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HAYS, KS. May 29 -- "America can no more afford to waste and squander the resources of its college graduates than it can afford to squander its rivers, lands and air," U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) said here today. Dole spoke at Commencement exercises for 1000 Fort Hays State graduates.

"The interest you have shown in the preservation and restoration of the environment gives some idea of the affirmative and positive results which you can help accomplish.

"Some people write this interest off as a fad, or a phase which will pass. They are mistaken, for this is deeper than a cause or a movement. It is the stirring of the soul of a generation.

"We are committed to creating a community, a world, in which the finest sides of man's nature, his greatest talents and abilities can flourish. Creation of this world means a chance for self-determination and freedom from aggression in Europe, in Africa and in Asia -- as well as in the Western Hemisphere.

"The environment awaits you -- not only the environment of water, air and land, but the environment of our great, exciting life. There is much work to be done and you are the ones to do it."