

Parachutists try to hit the spot

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How's this for accuracy: a 2,500-foot drop from an airplane onto an orange disk that's only 10 centimet-

ers in diameter? Even if this skydiving sport is a little too dangerous for you, you might enjoy watching the Texas A&M University Sport Parachute Club's accuracy

jumping meet Saturday at the Hearne airport.

Club president Sid McDaniel said that 37 invitations were sent out for this collegiate and open division meet, and 40 to 60 jumpers from

Texas, Florida and Arkansas are expected. Trophies will be awarded for the first five places in each division and a team trophy will also be awarded.

"This is an officially recognized collegiate meet, but the number of participants we have will depend on whether people will travel that far," McDaniel said. "We'll just have to wait and see."

"In accuracy jumping, the goal is for the jumper to predict his exit point from the plane so that he lands in a pea-gravel pit as close as he can to the target — an orange disk 10 centimeters in diameter," McDaniel said.

"Each jumper gets three jumps apiece, and the person with the smallest cumulative total of inches away from the disk wins."

McDaniel said there are about

120 members in the Parachute Club and to be eligible to jump in meets, they must have gone through Texas A&M's training program. He also said that parachutists receive licenses from the United States Parachute Assn according to the number of jumps they complete.

In accuracy competition, jumpers leave the plane and immediately pull the cord that opens their parachute. But in free-fall jumping, parachutists wait longer until they open their parachute.

"I think that a couple of other guys and I hold the record for a jump," McDaniel said. "We jumped from 14,500 feet, with an 85 — second free-fall."


McDaniel said that competition will start at daylight Saturday and will probably continue till dark.

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BASEMENT COFFEEHOUSE: Shake Russell will perform at 7 p.m. at the Basement Coffeehouse. Both performances are out at the MSC Box Office, but there will be tickets available the door for \$2.50.
TEXAS AGGIE MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION: Will have a bake sale all day in front of the academic building.
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS: Will meet at 9 p.m. in Room 121, Chemical Engineering Building.
SOFTBALL: The women's team will play Southwest Missouri State today and tomorrow.
GOLF: The men's team will play in the All-American Invitational at Houston today and tomorrow.
TRACK: The men's and women's team will run in the Texas A&M Invitational at Austin today and tomorrow.
BASEBALL: The men's team will play TCU in Fort Worth today and tomorrow.
AGGIE CINEMA: The Clint Eastwood Festival begins with "Harry," about a detective Dirty Harry Calahan who is on the trail of a crazed sniper terrorizing the city of San Francisco, at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater. (R) "Magnum Force," about Lt. Harry Callaghan who attempts to catch a group of local vigilantes who are killing local mobsters in wholesale lots, will be shown at 9:45 p.m. in Rudder Theater. (R)
MIDNIGHT MOVIE: "Play Misty for Me," about a disc jockey who unsuspectingly spurns the attentions of a girl who turns out to be determined to possess him for herself or to destroy him, will be shown in Rudder Theater. (R)

Saturday
BASEMENT COFFEEHOUSE: Shake Russell will perform at 7 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door for \$2.50.
DAIRY SCIENCE DAIRY DAY: There will be a heifer show, milking contest and a barbecue beginning at 11 a.m.
PEACE CORPS: Will show the film "The Toughest Job You'll Ever Love" at 9 p.m. in Room 206, Ag Building.
CONCERT: Violinist Pinchas Zukerman will play in Rudder Auditorium at 4 p.m. Tickets are on sale in the MSC Box Office.
STUDENT Y: There will be a mandatory meeting for all fish and wildlife counselors at 7:30 p.m. in Room 601, Rudder Tower.
CLASS OF '80 SPRING PICNIC: Will be held from noon to 4 p.m. at Big Creek Park at the north end of Lake Summerville. For more information go to Room 216, MSC.
SOCIETY OF MANUFACTURING ENGINEERS: Will meet at 7 p.m. in Bee Creek Park. All members and prospective members are welcome.
TAMU ROADRUNNERS: There will be a "Predict-your-time" 3-mile run at 3 p.m. at the Beef Center, west of the main tracks. All joggers are invited. Admission is 25 cents for non-members and free for members.
GOLF: The women's team will play at the Lady Cardinal Invitational in Vidor today and tomorrow.
LACROSSE: The Texas A&M Lacrosse team plays the University of Houston at 1 p.m. on the main drill field.
TENNIS: The women's team will play Southwest Texas State here at 1 p.m.
AGGIE CINEMA: The Clint Eastwood Festival continues with "Good, The Bad, and The Ugly," a western about one gunfighter's quest for riches during the Civil War, which will be shown at 8 p.m. in Rudder Theater. (PG) "The Outlaw Josey Wales," about a man obsessed with vengeance against a handful of renegades who murdered his wife and children, will be shown at 11 p.m. in Rudder Theater. (PG)

Sunday
LACROSSE: The Texas A&M Lacrosse Team plays Louisiana State University at 10 a.m. on the main drill field.

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