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Cooperative Education

**President Thomas Named
To National Commission**

Dr. Alvin Thomas, president of Prairie View A&M University, has been appointed to serve on the national Commission for Cooperative Education for 1980-81, it was announced by Dr. Frank Hubert, chancellor of the Texas A&M University System.

In the announcement, Dr. Hubert congratulated Dr. Thomas and added "You will represent Texas and the Texas A&M University System admirably I know."

The commission, with representatives from Fortune 500 companies and several prestigious colleges and universities, serves as a governing body along with an active lobby for funding grants for cooperative education.

When notified, Dr. Thomas said: "I am pleased to accept the appointment of trustee on the National Commission for Cooperation because it is an excellent opportunity for one of the historically black colleges to be represented on such distinguished commission and to make a positive contribution to decisions that effect the personal and professional development of our youth."



DR. A. I. THOMAS

Cooperative education is a program which allows students to gain work experience directly related to their academic major prior to college graduation. "Coop" is based on the principle that learning is not confined solely to the academic achievements but is equally dependent upon practical experience.

The students alternate periods of fulltime work and fulltime study. For example, a student could work every other summer and alternate full semester work periods. Most

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**PV Graduates to Attend
Medical Schools**

Prairie View A&M University continues to provide the background necessary for students to compete successfully in gaining admission to medical schools throughout the State and Nation. Six students will be presented at five different medical schools as freshmen. Attending Meharry Medical College will be

Stanley Adkins and Frederick Stafford; University of Florida, Charles Batson; University of Iowa, George Dawson; The University of Texas at San Antonio, Glenn Berry; and The University of Texas at Houston, Sonja Randle. Several of these students had two or three choices of medical schools to attend.

July Board Meeting

**Texas A&M Regents Approve
System Personnel Changes**

Changes in three top-level positions were made by the Board of Regents of the Texas A&M University System during its regularly scheduled July meeting last week.

Dr. Jarvis E. Miller, who has served as president of Texas A&M University for the past three years, has been reassigned as special assistant to the chancellor of The Texas A&M University System and Dr. Charles H. Samson, Jr., a civil engineering professor, has been named acting president.

Dr. John C. Calhoun, Jr. has been named deputy chancellor for engineering for The Texas A&M University System, effective September 1, succeeding Dr. Fred J. Benson, who is retiring.

Robert Smith, a 33-year resident of Bryan-College Station and assistant controller for Texas A&M University since 1966, has been appointed university controller, succeeding Clark Diebel who retires August 31 after serving 16 years in the post.

In other business, the regents sold Permanent University Fund bonds totaling \$12 million to Citibank, N.A. and Associates of New York at an effective interest rate of 6.6089 percent. System officials said proceeds from the bond sale will be used to finance several construction and related projects.

The regents also awarded eight contracts totaling \$3,571,623 for projects at College Station, Galveston, Prairie View and Chillicothe.

Carrier-Houston Co. of Houston was awarded a \$461,560 contract for positions of the expansion of the chilled water system at Prairie View A&M University.

In announcing the reassignment of Dr. Miller, Board of Regents chairman Clyde H. Wells said, "The Board of Regents feels the adjustment is in the best interest of Texas A&M." We look forward to working with Dr. Miller in this new relationship and we are

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Increase in Student Service Fee

Because of recent action taken by the Board of Regents of the Texas A&M University System, "Student Service Fee" has increased from \$3.50 to \$5.00 per semester credit hour during the Summer Sessions. This increase is effective with the beginning of the first Summer Session 1980 (6/80). There is a minimum assessment of \$5.00 and a maximum assessment of \$30.00.

The \$7.50 "Student Health Fee" (payable each Summer Session) is now included in the NEW "Student Service Fee." Therefore, students who have paid fees for the Summer Semester of 1980 (6/80) will receive a supplemental bill of \$1.50 if enrolled in six (6) or more hours and those students who have not paid fees will have the additional amount added to their assessment cards. Students enrolled in less than six (6) hours who have paid fees may be entitled to a refund. If you have not paid your fees, bring your assessment card by the Registrar's Office, B-4, for adjustment.

NOTE: Fees Are Subject To Change Without Notice!



MISS PV VIES FOR STATE TITLE — Natalie Rachele McKinney, Miss Prairie View 1980-81, competed in the 1980 Miss Texas Scholarship Pageant on July 6-12 at the Civic Center in Fort Worth.

Miss McKinney competed in the swim suit competition on Wednesday, July 9; evening dress, Thursday, July 10; talent, Friday, July 11; Miss Texas Scholarship Pageant finals, Saturday, July 12.

The PV Queen, who is 23 and stands 5'6" and weighs 122 pounds, earned a berth in the Miss Texas Pageant when she won the Miss Prairie View crown and a \$1,000 scholarship April 17, on the university's campus.

A senior home economics major, Miss McKinney is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. McKinney of Bay City and is a 1975 graduate of Bay City High School.

**Final Six Weeks Summer
Term Getting Underway**

The second term of the 1980 Summer Session opened on July 14 following final examinations and closing activities for the busy first six weeks.

Registration for the second term was scheduled for July 14-15 with classes beginning July 16.

While several of the special programs were completed during the first six weeks, a good number will continue through the final half of the summer session. Programs in engineering, chemistry, education, industrial education and technology and foreign lan-

guages are scheduled to run into August.

The highlight activity of the term will be the Summer Commencement exercises scheduled for August 17.

FALL SEMESTER DATES

Early registration for the fall semester will run through the month of August. The Fall term schedule begins with August 25 as the official opening date. Residence halls and other facilities for students open on August 30. Parents Day is August 31, Registration September 1-2, and classes beginning on September 3.

**PV Track Stars Shine at
Olympic Trials in Oregon**

Debra Melrose, senior hurdler from Austin, topped the list of Prairie View track aspirants in the recent Olympic trials held in Eugene, Oregon, recently.

Melrose finished third in the 400 meter hurdles, which would qualify her for several international meets and a series of meets to be held in the United States in lieu of the U. S. boycott of the 1980 Olympics.

Melrose clocked 59.77 in the semifinals then raced to a 59.16 time for third place in the finals.

Essie Kelley, senior from Spur, Tx., lost her first race of the 1980 campaign when she finished sixth in the 800 meter finals in a time of 2:03.17.

Kelley had times of 2:04.23 in the semifinals finishing fourth in heat one of the

semifinals and 2:12.69 in the third heat of the first round.

Pat Jackson, senior from Muskogee, Ok. and Evans See TRACK STARS, Page 4



**DEBRA MELROSE
Leads PV Olympic Aspirants**



MITE WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS — Minority high school students are introduced to the exciting and challenging world of engineering during a six weeks summer workshop. Faculty representative Raymond Alexander is pictured (right-front) with the group.

