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Robert Dole wins showdown for leadership of the Senate

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WASHINGTON — Sen. Robert Dole, a tart-tongued Kansan with presidential ambitions, was elected Senate majority leader Wednesday on the fourth ballot in a fierce showdown with four other Republican conservatives.

Dole, a 61-year-old, three-term veteran, defeated Assistant Senate Republican leader Ted Stevens on the final ballot 28-25 in a secret election held in the Old Senate Chamber at the Capitol.

Sens. James McClure of Idaho, Pete Domenici of New Mexico and Richard Lugar of Indiana were eliminated in earlier ballots under the GOP's low-man-out rule.

Dole, who succeeds retiring GOP leader Howard Baker, will move into the position of political power, prestige and high-visibility at the start of the 99th Congress.

The Democrats will select their leadership for the next Congress Dec. 12, with no opposition expected for current leader Robert Byrd of West Virginia.

President Reagan, after several unsuccessful attempts, got through to Dole by telephone to offer congratulations. The White House stayed out of the contest, at least publicly, but Dole's selection created some potential political problems for Reagan.

During the past four years, Dole

ten was knocked out on the first round; Sen. William Armstrong was unopposed for chairman of the policy committee; Sen. John Chafee of Rhode Island beat Sen. Jake Garn of Utah 28-25 for chairman of the conference; Sen. Thad Cochran of Mississippi beat Sen. Rudy Boschwitz of Minnesota 32-21 for conference sec-

conservatives to take over the Foreign Relations Committee, remained head of Agriculture; Sen. Bob Packwood of Oregon took over Finance; Sen. John Danforth of Missouri became Commerce chairman, and Lugar took over Foreign Relations.

A jovial Dole, when asked about a 1988 presidential race, said, "I'm not worried about '88 — I'm worried about lunch."

"We're going to retain the Republican majority in 1986 — that's on our agenda — and support the president's programs where we can. Deficit reduction has to come at the top of everyone's agenda."

Stevens, known for his hot temper, was bitter in defeat. "I'll talk to the Alaska papers but I won't talk to the national press," he told waiting reporters.

Domenici said it was a "genuine effort" by the small liberal-moderate bloc known as the "gang of six" that had kept Stevens alive until the final ballot and cost him, McClure and Lugar their chances.

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frequently crossed swords with Reagan and his men over deficits and Social Security. A likely presidential candidate in 1988, Dole will be a frequent White House visitor in meetings with a prospective opponent, Vice President George Bush.

The 53 Republican senators and senators-elect met for three hours to choose their leaders and settle committee chairmanships.

Sen. Alan Simpson of Wyoming beat Washington's Slade Gorton 31-22 for the post of assistant majority leader, after Wisconsin's Robert Kas-

retary, and Sen. John Heinz narrowly edged Sen. Malcolm Wallop of Wyoming 27-26 for campaign committee chairman.

The election was a setback for the New Right, which backed McClure for the top spot and Kasten for assistant leader, and saw moderates Chafee and Heinz knock off conservatives Garn and Wallop.

The Republicans also quickly settled committee chairmanships affected by the leadership race.

Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina, under heavy pressure from

Christian group given \$1,400

By DAINAH BULLARD
Staff Writer

About \$1,400 has been donated to Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship in memory of Bruce Dean Goodrich, a Corps of Cadets member who died Aug. 30 after participating in an off-hours exercise session.

The donations, which were contributed by family and friends, were given in lieu of flowers at Goodrich's funeral at the request of the Goodrich family. John McIntyre, the faculty advisor for the Texas A&M chapter of IVCF, said the donations have been designated for the A&M chapter. Many of the donations came from members of Goodrich's Rochester church, he said.

"Bruce's church in Rochester has

been supporting Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship for several years," said McIntyre, a physics professor.

IVCF is a nondenominational Christian organization with more than 900 college chapters nationwide. The group emphasizes Bible studies and Christian fellowship among its members, McIntyre said. IVCF also encourages participation in local churches, he said.

Though the Goodrich family's church is a supporter of IVCF, Bruce Goodrich was not a member of the local chapter because he had lived at A&M for less than one week at the time of his death, McIntyre said. Goodrich's father, Ward Goodrich, became aware of the A&M

chapter of IVCF when he came to A&M after his son's death, McIntyre said.

The money from the Bruce Goodrich Memorial Fund designated for the A&M chapter of IVCF may be used to assist students who want to go to the Urbana Student Missions Convention in Illinois, McIntyre said. The convention meets every three years and attracts about 17,000 students interested in becoming missionaries, he said.

"A number of Aggies are going to go (to Urbana)," McIntyre said. "But most Aggies don't have a lot of money."

The IVCF movement began at Cambridge University in England in 1877. A&M's chapter was estab-

lished during the World War II era and peaked during the 1950s, McIntyre said. However, the group has been regaining momentum in recent years, and there are now about 40 or 50 regular members, he said.

IVCF officers attend a week-long summer camp at Bear Camp Ranch in Colorado to organize their chapters. Texas chapters of IVCF have regional meetings throughout the year, such as the upcoming meeting scheduled for Austin this weekend, McIntyre said.

The A&M chapter of IVCF has regular meetings on Friday nights at 7 p.m. in Rudder Tower. Students interested in participating in IVCF can contact McIntyre at 845-8624.

Arafat to remain PLO chairman

United Press International

AMMAN, Jordan — Hailed by followers as "our leader until victory," Yasser Arafat on Wednesday withdrew his resignation as Palestine Liberation Organization chairman amid a massive show of support for his battle with Syrian-backed rebels for control of the PLO.

"I will remain in the leadership and stay where I am in order to shoulder my responsibilities because I am needed," Arafat told jubilant delegates to the Palestine National Council, the Palestinian parliament-in-exile.

Arafat also expanded on earlier charges of a plot to bomb the PNC, saying an unnamed Arab leader dispatched a bomb-laden Soviet-made Sukhoi jetfighter to a Syrian-controlled airport in eastern Lebanon in

preparation for the strike.

"They prepared a Sukhoi aircraft loaded with bombs, and landed it in the Syrian-controlled Riyaq airport in the Bekaa (Valley), all ready to bomb the PNC," he said. "However, Jordanian aircraft are patrolling air space 24 hours a day to protect your PNC."

He also accused Syrian-backed PLO rebels of planting a five-pound bomb that exploded behind the organization's main office in Amman Tuesday night as Arafat was delivering his resignation speech. There were no injuries.

Arafat every year has quit the chairmanship of the PLO executive committee in preparation for the selection of a new panel.

But he delivered his resignation a day ahead of schedule in what he

later admitted was part of an orchestrated move to show he still commanded the support of the PNC despite a challenge to his leadership by Syrian-backed dissidents.

At least 10 members of the executive committee reportedly rose after the speech to demand that he stay on as head of the bitterly divided guerrilla group.

Shouting "You are our leader until victory," cheering PNC delegates and observers from Palestinian refugee camps hoisted Arafat onto their shoulders and carried him to the podium Wednesday when he announced he was retracting his resignation.

"I say, in all objectivity and from my position as a leader, that when I submitted my resignation I wanted

to prove that the conspiracy could not force me to resign," said Arafat.

"It is not the right of any Arab country, or any Arab parasite to ... say who the leader of this organization should be," said Arafat, chairman of the PLO since 1969.

The PNC meeting, convened Nov. 22 to map a new strategy in the PLO's fight for a Palestinian state, has been overshadowed by the dispute between Arafat and four PLO factions of the Damascus-based "National Alliance."

Arafat moved to reassert his control of the PLO by convening the PNC and launching a purge of his opponents. Seven rebel leaders face expulsion and the pro-Syrian PNC speaker was replaced.



Photo by MIKE SANCHEZ

Prime cuts

Freshman from Corps of Cadets company K-1 show their plans for a little weekend butchering with a spirit flyer. The Texas A&M-University of Texas game starts at 6:45 in Memorial Stadium.

Ethiopia will get tons of U.S. wheat

United Press International

WASHINGTON — Agriculture Secretary John Block said Wednesday he will release 300,000 tons of wheat from a special reserve to be sent to famine-plagued Ethiopia and other drought-stricken African nations.

The aid will be in addition to an increasing level of Food for Peace aid to the troubled African nations. Since Oct. 1, the administration has announced food assistance to Ethiopia of 215,000 tons valued at \$97.5 million.

For all of Africa, 537,000 tons valued at \$190 million has been earmarked this fiscal year.

"We have been forthcoming with a very, very large volume of food already since this fiscal year began, so this security reserve will be used along with the total plan," Block said in an interview.

Block said recipients of the aid have yet to be determined.

"I wouldn't want to say where it would go specifically because we have several countries that have serious problems," he said.

The wheat is part of a 4-million-ton reserve created in 1980 after President Carter embargoed grain sales to the Soviet Union. The reason for its creation was two-fold — to take wheat bound for the Soviet Union off the market and to create a reserve for emergency food aid.

Block has been under pressure from the nation's wheat growers and from members of Congress to release part of the special reserve for shipment to Africa.

Disregarding the importance of any political pressure, he said, "The humanitarian need really has to be the overriding need."

Liberal Arts College increasing

Editor's note: This is the first of a two-part series on the College of Liberal Arts at Texas A&M.

By KIRSTEN DIETZ
Reporter

While most schools across the country report a decrease in enrollment in liberal arts and an increase in "practical" fields, such as business and engineering, fall enrollment statistics at Texas A&M show a reverse trend.

Since the Fall of 1982, undergraduate enrollment in the College of Liberal Arts has risen from 1,667 to 2,288 — an increase of 37.3 percent. In the same period, undergraduate enrollment has fallen 10 percent in the College of Engineering to 9,837, and 2.6 percent to 3,306 in the College of Agriculture. Enrollment in the

College of Business has remained almost unchanged.

The College of Liberal Arts has grown for several reasons, according to Dr. Candida Lutes, associate dean for student affairs of the College of Liberal Arts.

"We do have very good programs, and I think we have been artificially depressed for a while in liberal arts at this university," she said. "Since students do expect to come here for engineering or agriculture, they get here and find out that these (liberal arts) are really exciting programs."

Lutes said tradition also is helpful to the increase in enrollment.

"A lot of people come to A&M because it's family tradition," she said. "Those people are prime candidates for a liberal arts education because

they're choosing A&M because it's A&M and not thinking of a particular major."

Lutes said another reason for the increase is because many students transfer into liberal arts from other majors. She said some of these students aren't sure what they want to major in when they start college and some have a change of heart after they come to A&M, so they end up switching majors.

Compared with national and state statistics, A&M is unusual in its increase in liberal arts majors.

A study by the National Endowment for the Humanities reported a decline of 37 percent in the number of English degrees awarded, and a 57 percent decline in the number of

history degrees awarded nationally from 1971-1980.

According to the Coordinating Board of the Texas College and University System, between 1972 and 1982 the number of business degrees granted in Texas increased 79 percent, engineering degrees increased 45 percent and science degrees increased 44 percent.

But the interest in liberal arts majors at A&M probably is due in part to tougher standards in the "practical" fields.

The students who find they cannot pass in one major choose to switch to a major in another college instead of pursuing their major at a

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Schedules and feeslips will be available today through Dec. 5 in Pavilion

Class schedules and feeslip invoices can be picked up Nov. 29-Dec. 3 at the Pavilion between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

"It is important for students to pick up the invoices because we have had lots of problems in the past getting the invoices to the students," Bob Piwonka, manager of student financial services said. "Many students change their address before the end of the semester and the post office is unable to deliver the invoices and

many of them are returned." Having students pick up the invoices allows the student financial services to put them in the students' hands, Piwonka said.

"Dec. 18, is the deadline for paying fees. If fees aren't paid by the 18th, your registration will be cancelled," he said.

Between 24,000 and 25,000 students have pre-registered for the spring semester. There will be a table set up at the Pavilion for students who have fee inquiries, Piwonka said.