



Preparing for fall

staff photo by John Ryan

Mandy Holecek, Barker and Dorothy hand out the fall '82 class schedule to students passing Heaton Hall.

Facing tough Senate battle

Bentsen called 'liberal'

United Press International
AUSTIN — Sen. Lloyd Bentsen's Democratic opponent in the May 1 primary, and his three potential GOP challengers all share one sentiment — they all think Bentsen is too liberal.

Bentsen, 61, is seeking reelection to a third term in the U.S. Senate, an office he gained in 1970 by using the same label against then Sen. Ralph Yarborough.

This time, Bentsen is feeling the "liberal" criticism. His only challenger in the Democratic primary is Joe Sullivan, a college professor from San Antonio who has lost four previous campaigns for Congress. Sullivan is a longshot at best, and generally is considered a token candidate against Bentsen's well-financed campaign.

The GOP, however, is another matter. Three Republicans, all conservatives, are competing for the right to challenge Bentsen in November and all are using the same campaign strategy — to paint Bentsen as a liberal senator in the mold of George McGovern or Ted Kennedy.

The three are State Sen. Walter Mengden of Houston, Rep. Jim Collins of Dallas, and businessman Don Richardson of Houston.

Collins and Mengden, both popular in their home cities, are considered the Republican front-runners.

Collins has ignored the other GOP candidates, campaigning against Bentsen as if he already was assured of his party's nomination. He has called Bentsen the most liberal senator in the Sunbelt.

"Texans are too smart for that," Bentsen says. "I don't think they're going to buy that line of garbage."

Mengden has joined the chorus of criticism of Bentsen, but also has pointed out differences in style between him and Collins. He concedes there is little philosophical difference, but notes Collins has not passed a piece of legislation during his 16 years in Congress.

Mengden said during his 10 years in the Texas Legislature, he was primary author of 91 pieces of legislation. He has not

been reluctant to voice his stands on issues.

Mengden has called for a constitutional amendment to prohibit deficit spending by the federal government, a law requiring criminals to pay damages to their victims, another law abolishing the legal defense of temporary insanity in criminal trials, a constitutional amendment providing for election of federal judges, and another extending the right-to-work provision to all 50 states.

"We need a U.S. senator who will do more than just vote right (conservative)," Mengden said in an obvious reference to Collins.

"We need someone who will demonstrate a sincere commitment to helping people through the use of conservative solutions to problems on the federal level."

Bentsen, 61, has maintained a low profile during most of the primary campaign, but has built a \$2.4 million campaign fund in anticipation of a tough general election battle.

Sources say that fund could

reach \$5 million before the campaign peaks.

The expected rugged campaign against the GOP nominee will not be the first time Bentsen has faced a well-known Republican. After upsetting Yarborough in the 1970 Democratic primary, he went on to defeat George Bush in the general election.

Bentsen did not face serious opposition in 1976. He mounted a brief campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination won by Jimmy Carter in 1976, but quickly gave that up after he fared poorly in early tests.

Collins is giving up an apparently safe congressional seat in Dallas to enter the campaign, and Mengden walked away from a relatively safe state Senate seat to join the campaign against Bentsen.

In their primary race, Collins is considered unbeatable in Dallas and Mengden is the overwhelming favorite to carry Houston, so the race may be decided in the rural areas where Republican votes traditionally have been scattered.

Congressmen tour Mombasa as U.S. post in Mid-East war

United Press International
MOMBASA, Kenya — A U.S. Congressional delegation of the House Armed Services Committee arrived in the Indian Ocean port city of Mombasa Thursday for an inspection tour of facilities that could be used by the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force in the event of war in the Middle East.

The delegation headed by

Rep. Richard White, D-Texas, toured the Mombasa harbor complex which is currently being dredged with U.S. government aid to take large warships.

The delegation met with Kenyan government officials in Mombasa and White expressed his thanks to the government for allowing U.S. warships to call at Mombasa.

Two months ago the aircraft carrier Constellation and four escort ships made a courtesy call at the port.

The delegation which arrived from Oman was scheduled to leave for the Indian Ocean island of Mauritius late Thursday.

The aim of the delegation's six-nation swing is to examine at first hand possible contingency and support bases to be used by

the Rapid Deployment Force if needed in the Middle East or the Indian Ocean.

Congress has been asked to support a \$1 billion commitment to the force and members of the delegation said before leaving Washington that first-hand knowledge of what was available to the force in the event of war was necessary to make such a decision.

Two prison reform issues settled, others are still open

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HOUSTON — Lawyers fighting over Texas prison reform have reached another out-of-court settlement, to hire more guards and not use inmates as auxiliary enforcers. But state officials caution the legal battle is far from over.

Lawyers for the State of Texas, the plaintiff inmates and the Justice Department announced the tentative new agreement Wednesday in a hearing before U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice.

They withheld details of the deal, presumably a response to Justice's sweeping April 1981 reform decree requiring nearly doubling of guards and no inmate enforcers, pending final approval by the Texas Board of Corrections and the judge.

The board tentatively scheduled a meeting today. Justice set a final hearing on the matter for next Wednesday.

The issues settled were among several pending before the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals after seven years of litigation, including a year-long trial before Justice in 1979 and 1980.

Lawyers earlier settled out of court the question of improved medical care for Texas' 31,000-plus inmates, the largest number incarcerated in any U.S. prison system.

If finally approved, the new settlement will leave pending be-

fore the New Orleans court the dispute over Justice's order for no more than one inmate per 45-square-foot cell and his demand for smaller prisons nearer big cities.

The state contends two inmates per 45-square-foot cell is not too many and not unconstitutional and that the organization of prisons is no business of a federal court.

The lawyers indicated they expect no out-of-court settlement in those areas.

The inmates' lawyer, Donna Brorby of San Francisco, said the settlement resulted from a change of attitude by the state.

"The effort makes me hopeful that we can continue like reasonable people," said Brorby. But she admitted she did not anticipate withdrawal of the entire appeal from the courts.

Executive Assistant Attorney General Rick Gray of Austin said the state was "pleased" with the settlement but planned to stick to its positions on overcrowding and prison organization and location.

"I would not anticipate those issues being resolved until the appellate court rules," Gray said. "I don't know if this is a major change or not. There's a lot of issues left."

Assuming he can approve the final deal, Justice, who has had to preside over a legal wrangle that often was extremely angry, was happy: "This is very gratify-

ing to me that this progress has been made."

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