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DOLE ANNOUNCES POSSIBLE CONTINUING EDUCATION CENTER FUNDS FOR KU

TOPEKA, KANSAS -- Senator Bob Dole announced today that the full Senate Appropriations Committee has included \$400,000 in its Second Supplemental Appropriations bill for 1974 for Continuing Education Center Demonstration Programs. This action was taken pursuant to a request, which he had initiated, calling for funds to expedite the planning of from three to five such centers nationwide.

The Senator pointed out that the University of Kansas is a front-runner among the institutions which will be competing for selection as one of the prototype demonstration models. This is due in great part, he said, to the initiatives which their Endowment Association and Continuing Education Dean, Dr. Howard Walker, have taken in purchasing land near the Student Union for that purpose.

"Continuing Education enrollments are increasing at a faster rate than are campus enrollments," Dole said, "and there are now more part-time than full-time students enrolled in post-secondary educational institutions. However, there has not yet been established a facility which can adequately and economically function as a center for the production and disbursement of media programs -- and also serve to meet the needs of weekend student seminars and training courses."

"More than 22,000 persons are served by Continuing Education programs in Kansas already," he added, "and the approval of this funding, together with the actual planning to follow, should provide the impetus necessary to give these programs the visibility and high priority they deserve." Final Senate consideration of the Appropriations measure, including Dole's Continuing Education provision, is scheduled for early next week.