

A conservative stand

Dole's strength lies in his record, supporters say

By LAURA SUMNER
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Coming into today's Minnesota and South Dakota presidential contests, Republican candidate Sen. Bob Dole is focusing his campaign on his 19 years as a U.S. Senate Republican leader.

"Bob Dole is running on a record," said his daughter Robin. "He has one; George Bush doesn't."

Although Dole finished second in the New Hampshire primaries after a decisive win over Bush in Iowa, his supporters claim both as victories.

"We are very excited about what happened in New Hampshire," said Robin Dole. "We were 20 points down on Feb. 8; by Feb. 16, we had narrowed the margin to 9 points. That's a lot of progress in eight days."

Dole is viewed as a moderately conservative Republican who has voted with the conservative right on such issues as gun control and abortion, while also advocating programs like farm subsidies and food stamps for the disadvantaged.

On defense issues, Dole supports both the research and deployment of the Strategic Defense Initiative. He also endorses the Intermediate-range Nuclear Force (INF) treaty, although he was originally hesitant about it.

Critics charge that Dole's hesita-

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tion amounted to "playing politics," but Clark Reid, Dole's Southern regional press secretary, said, "Bob Dole is not going to blindly accept something that he can't be sure about. That's just smart."

On other foreign policy issues, Dole advocates aid to the Contras, and although he supports the Arias Peace Plan, he said he believes it "inadequately addresses U.S. policy concerns." He is a consistent supporter of the Reagan administration's reflagging of Kuwaiti oil tankers in the Persian Gulf while also urging that the financial burden of patrolling the area be shared by other allies.

On domestic matters, Dole has called the federal deficit "the biggest single threat." He has said that the way to reduce the national debt is not by raising personal or corporate income taxes, but by an across-the-board freeze.

"Bob Dole has said that he would definitely veto any rise in personal income tax," Reid said. "He favors a budget freeze for every federal program — including defense — except those that affect the most vulnerable groups in society, such as

social security."

Dole is running on a record of experience, but it is that record, along with old stories about Dole being a "hatchet-man," that has caused some commentators to speculate on the rumored "dark side" of his nature. Dole's recent "quit lying about my record" remark to Bush brought these charges to the surface.

But most leaders get criticism like this, said Robin Dole. "Bob Dole has been the Republican leader for a long time," she said. "He's taken the heat on a lot of occasions; that's what leadership is all about."

Dole should make a strong showing in today's Minnesota caucuses, said political consultant Charles Black. "The moderates are lined up behind Dole — Bush is not a player here."

There are five more contests before Super Tuesday on March 8. The most important of these are South Carolina, where on Monday Republican Sen. Strom Thurmond endorsed Dole, and Wyoming, the first Western caucus, where Dole's support is strong, according to Reid.

The Dole campaign will not call any of these states must-win situations. "Of course we want to win all of them, but we're not going to tell



Robert Dole

(Bush's campaign manager Lee) Atwater where we are going to concentrate. He'll have to find out for himself," Reid said.

The next five contests set the stage for a Super Tuesday showdown, and if negative television advertising comes south with the candidates, it could turn into, as commentator John Chancellor said, "a 'so's your old man' campaign."

Dole's Southern campaign has already started with his speech in Charlotte last week about Bush's New Hampshire ads, which Dole said were untrue. North Carolina is important for the campaign because it is the home state of Dole's wife Elizabeth, Reid said.

Swaggart to face church elders for involvement in sex scandal

From Associated Press reports

ALEXANDRIA, La. — Television evangelist Jimmy Swaggart was summoned to appear before elders of the Assemblies of God on Monday, one day after he delivered a tearful confession of sin and stepped down from the pulpit.

An overflow crowd packed his 7,500-seat family worship center after reports that church officials had been given photographs purporting to show Swaggart and a known prostitute going into and out of a motel room.

The Washington Post reported Monday, quoting a source who spoke to a Jimmy Swaggart World Ministries board member, that Swaggart said he did not engage in sexual intercourse with the woman, but "paid her to perform pornographic acts."

The evangelist had confessed to a fascination with pornography stemming from his boyhood, the source said.

Forest Hall, secretary-treasurer of the Assemblies' Louisiana District, told Swaggart's congregation: "In the opinion of the officers of the Louisiana District, he has shown true humility and repentance and has not tried to blame anyone else for his failure." Ministry officials refused to comment on the future of Swaggart's television program.

Captors release tape of hostage

BEIRUT, Lebanon — The kidnappers of a U.S. Marine officer released a videotape Monday in which he recited their demands, including withdrawal by Israel from its border "security zone" in south Lebanon.

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Lt. Col. William Higgins, who appeared to be reading from a text written by his captors, said President Reagan "has to take responsibility for the crimes he has committed against the oppressed people in the region."

Higgins was abducted last Wednesday on a highway south of Tyre, the ancient port 50 miles south of Beirut.

A group calling itself the Organization of the Oppressed on Earth, which claimed responsibility for the abduction, released the 70-second tape.

Higgins is commander of the 76-man Observer Group-Lebanon attached to the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon, or UNIFIL, the south Lebanon peacekeeping force.

Mudslides endanger homes

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — A deadly mix of rock and mud threatened hillside homes during a fourth day of violent rains Monday which have killed at least 75 people in the Rio area.

Civil defense officials warned that huge boulders and rain-loosened earth on many hillsides presented an extreme risk of new avalanches, particularly in the crowded shantytown slums that line the hills.

In the working-class north Rio district of Abolicao, rescue workers used sledgehammers and spikes to break up concrete slabs of a three-story apartment building that collapsed under a mudslide Sunday night, killing at least nine residents.

A plea for peace in the Middle East

By AMY WINSLOW
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The real victims of the raging Middle East conflicts are the Palestinian people, and the United States plays a very important role in that struggle for peace, a member of the Palestinian Parliament in exile said Monday night in an International Festival speech.

"Without U.S. weapons, Israel could not continue Palestinian occupation," said Hatem I. Hussaini in his speech on "The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Working for Peace."

Hussaini, a professor at Shaw University, said he recommends immediate solutions to the troubled region beginning with the removal of Israeli troops from the Gaza Strip and United Nations supervision of free elections for the Palestinians.

"You cannot have oppression and peace; you cannot have occupation and peace," he said. "Peace means people should be free and should not be persecuted."

A long-term goal would be to create a situation in which the Israeli and Palestinian people could live

together equally in "the birthplace of three religions that stress the same theme — peace and justice," Hussaini said.

Wars in the Middle East stem from a combination of reasons, he said, including economic and spiritual differences, power struggles and the corruption of power.

"It's difficult to speak of peace in a time of war and conflict," he said.

Instead of shipping weapons to every area in conflict, the United States should use economic and diplomatic pressures to force change in troubled regions in the world, Hussaini said.

The Reagan administration has neglected the Middle East issue and is pushing continued conflict, he said. "He (Reagan) should've done something in his first term," he said. "Now it's too late."

Although this is a very ugly aspect of American foreign policy, he has faith in the U.S. government, Hussaini said.

The real issue is the insecurity of the Palestinian people, and that security cannot be obtained through

the military, he said. The genocide of Palestinians, which can be compared to the Jews in Nazi Germany, must end before talks of peace in the Middle East can begin, he said.

"Children are hurt most in war," he said. "Then they become hardened,

and I wonder if they will fight for war or peace. I think they will fight for peace if they are given the chance."

The speech was the first event in the week-long 10th annual festival sponsored by the Association of International Students.

Speaker says Americans need moral clarity

By JACKIE DOUGLAS
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Amidst the moral ambiguity in today's society, Americans are searching for a redefinition of morality in their lives, Rev. Peter John Gomes said in a speech Monday night.

Gomes, a professor of Christian morals and minister of the Memorial Church at Harvard University, lectured on "The Pursuit of Civic Virtue."

The lecture was the 1987-88 Weil Lecture on American Citizenship, sponsored by Chancellor Christopher Fordham and the Established Lectures Committee.

"There has been a re-consideration of our approach in the pursuit of civic virtue," he said. "There is a tremendous hunger after righteousness and

young people have a desire to return to moral clarity."

"We have reached the point in our society where nothing is sacred and everything is subject to review."

Americans are looking for a renewal of their sense of morality, Gomes said.

"We want standards so as to define what is right and good, who we should trust and how to decide who to trust," he said.

Americans have become more interested in the ethical standards that govern behavior, he said.

"Everyone is in the business of talking about ethics," he said. "Either we are a very ethical or an awfully unethical society."

"There is an enormous concern about how we treat each other both in private and public relationships."

We are all very aware."

America is experiencing a profound crisis because moral standards are vague and ideas about appropriate values are ambiguous, Gomes said.

"As American citizens, we find it increasingly impossible to trust our neighbor, ourselves, our government and our society," he said. "We stand between an age that has died and an age that has not yet been born."

Gomes said Americans must continue to search for civic virtue, or integrity in social relationships.

"The pursuit of civic virtue is unfinished business," he said. "We cannot look into the past for a role model to follow because it has never been achieved."

"The place for it to be pursued is the present, and the place to find it

is the future. History is not the solution."

"The pursuit of virtue is easy to say; however, we must remind ourselves of the complexity of the issue. There is no solution to be recovered from the past."

Gomes said it is urgent that Americans continue to search for civic virtues and for moral standards to govern their lives.

"We have to ask the question: Will we suffer internal decay rather than destruction from external factors?" he said.

"The best days of the republic are always in the future, and our ideal goals are yet to be achieved in the American experience."

"The pursuit of civic virtue is the only enterprise worth holding onto of all the things we cling to."

Automobile accident results in power failure

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In an alcohol-related accident, a car traveling on Franklin Street toward Durham caused a power

outage for nearly 500 Chapel Hill residents Saturday, said Phil Ray, supervisor for Duke Power Operations.

Johnny Ray Saunders, 20, of

Southern Pines, was driving his 1982 Nissan on Franklin Street when he failed to negotiate the curve just beyond the intersection with Boundary Street, police said.

The car traveled across four lanes and jumped the curb. After heading down a 4-foot embankment, the car crashed into a large tree around 1 a.m. The tree was uprooted and fell on power lines, causing the seven-hour power outage.

"The tree caused one of our lines to break and shorted out the others," Ray said.

Many Battle Park and Glendale area residents were without power until 7:49 a.m. Saturday, Ray said. "It is unusual for an accident to cause such a long power outage, but because of the size and situation, the

tree was difficult to remove safely," he said.

Saunders and his two passengers, Edgar Vaughn, 19, of Raleigh, and Brent Eischen, 21, of Sanford, were immediately taken to North Carolina Memorial Hospital for treatment, according to police reports. None of the three was wearing a seatbelt.

Saunders was cited for driving left of center and driving while impaired, police said.

For the Record

In Monday's paper, April 4 was incorrectly listed as a student holiday for Easter Monday. The actual holiday is on Good Friday, April 1. The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

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