

JOE DOLE
DISTRICT, KANSAS

HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
AREA CODE 202
225-2715

COMMITTEES:
AGRICULTURE
MINMENT OPERATIONS

DISTRICT OFFICE:
FEDERAL BUILDING
BEND, KANSAS 67530
AREA CODE 316
SW 3-5423

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

COUNTIES:
BARTON
CHEYENNE
CLARK
CLOUD
DECATUR
EDWARDS
ELLIS
ELLSWORTH
FINNEY
FORD
GOVE
GRAHAM
GRANT
GRAY
GREELEY
HAMILTON
HASKELL

HODGEMAN
JEWELL
KEARNY
KIOWA
LANE
LINCOLN
LOGAN
MEADE
MITCHELL
MORTON
NESS
NORTON
OSBORNE
OTTAWA
PAWNEE
PHILLIPS
PRATT

RAWLINS
REPUBLIC
ROOKS
RUSH
RUSSELL
SALINE
SCOTT
SEWARD
SHERIDAN
SHERMAN
SMITH
STAFFORD
STANTON
STEVENS
THOMAS
TREGO
WALLACE
WICHITA

CONGRESSMAN DOLE REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON FOR RELEASE: WEEK OF OCTOBER 16, 1967

KANSAS PRIVATE COLLEGES PERFORM VITAL SERVICE

A recent issue of KANSAS! magazine has spotlighted the private colleges and universities throughout our state. The tribute is well deserved. KANSAS!, a publication of the Kansas Department of Economic Development, has summarized the fine contribution that is being made by the 24 privately sponsored institutions of higher learning.

Almost 16,000 students are enrolled, of which 51.1% are native Kansans, 46.6% out-of-staters, and 2.3% from foreign lands. KANSAS! reported that the educational operating budgets, excluding housing and food costs, are estimated to reach \$18 million this year. Capital improvements this academic year will total an estimated \$10.5 million.

These private colleges have graduated a total of nearly 60,000 men and women in past years, and continue to provide an education almost unique in this world of mass production. They offer an education personally tailored to the individual, drawing from him the best that he has--and providing to him the best in learning that can be assembled.

Higher Education Is Dynamic in Kansas

College enrollment throughout the state, both public and private, continues to grow at a most gratifying rate. Present statewide enrollment is estimated at about 85,000 students, and increasing every year. The Center for Regional Studies of the University of Kansas has recently estimated the enrollment for our state at 122,000 by 1975.

We can be sure that the service provided by our colleges and universities, both public and private, is one of the most important for the economic and social future of our state. Kansas will continue to attract industry and commerce only as long as her educational system is comparable with the services offered in other states.

Today, we are fortunate to have the quality necessary to meet the challenges of the future. For example: Bethany College, in Lindsborg, has a student-teacher ratio of twelve to one. Baker University at Baldwin offers undergraduate study in 21 areas.

These are just examples of the excellence of our educational system. We must not forget the urgency of maintaining that excellence.