Senatorial Candidate Voices Conservatism

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Before some 100 students in Hanszen Commons early Sunday afternoon, the Republican U. S. Senatorial candidate John Tower of Wichita Falls outlined his conservative approach to American government and related it to problems presented by students' questions.

PROFESSING his affinity to outspoken conservative Barry ("Conscience of a Conservative") Goldwater, Mr. Tower denied accusations that he was being dragged "kicking and screaming" into the twentieth century. The former Midwestern University political science professor insisted that his "progressive, constructive conservatism" is not opposed to change, but does fully recognize the value of existing political institutions.

He noted that America has been both a very progressive and conservative nation. "Pure Jeffersonianism," he continued, is out of date, but Jefferson's concern for the freedom of the individual is today as relevant as ever. Conservatives from both the South and North should bind together in the Republican party to insure that our government remain one that is "by the people."

IN APPLYING these principles to specific problems, Mr. Tower followed the maxim "that government governs best which governs least." He opposed federal aid to education, saying the basic problem was in the quality of our instruction, not in the quantity. He also felt that medical aid to the aged was undesirable as it would increase dependence on the federal government.

His approach was particularly well illustrated by his comments concerning the great economic changes which have taken place since the days of Jefferson. He felt we have mistakenly subsidized obsolete parts of our economy (such as many of our farmers) instead of letting them gradually turn to more productive endeavors.