## Page 8 THE BATTALION Gramm hails land-use defeat Ag, industry take stand

An A&M economist has hailed the defeat of the Federal Land-use Planning Bill as the result of an united effort between the nation's industrial and agricultural leaders.

Dr. Philip Gramm, on leave from A&M told the 25th Annual State Meeting of the Texas Soil and Water Conservation District Directors on Wednesday in Ft. Worth that the defeat shows what can be done

stand against growing federal con- ram, anyway trol. "Land-use jurisdiction has histor-

ically been left in the hands of county and city governments and that is where it should remain," Gramm said. He said land-use controls would

be impossible on a national basis and that the government lacked the

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when two American entities take a ability to implement such a prog-

Gramm asked the group how the federal government could effectively plan the use of every portion of land in America when it has clearly demonstrated an inability to deliver mail, enforce laws and maintain the integrity of the purchasing power of its currency.

"Our forefathers came to America to escape government control and federal land-use control," he said, pointing out that land-use planning was in practice in Europe during the Colonial period.

"Private ownership of land," Gramm said, "underlies the U.S. Constitution, our legal system and customs. It is a new and revolutionary idea without which America could not have grown and prospered.

Gramm told the group that the federal government should not impose "the very kind of system that our forefathers came to America to

escape "Centralized land-use planning is an old tried and rejected idea which has never worked in history and which is worked effectively nowhere in the world today," he

# Feds begin investigation of lost letter

### **Associated Press**

The Justice Department has launched a criminal investigation into the destruction of a threatening letter that Lee Harvey Oswald delivered to the Dallas FBI office shortly before the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

A knowledgeable department source said Tuesday the matter has been turned over to the department's criminal division.

The FBI, under orders from Director Clarence M. Kelley, is conducting its own probe of the case. Oswald, the accused assassin who

# **'Presidential decision** seemed to matter

agencies — not the White House -

Huston said he endorsed the plan

Such violence still exists, Huston

said, pointing to the two apparent attempts in recent days to kill Presi-

dent Ford. But he said the disclo-

sures of the Watergate period have

convinced him that although it in-

volves a serious risk, intelligence ac-

tivities inside the United States

must remain within the limits of the

under the impression that neither

Nixon nor President Lyndon B.

Johnson knew of the CIA's Opera-

Huston has testified he was also

because he thought it was needed to

curb rising domestic violence.

WASHINGTON - U.S. intelligence agencies ignored a presidential order revoking a plan authorizing illegal domestic spying, Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Frank Church said Tuesday. "The decision of the President

seemed to matter very little," said Church, D-Idaho.

He said that the CIA had illegally opened mail before the so-called Huston plan was approved by then-President Richard Nixon. The Huston plan authorized what Church said were illegal wiretaps, mail openings and burglaries. Five days later Nixon yielded to

objections from then-FBI Director Edgar Hoover and then-Atty. Gen. John Mitchell and revoked the plan. However, the burglaries and mail openings continued, said



The Senior Class Council will meet Wednesday at 7:30 in Room 410 of the Rudder Tower.

- The Aggie Speleological Society will meet Wednesday
- at 8 p.m. in Room 410 of the Rudder Tower. The Campus Bicycle Club will meet Wednesday at 5:30

p.m. in front of the Rudder Tower fountain. **The Sociology Club** will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 129 of Bolton Hall.

The Air Force Student Wives' Club will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Oak Forest Mobile Home Park Club House

Cap and Gown will meet Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in Room 145 of the Memorial Student Center. CWENS will meet Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in Room 607

of the Rudder Towe

Omega Phi Alpha will meet Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Room 308 of the Rudder Tower.

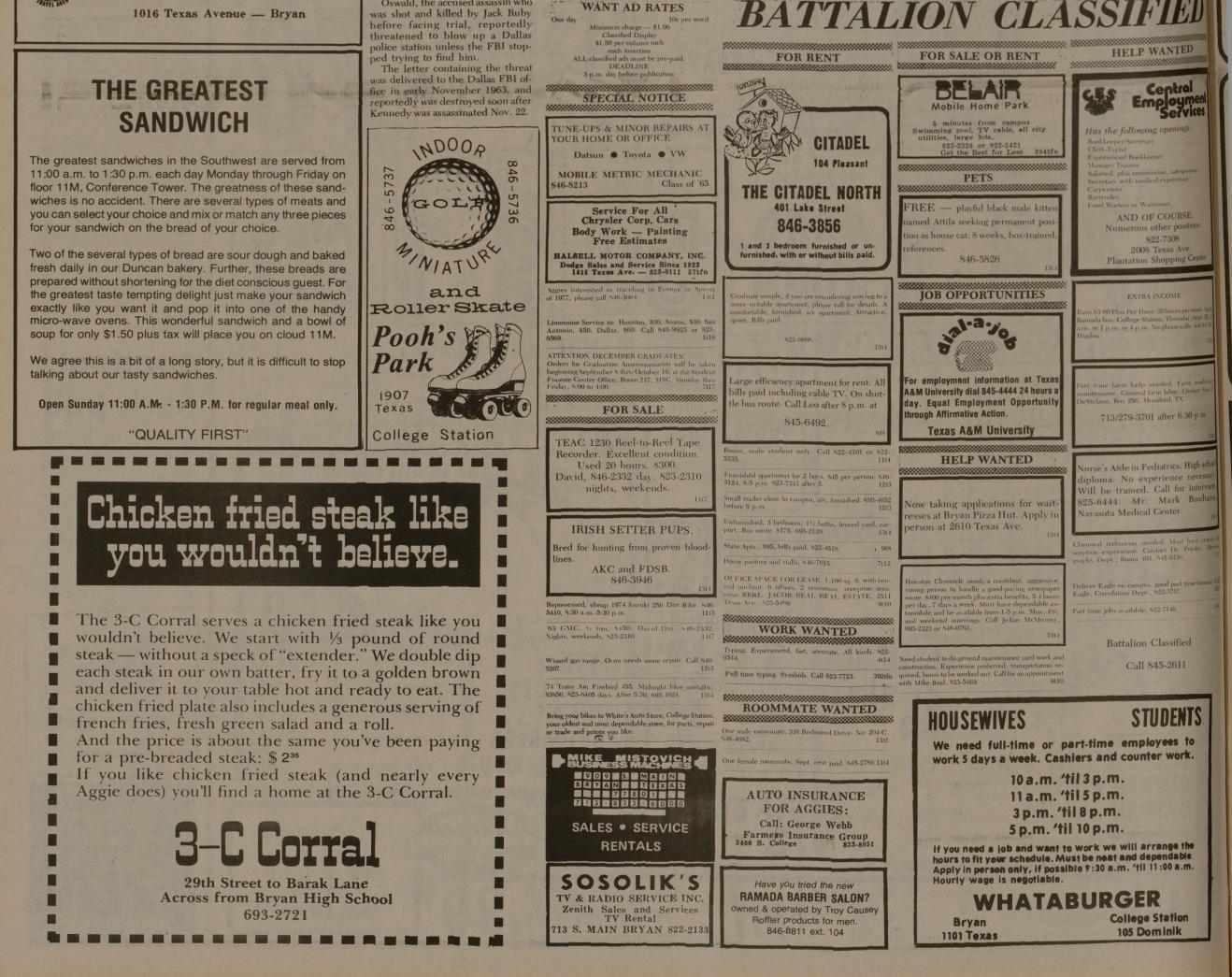
The Food Science Club will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 137 of the Memorial Student Center. CAMAC will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Room 301 of

the Rudder Tower

tion Chaos nor the FBI's Operation White House aide Tom Charles Conintelpro which were aimed Huston testified the intelligence against dissident groups "The big mistake I made was that used in very limited, name drew up the plan which is generally referred to by his last name.

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