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FORECAST for FRIDAY:  
Continued partly cloudy with noticeably higher temperatures, especially at night.

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# Dole proposes 6-month trial period for Tower

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole, struggling to stave off rejection of John Tower's nomination as defense secretary, proposed Wednesday night an extraordinary six-month trial confirmation period so senators could judge whether Tower lived up to his no-drinking pledge.

Senate Democratic Leader George Mitchell expressed "immediate serious concerns" over the proposal, but promised to consider it overnight.

Dole made his dramatic bid to salvage the nomination at the end of the fifth day of a draining Senate debate, and after conceding it would "take a miracle to win confirmation."

Under Dole's proposal, Tower would be confirmed, but would submit a letter of resignation to President Bush dated Oct. 1, 1989. If Tower's performance were satisfactory, there "probably" would be no need to reconfirm him, Dole said. Otherwise, "he probably wouldn't be the nominee."

Dole said he offered his proposal after discussing it with Tower. It came as the Senate neared a climax in its bitter struggle over the nomination.

Lloyd Bentsen of Texas became the third Democrat to endorse Tower's confirmation, but his speech was bracketed by declarations of opposition from Claiborne Pell of Rhode Island, Bennett Johnston of Louisiana, Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut and Charles Robb of Virginia — Democrats who had been lobbied hard by the Bush administration as potential pro-Tower votes.

An Associated Press survey found 51 Democrats and Republican Sen. Larry Pressler of South Dakota either solidly opposed or leaning against confirmation with 41 Republicans and three Democrats either supporting or leaning in favor of the nomination.

Democrats hold a 55-45 edge in the Senate.

Dole made his extraordinary proposal to deal with Senate concerns over Tower's history of drinking. "I think we ought to give him a second chance that many of us have had," said Dole, who was seriously wounded during World War II but has risen to a position of power and prominence in the Senate.

"It gives this Senate a second opportunity," Dole said. "It addresses the concerns raised by the chairman and the majority

leader and by others at the same time it gives President Bush his choice for secretary of defense."

Earlier, Dole suggested Tower be permitted to come to the Senate and answer the allegations against him, but did not immediately press the issue when Mitchell objected.

There was little doubt that Dole's maneuverings were his final bid to save the nomination. Earlier, he conceded it would "take a miracle" to do so, and Johnston's speech seemed to deflate Republican hopes.

"In the nuclear age we can't afford to take a chance on the man who holds the future in his hands," Johnston said on the Senate floor.

The Louisiana Democrat said he was troubled by Tower's drinking habits and

that alcohol altered the former senator's judgment. "There seems to be a personality change that occurs in Senator Tower," Johnston said.

Earlier, Bentsen became the third Democrat to support the embattled nomination, saying, "I hope that when I get the next chance to talk with John Tower about the tough job of keeping this country strong, it will be while he's in his new office at the Pentagon."

Tower said, "I'm both honored to have his prestigious support, and grateful for his humane understanding of what my family has endured."

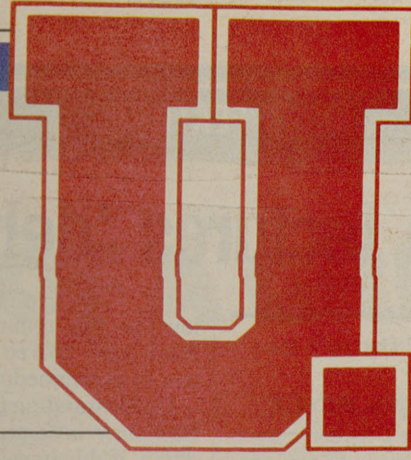
Despite Bentsen's decision, Mitchell repeated his claim the Senate will reject the nomination, and he led a chorus of Democrats who called for a quick vote.

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# 'Mediocre' faculty advisers force students to plan own education

By Suzanne McBride  
The Daily Iowan  
U. of Iowa

Last names of the first two students interviewed in this story were withheld at their request.

Tricia, a U. of Iowa (UI) senior majoring in communication studies, hasn't seen an academic adviser since her sophomore year when she received advice on classes from the Undergraduate Academic Advising Center.

She now stops by the communication studies main office each semester to pick up her signed registration card, and chooses her own courses. Tricia has dispensed with an adviser.

Amy, a psychology major, has seen her academic adviser once every two or three weeks since her sophomore year when she began assisting him in the laboratory.

Amy's adviser has helped her choose classes for both general education and major requirements, plan a research project, and compile a list of graduate programs.

These two different advising experiences illustrate the disparity in the type and amount of help undergraduates receive at UI. And many students fall somewhere in between.



U. of Iowa journalism professor Mary Arnold (right) helps freshman Rachel Boyle revise her schedule to allow more time for work.

Nancy Anderson, senior, said that although her current adviser (her fourth since coming to UI) "is God among gods," she rates the quality of advising at UI as "poor." And she's not alone. Nearly all of the 21 students interviewed say undergraduate advising is mediocre at best.

In fact, many — including senior Dave Loney have resorted to advising themselves.

"(My adviser) is really interesting, and he seems interested in me. But he is responsible for many other students,"

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# Students forfeit beaches, ski slopes amid communities over spring break

Kathy Renda  
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Margaret Horn is co-director of Alternative Spring Break.

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Instead of basking under the sun or slipping on skis during spring break this year, 120 Vanderbilt U. students are an alternative.

For three years, Alternative Spring Break (ASB), a program unique to Vanderbilt, has sent students to work in several sites, from Nashville neighborhoods to Juarez, Mexico.

Senior Margaret Horn, co-director of the project, said she was excited by student response, and stressed they can gain an impression on an impoverished community.

What motivates students is a desire to give and learn," Horn said.

The communities we visit are very diverse, and we can make a difference

just by being there, even if we don't always build schools and churches."

Students may choose between seven sites, including Rose's Creek, Tenn., Washington, D.C., Sioux Falls, S.D. and Lexington, Miss.

Projects range from assisting victims of Hurricane Gilbert in Monterey, Mexico, tutoring Guatemalan refugees in Indiantown, Fla., to working with the

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# Econ IOI: GNP or VCR?

By Joel Guggenheim  
The Northern Star  
Northern Illinois U.

Young Americans are generally ignorant of even the most basic of economic principles, said David Dieterle, executive director of the Illinois Council on Economic Education.

Dieterle spoke at the 18th annual meeting of the Illinois Economic Association last semester.

Operating on college campuses, the Illinois Council on Economic Education and its 10 regional centers reach thousands of students annually.

"Nowhere is (this ignorance) more apparent and more serious in its implications for the future well-being of the nation's economy than among our youth — the generation whose

influence will be felt, almost before we know it, in the union hall, in the board room, on the factory floor, in the office and, just as critically, in the voting booth," he said.

His statements referred to a national survey which showed only 56 percent of 8,200 students surveyed understand basic economic principles, such as budget deficits, even though such issues appear in newspapers and news programs on a daily basis.

"More than half of the students tested probably couldn't tell the difference between the GNP and a VCR," Dieterle said. "And many more could tell you practically everything about Andre Dawson's batting average but practically nothing about the Dow Jones industrial average."

# State senator bids to take Gramm's seat

AUSTIN (AP) — Democratic state Sen. Hugh Parmer launched his bid for the U.S. Senate on Wednesday, charging that incumbent Republican Phil Gramm talks one way in Texas while he votes a different way in Washington.

Parmer, a two-term senator and former Fort Worth mayor, said Gramm is out of touch with Texas families and their values.

"He talks like an East Texas farmer in Lufkin but votes like a Wall Street banker in Washington," Parmer said of Gramm.

"In Texas, he says he wants to be tough on crime. In Washington, he voted against the appropriations for drug enforcement and even the FBI . . . In Texas, he says he wouldn't hurt senior citizens. In Washington, he voted against funding for Meals on Wheels for shut-in elderly."

Parmer, 49, became the first Democrat in the 1990 Senate race.

Many party officials had expected Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower to take on Gramm, but Hightower decided in January to seek re-election to a third term and concentrate on populist political organizing efforts.

Gramm reportedly has said he can raise \$20 million for a re-election bid. Parmer said he wasn't worried about the size of the Republican's war chest, although he admitted it would be a tough fight.

"Sure, I expect it to be difficult," he said. "One of the good things about American democracy is that we don't auction off seats in the U.S. Senate . . . If you could just buy a seat for \$20 million, then I won't have it. But I don't believe that."

"What I need is an adequate amount of money to get across a message. And the message is: Phil Gramm does not represent the values that Texans believe in, and I do. I'll have enough money to get that message across. And when I get it across, I believe I'll win."

Parmer, who never has run a statewide race, downplayed early public opinion polls that show Gramm running strongly.

# State fee budget

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The bill, which was introduced by Ty Clevenger, a sophomore genetics major, passed unanimously endorsing the position, while supporting the Legislative Study Group's effort to present this viewpoint to the Texas Legislature.

One viewpoint the Senate hopes George Bush will hear, is that A&M wants to be the site for the George Bush Presidential Library.

Clevenger introduced the resolution from the Academic Affairs Committee. The University of Houston, Rice University and Yale University also are in the running to attract the library.

"We want to stir up enough support to give A&M an advantage in getting the site," Clevenger said.