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1. April -	*****	April 1-7
a. National Negro Health Week .....	*****	April 6-7
b. Intercollegiate Malaya and Tennis .....	*****	April 15
c. Annual Musical - Elementary Laboratory School .....	*****	April 31
d. Texas Intercollegiate League Meet .....	*****	April 28
e. Annual Banquet .....	*****	April 29
f. Annual Festival - Laboratory High Center .....	*****	
g. Dr. W. B. McBois .....	*****	
h. Dr. W. B. McBois .....	*****	

NEWS LETTER

2. May -	*****	May 4
a. Commencement .....	*****	May 5
b. Cadet Officers Entertainment .....	*****	May 12
c. Junior Senior Entertainment .....	*****	May 19
d. Senior Alumni Entertainment .....	*****	May 19
e. Reunion - Class of 1935 .....	*****	May 19
f. Reception, Commencement Day, Open House-Library .....	*****	May 20
g. Final Examinations .....	*****	May 21-23
h. Reception .....	*****	May 23

APRIL - 1945

Four years ago the Parents Day was added to the college's list of annual events. To begin with this was purely an experiment, but now it is no longer in the experimental stages but one of the most important and significant activities of the year. The attendance of parents has grown from a few to several hundred. To facilitate travel the annual Parents Day will be held this year at Prairie View State College, Prairie View, Texas. It is expected that parents will be in attendance than any other during the history of the movement.

PRAIRIE VIEW STATE COLLEGE

Prairie View, Texas

CLASS OF 1935 -

We welcome to the campus the members of the Class of 1935 in their Reunion on May 19. Many of the members of the class are holding positions of exceptional abilities. Many of the men are holding responsible positions in the armed forces and are stationed all over the world. Obviously those who are in the armed forces cannot be present but indications point towards an unprecedented attendance of those who are in civil life. A timely suggestion has been made to the point that the members of the class make a donation to some project in the new library which will be designated "The Class of 1935". Whatever contribution is

## A CALENDAR -

## 1. April - 1945

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| a. National Negro Health Week .....                    | April 1-7 |
| b. Inter-Collegiate Relays and Tennis .....            | April 6-7 |
| c. Annual Musical - Elementary Laboratory School ..... | April 15  |
| d. Texas Interscholastic League Meet .....             | April 21  |
| e. Annual Meheagris .....                              | April 25  |
| f. Annual Musical - Laboratory High School .....       | April 29  |
| g. Dr W E B DuBois                                     |           |
| h. Dr Mary McLeod Bethune                              |           |

## 2. May - 1945

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|---|-----------|
| a. Honors Day .....   | May 4     |
| b. Cadet Officers Entertainment .....                           | May 5     |
| c. Junior- Senior Entertainment .....                           | May 12    |
| d. Annual Alumni Entertainment .....                            | May 19    |
| e. Reunion - Class of 1935 .....                                | May 19    |
| f. Baccalaureate, Commencement, Parents Day, Open House-Library | May 20    |
| g. Final Examinations .....                                     | May 21-23 |
| h. Semester ends .....  | May 23    |

## B PARENTS DAY -

Four years ago the Parents Day was added to the college's list of annual events. To begin with this was purely an experiment, but now it is no longer in the experimental stages but one of the most important and significant activities of the year. The attendance of parents has grown from a few to several hundred. To facilitate travel the Annual Parents Day will be held this year in connection with the regular Commencement Exercises. It is expected that a larger number of parents will be in attendance than at any other during the history of the movement.

## C CLASS OF 1935 -

We welcome to the campus the members of the Class of 1935 in their Reunion on May 19. This class is blessed with a great many members of exceptional abilities. Numbers of the men are holding responsible positions in the armed forces and are stationed all over the world. Obviously those who are in the armed forces cannot be present but indications point towards an unprecedented attendance of those who are in civil life. A timely suggestion has been made to the point that the members of the class make a donation to some project in the new library which will be designated "The Class of 1935". Whatever contribution is

made to the library will be matched by the General Education Board of New York City under their conditional grant. Also, this proposed Library Project for the "Class of 1935" will be dedicated with appropriate ceremonies at the time of the reunion.

WELCOME CLASS OF 1935

D BACCALAUREATE AND COMMENCEMENT --

The experiment of having the Baccalaureate and Commencement exercises last year was so successful it has been decided to repeat the plan this year. Also, the Parents Day and Open House for the new library will be special features.

E LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE --

The contractors have given the assurance that the new library will be almost ready to turn over by Commencement. In fact, it will be sufficiently far enough along toward completion to have an Open House to the public on Sunday afternoon, May 20.

F C LEON WILSON MEMORIAL BOOK COLLECTION --

The late Dr C Leon Wilson of Chicago was with the beginning of the Post Graduate Medical Assembly at Prairie View. Outstanding in the field of Obstetrics, he was also tremendously interested in the work of Prairie View State College. Dr Theodore K Lawless of Chicago thought it a fine thing to perpetuate the late Dr Wilson's interest in the college and to this end he donated \$500.00 to begin the "C Leon Wilson Book Collection" in the new library. This amount will be matched by the General Education Board of New York under its conditional agreement. Thus we have available \$1,000.00 to begin this collection which will be in the field of Negro Life.

G RED CROSS --

Prairie View State College never fails in its responsibility to meet its public obligation whether state or national. We are pleased to announce that the college raised and reported \$719.99 - its quota assigned - for the Red Cross Drive. Thanks so much!

H THE HONOR ROLL --

The Registrar's Office has just released the names of those students who made the Honor Roll for the first semester which is the largest in the history of the college. Of the 101 students of the Honor Roll, the class distributions are as follows:

Graduate students .....	8
Seniors .....	27
Juniors .....	27
Sophomores .....	19
Freshmen .....	25
Total	101

Distribution according to Divisions -

Agriculture .....	3
Arts & Sciences .....	58
Graduate .....	8
Home Economics .....	26
Mechanic Arts .....	2
Nursing Education .....	<u>4</u>
Total	101

Distribution as to sex -

Male .....	10
Female .....	<u>91</u>
Total	101

We are happy to announce that the highest ranking students are :

- J Sanders Jones - Junior - Arts and Sciences
- Douglas G Perry - Graduate student
- Willia Jean Perry - Freshman - Arts and Sciences
- Mamie Ruth Butler - Freshman - Arts and Sciences

I AND FINALLY -

The Board of Directors, the Board of Education and the Board of Control have made their recommendations. It rests now within the province of your power, Honorable Gentlemen, to decide whether Prairie View State College shall be "increased, expanded and made into a first class University for Negroes", that it might go forward unhampered giving "light and direction" to 1,000,000 colored people so that they can find the way to higher levels of civic usefulness and productive citizenship, the kind of institution in which people of every walk of life in Texas can feel a just pride; or whether it shall be a third rate institution, a lingering embarrassment to our Great State. The eyes of the world watch Texas today because of its increasing importance in our national life, not alone that it abounds in inexhaustible and unlimited resources but rather because of the character of its people; the people are Great and do Great things because they possess the spirit of the founders of this Great State - the spirit of Lamar, Crockett and Sam Houston - which is simply the spirit of justice, devotion to duty, a high sense of obligation and fair play to the most humble of God's humanity.

--- Closing Statement to Finance Committees -  
 Forty-Ninth Texas Legislature  
 March - 1945

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Yours truly,

*W R Banks*  
 W R Banks  
 Principal

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PS: Meeting the usual place and time. WRB