

April and May were largely devoted to annual and biennial Departmental budget preparation, and by a concentrated push by all faculty of the College of Agriculture to prepare Task Force reports by commodity or program area. Our assignment was chairing the committee which prepared the report on Texas MM's role for the future of recreation in Texas. All Task Force Subcommittees completed their specific assignments on or before May 31. These reports are now being printed for distribution to a 200-person external committee composed of business and civic leaders who will gather at the formal Agricultural Convocation scheduled for June 27-28 at Texas A&N University.

Highlights from the months of April and May include the following:

April 5 .Participation in dedication of Confederate Reunion Grounds by Governor John Connally, Mexia.

April 27-28 .Tour of Texas State Forest recreation developments with Texas Forest Service.

May 5-6 .Southern Outdoor Recreation Planning Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.

May 10 .Soil Conservation Recreation Planning Meeting, Austin. May 27 .Water Resources Research Planning Conference, Austin.

CURRICULUM NEWS:

In the March letter, I announced final approval had been obtained to offer a total of 10 courses in the undergraduate program. On May 24, 1966, the Academic Council unanimously approved the full undergraduate curriculum! This means that the sequence and content of all courses required for the B.S. degree have been reviewed and approved. A SINGLE-PAGE SUMMARY OF THE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM IS ATTACHED. This is now the official program to be followed and it will appear in full in the next issue of the University Catalog distributed in April, 1967. Copies giving more detailed description will be sent out on request.

Also at the May meeting, the Academic Council approved the requested authorization of the M.S. and Ph.D. degree programs. This request has been forwarded to the Texas Coordinating Board For Higher Education for final approval.

RECREATION RESEARCH:

On May 4-5, REID and DOWELL were in New Orleans, Louisiana, at a regional meeting of outdoor recreation planners from southern states ranging from North Carolina to Louisiana. Updating of state recreation plans, improvements in inventory and demand methodology, data retrieval and better interstate communications were discussed at length. The shortage of recreation planners and researchers reported by numerous participants seems to reflect a nationwide situation.

Examples are the 3-year interuniversity analysis of the recreation potential of the Galveston Estuary and its tributaries, consumer studies, investigation of recreation's role in rural economic development, the gathering of inventory data on recreation resources, and land capability studies.

STUDENTS:

We are just closing books on Spring Semester. For graduates it is a time of decision with greater numbers entering the Graduate College. Some of our undergraduates have elected to go to one or both of the summer sessions; others are on their way to summer employment. Every one of our undergraduates who was available for summer parks employment was placed, with some locations left unfilled as the supply of students was exhausted.

There already are 14 undergraduate majors carried forward as of the final day of classes.

DEPARTMENTAL BRIEFS:

The rapid growth in the RECREATION AND PARKS program at Texas A&M has resulted in greater opportunity for research involvement than originally anticipated. Consequently, a limited number of additional graduate research and teaching assistantships have just been created for the coming academic year. Stipends for the assistantships, which include waiver of out-of-state tuition, vary from a ¾-time research position (10 hours/week) at \$1,500. annual rate, to several pre-doctoral awards on a ½-time basis (\$3,000 and \$3,300 annually). Qualified candidates who may be interested in financial assistance for graduate study should contact me as soon as possible, since the awards are unusually late and September will soon be here.

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A note of congratulations. Mr. Louis Hodges (B.S., Rice University) has been named the recipient of a Graduate College Fellowship on the basis of his excellent scholastic performance thus far as a Master of Science candidate in Recreation and Parks. This award carries a cash grant of \$3,000.

MATERIALS RECEIVED:

References and source material have been received during this 2-month period from the following agencies:

- * U.S. Forest Service
- * Parks and Recreation Department, Lansing, Michigan
- * Miracle Playground Equipment Company
- * The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, Michigan
- * National Park Service

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

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<u>First Semester</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Second Semester</u>	<u>Credit</u>
<u>FRESHMAN YEAR</u>			
Biol. 101 - General Botany of Seed Plants	2-3 3	Biol 102 - Taxonomy	2-3 3
Chem. 101 - General Chemistry	3-3 4	Chem 102 - General Chemistry	3-3 4
Engl. 103 - Composition & Rhetoric	3-0 3	Engl 104 - Composition & Rhetoric	3-0 3
Hist. 105 - History of the U.S.	3-0 3	Hist 106 - History of the U.S.	3-0 3
Math. 102 - Algebra	3-0 3	Math 103 - Trigonometry	3-0 1
Military Science or Air Science	0-3 1	R P. 101 - Introduction to Recreation & Parks	1-0 1
Physical Education	0-2 <u>R</u>	Military Science or Air Science	0-2 1
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<u>SOPHOMORE YEAR</u>			
Eco. 203 - Principles of Econ.	3-0 3	Ento. 201 - General Entomology	2-2 3
Flor. 206 - Ornamental Plants	2-2 3	Geol. 205 - Elem. Geology	3-3 4
R.P.201 - Prin.of Park Admin.	2-0 2	Govt. 206 - Amer. Nat'l. Govt.	3-0 3
Soc.205 - Principles of Soc.	3-0 3	R. S. 205 - Ecology	2-2 3
W.S.201 - Wildlife Conservation & Management	3-0 3	Military Science or Air Science	0-3 1
Military Science or Air Science	1	Physical Education	0-2 R
Physical Education	0-2 R	Elective	<u>2</u>
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<u>JUNIOR YEAR</u>			
AgEng. 335 - Water Control & Utilization	2-3 3	Agro. 428 - Turf Management	2-2 3
Agro. 301 - Soil Science	3-2 4	P.E. 310 - Pool and Waterfront Management	3-0 3
Engl. 403 - Public Speaking	3-0 3	P.E. 326 - Outdoor Education	3-0 3
R.P. 301 - Outdoor Recreation	3-0 3	R.P. 305 - Mgt. of Urban Parks	3-0 3
R.P. 307 - Interpretive Methods	3-0 3	R.P. 309 - Park Operations	2-2 3
Elective	<u>1</u>	Elective	<u>2</u>
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<u>SENIOR YEAR</u>			
AgEco. 422 - Land Economics	3-0 3	Acct. 409 - Survey of Acct.Prin	3-0 3
Flor. 425 - Landscape Naint.& Construction	3-3 4	Mgmt. 211 - Business Law	3-0 3
La.A. 412 - Site Planning	3-0 3	R. P. 402 - Park Planning & Design	3-2 4
R.P. 401 - Camp Area Development	3-0 3	R.P. 403 - Recreation Admins- tration & Policy	3-0 3
R.P. 481 - Seminar	1-0 1	Elective	<u>3</u>
Elective	<u>3</u>		16
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NOTE: Elective hours will be chosen by the student in consultation with his faculty advisor.