

# Parachute Club Continues Through Summer



**PARACHUTISTS READY**

Rigging up parachutes for another jump are Club Jumpmaster Dave Burrus (left), and Bill Oncken. Oncken an ex-paratrooper and Vietnam veteran, began skydiving during the last session of summer school at A&M.

Texas A&M has been represented by a nationally recognized parachute team for the past six years.

This summer, however, is the first time that skydiving has been continued throughout the summer months.

Team president Dave Burrus and pilot Skip Heard are conducting training classes each Saturday afternoon. The jumping takes place at the A&M dropzone located at the south end of the Hearne airport.

Burrus and Heard are both li-

censed parachuting instructors with over 325 jumps and six years experience each.

Initial training covers such topics as: parachute packing, aircraft exit, free fall positions, landing procedures, canopy control, and emergency procedures.

Training fee is \$25 per student and includes all equipment necessary for jumping with the exception of boots. This equipment is maintained and available to each student until he wishes to discontinue jumping or buys equipment of his own.

Those students who intend to return to A&M in the fall will be eligible to compete for a position on the Texas A&M parachute team. Each year the team competes in local parachute meets and in the National Collegiate Parachute Meet.

In 1966, A&M hosted the National meet with Skip Heard taking first place overall. The 1967 meet, held in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, was going well for A&M when the meet was called off due to bad weather.



**READY FOR TAKE-OFF**

The club's plane is ready for take-off with five fully-rigged skydivers inside. Pilot Skip Heard and Dave Burrus each have had over 325 jumps. The aircraft is a Cessna 195 and is used exclusively for skydiving.

## Girl Watchers' Corner



**PRE-VET COED**

Harriet Gell is a pre-vet major this summer at A&M. She is a sophomore from Dallas and attends AggieLand year 'round.

## Moffett Is Named To CATE Project

Dr. Thomas J. Moffett has been named director of the Creative Application of Technology to Education (CATE) Project which became operational July 1, announced Liberal Arts Dean Frank Hubert.

CATE programs of a black-board-by-wire network and computer-assisted instruction are in development with presentation to a 15-school network scheduled in October, Moffett said.

"The courses being developed will provide enriched opportunities for students in physics, English composition, advanced and related math," the CATE director noted. The former principal and education professor at Yonge Laboratory School, University of Florida, heads a 15-member CATE staff quartered on the second floor of Building "D". He indicated that the black-board-by-wire hookup, in which graphical and aural presentations with two-way communication will reach widely separated classrooms, will go into operation this fall.

"There is no opportunity to students in computer-assisted instruction (CAI) as of this date," Moffett added. "We have a terminal connected with a University of Texas computer and we are developing new CAI applications."

Moffett, 44, also will serve as associate professor in the Education and Psychology Department.

He was at the Gainesville institution six years, as TV station facilities manager, closed-circuit TV coordinator and professor. Moffett was principal and taught at Indiana and Florida schools 13 years.

The New York native received B.S. and M.S. degrees at Indiana University, studied for certification at Stetson University, DeLand, Fla., and received his doc-

torate in education at Florida in 1965.

While in the Navy, the new CATE director studied engineering at Colgate NTS and Northwestern. He served as radar officer on various destroyers after graduation from the Navy radar school.

The professor and his wife Mary-Louise have three children, Thomas Jr., 20, Mary-Louise, 17 and Sophia 15.

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