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TOPEKA, Kans., Dec. 7 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today urged initiation of a massive college volunteer program, involving students, college administrators and the community.

Speaking here at the Kappa Sigma Founders Day dinner, Dole said, "This could be one of the most exciting and effective problem-solving mechanisms ever undertaken," he said.

The Senator suggested the program, to be headed by a full-time director of a college "office of volunteer programs" to develop, "not dominate programs", could have five primary benefits.

- 1) "To help solve college-student problems by those who should resolve them -- the students, college authorities and the community;
- 2) "To mobilize the enormous energy and talent of college youth to answering many of our communities' pressing, long-neglected needs, thereby bridging the gulf students find between the real and the ideal;
- 3) "Closing the general gap through coordination and cooperation among adults and youth;
- 4) "Enabling the school to become more involved in the community, bridging the gap between town and gown, and
- 5) "Improving the public image of a school through effective implementation of the program."

Dole also spoke at the dedication of the Ida Long Goodman memorial library in St. John.