Secretary explores land of 'King and I'

by Bill Vickery

Staff writer

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"They ask questions about themselves, American women's dream of seeing—questions like how old you are or what your weight. They're just as nee and want to know these things. I was warned about this beforehand, so I wasn't surprised when they asked.

With a more humorous tone in her voice, June said the women in Thailand were quite different than those in America. "In the states they dress a little like we do, but the rural areas they wear much longer dresses. The women work as servants and even serve on roads. They put the women to work of and the men follow behind with the women doing as many jobs like this."

Concerning her experience, June stated that the food in Thailand is even different than that in America. Rather than streets, the towns are a network of waterways which are called klongs. "It's like Venice. People travel to and from their homes just like we do in a taxi. Of course there are roads in the country from town to city, but within the towns they travel on klongs.

There was a pause.

"June picked up a letter and finished with it nervously. "Oh," she said, "another thing, the people don't hate Americans. They don't even feel hostile towards us. All of the people I talked to seemed to come here to see what it is like. They ask all kinds of questions about Americans. One boy wanted to correspond with me and invited me to visit him whenever that happens here.

"We're just having exciting events there. June commented she had the good fortune to meet the King and Queen of Thailand the day after her arrival. "It was an incredible experience. The Smiths were invited to the King's Palace, and went with the King and queen dedicated a postal office. It was thrilling.

"The people are friendly and entertaining. June explained they are different and interesting. June said the people's clothes were impressive. One of the women at Champs where the Thais and the Westerners might meet up was wearing a sapphire. "We were able to watch them through the glass as they went up to the car and buy tickets. The sapphire is not an expensive piece. You pay about 75 cents for an unfinished stone to fit a tie. It's hard to determine who the people dress, not as much as in the United States."

"We got a chance to visit Thailand, June quit and visit the place. The most I could do was enjoy it. I hope I can go back to town for four years." June said.

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Scholars lured to foreign lands

Thirty-seven students from California State College at Los Angeles have been selected for the college's new international student program. They will leave San Francisco late this month to begin a year of study at nine universities located in eight foreign countries.

The program is unique in that it is designed for students in the senior year of high school who have been accepted for admission to a college or university.

A study abroad program, students will live in residence halls with host students and experience the cultural life of their country.

In addition to the University of Florence, students are scheduled to study at University of Upsala and University of Stockholm in Sweden; University of Aix Marseille, France; Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan; and Keio University, Taiwan, Formosa.

Only San Francisco and San Jose State Colleges among the nine California State Colleges have large enough representation to participate in the program.

The program, designed to build student interest in foreign countries, will be offered to a limited number of students each year.

Ag gear rep named

Tim LaSalle, a business administration major at Cal Poly, will represent the college at the national convention of the Alpha Kappa Psi fraternity.

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Colleges gain $2.45 million for educational materials

Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare William J. Cohen announced recently that Federal grants totaling more than $87 million have been made to institutions of higher learning over the past three years for the purchase of books and other educational materials.

Grants of more than $64.4 million went to 1,100 colleges and universities during the fiscal year which ended June 30. Cal Poly has been a recipient of several of these grants. Approxi- mately the same amount was made available in the previous fiscal year.

In addition, $4.8 million have been made available this year to institutions of higher learning to purchase books and other educational materials.
Faculty force 21 men short

Twenty-one of the 480 allowed teaching positions budgeted for the 1966-67 school year remain unfilled, according to Larry Voss, director of personnel.

Over half of those unfilled positions are in the School of Architecture.

The faculty has lost more than a third of its staff; according to Voss, with 75 positions opening due to turnover, and 80 positions opening because of teachers taking sabatical leaves. Added to this, 60 new positions were added to this year's budget.

"Competitive salaries seem to be the major problem facing this university and other state colleges," Voss said. With almost a 10 percent increase in the size of the faculty and only a seven and a half percent increase in the size of the budget, this campus along with other state colleges, must compete with private institutions who offer higher salaries, Voss said.

The School of Architecture, with 11 positions remaining open, faced a turnover of 15 instructors and has added six new positions to their 1966-67 budget. Half of their teachers will be on sabatical leaves.

It is not unusual for a large school like the School of Architecture to have a large turnover, according to Mr. Voss, a teacher in the department. The School usually tries to bring teachers from abroad.
Atomic power—promise of future

Staff positions with the Mustang Daily vested by graduating and transferring students have been opened to students for the Fall Quarter.

Positions are open in the areas of sports, news, and feature reporting. There are also vacancies in editorial and advertising departments with several positions offering income as well as academic credit.

A journalism class, Journalism 280, has been established for journalism majors, to become involved in the campus newspaper. By presenting the basic skills of newspaper writing, a student may develop a better talent in the interest while receiving two units of credit.

Test bull auction set for October

The 11th annual Cal Poly Test Bull Auction will be held here Oct. 21. The auction will feature here.*

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"The student-operated paper is an important communication for our stated Editor-in-chief. "Consequently, student participation is a must."

Students interested in further information or positions on this fall's Daily may contact Enslow.