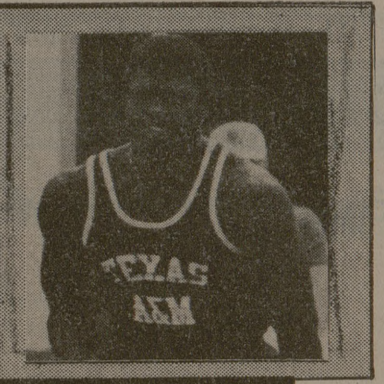


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## Senate committee OKs Contra funding

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WASHINGTON — The Republican-led Senate Appropriations Committee voted 15-13 Thursday to approve President Reagan's plan to release \$14 million in aid to Nicaraguan rebels, but many committee members said they would vote against Reagan's proposal on the Senate floor.

The vote threw doubt on the survival of a compromise Contra funding plan worked out earlier among House and Senate Republican leaders and which reportedly had Reagan's approval.

For the moment, the president won a significant victory in the committee, which sent the \$14 million to the floor for a vote Tuesday. The plan faces considerable opposition in both chambers of Congress and is

given little chance of passage in the House.

Many members of the committee, including Republicans, said they would vote against Reagan's proposal on the floor, although they supported it Thursday for procedural reasons.

Republican leaders tried unsuccessfully to find ways to amend Reagan's plan, which as a special appropriations measure was difficult to change in committee. But the rules governing debate in the full Senate are expected to allow the possible compromise to replace the original Reagan proposal.

Under Reagan's plan approved by the committee, the \$14 million would be provided as food, clothing and medical assistance for a 60-day cease-fire period. After that, Reagan

could divert the money to weapons and ammunition if the Nicaraguan government, in the president's judgment, fails to negotiate seriously with the rebels seeking to overthrow the leftist Sandinista regime.

Earlier, senior Republicans, including House GOP Whip Trent Lott of Mississippi, said the president had accepted an alternative under which the possibility of military assistance to the Contras would be eliminated for the time being. Lott said that under the alternative plan, all \$14 million would be allocated to humanitarian aid.

For weeks, Reagan had insisted that the military aid was critical to applying pressure on the Sandinista government and slowing its path toward close alliance with Cuba and the Soviet Union.

## Gramm asks peers to vote against costly amendments

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Texas Sen. Phil Gramm called on his colleagues Thursday to let go of their "pet projects" and join him in voting on the floor next week against any amendment to the budget that would increase the federal deficit.

"I think it's the kind of approach we've got to have if we're going to deal with the problem (of the deficit)," Gramm said. "If each of us are simply going to vote to add on spending for our pet projects or for

programs that are politically sensitive, the whole budget is going to come unraveled.

"If anybody wants to offer an amendment to take money away from one area of the budget and give it to another, I certainly will consider it. But I'm not going to vote for any add-on that raises the deficit and jeopardizes the budget and the recovery."

He told a news conference that he would start looking for compatriots on Monday.

"I felt that I ought to make a decision that I was going to stay with the process and vote against all add-ons that raise the deficit before I went out and tried to ask other people to make a similar commitment," Gramm said.

The budget is a suggested spending level designed to guide the appropriations process. Appropriations committees write the laws that actually determine how much the

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## Muster ceremony

Aggie remembrance scheduled for Sunday to feature Gen. Simpson as speaker

Aggie Muster, a remembrance of fallen Aggies, will be held at Texas A&M and at 400 other places around the world Sunday. The service here, at 3 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum, will feature speaker Lt. Gen. Ormond R. Simpson and the presentation of a U.S. flag.

Muster speeches are an important part of the ceremony, and finding the right speaker to deliver an inspiring message can be difficult. The student Muster committee asked President Ronald Reagan to speak at this year's Muster. Although the committee got further consideration than most organizations, it was turned down.

Jerry Dingmore, a member of the Muster awareness subcommittee, says the committee's next choice was Lt. Gen. Ormond R. Simpson.

"We were so pleased when Gen. Simpson agreed," Dingmore says. "He had been recommended to us numerous times. Because of his involvement with COSGA (Conference on Student Government Associations), students at A&M and at other universities have told us what a moving speaker he is."

This year's Muster will include the presentation to the University of a U.S. flag made by Jerome A. McDavitt while he was in a prison camp during World War II. McDavitt was one of 25 Aggies who in 1942 mustered under Japanese fire on Corregidor Island in the Philippines.

In 1883 Aggies began celebrating San Jacinto Day, and Muster, by gathering to reminisce about the days spent at Texas A&M, says Porter Garner, field director for the Association of Former Students.

In the early 1900s, Aggies held a track and field day April 21. The event was cancelled in 1903, and students rebelled against the administration because classes were scheduled for that day. The cadets promised to celebrate San Jacinto Day in the future.

However, since the Corregidor ceremony, Muster has evolved from a happy happening to a serious ceremony.

In 1923, former students began meeting in College Station to hold Muster. Since then the campus cere-



File photo

Muster is an annual gathering of Aggies all over the world to honor former students who have died in the past year.

mony has become the largest and most elaborate Muster. The March 1923 issue of The

Texas Aggie magazine told former students: "If there is an A&M man within 100 miles of you, you are ex-

pected to get together, eat a little and live over the days you spent at the A&M College of Texas."

Musters were held in Guion Hall, on the site of Rudder Tower, until the Memorial Student Center was built in the 1950s.

During the 1950s and early 1960s, Musters were held in front of the MSC.

"Of course, there will be musters all over Texas," Garner says. "But this year Aggies will muster at sea on the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower and in Germany, where there will be a record four musters."

To reach its attendance goal of 9,000 people, the committee is trying new ways to inform the public about Muster, Dingmore says.

"Sen. Phil Gramm is making public service announcements on TV," Dingmore says. "These TV announcements, in addition to radio announcements, are making the public more aware of Muster and informing them as to what it really means."

The meetings formerly were held in Rudder Tower. Ellison says issues and grievances meetings will be held on the Monday before Muster meetings. Beginning this fall, students will be able to address the Senate during its meetings, Ellison says. A bill allowing this was passed in March.

Under the bill, students may speak for three minutes but must reserve a time slot with the Student Government secretary one week before the meeting.

"We want to let the students know that Student Government is trying to get out to them," Royall says. "We want to sell Student Government to the students."

## 44 Corps' awards presented

Award given in honor of Bruce Goodrich

An official list of the winners of 44 Corps of Cadets awards was released Thursday by the the Corps' commandant's office. The awards, including two new awards, the Olin E. Teague Award and the Bruce Goodrich Award, were presented during a ceremony April 14.

The awards are:

- Corps Commander Recognition — Charles H. Rollins III
- Deputy Corps Commander Recognition — Paul Davis
- Outstanding Major Unit Commander — Gregory J. Lengyel
- Outstanding Battalion/Group Commander — Mark D. McGraw
- Outstanding Company/Squadron Commander — Bryson H. Price
- Outstanding Cadet Staff Officer — Gregory L. Bowen
- Outstanding Scholastic Officer/Sergeant — Russ S. Kotwal and William T. Rich
- Outstanding Scholastic Freshman — Keith McKnight
- Outstanding First Sergeant — Charles E. Hall
- Outstanding Battalion/Group — John M. Higgins
- Freshman Awards:
  - a. Best Drilled — David B. Wegg
  - b. Outstanding — John E. Mitchell
- Sophomore Awards:
  - a. Best Drilled — Richard D. Hall
  - b. Outstanding — Garland W. Wilkinson
- Lulie Huey Lane — Eric M. Smith
- Reserve Officers — Brad G. Perrier, Toby W. Burke, Gregory F. Stephens, Victor D. Lopez, Michael R. Barrett, Scott F. Alderink, Bruce R. Cox, Marty E. Wilson
- Daughters of the American Revolution — Marc D. McCoy, John Pistone, Alexander P. Karibian, Marshall H. Nauck
- Brazos S.A.M.E. — Douglas A. Swanson, Henry A. Wercham, Gregory J. Lackey, Edward L. Richmond, Carl W. Tong, Steven R. Chesley
- VFW — John B. McMahon, Todd J. Eagle, Kevin L. Lastrapes, John F. Ripley, William C. Maples, Richard D. Hall, Eradio E. Uresti, John M. Higgins, Kevin G. Laughbrum

- SECNAV Distinguished Cadet — Charles Rollins III
- DOA Superior Cadet — Dave Stephens, Jeff P. Hanson, Amanda L. Schubert, Steven K. McKnight
- College of Business Administration Scholarship — Gregory J. Stephens, Jeffrey J. Johnson
- Admiral Robinson Association — Samuel D. Schick
- USNA Alumni Association — Walter T. McAndrews Jr.
- Naval Reserve Association (Houston Chapter) — John T. Matkin III
- MCROA — James G. Sisk, Aaron L. Dennis, Michael V. Franzak
- Houston Military Affairs Naval ROTC — Kimberly A. Karrick
- Air Force Association — Paul A. Griffith Jr.
- American Legion — Paul C. Hurley Jr., Mark S. Curtis, Thomas A. Satterly, Frank C. Janik Jr., Gregory J. Lengyel, Russell D. Feller; (Academic Achievement) — Robert Cunningham, Matthew K. Davis, David C. Waugh, Thomas Belleville, Karl N. Krotzew, Curt Van De Walle
- National Sojourners — Kent H. Hamaker, Eric M. Smith, John B. Dickson
- Retired Officers Association — Kevin W. Simpson, Dan R. Keech, Jay D. Moreit
- American Defense Preparedness Association — David C. Hill, Mark D. McGraw, John K. Mays
- March to the Brazos Individual — James Newberry II
- Ranger Recognition Award — David E. Thompson III
- Hanes Award — Allen Chick
- Ensign Mike Beech — Charles W. Rock
- Willcox Award — Curt A. Van De Walle

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## SG fighting an image problem: leaders

Editor's note: This is the third article in a three-part series on the role of Texas A&M's Student Government.

By JERRY OSLIN  
Staff Writer

Student Government at Texas A&M University has an image problem, and communication is the way to solve it, Student Government's leaders say.

"We're not here just to put something on our resumes," says Sean Royall, A&M's student body president. "We have to convince students that we are here to try and make a difference. We have to convince them that we are here to represent

students and to establish programs that would benefit students."

Student Government must go out to the students and find out what they want, says Eric Thode, speaker pro tem of the student senate.

"Right now is the time for us to go out and actively enlist student aid, ideas and opinion, and then do something with it," he says. "We want to show students that we do care about them."

One of the ways Student Government plans to solicit input is through the Student Senate's Project Visibility, Thode says.

"We plan to send out senators to

talk to student organizations and clubs that have 100 people or more," he says. "We also plan to send out letters to smaller organizations saying 'We really need you to let us come and speak.'"

The Senate sent letters to about 500 organizations and clubs last year, but received only 15 responses, Thode says.

"This year we are going to be a little more assertive in our efforts," Thode says.

Student Government is planning to establish new methods of communication, Royall says.

"We have a new director of communications. Under that person, we

will have people working on student relations."

Student Government also is planning to put up a dozen new bulletin boards around campus so students can find out what Student Government is doing, Royall says. And the organization plans to set up rooms where students can meet and talk to their senators, he says.

Student Government's issues and grievances meetings will be moved to dormitory areas to attract greater student involvement, says Carol Ellison, Student Government's vice president of student services.

Issues and grievances meetings are held so students can express their views on Student Government.