

Faculty:

Carroll Dowell Since the weeks have slipped by so
David Reed rapidly since our last newsletter,
Ivan Schmedemann this is the time to say:
Frank Suggitt
L.M. Reid "MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THE HAPPIEST
 OF NEW YEARS!"

Secretaries:

Marilyn Andrews (from the folks to the left)
Pam Boyd
Diann Weaver

Since so much has happened, this issue had best be limited to brief notice of many items of interest.

CONFERENCES. Since September the Recreation and Parks faculty participated in the:

- * National Recreation and Park Congress - Washington, D.C.
- * Soil Conservation Service Recreation Training Conference -
 Temple, Texas
- * Texas Recreation and Park Society Annual Conference - Abilene,
 Texas
- * Texas Social Welfare Association Annual Conference - Fort
 Worth, Texas
- * Louisiana Recreation and Park Association Annual Conference -
 Alexandria, Louisiana
- * 11th Annual Water for Texas Conference - Texas A&M
- * 21st Texas Turfgrass Conference - Texas A&M
- * State University and Land-Grant College Annual Conference -
 Washington, D.C.
- * Society of American Foresters Chapter meeting - Huntsville,
 Texas
- * Vocational Agriculture Recreation Training Conference - Waco,
 Texas
- * Texas Agricultural Experiment Station Annual Conference - Texas
 A&M

FOOTBALL. After a poor start, our Aggies put together a winning streak that had them tied, for three weeks, for first place in the Southwest Conference. Then came a late season fizzle, and a final 4-5-1 record. 'Nuff said.

DEPARTMENT OFFICES. The move reported in the September Newsletter has long since been more or less complete. With new faculty and additional graduate students reporting next month, we continue to shift for better use of space, and a major move to still larger quarters now is seen as a definite need by early summer.

CAMPUS VISITORS.

October --

Dr. LARRY WALKER, Head, Forestry Department, Stephen F. Austin State College, Nacogdoches, Texas visited Texas A&N introduced new professor in forest recreation, Dr. EUGENE HASTINGS, from Louisiana State University.

December --

Participants in the Texas Turfgrass Conference who met with our Recreation and Parks Club included Messrs. DAVID NIVENS, SENN SLEMMONS and OTIS RATLIFF, Fort Worth; PHIL HUEY, GROVER KEETON and TOM DICKERSON, Dallas; LEONARD SAUTER, San Antonio; and VIC HAMILTON, Six Flags. Mr. Nivens provided an outstanding 35 minute slide program featuring recreation and park activities of the Fort Worth Department.

December --

IVAN D. PARKER, Regional Personnel Officer (Santa Fe), National Park Service spent a very full day at Texas A&M interviewing students for seasonal and permanent positions. An informal seminar late in the day provided the opportunity to get better acquainted and go into detail on placement and career questions.

SUMMER JOBS. Our majors are already beginning to think seriously about which park system to work in next summer--in addition to those who have decided on the National Park Service. A number of park and recreation agencies have already asked for students this coming summer. In order to broaden the experience, we would like to hear from other agencies having summer openings.

FIELD TRIP. Students in RP 301 (Outdoor Recreation) went on a two day field trip December 2-3. Instructor Dave Reed and the class visited Huntsville State Park in the Sam Houston National Forest and the new 115,000 acre Sam Rayburn Reservoir in the Angelina National Forest. An interesting itinerary was developed by Messrs. JOHN OLSON and CHARLES SHIELDS of the U.S. Forest Service. Comparisons of recreation facilities developed by several agencies, including U.S.F.S., Corps of Engineers, Texas State Parks and private owners, were included during the second day, which ended with a 2-hour discussion and critique. The assistance of these agencies adds a great deal to the effectiveness of our teaching program.

RECREATION & PARKS CLUB. Our Department now has a functioning major student organization. Texas A&M accepted the constitution and extended a charter in November. A pre-organization outing was held in October: an afternoon of fishing and dove-quail-pheasant shooting on the ranch of Mr. MIKE PERKINS of Bryan, followed by a Texas-sized banquet in the ranchhouse.

Elections held December 6 saw the installation of the following slate of officers for the 1966-67 school year:

President - Fred Blumberg (Junior--Seguin)
Vice-President - Claude Glover (Junior--Bellevue, Nebraska)
Reporter - Mike Henderson (Junior--Dallas)
Secretary-Treasurer - Walter Dabney (Sophomore--Dallas)
Social Chairmen - Watt Norman (Senior--Athens)
Agriculture Council Representative - Ray Hoover (Junior--Houston)

Dr. R.C. POTTS announced in November that FRED BLUNBERG was selected in November by the College of Agriculture as the recipient of JESSE JONES AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP, based on leadership, financial need, and a cumulative grade point average of 2.645 (A=3.0). The award is \$250 each year, renewable until graduation.

NEW COURSES. The November meeting of the Academic Council saw approval of five new graduate (M.S. and Ph.D.) course titles. Listed below, these bring to 16 the total number of approved courses in Recreation and Parks:

RP 607 - Recreation and Park Design
RP 611 - Recreation Systems Planning
RP 681 - Seminar
RP 685 - Problems
RP 691 - Thesis Research

Approval of three additional graduate courses is pending at this time.

TEACHING. Next semester (February-June, 1967) our plans are to offer five undergraduate courses, plus Senior Seminar and Problems, three graduate courses, plus Graduate Seminar, and Research.

1967-68 CATALOG. The 1968 printing of the Texas A&M Catalog is scheduled for release February 1, 1967. This is the one we have been awaiting, as it carries our total approved program for the first time. Prospective students will now be able to see an accurate description of offerings. We have just reviewed the galley proofs and they are good! It is almost unheard of to get a totally new description into a university catalog in the first year of operation.

PRINTED LEAFLET. The second in a series of simple and brief circulars describing the Department of Recreation and Parks is now in use. Distribution has been primarily to school and prospective students. A copy is enclosed for your information and use.

MATERIALS RECEIVED. It is gratifying to see the continuing supply of materials submitted by agencies all over the nation to assist in the establishment of current and comprehensive references. Recent contributions have come from:

State Resource Planning Division, Michigan Department
of Commerce
National Park Service
Department of Economic Development, Kansas
Peoria Pleasure Driveway and Park District, Illinois
U.S. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation
Southeastern Forest Experiment Station, USFS, North Carolina
Northeastern Forest Experiment Station, USFS, Pennsylvania

CONFERENCE DATES.

Southwest Park Training Institute, Texoma S.P., Oklahoma --
February 6-8, 1967
Federal Extension Service Recreation Conference, Athens,
Georgia -- January 30-February 2, 1967
Great Lakes Park Training Institute, Pokagon S.P., Indiana --
February 20-24, 1967
Outdoor Recreation Short Course, University of Missouri, Columbia
-- January 30-31, 1967
Southwest District Conference

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