Audience at debate says Corps still has viable purpose at A&M

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Flood said the Corps is important.

The debate, sponsored by the A&M Debate Society, focused on the question, "Is the Texas A&M Corps Cadets a glorious anachronism Volunteers.

IRS auctions

college homes

for back taxes

Flood, a junior political science major from Haslet, said the Corps is important to the school's future be-

cohesive spirit to the University," Flood said. "We have more spirit than most other university."

to A&M because it represents timehonored traditions, including Aggie Muster, Silver Taps and the Ross

Flood said the Corps attracts students to the University, and without it, enrollment figures would drop

Jennifer Melton, a junior econom-"The Corps is a unit that gives a though the Corps might be an important institution, it isn't vital to

"It does not serve an important purpose as it did in the past," Melton said. "This University has grown despite the diminishing numbers in the Corps. If for some horrible reason the Corps was abolished, this University would continue to grow."

important because of its reduced role in the nation's military service and the bad reputation that often is associated with it, including racism, sexism and other forms of discrimi-

After about 30 minutes of discussion on the topic, the audience of almost 300 overwhelmingly voted against the resolution.

Audience members gave varied remarks to the resolution, but most agreed the Corps is an integral part

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FBI officials link cult leader, drug-smuggling ring to Houston

WACO (AP) — A Paul Quinn College trustee said he is disapowned that the Internal Reve-ue Service decided to go brough with its auction of two omes owned by the college, inuding the school president's res-

"We had hoped something ould be worked out with the IRS," said trustee Monte Hulse of

The IRS put the homes owned by the state's largest black private college on the auction block to ollect back taxes. The IRS had filed \$303,129 in liens against the chool in January

McLennan County resident Gene Chapman purchased Paul Quinn President Warren Morgan's residence and 14 acres for 60,000. The minimum bid was

Elizabeth Price, also of McLenan county, bought the other house for the minimum bid of

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HOUSTON (AP) — The alleged ringleader of ritual slayings in Matamoros, Mexico, has ties to the Texas at Austin. Houston area, and the same drug-smuggling ring believed responsible for the slayings is thought to be A Houston man and another vic-

tim were found in shallow graves near the ranch. linked to area drug deals, FBI offi-Houston would be a logical place for cult ringleader Adolfo de Jesus Constanzo, Houston FBI agent Joh-Iailed in Matamoros, four mem-

bers of the cult have confessed to involvement in the slayings, four of which were said to have been human

amoros. One of those buried at the site was Mark Kilroy, 21, a pre-medical student at the University of

A federal grand jury in McAllen on Tuesday returned indictments against the jailed suspects in Houston and in Matamoros and against five suspects who remain at large.

Among those at large are Constanzo and Sara Villarreal Aldrete, 24, said to be the witch for the cult

Gramm mobilizes efforts to deploy missiles to Abilene

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Phil Gramm began mobilizing efforts Wednesday to deploy MX missiles to Dyess Air Force Base in Texas if the president agrees with a recommendation by Defense Secretary Dick Cheney to move the nuclear missiles from silos to railroad cars.

Gramm, a Texas Republican, said he anticipates intense competition among the states for the rail-garrison MX missiles.

In a time of tight defense spending, the Texas Republican said, rail garrison MX missiles may be among the few new major military undertakings.
Gramm said he began setting

up a series of visits Wednesday with Pentagon officials "aimed at making a case for Abilene," after learning of Cheney's decision Tuesday.

Dyess Air Force Base, the home of the B-1B bomber, already has nuclear weapons and storage facilities for nuclear weapons that could be used for the MX missiles, Gramm said.

"The community has accepted nuclear weapons," Gramm said. At the same time, Dyess may lose more than 330 jobs if the Pentagon goes ahead with a costcargo planes from the base to Japan. The base lost another 500 to 700 jobs in 1986 when the Air Force removed a squadron of cargo planes:

Gramm said the MX rail based missiles provide an opportunity to "more than replace the loss of personnel and jobs" from the C-130 move.

"We're talking about a mission that will last well into the 21st century," Gramm said.

The number of missile sites chosen for the MX rail garrison program would depend on the number of MX missiles being deployed, Gramm said.
"There will be intense competi-

tion," he said. "With the shrinking defense budget, a lot of com-munities are losing other (military) missions."

On Wednesday morning, hours after Cheney apparently issued his recommendation to President Bush, Gramm said he began "going back and touching all the bases we have contacted in the past. I want to do what we have to do to make sure Abilene is chosen. If the rail garrison MX program moves forward, I think ve have a good chance of being

cutting plan to move 10 C-130 REACH designates day to raise awareness of needy

By Fiona Soltes

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As part of REACH Awareness Day, canned food will be collected, pamphlets distributed and a panel discussion will take place from 12:15 to 1:45 p.m. today in the MSC flagroom.

Harry Cralle, faculty adviser to REACH, Relief Education and Concern for Hunger, said the

The cult has been blamed for the deaths of at least 15 people, 13 of whom were unearthed from the purpose of the event is to raise awareness of the haystack-covered grounds of Santa Elena Ranch, 20 miles west of Matlocal needy and to discuss the ways they can be "We will discuss what hunger is and who is re-

sponsible for overcoming it," Cralle said. 'Most organizations say, 'Give me the money and I'll fight it,' but we need to look beyond charity and see what we're fighting and what we

He said many controversial issues should be considered, including a new "birth control pill," which raises moral questions when suggested as

an answer to the hunger problem. The panel will consist of reperesentatives from campus and religious organizations and

faculty members specializing in nutrition. Cralle

will moderate.

REACH collects canned foods on a regular basis for the Brazos Food Bank at A&M Presbyterian Church, Wesley Foundation, Off-Campus LDS Institute and in Cralle's office at 217B

The student organization was formed about four weeks ago to educate the public about area

The group plans to become a frontal organization for other groups wanting to help the

Meet the two toughest cops in town.

nie Joyce told the Houston Post.
"We've been aware of him being in and out of Houston for some

time," Joyce said. For the past year, he said, Constanzo has had "very

strong ties" to the city.
"With all that in mind, Houston is a logical place for him to come back

In the past year, Constanzo made several large purchases in Houston, including luxury cars, the *Post* re-

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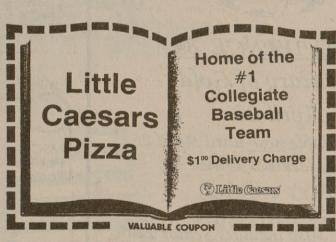


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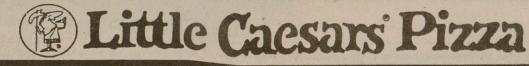
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