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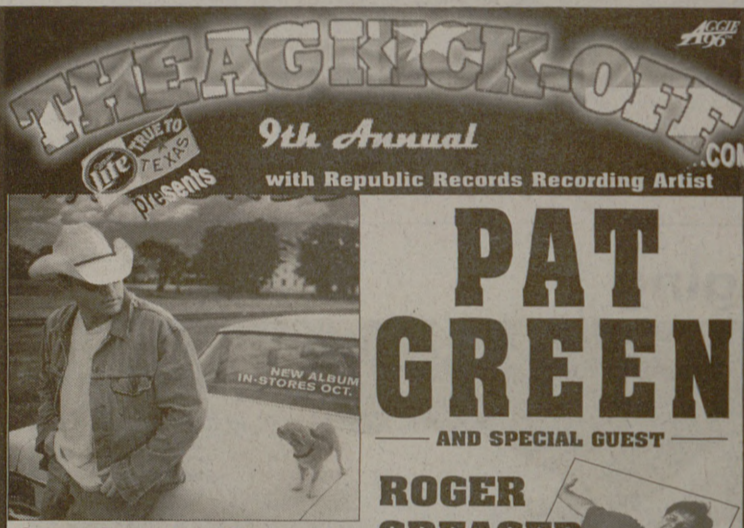
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## Fish



by R. DeLuna GRAMM

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then-President Reagan with tax and spending cuts, a big increase in the federal budget. The landmark deficit-cut legislation carries his name.

Later stripped of his trustee assignment, he resigned House seat following election. He promptly won a Republican in a special election in 1983, then used springboard to the Senate in 1984. He has been easily re-elected every election since, and safe bet for re-election in 2002.

But his brand of proved unsuccessful one state. A run for the GOP's presidential nomination collapsed in 1996 when he finished the lead off Iowa caucus.

At the same time, he steadily gathered inside the Senate GOP. A man of the Senate committee, he helped the GOP majority in the elections. A few months helped Mississippi Sen. Lott — now the GOP leader — gain a leadership post.

Chairman of the Budget Committee until Democrats gained a Senate majority last year, he played an important role in passing comprehensive legislation, which President Clinton signed into law as a bankruptcy bill still pending.

At his news conference, Gramm made use of his mark folksy rhetoric and partisanship. He said he called Dicky Flatt — a Texas, printer whom he frequently cites as an example of the voters who "do the taxes and pay the wagon" in Texas.

As for the Democrats, he missed their criticism of President Bush's tax-cutting and eroding federal surplus.

Gramm said he was not because his goals — an increased budget, tax cuts, reform and Communist decline — had been accomplished. "I am proud to say today that not only did I play a leadership role in each and every one, but in the very real sense, 25 years these goals have been achieved."

## funny side up ↑



by Josh Darwin

## SAVING

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Wendy Lee, had his two sons and launched his political career in this city.

"Twenty-seven years ago, I drove to College Station, Texas, in a used Mercury with a back seat full of books to start what would be a 13-year teaching career and lifelong love affair with Texas A&M University," Gramm said in February 1995 from the steps of the school's Administration Building when he formally announced his ill-fated run for the U.S. presidency.

Saving said Gramm was well-liked by students, even though he was tough. Saving remembered one particular student who, even though he kept failing it, took Gramm's economics class three times.

"He was a very popular teacher and a very dif-

icult grader — a combination that's hard to get. He has a charisma," Saving said.

Several A&M officials, including Bowen and members of the search committee formed to find a new president, would not comment Tuesday on Gramm's chances at getting the top job at the University.

"We all know he loves Texas A&M but to consider him for the presidency would be very premature at this time," said Board of Regents Chairman Erle Nye. "It would be inappropriate for me to suggest that I have one candidate that I favor over another."

Saving, director of A&M's Private Enterprise Research Center, said Gramm would be a great president.

"He's certainly well qualified," Saving said. "He's gone on to do great things outside the university and he understands the political environment the University is in."

## CONSTRUCTION

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two days of class were data gathering days. The City of College Station modified the signal timing at both locations last week.

These modifications have made the pedestrian and vehicular traffic move very well through the intersection.

Williams said PTTS will continue traffic counts at the

intersections of George Bush and Wellborn, Kimbrough/Joe Routt and Wellborn and Old Main and Wellborn.

Heger said the construction will demand a link between main and West Campus.

"One of the first orders of business will be for them to create a passageway to maintain the link between west and main campus," Heger said.

"They will be securing the site to keep pedestrians out of

the way of construction immediately."

The two-part project consists of garage construction totaling \$31,653,000 and underground pedestrian construction at \$14,775,000. The garage will hold 3,725 vehicles.

For more information on construction or to view designs of the garage and the pedestrian passageway, visit <http://ptts.tamu.edu>.

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

### Wednesday

Cooperative Education will hold its Co-op Orientation at 11:30 a.m. in Rudder 502. Steps to learn about participating in the program will be taught at this time.

Alpha Phi Omega, a co-ed service fraternity, is holding the Fall 2001 Rush Informational at 7:30 p.m. in Koldus 110. For information, contact Kristie at 694-0181 or Mary at 575-8358.

The Texas A&M Student Senate is having its first meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Governance Room in the Koldus Building. Applications for new senators will be available.

### Thursday

Cooperative Education is holding a welcome back party for all current and former Co-op students at 5:30 p.m. in the Career Center Lobby in Koldus 209. Free food and door prizes will be available. For information, contact Courtney Brande at 458-0913.

Department of Student Life will host a graduate students mix and mingle in MSC 226 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Light refreshments provided.

The Texas A&M Sailing Club is holding an informational meeting at 8:30 p.m. in Rudder

301. For more information, contact Ben Borgers at 680-9398, or visit [sail.tamu.edu](http://sail.tamu.edu).

### Saturday

The Texas A&M Sailing Club is having a party to teach people to sail. Meet at Hensel Park at 10 a.m. or at Lake Burdick after 10:30 a.m. For information, contact Ben Borgers at 680-9398, or visit [sail.tamu.edu](http://sail.tamu.edu).

### Monday

The Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. is holding an informational meeting at 8:30 p.m. in Rudder 401. Business professional attire

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