

## Republicans honor Gramm at banquet

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Local Republicans celebrated the campaign season with a banquet supper in honor of Representative Phil Gramm, candidate for U.S. Senate, at the Brazos Center Tuesday night. As could be expected, Gramm's address included several attacks on challenger Lloyd Doggett and his programs. Amid the typical fundraising conversation and activity, the purpose for the fundraiser attending was almost forgotten until the first speakers, one being Gramm's wife, initiated a short series of discourses aimed at stimulating the hearts of listeners. Windy Gramm, actively working in her husband's campaign, praised contributors for their exemplary efforts.

Dicky Flatt, a longtime Gramm protégé, reminisced about his experiences in Gramm's campaign for Congress in 1978 and encouraged his fellow "wagon pullers," a buzz word for Gramm supporters, to maintain their efforts and keep pulling. Finally, Phil Gramm, flanked by his guests of honor, took the podium and gave an account of his personal past. He related how his career success had been made possible by opportunity in the American system, a point which Gramm often makes in his campaign. A former economics professor at Texas A&M, he became involved in politics during the 1974-75 recession when economic conditions hit a low point and he felt that he could improve things.

In regard to a debate, Gramm

said, "I am not interested in debating how we are going to fund their (the Democrats) programs. I want to talk about what we have achieved."

Gramm discussed his sponsorship of the Gramm-Latta bill calling it the "greatest nutritional program in American history."

He said the legislation was directly responsible for "seven million people at work today that were not working four years ago. And those people are earning their own income and feeding their own children."

His sharpest attack on Democratic leadership came when he criticized Doggett and Mondale's so-called "fairness" policies as "fairness in spreading the misery of society to be sure that we rub everybody's nose in it."

As an alternative to aid programs, Gramm stated his interest in promoting jobs, opportunity, and growth.

He said he wants to create "a society where families are limited only by the size of their dreams."

"I don't want to go back to the programs of the 1960s and 70s, I want to go forward and provide an opportunity society for our people."

Gramm expressed this vision as a new industrial era with rates of growth "that we haven't experienced since the 1870s and 1890s."

Further criticism was leveled at Doggett and Mondale in accusing them of separating the nation into various demographic areas.

"They don't talk about trying to win the hearts and minds of people of Texas," he said. "They believe that they can break our society and state into those narrowly defined interest groups, and that they can activate these groups politically, and get them to vote and turn out in massive numbers, and that way they don't have to worry about how the average citizen thinks."

Gramm indicated that the election will be won or lost by 4 percentage points, and said currently he is leading Doggett.

Gramm ended his address with a pledge to put Texas A&M in a higher priority position for receiving federal research grants.

"Texas A&M is not in the top 50 universities in getting federal primary research dollars," he said. "It is going to be my goal to move it to number one."

"One of these days I am coming back to teach. And hopefully not in November."



Phil Gramm

## New course aimed at preparing psychologists for the courtroom

By SARAH OATES  
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A psychologist is on the witness stand, testifying in a bitter child custody case. His testimony may play an important role in deciding which parent will get custody of the child.

The lawyer cross-examining asks if the psychologist is married, and if so, if he has children. The psychologist replies no to both questions.

"Then how are you qualified to deal with child custody?" the lawyer snaps. The psychologist, caught off guard, is too disconcerted to answer. His reaction could create doubts about his credibility as an expert witness.

This scene is fictional, but is based on a real courtroom incident. Dr. Walter Stenning, an educational psychologist at Texas A&M, said Tuesday that court scenes such as this are common.

"Sometimes you have a civil case where the defendant ran a red light because he saw it as

*A new course, currently being taught for the first time at Texas A&M, focuses on criminal and civil issues requiring a psychologist's expertise. The course is designed to help psychologists and other social scientists learn to deal with courtroom situations*

green," Stenning said. "The psychologist has to be able to explain that behavior to the court."

Stenning said that in criminal cases a psychologist's role is to analyze crimes. The psychologist also talks to suspects and tries to determine their motives. He also must be able to interview witnesses and prepare court testimony based on professional literature.

A new course this semester, Special Topics in Forensic Psychology, emphasizes developing communications skills, such as explaining psychological theories in layman's terms, he said.

"We have to provide these peo-

ple both with practice in speaking plainly, and an understanding of legal language. They have to learn how to qualify themselves as experts for a jury," he said.

Stenning said he is trying to prepare his class for the "realities" of the judicial system.

"The criminal justice system doesn't always provide justice," Stenning said, "that's the reality. Also, psychologists have to be ready to hear graphic tales and see graphic pictures."

"They have to learn how to go through a cross-examination and accept that they aren't the ones in

control in court. The judge and the lawyers are."

Stenning said a major portion of the course will consist of guest lectures by lawyers, such as assistant district attorney Jim Kuboviak, and psychiatrists specializing in forensics.

"I would like to have a victim who has worked through the legal system talk to the class," Stenning said, "but that's very tricky. It would have to be a very calm, cool person."

Stenning said he has wanted to teach the course for "about eight years."

"Until recently, people weren't aware of the need for this course. But now the time is right," he said. "The department has been very supportive of it."

Stenning plans to evaluate and revise the course this spring. It will be offered again during the second summer session.

## Children's trust fund for abuse victims recommended by aide to governor

United Press International

AUSTIN — An aide to Gov. Mark White, the Texas PTA and Attorney General Jim Mattox recommended Tuesday that Texas establish a "children's trust fund" to provide care and counseling for the victims of child abuse.

Mattox recommended to the House Committee on Child Abuse and Pornography that Texas' mar-

riage license fee be raised from its current level of \$7.50 to "at least \$25" as a means of funding counseling for abusers and abuse victims and to provide greater support for community shelters where battered spouses and their children can seek refuge.

"In our society we have opted to preserve the family unit," he said. "I think it's about time you as a legislature made a policy decision about

whether we want not to protect the family unit as much as the individual members within that family, particularly the children."

Gerald Hill, White's top aide, said there were 60,000 confirmed victims of child abuse in Texas during 1983.

The greatest number of the cases resulted from parental neglect, he said, with the remainder attributable

to violent or sexual abuse.

Hill also said there should be some system for keeping a record of child abusers who are given probation, then later apply for jobs with state agencies that care for children.

Laura Tynes of the Texas PTA also advocated a children's trust fund, which she said could be used to fund preventive programs across the state.

## Vanderbilt missing from climbing expedition

United Press International

NEW YORK — Nicholas Harvey Vanderbilt, an heir to the Vanderbilt fortune, was missing Tuesday on a climbing expedition on snow-covered, 14,441-foot Robson Mountain in British Columbia, a family spokesman said.

Vanderbilt, who lives in Austin, is the son of Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt Sr.

Vanderbilt, 25, and a second climber, Francis Gledhill, both experienced mountaineers, began climbing the mountain in Jasper National Park two weeks ago.

The climbers were last seen Aug. 21 at the 8,500-foot level. Two climbers presumed to be Vanderbilt and Gledhill were spotted Aug. 22 at the 11,000 foot level.

They were reported missing Aug.

25 when they were overdue at the Royal Canadian Mounted Police's Bailemount Station.

The RCMP launched a search of the area and was joined by a team of climbers sent to the area by the Vanderbilt family. A spokesman for the family said the RCMP informed them that an exhaustive search failed to find a trace of the two men

and that the mounties had temporarily called off their search to wait for warmer weather.

Vanderbilt is an author whose most recent work appeared in the August issue of Vogue.

Vanderbilt graduated cum laude from Harvard University in 1980 where he served as president of the Harvard Mountaineering Club.

### General Meeting

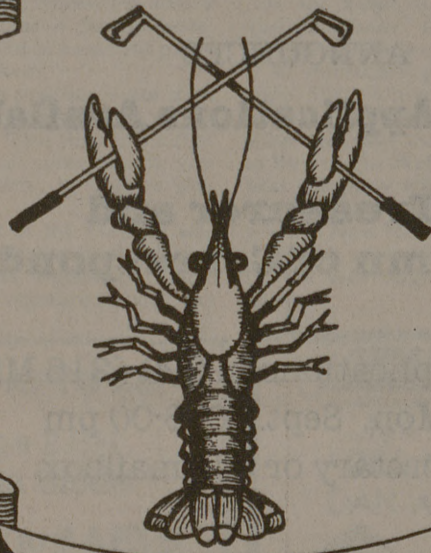


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