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Sterling College defends Dole's funding try

Dole showed leadership, college president says

By The Associated Press

STERLING — Sterling College's enrollment is overwhelmingly white, but it's making no apologies for Sen. Bob Dole's efforts to have it benefit from an initiative to restore buildings on black college campuses.

Roger Parrott, the Presbyterian school's president, contends that the Senate Re-



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publican leader demonstrated his commitment to rural America by trying to help his home-state college.

"This is one he could have walked away from very easily," Parrott said. "And he could have turned his back as soon as the first critical news stories came out."

Parrott said Dole was contacted four years ago, as a last resort, to save the stately but crumbling three-story limestone building that has been the centerpiece of the Sterling campus since 1887.

"The untimely destruction of this historic building could only represent the crumbling of rural America," Parrott said.

Dole has offered an amendment to a \$65 million appropriation bill for preservation

work on historic buildings at black colleges.

He's seeking to add \$3.6 million for restoration of Cooper Hall at Sterling. Dole wants the bill expanded to include colleges that have "demonstrated extraordinary regional leadership in providing for the education of African-American students in states that do not have an historically black college or university."

The Senate could take up the House-passed bill in the burst of lawmaking likely to occur when Congress returns from the Fourth of July recess.

House sponsors of the bill say there are many small, private, liberal arts colleges with longstanding records of racial diversity.

"If they can put up a track record as good as ours, I'd love to see it," Parrott said.

Sterling's board voted in 1901 to open admissions to all races, pay for full scholarships for black students and encourage other colleges to do the same, Parrott said. In 1921, when the Ku Klux Klan was active in Kansas, the board reaffirmed its admissions policy.

"They risked everything," Parrott said. Those votes are little-known compared with Sterling's reputation for prudence — expelling students for smoking or missing chapel, having an 80-year ban on dancing until 1967 and suspending five soccer players for drinking in 1991.

"When the bill came through the House,

it got Senator Dole's office's attention because they saw 'historic buildings' and all. So they started exploring with us to see what history or background there was to see if there was a way it would make sense for Sterling to be included," Parrott said.

Kansas' population is about 6 percent black and the state doesn't have a historically black college. Sterling's 600-student enrollment is about 4 percent black, two dozen students.

One of them is Shawn Huff, who believes the school made an early and enduring commitment to minorities.

"Sterling was a leader in integrating blacks with white students. For that time period, that was a major step. Any school that has that sort of leadership really makes a statement," Huff said.

"You're talking about a college that was showing leadership in an area where other schools were nowhere near that."

Piggybacking the Cooper Hall funding on a bill originally meant to help black colleges doesn't bother Huff.

"As an African-American student, I see no problem with that," Huff said.

Dole and Parrott point out that the amendment adds money for Sterling without affecting other recipients.

"We're not trying to take anything from the pot," Dole said Friday. "We think we have a right to offer this amendment."

Cooper Hall originally housed all of the school's functions and was visible for miles on the prairie when the campus had no trees. The stone used was taken from a Santa Fe Trail corral.

The Romanesque Revival structure was closed for safety reasons in 1988. Its insides are shored up with wooden framing, and gauges measure the shifts in its outside walls.

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It's Clinton vs. Dole

Avoiding a 'Harry and Louise' battle over health reform, Clinton attacks Dole

By DAVID LAUTER and EDWIN CHEN
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration Thursday unveiled its strategy for the next crucial phase of the battle over health care reform — attack Bob Dole.

For months, White House officials have writhed in frustration as the "Clinton plan" became a label that a majority of Americans reject, even as polls show Americans continue to

support key elements of what Clinton has proposed — universal coverage, requirements that companies provide insurance to workers and cost controls.

The problem, say White House officials, has been that their plan was being measured against each American's ideal of a perfect system. That problem was epitomized by the highly successful "Harry and Louise" television advertisements, which criticized Clinton's plan, but instead of offering a specific alternative proclaimed only that "there must be a better way."

But while administration officials do not believe they can win a battle of "Bill Clinton vs. Harry and Louise," they think they may be able to win "Bill Clinton vs. Bob Dole."

"The Dole-type proposals take care of the rich, because they can always buy (insurance), take care of

the poor because they have governmental programs that can take care of them, and leave the middle class in great jeopardy," White House deputy chief of staff Harold Ickes said.

Democratic National Committee chairman David Wilhelm took a similar line at a news conference held to unveil new Democratic health care ads. He said the plan offered by Dole, the Senate Republican leader from Kansas, "offers no coverage for the middle class, controls no costs slashes health benefits for older Americans. It is a disaster for the middle class," Wilhelm said.

Focusing on Dole carries obvious risks, as Dole, himself, made clear.

"They're up here one day telling us they want our help with trade legislation; the next day they're having a press conference. And we're not going to cooperate if that's what they want to do," Dole said.

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Dole's staff 'clarifies' senator's remarks on PAC spending

By Tom Webb

Eagle Washington bureau

WASHINGTON — Last month, Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas said he had put his political action committee to work on a possible presidential race. On Monday, his staff insisted it wasn't true.

It's an important distinction, because if Dole's PAC truly is bankrolling a Dole-for-president effort, it's probably illegal, according to campaign watchdog groups. Indeed, that very violation put Dole's PAC in hot water last summer.

Dole was asked last month about

his presidential ambitions, and said repeatedly that his Campaign America PAC was hiring, including field staff members in important primary states like Iowa and New Hampshire.

"Whether or not I do it, you've got to be prepared," Dole told The New York Times. "If you're going to get into this thing, you ought not wait until after next year. If you wait until you decide to do it, you may be behind the curve. I've had that happen to me."

But now, with campaign watchdog groups growling, Dole's staff says it's

all a mistake.

"Campaign America has indeed hired some field staff people, but they are all fully engaged in 1994 election work," said Jo-Anne Coe, assistant treasurer of Campaign America. "The Campaign America field staff is doing Campaign America work. They are not doing presidential or pre-presidential work."

Added Clarkson Hine, Dole's press spokesman, "There's no intent to hire field men for presidential purposes. You may be confused, but we're not."

Indisputably, Dole is amassing a

mountain of money in his Campaign America PAC. \$3.1 million at last count. That money has long been used to help Republicans coast-to-coast. But political observers figured Dole's campaign would tap the fund as it had in 1988: to bankroll some of Dole's early campaign efforts, should he decide to run for the White House.

But there's one small problem. That would be against the law.

Like other PACs, Dole's PAC is structured so it can legally give only \$5,000 to any candidate per election, including Bob Dole. In Dole's 1988

presidential race, his PAC ran over the \$5,000 limit — officially, \$42,000 over; although one audit put the overrun at a quarter-million dollars.

For that breach, Campaign America was fined \$12,000 by the Federal Election Commission last summer. Separately, the Dole for President committee was assessed a record-breaking \$100,000 fine.

To be sure, there is a long history of PACs being improperly used. Those connected with Republicans George Bush, Jack Kemp, Pat Robertson and Howard Baker all did when running for their party's presidential nomination. Democrats have broken the same campaign law, too, but less successfully.

Campaign watchdog groups take a dim view of these goings-on. They regard the practice as a direct assault on election laws that are designed to level the playing field by limiting contributions and requiring full disclosure.

"It does sound like they're gearing up to use Campaign America again to run a presidential campaign, and that would be a real problem," said Elizabeth Hedlund with the Center for Responsive Politics.

"On the one hand... you'd think after paying fines to the Federal Election Commission, they certainly would have learned a lesson," Hedlund said. "But when you look at how high those fines could have been, and how important it was to have that early money in Iowa and New Hampshire, they probably thought the fine was well worth it."

In the meantime, Dole continues to raise money for other Republi-

cans. Party-building is classic Campaign America business, and business is booming. Two years ago Dole's Campaign America PAC collected about \$13,000 each week. Last year it rose to \$60,000 a week. This year it's collecting about \$119,000 each week.

The money comes from all over the country, mostly from corporate PACs and well-heeled executives (recent donors include Mr. Hilton, Mr. Coors and the Gallo wine family). Dole even hit the jackpot in Vegas. His PAC got large donations from casino executives at the MGM Grand, Bally's, Circus Circus, Showboat, Frontier, Clarion, Rio and Barbary Coast — \$45,000 in all.

So far now, Dole's staff insists they're eyeing 1994, not 1996.

"Quite frankly, '94 represents for Republicans the best opportunity to take back the Senate since 1980," said Coe of Campaign America. "And as a result of that, we've gone through and taken a look at these Senate races, we now have the resources, we can help these campaigns, and that's what we're doing."

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Dole-led program provides supplies for Bosnia

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Twelve tons of donated relief supplies ranging from medicine to children's shoes have reached war-torn Bosnia in the past month under a program begun by Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole.

Dole, R-Kan., brought the first shipment during a visit to Sarajevo on June 5. The rest has been brought by U.S. Air Force and United Nations aircraft, then distributed by humanitarian relief organizations.

Among the Kansas companies

donating supplies are MedVentures Inc. and Payless Shoe Source, both of Topeka, and Weaver's of Lawrence. Other donors include The Gap, Foot Locker and Montgomery Ward.

"These businesses have demonstrated that there's a lot of heart

in America's heartland for the war-weary people of Bosnia," Dole said Thursday.

"One visit to Sarajevo, and you can see how this kind of aid can make a real difference in the lives of people victimized by brutal aggression."

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Dole: Clinton can expect hard ball

By Ray Hemman

The Hutchinson News

If the president wants to engage in political games over health care, he'd better expect some competition.

During his weekly telephone press conference Friday, Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., said President Clinton was blasting Republicans for opposing the administration's health care plan on one hand and then wanting GOP help on trade issues. Congress is expected to vote this year on the updated General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

The president can't have it both ways.

"They can't pass GATT without Republican votes," Dole said. "You won't have to filibuster. You've got new revenues — you've got to vote for higher taxes. I think many Democrats who voted for the \$265 billion tax increase aren't too anxious to vote for more taxes this year, an election year. So they (the Clinton administration) are trying to get some Republican support. We know the trade bill is very important."

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— Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan.



thinks politics is more important. So he wants to play that game. I don't know how to play it, but I think I can learn pretty fast."

Dole said there was still some chance for bipartisan agreement on health care, but the president's continued blasting of Republican alternatives was counterproductive to the process.

Dole said his party's alternative includes no employer mandates, no price controls and no new taxes to fund health care. While not guaranteeing universal coverage — a point Dole said could not be guaranteed by any plan — it does provide for universal access to health care.

"There still is some chance for

bipartisanship, but I think the president's attacks on the Republican bill make it pretty difficult for us to cooperate on anything else. If he is going to do this on health care, then we are going to want to do something on trade he wants to get passed. Hopefully, we can break this gridlock and get down to basics of what the American people want us to do on health care and what's it going to cost and how do we pay for it."

Also during the press conference, Dole said that he considered it a "75/25" likelihood there would be an invasion of Haiti by U.S. forces. Dole assailed the president for his failure to consult with Congress on the issue.

Dole said the Black Caucus in Congress was driving policy on the issue.

"In effect, the Black Caucus is sort of determining what our policy in Haiti (is), which is sort of a new foreign policy wrinkle. I certainly share the Black Caucus view that the people in Haiti have been oppressed. They've been more oppressed in the last 30 days when we tightened up the sanctions and drove them into boats. Some lost their lives. Some don't have food. I think it's bad policy."

"But you don't intervene unless there's an American interest or somebody is threatened. You don't just invade just because Haiti is close."

An invasion of Haiti would not be difficult, yet Dole questioned what America would do after the military is toppled. It would have been more prudent for the United States to send a fact-finding mission to Haiti before taking any action.

"They (administration officials) don't want the facts; they want an invasion," Dole said. "I think the American people want the facts."

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Dole warns Clinton to lay off GOP

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A world trade deal sought by the Clinton administration could run into snags in Congress if the president continues to attack Republicans on health care, Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole warned Friday.

"Why should I worry about what President Clinton wants to do on trade when he's out beating us up on health care?" Dole said. "If this is the kind of hardball they want to play, they need to know there are two teams out there."

Even as Clinton and the Democratic Party increase pressure on Republicans to support reform of the nation's health care system, the president is sending emissaries to Congress seeking votes for the General Agree-

ment on Tariffs and Trade.

Dole, R-Kan., told reporters Clinton's new chief of staff, Leon Panetta, asked this week for a "political time-out" among Republicans so that GATT could be passed before Congress breaks in August.

But Dole said he's not interested in such cease-fires if Democrats continue to bash Republicans for their opposition to elements of the president's health reform bill, such as a requirement that most employers provide coverage.

"I think it's unfortunate it's going to get in a political tug of war here," Dole said. "When the president's out attacking the Republican bill, it makes it hard for us to cooperate on other things."

Dole recently proposed a scaled-down health bill that would enact many insurance reforms and provide subsidies to allow low-income families to obtain care, but would not

require anyone to buy coverage.

In Pennsylvania Friday, Clinton said such plans would "burn the middle class" and, earlier this week, Democratic Party Chairman David Wilhelm said Dole's idea would be "a disaster for the middle class."

Dole said that instead of buying television time and organizing bus caravans aimed at blasting the GOP over health care, Clinton and other Democrats should demonstrate how the president's plan will affect jobs and taxes to sway Republican votes.

"They need our votes to pass health care," Dole said. "And they can't pass GATT without Republican support."

Dole said he could support a compromise being developed by moderate Republicans such as Sen. John Chafee of Rhode Island and Sen. John Danforth of Missouri. But he said it still includes tax increases.

"I think it's the next best thing out there."