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GREAT BEND, KANSAS, APRIL 3, 1971 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole today said he had faith that most young Americans will continue to respond to the challenges of the day.

Dole, speaking at the Dedication of the Barton County Community Junior College in Great Bend, reviewed many of the great challenges that have faced Americans; the hardships of the original colonists, the battle for American Independence, the Civil War and the turmoil of the recent past. "When you look back down the long, hard road we took to become a Nation of free men, the conclusion is inescapable. We have not traveled all that way simply to shrug our shoulders and toss in the sponge in the face of a new set of challenges."

Dole called the community college concept, "the answer to growth without dehumanization."

"A good junior college -- and I am convinced that Barton County is becoming one of the best -- is a source of quality education that is versatile, flexible, and tailored to the needs of the community and the people it serves."

The Kansas Senator, quoting Winston Churchill, said, "The best investment and community can make is putting milk into babies," but Dole added, "Perhaps the second best investment and community can make is putting useful, accessible learning within the reach of its people, within the reach of its people, within the community itself."