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# THE FACULTY VOICE



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PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

Winter Issue

From the Faculty Senate President

**DR. LEE HENDERSON**

The Faculty Senate invites the entire Prairie View family to join us in a year-long celebration of all of the things that are good and positive about our university. For the remainder of this academic year, let's put our heads and hearts together to recognize the many attributes of this institution that causes us to "Feel the Pride."

"Prairie View Proud" is not a public relations event or a publicity stunt designed to direct your attention from the hard issues. The Senate is not asking you to glance over the major concerns of faculty, students and staff, but our existence here will probably be improved if we simply choose to downplay the tough times and concentrate on the positive aspects. In other words, consolation can be found in the realization that Prairie View A&M would have never lasted over a hundred years if it majored in mediocrity and minored in matriculating inferior students. Our mission, role and scope specify the tough objectives that we are to accomplish. Couple that mission, role and scope with the negative publicity and the majority perception that somehow the name "Prairie View," itself, connotes inferiority and substandard teaching; and at that point, it seems "incredible" that the tens of thousands of persons who graduated

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**DROP-OUTS (STOP-OUTS) APPLAUD  
Instructors and Instruction**

In a recent study, "Factors in Student Attrition among students at an Historically Black University," by Elaine P. Adams, Vice-President for Student Affairs and Bessie S. Smith, formerly Director of Counseling here at Prairie View, a survey was conducted to determine why 354 undergraduate students eligible to return following their fall semester (1985) chose not to re-enroll at Prairie View A&M. The purpose of the study revolved around collecting data to be used to help the university better meet student needs and to provide a more meaningful educational experience.

The study made lists of features liked about Prairie View, useful job skills required at Prairie View, reasons for leaving Prairie View and features disliked about Prairie View. Number 1 on the list of features liked about Prairie View is Instructors and Instruction followed by students, and campus environment. The students studied also mentioned that the useful job skills acquired at Prairie View included Human Relations, Business Methodology, general work habits and stress management in the top four slots. Financial needs, academic problems, family problems and campus location were the top four reasons given for leaving Prairie View. Finally, the cafeteria, registration and residence halls topped the list of features disliked about Prairie View.

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from Prairie View would be able to make any meaningful contribution to society, at all.

Prairie View's strength is its people. The strength of this university, and indeed any great university, or any university in the process of becoming great, rests in the talent and goodwill of its alumni, friends, students, staff, faculty and administration. "Prairie View Proud" is evidenced by the character and determination etched into the faces and minds of a dedicated faculty. Faculty members, faced with inadequate and often out-dated facilities, never gave up in the past. What we lacked in finance and facilities, we made up for with determination and caring. Now, in the 80's, as funding and working conditions improve, it would be foolhardy to join the "doomsayers and naysayers" in their well-practice chorus of "doom" and "nay."

All total, when I sum everything up; in spite of the challenges and innuendoes, I'm very "Prairie View Proud." In just over a century, Prairie View has weathered criticism after criticism and evolved into a university that prides itself, not only as a State resource, but also as an emerging international concern....Feel the Pride!

(Lee E. Henderson is a member of the Biology Department and is now serving a second term as Faculty Senate Chairman.)

## WILLIAMS SELECTED FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

Dr. Sarah Williams, Professor and Head of the Department of Social Work and Sociology, was selected as one of 15 people to receive special training for International Development. The group was selected by the Representatives of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The training will involve a two-week program in Texas in March and a one-week program in a nearby developing country in May of 1987.

## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS PARTICIPATES IN EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The College of Business is participating in the Black Executive Exchange Program (BEEP) Sponsored by the National Urban League. The following executives have visited our campus during this reporting period to interact with business students:

Leroy B. Gaines  
Staff Manager,  
Finance  
AT&T Company

Constance R. Corbett  
Manager, Business Planning  
Stauffer Chemical Company

## DEAN WASHINGTON ADDRESSES ATGS MEETING

Dr. Arthur Washington, Dean of the Graduate School, addressed The Association of Texas Graduate Schools at the Flagship Hotel in Galveston on October 23. His address focused on the problems involved in minority recruiting.

The theme for the conference was "Future Educational Strategies and Opportunities for Minorities."

**STATE LAW  
(House Bill 72)**

State Law (House Bill 72) requires the State Board of Education to adopt an appraisal process and criteria for the appraisal of teachers. Public school teachers who are to be evaluated during the 1986-87 school year must be evaluated by persons who have completed the appraisal training and passed the accompanying proficiency exams.

The appraisal training is in two phases. Phase I consists of 36 clock hours of instructional leadership training for administrators. This training includes, but is not limited to, concepts of the lesson cycle, learning styles, classroom observation, teaching strategies, assessment of learning, and feedback. The second phase involves 40 clock hours of intensive study of classroom settings, teacher behavior, and performance. Four faculty members in the College of Education have been involved in the training programs. Drs. Clarissa Booker, Gwendolyn Grossman, William Parker, and Willie Trotty have completed Phase I of the training. In addition, Dr. Booker has completed Phase II.

Drs. Louis Aikens and Willie Trotty served as resource persons for group discussions at the 39th Annual Conference on Teacher Education. The conference was held in Arlington, Texas, October 23 - 26, 1986. The topic discussed was the Texas Teacher Appraisal System.

Dr. Willie Trotty gave one of the four October 1986 commencement addresses for the Windham School System. The Windham School System serves the Texas Department of Corrections and graduates approximately 3,000 students per year for three programs: traditional Carnegie unit programs, competency based high school programs, and the GED program.

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK  
AND SOCIOLOGY**

Mrs. Jimmie P. Poindexter, of the Department of Social Work and Sociology, served as Chairman of a session on Resources and Needs for Training and Research in Minority Aging, at the Southwest Society on Aging Annual Regional Conference in Houston, September 2-5.

Major issues on Aging were addressed at this very well attended conference. Mrs. Poindexter holds a Specialist Certificate in Aging and is a charter member of the Society.

**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE**

Dr. Nelson Escobar presented his paper titled "Effect of Drying, Freezing, Thawing and Cooking on the Carotene Content of Three Vegetables," at the 19th Biennial Pan American Congress of Agricultural and Food Engineering Conference at Guatemala City, Guatemala on August 24 - 26, 1986.

The 81st annual meeting of the American Dairy Science Association at the University of California-Davis, CA was held June 23 - 26, 1986. Dr. Young W. Park presented a paper titled "Comparison of Buffering Capacity of Goat Milk with Cow Milk and Commercial Soy Base Infant Formulae" and Rahmat Attaie presented a paper titled "Effect of Lighting Treatments on the Concentration of Plasma Inorganic Phosphorus and Other Blood Parameters on Nubian and Alpine Goats." Both papers presented were written by Dr. Young W. Park.

Dr. Young W. Park attended and presented his research paper titled "Comparison of Nonheme and Total Iron Contents of Goat Meat from Alpine and Nubian Breeds" at the 46th annual meeting of the Institute of Food Technologists in Dallas, Texas on June 15 - 18, 1986.

"Innovative undergraduate Curricula: Some Models for Reform" was the title of a report that Dr. Flossie M. Byrd, Dean of the College of Home Economics, delivered at the 77th Annual Meeting and Exposition of the American Home Economics Association (AHEA) that was held in Kansas City, Missouri during June 23-26, 1986. Doctors Jo Lynn Cunningham, Ruth Dohner, and Helen Grove also presented portions of the report. Dr. Delilia Diggs, Teacher Educator, College of Home Economics, also attended the annual meeting and served on the Ad Hoc Student Membership Committee. This committee was established to identify barriers to student membership in AHEA and to recommend creative programs for use in the association and the States for increasing student membership, and to identify what AHEA headquarters could offer that is not already available through membership in associations related to areas of specialization.

Dr. Flossie M. Byrd, Dean of the College of Home Economics, and Dr. Delilia Diggs, Teacher Educator, participated in the State Professional Improvement Conference for Vocational Home Economics Teachers. During the August 4, Teacher Educators Section Meeting, Dr. Byrd joined Dr. Rachel Underwood of Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas for a presentation entitled "Critical Thinking, Problem Solving and Practical Reasoning." On August 6, Dr. Diggs presented information regarding what judges look for while evaluating STAR Events to a group of several hundred Texas vocational home economics teachers during the session entitled "STAR EVENTS: A NEW NAME AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES." STAR EVENTS is a new name for PROFICIENCY EVENTS, which served as competitive opport-

tunities for Future Homemakers of America to exhibit their skills of leadership and creativity, as well as knowledge of home economics concepts. The session was conducted by Sharon Reddell, Occupational Education Specialist, Vocational Home Economics Education, Texas Education Agency (TEA). Dr. Diggs joined several other university educators from across the state who served as official members of the Conference Staff for the duration of the August 3-7, 1986 conference held in Dallas, Texas.

Dean Flossie M. Bryd attended the AHEA Board of Directors Seminar and fall board meeting during September 20-23, 1986 at the headquarters of the American Home Economics Association in Washington, D.C. Dr. Byrd has completed her first year tenure as Vice President for Professional Standards, AHEA. Her second year of tenure in this position will terminate at the close of the Annual Meeting and Exposition, to be held in Indianapolis in June 1987.

The College of Home Economics in cooperation with the Institute for International Agribusiness Studies, conducted seminars and a one week intensive study course in apparel design, construction and merchandising during the period June 30-July 31, 1986. Ten Costa Rican home economics teachers completed the participant training program. Dr. Glenda Island, Research Scientist in the College of Home Economics, conducted the Costa Rican Training Project.

The College of Home Economics Advisory Board held its initial meeting on September 11, 1986. Melvin Wormely, Personnel Manager Field Operations, Food Service Group, Kraft, Inc. is Board Chairman. Members include Carl Cox, Executive Director, The Natural Fibers and Food Protein Commission,

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Dr. George H. Stafford, Professor, Agricultural Economics, was recently appointed to the Board of Directors for Texas Ag. in the Classroom, Inc. The goal of Ag. in the Classroom is to assist students to acquire knowledge to function effectively as agriculturally literate citizens supportive of wiser agricultural policies and programs. Ag. in the Classroom aims at getting educators to teach more about the sources of food and fiber and the role of agriculture in the total economy and society. Emphasis is placed on incorporating the following basic subjects taught in the schools: Agriculture and History, The Geography of Agriculture, Agriculture and Technology, The Economics of Agriculture and the World, Careers, and Major Policy Issues.

- Dr. Alfred L. Parks, Associate Professor, Agricultural Economics, presented a workshop at the 4th Annual Conference on Improving the Future of Texas Black Farmers Saturday, October 4, at the Ambassador Plaza Hotel, Dallas. The workshop, entitled, Farm Management: Tools for Survival in the 80's, was part of a conference sponsored by the Texas Department of Agriculture, Austin. Over 100 Black farmers, mostly from East Texas, were in attendance.

- Dr. Eugene Brams, Professor, Agronomy, visited the University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez campus on September 7-9, to discuss cooperative arrangements required in an Agency for International Development (Washington, D.C.) funded project to PVAMU entitled, Toxic trace metals in acid soils of the humid tropics: Movement through the agricultural food chain. He met with Dr. Fred Beinworth, Dr. Nancy Cavarallo, Mr. Lii-Jang Liu, and Dr. Luis Cruz Perez.

The work plan dictates that a graduate student from PVAMU spend one semester in Puerto Rico to assist with the objective of the project.

- An abstract, Bacitracin MD and Supplementary Iodine as Growth Stimulants in Broiler's Under Various Stocking Densities, was published in the August 1986 edition of the American Poultry Science Journal. The author, Dr. Victor G. Stanley, is a Research Scientist in the College of Agriculture.

Dr. M. Paul Mehta, Dean, College of Education attended the Seventh National Invitational Conference on Preparation and Survival of Black Teachers in Norfolk, Virginia from October 8 to 10, 1986. Academic achievement of black teachers and children was the primary focus of the conference. Successful models pertaining to student recruitment, school/college collaboration, and improvement of scores on competency tests were presented and discussed.

Dr. Mehta attended a meeting of the Association of Colleges and Schools of Education in State Universities and Land Grant Colleges on October 19 and 21, 1986 in San Antonio. He represented Prairie View A&M University (along with Drs. Louis Aikens, William Parker, and Willie Trotty at the 39th Annual Texas Conference on Teacher Education in Arlington, Texas from October 22 to 25, 1986.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS...

The 1986-87 Performing Artists Series includes a repertoire of creative performance to be offered by talented artists. Tickets and

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other information about the Series may be obtained in the Music Office, Room 2G253, Hobart Taylor Building. To contact the office by telephone dial (409) 857-3919. The following events are included in this year's Performing Artists Series:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1987  
Barbara Conrad, Mezzo-Soprano  
Recital Hall - 7:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1897  
John Patterson, Actor in  
"The Dream Keeper Speaks:  
The World of Langston  
Hughes"  
Recital Hall - 7:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 1987  
The Boys Choir of Harlem in  
Concert  
Recital Hall - 6:00 P.M.

#### FACULTY DOINGS...

The Special Collection, a recent addition to the College of Home Economics at Prairie View A&M University, is a display of memorabilia that belongs to professional home economists. Each month, a group of professional home economists were featured and the following information presented: 1) a recent photograph, 2) a brief professional history, 3) a small accessory of personal or professional significance, and 4) a brief statement regarding the accessory. Past presidents of the American Home Economics Association (AHEA) are being featured during the month of October. The "Collection," developed by Dr. Delilia Diggs, teacher educator, is a clever and creative way to pre-

sent information about the personal and professional development of home economists. The display can also serve to remind and subtly encourage both faculty and students alike to continue to study and strive to learn more about themselves and others who are career professionals in home economics.

Mrs. Bernice Flakes, Assistant Professor of Merchandising and Design in the College of Home Economics, spent part of her summer continuing to teach fashion design techniques to students. Mrs. Flakes served as a teacher consultant for the Youth Opportunities Unlimited (YOU) Program that was conducted on the campus of Prairie View A&M University during the summer. October 15, 1986, Mrs. Flakes and her home economics students teamed up with students from the College of Business for a field trip to such Houston area destinations as The Museum of Fine Arts to examine and discuss the Bayou Bend Collection and to tour the McKenzie Galleries of Wholesale Furnishings. The field trip also included lunch at an area restaurant.

#### Home Economics Advisory Board...

Dallas; Vice Chairman, Brenda Jackson, Community Relations Division Manager, Dallas Power and Light; Secretary, Leon Anderson, Jr., Assistant Vice President, Health and Career Placement, Texas Hospital Association; Fashion Design Coordinator, Kim Dawson Agency, Dallas; Jackie O', Fashion Designer, and Art Director, Channel 13 Houston; and Phoebe Rose, Director, Home Economics Education, Houston, Texas. This is the first advisory board established by the College of Home Economics.

Eric Johnson, Associate Professor of Agriculture received the Outstanding Service Award from the Association of College Teachers of Agricultural Mechanization. The award was presented at the annual conference of that organization in Galveston recently.

Dr. Vera King, member of the Mathematics and Computer Science Faculty, continues to be actively involved in student development, and grow personally as well as professionally. Most recently, she: (1) completed a one day Local Area Network course in Houston, Texas, and a one week Project Management Workshop in Princeton, NJ; (2) participated in the three day National Bureau of Standards and NSF Outreach Program, in Maryland and Washington; (3) conducted a UNIX tutorial at the 4th Annual RAMP Convention, and a workshop for parents and teachers on strategies for student development in mathematics, at the New Mexico Council of Teachers of Mathematics; (4) employed, Summer 1986, by AT&T Bell Labs, Columbus, Ohio, to assist the Advanced Technology Group in structuring its software developments; and (5) assisted students in organizing and presenting the First Semi-Annual UNIX Seminar.

Dr. E. J. Thomas, Head of English and Foreign Languages, was recently elected to the Editorial Board of the Computer Assisted Composition Journal. The journal is a highly respected, prestigious publication in the field of English. Other members of the board are on the staff on some of the most outstanding universities in America.

Ms. Thetis C. Edmond was honored with the presentation of a plaque naming her Advisor of the Year at a recent regional conference of Delta Sigma Theta. The conference was held in Little Rock, Ark.

An exhibition of works by Clarence Talley and Lionel Lofton was held at the Carver Community Cultural Center, San Antonio, Texas October 3-31. The opening reception was held Friday, October 3, 1986, 7:00-9:00 P.M. Mr. Talley's works have been exhibited nationally and internationally. Mr. Lofton is a former student at Prairie View A&M where he studied under Talley. Recently, Lofton has won numerous awards for his works. He is well represented in the exhibit with contemporary colleges.

The Training Grant Continuation Application for the Health Careers Opportunity Program was approved for funding by the Department of Health and Human Services. The amount funded was \$81,325 and the Program Director is Dr. George Brown.

Dr. Kothapa Chetty was awarded a travel grant by the Department of Energy to attend the University Coal Research Contractors' Review Meeting at the Pittsburgh Energy Technology Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The meeting emphasized current trends in coal research.

Dr. Dorisula W. Hawkins, Head of the Department of General Administration, has been appointed to the Board of Trustees at Jarvis Christian College in Hawkins, Texas. In that role, she will be representing the Alumni of Jarvis Christian College. Dr. Hawkins is a 1962 graduate of Jarvis and is currently serving as President of its National Alumni Association.

She also recently received her personal copies with biographical entries in the 4th Edition of Who's Who Among Black Americans and the 20th Edition of Who's Who in the South and Southwest.



The Faculty Senate would like to solicit the full participation of all faculty in the different colleges. To aid in this regard, we have established within each college an information representative. Those representatives are listed below:

College of Agriculture, Dr. Freddie Richards (phone: 857-3016)

College of Arts & Sciences, Mr. William Chapman (phone: 857-2354)

College of Business, Dr. Clyde Ashley (phone 857-2122)

College of Education, Dr. Willie Trotty (phone: 857-3018)

College of Engineering, Mr. Ben McMillian (phone 857-2014)

College of Home Economics, Dr. Delilia Diggs (phone 857-4419)

College of Engineering Technology, Dr. David Kirkpatrick (phone 857-4811)

College of Nursing, Ms. Mary Lott (phone (713) 797-0722)

Banneker College, Dr. Benjamin Berry (phone 857-2916)

The Graduate School, Dr. Arthur Washington (phone 857-2315).

## LOCAL APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCED

Mrs. Ruby Bell, Assistant to Dean, College of Engineering Technology, Prairie View A&M University, has been nominated by Governor Mark White and appointed by President Reagan, to the U.S. Selective Service System. Specifically, her appointment is to State of Texas Local Board 86, Area Office II through Region IV, Dallas, Texas.

In the event the draft is reactivated, Mrs. Bell's duties will require the hearing of appeals related to deferments, conscientious objectors, and special hardship cases. As a representative member from Waller County, she will serve along with one member from Austin, Fayette, Washington, and Colorado counties. Mrs. Bell completed the required twelve hours of initial training on August 9 and 10 at the Hobby Airport Hilton Inn.

In addition to her employment and other civic activities, Mrs. Bell is also a member of the Board of Directors for the Houston-Galveston Area Council which serves fourteen counties, and is currently the Secretary of the Waller ISD Board of Trustees. Evidence of her commitment to people in general can be seen in her continuous involvement with youth and adults throughout the area.

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