

Teamsters dislike 'Archie Bunker' image

WASHINGTON (AP)—Miffed at what it sees as a television effort to portray Archie Bunker as a

typical working stiff, the Teamsters Union said Tuesday "The average worker is no dingbat."

APO pledges plan to fix up several Hensel Park facilities

Alpha Phi Omega's 1971-72 pledge class will bend its back Saturday in a project to fix up Hensel Park facilities.

The national service fraternity group plans to prepare and paint the park cabin, veneer a barbecue pit, set road posts and clean out Pin Oak Creek that bisects the A&M property.

The James P. Hannigan Pledge Class chaired by Bill Norris of Dublin is the largest such APO group in the United States.

Project chairman John Mazurana of San Antonio expects 40 pledges of the 56-member class to work. Several APO pledges are members of the Fish Drill

Team, which will be at the national championship competition next weekend.

Besides painting the cabin, the Xi Delta chapter pledges will overhaul the Area II barbecue pit used by Col. Logan Weston for YMCA steak fries, set 64 posts near the cabin to prevent cars entering grassed recreation areas and "clean someone's garbage" out of the creek, Mazurana said.

The work force will include freshmen, sophomores and a junior.

Numerous A&M student groups use the College Avenue park for recreation purposes.

"For some reason the writers of those shows decided the average worker is a dingbat—fat, more than a little dumb, a committed racist and most of all, very comical," the union said in its new publication, Focus.

Bob Kasen, editor of Focus, says many of the two million Teamsters and members of other unions resent it.

Archie Bunker, chief character in "All in the Family," is portrayed as a slob-type worker in a blue-collar job that is never quite defined. He calls his wife "dingbat," his son-in-law "meat-head," makes racial and ethnic slurs, and likes President Nixon.

Kasen said there is increasing

irritation among workers about the Bunker image and references in national newspaper columns to "the Archie Bunker vote."

"It means 'the stupid worker' vote," Kasen said in an interview, and added that the real-life typical worker doesn't like it, even if he laughs occasionally at Archie.

"Maligned in public, he knows he's being made fun of by the so-called opinion makers. Increasingly hurt and angry, and resentful, he is quite ready to voice his feelings in the voting booth," Kasen wrote.

"There are a lot of workers who are thin, think everyone deserves a truly equal opportunity,

are sincerely compassionate and essentially intelligent," Kasen said.

"We think that increasingly the resentment runs deep and that the resentment helps account for reactions in the voting booths during this hot presidential year."

In an "open letter" to all presidential candidates, Kasen said that if they talked to real-life workers instead of eyeing "the Archie Bunker vote," they might get a response like this:

"I'm tired. Tired of being labeled a racist, hard hat, sloppy worker, unproductive slob, underrepresented, made a fool of, and just plain taken for granted."

Sea Grant Day to feature formal dedication, exhibit

Representative Ray Lemmon of Houston, chairman of the House Interim Committee on Coastal and Marine Resources, will be among participants in Texas Sea Grant College Day Thursday at A&M.

Also appearing during the ceremonies, marking formal dedication of TAMU as the nation's fourth Sea Grant College, will be Robert B. Abel, director of the

National Sea Grant Program, and Robert B. White, administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

The 9:30 a.m. dedication ceremony, open to the public, will be held in the university's new Zachry Engineering Center.

Exhibits depicting the work of the TAMU Sea Grant Program will be on display in the foyer.

At 2 p.m. Texas Sea Grant College Day student seminars will begin in the library conference room. Abel and Alan Lohse, senior scientist with Gulf Universities Research Consortium and member of the Presidential Air Qual-

ity Advisory Board, will head the seminars, which also are open to the public.

Other key participants in Texas Sea Grant College Day ceremonies include TAMU President Jack K. Williams; John C. Calhoun, Jr., vice president for academic affairs and director of the A&M Sea Grant Program; Clyde Wells, president of the board of directors of the A&M System; Texas Land Commissioner Bob L. Armstrong; William McIlhenny, Dow Chemical Company; Richard Geyer, head of TAMU's Oceanography Department, and Ronald Tomas, president of the Graduate Student Council.

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The money will be used to build a student resource reference center, to furnish an industrial communications lab, and to buy other equipment to enhance the education of industrial distribution

students.

Thompson offers the contribution in memory of his brother, W. T. (Bill) Thompson, who was secretary-treasurer of Warren Electric Company.

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