

## Dole brushes off right's dislike of top aide

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WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole said Sunday he's keeping his chief of staff despite conservatives' dislike of her, but hinted she won't be his top adviser if he wins the White House.

"Sheila Burke does a good job. She's a good loyal staff member — been there for 17 years," the GOP presidential front-runner said on ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley."

"I think she has the respect of almost every senator, lots of House members in both parties."

Asked why conservatives have targeted Burke, Dole said: "Maybe it's an attempt to get at me through staff. That's occurred to me, but some of the people who have been after her have been pretty friendly to me."

In a story Sunday in The New York Times Magazine, the Kansas Republican said: "These guys, the old-boy network, some of them may not like women."

Conservatives have criticized Burke in recent months for allegedly pushing her self-described "social moderate" views on her boss.

Asked if Burke would be his chief of staff if he became president, Dole said: "I think I'd probably want someone with her skills, but also with political skills, which she does not have."

Unlike Dole, Burke is pro-choice. But she told The New York Times she agrees with Dole's positions in the main and does not influence him overly.

"The suggestion that Bob Dole is led by anyone, female or male, in a direction he doesn't want to go is laughable on the face of it," Burke told the magazine.

She also criticized "conscious attempts to bring my gender into the

debate," and did not attempt to placate critics.

"I'm strong-willed and I'm independent and I see women as fully capable as men of doing anything they choose. And I'm not apologetic about any of that," she said.

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from salaries and travel expenses of strategists to the purchase of a membership list from the Iowa Republican Party. Eight Campaign America strategists have since shifted to Dole's presidential campaign, including fund-raiser JoAnne Coe, finance expert Royal Roth and national field director Scott Matter.

Earlier this year, the AP found that another of Dole's organizations, his tax-exempt Better America foundation, was spending money on items useful for a presidential bid — including a poll, issues papers and a TV ad that prominently featured Dole. Dole subse-

quently closed down the foundation.

Campaign America, a so-called "leadership PAC" to benefit GOP candidates, itself once ran afoul of campaign finance laws by trying to assist an earlier Dole presidential bid. The Federal Election Commission fined the PAC \$12,000 in 1993 to settle charges Dole's PAC had improperly assisted his 1988 campaign by about \$42,000.

Critics wonder whether Dole is crossing the line again.

"The question is, what were these people doing out there in the field," said Ellen Miller, director of the non-partisan Center For Responsive Politics, which studies campaign

finance issues in Washington. "The evidence suggests that Campaign America was nothing more than a presidential campaign slush fund."

Dole campaign spokesman Nelson Warfield says the PAC has "maintained a bright-line rule that strictly separated it from any Dole campaign activities."

FEC records show considerable overlap between the campaign and the PAC, both in staff and operations. For instance, Campaign America and the presidential campaign use many of the same consultants and contractors, right down to the same printing shop in Des Moines, Iowa. And Dole's campaign recently paid the PAC

more than \$29,000 for office furniture.

So does it cross the line? "That's a proper question to ask, but I can't tell you the number of times we got calls from the national office telling us to make sure we were complying with the FEC law," said Brian Berry, a former Campaign America worker in Texas.

"We trained people with a fear of God's approach — the message was, 'you make a mistake here, and you hurt Bob Dole, you hurt Campaign America and you hurt the cause you're trying to help,'" he said.

Berry said the PAC's focus in 1994 wasn't to help Dole but rather "concentrating on close races, helping Republicans get elected" at the state and local level.

For his efforts, Berry was paid \$37,000 in salary and expenses in 1994. Berry shifted briefly to Dole's campaign this spring but has since left.

Sal Russo, a Sacramento-based Republican consultant, said there is a thin, often-blurry line between permissible PAC activities — such as party-building or making donations to state and local candidates — and wooing

potential organizers and supporters for a presidential bid.

He cited the example of Brian Lungren, a Dole supporter in California who received \$24,000 in salary and expenses from the PAC between June 1994 and February 1995 and later worked briefly for Dole's presidential bid.

"If Brian was doing the PAC's business, that still helps (Dole) in anything he decides to do in the future," Russo noted. "Obviously, there are lots of things you can do to make yourself a better presidential candidate, like going out and giving money to these guys. Then, they get behind you later."

Records show that Dole's PAC provided more than \$625,000 to Republicans running in federal races around the country last year, and another \$185,000 to candidates running in state and local contests.

Dole announced a month ago that he was turning control of the PAC over to former Vice President Dan Quayle so he can spend more time on his presidential campaign.

A2 Thursday, November 2, 1995

## Dole introduces conservation bill

Wetland rules would be altered

By The Associated Press  
WASHINGTON — Regulations on key programs for erosion control and wetlands conservation would be overhauled and farmers could put more land into production under legislation introduced Wednesday by Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan.

The Resource Enhancement Act would make a series of changes in the Conservation Reserve Program, which idles land subject to erosion. It also would change agricultural rules governing wetlands and alter the way farm conservation rules are enforced.

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"In my view, it is a remedy desperately needed to save farmers from a terminal case of over-regulation," said Dole, the Senate majority leader.

A co-sponsor, Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Dick Lugar, R-Ind., said the bill would "be good for the environment and protective of the property rights" of farmers. The measure will become part of the 1995 farm bill.

Environmental groups contended the bill would shoot current

conservation laws so full of holes it would essentially cripple the programs, most of which were first enacted in 1985.

"It guts either the integrity of the statute or the ability to enforce it," said Ken Cook, president of the Environmental Working Group. "It would just be a tremendous setback."

Under the legislation, the programs would expire at the end of the 1995 farm bill in 2002 — the first time such a "sunset" provi-

sion has been attached.

Republicans in Congress want to cut farm subsidy spending by \$13.4 billion over next seven years, continuing a trend Dole said has begun. Dole said there is little point in continuing to tie dwindling farm program payments to compliance with so-called "Swampbuster" laws aimed at conserving wetlands.

"If we aim to fulfill the intent of conservation and wetlands laws, and we should, we must adjust to today's conditions," Dole said.

The proposed "Swampbuster" exemptions include parcels of one acre or less, drainage or irrigation ditches, artificial lakes or ponds used for agricultural purposes and land that was planted in crops at least six of the 10 years before the law's enactment in 1985.

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## Dole's wife cites his energy level

By The Associated Press  
DES MOINES, Iowa — Elizabeth Dole told Republican activists Thursday her husband has "the energy of 10 people" and his good health answers any questions about whether Bob Dole is too old to be president.

"You do not need to worry about the energy level," Elizabeth Dole said. "This man

is absolutely blessed with that."

Dole's made her remarks at a Republican breakfast club during her opening campaign swing on behalf of her husband, who is 72. She said Monday that she is taking a year's leave from her post as head of the American Red Cross to campaign for her husband's bid for the GOP presidential nomination.

Dole moved early in his campaign to deflect questions about his age by releasing his medical records. Elizabeth Dole said her husband's hectic campaign schedule proves his health and vigor.

Elizabeth Dole joked about any comparisons between Dole and President Clinton.

"Actually his (Dole's) blood pressure, his weight and his cholesterol are lower than President Clinton's, but we won't make health the issue," she said. "I can assure you he's got the energy of 10 people."

The issue is something of a balancing act for Dole, who stresses his long experience in Washington when he is appealing to Republican activists who take part in Iowa's leadoff precinct caucuses.



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In addition, Dole has been under sharp attack from Steve Forbes, the millionaire publisher flooding New Hampshire and Iowa with TV ads questioning Dole's leader-

ship and commitment to tax cuts. A new ad released Thursday again attacks Dole on taxes.

"We're convinced what we're doing is working," said Forbes spokesman John Freyer.

Dole deputy campaign chairman Bill Lacy said the decision to begin TV advertising wasn't based on the Gramm and Forbes activity, but on the belief that Dole could gain political advantage from last week's Senate vote passing a balanced budget.

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The Dole ad hits Clinton for a "liberal agenda," including the president's sweeping and unsuccessful health-care reform package.

It begins airing today in Des Moines, Cedar Rapids and Sioux City. The TV ad

budget for the first week is about \$50,000. Lacy said decisions on whether to continue airing the ad would be made on a week-by-week basis.

Bob Haus, who runs Gramm's campaign in Iowa, dismissed the Dole ad effort and said Gramm had no plans to begin airing commercials soon.

"Early TV is wasted TV," Haus said. He said former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander aired commercials last summer without making much of a dent in the polls.

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## Dole said yes and then no on education

By CALVIN WOODWARD  
The Associated Press

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WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole wears his opposition to the Education Department as a badge of conservative honor. But a Republican presidential rival says Dole wasn't always so down on the department.

Texas Sen. Phil Gramm's campaign unearthed a 1978 vote by Dole favoring the department's creation, plus a speech in which he gave the idea a ringing endorsement.

Dole's campaign literature mentions two Senate votes that came a

year later in which he sided against the department. On several occasions he has talked as if the earlier vote didn't exist.

"I am a mainstream conservative," the Kansas told a Vermont news conference in June. "I have been. I didn't vote for the Department of Education."

In February, he told a news conference: "Let's take a look at who voted to create the Department of



Marlin Fitzwater

MANHATTAN — Marlin Fitzwater, former White House press secretary, said he thought Colin Powell might run for vice president with Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan.

Fitzwater was in Manhattan on Friday promoting his book, "Call the Briefing," which was published last week and went into its second printing Thursday.

Powell and Fitzwater worked together in the White House for six years, and Fitzwater said he thought a Dole-Powell combination would make a strong ticket.

He said he didn't know if Powell had spoken directly with Dole, but that Powell had spoken with former President Bush, a supporter of the Dole campaign, about the prospect of being a vice-presidential candidate.

Fitzwater, who grew up in Abilene, said Dole's move to the right and waffling on issues had hurt his campaign and Powell might balance the ticket.

Because Powell has never been in politics, Fitzwater said, a term as vice-president would be good experience for Powell and a means for him to build party support.

"There is nothing to say he would take it," he said. "I have never known anyone to turn it down."

There is still a possibility Powell might run as a presidential candidate. However, Fitzwater said, it was getting late for Powell to start campaigning.

Fitzwater said President Clinton would be hard to beat. "Clinton is a better campaigner than he was a governor," Fitzwater said. "He's good at town meetings and terrific on television."

He said the entrance of a third party candidate, such as Ross Perot, could ensure Clinton's re-election.

Fitzwater said he figures Powell is waiting to make a political move because he thought Powell would lose Republican support after announcing his support of affirmative action programs, some gun control and his pro-choice stance on abortion.

However, polls have indicated Powell hasn't lost much support despite some of his moderate views, Fitzwater said.

He also added that people's heightened awareness of racial problems after the verdict in the O.J. Simpson trial and the Million Man March might urge Powell to enter the political arena.