



**"IT WAS A RATHER NORMAL DAY AND THEN . . ."**  
Taking revenge on the senior Ross Volunteers for all the "suffering" they endured this year, the junior RVs dragged, tossed, hauled, stomped or burned their upperclassmen in the "Quad" Tuesday afternoon. (Photos by Russell Autrey)

### Grad Challenges Class Of 1967



**"HERE'S MUD IN YOUR EYE"**  
Another senior Ross Volunteer receives a little bit of extra attention as he is dropped into the mud.

The Texas A&M class of 1967 was challenged Monday to become graduates through which the university will be recognized "not as the MIT of the South, but MIT will be made the Texas A&M of the North."

The phrase was used by Don Cloud, 1959 A&M graduate and Cadet Colonel of the Corps. He issued the challenge to more than 600 seniors at an Association of Former Students' banquet honoring the class.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology is known as one of the great technological institutions of the world.

"Actions of A&M alumni are many person's only knowledge of A&M," Cloud stated. He is merchandising manager for Allied Mills in Fort Worth.

President Jack Crichton of Dallas welcomed the class to the association. The group elected Tommy Stone of Donna, class agent.

# VC Resort To Womanpower

By JOHN T. WHEELER  
SAIGON (AP) — Manpower needs are forcing the Communists to put more women into their guerrilla and main-force units.

U. S. troops who have opposed women in isolated clashes give them credit for being good fighters.

In some areas, most notably the Mekong Delta, the Viet Cong are recruiting and impressing 14-year-old boys into their service. U. S. sources say captured Viet Cong have run all the way down to 12 years old.

THESE SOURCES say that, as a consequence the Viet Cong are recruiting up to 25 per cent of their replacements from women, creating a women's army corps that is fairly formidable. The exact size is unknown.

Although some of their tasks involve little risk — such as cooking and clerical duties — increasing numbers are being used as sentries, couriers through government-held areas and as intelligence agents.

There have been reports of shootouts between Vietnamese government forces and small, all-women Viet Cong forces.

A U. S. SOURCE says American GIs have yet to run into such

## European Troops Not Destined For South Vietnam

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Dean Rusk said today 35,000 American troops due to be pulled out of Western Europe are not destined for duty in Vietnam.

"This is not the idea at all," Rusk said after a two-hour, closed door report to a Senate panel considering the troop reduction issue.

"It is not anticipated that these brigades will be involved in Vietnam in any way," he said.

INSTEAD, Rusk said, they will be assigned to home-front posts, will remain committed to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and will be ready for swift return to Europe if they are needed.

President Johnson, asked at a news conference whether the troops would be available for duty in Vietnam, said the decision affecting force levels in Europe was not related to the war in Southeast Asia.

RUSK APPEARED before a closed session of a special Senate committee headed by Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana. The panel is studying a series of resolutions including one sponsored by Mansfield and 43 other senators that would have the Senate declare itself in favor of substantial troop reductions in Europe.

Rusk said he has no information to indicate that the Communist powers of Eastern Europe contemplate troop reductions of their own. He said he would be glad if they took reciprocal action.

SEN. HENRY M. Jackson, D-Wash., and Sen. George D. Aiken, R-Vt., said they do not anticipate further troop reductions soon.

"They have no other plans," Jackson said.

"That's probably about all we can expect at this time," Aiken said.

confrontation with an all-woman unit. However, pistol-packing Viet Cong women have stood with Communist troops and fought against advancing American units. In some cases they fought very well.

These Viet Cong women soldiers have been given tough military training that American service women do not get.

Much of the pick and shovel work is done by the women who must fortify and repair base camps while the men are out patrolling or fighting.

SOMETIMES women are among the special units that clean up the battlefield. Often this means running under fire to grab weapons

or help drag bodies of wounded or dead soldiers back to the rear.

Sullen-faced women seen in American and government villages abandoned by men are Viet Cong women. They fully count the number of troops, note how they move, observe their tactics if possible. The information could prove useful in a later Communist bush try.

LOVE, GENERALLY, is for the woman soldier. Communist doctrine, love is a thing for another time and the Communist women men troops are ordered to consider themselves as brothers sisters.



**ALCOA AIDS TEXAS A&M**  
H. F. Chrisco (left), Alcoa Rockdale works manager, presents a \$5,500 check from the Alcoa Foundation to E. Rudder, Texas A&M president, to cover four \$750 engineering scholarships and a \$2,500 chemical engineering fellowship for 1967-68 at Texas A&M.

### Bulletin Board

**TODAY**  
Bell County Hometown Club will meet in room 205 of the Academic Building at 7 p.m. for the election of officers.  
El Paso Hometown Club will meet in room 3-C of the MSC at 7:30 p.m. also to elect officers for the new year.  
Falls County Hometown Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Houston Hometown Club meet in room 201 of the Academic Building at 7:30 p.m.  
San Angelo-West Texas Hometown Club will meet in room of the Academic Building at 7:30 p.m.  
Yankee Hometown Club meet in the YMCA at 7:30 p.m.

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