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J.P. Bhatt of India helps Ai Lan Doan arrange a mailing list of foreign students for the Texas A&M Baptist Student Center. Bhatt, a horticulture doctoral student, has been at A&M three years. Miss Doan is a summer student coordinator of International Student Affairs at the BSC. She is a senior at Texas Woman's University.

Vietnam Girl Says That Americans Are Friendly'

dent from South Vietnam contends that if more international people got to know Americans there would not be wars.

"Americans are very friendly," Ai Lan Doan maintains. "Nobody wants to fight a friend." A senior at Texas Woman's University in Denton, Miss Doan knows a lot about war - she has lived with one most of her life. Ai Lan is one of two student coordinators of International Student Affairs assigned to the Baptist Student Center this sum-

She says the College Station climate is similar to her native Da Nang, but she still misses her homeland, parents and five brothers and two sisters.

"My family, and all our friends, appreciate the presence of Americans in Vietnam. Our greatest compliment is from the GI's who volunteer for second and third tours" in the war zone, she declares.

If American troops are pulled out of Vietnam she expects the Communists to try to take over her country.

"One thing all Vietnamese people know is to not trust the Communists," Ai Lan declares.

She said the Vietnamese are 'weary of war" and it is a result of many years of fighting. "There was a war when my

32 Bankers Go **Back To School**

back to school this week as A&M's College of Business hosted a one-week special management seminar for the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of

Thirty-two executives representing the FICB, production credit associations, discounting associations and companies associated with banks started the seminar Monday morning.

J. P. Abbott, distinguished professor of English, explained how to improve performance and productivity through group creative thinking.

Abbott said managers must build a working team.

William Oncken Jr., president of the William Oncken Co. of New York City, told the bankers what a manager must know and what it means to be a manager during the afternoon session. Oncken heads one of the top consulting firms in the nation and has been an A&M seminar speaker for 15 years.

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lived without war.'

International students who visit the BSC ask Miss Doan about the people and customs of Viet-

A&MHosts370 Workshoppers

Texas A&M will host 370 high school journalists from 69 schools during the 11th annual High Publications Workshop July 27-Aug. 1, announced workshop director Mrs. C. J. Leabo. The annual program is spon-

sored by A&M's Journalism "High school juniors and sen-

members of school yearbooks and newspapers will attend the workshop," Mrs. Leabo said. Also attending will be approx-

in reporting, layout and photography, with both lectures and when I arrived." laboratory instruction, will be held daily during the workshop.

Mrs. Leabo said two publica-They are Wayne Brasler, publications adviser at University government. High School, Chicago, whose and Miss Hattie Steinbert, ad-

of the 10 best in the nation. In addition, there will be a Monday when journalists from the local and Houston area will be available to meet the students

Mrs. Leabo reported. She said approximately 270 of college dormitories with counsellors supervising the student's for her education. activities.

This year's enrollment is ex-1968, Mrs. Leabo noted.

Returning faculty members dena High School, Mrs. Peter Dunsavage of A&M Consolidated she reminds. High School here and George Pearson of St. Cloud, Minn., State College, all newspaper experts, and Mary Frances Freeman of Beaumont South Park High School, Mrs. Leabo, Mrs. Henry Prichett of Houston Memorial High School and Taylor Publishing Co. production ad-

An 18-year-old pre-medical stu-ent from South Vietnam con-states. "My family has never ask her about the war.

However, the war has touched her only once. Her father's brother, the oldest son in her father's family, was killed during the Tet offensive in 1967.

Born and reared in Da Nang, population 200,000, Miss Doan is the only member of her native Vietnam family to go overseas. Her father is an X-ray technician in a Da Nang hospital and her mother is a secretary.

She came to the United States through the efforts of a Navy chaplain, Lt. Cecil Threadgill of Pilot Point, Texas, now stationed aboard the U.S.S. New Orleans at San Diego, Calif.

Miss Doan met the lieutenant at a Da Nang church when she was 16. He learned she was interested in becoming a medical iors who are editors and staff doctor and arranged for her to return home with him to live with his family. Lt. Threadgill has two daughters about Miss Doan's

imately 12 faculty sponsors and 22 workshop faculty members, including several special instruc
"I knew some English and my parents could speak English," she remembers. "When I found out I was coming to America I Beginning and advanced classes studied very hard and could read and write English very good

A junior in Da Nang schools. she found she had completed all requirements for a high school tion experts will present lectures. diploma when she arrived - except for American history and

With the help from Pilot Point newspaper staff set a record for teachers, she completed the awards won in a single year, course and was allowed to graduate one year early.

viser at St. Louis Park High
School, Minneapolis, Minn., whose the United States in 1967, she 1966 yearbook was judged one was a freshman enrolled i nsummer school at TWU.

Miss Doan plans to complete "Meet the Professionals" night studies this spring, and hopes she will be admitted to Baylor Medical School.

"I want to stay in Texas," she and discuss career opportunities, says with a big smile. "I've grown very fond of it."

Money is a major problem, the students will be housed in but she had made many friends and they all chip in some funds

Ai Lan said she hopes to return to South Vietnam next sumpected to be about 158 more mer and wants to serve Vietnam than attended the workshop in as a doctor when she completes medical school.

"I owe America two debts. include Mrs. Pete Peters of Pasa- One for making my country free and another for my education,"

She has one bit of advice for Americans.

"Get to know international students. Don't be afraid to ask them anything, or be afraid you will embarrass us. If you get to know us, we get to know you, Ai Lan urges.

"Friends don't fight," she in-

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