

## Dole tells party to change

# Republicans tainted by 'fat cat' image

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The Republican party will have to make some changes to become a contender for congressional and local elections this year, Senator Robert Dole, (R-Kansas), told Lane County Republican Party members Saturday.

Those changes may include a complete image revamping to attract more minority members and others who have traditionally looked at the party as a "bunch of nay sayers."

Speaking at a fund raising luncheon for the county party and Fourth Congressional District challenger Jerry Lausmann, Dole said the Republican Party has been tainted by a false "fat cat" image that has hurt it in several local and national elections.

"A lot of people just see us as a little band of nay sayers saying 'no' all the way down the line on very important issues," Dole said. "But if we're going to be a majority party we'll have to attract young people and black Americans and hispanic Americans and many others who haven't agreed with us in the past."

Dole said the "fat cat" image of the Republican Party was a false

description created by the Democratic Party to hurt the Republicans. Most of the big business and big labor money from the last presidential election went to the Democratic Party, not the Republicans, he said.

"We have a good philosophy. We have always been the ones who said to cut taxes. We also believe in strong defense spending, but for one reason: peace."

Dole said if the GOP can make gains on the local level in elections this year it could begin a nationwide "grass roots" movement that could eventually make Republicans a majority party. Party members should also work to get the votes of those people who wouldn't otherwise vote because of their dissatisfaction with the political system, he said.

Calling the Oregon GOP ticket for 1978 one of the "strongest" he had seen in any state in recent years, Dole said Oregon could be the leader in rebuilding the Republican Party because of its traditionally independent political nature.

Answering questions from the audience of about 100 Republican Party members, Dole criticized Pres. Jimmy Carter's stand on detente with Russia and the adminis-

tration's entire foreign policy platform.

"We need to take a tough stand with the Soviet Union but we also want to have a new SALT (Strategic Arms Limitation Talks) agreement," Dole said. "We want it to be a negotiation though. How can it be a negotiation when you throw in all your chips?"

Dole called Carter's decisions not to build the controversial B-1 bomber and to delay development of the neutron bomb bad ones because the United States has given up too many weapons in the interest of negotiations.

The recent victory of a tax limitation measure in California has "shaken up" Washington, D.C., Dole said. The message that people don't want anymore taxes on their money has reached the national level and could affect new legislation.

At a news conference following his speech, Dole said he wouldn't rule out the possibility of receiving the GOP nomination for the presidency in 1980.

"I'm not a candidate, but I'd be less than candid if I didn't say that we were traveling a lot around the country and speaking to people about that," Dole said. "But right now I'm not close to anything."

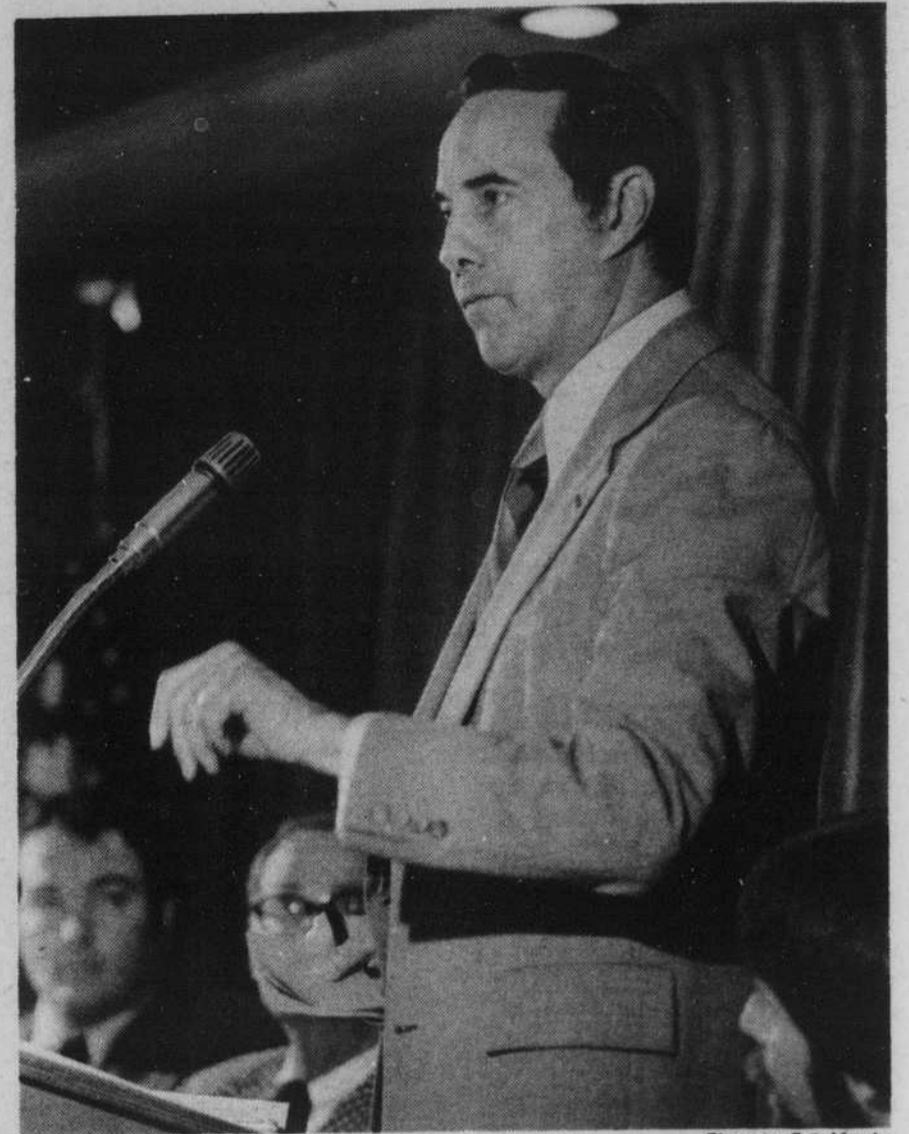


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Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kansas, says the Republican Party has been tainted by a false "Fat cat" image that has hurt during elections.

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## OSPIRG hits food stamps

Some proposed rules governing the federal food stamp program are unrealistic in addressing the problems of lower income students, the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG) has told the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Under the proposed regulations, students could not count books and certain other school supplies as mandatory school fees for purposes of determining food stamp eligibility. They would also be required to work at least 20 hours a week at jobs paying the current minimum wage, or have jobs paying the equivalent of that amount. Students who could qualify as a tax exemption for a parent or guardian will be barred from obtaining food stamps.

"To argue that books and supplies are not mandatory expenses of going to school represents a wholly unrealistic view of the modern educational

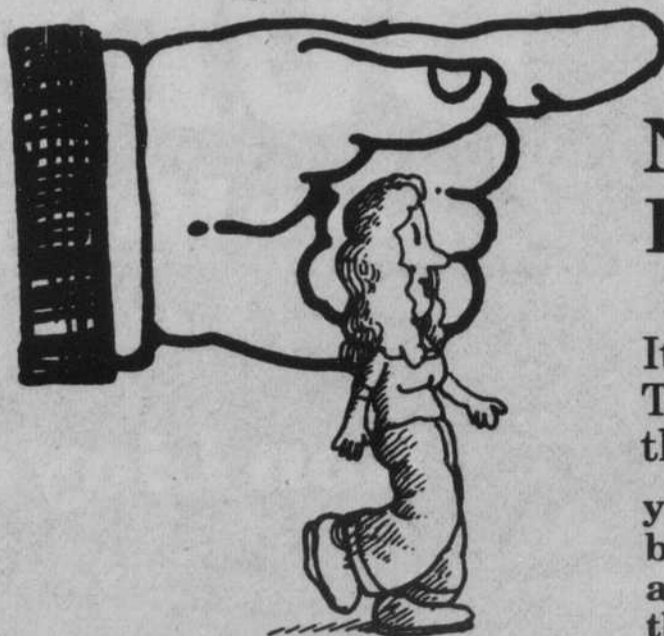
system," said Bill Van Dyke, OSPIRG Executive Director.

OSPIRG has suggested that income spent by students on books and supplies should not be counted as available income for purposes of determining food stamp eligibility.

According to Van Dyke, OSPIRG also opposes the work requirement as proposed because it fails to include provisions which realistically reflect varying academic and personal situations of low income students. "For example, a student who is a single parent with children at home between the ages of 12 and 18 would be required to work," Van Dyke said.

Adding work to the requirements of caring for a family and pursuing a full time course of study could easily affect a student's academic career adversely."

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