R&P FACULTY

CHANGES MADE

Several requested changes in the staffing of the R&P Department were approved recently by DR. H.O. KUNKEL, Dean of the College of Agriculture, Texas A&M. They include:

**Appointments**

MR. DAN B. KAMP -- added to the teaching faculty as Assistant Professor in addition to his Extension Service duties.

MR. LOUIS HODGES -- appointed Assistant Professor in teaching and research.

MR. BEN D. MAHAFFEY -- named Instructor in addition to his duties as Research Associate.

MISS LUCIA RAE JUENGER -- appointed Lecturer for the fall semester to teach RP 311.

**Resignations**

Effective August 1 -- DR. BILLIE I. INGRAM, Assistant Professor.

Effective September 1 -- MR. ROBERT COUCH, Instructor.

Bob has accepted an appointment as Assistant Professor, Department of Recreation, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

We want to extend a warm invitation to our alumni and friends of the department to stop and see us during your trip to the NRPA Congress in Houston, October 19-22. We're in the old Horse Barn on the south side of the campus, across from the golf course.

There will be an Aggie get-together in Houston on one day of the Congress, so stop by our display at convention headquarters for more information. See you!
Reid's Rumble Seat

"Requiem For An Aggie"

Another school year began this week and the students have come flooding back to Texas A&M -- noisy, enthusiastic and thankfully so intense and vital about everything they do.

This Tuesday night was a dramatic change in mood, as I attended the first Silver Taps ceremony of the year. Silver Taps at Texas A&M is a memorial observance that is scheduled upon the death of a currently enrolled student.

Silver Taps this time had special significance for me. This special ceremony was conducted in memory of students who had died during the summer. William J. Stell was one of these students -- the first person to die while enrolled as a student in Recreation and Parks since the creation of the department six years ago.

Silver Taps takes place on the central lawn before the Academic Building, at 10:30 P.M. As I walked quietly to this area along with hundreds of others, I couldn’t help but notice the somber reverent mood created by the banning of traffic from campus streets and the extinguishing of all building and street lights. A bright moon illuminated the area, and a soft breeze that breathed wisps of high clouds across the moon’s face heightened the mood.

No one speaks at Silver Taps. Several thousand students stood in the ghostly half-light, flanking sidewalks in rows and clusters awaiting the start of the ceremony. Organ music drifted on the breeze from the Memorial Student Center tower.

Exactly at 10:30, the muffled, measured beat of faraway boots announced the imminent arrival of the honor guard of Ross Volunteers. This elite group from the Corps of Cadets, comprising a rifle squad of 22 students, marching silently in funeral cadence, entered the area, formed, and on command fired three volleys into the sky.

As the echoes faded and died, the first tremulous notes of "Taps" came slowly in harmony with infinite poignancy from three silver bugles played by Corps buglers from atop the dome of the Academic Building. Three times the bugles completed the haunting melody -- and the ceremony ended with a final phrase that seemed to say "Rest in Peace".

As I walked from the silent, emptying area, that final phrase kept repeating itself in my mind. I thought of the students, taking time from studies and other activities to assemble with heads bowed in memory of fellow students whose careers and potentials had been interrupted by untimely deaths.

My thoughts turned to Bill Stell. A 1967 graduate in Horticulture, Bill immediately enrolled in Recreation and Resources Development. Bill proved to be enthusiastic and highly motivated -- in Texas parlance, "A goin' Jessie". He completed the required course work in record time and with his thesis research in draft form, Bill left Texas A&M to take over as Director of Parks for Clark County, Arkansas. In a short time, Bill’s talents were seen by Roy Wood, Regional Director of the U.S. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation in Atlanta, Georgia, and Bill moved to that city to join Roy’s staff. Bill was there, involved in numerous programs and activities, when a sudden heart attack cut short his brief career this past July.

Bill, in his modest and unassuming way, would have been the first to say, "I’m not that special". But the Silver Bugles playing taps sweetly in the moonlight tonight, demonstrated that he was special. Though not every one of the Aggies at Silver Taps had known Bill personally, they were there to pay tribute to him, and by their presence to say, "I honor you, brother Aggie, because you are someone special". And Bill was special because he was a relevant person -- relevant because he made a difference in things just because he was there. That kind of relevance, the day to day involvement of committing one’s energies, talents, and potentials, is the real mark of a dedicated professional. Bill did his level best with everything at his disposal. He did himself and all of us credit. The bugles can well sing, "Rest in Peace".

R&P ENROLLMENT CONTINUES TO CLIMB

Enrollment in the TAMU Recreation and Parks Department continues to show constant growth this fall. The table below tells the story at the beginning of our 6th year.

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DRS. CLARKE and BURY are pictured above with the R&P students who made the 2,400-mile, 8-day senior trip in May. A part of RP 446, the trip gave students an inside look at city, national and state parks as well as private ventures. Their mode of travel and reactions to one day of their trip is told in the story below, written by Eldon Roark for the May 19 PRESS SEMITAR of Memphis, Tennessee.

Here’s a School Group Having
A Good Time Busing

School busing is a very controversial subject, but I met a group of students and professors the other afternoon who are enthusiastic busers. They were having a good time, busing around and learning on the run.

When I strolled up to Goldsmith Civic Garden Center in Audubon Park, a small motor coach was parked in front. A neat sign on it said, “Department of Recreation and Parks, Texas A&M University”. Lashed to the rear of the coach was a motorcycle.

When I went into the Center, I found a group of visitors -- eight students and two professors from Texas -- gathered around the desk of Mrs. Sybille Malloy, receptionist and secretary, and she was telling them about the Center and botanical gardens. Larry Cox, co-ordinator of planning for Memphis Park Commission, had brought the group to the Center, and was their guide in touring our parks.

I had a little chat with Dr. Marion L. Clarke, professor of recreation and resources development at Texas A&M. He is director of the tour, assisted by another professor, Dr. Richard L. Bury. They are on a fast eight-day trip, visiting recreational areas in Arkansas and Tennessee, studying all phases of operation.

At A&M they have 120 undergraduates and 20 graduate students majoring in park development and operation. Interest in ecology is running high.

Yes, all 10 in the tour group not only are traveling in that one small coach, but are sleeping and eating in it!

“We camp at night,” Dr. Clarke said. “If the weather is bad, we all sleep in the coach. We find room. One fellow sleeps on top of the stove. But if the weather’s good, some sleep outside. We have sleeping bags.”

The coach is air-conditioned, has a stove and kitchen sink, toilet, seats that can be made into comfortable beds. It is a swanky unit, and cost $15,000. I thought it was pretty nice for the University to own such a vehicle and let the students use it.

“Oh, no,” Dr. Clarke said, “It is owned by one of our professors -- Dr. Frank Suggitt.”

“My gosh!” I said. “You mean he paid $15,000 for a bus just to let students use it? What is he an oilman?”

Dr. Clarke said no, Dr. Suggitt was just a dedicated professor, and he liked to take students on field trips. Those Texas professors do things in a big way. Maybe we ought to try to lure a few of them to the Mid-South. Might solve budget problems.

That motorcycle lashed to the rear of the coach, by the way, belongs to Dr. Bury. He thought it a good idea to take it on the trip. If they have trouble, he can hop on it and go for help. These professors are good thinkers.

The cost of the eight-day tour for each student is $28, plus $10 each which they put into the “grocery kitty”. They prepare their own meals except at places where they are entertained at lunch or dinner.

They seemed to be having such an interesting time that I felt like matriculating right then and there -- and joining them.

P.S. Oh, yeah! They were favorably impressed by Memphis parks.

WILBUR LAPAGE, Family Camping Federation research chairman, presents the first annual FCF award to DR. CARLTON VAN DOREN, Associate professor in the R&P Department at Texas A&M University.
EUROPEAN TOUR '72

The Department of Recreation and Parks, TAMU, has recently announced plans for its "European Tour '72" offering students, faculty and practitioners a behind-the-scenes look at recreation facilities in Spain, Switzerland, Holland, Denmark, France, England and Germany. The specially planned, 18-day tour may be taken on a credit or non-credit basis. The cost of $3898 includes air fare from Houston. Dr. Carlton Van Doren, associate professor in the R&P Department, is tour director. For further information, write Dr. Van Doren at: Recreation and Parks Department, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843.

NRPS—NSRPS NEWS

Two students in the TAMU R&P Department will be especially busy during the NRPA Congress in Houston in October. MIKE WADDLE, senior, is president-elect of the NSRPS and has been serving as co-chairman for the 1971 program committee for the student meetings. He is vice-president of the TAMU student branch and was a delegate and exhibitor at the National Conference on State Parks in 1970 and at the 1970 NRPA Congress.

REX DERR, graduate teaching assistant, and former NSRPA president, has been appointed to assist in the development of a national position paper on natural resources to be presented during the Congress. Rex is representing the Student Society on the committee which is preparing the paper. This semester he is teaching a section of RP 301 Outdoor Recreation Management in the Department.

REMINDER

For members of TRAPS — the luncheon will be held on Friday, October 22, during the NRPA Congress in Houston.

For friends and alums of TAMU — don't forget to stop by our display at convention headquarters to pick up information about the get-together being planned for one day during the Congress.

GARRISON VISITS TAMU

MR. LEMUEL (LON) GARRISON, director of the Albright Training Center, Grand Canyon, and a visiting professor in the R&P Department, spent September 13 and 14 at Texas A&M. Mr. Garrison met with DR. MARION CLARKE to finalize plans for the 1971 Recreation Management Institute and lectured to several R&P classes. Professor Garrison also serves as director of the R.M.I.

FALL R&P STUDENT ACTIVITIES UNDERWAY

A September 3 reception for graduate students, faculty and their spouses, hosted by R&P Head LESLIE M. REID and MRS. REID at their home, initiated the semester's student activities. The following Saturday all new graduate students met with the graduate faculty at the Reid's home for a breakfast and orientation session that emphasized departmental and University policies and procedures.

Undergraduate activities went into full swing at the first meeting of the R&P Society at DR. FRANK SUGGITT'S country home on September 15. During the outdoor, get-acquainted gathering, the faculty and new students were introduced by DALE BRANSFORD, president. It was announced that a golf tournament will be held by the group on September 25 and a fishing tournament is scheduled at Toledo Bend the 29-31 of October. DR. MARION CLARKE is faculty advisor for the R&P Society.

Student wives clubs have also made plans for the year, with MRS. CURT SHIRER serving as president of the Graduate Wives Club and MRS. JEFF RAMSEY as president of the undergraduate group. Sponsors for the graduate wives are MRS. CLARE GUNN and MRS. FRANK SUGGITT. MRS. CARLTON VAN DOREN advises the Undergraduate Wives Club.

Visits between a management team from the World of Animals in Mesquite, Texas, and R&P faculty members have been exchanged during the summer. Visiting the campus were MR. JOHN HAHN, MR. JIM FLYNN, and MR. DICK MARKS. Then, a consultant team composed of DR. CLARE GUNN, DR. MARION CLARKE, MR. LOU HODGES, MR. BEN MAHAFFEY and graduate student MIKE BERGER traveled to Mesquite, which is near Dallas. DR. LESLIE REID, department head, also consulted with the facility managers.

DR. MARION CLARKE is representing the R&P Department at the National Conference on State Parks being held in Des Moines September 20 to 24.

1st LT. JOHN SHEEK, R&P graduate in 1970, has written from Viet Nam where he is stationed. John is serving as a liaison officer at Da Nang.

DAVID REED, an assistant professor at Arkansas Polytechnic University, Russellville, and research assistant in the Texas A&M Recreation and Parks Department, spent several weeks in College Station during August in connection with research he is doing on a Water Resources Institute Project.
The finishing touch was put on the old “Horse Barn” which houses the TAMU Recreation and Parks Department when one of the original stalls was set up in late spring. The rustic stall front, complete with iron bars and a wide door covers one wall of the entry hall. Behind it is displayed the story of “Garrigan’s Barn”, a picture of a beautiful horse, and old horse shoes and spurs, as well as the story of two famous Texas A&M mules who lived in the barn. A recorded message telling the history of the staff front is also included.

In the picture below, LOU HODGES and several graduate students work at night to install the display. At right EVA ZWEIFEL admires the completed project.

From Alaska to Georgia -- from Isle Royale to Arizona -- R&P students have trooped back to the campus from interesting summer jobs all over the United States. The department is grateful to all of the park administrators, city managers and others who gave TAMU students the opportunity to gain this invaluable field experience in parks and recreation.

Job locations and employers included an urban Youth Corps Center, Okefenokee (Ga.) National Wildlife Refuge, Arkansas Department of State Parks and Tourism, Lake of the Woods Ranger Station (Oregon), Isle Royale National Park, Arches National Monument (Utah), Grand Canyon National Park, Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge (Alaska), Prince William Country Park Department, The Fairfax County Parks and Recreation Department and the Corps of Engineers. Many other students worked at summer camps, pools, golf courses and with city park and recreation departments throughout Texas.

Three bulletins, authored by R&P staff members have been published this summer. The first, designed to aid naturalists, interpreters and administrators, is titled Guidelines for Using Multiple Projectors. The 16-page booklet was written by BEN D. MAHAFEEY, research associate, and JOHN HANNA, graduate teaching assistant. The price is 50 cents.

DR. BILLIE I. INGRAM, formerly assistant professor on the R&P staff, wrote Recreational Implications of the Horse Industry, which is No. 3 in the Information Report series of the department. There is no charge.

JACK JONES, extension resource development specialist, is the author of an Extension Service bulletin called Solid Waste, which deals with this ecological problem. It is also free.

Another publication which is now ready for distribution by the Department of Recreation and Parks is “The Next Three Decades of Tourism--Financial and Political Implications” by DONALD GREENAWAY. Professor Greenaway, national leader in the food service and hotel fields, is now teaching in the educational program for hotel and restaurant majors at the University of Houston. Taken from a speech on the Texas A&M campus last spring, the paper is No. 6 in the Visiting Lecture Series of the department.

All of these bulletins can be secured by writing the TAMU Recreation and Parks Department, or by using the order blank in this issue of the Newsletter.
# ANNOUNCE GRADUATE APPOINTMENTS

DR. LESLIE M. REID, R&P Department head, has announced that 17 graduate students in the department have received graduate appointments for the fall semester. The list includes:

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|                            |                     | M.S. - Rec. & Park Mgmt. - U. of Oregon |
| Teaching Assistants        |                     |                  |
| JAMES BURNETT              | M.S.                | B.S. - Education - TAMU |
| REX E. DERR                | M.S.                | B.S. - R&P - Penn State |
| RONALD FOWLER              | M.S.                | B.S. - Wildlife Sci. - TAMU |
| ARTHUR HALEY               | Ph.D.               | B.A. - English - Stonehill College  
|                            |                     | M.A. - Rec. - Springfield College |
| JOHN HANNA                 | Ph.D.               | B.S. - Forest Rec. - Colorado State |
| Research                   |                     |                  |
| MICHAEL BERGER             | Ph.D.               | B.S., M.S. - Wildlife Sci. - TAMU |
| EDGAR FILLMORE             | Ph.D.               | A.A. - Chemistry - Snow College  
|                            |                     | B.A. - German - Brigham Young |
|                            |                     | M. R. Ed. - Rec. - Brigham Young |
| MICHAEL HEIT               | Ph.D.               | B.A. - Geog. - U. of Waterloo  
|                            |                     | M.A. - Geog. - State U. N. Y. at Buffalo |
| WILLIAM C. HOLMES          | Ph.D.               | B.S. - Geog. - Memphis State  
|                            |                     | M.S. Geog. - Louisiana State |
| GLENN KREAG                | M.S.                | B.S. - R&P Admin. - Michigan State |
| PHILIP LAVELY              | Ph.D.               | B.S.F. - Forestry - U. of Georgia  
|                            |                     | M.S. - Forestry - U. of Georgia |
| WALTER MCDANIEL            | M.S.                | B.S. - Rec. Ed. - Calif. State College |
| CURT SHIRER                | Ph.D.               | B.S. - R&P Admin. - Clemson U.  
|                            |                     | M.S. - Outdoor Rec. - U. of Georgia |
| GLENN R. WADE              | Ph.D.               | B.S. - H&PE - West Chester State  
|                            |                     | M.S. - R&P - Penn State |
| Non-teaching               |                     |                  |
| SIDNEY NOLAN               | Ph.D.               | B.A. - Journalism - Louisiana State  
|                            |                     | M.A. - Journalism - U. of Texas |
| STEPHEN SMITH              | Ph.D.               | B.A. - Geog. - Wright State U.  
|                            |                     | M.S. - Geog. - Ohio State |
JOSEPH CLEVELAND BRUSSE III
College Station, Texas
R&P Society
Employer: Corps of Engineers,
Sam Rayburn Reservoir

TIMOTHY HENRY HUSER
Kerrville, Texas
R&P Society
National Wildlife Society
Post-graduate study - TAMU

GARLAND RAY SLIDER
Brownwood, Texas
TAMU Singing Cadets

MICHAEL COWART received his Master of Science degree in Recreation and Resource Development. Mike, a B.S. graduate of Texas Tech University did his thesis research on “Recreational Boating in North Central Texas”. During the summer he worked in the TAMU R&P Department assisting with synagographic computer mapping of recreation enterprises for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Mike and his wife have moved to Arkadelphia, Arkansas, where he is director of Parks and Recreation for Clark County.

MICHAEL RAY COWART

JOHN WEAKLEY, a native of Canada, was awarded a Master of Science degree in Recreation and Resource Development. His thesis was titled “The Participation, Spatial Distribution, and Consumption Patterns of Boaters Residing in Metropolitan Toronto”. John received his B.S. degree in Recreation and Park Administration from the University of Illinois. While at TAMU he served as coordinator of the First Annual Brazos County Nauca Round-up. John is now living in Mississauga, Ontario where he is a park planner for the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

*We regret to report that, due to lack of co-ordination, the Annual Nauga Round-up will not be held this year.

JOHN ROBERT JAMES WEAKLEY
R.M.I. PROCEEDINGS FOR 1970 AVAILABLE

The Proceedings of the 1970 Recreation Management Institute held at Grand Canyon, Arizona, are now available. The theme for the 3rd Institute was “Contemporary Problems in Park Management”. Among the topics discussed were interpretation, visitor control, park planning for the future, computer mapping, analog modeling, planning for recreation vehicles, computerized campground registration, lease facilities, park personnel and relations with legislators. Proceedings are $4 per copy and you can order them from the TAMU Department of Recreation and Parks or use the handy order blank in this issue of the Newsletter. Proceedings from the 1st and 2nd Institutes are also available, at $2 a copy.

EVA ZWEIFEL WINS INTERNATIONAL AWARD

MISS EVA ZWEIFEL, May graduate of the R&P Department, has been named winner of a Rotary Foundation Award for International Understanding for 1972-73. The award covers a year’s graduate study at a University abroad, including transportation, all educational fees, meals and lodging and educational travel. Miss Zweifel plans to study international tourism and leisure in France.

The R&P Department lost its good right hand June 25 when she left for the University of Quebec at Three Rivers (Canada) to assume duties as a research technician. Miss Zweifel has worked for the department as a secretary and most recently as a technical assistant coordinating lecture series, a spring open house and setting up a library, while carrying a full-course load. She writes that she’s “tangled up in red tape”, but enjoying her work in Canada.

NEW COURSE

A new course, Professional Internship, (RP 684) will be offered this fall in the Recreation and Parks Department. The course, required for the Master of Agriculture degree, will be a survey and application of principles of recreation and resources development. Students will be required to work for 6 months in an R&P position. A report will be furnished by the department by the student’s supervisor and each student will make two reports on the management aspects of his job and the knowledge he feels he is gaining.

During the summer all of the books in the R&P library were cataloged, a check-out system was organized and a card catalog was completed. Beginning with the fall semester the library will be open regularly with MRS. CAROLE KOLLE as librarian.
DR. CLARE GUNN was in Galveston May 21-22 for a meeting to review the Sea Grant Program . . . . May 6 & 7 found
DR. RICHARD BURY in Galveston at the annual meeting
of the Gulf States Section, Society of American Foresters.
It was his last meeting as secretary-treasurer of the organization . . . . .
MR. ROBERT COUCH met with officials in
San Antonio May 17 to discuss the River Walk Project.
During June he visited San Francisco, Berkeley and Sausalito,
California, to study waterfront development . . . .
DR. CARLTON VAN DOREN went to Chicago June 8 to accept
the 1st annual Family Camping Federation Award for excellence
in research related to family camping . . . .
MR. LOU HODGES talked on employment opportunities in recreation
at a meeting of vocational agriculture teachers in Dallas in
August . . . .
DR. MARION CLARKE, MR. DAN KAMP and
MR. JIM STRIBLING represented the department at a
workshop on Federal Aid Programs for Parks, Recreation and
Conservation in Denver the middle of August . . . .
DR. LESLIE REID, Department head, chaired a section on reports
of research in recreation and leisure and also reported on the
"Journal of Leisure Research" at the annual meeting of the
Rural Sociology Society in Denver August 26-27.

DR. CLARE A. GUNN has been named a task force leader
for a project, "Career Education in Recreation and Tourism",
sponsored by the Office of Education, Division of Vocational
and Technical Education. One of several study groups in
different fields, the project will develop guidelines for kindergarten through the 12th grade to increase awareness of the
various professions as career opportunities.

BEN D. MAHAFFEY, research associate in the TAMU R&P
Department, has started tabulating returns on his questionnaire,
"Selected Knowledge and Proficiencies Desired for
Environmental Interpretation". The questionnaire is part of a
project in which the R&P Department is cooperating with the
Association of Interpretive Naturalists and the Western Interpreters Association. Information is being gathered which will be
useful in structuring a college curriculum specifically
designed to educate interpretive naturalists and environmental
interpreters. Mr. Mahaffey reports a satisfying return of over
70 percent of his questionnaires.

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