

Enrollment Rate Jumps In Wildlife Science

Wildlife Science is one of the fastest growing departments at Texas A&M, with an enrollment jump from 162 last year to 218 for the 1965 fall semester.

Since 1959, when only 75 students were studying wildlife science, enrollment has climbed steadily. Current figures include 25 graduate students, eight more than last year.

Acting department head Dr. Richard J. Baldauf said the wildlife science curriculum serves a four-fold role of training for careers in wildlife and fisheries management and research, vertebrate ecology and taxonomy, and teaching high school and university levels.

Baldauf added research and field trips give students valuable experience with live animals and better prepare them for teaching biology at the high school level. He pointed to individual courses in fish, reptiles and amphibians, birds, mammals, botany and ecology as examples of firsthand studies in the field and laboratory.

Uniquely, undergraduate wildlife science students are required to conduct at least two research projects in ecology and herpetology. They also write research proposals.

The department's collections of vertebrate animals is the largest in the Southwest, Baldauf noted. Included are 30,000 fishes, 21,000 amphibians and reptiles, 8,000 birds and 15,000 mammals.

Research by the department is varied. Much of it differs from general ideas of research by the layman.

Dr. Dilford Carter spends about six months each year studying and collecting bats in caves of Mexico, Central America, and Northern South America. As a result, A&M has one of the finest collections of bats in North America.

Dr. W. B. Davis is another recognized authority on bats. He recently returned from an expedition to Guatemala to study and collect bats. He was honored in November as a top conservation educator for 1965 during a state conservation awards program.

Baldauf is a specialist in the minute anatomical details of tropical frogs and fisheries management. He received a Faculty Distinguished Achievement Award in 1963 for teaching.

Jack Inglis is heading a research project which involves devising radio collars for deer, squirrel and other animals for tracking purposes. The work is underway at Welder Wildlife Refuge near Sinton.

Dr. James G. Teer, a deer specialist, is co-author of the monograph "Ecology and Management of White-Tailed Deer in the by the Wildlife Society, and "Problems and Principles of Texas Deer Herd Management" by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Wildlife faculty members have published more than 100 technical reports on research and have given numerous presentations at national and international meetings of scientific societies.

Davis' book, "Mammals of Llano Basin of Texas", published Texas, is a best-seller among publications issued by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Jobs are plentiful for wildlife science graduates. Many accept responsible positions with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U. S. Forest Service, and other agencies. Some become teachers. Others take jobs as wildlife writers for newspapers and magazines.

Controls On Prices Feared Dangerous By Businessmen

By SAM DAWSON
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NEW YORK (AP) — Are price controls just a fanciful bogeyman dreamed up by nervous business leaders or are they a possibility? And what different kinds of controls could the government turn to in its fight to ward off a feared inflation?

Businessmen are more and more mulling over these questions as the aftermath of the administration's drive to force some steel companies to rescind a price boost on structural steel — or as an alternative, to adopt a smaller one more acceptable to the White House.

Industry dislikes price controls as much as union labor detest wage controls. Both management and labor tends to think the fields of prices and wages should be theirs and not the government's.

But the administration has the Viet Nam war as a talking point in its drive to hold down prices — first against aluminum, then copper and in recent days steel. The war's cost is mounting fast, and higher metal prices would be an unwelcome guest at any gathering of officials drawing up the new federal budget.

The administration also apparently worries about the chances of the economy overheating next year. This could set off a price-wage spiral again like that of 10 years ago which cut the purchasing power of the dollar sharply. And metal prices are considered basic in today's highly industrialized economy.

For three years the government has been relying on voluntary guidelines for management

and labor. These held that wages shouldn't go up more than productivity — and thus reflect only the greater unit output of goods in terms of man hours of labor. If wages didn't go up more than that, the guidelines held that business shouldn't raise prices, even if now and then profit margins were pinched.

Guidelines have had tougher going of late. They worked better when there was a large pool of unemployed labor to tap, and when industry had a lot of idle capacity to keep a competitive clamp on price hikes. Now there are some labor shortages in skilled jobs, and surplus production facilities are disappearing fast.

The government has several kinds of controls, direct or indirect, it can turn to. At one extreme is congressional clamping of direct controls on prices and wages. Most business leaders believe, or at least hope, that Congress isn't in a mood to do that now.

An indirect form of control would be to reimpose an excess profits tax as previously used in war time to drain off any rise in profits resulting from price increases.

The administration also has weapons of indirect control it can use to get much the same results as direct ones would.

In the case of structural steel it already has moved to halt government purchases from firms raising prices. The government buys about one-fourth of such steel produced here — for such things as highways and military installations. The administration also could seek to encourage larger imports of steel to try to force prices down through competition.

Or the administration could call business leaders in and through persuasion or the use in some cases of such weapons as the government stockpiles to force prices down again. It used both techniques in the case of aluminum and copper price rises. It also has many spending programs it can push or withhold to influence business decisions.

Finally, the Administration can seek to inspire public resentment of price rises in an attempt to change business decisions.

If all this fails the government could threaten to raise corporate income taxes, reinstate excise taxes recently relaxed. Controls can take many forms.

Spanish Prof Has Dual Teaching Job

Ramon T. Mosley, an instructor in the department of modern languages, teaches Spanish to Americans and English to foreign students.

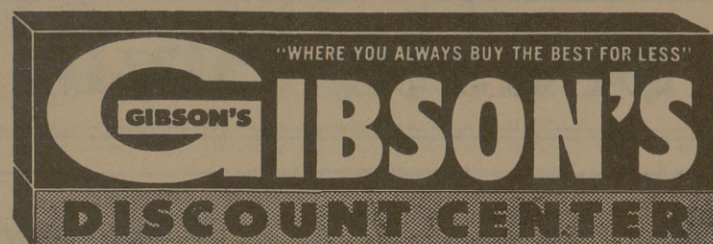
Mosley prepared himself for this task by living and working in Spanish-speaking countries for a number of years. Originally from Texarkana, Mosley decided early he was interested in the language and customs of the Latin American peoples. After World War II Mosley attended the University of the Americas in Mexico City where he earned his B.A. and M.A. in Spanish and Latin American Affairs.

Mosley spent eight years in Latin American countries. For six years he served as director of a 900-student primary and secondary school in Puebla, Mexico. The remaining two years of his stay in Latin America were spent in Medellin, Colombia. Mosley has also travel through most of Central and South America.



NEW GOLD LEAVES

Two officers in the Air Force ROTC detachment were promoted to major in recent ceremonies. At top Maj. Leopold Magers receives a gold oak leaf from his wife while children Mark, 10, Brad, 5, Lynn, 8, and Leo Jr., 11, look on. At bottom Maj. Donald Anderson receives his leaf from his wife while his nine-year-old son Terry watches.



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