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## Skydivers Slated To Open Busy Civilian Weekend

### Barbecue, Dance Planned Saturday

Civilian Weekend will officially begin Saturday at 3 p. m. with a skydiving exhibition by the A&M Parachute Club. The skydivers will perform their jumps over the civil engineering survey field northeast of the Systems Administration Building.

Five members of the group are slated to exhibit a 30-second delay. Dr. H. J. McCullen, club advisor, and Tom Williams of the Flying Kadets will fly the airplanes for the jumpers. Participating in the jump will be Bob Richardson, Bob Sholly, Jay Wheelock, John Olden and Pat Works.

Following the opening event for the weekend will be a barbecue, dance and selection of the civilian sweetheart.

FIFTEEN finalists have been selected for Saturday night's sweetheart contest. Included in the group are Judy Burns of Abilene, escorted by David W. Glover; Bobbie Foster of Waco, escorted by Donald B. Neumann; Sandra Hulse, Fort Worth, escorted by Keith Clark; Sarah Gibson of Kilgore, escorted by Juan G. Dominguez.

Dolores Mullenix, Dallas, escorted by Richard W. Kistner; Diane Shirley, Huntsville, escorted by Jack Cunningham; Mrs. Faith Heine, College Station, escorted by Bobby Heine; Mrs. Diane Booker, College Station, escorted by Jon Booker; and Mrs. Sarah Kay Brice of College Station, escorted by Travis R. Brice.

A STAGE band from Southwest Texas State Teachers College will provide music for the dance at 9 p. m. Saturday in Sbsisa Hall. During the dance the sweetheart will be selected by the couples present. Each couple will have two votes in the election.

The girls, nominated by each dormitory or housing unit, will be introduced at the barbecue and were presented on KBTX-TV's "Town Talk" at 11:30 a. m. Friday. For Saturday's dance, Sbsisa Hall's dance floor will be divided into three sections to carry out a San Francisco theme, representing Fisherman's Wharf, Chinatown and a view of a park.

BARBECUED beef and chicken will be served in the Grove Saturday afternoon between 5:30 and 6:15 p. m. Beef will come from the grand champion Hereford steer of the Houston Livestock Show.

Students who have civilian student activity cards are entitled to a barbecue ticket for one person and a dance ticket for a couple.



### Civilians Debate Seating In Sbsisa

Conflicting opinions were expressed in Thursday night's Civilian Student Council meeting as heated debate took place over a group of proposals submitted by the traditions committee headed by Dale Atkinson.

Most debate was focused on a suggestion to have tables set aside in Sbsisa Dining Hall for dormitory residents to eat meals as a group.

### Officer Team Will Inspect Army ROTC

A team of inspectors from Fourth Army Headquarters, Fort Sam Houston, will conduct the annual general inspection of Army ROTC cadets and the Department of Military Science next Friday and Saturday, Lt. Col. Thomas A. Hotchkiss, operations officer, announced Thursday night.

Friday morning a preliminary team, composed of Col. Ayres, chief of the inspection team, and two accompanying officers, will inspect records, procedures and classroom instruction in the Military Science Building.

In the afternoon, these officers will be briefed on cadet corps organization by Bill Nix, corps commander; John Meyer, Third Brigade commander; and James Johnson, Co. D-2 commander; at Corps Headquarters in Dorm 2.

Nix will discuss the basic organization of the corps. Meyer will present the organization at the brigade level and Johnson will speak on organization at the company level.

Later in the day ten additional officers will arrive from San Antonio to complete the inspection team.

The 13 officers will conduct an inspection in ranks Saturday morning at 9:15 on the main drill field.

### Malayan Economist To Speak Monday

Professor Emeritus T. M. Silcock of the University of Malaya will speak Monday in a graduate lecture.

The topic for the lecture at 8 p. m. in Room 229 of the Chemistry Building will be "The Role of Universities in Economic Development: Reflections of Southeast Asia."

Silcock who holds a Ph.D. from Oxford, is considered an authority on the economics of Southeast Asian development.

He was head of the Department of Economics at Raffles College, later known as the University of Malaya, in Singapore from 1937 until 1960.

### LOOKING FOR A JOB

### Byrns' Retirement Starts Efforts In New Career

Retirement usually denotes the beginning of a life of leisure, but for Lt. Col. Robert E. Byrns of the Department of Military Science, it will mean looking for a job.

Col. Byrns, whose retirement becomes effective April 31, said "What will I do when I retire? I hope I can find some place to teach. I'm struggling with a masters in history right now."

THE VETERAN OF 33 years of military service, of which 25 have been on active duty, came to A&M in 1958 from a three-year assignment as a member of the U. S. Advisory Group to the Danish Army in Copenhagen. He has been serving as the officer in charge of advanced section in military science.

"The first year I was on campus I audited some history classes because the history building was closer than the English building," Byrns said. He explained that he received a degree from Colorado State College with a major in English literature and a minor in history in 1933.

"When they started offering a master's degree in history here. I decided to try to get one. I should complete my work this summer," he added.

COL. BYRNS, WHO was born in North Dakota in 1910, began his military career in the Colorado National Guard in 1929. He was commissioned a second lieutenant directly from the Army Enlisted Reserve. The officer was integrated into the regular Army in 1947.

During World War II, which Byrns refers to as "the war," he had command of the 540th Amphibian Tractor Battalion. In the 10 years immediately following 1946, Col. Byrns served in such capacities as an instructor at the Armor School at Fort Knox, Ken., chief of an arctic test group for armor in Army field forces in Alaska and general staff officer of the Continental Army Command at Fort Monroe, Va.

COL. BYRNS WAS MARRIED to Miss Lily M. Frederikson in 1937 and they have two sons, Bobby, 10, and Steve, 8.

Col. Byrns said, "I'll probably teach in some junior college." He did say that he would not mind being a part of the A&M faculty. "I think the faculty here deserves more recognition than they get. There is just a lot of good men teaching here. I know because I've been in some of their classes."

"My first assignment to active duty was for 10 months," Col. Byrns recalled. "I guess it's about time I retire."



LT. COL. R. E. BYRNS ... job-hunting time

### Aggie Players Close Comedy Saturday Night

Students have only two more nights in which to view the Aggie Player spring production, "The Imaginary Invalid," before the comedy closes in Guion Hall Saturday night.

Written by Moliere, a French actor and playwright of the 17th century, the play satirizes the doctors of that time and is centered around an elderly hypochondriac (they had them then too).

Argan, played by Bob Hipp, delights in his illness because of the extra treatment and attention it affords him.

HE EVEN carries this so far as to try and marry his daughter to the son of Dr. Diaforus, his personal physician, with the hope that it will enable him to receive free treatment. His daughter, Angelica, is played by Lynn Imle. The part of the doctor's son is handled by Kipp Blair.

The author adds a sub-plot to the comedy by having Argan's wife, Beline, scheme with Monsieur Bonnefoy, a crooked lawyer, to get Argan's money. Beline is played by Charlene Ragsdale and Jack Morris acts in the role of the lawyer.

Toinette, Argan's maid, played by Sharon Prisk, spoils the plot and saves Angelica from an unwanted marriage.

OTHER CHARACTERS include Cleante, acted by James Moore; Monsieur Beralde, played by Bob Stark; An Apothecary, played by Ron Hunter; and Dr. Purgon, acted by Richard Metz. The part of Dr. Diaforus is filled by Bill Thornton. The play begins at 8 p. m. Admission for the production is 75 cents.

### High Court Judge Blasts Education

WASHINGTON (AP) — Justice William O. Douglas described American education Thursday night as "more propaganda than we appreciate"—some of it "biological, some religious and some biological."

"Americanism is often taught as a belief for whatever American foreign policy may be in effect, no matter how defeating it may be," the U. S. Supreme Court justice said in a speech prepared for the National Civil Liberties Clearing House.

"MANY TEXTS subtly downplay the Negroes in favor of the whites," he said. "Some proclaim Protestantism over Catholicism and Christianity over Judaism by failing to describe the history of religious liberty in a fair way."

"Teaching communism is becoming a fad," Douglas continued. "Moreover, the tendency has been to serve a political rather than an educational need. Those who travel in Communist lands know that a Communist regime is not all black, while we are all white. Is there enough courage and independence left to disclose what features of the Soviet system are not evil?"

DOUGLAS, in his sharp criticism of American education, enumerated several cases of censorship by school boards of school libraries. He included the case of a California school board he said banned "a brochure 'The Rule of Law in World Affairs,' by a Justice Douglas."

"Education by those standards is largely propaganda for one point of view or one school of thought," Douglas said.

"That is indeed precisely the Communist approach to sociology, political science, history and art."

### Pageant Creator To Crown King

Joseph S. Mogford of College Station, originator of the Cotton Pageant and Ball, will crown Nathan R. Boles of Winters as King Cotton during coronation ceremonies at the 29th annual event on April 6.

Boles is a 21-year-old senior agronomy major. He was chosen for the honor by Agronomy Society members in recognition of his student activity record.

He is social secretary and past vice president of the society and a distinguished student.

Mogford is chief cotton breeder for Northern Star Seed Co. of Waco and a retired A&M agronomy professor. He originated the Cotton Pageant and Ball in 1932. The Cotton Pageant and Ball, one

of the top social functions of the year, is considered the outstanding event of its kind in the nation. It is sponsored by the Student Agronomy Society in honor of the state's main cash crop, cotton.

Master of ceremonies at the pageant will be Johnny Watkins, farm director of KWTX-TV in Waco.

Pageant activity begins at 7:30 p. m. in Guion Hall, and the ball is set for 9:30 p. m. in Sbsisa Hall.

A highlight of the pageant will be the naming of Queen Cotton and eight members of her court from among 150 coeds representing colleges, universities, clubs and other organizations. Selections are made by authorities in fashion and art fields.

### Wire Review

By The Associated Press WORLD NEWS

WASHINGTON — Two unidentified jet planes fired shots near an American vessel in international waters off the north coast of Cuba Thursday night, the State Department reported.

A terse State Department announcement said:

"The U. S. Coast Guard has reported the receipt of a message from the U. S. motor ship Florida proceeding in international waters off the north coast of Cuba en route from San Juan, Puerto Rico, to Miami, Fla."

"The message reported that at approximately 6:05 p. m. Washington time today two unidentified jet aircraft had fired bursts across the Florida's bow and stern without sinking the ship."

U. S. NEWS

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The Great Catur rocket ended the first phase of its test program Thursday, blazing to its fourth straight success and demonstrating that it can function even with one of its eight engines dead.

The second half of a scheduled space doubleheader, the launching of the Explorer 17 research satellite, was postponed because of trouble with an atmospheric measuring device in the payload.

TEXAS NEWS

EL PASO — The government convicted promoter Billie Sol Estes of four counts of mail fraud and one of conspiracy Thursday—exactly one year after his flimsy financial empire crashed.

Federal Judge R. E. Thompson deferred sentencing until after a report by a federal probation officer. This was expected to take about two weeks.

Asked, by a reporter what he thought of the verdict, Estes said, "No comment."

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BRYAN — Brazos County officers said Thursday a 15-year-old Negro boy who told officers he beat M. J. Tremont, 72, to death last Monday will be sent to the Gatesville School for Boys.

Officers said he will be held in Gatesville until he is 17, the minimum age in Texas for an indictment on a felony charge.

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Initial legislative action on the college's name-change bill is scheduled next Wednesday, Rep. David Haines of College Station told The Battalion Friday morning.  
The bill, which proposes a name change to Texas A&M University, will be discussed at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday in the House chamber by the state affairs committee, Haines said.  
According to Haines, the committee most likely will then refer the measure to a subcommittee to iron out technical details.  
Action on a name-change was first approved by the A&M System Board of Directors meeting here in January. Haines later introduced the bill in the House in February.