

VIEWPOINT

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United Fund drive opens its needy hand

It's pay day. You've got that brand-new paycheck tucked away in your pocket, soon to be folded, spindled or spent.

"Well, self," you tell yourself, "we'll make it for another two weeks anyway." It's a nice feeling.

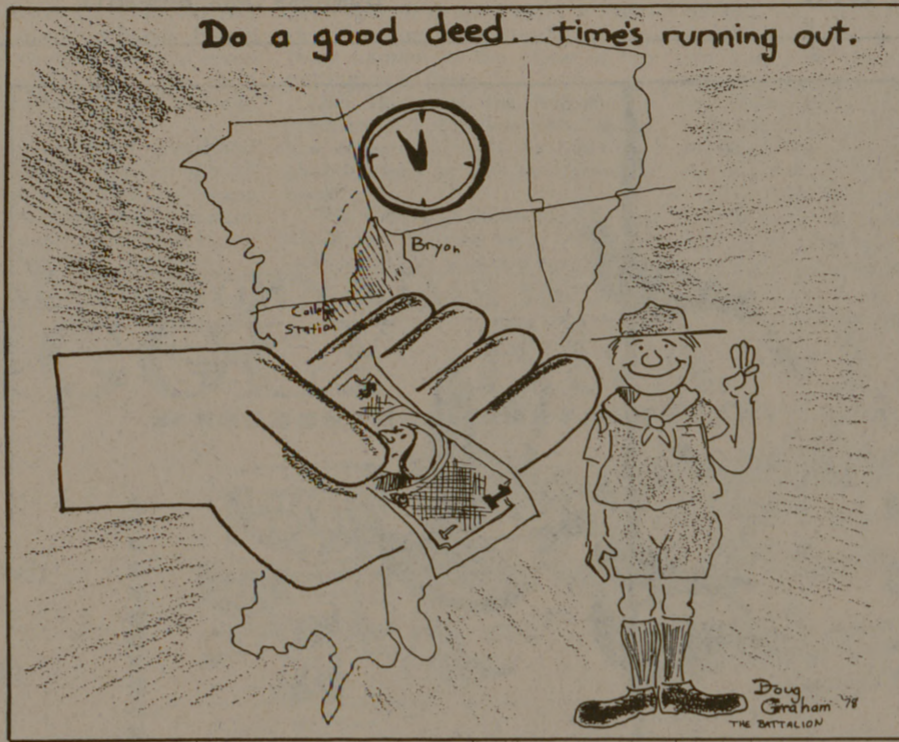
There are very good people doing some very good work in College Station who don't know that feeling yet. These are the people who man the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center and the College Station Recreation Council. They're Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, young and old, healthy and handicapped.

These people work with or benefit from agencies that live or die according to the generosity of College Station's people. Eighteen agencies in College Station and Brazos County depend on United Way-United Fund financing.

And the good people of College Station have done their part in the past. But now the need is greater than ever. This area's hell-bent-for-leather growth has strained all of College Station's public service facilities, including these agencies. But they're still one heck of a bargain for the money.

So give what you can. The United Way folks call one day's salary your "fair share." You decide what's a fair share for you. Invest in some mighty good people.

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Campaign '78 — Tower in trouble

By ROLAND LINDSEY
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AUSTIN, Texas — Republican Sen. John G. Tower, elected 17 years ago to succeed Lyndon B. Johnson, appears in jeopardy of losing Nov. 7, and his refusal to shake hands with his challenger may be a key to the outcome.

While Tower is battling Rep. Bob Krueger, D-Tex., in the Senate race, Republicans are waging their most expensive campaign for the governorship with GOP nominee Bill Clements, a former deputy secretary of defense in the Ford administration, challenging Attorney General John Hill.

Hill defeated Gov. Dolph Briscoe in the Democratic primary and claims he has a comfortable lead despite indications Clements is steadily gaining.

If Krueger, a wealthy bachelor making his first statewide run, upsets Tower and if Clements is unsuccessful in his race against Hill, Republicans would be shut out from statewide office for the first time since 1961.

If Clements can win, he would be the state's first GOP governor in more than a century.

Charges of dirty tricks and underhanded tactics have overshadowed any discussion of issues in the Senate race.

Tower has filed a complaint with the Fair Campaign Practices Committee contending Krueger has repeatedly distorted his statements on issues, and complained of errors in the Democrat's campaign expense reports.

The La Raza Unida party candidate for Senate, Luis deLeon, contends a Krueger campaign worker offered him a \$28,000 government job and more than \$1 million in federal funding for Mexican-American programs if he would drop out of the race.

DeLeon contended the Krueger aide said the race was so close the 1-2 percent of the vote DeLeon might attract could affect the outcome.

But the incident that attracted the most attention was Tower's refusal to shake hands with Krueger before a debate at the Houston Press Club. Tower on the previous day had cancelled four televised appearances with Krueger because he was angry at circulation of a newspaper column about a senator who demanded whiskey and women at out of town speaking engagements.

The column did not name Tower, but the Krueger campaign circulated a reprint and said it referred to the Texas senator.

Politics

At the Houston Press Club, Krueger approached Tower and extended his hand. Tower turned the other way and ignored the greeting. The pictures of made front pages and television screens nationwide.

Krueger backers say Tower's action backfired, and turned some Democrats and independents against him. Independent polls show Krueger slightly ahead with a week remaining, but Tower forces still express confidence.

Clements, head of one of the world's largest oil well drilling firms, has based his campaign on a tax relief theme, promising to return much of a projected \$1 billion state surplus to citizens and reduce the number of state employees by 25,000.

Hill, who ran unsuccessfully for gover-

nor in 1968 and built a reputation as a strong consumer advocate during six years as attorney general, shocked many Texans by ousting the incumbent without a runoff in the May 6 Democratic primary.

Clements has tried to paint Hill as a part of the Carter administration, which has come under strong criticism in Texas because of its energy policies. But Hill has threatened to support another candidate for the 1980 presidential nomination unless Carter revises his stand on energy, and is preparing a suit challenging major portions of the energy bill passed by Congress.

Although five of the state's veteran members of Congress are retiring this year, there appears little likelihood of any significant Republican gains in the state's Washington delegation.

Texas voters also are voting on nine proposed amendments to the state constitution, including a so-called "tax relief amendment" that could result in tax savings of about \$500,000 to local school districts and reduce property taxes for each of the state's homeowners by about \$48 annually.

Letters to the Editor

Car drivers deserve equal courtesy

Editor:
In reference Tami Tipton's letter of Thursday, Oct. 19 in The Battalion, I feel I must rise in defense of the lowly, second-class car driver.

I myself being a veteran campus cyclist, and walker, can appreciate Tami's gripe. Nevertheless, a car stopped at stop sign often has to sit while 20 or more students walk in front of it. Often the driver, meanwhile, will get no show of appreciation, and will occasionally get a contemptuous glance shot in his direction.

As soon as a break does appear in the ambulatory traffic, it is necessary to accelerate to make a getaway. If a pedestrian decides not to wait for perhaps five more seconds, but steps out into the road, is it not surprising that the driver will give the pedestrian a look of exasperation?

It would be better for all concerned if a little give and take occurred at intersections and crosswalks. If five or six pedestrians, or cyclists, crossed at a time and then allowed the car to move on, the friction between driver and pedestrian and cyclist would not occur. Also, a wave or smile directed at the driver when he has just stopped to let you walk or cycle across, and vice versa would be much appreciated.

The car driver has every right to be on the road, and is probably in just as much a hurry to get to class as the pedestrian is.

The Aggie is a symbol of politeness and friendliness, and I would be surprised if I were chased down by an irate pedestrian, especially if the pedestrian had been inconsiderate and had been at fault.

— Paul Barrett, 81

Meet your profs

Editor:
Ever since I enter this university as a freshman, I have heard nothing but praise for the type of people which comprise our student population at Texas A&M.

Being a student, this recognition is something which is a boundless source of pride, but not just pride for myself or for being a student here, but also pride for being able to be a part of a university which has one of the most outstanding faculties and staffs anywhere.

Unfortunately, I am afraid that many students go through their years here without experiencing, sharing, or even realizing the great wealth of knowledge, friendliness, and personal concern which our faculty and staff represent. Those students who do not take the time to absorb a fraction of this great wealth will never have a complete education.

Recently, I was afforded just one more opportunity to listen, learn, and to extend my relationship with our faculty and staff thanks to Dr. John J. Koldus, vice president for student services. Dr. Koldus sponsors a series of luncheons throughout the year during which faculty members from different colleges, staff members, and students meet and discuss various issues over lunch.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to meet faculty and staff members other than those associated with their own course of study. I had a wonderful time and the conversation was most enjoyable, all of which was only interrupted by my having to leave early to attend class.

Have you taken time this semester to really meet any of your profs? Have you gone to seek help on any class projects from any particular prof or staff member who may specialize in just what you need help on? Try it, and I assure you that you will leave with a very special resource — nowhere else but Texas A&M!

— Mary E. Flori, '80

General not 'naive'

Editor:
This letter is in reference to Leonard Seelig's letter of Nov. 27 in which he criticized General Westmoreland's speech, saying "the general is opposed to any advances in women's rights."

Personally, I felt that General Westmoreland handled the question of a woman's role in the armed forces better than anyone I've heard.

He began by saying how he had recommended that two women be promoted to generals. He also stated that women have an important role in the armed forces. But he then went on to say that women were not as capable when it

came to combat training and performance as men. He said he felt like it was a reflection on the men of our country if they would allow women to fight. You quoted him as saying "the need for women in the armed forces is a reflection on the men of this country."

General Westmoreland's humorous yet tactful remarks on this sensitive subject were extremely well received by the majority of the audience. As a general who spent many years in Vietnam seeing men suffer, I'm sure he felt it would be needless for women to be in that situation also.

For a man who has contributed much to our country and whose speech was so well received by his audience at A&M, I don't understand why you tore his speech down and called it "naive and unsophisticated." I'm sure he was simplifying his vast knowledge on topic of "Trouble Spots Around the Globe" down to a level he thought we could better comprehend.

— Kathy Jones, 81

Try recycling

Editor:
How many of you take a break during the day by relaxing on the grass, drinking a coke, and reading The Battalion? How many of you also get up to go to class and throw the can and paper in the trash?

Our country does not have an unlimited supply of the aluminum the can was made from or the wood the paper was made from. If we want to continue to have these resources at our disposal, we are going to have to start conserving. Recycling is one answer.

An article recently appeared in The Battalion stating that past attempts to have a recycling center have received little support. This is very disappointing. Both aluminum and paper are used in great quantities on this campus. With a little effort put forth by all the students, a campus-wide recycling center could be a great success.

Houston and Rice both have effective recycling centers so I know the Aggies can too.

Why don't we give it another try?
— Carol Nease, '82

Readers' Forum

Guest viewpoints, in addition to Letters to the Editor, are welcome. All pieces submitted to Readers' forum should be:

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TOP OF THE NEWS CAMPUS

Freshman class runoffs today

Runoff elections for freshman class president and vice president are today. David Porter and Jonny Weinbaum are running for the presidency, while the vice presidency is between Rick Seger and Sally Takacs. Polling places are located at Sbsia Dining Hall, the Memorial Student Center, Zachry Engineering Center and between the library and Harrington Education Center. To vote, freshmen should bring their identification and student activity cards to the polling places between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Backgammon winners announced

Results of a backgammon tournament that began Oct. 24 and ended Monday night have been released. The top six winners of the tourney were Ed Simmons, David Teich and Manoucheagr Kavehkar in Division A and John Buchwalter, Kenan Alpan and Amin Stam in Division B. About 80 students participated in the tournament sponsored by the Memorial Student Center Recreation Committee.

A&M aims at United Fund goal

Texas A&M University fund-raising efforts on behalf of the College Station United Fund and the Bryan-Brazos County United Way have yielded contributions of \$25,789 as of last week, says campus chairman Chuck Cargill. The goal is \$42,000. University employees and students can pledge donations to both drives. Any student wishing to give donate money can pick up pledge cards and brochures at the MSC main desk Friday. The deadline for campus donations is Nov. 30.

STATE

Television too sexy, group says

The National Foundation for Decency, a group out to sweep sex and violence off television, demonstrated Tuesday at KTRK television, the ABC affiliate in Houston. The picketing was to promote a month-long viewer's boycott of ABC, according to the Rev. Donald Wildmon of Tupelo, Miss., founder and leader of the protest group. Wildmon's group singled out ABC because it claims that network has increased its "sexually oriented programming" by 48 percent in the new season. "Our goal is to drop ABC by 3 percent of the viewing audience in November," Wildmon said. He said such a decline would cost ABC as much as \$60 million in lost advertising revenue. Charles E. Wolf, promotion manager of the station, said "ABC is theoretically youth oriented and morals nowadays are a little looser. But no shows are in bad taste or meant to offend."

Bare facts mean trouble at UH

The editor of the University of Houston student newspaper faces possible censure or firing because she permitted the publication of a photograph of a man exposing himself at an art show. Lori Korelski, 22, senior editor of The Daily Cougar, said, "I see nothing indecent about the photo. He was going around exposing himself. Our photographer Phil Marcus asked the man if he could take his picture and the man said yes." Tuesday's issue of The Daily Cougar presented a full page of letters condemning last week's publication of the photograph. The hearing on the recommendation that Korelski be dismissed or censured has been delayed by committee reorganization. The flap is the second involving student publications use of questioned photographs. Earlier this year, a photo essay on nude models was scheduled for the school yearbook. The publishing house refused to print them.

NATION

Protesters begin hunger strike

Fourteen anti-nuclear demonstrators who chained themselves to earth-moving equipment at the site of Oklahoma's first nuclear generating plant Tuesday have begun a hunger strike in the Rogers County Jail. The demonstrators, who dubbed themselves the "Halloween 14," said they would remain in jail and fast until they all were released on personal recognition bonds. The 14 demonstrators were arrested about 7 a.m. Tuesday after construction workers found them chained to bulldozers and graders at the Black Fox site near Inola. Many of the demonstrators are members of the Sunbelt Alliance, which sponsored the Oct. 7 occupation of the Black Fox Station construction site. Hal Rankin, a spokesman for the alliance, said Tuesday's demonstration was not sponsored by the anti-nuclear group. Judge Ed Carden had set bonds for 12 of the protesters at \$50 each and placed two of them on recognition bonds during a brief court appearance Tuesday.

WORLD

Iranian oil industry still halted

Armed soldiers stood watch over idled oil fields in southern Iran Wednesday to guard against sabotage during the second day of a total strike against the nation's \$20 billion-a-year petroleum industry. The striking oil workers are demanding an end to martial law across the country, release of political prisoners and officials accused of corruption brought to trial officials. The oil strike is depriving the government of \$60 million a day in income. U.S. energy officials predicted the shutdown of Iran's gigantic oil industry would do no "immediate" harm to the United States, even though Iran supplies as much as 10 percent of America's daily oil imports. Limited quantities of oil were exported Monday and Tuesday. But the reserves are not likely to last through the week, the Kayhan newspaper reported.

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