

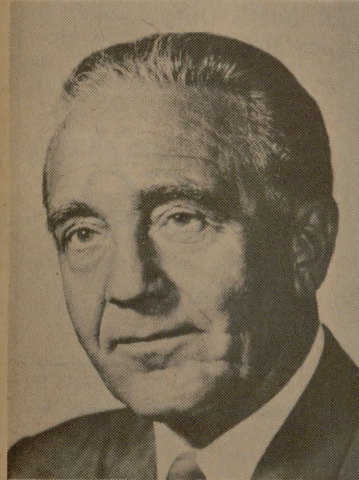
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## Space Fiesta Will Begin 10-Day Run On Monday



DR. KURT H. DEBUS

### Review Highlights First Ceremonies

Space Fiesta '67 is due a colorful launching here Monday for a 10-day orbit.

Dr. Kurt H. Debus, director of the John F. Kennedy Space Center, will be guest of honor for a review of A&M's Corps of Cadets at 5:45 p.m. Monday.

Dr. Debus also is the featured speaker for an 8 p.m. program in the MSC Ballroom. His topic: "Space Flight . . . Yesterday . . . Today . . . Tomorrow."

KENNEDY SPACE Center assemblies, checks out and launches manned and unmanned spacecraft at Cape Kennedy and the NASA launch facility at the Western Test Range, Lompoc, Calif.

Spotlighted speaker for Wednesday is Jack N. James, deputy assistant director for lunar and planetary projects for the Jet Propulsion Laboratory at the California Institute of Technology.

His 8 p.m. address in the A&M Memorial Student Center will be "The Automatic Spacecraft—Its Seven Years Past and Its Future."

James has been associated with the Jet Propulsion Laboratory since 1950. He was project manager when Mariner II flew by Venus in 1962. And he managed the Mariner Mars Project which resulted in the Mariner IV encountering Mars in 1965.

THE U.S. AIR FORCE Aerospace Presentations Team will be on campus April 7 for an 8 p.m. program in the Memorial Student Center.

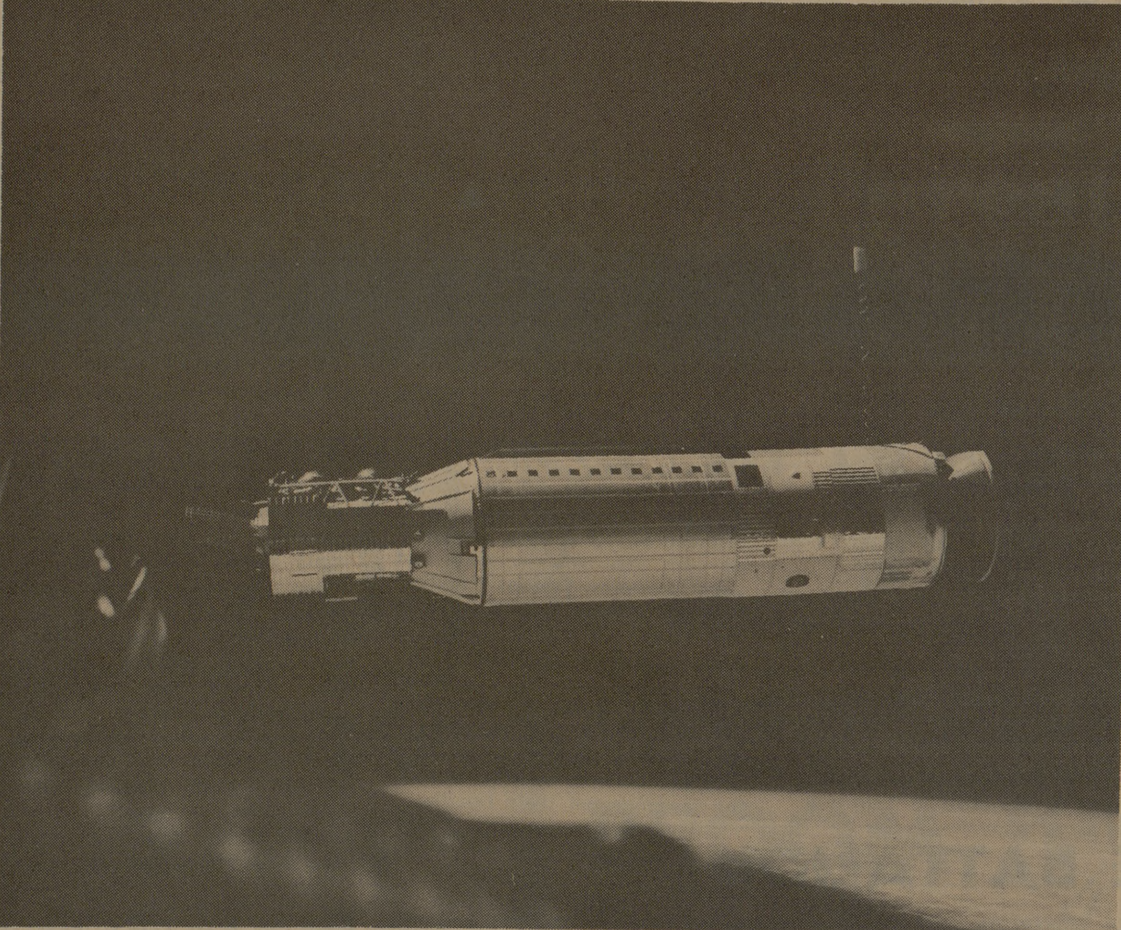
Team members are Lt. Col. James S. Wall, Major Dannie R. Hoskins and Capt. David L. Fredrick from the Air University at Maxwell AFB, Ala.

The program covers all phases of the U. S. space program — propulsion, spacecraft, interplanetary probes, and plans for a trip to the moon. Color slides and motion pictures will be shown.

SPACE FIESTA Chairman Harry Britt said the general public is invited to participate in activities of the week. Invitations have been sent to schools within a 60-mile radius of A&M to tour exhibits at the Memorial Student Center.

Britt said a continuous display of space-related exhibits from government and industry is valued at more than \$1 million. Thirty exhibits include space capsules, space suits and related equipment.

The Fiesta ends April 9.



RENDEZVOUS

Space Fiesta '67 opens here Monday. In the above picture, Gemini VIII and the Agena (NASA Photo.)

## Air Force ROTC Offers 67 Officer Contracts This Fall

Air Force ROTC Detachment 805 at A&M will grant at least 67 officer contracts beginning this fall, according to Lt. Col. Harold L. Stencil, head of Aerospace Studies 200 here.

The detachment received notice of the quota from Air University headquarters, Stencil said. Under terms of the quota, sophomore cadets desiring commissions will be ranked in order, with the top 21 pilot-qualified, or Category I, students to be given contracts.

Navigator-qualified, technical major (Category II) and non-

technical (Category III) cadets will receive the other 46 contracts, Stencil added. Rankings are based on grade point ratio, Air Force Officer Qualifying Test scores, and interview scores.

For the first time, some additional contracts may be given to cadets qualified for pilot training and having at least a 1.0 overall GPR, Stencil announced. He said this may mean that as many as 100 cadets will receive contracts.

"This is an indication of the

needs of the Air Force," he noted. "They're looking for pilots right now."

Students under contract enter the Professional Officer Course in the ROTC program. They receive monthly salaries and full Air Force Reserve benefits, plus transportation to and from summer camp and salary while at camp. In addition, qualified senior cadets receive free pilot training.

Interviews with contract applicants are being scheduled for next week, Stencil said.

## Singing Cadets Schedule Performances For Weekend

The Singing Cadets will take to the road this weekend for a heavy slate of performances in San Marcos and San Antonio.

First stop on the abbreviated tour is set for the Job Corps Center in San Marcos, announced Robert L. (Bob) Boone, director of the 48-voice glee club.

Mrs. June Biering is pianist-accompanist for the Singing Cadets.

Two one-hour programs are booked for trainees at the Job Corps Center. The first show is at 9 a.m., the second at 1 p.m.

The Singing Cadets will present a two-hour concert at 8 p.m. Friday in the San Antonio College Auditorium. Sightseeing

trips are planned during an open day Saturday.

A worship service in song at Jefferson Methodist Church in San Antonio is set Sunday morning at 758 Donaldson Avenue. Among the songs for the program are "The Prodigal Son," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," and selections from the "Testament of Freedom."

Boone said the Singing Cadets will present a full concert at 4 p.m. Sunday for faculty and staff members at the Job Corps Center.

## Pool To Open On Saturday

The Wofford Cain Olympic Pool will open at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Students presenting identification cards can be admitted for 25 cents. Also children 12 and under may use the facilities if they meet pool requirements.

Adults, including faculty and former students, may use the pool during regular hours for 50 cents. Season tickets may be purchased for \$15 for students and faculty; \$20 for former students.

Each season ticket covers one session beginning April 1, through the end of the first summer school semester or beginning with the second summer school semester and ending in October.

Pool hours are:  
Saturday 10-12 a.m., 1:30-5:30  
Sunday 1:30-5:30 p.m.  
Weekdays 2:00-6 p.m.

## TTI Conference Focuses on Urban Mobility in Texas

The ninth annual Transportation Conference opening here today will focus on "Total Urban Mobility in Texas Cities."

Sponsors of the conference expected to attract 150 participants are the Texas Transportation Institute and the MacDonald Chair of Transportation.

Maj. Gen. John P. Doyle of the MacDonald Chair of Transportation said most of the participants are presidents or vice presidents of companies which use or provide transportation. He noted the conference will attract city government officials for the first time.

A&M President Earl Rudder welcomed conferees in today's initial session.

Hoy A. Richards, TTI research economist, will open the conference with a review of urbanization in Texas.

Friday's slate of speakers includes Alvin A. Burger, Texas Research League executive director, Austin; Eugene Maier, Houston's Jamaica Corporation executive vice president; and Fred J. Benson, A&M's Engineering College dean.

## the outside world

### WASHINGTON

A Senate subcommittee reported Wednesday night — and the pentagon denied — that U. S. air and sea transportation forces "will be stretched to the limit" to support massive military operations in Vietnam.

### NATIONAL

The full 5th U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed Wednesday a far-reaching decision that six Southern states must integrate their public schools from kindergarten up at the start of the fall term this year.

An announcers' wage strike scrambled national radio and television network programming Wednesday, blacking out many of the faces and voices familiar to audiences coast to coast. All stations stayed on the air, however.

### INTERNATIONAL

France took another long step into the atomic age Wednesday. President Charles de Gaulle launched the first French nuclear-powered submarine that will be able to deliver Polaris-type missiles when it becomes fully operational in 1970.

### TEXAS

A Dallas mother shot her three children Wednesday and then took her own life by slashing her wrists and slitting her throat. One of the children died.

Governor Connally personally phoned a House member who had voted against the four-year term amendment when it came up for the second reading on Tuesday and threatened to block a proposed four-year college in his county if he didn't switch his vote yesterday and vote for four year terms. This particular House member had the courage of his convictions and refused to yield to pressure. Several others did yield.

Fire early Wednesday destroyed the business of a member of the Washington County Grand Jury investigating an alleged bawdy house near Brenham.

The finals of the discus throw at the Texas relays is being shifted this year to the Texas stadium to give more fans a chance to watch A&M's Randy Matson, who recently threw the discus 200-7 1/2 for a collegiate record.

## Brenham Cautious Following Threats

By DONALD R. JANACEK  
Battalion Special Writer

Few people have known the fear of a simple telephone call, as have the residents of the small South Central Texas town of Brenham in the past few weeks.

Parents are afraid to send their children to school because someone has threatened to blow

up a school, but would not say which one.

Parents are afraid to let their children go play with the neighbor kids because that same person or persons has threatened to throw acid on the children.

THE THREATS are the result of a recent Washington County Grand Jury investigation into al-

leged "bawdy house" activities in the Brenham area.

Investigations of this nature are not unusual in many sections of the country, but the circumstances surrounding this one leave many questions in the mind of the outside observer.

The investigation started four weeks ago when citizens living

in the vicinity of the bawdy house began complaining to their ministers about customers of the house mistaking their homes for the house.

In some instances, particularly when residents were hosting parties, the customer would not believe the people when told that he had the wrong house.

MINISTERS of the Washington County Ministerial Alliance, in their regular monthly meeting, decided to ask the Washington County sheriff to investigate. They elected Rev. Robert Gilpin, a Methodist minister, as spokesman for the group.

That meeting ended at 11:30 a.m. At 11:45 a.m. the Rev. Gilpin received a phone call warning him not to go to the sheriff's office. This was the first of four phone calls the minister would receive in a period of three weeks.

The minister went to the sheriff, asked for and got the investigation. The Washington County Grand Jury was called into session and has been meeting for three weeks, without re-

vealing any information on its findings.

SHORTLY AFTER the Grand Jury began its investigation, members of the jury began receiving phone calls from unknown persons threatening to throw acid in their children's faces if the investigation was not called off immediately. The threats failed to materialize and the investigation went on.

Then last Thursday, the Grand Jury recessed for the Easter holidays, along with the schools. Thursday night, an announcer at the local radio station received a call from someone who said that if the investigation was not called off by Tuesday, a school would be blown up.

Texas Rangers, the Texas Highway Patrol, sheriff's deputies and local police were called in to guard all schools in the city.

Monday night, the president of the radio station received a call at his home. For the first time, the caller was a woman. The conversation went like this:

"Mr. Whitehead?"  
"Yes."  
"Are they going to hold classes tomorrow?"  
"Yes."

"Then that's when we'll bomb." The caller hung up so fast that Whitehead said he felt the caller was putting the phone down when she began the threat.

When dawn broke over Brenham that Tuesday morning, the town looked the same as it has for as long as this reporter can remember. Quiet, peaceful and the kind of town a parent would think ideal for rearing his chil-

dren. But this was a morning that the people of the town feared. The feeling hung over the entire community, like the thick fog that had lifted just after daybreak.

THE CITIZENS tried to look and act naturally and tried to forget the threat that could take their children's lives. But the fear was there and you could see it — in their eyes, in their forced smiles, in their aimless discussions with the teachers and school officials.

Some were more afraid than others and the school attendance reflected that fear. Only 50 per cent of the school children attended classes that day and, in the elementary grades, only 35 per cent of the students were present.

## Musical Play Is Presented By Consolidated H.S. Choirs

"The Boyfriend," a musical written by Sandy Wilson, will be presented by the A&M Consolidated High School choirs tonight, Friday, and Saturday at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Frank Coulter is directing the production, assisted by Mrs. Ruth McGill on choreography.

Sharon Skrivanek and Lee Martin have been cast in the lead roles of the comedy which takes place in France during the gay Flapper Era of the 1920's.

Polly Browne, played by Sharon Skrivanek, is a quiet, rich

girl attending a French finishing school in Nice.

Lee Martin plays Tony, a young man from England who is working in Nice. Polly and her friends plan to attend a ball with him and three French boys who are Marcel (Larry Staten), Pierre (Bob Stump), and Alphonse (Toby Harvell). Wally Williams plays the part of the rich, American playboy, Bobby Van Heusen.

Play periods and lunch were cut short and the children kept

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NOT SO PEACEFUL

This peaceful-looking ranch style house has become the center of a heated controversy in Brenham. (Photo by Don Janacek)

First Bank & Trust now pays 5% per annum on savings certificates. —Adv.