



# The Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

YEAR IN REVIEW 2005



The **mission** of the bi-partisan  
**Dole Institute** is to encourage  
political and civic involvement,  
especially among young people.  
To **encourage** civil  
discussion on important issues.  
To emphasize that politics is an  
**honorable** profession. And  
to provide **opportunities** for  
all to interact with political  
leaders, practitioners and writers.



## A CALL TO ACTION

“THE MORAL CHALLENGES OF OUR TIME CAN SEEM LESS CLEAR; BUT THEY STILL DEMAND CONVICTION AND COURAGE AND CHARACTER. THEY STILL REQUIRE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WITH FAITH IN OUR PROCESS. THEY STILL DEMAND IDEALISTS CAPTURED BY THE HONOR AND ADVENTURE OF SERVICE. THEY STILL DEMAND CITIZENS WHO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY AND WHO DEFY CYNICISM, AFFIRMING THE AMERICAN FAITH AND RENEWING HER HOPE. THEY STILL DEMAND THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS TO FIND REAL UNITY IN THE PUBLIC GOOD...”

**SENATOR ROBERT J. DOLE**

From remarks when accepting the Presidential Medal of Freedom



Former Reagan campaign colleagues Bill Lacy, Ed Rollins, Frank Donatelli and Richard Wirthlin

## From the Director

When Bob Dole and Bob Hemenway asked me to take this job, I was honored. I had just attended President Reagan's funeral in 2004 and had come to the realization that I needed to find a way to share with young people and others how important it is to get involved — not just in national politics, but in their communities and civic organizations.

There's no better place to do that than at the Dole Institute of Politics.

Over the last year we sponsored over 40 events with nationally known political leaders, political practitioners and authors. Our subject matter ranged from presidential politics to political humor to political culture to international politics. A huge emphasis was placed on getting more students involved in our programs. We sponsored Civic Literacy Week to encourage KU students to get involved and we organized and announced our Dole Scholars program. We created a Student Advisory Group and started our Pizza and Politics lunch series.

Our original signature programs—the Dole Leadership Prize, the Presidential Lecture Series and the Dole Lecture—were big hits. And we named our first Dole Institute Fellows this past Spring Semester.

We appeared on national TV and radio and in the *USA Today* and had extensive coverage in Kansas.

Our Archive opened Senator Dole's House of Representatives papers for research and began our White Glove Tour that gives the public an opportunity to visit non-public areas. We added hundreds of pictures to our Darby Gallery Memory Wall Project that honors the sacrifices of Kansans who served in WWII. And thousands have visited our exhibit hall.

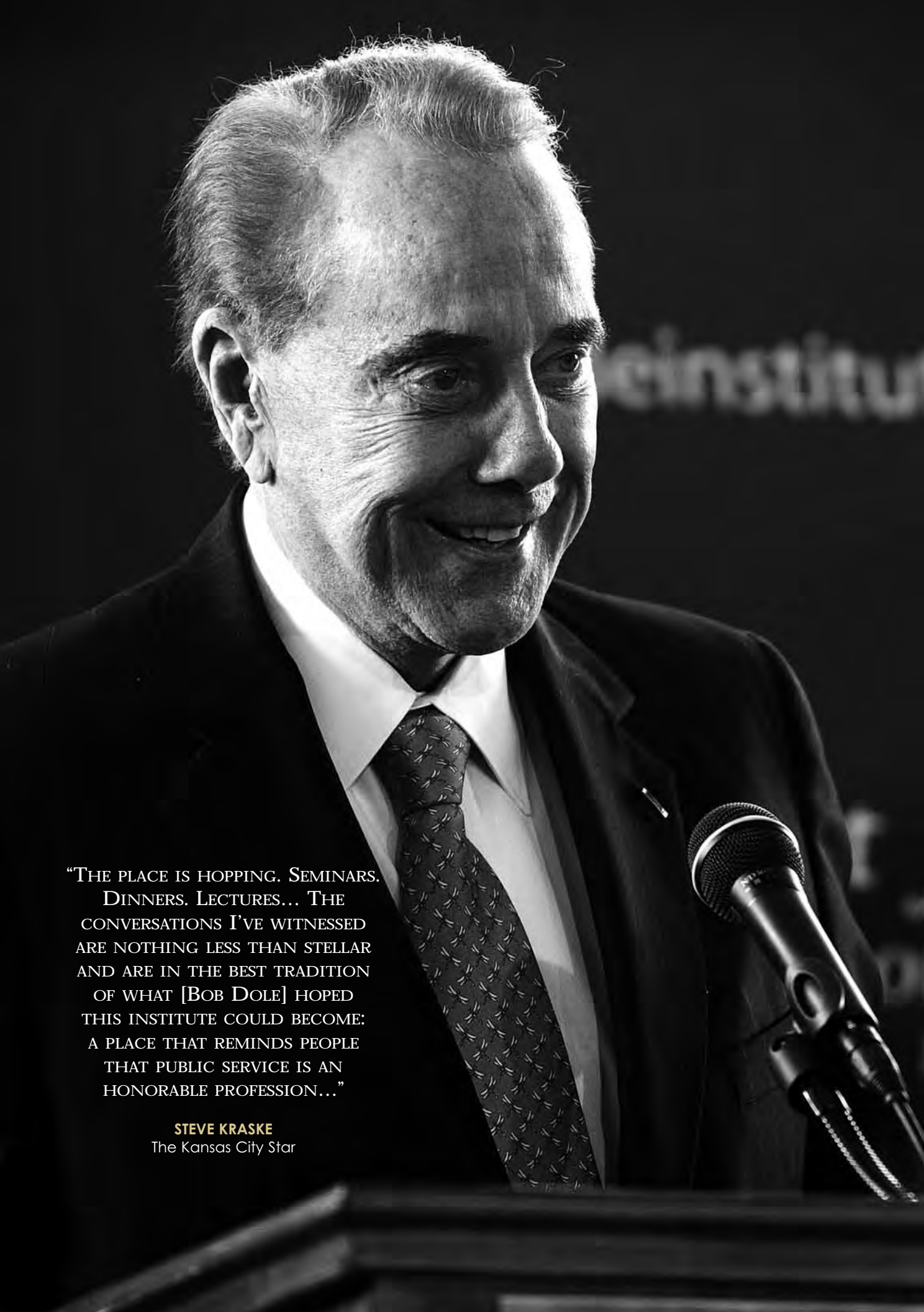
Still, the Dole Institute is only two years old and this is just the beginning. Our goal is to be nothing short of a world class center for political debate and discussion. To become a place where international and American political leaders want to come to discuss ideas and events.

We received a number of significant private gifts this past year for which we are extremely appreciative. However, until we complete our Endowment we cannot rest. Any assistance you can provide will be most helpful.

With your support and a lot more hard work I know we can achieve our mission.

**WILLIAM B. LACY**

Director, The Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics

A black and white photograph of Steve Kraske, an older man with receding hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and patterned tie. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the right. A microphone is positioned in front of him on the right side of the frame. The background is dark with some blurred text, including the word "Institute" visible on the right.

“THE PLACE IS HOPPING. SEMINARS.  
DINNERS. LECTURES... THE  
CONVERSATIONS I’VE WITNESSED  
ARE NOTHING LESS THAN STELLAR  
AND ARE IN THE BEST TRADITION  
OF WHAT [BOB DOLE] HOPED  
THIS INSTITUTE COULD BECOME:  
A PLACE THAT REMINDS PEOPLE  
THAT PUBLIC SERVICE IS AN  
HONORABLE PROFESSION...”

**STEVE KRASKE**  
The Kansas City Star



The Inaugural Dole Lecture, May 2004: Bob Dole and guest lecturer Bill Clinton packed Allen Fieldhouse



Dole Lecture, May 2005: Bob Dole delivered his first formal speech inside the Dole Institute. An overflow audience was accommodated in the Simons Media Center and in two tents with closed circuit TVs

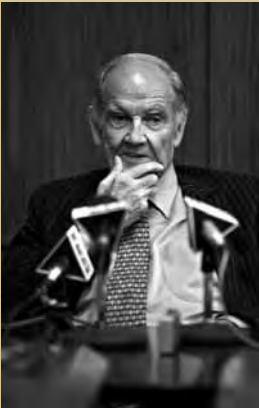
## The Dole Lecture

Each spring, on or about the date of Senator Dole's wounding in Italy, a prominent figure delivers The Dole Lecture. Former President Bill Clinton delivered the first in May, 2004.

Fittingly, Senator Dole delivered this year's lecture, *One Soldier's Story*, that focused on his WWII service and recovery from devastating wounds. It was Senator Dole's first lecture inside the Dole Institute.



Former Senator George McGovern (D-ND) received the award, delivered a lecture at the Lied Center and met with students at the Institute.



## The Dole Leadership Prize

Each fall, the Dole Institute of Politics honors an individual or organization whose leadership has served to inspire others by demonstrating that the phrase “virtuous politician” is no oxymoron.

This year’s winner was Senator George McGovern, who enjoyed a long and successful career in the Senate and joined Bob Dole to sponsor key legislation to battle hunger and assist the nation’s farmers.



2005 Presidential Lecture Series, The Reagan Presidency: Featured a panel of President Reagan's advancement



Former U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union  
Jack Matlock



A panel of key Reagan campaign strategists



Reagan biographer  
Lou Cannon

## The Presidential Lecture Series

Each year the Dole Institute hosts an array of experts uniquely qualified to explore and explain the nation's highest office and its various inhabitants. This year's topic, The Reagan Presidency, consisted of five February programs—including the Dole Institute's first at the Edwards Campus in Overland Park. The series included definitive Reagan biographer Lou Cannon, author of five volumes on Reagan, and former Ambassador to the Soviet Union Jack Matlock.

Former members of the Reagan White House advance team — Jim Hooley, Andrew Littlefair and Gary Foster — appeared in Stagecraft Stories, a program that appeared on C-SPAN. And noted political strategist Ed Rollins and pollster Dick Wirthlin joined with former White House Political Director Frank Donatelli to discuss Reagan's campaigns.



Panelists for "Women in Politics and the Media" moderated by ABC's Kate Snow

## Dole Forum

The Dole Institute presented a staggering number and variety of programs.

In the fall, we featured a number of programs — including an evening with *New York Times* columnist David Brooks — designed to increase knowledge and awareness of the presidential and national campaigns. A political humor series featuring the comedy act Capitol Steps, a program on Kansas political humor and political cartoonists brought some levity at a key time, just after the elections. And a post-election series analyzed the results.

During the spring semester, Kate Snow of ABC's *Good Morning America* appeared with an all-star panel to discuss Women in Politics and the Media. *West Wing* producer Eli Attie talked about TV's most popular political drama. Former New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman spoke about fissures in the Republican Party. Prominent Democratic strategist Donna Brazile spoke about the importance of student political involvement. Newt Gingrich advisor Joe Gaylord recalled the 1994 Republican takeover. And former President of Ecuador Rodrigo Borjas lectured on South American politics.

And those were just a few highlights!



Hansen Hall transforms into a lecture hall throughout the year

## Robert J. Dole Public Service Scholarship

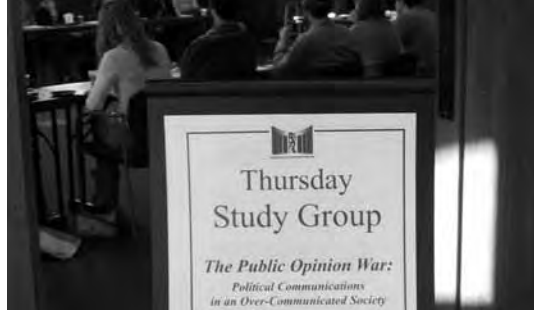
A congressional appropriation funded the Dole Scholars program, which eventually will provide grants to 160 Kansas high school seniors each year. The grants, distributed equally among Kansas' four congressional districts, are awarded on the basis of grade point and civic participation in their communities.



Dole Scholars 2005



Media guru James Farwell addresses study group



Study Group in session

## Dole Fellows

Each semester the Dole Institute names political practitioners as Fellows. The Fellows teach study groups — non-credit courses on politics primarily for students but open to the public — keep office hours, conduct a special project and participate in all the activities of the Institute.

Our first two Fellows were national Democratic communications strategist Steven Jacques and Republican Adam Taff, who twice ran in Kansas' Third Congressional District, one of the most highly targeted congressional races in the country.

This past spring we also welcomed our first Visiting Fellow, Ed Rollins, who participated in seven events on campus and in Lawrence.



Reagan campaign operative Ed Rollins, Institute Visiting Fellow, joins students at Pizza & Politics

## Dole Archive

Senator Dole agreed to open his House of Representatives documents to the public this spring, years earlier than planned. We named a five-member Archival Advisory Board. Our archivists began the White Glove Tour, an opportunity for individuals to visit the actual stacks to see documents and artifacts from Senator Dole's long and distinguished career. Our archive also features a structured volunteer program that affords individuals an opportunity to learn archival skills; last year, the program provided 800 hours of skilled collection processing. And the Oral History program has conducted and catalogued interviews with Kansans who played key roles in Senator Dole's activities.



Selected Dole Papers are now available for research by students and the public

Mike Yoder  
Lawrence Journal-World



The monthly White Glove Tours of the Archive are well received



Dole Institute interns and the Senator



New York Times columnist David Brooks with media students



Pizza and Politics



Youth Engagement Summit brain-storming session



Democrat strategist Donna Brazile visits with students



Journalism students teleconference in the high-tech Simons Family Media Center

## Focus on Students

The Dole Institute placed a major emphasis on getting students more involved in our activities. We coordinated the University of Kansas' Civic Literacy Week in September and represented the University in the National Campaign for Political and Civic Engagement at the Institute of Politics at Harvard University.

Our Pizza and Politics program brought leading experts — and free pizza — to the students at the union. We also named our first Student Interns and organized a Student Advisory Group.

Finally, the Dole Fellows program greatly increased involvement of students at the Institute.



Dole Institute of Politics at dusk

For more information about the Dole Institute and how you might financially support the Institute and its programs, contact:

**WILLIAM B. LACY**, Director

The Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics  
The University of Kansas  
2350 Petefish Drive  
Lawrence, Kansas 66045  
Phone: 785-864-4900  
Fax: 785-864-1414  
e-mail: wbl@ku.edu

[www.doleinstitute.org](http://www.doleinstitute.org)

**PHOTOGRAPHERS** Alison Carter, Earl Richardson  
**DESIGNER** Doug Barth

**Front Cover Faces at the Dole Institute:**

**Row One:** Dole Institute Senior Fellow Steven Jacques; ABC Good Morning America anchor Kate Snow; Two Bobs — Hemenway and Dole; Former President of Ecuador Rodrigo Borja; Former N.J. Governor and EPA Administrator Christine Todd Whitman.

**Row Two:** Former Congresswoman Jan Meyers; Bob Dole; Democratic strategist Donna Brazile; Reagan advancement Jim Hooley; Reagan pollster Richard Wirthlin.

**Row Three:** Former Senator Gary Hart; 2004 Dole Leadership Prize Winner Senator George McGovern; Producer/writer of *West Wing* Eli Attie.



Institute exhibits and videos touch the emotions of most visitors who view the Darby Gallery's WWII Kansas Veterans Memory Wall and Russell Window; Hansen Hall's stained glass American Flag, the World Trade Center beams, and Bob Dole's uniform. Plus the historical videos and unique display cases capture Kansas, U.S. and international history during the Senator's life and political career.

**VISITORS HALL HOURS ARE:**  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Saturday  
Noon - 5 p.m. on Sunday

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**Row Four:** Cover of *One Soldier's Story* by Bob Dole; President Bill Clinton; Reagan advancement Gary Foster; Heritage Foundation Vice President Becky Norton Dunlop.

**Row Five:** KU Student John Tran; Former Congressman Bill Roy; NPR correspondent Juan Williams; Program panelist Harvard student Lia Larson interviewed by Kansan reporter Jason Shaad.

**Back Cover:**

**Row One:** Touring Cub Scout Pack; Political cartoonists Bill DeOre and Lee Judge impressions of one another; Pizza & Politics speaker and former Dole advancement John Bush; Youth Engagement Summit participants.

**Row Two:** Former Reagan advancement Andrew Littlefair; U.S. Marine; Col. Kevin Benson, Fort Leavenworth; the late Dole Institute oral historian Lahoma Dennis Yates; Baseball statistician and author Bill James.

**Row Three:** KCMO Mayor Kay Barnes; Kansas City Star columnist Steve Krasko; Former U.S. Ambassador to Senegal Harriet Elam-Thomas; Reagan biographer Lou Cannon.

**Row Four:** Author Antonia Felix; Newt Gingrich advisor Joe Gaylord; KPR's Laura Lorson.

**Bottom Row:** WWII Veteran Scottie Lingelbach; KU Chancellor Bob Hemenway, Former Presidential candidate opponents Bill Clinton, Bob Dole; Senator Elizabeth Dole assistant Janet Anderson Bradbury; KU Alumnus Andy Marso.



Robert J. Dole  
Institute of Politics  
UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS



[www.doleinstitute.org](http://www.doleinstitute.org)

