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Former Texas A&M President Jarvis Miller, left, is sworn in Tuesday at the state capitol as a member of the coordinating board for state universities

and colleges. Miller was president of Texas A&M from Aug. 1, 1977, until July 10, 1980, when he was dismissed by the Board of Regents.

Regents

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do what is best for the institutions of the state of Texas. I have ultimate faith that the senators are going to exercise their own good judgment."

Robert Mead, Caperton's press secretary, said the senators probably will take their time when considering the appointments.

"Any action on the issue will probably take place in the first three weeks of the session," Mead said. "There probably will be no word until after the first week. This isn't some issue they want to rush. These appointments are some of the biggest and most prestigious appointments that a governor can make. And the names keep getting bigger and more prominent."

One of the most prominent of Clements' lame-duck appointments is Clayton, 54. He served 10 terms in the House of Representatives and four terms as speaker of the House.

In June 1980, Clayton was indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of fraud, conspiracy, racketeering and extortion. He was one of the first four to be charged in Brilab, the FBI's 10-month "sting" operation that probed corruption among labor and government leaders in the Southwest. He was acquitted of all Brilab charges in October 1980.

Clayton recently donated his official papers from his terms as House speaker to Texas A&M University. He replaces Bell who had served two terms on the board. Bell, a political ally of White, was not expected to be reappointed.

Halbouty, 73, an independent oil operator and producer from Houston, is chairman of the board of Halbouty Alaska Oil Co. and has served as an energy adviser to President Reagan. In 1977, the Geosciences Building was named in his honor. In 1982, Halbouty donated \$500,000 to the University, which was used to establish an

academic chair in geology.

Halbouty was selected to succeed Coleman, a Houston physician and the only black on the board. Coleman received degrees from Fisk University in Tennessee and Howard University in Washington, D.C. He was the only person on Bright's list of recommendations to Clements who did not receive a degree from Texas A&M.

Sen. Craig Washington, D-Houston, who was House speaker pro tem and Clayton's lawyer during the Brilab trial, said he won't support the regents' appointments because Coleman was not reappointed.

Washington also has charged that Halbouty was named because he made a \$100,000 con-

tribution to Clements' campaign.

Bright, who served as Clements' finance chairman in his two gubernatorial campaigns, has said that Halbouty did not contribute that much to the governor's campaign.

The three appointees were among the five or six candidates Bright said he had recommended to Clements.

"I had some discussion with Clements on the choices," Bright said Monday in a telephone interview. "I gave him a list of five or six, any of which were acceptable. Five of them were graduates of A&M. I think it is important that they have some identification with the main campus of the system."

Blocker, 60, is chairman of Blocker Energy Co., an international oil and gas exploration firm. He serves as vice president of the board. In 1981, he gave almost \$1 million to two academic chairs in the College of Business Administration.

Bright said he didn't know White would consult with the regents to name different sons to the board.

Bright said that to his knowledge, the Senate never turned the appointments to Texas A&M regent.

"(But) this hasn't lessened my nervousness on my part. I don't think it has for anyone else on the board," Bright said.

Gramm

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against him. Attending the meeting were former state Rep. Dan Kubiak of Rockdale, one of three announced Democratic candidates in the race; former Gramm opponent Don McNeil and a representative of humorist John Henry Faulk, both of whom have indicated they might run; U.S. Rep. Martin Frost; state party chairman Bob Slagle; and about 10 other party workers.

Now you know

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ITHACA, N.Y. — Fresh caught fish isn't always the best flavored.

Linda O'Dierno of Cornell University's Cooperative Extensions Service says recent studies by the National Fisheries Service indicates certain species, including cod, haddock, pollock and hake, seem to improve with about three days' aging.

The studies found the flavor of these fish tends to be watery, metallic and starchy right after they're caught, but they develop a highly acceptable, sweet and creamy flavor between three and nine days out of the water — if they were properly handled by the fishermen, wholesaler and retailer. After that, they become insipid and eventually develop off flavors, the studies found.

Not attending the meeting, but also running for the candidacy are Joe Argis, a plastic surgeon from Houston, and Bill Powers, a Navasota businessman.

Of the Democratic candidates now in the running, Gramm's primary opponent is expected to be Kubiak.

Kubiak, a 14-year veteran of the Texas House and an unsuccessful candidate last year for state land commissioner, does not agree with reports that show Gramm will be favored in the upcoming election. He said that Central Texas voters are ready to dump Gramm because they reject his "radical" economic theory.

Gramm is a strong supporter of Reaganomics and Reagan's budget proposals. He was one of the key Congressmen who helped the president push his budget recommendations through the Democratic-controlled House.

Kubiak accused Gramm of using constituents in the district as

"guinea pigs for his so-called supply-side economic theory."

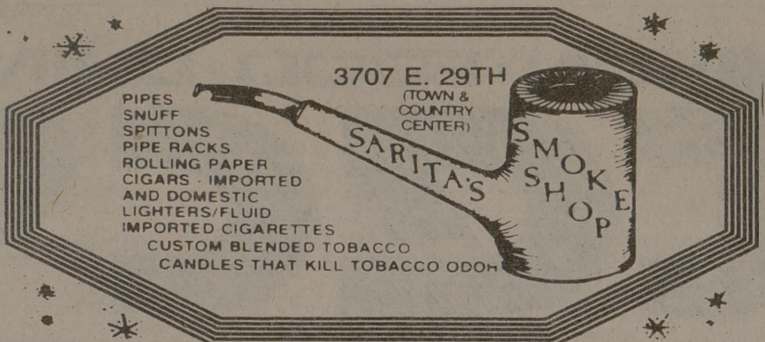
"I am convinced that the people of central Texas want to reject Gramm's radical economic theory," Kubiak said.

Even if voters do not reject Gramm's economic theory as Kubiak predicts, Gramm may have another problem with the special election.

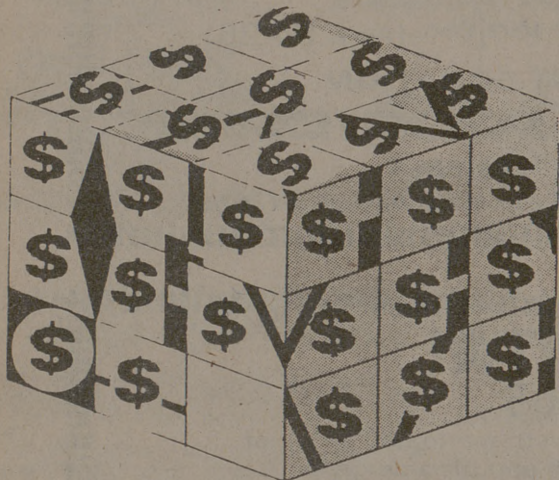
The state Democratic Party last week asked for a ruling on Gramm's eligibility to run in the Feb. 12 election. Party officials said that because Gramm voted in the Democratic primary in May, he cannot run as a Republican until 10 months after that date.

The secretary of state's office said it would decide by the end of this week whether Gramm legally can appear on the ballot as a Republican before April 1.

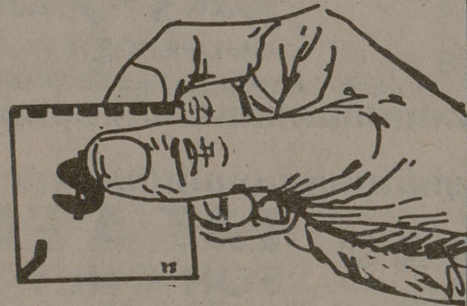
Neal said that regardless of the outcome of the state secretary's decision, Gramm wants the Congressional post and is willing to run and campaign for however long it takes.



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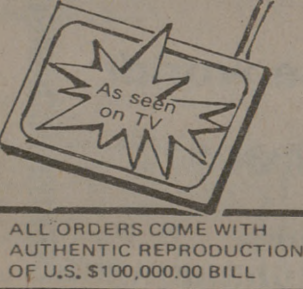
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