# National Parachute Meet Set Here Saturday

### About 100 Parachutists Expected To Compete

Airport will be invaded by a mass of nylon and human bodies Saturday as the 1966 National Collegiate Parachute Meet kicks off its aerial competition.

Approximately 100 sport-parachutists will compete in the various style and target accuracy events Saturday. Oklahoma State and Texas A&M will field the largest teams of 19 and 18, respectively.

Other teams include the Air Force Academy, The Citadel and West Point, who placed first in the last collegiate nationals. Also, teams from Montana State, Kansas State, East Texas State, University of Houston, University of North Dakota and the University of Texas will attend.

The A&M Parachute Team, who placed second in the last National Collegiate Parachute Meet at Geneva, Wis., will enter seven jumpers in the advanced

#### Aggies Seek Tennis Title

Never in history have the Texas Aggies won the Southwest Conference tennis championship.

But, right now they lead the standings with a 23-1 record, have lost only eight points in their last 62 and present a tremendous challenge to defending champion and pre-season favorite Rice.

The Aggies play Baylor here Saturday and close out SWC play against Rice in Houston next Tuesday. Rice is now second at 15-3 and faces SMU and TCU before finishing against the Aggies.

Following a loss to Lamar Tech, Coach Omar Smith's Aggies have run off nine straight wins. In order, they beat LSU, 8-1; Minnesota, 8-1; Pan-American, 4-2; Michigan State, 6-3; Texas Tech, 6-0; Texas, 5-1; Oklahoma City, 7-0; SMU, 6-0 and TCU, 6-0.

The six-man varsity squad includes Richard Barker, Luis Rojas, Joe Tillerson, Dean Dyer, Ricky Williams and Pete Faust.

If the Aggies get past Baylor, 6-0 and Rice sweeps its matches with SMU and TCU, A&M would need only a 3-3 split with the Owls to win the title. Even a 4-2 loss would give the Aggies a tie.

#### **Aggies Compete** In Triangular

Randy Matson will be out to regain his winning ways in both the shot and discus and Gilbert Smith will be out to avenge an earlier loss to Baylor's Wayne Brandt in the 100 when the Aggies, Baylor and Texas Tech clash in a triangular track and field meet Saturday in Lubbock.

Matson last Saturday lost for the first time in the discus in the Civitan Relays at Memphis, Tenn. John Cole of Arizona State won with 185-8. Matson threw 180-3. Randy won the shot with a 63foot effort.

Brandt beat Smith in the century during a dual meet at College Station April 12. Brandt ran 9.6 and Smith was second at 9.7. The Aggies will leave for Lubbock Friday afternoon.



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The sky over Hearne Municipal competition and 11 in the novice class competition.

Those team members in the advanced class include David Decker, Bob Richardson, Skip Heard, Dave Burrus, Mike Linz, Fred May and Bruce Head.

The remaining team competitors are John Kunzman, Ken Mattoon, Russ VanHellen, Mac Kendrick, Dick Tracy, Randy Panell, Tom Glaser, Mike Haynes, Wic McKeen, Joe Evridge and Terry Garrett.

Plans were made to house the more than 80 visiting sportparachutists at the Texas A&M Research Annex, but those plans have had some amendments. Being Aggie-oriented, the A&M team failed to make arrangements for female jumpers.

That's right! Some of the coed schools are bringing coed para-

The team first became aware of female entries when the University of Houston sent its entry fee and individual checks. One of the checks was signed by a female

The World's Champion U. S. Army Parachute Team, who will act as judges for the meet, will make a jump early Saturday morning to determine the wind condition and aid the jumpers in spotting for their target. Wind velocity exceeding 18 knots will probably cancel the jumping.

If the weather holds good for the weekend, then it will rain parachutes and a rare collection of skydiving talent over Hearne. In this case, spectators from the area will be treated to a rare stration of a collegiate compe-

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Quartermaster Fred May of the Parachute Club gives a briefing on jumping preparation to Carol Murphy, a secretary at Aggieland. May was preparing for the Collegiate National Parachute Meet at Hearne Saturday.

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### Aggie Gets First Taste Of Parachute Competition

By JAMES SIZEMORE

John Kunzman, Aggie sportparachutist, will get his first taste of parachute competition in a big way Saturday as he and 17 others represent the A&M Parachute Team in the 1966 Collegiate National Meet at Hearne.

"He is one of our most promising novice jumpers," says Bob Richardson, team member and advanced jumper. To enter competition as a novice, the parachutist must have less than 50 jumps. Kunzman has 43.

Kunzman, a sophomore architectural construction major from Ottumwa, Iowa, is also a licensed pilot. He is one of six licensed pilots on the club and has about 180 hours of air time. Kunzman is also one of the four active pilots who regularly fly jump-planes as the team jumps each weekend at Hearne Municipal Airport.

Being a Yankee, it would seem unlikely that Kunzman would ever wind up at A&M, but, as it happens, he ran into an Aggieex. Kunzman spent four years in the Air Force and met an officer at Offit Air Force Base who had graduated from A&M and this officer influenced his

Kunzman joined the parachute team here in September, 1965, and has been quite active since. To retain his novice rating, however, he has avoided making many jumps lately because it would move him into the advanced parachutist class with more than 50 jumps.

As a novice he will compete only in target accuracy events, but he may possibly fill out one of the spots on an advanced team

before the weekend is over. Also, because of the number of people entering competition, he may be called on in the event of a pilot shortage.

It should be a busy and interesting weekend for Kunzman and the other 17 parachutist on the team competition roster, but it is a good bet that the visiting teams will be just as busy trying to beat the Aggie team on their own drop zone at Hearne.

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