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# Aggie jet pilots to salute Corps at Final Review

by Susan Talbot  
Battalion Reporter  
A former Texas A&M quarterback will lead another Aggie team at the Corps of Cadets Final Review May 8 — but this time the team will be in the air instead of on the football field.

Col. Donald E. Ellis, vice commander of the 12th Flying Training Wing at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, will lead a flyover of four T-38 supersonic jets before Final Review.

Ellis, who lettered in football

at Texas A&M in 1952-53, will be in the two-passenger jet salute with six other former students and an Aggie father.

The other fliers are Lt. Col. John T. Slaughter Jr., Class of '62; Capt. Leonard M. Legge, Class of '72; Capt. William C. Collins, Class of '73; Capt. Lewis W. Nunley, Class of '73; Capt. Floyd L. Carpenter, Class of '77; 2nd Lt. Marvin N. Swink, Class of '80; and Col. William D. Reese, whose three children attended the University.

Capt. Vern Taylor, assistant

professor of aerospace studies, said the same wing has performed flyovers at Final Review for four years, except for last year when the flyover was cancelled because of bad weather.

Collectively, the eight pilots have amassed nearly 23,000 flying hours, but Ellis said no flight will be more memorable to him.

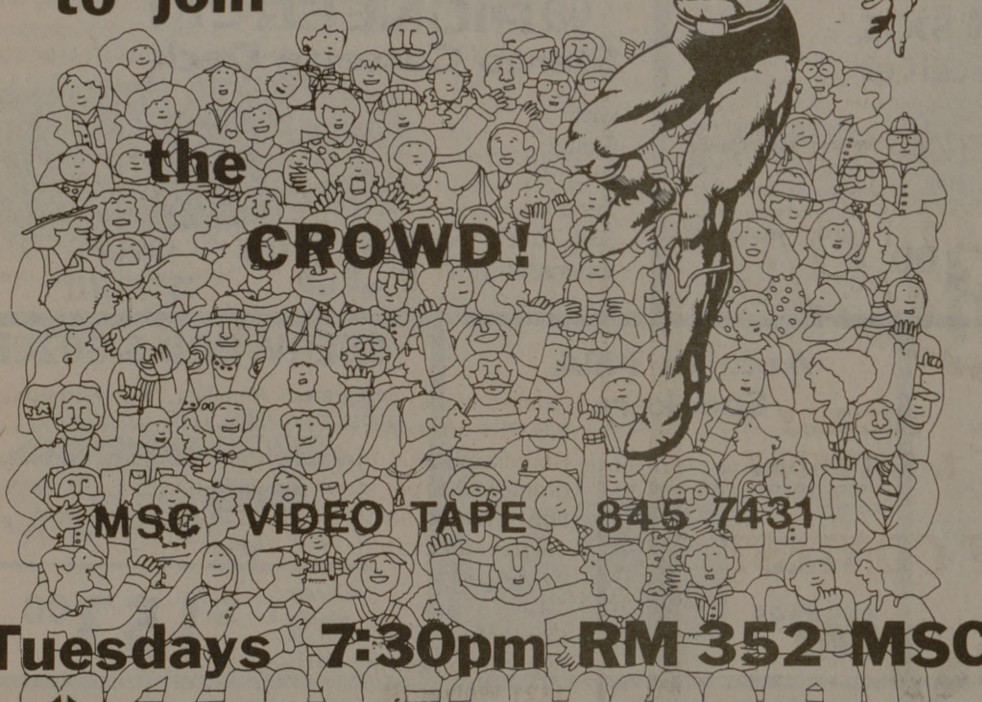
"It will be my final Air Force flight," he said. "I picked this flyover at Texas A&M to be my last because that is where it all began for me."

Taylor said every flyover requested by the Corps is approved by the Texas A&M Cadet Corps. Final Review begins at 3:27 p.m. on the main campus for the Corps. The parade will be at 3:27 p.m.

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# Gov. Clements to call session to repeal state property tax

United Press International  
AUSTIN — Gov. Bill Clements says he will call the Legislature into special session May 24 to consider a proposed constitu-

tional amendment repealing the state property tax.

Clements met privately with Lt. Gov. William P. Hobby and Speaker Bill Clayton for about 90 minutes Monday, then announced they had agreed unanimously that a special session was necessary.

"We've had an interesting meeting with much discussion, and I think we've probably considered all the alternatives and all our options," the governor said.

The decision to call the session was prompted by the June 2 trial date of a suit filed by Midwestern University challenging the Legislature's 1979 attempt to abolish the state property tax by law rather than by constitutional amendment.

The Legislature at that time reduced the assessment ratio to virtually zero. Before the law was enacted, Midwestern and other state colleges outside the University of Texas and Texas A&M University systems had relied on revenue from the tax to support construction programs.

Most state officials agree that the state probably will lose the suit, and the state tax will be reinstated.

Reinstatement could cost taxpayers \$1 billion, Clements said. "We want to save that \$1 billion, we want to repeal the tax and we want to forgive the back taxes," the governor said.

Clements said the special session also would be allowed to consider special appropriations

for state colleges to pay

tax, but any such approval of a constitutional amendment would be contingent on the Legislature's approval of a property tax.

Hobby had suggested that if the government's position, it should be the Midwestern suit so that the Legislature could in effect nullify the case.

A May 24 session would interfere with the political maneuvering of legislators involved in June 5 runoff elections. The party's nomination process is less than usual, and the Legislature could still be in session.



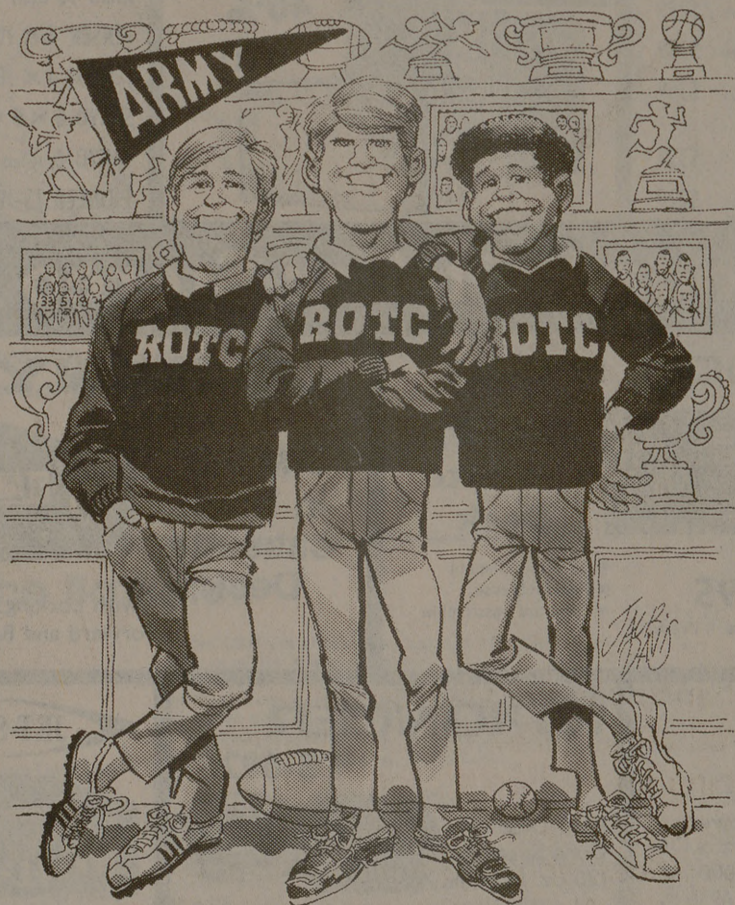
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