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#### "REID'S RUMBLE—SEAT"

I believe it's worth summarizing highlights of the recent STUDY CONFERENCE ON OUTDOOR RECREATION RESEARCH. This meeting was sponsored by the National Academy of Sciences at the NAS's summer facility on Cape Cod, Woods Hole, Mass., June 2-8, 1968. The study Conference was organized by the NAS at the request of Interior Secretary Stewart Udall to formulate a national plan for outdoor recreation research that would build toward adequacy of recreation programs and opportunities in the years ahead.

DR. FREDERICK SEITZ, Pres., NAS, said the purpose of the meeting "...is to develop a structure for the research effort this country should maintain as an aid in guiding the growing investments by federal, state and local governments, as well as by private agencies.

The Conference was composed of 20 educators, assisted by NM staff and observers from B.O.R. and the Conservation Foundation. DR. DON HAWKINS of N.R.P.A., DR. ROY WOLFE of Canada, and I could be said to represent former "working" park and recreation people, four educators represented forestry or allied disciplines, but the majority were purposefully from the behavioral sciences. This was a considered attempt to learn what contributions economics, political science, and sociology, for example, may have for recreation and parks.

Participants included noted educators from some 15 leading universities the University of Birmingham (England), and representatives from RAND Corporation and Resources For the Future. Assisted by NAS staff, the group was divided into three working panels, and charged with consideration of:

- I. Functions and Impact, of Recreation in Contemporary Society
- II. The Role of Economic Forces, Pricing and Funding
- III. Supply and Stewardship of Resources

During the course of the week-long, dawn-'til-dark sessions, the three panels met separately, sometimes as a single group, and often worked alone or in pairs or threes in provided study carrels writing and polishing concepts and manuscript ideas for later scrutiny by the larger groups. The discussions ranged broadly through such areas as socio-psychological aspects of recreation: economic aspects dealing with problems of cost, pricing, and funding; and resource implications including supply, management, labor factors, and resource limitations.

Without doubt, the opportunity of spending a week in constant discussion with such outstanding social scientists was one of the highlights of my career. Yet beyond the personal dimension, I believe the Study Conference may prove to be a benchmark meeting, providing our recreation and parks movement with the scientific recognition and research leadership it must have to be guaranteed maximum support in the form of legislative actions and appropriations.

Plans are for the final report of the Study Conference to be available later this fall, at which time recommendations will be forthcoming from NAS to Congress, as well as to concerned federal and state agencies.

#### FUTURE EVENTS:

1968 Congress for Recreation and Parks, National Recreation and Parks Association, Seattle, Washington, September 13-17, 1968.

Annual Meeting of the National Conference on State Parks, Hot Springs, Arkansas, September 22-26, 1968.

68th Annual Meeting of the Society of American Foresters, Philadelphia, Penn., September 29-October 2, 1968.

2nd Annual Recreation Management Institute, Texas A&M University, College Station, October 20-November 1, 1968.

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TEXAS RECREATION AND PARK SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING will be held at Texas A&M University November 7-9 at the Ramada Inn. The Conference Planning Committee has been selected and is currently formulating an exciting and informative session. The committee is composed of: DAN KAMP, L.M. REID, Chairman, DR. F.W. SUGGITT, DR. C.A. GUNN, JAY WILLIAMS, WARREN LEDDICK, and TRPS Vice-President DON MADDOX. Mr. Kamp is Conference Coordinator.

Tentative plans for the fall meeting include a golf tournament, workshops, seminars, tours and a banquet to climax the conference. A descriptive brochure will be in the mail shortly, and additional details will be given in the September issue of the newsletter. Suggestions for the meeting can be directed to Dan Kamp or any member of the Committee.

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AN INVENTORY OF THE RECREATIONAL RESOURCES, FACILITIES AND SERVICES for Southeast Texas, comprising ten counties is currently underway under direction of JIM STRIBLING, Extension Specialist in Commercial Recreation. The study is being sponsored by the Southeast Texas Resource, Conservation and Development Project.

Unlike most inventories this one has been designed to serve two major purposes: to serve as a recreation "consumer's" guide to Southeast Texas to be developed through cooperation of the Texas Tourist Development Agency; and to serve individual agencies and various levels of government in developing plans for private, commercial or public recreation development. This has been formulated to provide "producer's" information.

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LIBRARY COLLECTION INCREASES -- With cooperation of the Main Library, we have been conducting an intensive campaign to enlarge materials on recreation, parks and related fields. Using a list from the Subject Guide to Books in Print, each faculty member in the Department has been indicating books he desires. Those not already held are being ordered at a rate of about 50 volumes per day. A similar effort has been made for journals. We have yet to analyze our needs for city, state and federal documents, which may comprise more titles than books and journals. We soon hope to have one of the finest collections of literature available in our field.



THESAURUS OF OUTDOOR RECREATION TERMS -- Our joint effort with the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation and the U.S. Department of Interior Library is progressing. Definitions have had to be developed for some of the more critical terms. We hope to have a copy of the Thesaurus ready for review later this summer.

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CAREER DAY FOR HIGH SCHOOLS was conducted by a team from our Department in Fort Worth, Texas on May 4th. The all-day event was sponsored by the Fort Worth Parks and Recreation Department, and conducted by Mrs. BERTHA COLLINS, Community Center Director.

LARRY SIMONSON gave the keynote address; B. DAN KAMP was Master of Ceremonies. JIM STRIBLING spoke on opportunities in outdoor recreation; BUDDY SURLES outlined the demand for future municipal recreation workers and DAVID REED detailed the progress and future needs in research and education. We wish to express our thanks to the Fort Worth department for the opportunity to assist in acquainting high-schoolers with the profession of recreation and parks.

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WHAT SHOULD FORESTERS BE TAUGHT ABOUT OUTDOOR RECREATION MANAGEMENT? -- Under a contract with the U.S. Office of Education, DR. BURY has been investigating the educational needs of foresters as related to recreation management in public and multiple-use agencies.

A group of four courses that could be used as an option within forestry curricula has been developed from the needs and requirements listed by practicing administrators. This two-year project is nearing completion, and will be reported by Dr. Bury at the Annual Meetings of the Society of American Foresters and Rural Sociological Society later this year.

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MR. LEMUEL (LOU) GARRISON, NORTHEAST REGIONAL DIRECTOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE has accepted the position of Director of the Recreation Management Institute to be held in October. Plans and instructors for the 1968 Institute are nearing completion and program brochures will be mailed out this month detailing study topics and instructors.

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OUTDOOR RECREATION STATE PLAN MEETINGS -- May 13 was the date for a working meeting called by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to review and critique the plan of work for a comprehensive statewide demand study for recreation. Researchers from our department as well as from the Department of Ag. Economics at Texas A&M attended. Representatives attended from BOR offices in Washington, D.C. and Denver. The Texas Water Development Board, U.S. Corps of Engineers, Soil Conservation Service, and U.S. Forest Service also participated, along with DR. JACK KNETSCH and WILLIAM HART of Washington, D.C.



FIELD TRIP TO TOLEDO BEND -- May 10-11 were the dates for an overnight trip by the Recreation Planning graduate class to East Texas to become acquainted with the program and facilities of the Sabine River Authority. MR. SAM COLLINS and MR. CARROLL SWEARINGEN were most excellent hosts. Friday evening was spent at a hideaway lodge briefing the class on the SRA's recreation program. Saturday was spent in reconnaissance of developed and potential recreation sites along the Texas side of the 200,000 surface-acre Toledo Bend reservoir.

This visit resulted in a follow-up May 23 visit by Drs. F.W. SUGGITT and L.M. REID to Orange, Texas to meet with MR. JOHN SIMMONS, General Manager of the SRA along with MESSRS. COLLINS and SWEARINGEN regarding specific site developments on Toledo Bend.

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CONROE RECREATION PLANNING, MONTGOMERY COUNTY -- DAVE REED, JIM STRIBLING, DAN KAMP, and L.M. REID traveled to Conroe June 24, at the invitation of County Judge JONATHAN THORNBERRY to appear at a public meeting called to consider a bond referendum for county park development. This meeting culminated 18 months of intensive study by Reed and associated departmental researchers relative to development of a county fairgrounds park and master plan for county parks in Montgomery County.

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SPRING STUDENT OUTING -- On May 14, recreation and parks students and faculty met at Dr. Reid's Carter Lake property for a "school's out" celebration. Small groups started arriving in mid-afternoon, and at the height of the festivities about 40 were in attendance. Fish in the newly-stocked lake have reached 12-14 inches, and the bass are especially scrappy. Fishing and boating were the chief activities until the campfire was started, and fish, franks and suitable thirst-quenchers consumed. Three talented guitarists provided appropriate background music for the singing of cowboy ballads around the fire as the stars came out. The department head started to leave when several instructors were thrown into the lake by graduating seniors--but didn't get away in time; all in all a fitting windup to the Spring semester.

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CAMPUS VISITORS -- A number of educators and professionals visited the department recently. Included were:

May 13 Jerry Brooks - Richardson Parks and Recreation Department  
June 14 Robert Couch - San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department  
June 26 Billie Ingram - Dallas Parks and Recreation Department  
May 8 B. Sheffield, W. Leddick, D. Stence, J. Robinson - Austin Parks and Recreation Department

DR. JACK KNETSCH provoked some stimulating discussions during his visit. His visit was principally arranged by invitation of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to review the proposed plan for a statewide study of outdoor recreation demand described earlier. Formerly at Resources For The Future, Dr. Knetsch now teaches at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He returned to Texas A&M following his Austin visit for a joint seminar with graduate students of the Departments of Recreation and Parks and Agricultural Economics and Sociology. His visit terminated with a retreat to a nearby restaurant, where refreshments and high-level theory combined for a most enjoyable faculty seminar.



## DEPARTMENTAL FACULTY RESIGNATIONS & REPLACEMENTS

INSTRUCTORS LEAVE FOR FACULTY POSITIONS -- CARROLL DOWELL and DAVID REED, both instructors in our department since 1966, will leave September 1, 1968, to join the faculty of Arkansas Polytechnic College at Russellville. Both instructors are near enough to completion of their Doctor's degree that they have accepted challenging teaching offers. DOWELL has been appointed Chairman, Department of Recreation and Park Administration, while DAVE REED will have a joint position as Director, Center for Leisure Science and Outdoor Education and Assistant Professor in the same department.

The existing program at Arkansas Polytech is being expanded to include an Outdoor Education Center. In addition to teaching, their responsibilities will include research and cooperation with the Arkansas State Parks.

Our best wishes go with these two outstanding instructors who have contributed so much to our teaching and research programs. We expect to remain in close contact with them and know they will be instrumental in building a strong recreation and parks teaching program in Arkansas, as well as providing another dimension in professional leadership in that state. The coming year will be an active one for Arkansas. The National Conference On State Parks meets in September, 1968, at Hot Springs, while the Southwest District Meeting of the NRPA is scheduled for Little Rock in March, 1969.

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TWO INSTRUCTORS APPOINTED -- As a result of the position vacancies created by the move of Dowell and Reed to Arkansas Tech, two new instructors have been approved for appointment in our own Department of Recreation and Parks:

ROBERT COUCH. Currently Superintendent of Municipal Enterprises for the San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department, Bob formerly served as Administrative Assistant to the Director in the same department. A native Texas from Harlingen, he graduated from Kerrville High and received his B.S. in Physical Education at Southwest Texas State College. His Master's degree was taken at Colorado State College, Greeley, Colorado. Prior to coming to San Antonio, he taught in the Denver, Colorado schools and for several years managed a youth camp. Bob is married and is the father of two children. His principal responsibilities will be the teaching of courses in municipal recreation and related research that builds upon his previous professional experience.

LOUIS HODGES. Also a Texan by birth, Lou hails from Houston and is a social sciences graduate (Anthropology) of Rice University. Lou holds the distinction of being the first enrolled graduate student in our department. He has finished all course requirements for his Ph.D., having only to complete the research for his dissertation to finish his doctorate. Lou has numerous talents, not the least of which is exceptional skill as a photographer. He is very interested in youth work and has worked with Boy Scouts for a number of years. This summer he is Assistant Director and Program Manager of the El Rancho Cima Camp, B.S.A., near San Antonio. As in the case of Bob Couch, Lou's responsibilities will be divided between teaching and research and student advising.

We are most fortunate to be able to attract such highly qualified persons to our instructor positions. Both bring experience and enthusiasm to the classroom, and both are eager to take advantage of the opportunity to complete the Ph.D. in order to assume increasingly responsible teaching positions in our profession.



## NEW PROFESSORSHIPS APPROVED FOR DEPARTMENT

As a result of continuing rapid growth of the Recreation and Parks Department, two new teaching and research positions have been authorized for the coming academic year. These are permanent additions to our senior faculty, eligible for membership to the Graduate Faculty, and to work with advanced students engaged in graduate study. In order to hold a professorship at the rank of Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor in Recreation and Parks, the person must have both the Doctorate and professional recreation and parks experience. After careful screening in the light of program needs and opportunities, the following persons have been offered and have accepted the new Recreation and Parks positions.

DR. CARLTON S. VAN DOREN. Effective July 10, Dr. Van Doren becomes Associate Professor of Recreation and Parks. A native of Illinois, he holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Illinois. His Ph.D. was earned at Michigan State University in Geography for a sophisticated approach to the study of attractive characteristics of state parks. Since 1965, Dr. Van Doren has been teaching Recreation Geography at the Ohio State University, and conducting research involving recreational boating. He has published numerous papers dealing with outdoor recreation in the north-central states.

Dr. Van Doren is interested in tourism and commercial recreation and spatial interrelationships of recreation areas. His principal responsibilities will be in graduate instruction and research supervision. His appointment further strengthens the department's ability to conduct investigations into recreation planning and development, and to apply techniques of area analysis to recreation problems. In addition to the National Recreation and Park Association, the new professor is active in the recreation activities of the American Association of Geographers.

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DR. BILLIE I. INGRAM. Dr. Ingram has accepted the position of Assistant Professor of Recreation and Parks, with appointment effective August 16, 1968. As evidence of Texas A&M's desire to move forcefully into new areas, and to respond to the challenge of new opportunities, it should be noted that Dr. Ingram has the distinction of being the first woman member appointed to the Recreation and Parks faculty.

Dr. Ingram is a native of Monroe, Louisiana. She received her Bachelor's degree in H.P.E.R. from William Carey College in Hattiesburg, Miss. Her M.A. in Health and Physical Education and Ph.D. in Recreation Administration were both earned at Texas Woman's University, her doctoral dissertation being a study of tort liability in municipal park and recreation departments in Texas. Her considerable depth in sociology and related behavioral areas, and interest in socio-psychological aspects of recreation is an important addition to our teaching team.

Miss Ingram brings to Recreation and Parks more than 10 years of experience in recreation administration, with particular emphasis on supervision of organized activities. She served as a camp counselor for both the Louisiana Baptist Convention and Girl Scouts. She has taught science and also physical education at the elementary, secondary and college levels. For the past six years she has been a member of the Dallas Park and Recreation Department's staff, holding increasingly responsible positions involving organized activities and leadership programs in the recreation division.

Dr. Ingram lists art and music in addition to a variety of outdoor activities among her many interests. Her knowledge of municipal recreation constitutes an important input to our instructional program, and our entire faculty is looking forward to assisting her in making a very real contribution in this important area.

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Continuing the policy of giving our faculty the opportunity to "unload" on a topic of their choice or piece of pet philosophy, Dr. R.L. Bury offers some thoughts on recreational use of forest resources. . .

The infancy of the Land and Water Conservation Fund has been exciting, to say the very least -- and sometimes has been turbulent and controversial. Recently, attempts have been made to defeat current bills in the Congress aimed at supplementing income to the Land and Water Conservation Fund through earmarking of offshore oil receipts or other sources of income to the Federal treasury.

New programs always change current conditions. Some persons will regard the program as an improvement in their position, while others may see the change as a threat. The supposedly adverse effects are sometimes more imaginary than real; often a program's effects can be made positive rather than negative if the affected person is creative. However, the person who considers himself damaged will usually fight to maintain his position rather than attempting to discover the benefits that can be obtained through program changes.

An example of such defensive tactics is the recent article, "Frosting on the Cake", in the National Forest Products Review. This article creates the impression that most Fund money will be used for land acquisition and that much of such acquisition will be on productive timberlands. In point of fact, we know that states have used most of their Fund allocations for development of existing recreation areas. State land acquisition has been generally on non-timbered areas, since most acquisition has been for urban park areas designed for high-intensity use. The 40% of Fund budget allocated to Federal agencies can, it is true, be used only for land acquisition and often involves acquisition of productive timberlands.

Present trends in consumption of either outdoor recreation or of other forest products may change. If the forest cannot be made to yield all of the products desired, some must be rationed or even discontinued. I have noticed, for example, a recent article about throw-away rugs made of paper. How essential is such a forest product? How essential is outdoor recreation in a forest setting? Can both of these goods be produced at once? If not, what are the priorities for each?

In the final analysis, this is a problem in resource allocation. If the present trends in consumption of wood products and of outdoor recreation continue, we can expect further increase in competition between these two uses of forests. Much of the apparent conflict can be accommodated through coordinating these two uses on the same acreage. It's entirely feasible to obtain many recreation benefits while simultaneously growing timber. However, forest lands must admittedly be removed from timber production for uses such as campgrounds or picnic areas and for preservation in natural areas when so dictated by desires of the public at large.

As professionals, we should accelerate our efforts to cooperate with other resource users--to promote management ties that will reveal and implement the complementary and compatible types of relationships between recreation and other forest uses where before had been only self-interest and conflict.