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Reagan Biographer Cannon to Deliver Inaugural Dole Institute Edwards Campus Lecture

Lou Cannon, President Ronald Reagan's definitive biographer, will deliver the Dole Institute of Politics inaugural Edwards Campus Lecture titled: "President Reagan: The Role of a Lifetime." Cannon will appear in Regnier Hall auditorium on the KU Edwards Campus at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2. The event is free and open to the public but reservations are required; call (913) 897-8400. The campus is located at 12600 Quivira Road, Overland Park.

"Lou Cannon is an ideal person to feature at our first event at the University of Kansas Edwards Campus" said Bill Lacy, director of the Dole Institute. "He covered Ronald Reagan from his first gubernatorial campaign in 1966 through his presidency, and has written five books about him. This is a major event for us and we are excited to have the opportunity to hold it at Edwards."

"We're delighted the Dole Institute is establishing a presence at our campus," said Bob Clark, vice chancellor for the KU Edwards Campus. "Bringing the intellectual and cultural strengths of this great university to the citizens of the greater Kansas City region is central to the mission of this campus. Programming from the Dole Institute allows us to further enrich the academic experiences of our students and the intellectual interests of our community."

Cannon worked for *The Washington Post* for more than a quarter of a century starting in 1972. During this time he won many awards including the Merriam Smith award for excellence in presidential news coverage and the first Gerald R. Ford Prize for distinguished reporting on the Nixon, Ford and Reagan presidencies.

As for Cannon's Reagan biographies, reviewers have called the acclaimed biography, *President Reagan*, "indispensable," George F. Will has said that Cannon was "Reagan's best biographer" and *US News and World Report* called *Governor Reagan: His Rise to Power* "essential reading for anyone who wants to understand Ronald Reagan."

Cannon will sign books immediately after the lecture.

Cannon's lecture at the Edwards Campus coincides with the Dole Institute's signature program, the Presidential Lecture Series 2005 to take place in Lawrence. Previously a November event, the series will now take place in February, nationally known as Presidents' Month. The series involves

the nation's leading presidential scholars, historians and journalists, as well as others including former presidents, cabinet officers, White House staff members and campaign practitioners who will discuss the nation's highest office. For further details on the Lecture Series, see the Dole Institute's Web site, www.doleinstitute.com.

The Dole Institute, established at KU in 1997 to honor the former Kansas senator and presidential nominee, is designed to foster new thinking on major policy issues and encourage student participation and citizen involvement in public service.

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