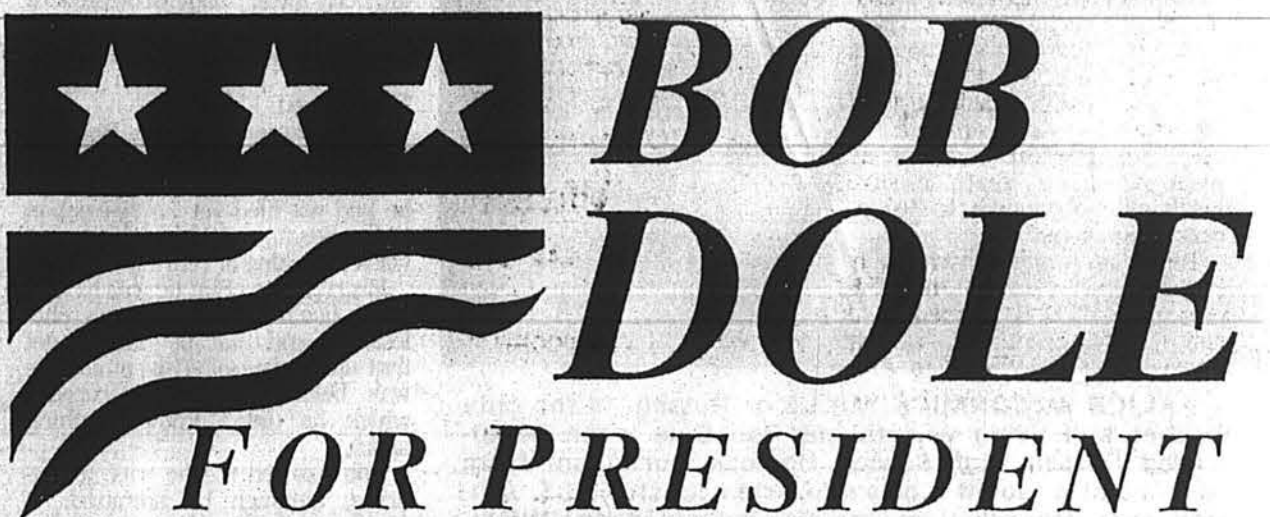
There is one area where the federal government must work in partnership with our state and local governments — and that area is crime. Today, a criminal committing a serious crime has less than a 10 percent chance of going to jail. And once in jail that criminal will serve only a fraction of his sentence.

We should put an end to parole for violent offenders. Put limits on the endless and often frivolous appeals clogging our courts. Remove teenagers who commit serious, violent crimes from juvenile courts and try them as adults. We should be more concerned with the rights of victims than the privileges of criminals. And we must rededicate ourselves to the war on drugs.

Finally, let me touch for a moment on America's place in the world. There is one responsibility only the federal government has, and that is to protect our freedom. We must never be reluctant about our greatness or ashamed of our national strength.

We must stop placing the agenda of the United Nations before the interests of the United States. When we take our revolution to the White House in 1996, we will vow that American policies will be determined by us, not by the United Nations. Let us remember that America has been the greatest force for good the world has ever known.

That is why on the 50th anniversary of D-Day last summer, the eyes of the world were focused on the beaches of France. I was there and witnessed the emotion as me-



Senator Dole:

It is with a great sense of pride that I offer my wholehearted endorsement of one of our nation's greatest leaders and statesmen, Bob Dole, in his candidacy for president of the United States.

Bob Dole is a man whose time has come. Senator Dole has a tremendous vision for the future of this country. His vision of re-establishing America's rightful place as a leader of the Free World, and of reining in the federal government here at home, is what America needs as it heads into the next century.

Best Regards,
Todd Tiahrt