by Jim Earle



"What's wrong with these upperclassmen-all I did was say something about it being good to be back and he starts carrying on and slams the door on me!"

9 Americans Killed, 27 Injured In South Vietnam Fighting

By George Esper Associated Press Writer

SAIGON (AP) - Nine Americans and seven Vietnamese were killed in Vietnam war accidents in the past four days, the U.S. Command announced yesterday. Another 17 Vietnamese and 10 Americans were wounded in the incidents.

Most of the American casual-ties occurred Saturday. U. S. headquarters said eight men from the 1st Infantry Division were killed and 10 wounded when an explosive charge they were placing near an artillery base blew up.

The accident occurred 33 miles northwest of Saigon and is being investigated

A U.S. Marine was killed Tuesday six miles south of the demilitarized zone when a helicopter rotor blade hit him. The helicopter was lifting a Marine pa-

trol out after a brief fight. The 24 South Vietnamese were killed or wounded in an American gunship attack Tuesday in the Mekong Delta about 100 miles

southwest of Saigon. The U.S. helicopter gunships

Grad Council Organizes OrientationSet

The Graduate Student Council organized Tuesday and planned a New Graduate Student Orientation program for Oct. 8.

Council President Tony Benedetto said the program agenda will include an introduction of this year's Graduate Student Council, a speech by Graduate College Dean G. W. Kunze on the requirements for entering the Graduate College and earning a de-

Benedetto said he will also tell graduate students the A&M traditions surrounding football games.

A meeting place for the orientation program will be announced later Benedetto said.

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opened fire with rockets and machine guns on suspected enemy troops who turned out to be civilians 18 miles northwest of Bac Lien, a provincial capital.

U. S. headquarters said four men and three women were killed and 12 men and five women were

"The incident is being investigated," a communique said.

The enemy forces supposed to be in the area were never located, and there was no fighting, spokesmen said.

According to the U.S. account, South Vietnamese regional forces were landed in the area by American helicopters after intelligence reports that there were Viet Cong troops there.

"As the regional force troopers were landed," the U. S. Command said, "an unknown number of suspected enemy were observed evading from the area. U. S. Army helicopter gunships supporting the ground force were cleared by the senior government of Vietnam representative on the operation to engage the evading personnel with aerial machinegun and rocket fire.

"The regional force soldiers searched the strike area and found seven Vietnamese, later identified as civilians, killed and 17 other Vietnamese, later identified as civilians, killed and 17 other Vietnamese civilians wounded by the gunship fire. There was no reported ground contact with the enemy, and there was no regional force or

U. S. casualties." Asked why the people were fired on if they had not been positively identified as Viet Cong, a U. S. spokesman said:

"It is not a friendly area. They were probably making a move that led the Vietnamese commander to believe they were enemy. I don't know whether the terrain was such as you could easily tell whether weapons were being carried or not."

Meanwhile, military sources said South Vietnamese troops will take over the entire defense of Saigon within the next 30 days, freeing a brigade of American paratroopers.

Campus Briefs

Plant Pathologists To Travel to India

Dr. R. A. Frederiksen will represent the university as one of three U.S. representatives at a grain sorghum disease workshop in India, Sept. 22-25.

The workshop will be jointly sponsored by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, the Uttar Pradesh Agricultural University and the Inter-Asian Corn Program. It will be held at Uttar Pradesh Agricultural University.

Scientists noted for their work with the downy mildews of corn and sorghums will gather to exchange information, experiences, ideas and methods. They will discuss current research and future work contemplated in various parts of the world to plan and organize cooperative work.

Frederiksen, assistant professor in A&M's Department of Plant Sciences, will present a paper on "Downy Mildew Caused by Sclerospora Sorghi in the U.S." He will describe how downy mildew has increased in economic importance since 1961, and varying control methods for the dis-

Graphics Department Authors 9th Workbook

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Eight faculty members of the Engineering Graphics Department have produced their ninth design problems workbook in four

"Engineering Graphics and Design Problems No. 4" is specially structured by the faculty for students in Engineering Graphics 105, a freshman-level engineering course. Students started using the book Monday.

"We think this is a rather unique project where the engineering graphics faculty prepares two books per year," noted Dr. James H. Earle, department head. "The first editions are publish-

ed by us so we can work the bugs out," Dr. Earle said. It is then released in the spring to Addison - Wesley Publishing Co. for general distribution next fall.

Previous editions are being used in approximately 40 engineering graphics departments throughout the United States.

President's Reception Slated for Tuesday
The annual Texas A&M presi-

dent's reception for faculty and staff members will be held Tuesday in the Memorial Student Center ballroom.

New faculty members will be honored at the 7-9 p.m. reception, but A&M President Earl Rudder emphasized all faculty and staff and their wives and husbands are invited, along with retired personnel, their wives and husbands and widows of faculty-staff mem-

President and Mrs. Rudder will head the receiving line.

"We cherish opportunities to meet with the faculty and staff," Rudder noted, "because such fellowship contributes significantly to our university.'

* * * **Architect Grad Wins** \$3,000 Scholarship

James Brinkley, graduate student from Houston, has been awarded a \$3,000 scholarship sponsored jointly by the American Hospital Association and the American Institute of Architects.

AHA-AIA annually awards two scholarships on a competitive basis to outstanding young professionals who desire graduate study in areas related to design in the health field.

Brinkley, who received his undergraduate degree in architecture here in 1965, will be involved in research and development of pre-school facilities for mentally retarded children. The work will be conducted at the Research In-

part of the College of Architec- both on and off campus. ture & Environmental Design. * * *

Phone Announcement System In Operation A&M's phone announcement system is now in operation for ,

the school year, announced Logan E. Weston, YMCA general secretary and religious life coordina-Any announcement that applies to the majority of the students may be made on the system,

Weston said. To have an announcement put on the system, it should be called in by 3:30 p.m. the working day preceding the day of the activity to the YMCA at 845-1626.

Students wishing to hear about the activities for the day can call 845-6311 and hear the recorded announcements, Weston said. The

stitute for Systems Development, service may be used by students

* * * LD Phone Agreements Available in MSC

Representatives from the General Telephone Company of the Southwest's business office will be in the east corridor of the Memorial Student Center (next for letters. to the Post Office) this week to make long distance phone privilege arrangements with those students having phones that are part and their wives are invited to a of the A&M Centrex system who desire the service.

B. A. Erwin, General's division manager in Bryan, said that the company will have representatives in the MSC from 8 a. m .p. m. through Friday. After that, he said, anyone wishing to sign a student long distance telephone agreement will have to go by the business office in Bryan.

THURSDAY

The Association of Students from Mexico will present its program for the fall semester at 7 p.m. in room 3B of the Memorial Student Center.

Bulletin Board

The El Paso Home Town Club will meet after yell practice, room 2-A in the MSC.

FRIDAY

The A&M Rugby Club will meet in room 2-C in the MSC at 8 p.m. to elect officers and collect money

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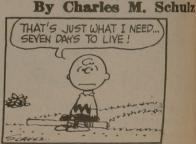
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