

# The Battalion



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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 maneuvers 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.

## Witness says North pleases gained money for Contras



## 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.

## New awareness gives defense class a lift

By Alison Barth  
Brown Daily Herald  
Brown U., RI

Thirteen women sit in couches along the edge of the room, waiting for Jan Wilson to begin her course on self-defense. Wearing her blackbelt and grey sweats, she sits on her knees in the middle of the floor. She looks strong, aware and very capable.

"To be a woman around here, you gotta carry an Uzi to work or something," she says, half-joking, half-serious, as she describes how the third Brown U. rape victim was

assaulted.

Approximately 150 women have taken her two-hour evening course on self-defense over the past month in response to those rapes.

Common sense things first, she begins. The most important part about self-defense is not getting into a situation where you have to use it. She stresses things like looking behind the front seat of the car when you get in, and walking in well-lit areas and making eye contact with a potential assailant.

"Plug into your anger," she says. "Look at them (as if to say): 'Don't

mess with me.'"

"Rape is an issue of power, dominance, control — and violence. It's not so much a sexual issue. They look for someone they can dominate, not someone who's going to give them a scrap," Wilson says.

As she begins to talk about specific methods of defense, Wilson graphically describes what may happen to the assailant. She's going through the body systematically.

"Okay now: groin," she says. She recounts the story of one woman who bit her attacker, and the women

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classes each week, and as a result, developed patella femoral syndrome, a condition in which the kneecap does not move correctly. Since developing the disorder, Foti hasn't been able to do aerobics regularly.

"I'll get better, but your knees are slow to heal," Foti said. "I'll probably never do fitness dancing again."

Fitness dancing often places a greater stress on the knees than other aerobic activities since it involves many lateral movements as well as landing on the toe, rather than the heel.

"It's a little more unnatural than running," Foti said.

"Every time you come down, you're exerting a force of two to three times your body weight," said Lisa Derkits, an exercise physiology major who is taking over some of Foti's classes while training for her aerobic certification.

Derkits recommended weight training for toning on days between vigorous aerobic workouts.

But weight training cannot be used as substitute for aerobic work, Jackson cautioned.

Men, in particular, tend to emphasize weightlifting and neglect aerobic work. While it adds muscle and slightly increases the metabolic rate, it cannot significantly reduce fat, Jackson said.

So, regardless of what the scale says, it's the amount of body fat that determines how much a person needs to trim.

### Wilderness

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meet a few times before they leave to establish a framework," said DeZure.

"It was fabulous," said Laura Scheidter, past New York trip member. "I learned so much it was mind-boggling. The hardest part was keeping the journal since the days were jam-packed."

Said Juliet Galonska, also a past member of the New York trip. "It was probably the best thing I've ever done. You find out more about yourself than anything else."

The cost of the trips vary according to what is included, how far it is, etc. But financial aid is available and the credits and classes count toward graduation.

Each trip is somewhat different. The New York trip aims for "total cultural immersion in the center of art and culture in America," said DeZure. "It isn't a vacation or just a trip."

The major topics of the course include the history of New York art, the media and human services. Places visited in New York will include the Stock Exchange, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Museum of Natural History and a showing of the *Phantom of the Opera*. Not a bad spring break.

The trip to Puerto Rico will "examine important tropical environments," said Patrick Kangas, trip director. "The goal is first of all to cover tropical ecology, but I want to go places where the culture is different."

Visits in Puerto Rico include places such as the beach in San Juan, hikes through several tropical forests and a visit to an archeological site. La Parquera, which will be among the locations visited, contains a special algae in the water that causes the water to glow when the algae is disturbed by such things as boats and swimming.

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to syllabi content and distribution. The bill, introduced by senators Beth Ammons and Mark Williams, came amidst concern over the failure of some professors to adequately explain course content or tell students of books and supplies that would be needed for their course.

Williams said the bill is not trying to restrict the professors at all, but require them to inform students up front how much they're going to have to spend for the class.

Also during the meeting, a resolution was passed encouraging the position of an Advisory Student Regent to enhance communication between students and the Board of Regents.

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.