

Where, oh where, has my Liddy Dole gone?

Marginalized candidate can still beat George W. Bush if she capitalizes on her talents



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Elizabeth Dole is now the Republican's equivalent party favor and has been dismissed as such. Thanks to George Bush's relentless fundraising and constant media hype, Dole's poll numbers have dropped from 15 to 7 percent. She has consistently beaten Al Gore in partisan polls, but in the GOP straw polls, she cannot seem to get past the pollster that is Bush. Her pursuit of the nomination is now dependent on the hope that Bush will make a misstep. That most Republicans think of her as the obvious No. 2 in a Bush-Dole ticket severely diminished the role she wants to play. Poor Liddy Dole. Has she gotten pushed aside or what? Moldy bread gets more attention than this woman does. Like many professional women, Dole has been confronted with the secret maximum of gender politics — a qualified woman can win the nomination, but only if there is not a man available to fill the post. She is quickly learning that being the most accepted female candidate does not mean being the victorious candidate. Breeding has trained her to grin and endure this hard truth, Southern belle-style. However, if she continues to act in a reserved way, she'll be grinning and bearing it all the way back to the Wampanoag Apartments. Her only chance now is to get out there and show a thing or two to prove gender should not be the only calling card of her candidacy. There are three main factors in the race for the nomination — money, temperament

and experience. Dole needs to reaffirm her positions on these three things in order to weaken Bush's stranglehold on the lead.

• **Money:** It is the necessary evil of every candidate. Dole has raised about \$3.6 million, not a bad figure. However, Bush has at least \$37 million bankrolled.

In order to use her obvious monetary disadvantage against Bush, she could campaign against "buying" the presidency.

Americans, though thoroughly jaded when it comes to money in politics, would resent the thought that Bush, who has over 10 times what the other Republican candidates have, deserves the presidency.

And the public should resent this.

"Moldy bread gets more attention than this woman does."

Bush may be the poster boy for big money, but he certainly isn't the image of strong leadership. Dole can remind them of this.

• **Temperament:** Dole needs to drop the "preparedness is second to godliness" act.

Spontaneity may not be her strongest point, but by allowing the robotic image she has gained to take hold, she's harming her candidacy.

Being thoughtful does not have to get in the way of Dole's image.

People want prepared presidents but not timid ones.

Unfortunately for Dole, the need for intense preparation can be misconstrued as the inability to make important decisions.

If she can shake the automaton image, then she definitely is on her way to showcasing her experience.

• **Experience:** This is Dole's true ace — she is more qualified than Bush and Sen. John McCain.

After serving as president to the Red Cross and holding two cabinet posts, her record tops both McCain and Bush in public service.

As Red Cross president, she had to make informed decisions at a fairly quick pace. Bush's governorship can hardly boast the same experience. Texas governors are typically weak.

She desperately needs to show she is the most qualified for the nomination.

Those veiled barbs of hers will not do the trick.

They will only remind voters of the "Little Miss Perfect" moniker that *New York Times* columnist Maureen Dowd has already saddled Dole with.

Liddy Dole has the chance to win the Republican nomination for president, if she has the good sense to use her advantages.

If Dole sticks to the issues and reinforces the notion that the other Republicans running do not have a strong issue to stand on, she has a good chance to make a jump in the polls.

For the Republicans who haven't caught Bush fever, she might be exactly what the ticket calls for.

For those who already have bought into Bush lock, stock and barrel, Dole is patient.

She will be waiting and ready for when he stumbles.

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Wealthy nations must consider welfare of less affluent countries

EAST LANSING, Mich. (UPI) — According to a recent report by the United Nations Development Program, the increasing globalization of world economies is widening the economic disparity between the world's most developed and least developed nations. The report warns the increasing

And if it is true that unchecked globalization will plunge the world's underdeveloped nations further into poverty and plight, then is the United States or any other globally successful nation obligated to assist the unsuccessful nations or limit their own success to limit the damage it inflicts?

doubtedly, needed when dealing with free-market economics.

We learned that lesson relatively early in our history as a nation.

We have been attempting ever since to strike a balance between unchecked competition and concern for the welfare of the economically

More fees should be optional

With fall registration looming, I have been flipping through the fall registration schedule, and noticed it lists 17 separate fees — Seventeen. Some of these fees are necessary. But others are just plain



MARC GRETHER

The fee arrived a few years back when a group of students decided their cable bills were too high and wanted help from everybody else in paying for them. Somehow, they convinced enough other people to go along with their coercive plan, and now, all on-campus students are stuck with their legacy.

The health center and Rec Center fees are two more fees forced on students. However,

facilities and an amazing rock wall.

But why should a disabled person be forced to pay \$50 a semester for it? They may not be able to benefit from it.

For that matter, why should a lazy person be forced to pay a Rec Center fee? They will definitely not benefit from a Rec Center they choose not to use.

The career center fee is an example of a good fee. For starters, the fee is optional. The career center stays in business because people want it, people need it and those people are willing to pay for it.

Even some mandatory fees are good fees. The computer access and library fees help provide services all Aggies need.

Most other good fees (lab, physical activity and distance education) are only assessed to students taking specific courses. These fees are needed because more classes cost more than others. It makes sense that those taking the classes pay for them.

Attendance at a university is required. Nonetheless, stupid, coercive, collectivist fees should not be placed on students once they get here.

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Scott McCrosky
Class of '98

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