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## Christmas Trees

Scott Hamilton, a sophomore electrical engineer major from Plano, and Virginia Standefer, a sophomore biomedical science major from Hillsboro, sell Christmas trees outside the Memorial Student Center Tuesday morning for the Lambda Sigma sophomore honor society. The money made will go towards their spring banquet.

## Results now visible on UT, A&M efforts

by Michelle Powe  
(Editor's note: This is the second in a two part series on cooperation between Texas A&M and the University of Texas.)

**Battalion Staff**  
Administrators from Texas A&M and the University of Texas are hopeful about the growing cooperation between the two schools — and are beginning to reap the first rewards of their combined efforts.

Administrators from the two schools have met several times this year to open the lines of communication between the two schools and discuss ways they can cooperate in academics.

Less than three weeks ago, the schools saw the first result of their cooperative meetings — the first joint marine operation between the schools since they formally agreed earlier this year to share Galveston-based

marine facilities and personnel. About 40 university, federal and energy company officials, on a six-day research cruise aboard two ships, conducted geological and geophysical experiments on the continental shelf off the Texas Coast.

The officials, aboard the 174-foot Gyre from Texas A&M and the 165-foot Fred H. Moore from UT, were specifically looking at the rock structure under the sea bed in the Gulf of Mexico, said T.K. Treadwell Jr., associate professor of Oceanography at Texas A&M.

The experiments were supported jointly by the U.S. Geological Survey and oil company representatives.

Treadwell said there probably will be another research cruise in about a year, and eventually there probably will be similar cruises several times a year.

He said that by sharing pier space, machine shops, radio equipment and personnel, the universities will save money — possibly as much as \$50,000 to \$100,000 a year.

Texas A&M President Frank E. Vandiver said the financial and academic advantages of the two schools working together are boundless.

"This cooperation is going to enable us both — both the University of Texas and A&M — to do things that we wouldn't be able to do otherwise," he said.

One program that Texas A&M and UT are considering for joint support, which neither school could afford alone, is a telecommunications network between the schools.

## Committee

### Sen. Parmer asks locals to advise him

by Elaine Engstrom

**Battalion Staff**  
State Sen. Hugh Parmer swept through Bryan-College Station Tuesday morning on a brief whistlestop to announce a committee of supporters from the 6th Congressional District.

Parmer's Federal Exploratory Committee includes local people such as College Station Mayor Gary Halter, former county judge W.R. Vance, and Dr. Arnold Vedlitz, associate dean for research in the College of Liberal Arts at Texas A&M, and civic leader Marlene Muse. The committee was formed to advise Parmer on his campaign for the congressional seat.

Parmer said he is asking the committee members to visit with their friends and neighbors to see if they feel a Parmer campaign for congress would be well-received.

Although he has not officially declared his candidacy for the 6th District seat, Parmer said he would announce any decision to run within 10 days.

If he becomes a candidate for U.S. representative, Parmer, a Democrat, will join the crowd of politicians anxious to fill the seat to be vacated by present Congressman Phil Gramm.

Gramm will seek the Republican nomination for the U.S. senator position to be vacated by John Tower.

Parmer, 44, currently lives in Fort Worth and served as mayor of that city and on its city council before getting elected to the Texas Senate. Parmer was co-author of the Public Utility Commission reform bill of 1983. He also was the author of legislation authorizing the use of video tape testimony in child abuse cases.

When asked about his support in the 6th District, Parmer said that the district is "an unusual one."

"The 6th District," Parmer said, "includes urban areas, rural areas and small town communities. People in the district have a strong concern for this country. It is a microcosm of America."

Parmer said recent polls showing him behind by a five to one margin are too early to give any real measure of his support.

"Polls at this stage of the campaign," Parmer said, "are simply a measure of name visibility. This is a wide-open race. I intend to use a lot of shoe leather and get to know the people in this district."

"I wouldn't claim to be a frontrunner at this point. I've never been on



the ballot in any county in this district except Fort Worth. I believe that 50 percent of the voters are undecided."

Parmer said that if he runs, one poll he would take would be to find out what the issue concerns of the people in the 6th District are.

Speaking about Congressman Gramm, Parmer said he was "less flamboyant" than Gramm, but he thinks Gramm has done a good job.

## More violence in Lebanon: both sides bomb, kidnap

**United Press International**  
BEIRUT, Lebanon — New sectarian violence battered Lebanon Tuesday, with a Druze Moslem artillery bombardment crashing into Christian-held areas of the country and a rash of kidnappings by both Christian and Shiite Moslem gunmen.

The Druze barrage swept from the Christian town of Jounieh north of Beirut, through the Christian east of the capital and onto the southern suburbs near U.S. Marine positions at Beirut Airport.

Residents scrambled for cover into basements and hallways as 700 shells crashed down, Christian Phalange radio said. Preliminary reports listed five people dead and about 27 wounded, some seriously.

Official Beirut radio identified the source of the shelling as the Upper Meen mountains, a Druze area within the Syrian-controlled sector of Lebanon east of the capital.

A main power station was reported hit, forcing Beirut back onto power rationing after only a one-week break from three months of restrictions. The darkened streets made a 3-month-old 8 p.m. curfew even more oppressive.

After Christian Phalange militiamen kidnaped several Shiites on the highway south of Beirut, Moslem gunmen retaliated by seizing two buses loaded with 60 Christian employees of Middle East Airlines, the Lebanese flag carrier.

Intervention by the committee of Lebanon's warring factions that supervises an oft-broken 2-month-old cease-fire reportedly won the release of the airline employees and the other kidnap victims.

It was the first reported outbreak of kidnappings between the pro-government Christian militia and the

Shiites' militia, Amal, since the Shiites sealed off their southern suburbs of Beirut at the end of August.

## Research parks

### Vice chancellor sees need for long-range perspective

by Ronnie Crocker

**Battalion Staff**  
The growth of the planned Texas A&M research park should not be expected to come quickly but should be looked at in a long-term perspective, says Dr. Mark Money, vice chancellor for research park and corporate relations.

His remarks were made Tuesday night at a presentation about the four Bryan-College Station area industrial parks.

Mail-outs have been sent to several companies about locating in the new park, which will be on 318 acre tract of land near Easterwood Airport between University Drive and Jersey Street.

The initial response has been that the companies are not now considering expansion but that they would be

interested in finding out more about Texas A&M if they should consider expansion in the future, Money said.

He said this is due to several reasons. One is the narrowness of the field of industries that would be acceptable in the new park's environment.

Money said also that in these early stages mail-outs are usually stored for later consideration and people shouldn't "expect a mushroom effect" of growth anyway.

One building, however, already is committed to the park. Ocean Drilling Research, a National Science Foundation project related to worldwide deep water scientific drilling, will be part of the new park.

The approval last week of the park's master plan by the Texas A&M Board of Regents allowed the park planners to proceed to the design of

the first construction stage, which includes the building of roads, landscaping and utilities hookup.

Money said the University should be ready to accept bids on the actual construction next summer. The completion of this first stage is scheduled for 1985.

In relation to the other three industrial parks in Bryan and College Station, Money said a recent government report showed that the "presence of a university acts as a magnet" in attracting industry to an area.

In a separate interview Tuesday, Money said that industries can benefit from locating in the Texas A&M park for several reasons. One of the most important advantages to locating in the Texas A&M park is that it is an attractive site with a campus-like environment. He said it will be an extension of the campus.

Other advantages include: Students and graduates would be available for part-time and full-time employment.

Small companies that cannot afford certain equipment would be able to borrow from the University.

Employees of the various industries would be able to attend continuing education classes and the sporting and cultural events on the campus.

The University also would benefit from having research companies so near. Employees could serve as consultants to faculty.

Money said the University's image would be enhanced by having so much research capability so near. He said he hopes some industries will donate equipment to the University.

## B-CS a good area for industrial growth, officials say

by Brigid Brockman

**Battalion Staff**  
Representatives from the four local industrial parks agreed Tuesday night that Bryan-College Station is ideally positioned to serve a variety of industries, but they also said the parks will face stiff competition from those in the Houston-Dallas area.

The presentation at the Brazos Center was sponsored by the Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce.

More than 3,000 acres of industrial sites are available in the four industrial parks, and sites are available for such industries as manufacturing, warehousing, high-technology and research laboratories. Each of the parks have a slightly different focus. The Brazos County Industrial

Park is a 470-acre park at the intersection of FM 2818 and Highway 21 in Bryan.

Dick Peacock, a representative for the park, said the sole purpose of the park is to create jobs. By having sites immediately available for industrial prospects, he said, the community and industry will benefit.

Job opportunities in the park exist in printing, construction, petroleum related fields, machine shops, distributing and warehousing.

The Bryan Industrial Park is a 610-acre park at FM 2818 and Mumford Road. It was created in 1982 by the Bryan City Council.

Edwin Latta, executive director of the Bryan Development Foundation, said some of the features of the park will be concrete streets and boulevards, sites suitable for campus-type

research and rail served sites for light to heavy industry. A 20-acre recreational park also is planned within the 610-acre tract to provide facilities for park tenants.

Latta said the main goal is to enhance the total economic development of the Bryan area, but another major goal is that of downtown revitalization.

College Station's "The Parks" will cover 2,300-acres, five miles from Texas A&M on Highway 6 South.

The park will be jointly owned by the city of College Station and the private sector. Approximately 700 acres

of business sites will be available. The development plan also includes an 18-hole golf course, country club, resort hotel, convention center and more than 400 residential sites.

D.H. Goehring, representative for "The Parks," also cited the creation of jobs as a major goal of the park. Texas A&M will be an asset in luring industries to this area, and it is the "anchor to economic viability," he said.

The Texas A&M University Research Park is on a 318-acre site on the campus. Dr. Mark L. Money, vice chancellor for Research Park and Corporate Relations, said he is looking forward to the next 20 years, and that the four industrial parks should accomplish a lot if they work as a team.

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## forecast

Sunny and cool, with a high of about 62.

