

# Aggie Returns For Degree After Viet Duty

By DANI PRESSWOOD

At least one Aggie doesn't have to worry about being drafted for Viet Nam duty.

Maj. John R. Vilas, class of 1953, returned to A&M to work on his master's degree this year after 11½ months as an army advisor in an area 45 miles northwest of Saigon.

Studying industrial education here, Vilas doesn't miss the war-torn country.

"I don't think anybody really desires to return to Viet Nam," he said.

One of a team of five Americans in the subsector, Vilas advised the Vietnamese on different phases of their operations, but not without certain difficulty.

"Advising did pose problems," he said, "but through patience, common sense and the use of discretion they were overcome."

The primary barrier, he said, was conveying the idea that he was there "to help the people to help themselves."

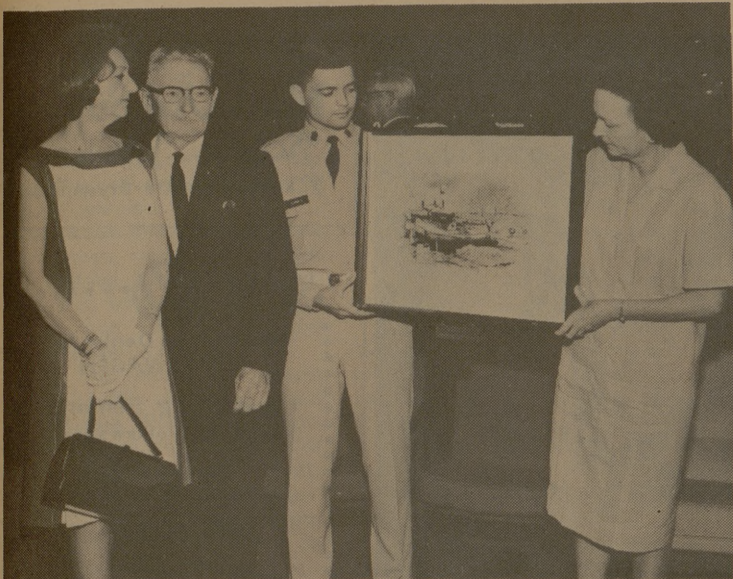
"When they come to you and ask questions then this is the point where you can start advising," he explained. "This took us about a month."

"It wasn't something that happened overnight, it happened gradually."

Vilas, who was working with Col. D. L. Baker here prior to his Vietnamese stint, still is uncertain as to what qualified him for the advisory role.

Between his graduation from A&M and the Viet Nam duty, Vilas served three and one-half years in Germany and was stationed in the United States bases at Detroit, Fort Bliss and Fort Sill.

The 34-year-old major, back for six months, resides at 2007 Vinewood Dr. in Bryan with his wife and son John, 9.



### MEMORIAL FOR AGGIE

Cadet Steven Gummer accepts a watercolor picture in memory of Joe Biggs Wilson Jr., a Texarkana freshman at Texas A&M who died in October from burns received in an auto crash. The painting, a gift of the Texarkana Area A&M Mothers Club, was presented by Mrs. Aruthur L. Jennings (right) president of the club, as Joe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wilson observe.

## Scholastic Society Inducts Members

The Texas A&M chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, national scholastic honor society, inducted 128 members at its annual banquet Tuesday night.

Inductees, including faculty members, graduate students, and undergraduates, were the following:

Faculty — Horace R. Byers, James R. Couch, Thomas M. Ferguson, Thomas J. Kozik, Haskell M. Monroe, Jr., Bruce A. Perry, Michael G. Rekoft Jr., Thomas R. Richmond, Leon H. Russell, and Charles Harold Samson, Jr.

Graduate College — Frank W. Barnett, Richard L. Bennet, James R. Collins, William H. Davenport, Carl S. Droste, Leo E. DuBose, Donald G. Harvey, Melba Kerley, Alexander F. Kleiner Jr., James P. Law Jr., Georgia Anne Ledbetter, Jimmy R. Massey, Gloria I. Morton, and Donald G. Naugle.

Other graduate students inducted were Louis Nebel, Steve Neshyba, James R. Okey, James L. Owens, William H. Pryor, Jr., Ted N. Shaver, Peggy D. Skaggs, Jerry P. Smith, Jesse J. Stephens, John C. Stoob, Louis E. Stout, Forrest T. Valentine, Douglas Von Gonten and Philip W. West.

College of Agriculture — Leslie J. Bugai Jr., Glen W. Ivie, Mary L. McNeely, James R. Newsum, James C. Read, James S. Smith, and Ronald Thuma.

College of Engineering — Robert A. Beene, Duane V. Brandt, Jr., Edward D. Chauviere, Andrew C. Cronk, Early B. Denison, Thomas D. Edgar, L. D. Edison, Humberto Fossati, William C. Gardner Jr., Bruce L. Hopper, William R. Matkin, Ronald McDaniel, Mark Moore, W. Duncan

Muir, Curtis G. Ohlendorf, Lary J. Olejnik, George O. Page, Pitt Pittman, Charles Ray Risinger, Peter W. Schneider, Benny R. Smith, Jess Stiles, John W. Vance, Richard B. Vanderburg, Travis R. Williams, Haskell E. Wright Jr., Robert L. Young.

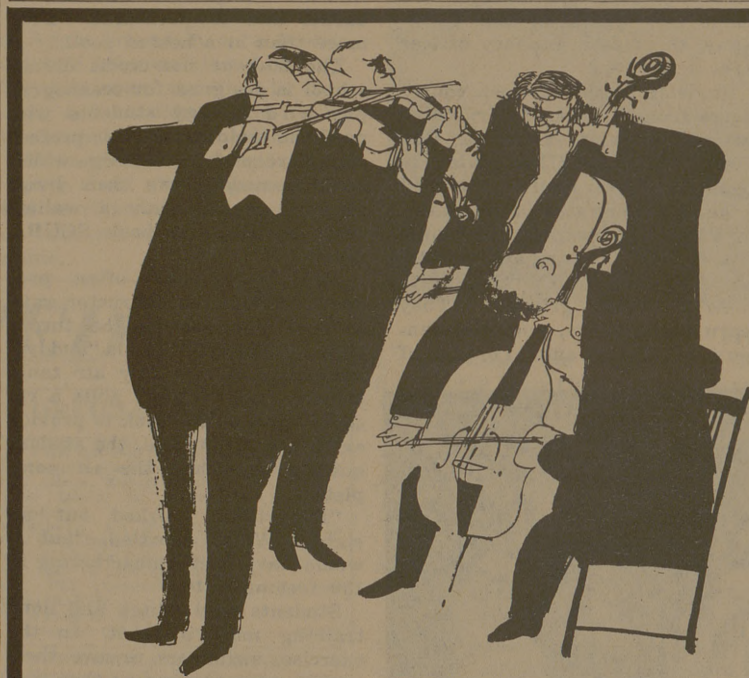
College of Geosciences — Jimmy D. Cain, William Edmond Galloway, Robert A. Houze, Jr., Jerry Lee Kisabeth, and Robert A. Maddox.

College of Liberal Arts — Gertrud M. Adam, Jean W. Burditt, Stella K. Cathey, Martha T. Casbeer, Lloyd L. Chester, Thomas M. DeFrank, Margaret Droste, Craig B. Dunbar, Richard J. Freshour, Pedro Garza, James G. Hooten, Ernest M. Hudgens, Raymond O. Klussman, Robert K. Long, Edwin D. Maberly, Charles C. Matejowsky, James W. McFarland, Dennis E. Minor, Lani N. Presswood, Carolyn Pullin, Charlene Ragsdale, Jasquelyn H. Riordan, Griffith R. Tees Jr., and James R. Valentine.

College of Science — D. Patrick Burney, Rene L. Chandler, Lance Cobb, Richard H. Franklin, William W. Gordon, Edward V. Hanigan, Robert A. Holcomb, Wayne E. Mabry, James T. Oliver, James A. Rubley, Kurt A. Schember, Charles E. Scherbel, Jr., William Thorpe Timmons Jr., and Ralph R. Young Jr.

College of Veterinary Medicine — John P. Dodgen, David V. Hanselka, Kenneth C. Love, Lynn J. Myers, John B. Parks Jr., Russell B. Simpson, Clifford A. Skiles Jr., Gerald Stanfield, Herman L. Swann III, Barry D. Ward, and James H. Wright.

School of Architecture — Khandker Shahidur Rab.



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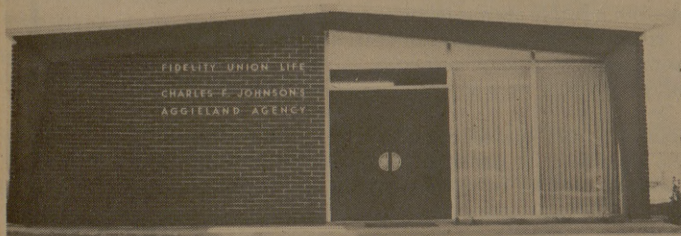
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