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Aggies Over Texas to parachute into Kyle Field

By James Bernsen



The footballs for the Texas A&M-University of Texas game will fly in excess of 100 m.p.h. before the kickoff on Thursday; but it won't be because of Corey Pullig or Shea Morenz.

Seven skydivers from Aggies Over Texas will parachute into Kyle Field carrying the six footballs that will be used in the game. The game is the 100th meeting between the Texas and A&M football teams.

Mary Haskett, part owner and chief instructor of Aggies Over Texas, said the athletic department contacted the company and requested the jump as part of the celebration for the 100th anniversary of the A&M-Texas game.

"We jumped once before in the 'Hurricane Bowl' (in 1988)," she said. "We've also jumped into Olsen Field in the past, but not recently. We've never done anything as big as this though."

Hanspeter Schaub, a graduate student in aerospace engineering and one of the divers, said the jump will be very difficult because it is a night jump and there is often much turbulence in places like Kyle Field.

"We're supposed to land into the wind, but there is heavy turbulence, and if you look at the flags, it's coming from every direction," he said. "You have to be very good at accuracy and very careful of the wind."

The amount of experience of the jumpers varies, from the least experienced jumper with 500 jumps, to Steven Haskett, part owner of Aggies Over Texas, who has around 3,500 jumps.

The divers hope to jump from 4,000 feet, depending on the weather and clouds, but they can jump from 2,000 feet, Schaub said.

"Strong winds, gusty winds, clouds or rain could make us have to cancel it," he said, "but hopefully the weather will be good."

Haskett said the skydivers will be landing within 15 seconds of each other in the center of the field.

"Visually it's going to be very exciting," she said. "They will attempt to land near the football that's painted on the field, but it's hard to be that precise."

Aggies Over Texas was founded in 1983 and provides training for skydivers from the Brazos Valley as well as sponsoring and competing in competitions.

Haskett said the group also has jumped into local schools and made presentations on skydiving.

Aggies Over Texas is not affiliated with the Texas A&M Skydiving Club, but many members are in both organizations, including all the divers parachuting into Kyle Field.

The divers are: Schaub; Brian Epperson, class of '86; Steven Haskett, class of '86; Ernie Kirkham, senior lecturer in health and kinesiology; Jim Lee, a Ph.D student in mechanical engineering; Dwight McArthur, class of '85 and Jon Yonke, a junior business analysis major.

BATTALION file photo

Seven members from Aggies Over Texas will skydive into Kyle Field carrying six footballs for the 100th face-off between Texas A&M and the University of Texas football teams.

Spirit of Aggieland transforms Longhorn-ex into Aggie fan

By Jacqueline Mason

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This year, one Aggie fan will be attending his 60th consecutive game.

He's been to every game for the past five years from Baton Rouge to the Meadowlands. And what's even more amazing — he's a former University of Texas football player.

Dan Petty, a commercial real estate professional for Wilcox Realty Group, Inc., in Dallas, said he began following the Aggies when his son, Kent, started playing football for A&M in 1988.

He soon realized that the spirit of the 12th man is something unique, he said.

"There are just some places that have it when teams play," he said. "And I think the record at Kyle Field supports that."

Petty said the games were a priority and he even used vacation time to travel to the away games.

"I just made time for it," he said.

Petty said he is so intent on following games because he wants to support his children in whatever activities they choose. This support is a family tradition, he said.

"My father, he attended every game I played in from junior high through college," he said.

Petty did the same for his son and his daughter, Adrienne.

Adrienne Petty, a junior elementary education major at Blinn, said she was a little surprised that her father became an Aggie fan after playing for U.T.

When her brother came to Texas A&M, the whole family became Aggie fans despite the fact her and her bother grew up supporting the Longhorns, she said.

Kent Petty, who is now a corporate real estate broker for Cawley and Associates in Dallas, said although he grew up being a Texas fan, but when it came time for him to choose a college, A&M Head Football Coach R. C. Slocum steered him toward A&M.

"I liked him, I took a visit down there, and that's about all it took for me," he said.

That is about all it took for his father, too.

Petty has attended 60 consecutive A&M games up to the Aggie-Oklahoma University game this fall, also.

Although Kent finished his football career with the Aggies in 1992 and graduated from A&M in 1993, his family has not abandoned the Aggies.

And they would certainly not miss the Texas A&M-University of Texas game coming up Thursday, Dan Petty said.

"The rivalry is there, the history and tradition are there," he said.

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No local alcohol ban in parks, lawmakers say

The Associated Press

AUSTIN — Several lawmakers and a member of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission said Tuesday they don't think cities and counties have the authority to ban alcoholic beverage consumption in parks.

But representatives of local governments defended their power to impose such prohibitions, calling them important to residents' health and safety.

"We regulate where and how fast people may drive. We regu-

late where they may smoke. We regulate where the people of Texas may swim in the Gulf. . . . We even regulate where people may raise chickens and horses," said Galveston Mayor Barbara Crews.

"Please allow us to continue to regulate where people may consume alcohol," she said.

She said Galveston officials planned to continue enforcing their ban.

Any move the commission could make to help clarify the matter — such as asking for a state attorney general's opinion

— likely has been pre-empted by a Harris County resident's lawsuit challenging the ban there, said TABC member Neal Manne of Houston.

Manne said he doesn't think local governments have the power to impose park bans on alcohol, but he thinks cities should be given that authority.

Manne said he asked for Tuesday's discussion on the matter because questions have been raised on the bans, imposed by "many, many, many" local governments.

A bill in this year's legislative session to specifically give local governments the power to ban alcohol in parks didn't pass.

Some lawmakers said they would try again in the 1995 regular legislative session and asked the commission to do what it can to help local governments in the meantime.

"If there is a way that you can help us through this interim, then we will make it airtight when we come back in 1995," said Rep. Patricia Gray, D-Galveston. "I don't think that there is a city in this state that is not facing this as a problem."

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