



NEWSLETTER - June 1958. June is the month for graduations in many parts of the world, yet it is the month we start our academic year. This is because our classroom work is coordinated with field work and the field work is coordinated with our rains. Our rains begin at the end of May.

With every new school year, there are some changes in our teaching staff. Since the faculty is the base on which the entire school rests, we believe you should know who our new staff members are.

This year we have two new Instructors, Ricardo Dysli who assists with our dairy herd and Tomas Salgado who assists with the field work in Ornamentals. Both are graduates of our 1954 class and were chosen because of their very strong and serious approach to their work.

Bernardo Roehrs is a new Assistant Professor in our Dept. of Agronomy and Horticulture. Bernardo, a graduate of our class of 1948 and of the University of Florida (Forestry) has had a wide and varied experience throughout Latin America, from Guatemala to Bolivia—and everywhere he has been he has left a trail of stories. At the Florida U. he is remembered for showing President Reitz how to use a machete.

Forrest Corley, another graduate of the University of Florida is a new Assistant Professor in our Science Dept., teaching English and in charge of an extremely active athletic program. Forrest has lived in Latin America a number of years and has had a great deal of experience working with young people which partly accounts for his enormous amount of enthusiasm toward his work.

To take the course work of Prof. Sierra (who is on a year's leave of absence), José Facusse is on loan from the Servicio Técnico Interamericano de Cooperación Agrícola (Point IV) for this year. Another graduate of Florida University, José is teaching soils and chemistry and brings to his classes the vast experience that comes from being in charge of the soils laboratory for the STICA.

George Freytag, with a Ph.D. from the Missouri Botanical Garden, has had a wide experience in basic food crops in Central America and is well known for his work on beans in Latin America. As our Professor in charge of the Agronomy section of our Agronomy and Horticulture Dept., he is contributing much to our expanded agronomy program.

Thomas Furman obtains his Ph.D. from Washington State next month and will then join us as an Associate Professor in our Science Dept. Initially he will take Prof. Sierra's chemistry laboratory. But he will also set up, for next year, a new, two semester, biology laboratory and classes which we believe will be a truly unique and outstanding course for Latin America.

Harry Raplus will be the last to join our staff this year, coming in September from Illinois after 23 years of experience in vocational agriculture. Dr. Raplus will devote half his time to our animal husbandry department and half as assistant to Dean Morcillo, reviewing our courses with the intention of tightening up their integration and coordination—he is singularly well qualified for both and for making a significant contribution to agricultural education in Latin America.