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A group of Kappa Sigma Alumni and undergraduates has been formed to aid Bob Dole in his quest for the Presidency.

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Bob Dole: A Kappa Sigma In the White House?

Running for President or being successful in the U.S. Senate takes more than popularity back home. It takes the ability to push, deal, convince and lead people, not always in agreement, to do things that their party doesn't always like. It also takes a person able to set an example of hard work and honest living. It takes a never say die attitude like that of Bob Dole, Gamma Omicron, who gives much of the credit for his success to ideals, traditions and friendships learned as a member of Kappa Sigma.

In a New Year's day 1980 conversation, Dole said - "One of the main assets a person can receive from the fraternity system is the ability to deal with people. The smaller groups provided by fraternities allow a student to find friends in an otherwise large cold university. In a fraternity one has chances to lead and deal with people close-up. I know I learned a lot- and was exposed to new people, new ideas, new attitudes."

"I feel Kappa Sigma is probably one of the greatest of the fraternities because we push undergraduates to assume roles of leadership in areas where they can best help the brotherhood. Their success is their brother's success. All this practical experience allows Kappa Sigmas to leave college with much more than a book/classroom education. Our alumni stay active. They donate more time and money to the university or college. They never forget Kappa Sigma.

"At the risk of sounding old fashioned," adds Dole, "Kappa Sigma also instills religious ideas that may be the only such influence on impressionable young men of the large state schools. In Kappa Sigma, our meals are blessed, our Chapter meetings are lead in prayer, and the ritual forces a man with any conscience to reflect on God and right and wrong almost daily. This influence, during the late teens and early twenties can be a major effect on a young man's life."

Brother Dole is frank to admit his debt to Kappa Sigma. In a broader sense, his life has been a long story of ordeals overcome, achievements made in the face of daunting adversity.

Learning From Adversity

Bob Dole knows what it's like to be down.

He's known economic depression, times when a youngster had to scramble selling the local newspaper or jerking soda at the corner drugstore just to get together enough money for an occasional movie ticket or toy.

Few people have been as far down as Bob Dole was on that horrible day in 1945, when he was literally blown away by mortar and machine gun fire, left paralyzed and presumed dead on an Italian battlefield.

And that was just the beginning of his trials. For 39 long months, he fought his way back to health, overcoming his physical ailments and pessimistic prognosis.

He's known what it's like to start over again from scratch, the former three-letter man returning to college minus the use of an arm, but with a strengthened determination to succeed.

The People Who Know Him Best

The people who know Bob Dole best are the people of Russell, Kansas.

Russell is, in many ways, a typical American small town. It reflects traditional mid-western values.

Founded in 1871 by settlers from Ripon, Wisconsin--birthplace of the Republican Party--Russell today is a closely-knit community of 8,000.

Bob Dole, born in Russell in 1923, the son of an egg and dairy station manager, was always seen as a bit special, however.

Young Bob Dole's initials are in the sidewalks--and he still gets home to visit his mother as often as possible--so he's a very real person to townsfolk.

"He was a tremendous defensive man", says Dole's old basketball coach, Harold Elliott. "He played his best basketball against the better teams."

Others recall Dole as bright, yet shy. "He had an uncanny memory for names," said one, "but he usually let others have the first and last word."

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Perhaps the best testimonial of how people in Russell felt about Bob Dole came when he returned from the war. After more than three years in Army hospitals, he walked out as a captain--and without the use of his right arm. His home town raised \$5,200 enabling him to travel to Chicago for an operation that partially rebuilt his arm.

Thirty years later, the new GOP vice-presidential nominee returned to Russell to face more of the same townsfolk: "You can come from small towns in America and you do not need wealth to succeed...If I have done anything, it was because of what you did for me."

Senator Robert Joseph Dole The Public Man

Senator Robert Joseph Dole, 55, senior Republican Senator from Kansas, ranking Republican on the Senate Finance Committee and member of the Judiciary and Agriculture Committees, has longer experience in the U.S. Congress than any of his competitors for the Republican 1980 Presidential nomination.

"Smart and daring," said one news writer in 1976, Dole "once out-maneuvered former liberal Senator J. William Fulbright on an antiwar amendment. 'Dole's stolen my cow,' grumped Fulbright. 'No,' Dole replied mildly, 'we've just milked it a little'."

In his 4 terms in the HOUse, Dole had fought for the farmers and opposed the massive Kennedy-Johnson social programs, but voted for the landmark civil rights bills. In the Senate he has voted for income tax cuts, for curbs on busing for school integration, for restoring the death penalty for certain crimes, and for a strong national defense.

Dole has voted against sharp cuts in military spending, against cutting back work on the Trident submarine, against scrapping antiballistic missile defenses, and against reducing U.S. troops in Europe.

In 1979 he co-authored a bill to balance the federal budget and a bill establishing catastrophic health care guarantees. Also in early 1979 he organized a series of meetings leading to a joint letter from 12 GOP Senators to the rest of the Senate indicating serious reservations about parts of the proposed SALT II treaty with the Soviets.

Looking At The World

"Much of the world perceives America to be in retreat from global responsibilities," Dole wrote on the New York Times OP-Ed page March 18, 1979. But criticisms of present policy must be tied to a broad, cohesive, positive alternative policy, supported by leaders in both parties, Dole says.

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This new bipartisanship "does not rattle a saber," Dole wrote, "but prefers to demonstrate American strength quietly, through forceful American leadership and a military defense second to none.

"The new bipartisanship rejects any self-imposed impotence" and must turn to "a cohesive foreign policy that solidifies every friendship and maximizes every advantage."

"America was not built by men and women with limited vision and small hope and low expectations," Dole said in accepting the Republican Vice Presidential nomination in Kansas City in 1976. "It was built by men and women with tomorrow on their minds -- it was built by believers, by those who could look across the broad sweep of a bounteous land of unbounded opportunity and see possibilities not had dreamed of.

"In their eyes the picture gleamed brightly, and upon their achievements we live today with more freedom, more dignity, more wealth and with more opportunity than any people before in history."

Bob Dole has tomorrow on his mind -- and the lessons of Kappa Sigma to point the way.

Brother Dole, the 1970 Kappa Sigma Man of the Year is running for President. And like his and our past - Don't count a good Kappa Sigma out.