semester's fees, Sandel said.

tional's father used his life savings in order to send him to school at A&M.

percentage of their academic peers because of the greater amount of incentive, Sandel said. They are pushed by a desire to return to their home country successfully, as well usefulness of the International Student. as financial sacrifices that their parents go through, Sandel said.

They are active in many intramural ac- could gain from them if we wanted." tivities, said Sandel. Especially in sports

facilitate exchange of culture, said Sandel. country dress and speak.

create difficulties usual habit of emerging from the pup-Oh, that fickle lady - Mother Na- al, or dormant stage in the spring to mostly larger in stature and wearing

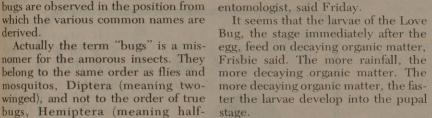
Confused insects

ture. In her more rambunctious moods hunt for a mate and propagate the she can wreak on mankind hurricanes, But, alas, the best laid plans of flies Love Bugs, otherwise known as and men often go astray. This year in

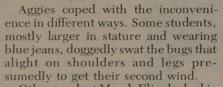
honeymoon flies, double-headed bugs southeastern Texas the unusually high and united bugs, have been recently amount of rainfall gave rise to a second seen everywhere on the Texas A&M generation of the unabashed honey-University campus. In most cases the moon flies, Dr. Ray Frisbie, extension bugs are observed in the position from entomologist, said Friday.

Actually the term "bugs" is a misnomer for the amorous insects. They bugs, Hemiptera (meaning half- stage

The faster the larvae enter the pupal A more correct common name is stage, the earlier the pupae emerge as



Professor of Entomology at A&M, said perpetuation of the species.



Others grab at March Flies locked in connubial bliss, and sadistically pull them apart.

But the number of insects killed either by a blow of the hand or by a broken heart is insignificant when compared to the thousands of other individuals who escape to fulfill their duty in the overall scheme of things.

Despite the large number of the bugs flying around, economic damage is only minor. The Love Bugs do no damage to crops nor do they sting, thank goodness.

However, you may have noticed automobiles around campus who have 'March Fly", Dr. Horace Van Cleave, adults whose only purpose in life is the run afoul dense aggregations of the mating insects. If the bugs are not cleaned as soon as possible, they may damage the finish as well as clog the cooling system of the car.

> Another danger encountered while driving through clouds of Love Bugs is quickly discovered when an unfortunate soul tries to improve his vision by turning on his windshield wipers.

> There is a positive side to almost every mishap, and the Love Bug plague is no exception.

It has been found that a pair of honey moon flies crawling across one's desk diversion during those long nights of

Another Aggie, who must remain



Diptera disaster

This is the bumper of an Aggie motorist's car that ran into a cloud of mating Love Bugs. The swarming insects can damage the cooling system and finish of a car if not washed off as soon as possible. When faced with this situation, don't turn on your windshield wipers.

could be used as an aphrodisiac.

anonymous for his own safety, this, the Love Bugs will be gone for the three weeks will be gone. creates a interesting and educational theorized that if the bugs were dried most part. You may see isolated dieand ground up into a powder, they hards still doing their part for the Love Bugs died happy, safe in the species, but the vast numbers which knowledge that their progeny will be By the time you read this, if you read have darkened radiators for the past around at least another season.

Rest assured, however, that the

Both sides of story

International students seen differently

By STEVE REIS

By DON MIDDLETON

tornadoes or clouds of Love Bugs.

which the various common names are

derived.

winged).

The administration angle

Strangers in a strange land, they walk among the natives; they try to understand the customs and try to fathom the language.

No, not a scene from a science fiction novel but a picture of Texas A&M University today

The International Student is basically a stranger in a strange land. He must adjust to a new culture and a different way of life.

There are approximately 1,100 Internationals on campus this semester, Corkey Sandel said recently. Sandel is presently the Assistant Student Adviser in charge of Foreign Students.

Enrollments up

International enrollments have increased almost ten per cent over last spring. These students represent almost 75 different countries and cultures, said San-

Most of the students scholastically compete with others from their own nations for the chance to attend American universities. Once here, they find problems they may not have expected, said Sandel.

Sandel said that the incoming freshman internationals meet with vast cultural differences. They see that the American standard of living is different from their own. They find a shocking overabundance of such conveniences as telephones, televisions and cars. Once the International has become accustomed to the cultural differences, he still must contend with the language barrier.

Finance a problem

The financial troubles the International has are the same as other students' but Americans do not consider the problems involved with the comparative values of different currencies.

Although the International may seem to pay less than an out-of-state student, it is It's a miserable time actually much more. An International's father may have to work a year to pay one

He cited the example that one Interna-

Their grades are usually in the upper

in extracurricular activities on campus.

Many of them are also part of a Host



Where is it?

through the card file of the library. tionals hard at work studying.

An International Student ponders It is a common sight to see Interna-

After the fall semester is over, the International is exposed to a very miserable Christmas-springbreak vacation. "Most of campus and use that asset. them sit and watch TV or walk around a deserted campus," said Sandel.

If they are lucky or live close to the United States, they may get to go home for the holidays, he added. Most are not that for-

Sandel had much to say concerning the

fullest extent," he said. "There is much we

Sandel advocated using Internationals in like rugby and soccer. They also participate classroom situations, both university and public school.

"If a geography class is studying Pakis-Family program. The program consists of a tan," said Sandel, "what better way to in- als and let them get to know us, he said. "In local family inviting the International to terest the students than having an Internatheir home at least once a month. This is to tional from Pakistan come to class in his better and more cooperative world in the

An untapped source

Sandel said that A&M should realize what an asset the International is to the

He also noted that American students should take the initiative in meeting and understanding the International.

'We live in an ever-shrinking world,"

said Sandel. "We cannot Americanize the whole world, so we should learn to live with Sandel also said that he believes the In-"We do not utilize their presence to the ternational Student is the best possible form of foreign aid. "We are letting the

> Nations that we should use to break down barriers of misunderstanding. We should get to know the Internationthis way, we can set the foundation for a

International know what kind of people we

are. What we have here is a little United

The students' side nonexistent. And the American way of life is much more liberal than other countries.

You walk past them everyday, without . The media is another point of difference.

without saving a word. They are the International students, wil-television one night. But you would not see

Lack of communication

cation with you.

Tony Neil, president of the International Students' Association, explained that lack the U.S. is share ideas and cultures with of communication is the greatest barrier between the International and the average International students. American student.

'Of course it takes patience for an American to wade through someone's broken English," he admitted, "but if patience is exercised, soon understanding and is exercised, soon understanding and is exercised, soon understanding and is exercised. Soon understanding and is exercised, soon understanding and is exercised, soon understanding and is exercised. Soon understanding and is exercised, soon understanding and is exercised, soon understanding and is exercised. Soon understanding and is exercised, soon understanding and is exercised, soon understanding and is exercised. Soon understanding and is exercised. Soon understanding and is exercised, soon understanding and is exercised. Soon understanding and is exercised.

Communication is not the only barrier to better relations with the Internationals on campus. Neil explained that there is rarely common ground for conversation between two different cultures.

But if the American student will take the initiative and be patient, the International will try his best to meet on a common

"You should try to gain exposure to Internationals," said Bruce Smith, a student from South Africa, "there is much that we can gain from each other.

No more use

Teachers both on and off campus utilized the presence of Internationals last year by inviting them to their lectures to speak about their native countries. But they don't anymore," said Smith, "and I think they are losing by this.

Neil then explained that cultural shock is a factor in the disorientation of the International. "Many of the students from such countries as Taiwan, the Middle East, India and South America meet with totally different lifestyles and languages when they enter Texas A&M University.

'Some are amazed at such little things as radios in cars," said Smith.

It is the shock of entering a new and different style of life that may make the International afraid to open the door of communication with A&M students.

Part of the cultural shock can be illustrated by the difference between American and Australian public schools. In Australia, they must wear uniforms to school everyday, until graduation from high school. We wore grey socks, shorts, shirts, ties and black shoes," said Neil. "Imagine how difficult it is for American Internationals to adjust to that.

Money unimportant

Other cultural differences include the American importance of money. Smith pointed out that in South Africa, money is simply not that important. He continued by saying athletic scholarships are almost

In the U.S. the media is concerned You sit next to them in classes, without primarily with what happens in the U.S. said Neil. But in other countries there is as You eat next to them in dining halls, intell international coloring to the see a news item much international coverage as well as naon some old woman in Philadelphia on

"There is almost a one-way communica-

tion as far as this is concerned. The best way to change opinions about

opinions of A&M. "A&M is unique as far as about foreign countries. pirit," said Neil, "t.u. is just like any other

Academics and economics

'I came to A&M because it has a good academic reputation and because of economics Lalso came because I would not feel as alienated as I would in some place

Many students come because of the future in graduating from an American university," he continued. "If they can get a job which will pay \$10,000 a year, they could live like kings in their own country.

ling to travel a two way street of communi- a small article about Australia in this coun-Regardless of their reasons for being at Texas A&M, most of the Internationals are represented by the International Students'

> And the Association hopes to increase communication here on campus this year said Neil. "We hope to have film festivals The Internationals have very definite and maybe some type of panel discussions



International spokesmen

(Left) The president of the International Students' Association, Tony Neil and his Finance Chairman,

between the Rudder Tower and the MSC

Neil is from Australia and Smith is Bruce Smith pose on the walkway a student from South Africa.