

# Around town

## MSC Open House is scheduled for Sunday

Over 150 student organizations will be represented at MSC Open House from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday. Door prizes will be given and entertainment will be provided. There will be an auction of paintings from the 1984 Fall Leadership Conference at 7 p.m. A yell practice will begin at 7:45 p.m. and a free movie will be shown at the Grove at 8:30 p.m.

## Theatre Arts season tickets now available

Ticket subscriptions to the 1984-1985 TAMU Theatre Arts season are now on sale. Subscribers can save up to 25 percent on the price of admission to the productions, which include: "Lilium," "Tango," "Antigone," and "You Can't Take It With You." Subscriptions to all four shows are available at the MSC Box Office at a cost of \$12 for the general public, \$10.50 for TAMU faculty/staff and \$9 for TAMU students.

## Volunteering workshop offered Thursday

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program is sponsoring an orientation workshop for supervisors of volunteers on Thursday from 1:30 p.m. to 4:20 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Bryan. Any person presently utilizing volunteer skills can gain valuable information by attending. To R.S.V.P., call Janie at 775-8111.

## Defensive driving class begins today

The Brazos Valley Safety Agency is sponsoring a defensive driving course today and Thursday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, College Station. The course can be used to receive a 10 percent reduction in automobile insurance rates or for the dismissal of a traffic fine. Registration is at 5 p.m. today at the Ramada Inn. The fee is \$20.

# State chairman of education quits

United Press International

AUSTIN — Joe Kelly Butler, chairman of the state Board of Education and the target of much recent criticism of the Texas public school system, has resigned after 12 years on the board.

Butler mailed letters to state officials and his 26 fellow board members Friday to announce his intention to resign before education reform legislation and provisions for a new appointed state school board take effect Oct. 1. The letter said his resignation was effective immediately.

Butler, a 72-year-old investments counselor and independent oilman from Houston, said Tuesday he believed the Legislature "impeached" him when it approved the education reforms and appointed board.

"I don't feel any responsibility to serve under those conditions. They just needed a whipping boy," he said.

"I don't blame anyone," Butler added. "I blame myself for being stupid enough to stay there that long."

He will be succeeded by board vice-chairman Paul Mathews of Greenville. The board meets Sept. 7 and 8 for the last time as an elected group before a new 15-member panel to be appointed by Gov. Mark White takes over control of the state's public school system. Mathews, who talked with Butler

about his resignation last week, said some of the board members have treated Butler "cruelly."

"He has been shown very little consideration for the amount of work he has done," Mathews said. "This group came on the board with the avowed intention of giving him trouble."

Mary Helen Berlanga, who is considered a leading candidate for appointment to the new board, said Butler quit because "he just didn't want to be forced to step down."

"Several of us hoped he would have resigned several months ago when it would have saved the elected board," Berlanga said.

The appointed board was a key plank in the Educational Opportunity Act of 1984, a sweeping package of reforms passed in a 30-day special legislative session early this summer.

Some lawmakers and members of H. Ross Perot's education committee, whose yearlong study prompted the reforms, blamed Butler and the elected board for a lack of leadership that led to a deterioration of the state's public school system.

Butler also was criticized by some of his fellow board members who staged a walkout at a meeting early this month to protest what they said was Butler's insistence on having the lame duck panel vote on school policies that ought to be left to the new appointed board.

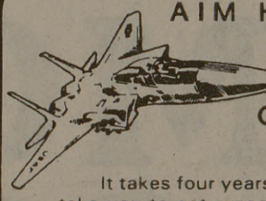
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# Georgia flyers end practice at Ft. Bliss

United Press International

EL PASO — Members of the 69th Tactical Fighter Squadron from Moody Air Force Base, Ga. are ending three weeks of flying simulated targets for the Patriot missile system at Fort Bliss, leaving the El Paso economy some \$2.9 million richer, Air Force officials said Tuesday.

Pilots who flew the missions above the skies of West Texas and southern New Mexico Tuesday were presented with honorary citizenships by Mayor Jonathan Rogers.

Lt. Col. David Dingee, squadron commander, said the pilots not only assisted the Patriot missile crews but

also sharpened their own combat flying techniques, including the bombing of targets in the vast desert area north of Fort Bliss.

"These past three weeks have been a thoroughly enjoyable experience for all of us," Dingee said. "We can not say enough about the fine treatment we have received in El Paso. The weather has been excellent and the people have made us feel very welcome here."

During the past three weeks, Air Force officials said, the squadron has spent more than \$2.9 million, including \$2.3 million in aircraft fuel alone.

The squadron ends its training at Fort Bliss on Wednesday.

Army spokesmen said the crews operating the Patriot missile system needed to be tested with real fighter planes under simulated combat conditions. The missiles are operated by high speed computers and could not be adequately tested by use of drones, officials said.

The squadron included 300 personnel from the Georgia Air Force Base, located about 220 miles south of Atlanta.

Prior to the missions flown by the 69th, the Patriot missile crews also underwent war games with the 68th

Tactical Fighter Squadron, also from Moody.

Both the 69th and 68th Squadrons are members of the 347th Tactical Fighter Wing from Moody AFB.

In addition to the pilots, the Air Force also provided 50 specialists to work with the Patriot missile crews in the areas of administration, personnel, transportation, security, fire prevention and aircraft arresting systems, officials said.

The support element's mission was to provide quality combat style support to deployed Patriot units in the field, Dingee said.

## The Downs to add condos to agenda

# Resort area planned for Santa Fe

United Press International

SANTA FE, N.M. — The owner of the area horse racing track said he plans to develop a 560-acre luxury resort area near The Downs of Santa Fe to attract the wealthy — particularly neighboring Texans.

Initially, investment for the project in the hills near La Cienega Springs, just south of Santa Fe in northcentral New Mexico, will be \$35 million. But race track owner Ken Newton said completion costs may reach \$65 million.

"We're going after the high carriage trade, for both the race track — and for the luxury condos and suite-hotels."

Plans call for development of 1,500 condominiums and a 500-room all suite hotel ringed by an 18-hole golf course with two lakes.

"We plan to start the first phase about the middle of the summer in 1985 so that we can plan for a grand opening of the suite-hotel in late

spring of 1986," Newton said.

He said he plans to coincide the opening of the first 250 hotel rooms with the completion of The Downs' fourth-floor Jockey Club, a \$2 million-plus addition that will complete the race track's \$6.5 million capital development program.

"There's no secret in what we're doing," Newton said. "We're going after the high carriage trade, for both the race track — and for the luxury condos and suite-hotels."

The condominiums will offer a home away from home with a health spa, optional kitchen, dining terrace and tennis, golf, horseriding and other attractions, Newton said.

Construction on the \$2 million golf course will begin first and could be started within the next four months, he said.

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