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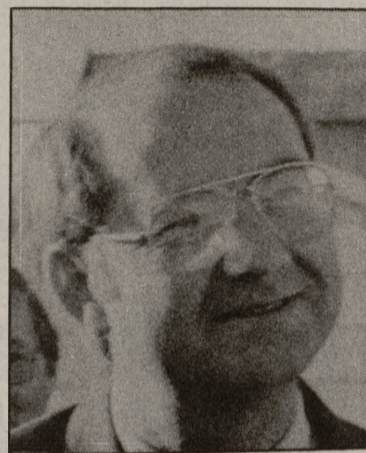
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Former A&M prof Gramm reveals Senate candidacy

by Kathy Wiesepape
Battalion Staff
U.S. Rep. Phil Gramm announced Thursday that he will seek election to the U.S. Senate.
"Since 1978, Bryan-College Station has had its own hometown congressman," Gramm said. "I think it's time Bryan-College Station got a promotion. I think we deserve our own hometown senator."
Gramm's first formal announcement of his candidacy came at a press conference Thursday morning at Easterwood Airport. A group of supporters came to see the Bryan-College Station representative off on a four-day kickoff campaign to 21 Texas counties.
Gramm asked for the continued support of his friends and neighbors here and stressed his past record as a

crusader against high government spending. He reminded his constituents that he supported Carter's efforts to rein in government spending and that he co-authored the Gramm-Latta budget that incorporated the Reagan economic plan.
He said he has consistently fought against the abuse of federal social programs and has pushed for greater efficiency in government programs and agencies.
His philosophy of government and his political goals are "deeply rooted in traditional Texas values," he said. "I've tried to write the common sense ideas of our people into public policy," Gramm said.
He said he used a test for evaluating spending programs proposed in Congress. He thinks about specific people at home and specific consti-

tents that are depending on him and then looks at the effects the program will have on them, Gramm said.
If it won't improve their situation, he said, then he won't favor the program. Not many spending programs are able to pass that test, Gramm said.
A former economics professor at Texas A&M, Gramm said his background in economics and his strong belief in the free enterprise system can help him play an important part in government.
Gramm said he felt obligated to take a leadership role in government, but he emphasized his opposition to partisan politics.
"I didn't go to Congress to play the old game of 'go along, get along,'" he said. "I went to Washington to make things happen."



U.S. Rep. Phil Gramm

U.S. warships shell Lebanon

United Press International
BEIRUT — American warships and French jets pounded rebel positions in the mountains near Beirut Thursday in retaliation for artillery attacks on their installations in the capital.
The attack by eight French Super Etendard jets on rebel artillery units in the Syrian-held mountains marked the first time members of the multinational peace-keeping forces used air strikes against the Druze Muslim militiamen trying to oust the government of President Amin Gemayel.
Gemayel was in contact with the leaders of Egypt, Kuwait, Iraq and Jordan during the day in an attempt to speed up Saudi Arabian and American efforts to achieve a ceasefire in the civil war, Beirut radio said.
The French strikes came only hours after two American destroyers shelled the Druze units with 5-inch guns and U.S. Navy F-14 fighter-bombers roared over the area on reconnaissance missions.
Beirut radio said the French jets hit targets in the Syrian-held village of Dhour Shoueir, about 12 miles east of the capital.
In Paris, Defense Minister Charles Hernu said he ordered the eight French jets from the aircraft carrier Foch to strike Druze artillery batteries following attacks on French positions in Beirut that wounded nine soldiers.
A French foreign ministry statement also said Paris had warned Syria of such attacks if the Druze shelling continued.
The United States, France, Italy and Britain have had 4,800 troops in the Beirut area for the past year in an effort to restore peace in Lebanon.

French officials warned two weeks ago they would strike Druze positions after a shelling attack killed two French soldiers. Seven French soldiers have been killed in rebel attacks over the past year.
The Druze responded to the air and naval strikes by firing about 40 Soviet-made Grad rockets on the makeshift airstrip used by the Lebanese air force 20 miles north of Beirut and renewing their assault on Lebanese army positions in the strategic village of Souk el Gharb in the Shouf mountains 8 miles southeast of the capital.
Beirut radio said the latest fighting around Souk el Gharb was lighter than in previous days but that Druze gunners also shelled army units at Khalde near the Shouf mountains.
The Druze, members of a religious sect that split away from the mainstream of Islam 1,000 years ago, are trying to consolidate their hold on the Shouf mountains southeast of the capital in an attempt to win more power in the central government.
Lebanese government troops earlier beat back a series of Druze assaults on Souk el Gharb, which has been under sporadic attack the past three weeks.
The Druze and their Palestinian allies launched the attacks Wednesday night, but the army said it killed 25 attackers in stopping the assault.
The U.S. bombardment of Druze positions in the Shouf mountains was carried out by the 6th Fleet destroyers USS John Rodgers and USS Arthur W. Radford. The two vessels fired 30 5-inch shells in response to rebel shelling Wednesday night that forced U.S. Ambassador Robert Dillon and his assistants to abandon his residence. No American casualties were reported in the attack.

Aggie-Indian clash to be on television

The Texas A&M football team, coming off a 38-0 win last weekend over Arkansas State, will host Oklahoma State Saturday at Kyle Field in what many football observers say will be a close game.
Apparently, the CBS television network also thinks the game will go down to the wire. The network announced earlier this week that the game's kickoff was moved up to 2:50 p.m. to accommodate a regional telecast.
Verne Lundquist will call the play-by-play for the network and former University of Oklahoma running back Steve Davis will handle the color commentary.

A crowd of more than 55,000 is expected at Kyle Field as the Aggies and Cowboys line up for a rematch of the 1981 Independence Bowl game which the Aggies won, 33-16.
When Texas A&M lines up to kick the ball off to OSU, the Twelfth Man Kickoff Team will likely ignite the crowd as it has for the Aggies' first two games.
The Aggie kickoff team has proved to be a valuable asset for Texas A&M in the first two games. The Twelfth Man team has held the opponents to an average kickoff return of 15.3 yards so far this year. For more on the Texas A&M-OSU game, see page 11.

Building proposals on agenda Regents to meet this weekend

by Karen Schrimsher
Battalion Staff
Building proposals and renovation plans top the agenda for Tuesday's Texas A&M Board of Regents meeting. The committees within the Board will meet Sunday and Monday.
The regents will hear a number of bid proposals from the Planning and Building Committee. Bids will be discussed for the modification and construction of buildings at Texas A&M, as well as the Tarleton State and Prairie View A&M university campuses.
Modification of the Veterinary Medical Complex and the Agricultural Engineering Research Laboratory will be discussed, along with designs for a new chemistry building, a new stallion barn, and renovation of the College Avenue married student apartments and the Animal Industries Building.
Also to be considered, is the purchase of medical malpractice insurance

for veterinary staff members, professional staff and veterinary students at Texas A&M. The board has the power to authorize Chancellor Arthur G. Hansen and President Frank E. Vandiver to purchase the insurance.
The concern over malpractice insurance stems from the current suit against a Texas A&M faculty member, Texas A&M and the State of Texas in the amount of \$450,000. The proposal to be brought before the board states that the incidence of veterinary malpractice suits is increasing rapidly throughout the nation and that veterinary colleges in other states have been providing malpractice coverage for years.
The annual premium for the first year is estimated at about \$6,000 for the staff of the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory, and \$25,000 for \$1 million coverage for the veterinary staff and students.
The board also will discuss the approval of the establishment of a Quasi-Endowment — a graduate fellowship in the College of Engineering.
The money for the endowment would be funded by a Pooled Life Income Fund set up in 1971 by James M. and Ada S. Forsyth. The agreement provides that the fund be used for any educational purpose determined by the University.
The late James M. Forsyth, a graduate of the College of Engineering, often expressed his interest in improving engineering education.

Four promotions in the Texas A&M Board of Regents office were announced Tuesday.
Vickie Burt has been promoted to assistant secretary of the board. Burt, a 1981 graduate of Texas A&M, has served as senior secretary and administrative secretary during the last two years.
Shirley Lightfoot has been named director of the Division of Records and Reports. She has worked for the University since 1966 and currently serves as assistant to Chancellor Arthur G. Hansen.
Pamela Maddox, a former employee of the athletic department and the Office of International Students, has been named administrative assistant.
Pamela Bryson has been promoted to senior secretary. She was previously employed by the University of Tennessee.

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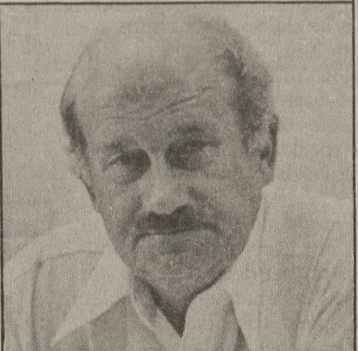
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Mass Spectrometry

David Wade, senior physics major from Nederland, adjusts the laser guiding mirrors of a mass spectrometer. The unit is used here to analyze the energy spread in organic molecules.

Ex-department head discusses resignation

by Karen Hoefle
Battalion Reporter
It's not unusual for the biology department to change leadership, Dr. Helmut Sauer, former department head of the Texas A&M biology department said Thursday.
Sauer submitted his resignation Sept. 9 which took effect immediately.
Dean of Science John Fackler Jr. has appointed Dr. Walter Kemp as interim head of the department.
"The department has been very unstable; there have been eight changes of department heads within the last ten years," Sauer said.
When Sauer came to Texas A&M in 1981, he was interested in the opportunity to lead the University's biology department, his goal was to build up basic modern biology in teaching and research.
"This was a goal, he says, that has not been reached."
"The building process has not taken place to the extent I had hoped," Sauer said.
The biology department is a complex department, Sauer said. There are a few ingredients which contribute to this complexity, he said. For one thing, the academic interests of the faculty are very diverse.
Secondly, the faculty consists both of those who are teaching-oriented and those who are research-oriented.
Until ten years ago, this department was a teaching department, Sauer said. Then it was decided to



Dr. Helmut Sauer

make it into a good research department where scientists would only do basic research.
This transition is not easy and it takes time, Sauer said.
Such a transition is a period of instability, Sauer said, because it's a period when the faculty isn't sure whether they are a teacher or a researcher, he said.
Sauer said that there were no ill-feelings between him and the administration and that he plans to continue to teach and do research in the department.
"The bottom line is that the administration and myself feel my resignation will benefit the University as well as myself as a professor," Sauer said.
"My own background is such that I am more of a professor than an administrator."

Opposition leaders promise to topple Filipino president

United Press International
MANILA — Opposition leaders, amid warnings that Manila's streets could become "rivers of blood," vowed Thursday to press a campaign to topple President Ferdinand Marcos despite his threats to reimpose martial law.
"We're just beginning," said former Senator Jose Diokno, head of the recently formed "Justice for (Benigno) Aquino, Justice for All" that helped sponsor a "National Day of Sorrow" rally Wednesday attended by some 100,000 people.
The capital was tense but quiet after the rally erupted into the worst outbreak of rioting to rock Manila since Marcos came to power in 1965, leaving 11 people dead and 247 wounded.
"Yesterday's observance was just a first step. Many more will follow," said Diokno, who was jailed by Marcos

for two years under martial law.
His group is named after the former opposition leader who was assassinated Aug. 21 on his arrival home from exile in the United States.
Hundreds of riot police carrying shields took up positions along the darkened streets leading to Marcos' riverside Malacanang Palace after the violence by thousands of jeering demonstrators who tried to storm the palace gates.
"We have something planned every day and we are not going to stop until truth, justice, freedom and democracy are achieved for our country," said opposition leader Salvador Laurel.
Diokno told a news conference that his group's objective was the resignation of the "entire Marcos government by peaceful means. We expect to produce results at the very latest by the first quarter of next year."

Agapito Aquino, the brother of Benigno, said the group was considering mass sitdown strikes in the streets of Manila.
In an interview with UPI, Marcos said he should have been firmer in battling the "terrorism and gangsterism" near his palace.
The Philippine leader said he would understand if U.S. officials are concerned about security and cancel President Reagan's planned November visit.
"What is safe for President Reagan is what we want," he said.
In Washington, White House officials said they had no plans to change Reagan's itinerary.
But a White House source told UPI that Nancy Reagan, who is to join her husband on the journey, is "strongly" opposing her husband's planned trip, fearing "that he might be in danger."

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