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 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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... Do you think you are funny? Are you good about Elvis is a male, ... Midge Wilson of DePaul U., Ill., who has just research on the topic of humor and its relationship to gender.

Wilson, who recently lectured on the topic at Youngstown State U., said, "Women seem to prefer anecdotal humor while men favor more of a slap-stick or joke variety." Wilson stated that women are said to be the butt of jokes, and both men and women are said to find jokes funnier when women are the target of the jokes. "Men are said to have a good sense of humor if they laugh at jokes," Wilson said. "Women mostly tell jokes when with friends and when they are in public." ■ Brian J. Macala, Youngstown State U., OH

Student mourns a tragic loss

A Syracuse University student mourns the loss of a loved one during a vigil held at the university's Hendrick's Chapel on Dec. 22, 1988. The vigil was held for the Syracuse U. students who died in the crash of Pan Am Flight 103. Scholarships have been made in the name of each of the 35 victims.



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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.

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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.

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 members of ACT UP
 New York, an activist
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 AIDS, brought their
 message to the U. of
 Pennsylvania. The
 meeting was held
 at the University of
 Pennsylvania's
 Lesbians and Gays
 at Penn (LGAP) meeting
 moved. The
 speakers were
 Ann Otto and Joel
 Marks, both repre-
 sentatives of the
 AIDS Coalition to
 Unleash Power, criti-
 cizing the Food and
 Drug Administration
 (FDA) for with-
 holding experimental
 drugs to cure AIDS.
 ACT UP is a nonpartisan
 group committed to
 action on the AIDS
 crisis. Marks said
 that the FDA has not
 approved more than
 100 drugs that have
 been developed
 and that most of these
 drugs have not
 undergone the first
 phase of the three-
 step process new
 drugs must undergo
 before being approved.
 "The push is for a
 vaccine rather than
 for a cure," he said.
 "The FDA's restrictions
 are totally arbitrary."
 Otto echoed Marks
 saying that the "FDA
 is a lackey to the
 pharmaceutical companies."
 Marks said that there
 have been 100,000
 deaths already from
 AIDS, adding that
 estimates of the number
 of people who have
 been exposed to the
 virus top 100 million.
 During Marks' speech,
 audience members
 debated whether the
 government is not
 releasing the experi-
 mental drugs. "I
 thought it was excellent,"
 said LGAP member
 Darren Rosenblum
 of the meeting. "The
 debate is in the sense
 that to me, it seems
 clear that the govern-
 ment's inaction is
 largely based on
 prejudice." ■ Brian
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 American Express
 but they will begin
 accepting MasterCard
 and Visa. Wayne
 Gay said recently
 that the police
 department is
 planning to charge
 their parking fines.
 "We will be using
 credit cards in the
 credit card world,"
 he said. "Anything
 that has to be
 done with a credit
 card." The Datalot
 3202, a computer
 system, was installed
 last semester and
 officials are being
 trained to process
 students' parking
 fines. The university
 will hold student
 transcripts until
 they pay their
 parking fines, he
 said. "If you don't
 pay your parking
 fines, you can't
 register if parking
 fines are not paid."
 "I don't want to
 see students who
 can't take advantage
 of this," he said.
 "When you're
 trying to register,
 have a fine and
 you're trying to
 register, it just
 makes more sense
 to put a fine on
 your card and not
 have to go racing
 across campus to
 pay it." ■ Carlos
 de Leon, The
 Daily Orange,
 U. of Texas,
 Arlington
 WASHINGTON
 ch a crank caller ...
 nuisance calls have
 recently decreased
 from a year ago
 because of a
 new tracing feature
 available on
 Washington State
 campus telephones,
 said WSU police.
 The system allows
 a person receiving
 a crank phone call
 to call the number
 of the caller. "It
 must be done
 before the call
 hangs up, but it
 seizes the line and
 the number of the
 caller is sent out
 at GTE," WSU
 Police Chief Dave
 Wareing said. "We
 will get with the
 phone company to
 get the system
 installed." Police
 department statistics
 show nuisance
 calls — including
 threatening and
 obscene — have
 dropped from 63
 during last spring
 to 11 last fall. The
 system also enabled
 the police to quickly
 respond to bomb
 threats last spring.
 Wareing said
 that the system has
 some awesome
 potential — we
 have had a bomb
 threat response
 now," Wareing
 said. "The method
 of being apprehended
 is very high and
 it's a relief for a
 person who makes
 a bomb call," he
 said. ■ James
 Bailey, The
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