



ONE OF US — Believe it or not, 46 Russell-area supporters were one of them and are amongst the Dole For President signs seen here. The occasion was Saturday's

"first in the nation" Iowa Republican Caucus at Ames, Iowa, attended by more than 10,000 people from several states. (Staff Photo)

Dole, Gramm Tie in Iowa Straw Vote, Specter Jeered

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If the claque of supporters for the 10 Republican candidates for the presidency at the (Ames) Iowa caucus on Saturday were a meter in the straw vote, then the "tie" for first place, (Dole and Gramm) might have an interpretation different than "an upset."
Phil Gramm of Texas began a grandstand performance in Ames Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Izaak Walton League with a "Straw Poll Celebrity Shoot" with actor Charlton Heston and actress Susan Howard as guest, a Texas-style barbecue with Mike Ditka, former coach of the Chicago Bears, under a tent that would put Barnum & Bailey to shame, and a "Victory Party" after the caucus (and prior to the official tally of the straw vote). Add to this "The Truesdells," a country-western band that played all day and into the night, and an overwhelming crowd of T-shirted, plaque carriers, ready to whoop and hollar for "their" candidate.
Meanwhile, concentrating on the central substance of campaigning, Robert "Bob" Dole arrived at about 3:30 coming in from Minnesota. With genuine friendliness and his innate suavely sophisticated manners, Dole and his wife Elizabeth greeted the folks in Ames.
However, Dole also knows how

to throw a party. For seven hours, a young volunteer barbecued 1,200 burgers and 650 large, plump hot dogs. Thirty-six pans (of 80 each) brownies were served, potato chips and condiments, and fortune cookies with an inner message: "Get Revved Up — Vote for Dole." Supporters for Dole were everywhere, but, in number, were outshone by those, real or contrived, in the Gramm camp.
But the real meat of the issue is who amongst the contenders for the White House is believable. Who has the greatest intellectual and experiential resources, or enforceable power. Who will take issues to bring America to a wholeness and a wholesomeness. Who will give us growth in the right direction. Who will lead us to suicide.
In the straw voting which took place an hour and a half before the candidates were heard, and for 45 minutes after, results were:
Bob Dole and Phil Gramm, 2,582 (tie), or 24.36 percent; Pat Buchanan, 1,922, or 18.14 percent; Lamar Alexander, 1,156, or 10.91 percent; Alan Keyes, 804, 7.59 percent; Morry Taylor, 803, 7.58 percent; Richard Lugar, 466, 4.40 percent; Pete Wilson, 129, 1.22 percent; Bob Dornan, 87, 0.82 percent; and Arlen Specter, 67, 0.63 percent.
Showtime began in the Hilton

Coliseum on the Iowa State University campus at 6 p.m. with the invocation given by Marilyn Quayle. Dan Quayle, former vice president, was introductory speaker and announced each candidate.
"The poor of America is made up of good people. Patriotic people who want to change the White House, and that is why the Republican Party is the majority," Quayle said in his opening remarks.

Quayle said the basic values are work and personal responsibility. "They tell us they are centrists and we are extremists. "It is not extreme to balance the budget; "It is not extreme to demand fewer welfare checks and more paychecks; "It is not extreme to put the rights of victims ahead of the rights of criminals; (Continued on Page 6)

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"It is not extreme to keep our National defenses strong;
"It is not extreme to allow a prayer at a high school graduation;
"It is not extreme to support adoption over abortion."
Quayle concluded with two thoughts:
"That is mainstream America. and that is why mainstream America has gone Republican.
"And, if Bill Clinton is a moderate, then I'm a champion speller
The central theme of the candidates' speeches dealt with too much government in Washington; abortion; welfare; taxes; family structure and the usual etcetera, etcetera.
Order of speaking was by lot and was interrupted only by scheduled second-place speaker Bob Dornan who, delayed by a rainstorm in Chicago, was relegated to 10th place.



RUSSELL'S FIRST FAMILY — Bob and Elizabeth Dole greeted well-wishers in Ames, Iowa, on Saturday immediately after their tour in Minnesota. Although

Dole tied with Phil Gramm (Texas) in the straw vote, his campaign committee called it "a wake-up call." (Staff Photo)



STANDING FIRMLY — Arlen Specter spoke firmly to members of the press visiting him in the Specter tent at Saturday's Iowa Caucus in Ames. Specter knew what he wanted to say — and he said it. (Staff Photo)

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