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## Gramm supports Persian Gulf policy, expresses concern for troops, hostages

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U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm officially kicked off his bid for re-election and announced support of President Bush's Middle East policy during a \$100-per-person barbecue dinner Friday at the Brazos Center in Bryan.

Gramm said he was concerned about the situation in the Middle East and for the troops already in Saudi Arabia.

The Republican senator, who was a professor of economics at Texas A&M, said he believes the president took correct steps to stop Iraq's acts of aggression.

"There has not been bloodshed in the Middle East because America has been ably led by President Bush during this whole crisis," Gramm said.

He said the president took decisive steps to take control of the situation by sending U.S. forces to Saudi Arabia and eagerly seeking an international blockade and trade embargo.

Early Saturday morning, the U.N. Security Council unanimously voted to allow the multinational naval force in the Middle East to use measures to enforce the blockade.

According to a Sunday Houston



Photo by Fredrick D. Joe

U.S. Senator Phil Gramm speaks at a fundraising dinner at the Brazos Center Friday. Johnny Lampo, left, introduced him.

Chronicle article, the Bush administration said the new U.N. resolution gave its military forces the ability to tighten the international trade embargo and blockade.

Gramm said American forces have been and will be important in the resolution of the Iraqi conflict.

"Our forces in Saudi Arabia grow stronger every day," Gramm said. "I am hopeful the situation will come to a peaceful and reasonable conclusion."

He said American forces are joining other nations to deter further Iraqi aggression and to force Sad-

dam Hussein's withdrawal from Kuwait.

"However, we are not sending troops to Saudi Arabia only to make a statement," Gramm said. "We are sending an army there that can defeat the Iraqi army, and I think it's good we took these actions because I believe there is a clear and present danger in this area."

Gramm said he was concerned about the 3,100 U.S. hostages in Iraq and Kuwait.

He said the hostages complicate the situation, but he believes Bush will handle this problem as well as he has handled the entire situation in the Middle East.

Gramm also was in Bryan to kick off his and fellow Republican's campaigns. Elections for over 20 offices from U.S. Senate to county clerk will be held on Nov. 6.

Wendy Gramm, the senator's wife, said she was thankful for Brazos County's support. She also said she and the senator will try to help every Republican candidate win offices in the upcoming elections.

At the end of his speech, Gramm told supporters to take the plastic bumper stickers being handed out at the function.

"And if I lose, I'll come back and take each and every one off myself," he joked.

## Hit-and-run accident injures A&M student

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A Texas A&M student was hit by a car and suffered minor injuries while crossing South College Avenue near Carney's Pub early Saturday morning.

Bryan police said the driver of the car, Clay Andrew Davis, fled the scene.

Karen Denise Vigil, a sophomore general studies major from Dallas, and some friends left Carney's Pub at about 1:45 a.m. and were crossing the street when witnesses say the driver hit Vigil at a slow rate of speed and failed to

stop and render aid.

Carney's Pub employees called the Bryan Police Department and an ambulance, which took Vigil to St. Joseph Hospital where she was treated for minor abrasions and bruises and released.

Bryan police later arrested Davis in the hit-and-run accident and charged him with failing to stop and render aid, driving with a suspended license and driving while intoxicated.

The citation was the third for driving while intoxicated, police said.

If convicted, he faces prison and a fine.

## Police officer loses job Former chief says suspect unjustly killed

HOUSTON (AP) — Former Houston Police Chief Lee P. Brown told a police arbitrator that he fired Officer Scott Tschirhart earlier this year for unjustifiably killing a fleeing man.

Brown, now police commissioner for New York City, told arbitrator Charles Morris, a Southern Methodist University law professor, he believed Tschirhart probably was not justified in firing even one shot at Byron Gillum.

Gillum, 24, was shot to death after Tschirhart pulled him over for a routine traffic stop on Nov. 15. Gillum, who was black, was shot eight times — four of them in the back.

Tschirhart, 27, who is white, said he saw a gun between the bucket seats of Gillum's car and shot the off-duty security guard when he made a move towards it. The gun was later found in the car, while Gillum had escaped through a window and died in a grassy area nearby.

## Over 130 A&M student leaders attend largest FLC ever

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More than 130 of Texas A&M's student leaders spent three days in training at the Fall Leadership Conference on August 22-24 in Trinidad, Texas.

"Fall Leadership is an opportunity for top student leaders to gather before school starts to enhance their leadership skills and become acquainted with each other," said Paul Henry, co-adviser for the conference and the Memorial Student Center assistant director.

"I think a theme throughout is the recognition that these students can make a differ-

ence, while in school and even after," he said.

Henry said the 133 students and 35 guests and speakers marks the biggest turnout in the 38 years of the Fall Leadership Conference.

Tim Sweeney, co-adviser for FLC and associate director of Student Activities, said the conference had a good balance of MSC committees and other student organizations, such as student government, Off-Campus Aggies, vocal music groups and many more.

The conference, sponsored by the Memorial Student Center Fall Leadership Committee, has been an annual event on

the camp grounds of the Texas Utilities electric plant, about 150 miles from A&M, since 1953.

The conference was originally designed by John Samuels, a student who wanted to instill leadership qualities and unity into the men serving under him, while also working to solve the problems of the MSC.

Thomas C. Fitzhugh, class of '71 and former president of MSC Council, was the keynote speaker. Other speakers included three sets of Aggie Parents of the Year, Vice-President for Student Services Dr. John Koldus and women's athletics coach Lynn Hickey.

The students who attended had varied

thoughts on the conference and its benefit to them.

FLC Chairman Stephen Walls said, "I thought it was a great way to start off the year, because it gave student leaders a chance to build the Aggie network."

Keith Powell, co-director of fundraising for FLC, said, "This is a bonding experience for many new and old student leaders that will last all year and on into the 'Aggiehood' of life."

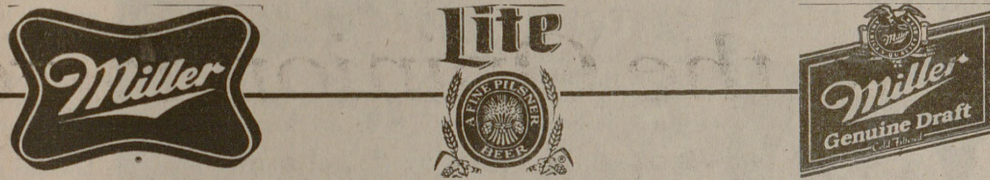
Becky Parker, fellowship executive of Alpha Phi Omega, said, "FLC helps improve relations between organizations and helps everyone gain respect and become aware of different, diverse organizations."

Johan Ost, junior redpot for bonfire, said for him, the best part of the conference was meeting all the people.

Katy Stone, MSC Literary Arts chairman, said she was impressed by the interaction of the leaders despite their diverse backgrounds and interests.

Anne Harding, MSC Recreation chairman, said, "It's an outstanding opportunity to increase the cohesiveness of the campus."

Shar Lewis, historian of Alpha Phi Omega, said she learned how to improve on the skills she always had and learned new ways to approach different problems.



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