

'Junction' - A Unique College

The second six weeks session on what is probably the world's most unique college campus began Monday, July 17.

Here in the land where rugged cliffs and hills challenge the monarchy of the pecan trees is situated the Texas A&M College Adjunct. Located on the banks of the South Llano river, 250 miles west of College Station, this campus combines camp life with college training in a remarkable way.

The 411 acres, a gift of the citizens of Kimble county to the State of Texas, provides the setting each summer for approximately 335 students in their quest for higher education.

Physical facilities of the beautiful campus will accommodate only 120 freshmen each six weeks, although demand is much greater and there is a waiting list for both sessions. In addition 40 civil engineering students and 15 geology majors complete necessary laboratory work at the Adjunct this summer.

Adjunct freshmen take six semester hours of classroom work, usually mathematics and English, plus one course in either college reading or college study. Physical Education is required in either life saving or conditioning.

Professors and instructors from the main A&M campus conduct activities at the Adjunct each summer. The camp is directed by W. Dee Kutach. A. E. Denton is camp counselor. English is taught by Louis F. Hauer, Roy E. Cain and H. S. Creswell.

Mathematics courses are conducted by Haile D. Perry, R. R. Lyle and R. A. Knapp. W. J.

Dobson and R. L. Provost provide instruction in college study and college reading respectively.

The physical education classes are in charge of H. B. Segrest and Paul M. Andrews.

The Civil Engineering Department of Texas A&M requires one six-weeks session be spent at the Adjunct. This laboratory work is usually done between the student's junior and senior years. J. A. Orr and E. L. Harrington of the main campus faculty have 40 students enrolled for each of two summer, 1961, sessions. Students do land surveying, topographic mapping, highway surveying and measurement of stream flow.

In addition, 15 geology majors are using the Adjunct this session. Under the direction of Karl Koenig of A&M's Geology Department, this group, mostly juniors at Texas A&M, does field work preparing maps and plane tabling. Laboratory operations extend as far as the Marathon Basin and the Big Bend country.

"The A&M Adjunct is student-centered, not institutional centered," points out W. Dee Kutach, the director. "Only two privileges exist: One is to teach and the other is to learn. We are dedicated to the development of the complete student in all of his capabilities."

Why is the demand for admission to the Junction Adjunct so great? First session students offer an insight:

Stephen Williams, freshman from Gilmer who plans to major in architecture, says, "I came to the Adjunct to learn how to study. In addition I wanted to get some of my English and mathematics requirements behind me so I will

not have to take such a heavy load in the fall."

Dickey Forns, a mechanical engineering major from Eagle Pass, stated that his high school counselor had recommended the summer Adjunct program as ideal preparation for college.

Tom Ralph, Aggie junior student from Clifton and a civil engineering major, points out, "this is not a place for freshmen to pick up easy credit; it is just as difficult, scholastically, as the main campus. But boys get more help from the professor here and a student studies in a more relaxed atmosphere."

Director Kutach underscored another reason for the existence of the A&M Adjunct when he reported, "students get something extra at Junction. The Adjunct helps bridge the gap between high school and college. Students who spent six weeks here usually do better scholastic work at the main campus."

The Adjunct campus, now in its 11th year of operation, is physically composed of a combination administration-class room building, a dining hall and 20 cabins.

Students are housed in only 19 of the cabins this summer since demand for class room space require one of the cabins for instruction. Twelve students are housed in each cabin; 11 are freshmen while a junior civil engineering student serves as cabin leader.

Meals are prepared and served in the dining hall by food specialist personnel from the campus at College Station.

A doctor from Junction and a local nurse provide medical care. They visit the Adjunct daily. Junction has a modern hospital should hospitalization become necessary for student or professor.

Besides the required physical education, the intramural sports programs offers volley ball, softball, basketball, table tennis and swimming. Nearly 100 per cent of the students participate on a voluntary basis. Canoeing, fishing, badminton, horseshoes, weight training and others, provide additional sports activity.

How does the City of Junction, population 2,500, feel about the Adjunct?

Jordan L. Cunningham, president of the Junction National Bank, stated, "The A&M Adjunct is a wonderful addition to Junction. I have never heard any bad criticism from anyone who attended. The boys that come out seem to get so much out of it."

Walter W. Leamons, county judge of Kimble county, commented, "summer school is wonderful. This feeling is unanimous among the townspeople. The Adjunct personnel make quite a wholesome contribution to the community and are active participants in the churches."

Hubert Brewster, businessman and secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, says, "the relationship between Adjunct people and the townspeople is very excellent. I don't think anyone in Junction objects to it."

"The Adjunct is good for the community; the overall good of Junction," says Dow Burnett, president of the Junction Lions Club and a local druggist. "It is unbelievable, the behavior of the students; no mischief; the boys are gentlemen."



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