

Dorm check out at 6 p.m. Friday

by Nicole Williams

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Students who currently live on campus must check out of their rooms by 6 p.m. Friday. Interim housing will cost \$120 and will be in McInnis Hall. The interim housing period is from 5 p.m. December 16 to 10 a.m. January 10. At that time all residence halls will reopen. Those students who wish to stay in a residence hall over the Christmas break should contact the Housing Office before 5 p.m. today.

Students who presently live off campus and wish to live on campus next semester may reserve a housing space through Dec. 21.

Tom Murray, housing services supervisor, said applications are currently being taken for both men's and women's residence halls and can be picked up at the Housing Office, 101 MCA Building.

Students interested in reserving a space must fill out an application if there isn't one on file already, and put down a \$200 deposit. This deposit is refundable upon the student's decision to leave on-campus housing.

Those students already on the waiting list for on-campus housing need only to stop by the office and fill out a space acceptance form. Murray said spaces

will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. The number of spaces available is not yet known, and he said the number of assignments will be based on projected "no-shows" for Spring semester.

Men applying for Spring housing are being assigned temporary over-assignment spaces, but women are not, because there should be plenty of rooms for them. He said the men's

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over-assignments will practically ensure that the student receives a permanent space, but that there is no guarantee.

"We don't want to lead them into a false assumption that they're definitely going to get their own permanent space," he said.

When a student is assigned a temporary space, he is assigned to a room with two other students with permanent room assignments. Housing

personnel commonly refer to this over-assignment of rooms as "tripling."

Tripling has been used in the past to fill the spaces still available after the first day of classes each semester. Murray said these open spaces result from students who are assigned a space and later change their minds about living on campus or don't return to school at the beginning of the semester. He said it usually doesn't take very long to re-assign the students to their permanent rooms.

Women who sign up for Spring housing will not be tripled, Murray said. He said the re-conversion of Spence Hall from a men's dormitory back to a women's in the Spring will alleviate the over-assignment situation for women. Spence will provide an additional 222 spaces for women. Currently, Corps of Cadets members, as well as civilian males, are housed in Spence.

Louanne Schulze, Off Campus Center coordinator, advises students who are considering applying for on-campus housing to be careful not to break their current lease agreements.

"Students who have lease obligations after the fall semester should be aware of possible consequences of breaking leasing contracts," she said.

Gramm optimistic for future economy

by Brigid Brockman

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In a town meeting Tuesday morning, U.S. Rep. Phil Gramm said the economy "continues to get stronger daily," and more Americans are working for higher wages than ever before.

He also said he supports President Reagan in his decision to invade Grenada, and he also supports his decision to keep the U.S. Marines in Lebanon.

Gramm took time out from his U.S. Senate campaign to visit with citizens of the 6th district at the Brazos Center. He answered questions and listened to the opinions of the audience.

Gramm will be a congressman for the district until Jan. 3, 1985, and he said he wanted to listen to the people and take their ideas back to Washington.

Speaking about the economy, Gramm said that over 400,000 jobs a month are being created in the private sector, but more importantly, he said inflation has finally been reduced.

The average couple in Bryan, with a yearly income of \$20,000, had their buying power increased by \$3,000 when the inflation rate decreased, Gramm said.

He said when Reagan first took office, the inflation rate was at 18.5 percent — now the inflation rate is at a low 2.9 percent.

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With the Democratic Recovery Plan going into effect this year, more money will be raised

by income tax. He said the tax increases will raise the taxes of the average family with a yearly income of \$25,000 by \$1,000 a year.

But Gramm doesn't think raising taxes is the solution. He feels government needs to deal with the source of the problem — government spending.

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"I am committed to controlling run-away government spending with programs that cut interest and inflation rates," he said. "The only other alternative is to raise taxes so Congress can go on spending as before."

Speaking on foreign policy, Gramm said our government sent out an important message to the world when we invaded the island of Grenada. He said we signaled to other countries that if Americans are in danger, we will use military power — as a last resort — to protect our citizens.

Gramm said he felt the situation in Lebanon is "critical," but he does not believe Reagan should pull the Marines out of Lebanon. He said the Marine's defense perimeters need to be strengthened, and he also feels

they should use air and naval power to stop terrorist activities.

Gramm doesn't believe Reagan is bringing this country closer to war. He said Reagan is only taking steps to create peace.

If the Marines pulled out of Lebanon after the bombing, then the U.S. would have encouraged bombings around the world. He also said that we can't let terrorism dictate our foreign policy.

"I believe security and peace can only come from strength," Gramm said.

Shuttle bus service reduced

by Brenda Bivona

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The Texas A&M shuttle bus service will offer reduced service to students on Thursday and Friday of finals week.

"Reduced service on Thursday, Dec. 15, means we will monitor the number of passengers using the bus service in the morning," Doug Williams, Assistant Manager of Bus Operations said. "After

two o'clock, when the amount of students riding the buses starts to decline, we will begin pulling some of the buses off the routes."

The main impact of the reduced service is that students will have to wait longer for a bus, he said.


"Service will be reduced on Friday, Dec. 16, by stopping the bus runs at noon," Williams said. "In addition, we will have 18 buses running in

the morning and will start to pull buses off the routes later in the morning."

Shuttle bus service for the spring semester will resume Jan. 9. A limited service will be available for late registration and drop/add Jan. 9-13. Full service will begin Jan. 16 and bus passes will be required for all students after Jan. 18. Bus passes for day students are \$42.

Students who signed up for the shuttle bus service during pre-registration can pick up their bus passes beginning Jan. 9 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the lobby of Rudder Tower.

Students who have not paid for the service need to pay the fee at the Coke Building. They can then pick up their bus pass in the Rudder Tower lobby.



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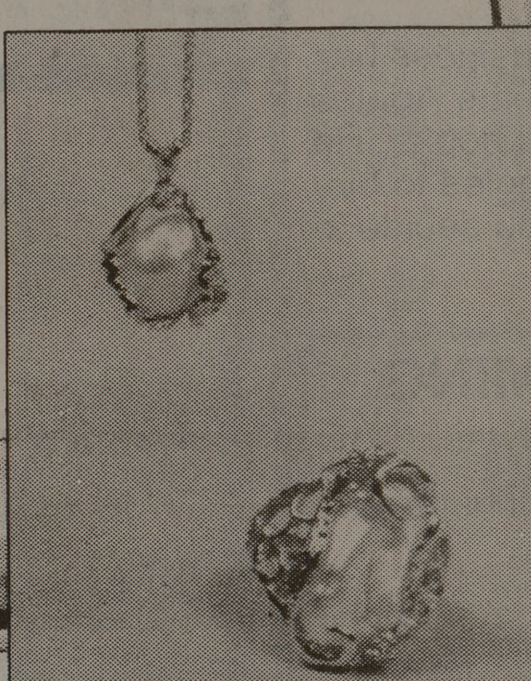
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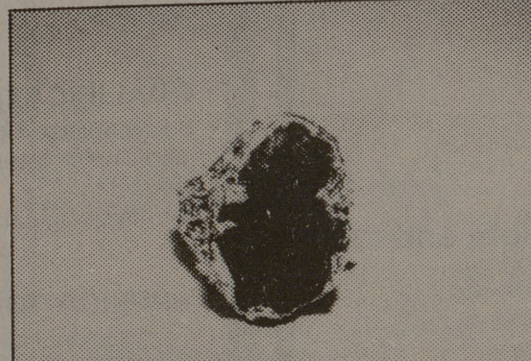
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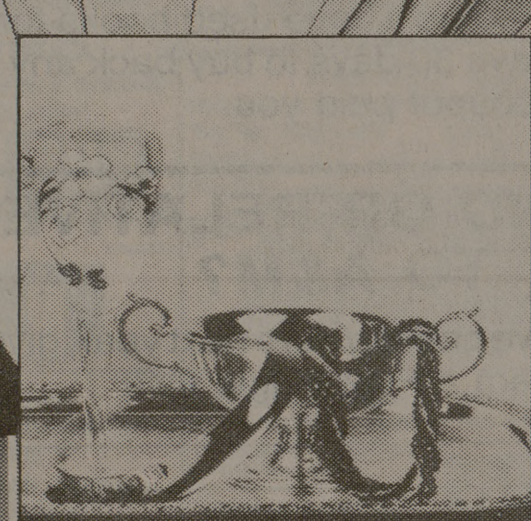
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