

— Sound Off —

Former Aggie To Head Scientists At Andrews AFB



"We've got to think of a way to retract those Aggie jokes—Thanksgiving is just around the corner!"

Sen. Tower Brings Campaign To Area

Senator John Tower will bring his campaign for re-election to Bryan-College Station Monday, according to Martin Leissner, Republican Party chairman for Brazos County.

Tower is scheduled to arrive at Easterwood Airport at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Leissner said. He will appear on the KBTX television program "Town Talk" at 3:30 p.m.

A reception honoring Tower will be at the Ramada Inn here from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m., and Leissner said the general public is invited to attend.

"Although Senator Tower will be unable to be at the reception during the entire time, due to his television appearance, we

want to invite everyone to the reception," he noted. "We will have a television set tuned in to the program and the Senator will be here immediately after his appearance on television."

Leissner also said Tower will conduct a press conference at 4:10 p.m. in his campaign headquarters here, in room 124 of the Ramada Inn.

Tower is currently touring the state seeking re-election to the Senate. His opponent, Attorney General Waggoner Carr, visited this area last week.

Tower is scheduled to leave at 4:45 p.m. Monday for a speaking engagement Monday night in Texarkana, Leissner added.

Editor, The Battalion,

As I read the letter by Paul F. Gunner in "Sound Off" (10-25-66), I was struck by the fact that he was somewhat less than objective in his criticism of the civilian student body of A&M. Perhaps in his efforts to be a "Gung-ho" Fish, he has simply lost sight of a few obvious facts. Whatever his problem, I feel obligated to shed a little light on these facts of ALL Corps members who have mistaken ideas about civilians.

Fish Gunner singled out the tradition of "whipping out" as an example of the "superior" pride and spirit of the A&M Cadet Corps. But a close look reveals that only those cadets who have to, actually comply with the tradition. The Juniors and Seniors, who have no fear of retribution from upperclassmen, refrain from "whipping out" as much as any civilian ever did. Where is pride in doing something which is compulsory?

Fish Gunner also criticized civilian spirit at football games. I have spent an entire year in the Corps of Cadets and I, too, used to think that the civilians never yelled very loud or exhibited much Aggie Spirit. Just a few weeks ago I attended my first Aggie football game as a civilian. I was greatly surprised by the spirit and the participation of the civilians in the Aggie yell.

It cannot be denied that there are civilians who by their actions give the civilian body a bad name. But after all, does not the Cadet Corps have its "two percenters"?

The challenge put forth by Fish Gunner should not have been made to the civilian students only. The challenge should be to the entire student body of A&M to cease the bickering and name-calling between factions. The Aggie Spirit should be a united spirit, and true Aggies should see that this is the best thing for A&M and its students.

R. L. Singletary '69

Editor, The Battalion,

In reply to Mr. Gunner's letter in Tuesday's Batt, let's clear up a few of his obviously bias views about the Cadet Corps.

For the first thing, fish in the Corps seldom come to a civilian student and whip-out. Even if they do the language used is not full of courtesy and respect but rather filled with the air of contempt and obligation of duty.

The civilian voice on the campus, even though it carries the majority of students behind it, has for too long, been hushed because of fear from certain people that if heard, the power of the Corp of Cadets will be hurt.

This very fact is what hurts A&M more than all other problems together. Until this university, our university, has equal voice for its students we shall never be as great as we someday can be.

What can be done? The most important thing is to write and do something about it. The civilians by far have the majority in this school, yet have very little power.

How can the administration stick its neck out for us and give us our say if we do not want it ourselves. Take an interest, civilians, work for yourselves and take an interest. Speak for yourself; vote in elections and stand up for your rights.

Once we gain our power, which is destined to be ours, we then can gain much more for ourselves and help A&M to be the university it should be.

F. A. Tice '68

Texas A&M graduate Arthur G. Wimer Jr. has been named chief scientist of the Air Force Systems Command at Andrews AFB, Md.

The Texarkana native served in the post four years until August, 1964. Wimer received a bachelor degree in electrical engineering at A&M in 1940, and did graduate work at Harvard, MIT and Rutgers.

He was assistant deputy chief of staff for science and technology, moving up in the Air Research and Development Command after separation from active duty in 1953.

Rivalry is a way of life among the village headmen of the East African Anauk tribe. The chiefs are so insecure that they spend frequent nights prowling about to eavesdrop for plots against them.

Wimer is recipient of the Air Force Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service and the Air Force Commendation for Meritorious Civilian Service.

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