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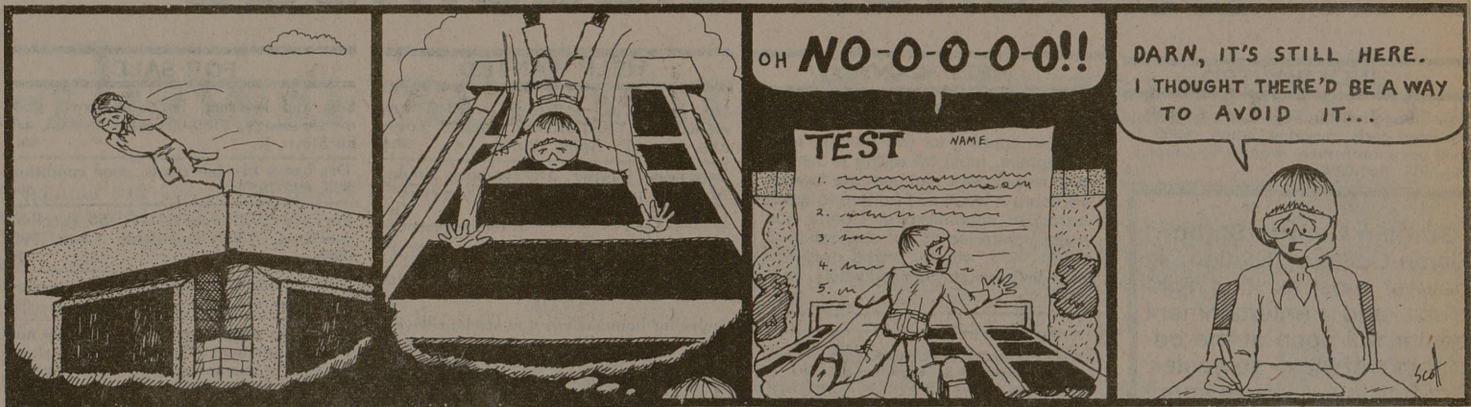


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### Are you sure it only comes in one size?

Brian Bass, a freshman from Chicago, and Rusty Buffington, a freshman from Baytown, get information about the T-shirts from Lisa Barra, a senior from College Station who works at the MSC Bookstore.

## MIA and defoliant issues take war vets to Vietnam

**United Press International**  
NEW YORK — Four Vietnam war veterans will make an unprecedented trip to Hanoi this week for talks with Communist officials on the defoliant Agent Orange and 2,500 U.S. servicemen still listed as missing in action.

The delegation will be led by Robert O. Muller, a wheelchair-bound former Marine who was paralyzed from the waist down during a Vietnam firefight in 1969. He is now executive director of the Vietnam Veterans of America.

"We're not politicians and we're not statesmen," Muller said Sunday. "We're simply soldiers who have an interest in these issues."

Muller said he and three other veterans will leave the United States Wednesday and arrive in Hanoi Friday for a six-day visit that will include talks with Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach and other government officials.

Muller and his delegation will be the first Vietnam veterans to visit Vietnam since the United States completed withdrawal of troops from Saigon in April 1975.

The idea to visit Vietnam, which has no diplomatic relations with the United States, "just came up in a brainstorming session,"

Muller said in a telephone interview from his Huntington, N.Y., home.

He said he was somewhat stunned by the unexpected approval of the visit request he made last month to Vietnam's ambassador in London. Vietnamese officials told Muller the delegation will be received in a warm and friendly manner by the people when they arrive in Hanoi.

Muller said State Department officials told him they were enthusiastic about the trip because it represents a private group working in concert with the government.

The State Department is convinced the Vietnamese can be more helpful than they have been in accounting for the missing in action, he said. An estimated 2,500 servicemen are listed as missing in action in Vietnam combat.

Muller wants Vietnam to allow U.S. scientists into the Communist nation to gather evidence on Agent Orange, a defoliant used during the war. Data shows the chemical agent dioxin in the defoliant may be cancerous and cause other physical problems, including birth defects in the offspring of veterans exposed to it.

### Cycling Santas give gifts

**United Press International**  
SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Just as Santa Claus would draw attention, crowds gathered outside the state Capitol to watch thousands of motorcycle riders dressed in black leather jackets roar into town, bearing gifts for needy children.

Hundreds of stuffed animals and other Christmas toys were left in a mound over 6 feet tall in front

of the Capitol Sunday for the Salvation Army to distribute.

The annual gift-giving visit of the Modified Motorcycle Association drew the attention of holiday shoppers in downtown Sacramento.

About 5,000 motorcycle riders had been expected to make the trip.

## 89 holiday fatalities predicted

**United Press International**  
AUSTIN — The Department of Public Safety predicts as many as 89 people may be killed in Texas traffic accidents during the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Col. Jim Adams, DPS director, called on drivers to make the holiday period the safest in recent years.

"Nothing would please us more than to get through these holidays with far fewer fatalities than we project," Adams said. "We can reduce the number of fatalities if more drivers will moderate their speed, refrain from using alcohol

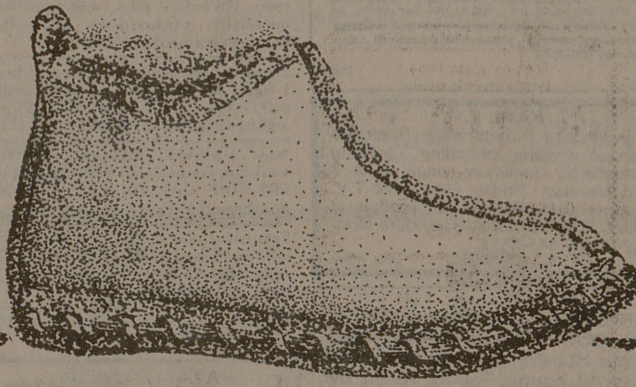
or drugs if they plan to drive and make sure everyone in the vehicle wears a seat belt."

The DPS estimates 51 people will be killed in auto accidents during the Christmas holiday weekend, and 38 will die in highway accidents during the New Year holiday.

Adams said 64 people were killed in auto accidents during the Christmas holiday last year, and 58 during the New Year holiday.

All available troopers will be on patrol duty during the fatality counting periods, Adams said. For Christmas, the count will begin at

6 p.m. Dec. 24 and end at midnight Dec. 27. The New Year's period starts at 6 p.m. Dec. 31 and ends at midnight Jan. 3.



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