

Gramm to vote to sustain veto

by Maureen Carmody
Battalion Reporter
U.S. Representative Phil Gramm, D-Texas, said Wednesday he would vote to sustain President Ronald Reagan's veto of a \$14.2 billion catch-all pending bill which he called a budget buster.

Gramm was in Bryan to answer questions on the federal budget and other matters for a hometown audience.

Gramm said he would vote against any bill that violates the recently passed federal budget.

"If we're not going to live with a budget that's only two weeks old," he said, "we're not very serious about trying to put the federal government on a budget."

Gramm reiterated his desire

to pass a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution but said he is having problems getting the amendment to the floor for a vote.

"I have gotten 208 people to sign a discharge," Gramm said, "but under political pressure six people have taken their names off."

He said that this leaves him 16 signatures short of the needed 218 and that he would make getting those signatures his top priority once Congress is back in session.

Though most of the questions asked concerned the federal budget, several others were raised on the status of Social Security, foreign aid, and the Clean Air Act.



Congressman Phil Gramm and his district representative, Glenda Chaney

Move-in inventories are helpful

by Daniel K. Usiak Jr.
Did you ever wait for months for your ex-landlord to refund your security deposit only to find deductions that you felt were unjustified? One way to avoid this frustration is to turn in a move-in inventory.

A move-in inventory should be completed as soon as you move in, to document the condition of your apartment or house as you found it. Many leases give you only 48 hours to turn one in.

Sometimes you can get a move-in inventory form from

your landlord, but if you can't, don't panic, a sheet of notebook paper will do. Go through your apartment or house one room at a time. Inspect the walls, ceiling and floor covering for marks, holes or other flaws. Also, check the furniture, appliances and fixtures. Write down all the flaws you see — and be picky, because chances are, your landlord will be picky when you move out.

Invite your landlord to be present when you prepare your inventory and be sure to keep a copy for yourself.

A move-in inventory can protect you against improper deductions from your security deposit. Many leases specify that unless a move-in inventory is turned in, the house or apartment is considered clean and in good condition. That means that you will probably be charged for the dirty oven, holes in the walls and carpet burns that were there when you moved in, unless your move-in inven-

tory shows that they were there. Sometimes the landlord will not suggest, or will even discourage, a move-in inventory. But remember, the move-in inventory is your responsibility, and as a tenant, you can only hurt yourself by not turning one in.

Editor's note: Daniel Usiak is the student legal adviser at Texas A&M University.

Woman's heirs sue nursing home staff

United Press International
GALVESTON — The heirs of a woman who died in March 1978 in a Texas City nursing home filed suit against the home and its employees and charged the staff with negligence.

The heirs of Marethe Elizabeth Kantowski sued the Autumn Hills Convalescent Center in Texas City Tuesday for an unspecified amount of money.

Mrs. Kantowski's children, Mary Lou Garcia, Margaret Lerea and John Kantowski Jr., said the operators of the facility

caused the untimely death of their mother by failing to provide adequate nursing care, medical treatment and sanitation at the home.

The nursing home company, its president Robert Gay and general manager Ron Pohlmeier were named as defendants. A state judge ruled the defendants could not be prosecuted for murder under the state statute cited in the indictment, which the judge said was too vague.

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Aggies honored

by Robert McGlohon
Battalion Staff
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Bryan Mayor Richard Smith, who attended the luncheon,

urged all the citizens of Brazos County to "join with us in recognizing Texas A&M University and the student body by extending personal courtesies to these students throughout our community."

Smith also read a proclamation declaring Wednesday "Aggie Day" in Bryan-College Station.

The document was signed by Smith and College Station Mayor Gary Halter, who was unable to attend the luncheon.

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