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NEWSLETTER - January 1960. The new year has arrived. We're full of resolutions, but first let's take a look at some of the things we did in 1959. The list would take several pages if we included them all, but here are some:

Eight new buildings were built using our usual, handcut, stone construction--faculty houses, agronomy field houses, horticulture refrigerated storage, etc. Remember our laundry? The work of those 30 women is now done by machines. Our 35mm projectors were equipped with Cinemascope and Vistavision lenses (still no television!).

Floors in Zemurray Hall were all retiled, dining room renovated, sidewalks built, 1000 Royal Palms planted, new lawns added to the campus, etc.

Sports facilities were greatly expanded, new volleyball, softball and tennis courts built; approximately 20 acres of additional playing fields added to existing facilities and a new intramural sports program initiated.

Student activities expanded under guidance of an elected student commission with a new student store and recreational area.

Those who remember the "Casa Grande" will find it completely renovated, with a first class restaurant for the public and private club facilities for staff.

New textbooks were issued to all students for nearly all classes.

Library facilities greatly expanded with \$5000 worth of books added during the year and the library now clearly a part of most classroom work.

Publication of our Boletin and first Alumni magazine (if you didn't receive copies, write us).

A new course added to our curriculum: Agricultural Economics.

Several new staff members: Professor Herrera back from the University of Wisconsin with an M.S. in Dairy Products, Prof. Sierra back from the University of Florida with an M.S. in Soils, Prof. Garcia back from a year at the Guatemalan Forestry School. In March Dr. Victor Curiel joined our staff as Head of Horticulture and Dr. Ignacio V. Ortega arrived in November as Head of Animal Husbandry.

Animal Husbandry initiated a beef cattle program, became first Latin American Animal Husbandry Department to teach use of imported frozen semen, nearly tripled amount of silage normally made (630 tons). New grass and legume introduction garden started and already an important addition to the country.

Horticulture Department has doubled its activities (for example, will distribute 29,000 grafted plants this year in comparison to normal 12,000), put into production new vegetable gardens and now has, including fruit, 65 acres under cultivation.

Agronomy facilities similarly expanded with considerable new equipment (aerial irrigation system, new planters, tractors, etc.) and new activities (Honduras' first commercial production of Hybrid Corn Seed, new certified seed production program, etc.).

Etc., etc., etc.

We could go on. But it all adds up to our raising still higher the level of our instruction. And last month the University of Florida recognized this fact. Instead of accepting them as Juniors, the University will, this year, accept our recommended graduates as Seniors.

And our 1960 resolution? To better 1959!