

And the countdown begins

staff photo by Irene Mees

It's that time of year again, and Texas A&M students are flocking to the library. To handle the sudden influx of students preparing for finals, the library stay open until 2 a.m. each day for late night studiers. Here,

Lesley O'Hara, left, and Jana Wisener study diligently for their upcoming finals. O'Hara is a pre-med freshman from Ft. Worth, and Wisener is a junior BANA major from Plano.

Democrats to fight Tower

HOUSTON — Sen. John Tower can expect a hearty battle with the Democrats if he announces, as expected, for reelection in 1984, but at his own and his own-raiser he acted more like a campaigner for President Reagan than for himself.

"If we fail to do everything we can to support the proposals of our great president there is no respect that into the next century this country can continue to be the greatest power in the world," Tower said Friday night.

The \$200- to \$1,000-a-plate fund-raiser drew an unofficial crowd of 3,500 to hear Tower, Reagan and nearly two dozen national Republican leaders. Among them was Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker, R-Tenn., who called Tower and Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., the two men who have most influenced Republicanism in the south.

Tower, 57, the powerful chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee and key backer of the Reagan defense spending plan, has not officially announced whether he will seek reelection to a fourth term. In his 10-minute speech, Tower told the audience there is evidence in the country that Reaganomics is working.

Even the critics admit recovery is at hand but you don't hear them say that it's Reaganomics that is getting us out of it," Tower said. "But I can tell you it is at hand."

Tower took office in 1961 after staging a stunning upset — as a university professor — to become the first Southern Republican elected to the U.S. Senate since Reconstruction.

Democrats concede it will be tough to unseat the 22-year veteran lawmaker, but they believe Tower is vulnerable for several reasons.

Observers say Tower may be hurt by his close support of Reagan's economic and defense policies.

If the 1978 election is any indication, Tower's stronghold in Texas may be weakening.

Tower narrowly won reelection in 1978 by less than 1 percent, or 12,227 vote, margin over then U.S. Rep. Robert C. Krueger of New Braunfels.

Krueger has announced plans to challenge Tower again and Sen. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, 36, added his name to the list of candidates for the job on Friday.

Former Texas Gov. Dolph Briscoe and U.S. Rep. Kent Hance, D-Texas, also are considering running.

Observers believe Texas Democrats are more unified than in previous years.

For Republicans, a Tower victory or failure could determine whether Reagan again carries Texas, whether Republicans will maintain their five-seat Senate majority and whether the Republican influence in Texas will grow or diminish during the 1980s.

For Democrats, defeating Tower would increase the momentum established in 1982 when the party's candidates swept state-wide races. It could also catapult Sen. Lloyd Bentsen

into the chairmanship of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. And it would mean that Democrats would control every major state office for the first time since 1960.

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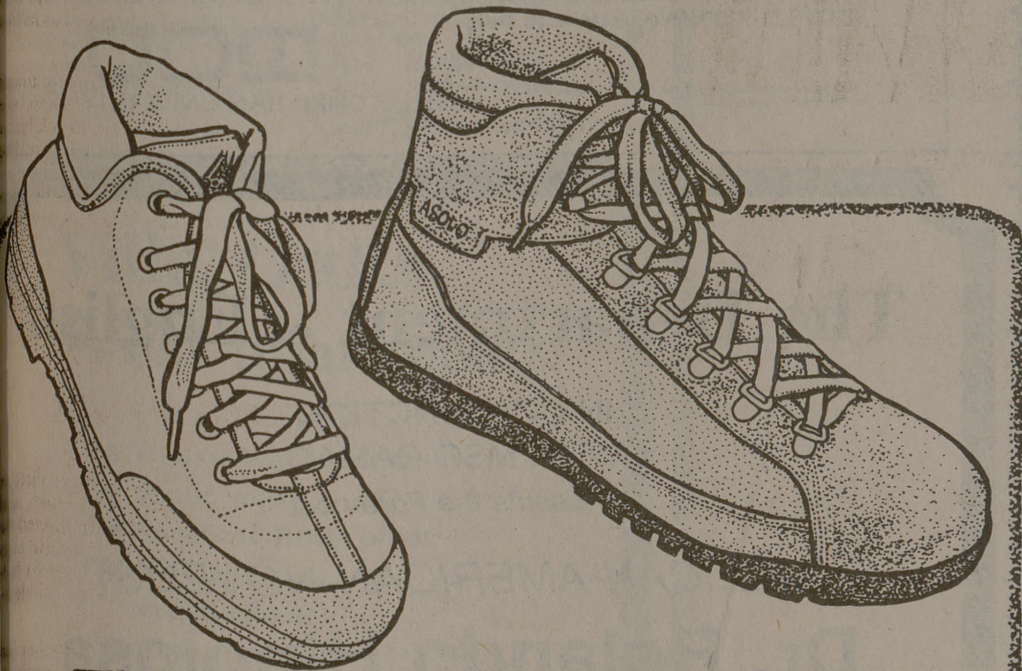
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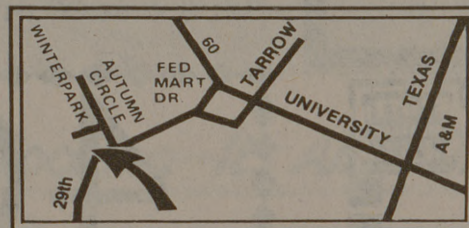
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PLANO — A developer planning a 20,000 square-foot house in a suburb near television's South Fork Ranch says he wants \$3 million for it, but he's willing to take a "producing oil well" as down payment. The house is located near the digs of the Ewing clan on

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April 21, 1983

An Open Letter From U.T. Students to A & M Students:

DO YOU KNOW REPRESENTATIVES OF YOUR STUDENT GOVERNMENT TESTIFIED IN AUSTIN FOR A TUITION INCREASE?

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About the only time Aggies and Longhorns get together is on opposite sides of a football field. We don't mind opposing you on the field; but we never thought we'd be opposing you at the State Legislature on such a fundamental issue as tuition.

Like nearly every other organized student lobbying group in the state, the University of Texas' Student Lobby has been working hard to keep our tuition low, which is especially crucial as the cost of books, living expenses, and student fees continue to accelerate.

We elicited a public pledge from Gov. Mark White during his campaign to veto any tuition increase, as part of his commitment to keeping higher education affordable for all Texans. Moreover, we have talked to literally dozens of state senators and representatives who feel as we do that a tuition increase will only push higher education out of the reach of many Texans who can barely afford the cost of their tuition and fees today.

But despite all this, your Aggie Legislative Study Group says that a tuition increase is inevitable, and they support a plan which would increase your tuition 550% in 7 years!!

If you believe that your tuition does need to be raised, then your representatives are serving you well. But if like us, believe that an increase in tuition would only damage Texas' higher education, then your representatives are not representing your interests. Your Legislative Study Group is telling legislators that Aggies want to increase their own tuition.

It is not our desire to meddle in A & M's campus politics; nor is it our wish to fight the Aggies anywhere except on the athletic field. We just thought many of you would want to join us in this effort to keep education affordable for you and us and future students in all of our state supported colleges and universities.

Sincerely,

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