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PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
Authorized By A&M Director

Enrollment In Engineering Up

This fall's engineering enrollment at Prairie View A & M College is the highest in history. According to Dr. E. B. Evans, President, the current enrollment represents a 12.6% increase over the 1964 enrollment.

Dean C. L. Wilson reports that the demand for engineers continues to increase. Graduates from the School of Engineering experience no difficulty in securing employment. Representatives of over one hundred major industrial concerns and governmental agencies visit the college each year looking for engineering graduates. Beginning salaries for graduates with the B.S. degrees range from $650 to $700 per month, an increase of 7 1/2 over 1964 salaries.

College Observes Nutrition Week

"Nutritional quackery as a major health problem" was the theme of Prairie View A & M College's Annual observance of NUTRITION WEEK ON December 6-8.

Mrs. Leonia Allman, consumer consultant for the Federal Food and Drug Administration, Dallas district served as consultant during the three days of activities sponsored by the School of Home Economics. Mrs. Allman received top recognition for her work in 1964 when she was selected as the outstanding consumer consultant.

Several lectures, exhibits and discussion centered around the fact that Nutritional Quackery is a health problem as well as an economic one. It was pointed out that persons interested in profit will promote products by pseudo-scientific statements, using half-truths and gross exaggerations to build up a scare psychology that will persuade people to buy.

Physical Improvement Projects Authorized By A&M Director

Nearly $40,000 Received For Science Institute

The Department of Natural Sciences received a grant of $37,850 to conduct the Seventh Summer Institute in Science during the summer of 1966 for secondary teachers and supervisors.

The institute will be held for a six-week period beginning June 5th, and ending July 16. Courses will be taught in biology, chemistry, physics and the earth sciences. Emphasis will be stressed on basic principles and modern approaches to teaching. Supplementing the program will be a seminar in which outstanding scientists will be presented to the group.

Participants will receive in addition to tuition on a maximum of $450.00 stipend, $80.00 travel and dependency allowances of $90.00 per dependent.

Persons who desire to apply may obtain applications by writing the director, Dr. E. E. O'Bannon, Head Department of Natural Sciences, Prairie View A & M College, Prairie View, Texas.
PV Family Will Live and Serve in Dominican Rep.

Dr. James I. Kirkwood, professor of Soil Science at Prairie View A & M College, is a part of a team of eleven consultants representing Texas A&M University in a program of service to the Dominican Republic.

The group departed this week for Santo Domingo, where they will be stationed for the two-year period. The project is sponsored by The Agency for International Development (AID). Dr. Kirkwood, who will serve as a consultant in soil science, is accompanied by his wife, Jessie, and two children, Alledi Jan and Irvin Paul. Both Dr. and Mrs. Kirkwood prepared for their service by studying Spanish in a 16-week orientation course held at College Station.

Employed at Prairie View since 1953, Kirkwood is an active member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. His wife is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority at Prairie View.

Agricultural Research

Dr. R. W. Lewis has received a $30,000 grant from the Robert A. Welch Foundation for studies of the relatively high tolerance of chickens to immunosuppressant drugs. The objective of this project is to study the metabolic pathway of certain purine derivatives in the chick. These chemotherapeutic agents have been utilized in the clinical treatment of leukemia and other types of carcinogenic conditions, and plantation studies. An attempt will be made to determine what biochemical mechanism enables this species to so efficiently detoxify these chemotherapeutic compounds which are extremely toxic to man. An understanding of this mechanism would be of significant importance in the clinical treatment of leukemia, other carcinogenic diseases, and in the successful transplantation of tissues and organs. Such information would contribute to improving existing therapeutic techniques and aid in the development of more active chemotherapeutic agents.

August Grad Gets FHA Appointment

A 1965 graduate of Prairie View A & M College has recently been appointed assistant supervisor with The Farmers Home Administration in Des Moines, Iowa.

He is Oran Lilly, of Hempstead, Texas, a graduate from the college’s School of Agriculture. Lilly will spend a year in training before receiving his final assignment.

During Lilly’s academic career here at Prairie View, he served as vice-president, treasurer, and reporter of the College FFA Chapter. Lilly was also very active in promoting FFA and Freshmen Orientation activities.

According to Dean G. L. Smith, School of Agriculture, more positions in the related agricultural fields are available for recent graduates than the current number of qualified students being graduated.

Austin Alumnae Cited for Work

Mrs. Robert L. Whitby, special education teacher at Matthews Elementary School, Austin, Texas has been cited by The Austin Council for Retarded Children for her work with that organization, the past ten years.

PV Music Graduate Presented in Recital

Mrs. Beulah Curry, a PV music graduate was recently presented in a recital by The Musicians Guild of Austin. The mezzo-soprano’s performance ranged from traditional sacred works to contemporary compositions.

PUBLIC HEALTH GROUP SPONSORS CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR HEALTH

The Waller County Public Health Association will hold a Christmas Gift Auction for Health on December 7 at the Public Health Center. Hours set for the occasion are 4:00-6:00 p.m.

In addition to prizes available, all persons attending and contributing will receive gift certificates.

Funds raised by the Association are used daily to assist indigent patients and families of the Prairie View Clinic to receive transportation and necessary funds when referred to special hospital care. The organization also carries on programs of health education and service, including sending Christmas gifts and aid to needy families throughout the area.

The program on December 7 is open to everyone.

Dr. H. H. Towles

Prominent Alumnus Of Los Angeles is Dead at Age 77

Dr. Rebecca H. Towles, an alumnus of Prairie View State College and the University of Illinois who became the first medical director of Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company in Los Angeles, died November 29 in Los Angeles.

Born in Mt. Vernon, Texas, in 1888, Dr. Towles received his under-graduate training at Prairie View and his professional degree in medicine from the University of Illinois College of Medicine in 1913.

Dr. Towles began his medical practice in Texarkana, Texas, where he remained until 1923, when he moved to Los Angeles. There he established a successful practice and became affiliated with the effort to organize a new Negro-owned and operated insurance company.

Upon the organization of Golden State Mutual in 1925, Dr. Towles became its first medical director and one of the original members of its board of directors.
International Night
Features 27 Nations

On Thursday evening, December 9, 1965 at 7:30 p.m. in the “little Dome,” on the Prairie View Campus, the Department of Economics, Geography and Social Science sponsored its annual “International Night.” The theme: “Peace, through Inter-cultural Understanding,” will be stressed through a cultural variety program presented by representatives from approximately 27 different nations.

“International Night at Prairie View,” has turned to be an annual affair in which this institution tries to get an understanding about the cultures of the world. The theme: “Peace, through Inter-cultural understanding,” was written by the writer who once wrote: “The Seven Seas are connected by ceaseless currents—these currents have been conveyed over lofty snow-capped mountains and across the blue seas. The currents of the cultures are intermingled, and the waves break upon the shores of the world.”

With the belief that human understanding is very necessary for the members of the one race—human race—this institution provides these experiences to foster peace and goodwill for troubled men over planet earth. All are invited to attend and give support for peace in our times.

Appreciation Dinner Held

For Scouters

Adult leaders and participants in Boy Scout Activities throughout the E. B. Evans Division held their Annual Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday evening, December 8, at 7:30 p.m. (at Prairie View A & M College) in the Ballroom.

The principal speaker for the occasion was Mr. R. Elwyn Byrns, Chief Scout Executive for the Sam Houston Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. Other program participants include, President E. B. Evans, Mr. Stuart Painter, Area Scout executive, and several scouting leaders in the division.

A highlight of the program was the presentation of Awards for outstanding scouting work during the past year. Colorful opening and closing ceremonies were presented by Scouting units of Prairie View and Belkville.

The E. B. Evans DIVISION is a part of the David Crockett District which includes communities in Austin, Burleson, Walker, and Washington counties.

PV Students Among Who’s Who In Nation’s Colleges

Thirty-one students have been accepted at Prairie View for recognition by WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. Recognition by this organization means that the student was first officially recommended from the university or collage that the student attends and then acceptance by the organization. Selection of nominees is conducted by campus committees and usually involves student-faculty-administrative participation. Nominating committees consider the student’s scholarship, leadership and cooperation in educational and extra curricular activities, citizenship, and promise of future usefulness. The students recognized each year are nominated from approximately 775 colleges and universities. The organization provides a placement or reference service to assist members seeking employment, scholarships, or fellowships.

Students listed from Prairie View include Franklin G. Alexander, Senior, Music, Vice-President - Student Council, Club Crescendo, MENC; Harriett Clayborne, Senior, Economics, Student Council president, LBA president; Glodean Faggett, Senior, Political Science, Student Council president, LBA president; Emmett Dansby, Senior, Library Science, Alpha Kappa Mu; Joan Derrough, Senior, English, Club 26, SNEA, Senior class officer; Donald Dorsey, Senior, Biology, Student Council president, LBA president; Glodean Faggett, Senior, Political Science, Political Science Club; Albert Hearn, Senior, Industrial Education, Epsilon Pi Tau; Augustine Hobgood, Senior, Business Education, Phi Beta Lambda, President; E. B. Evans, Senior, Industrial Education, Epsilon Pi Tau; Auguste McCray, Senior, Business Education, Phi Beta Lambda; Barbara Tatum, Senior, Sociology, LBL; Robert Thompson, Senior, Sociology, Miss 3rd Battallion, LBL; Beverly Thompson, Senior, Music, Pres. Club 26, Alpha Kappa Mu, Mu Alpha Sigma; Freddie Thompson, Senior, Mechanical Engineering, Epsilon Pi Tau; Auguste McCray, Senior, Business Education, Phi Beta Lambda; Louis Wells, Senior, Mechanical Engineering, Epsilon Pi Tau; Rich-ard Lockett, Senior, Pre-Medical, BOI, Senior Court Judge, Alpha Kappa Mu, Beta Kappa Chi; Leo Mccain, Senior, Electrical Engineering, BOI, Alpha Kappa Mu; Toborona McDowell, Senior, Music, Miss Prairie View, Club 26, MENC; Grace Manning, Senior, Business Education, Phi Beta Lambda; Fay-ette Moore, Senior, Music, MENC, Club 26; Rose M. Moore, Senior, Mathematics, Mathematics Club, Bernadette Mosby, Senior, Elementary Education, Alpha Kappa Mu, LBL; Gustie Rice, Senior, Physics, attendant to Miss PV, KOB; Elnetia Smothers, Senior, Nursing Education, Alpha Kappa Mu; Barbara Tatum, Senior, Sociology, LBL; Jean Taylor, Senior Sociology, Miss 3rd Battallion, LBL; Beverly Thompson, Senior, Music, Pres. Club 26, Alpha Kappa Mu, Mu Alpha Sigma; Freddie Thompson, Senior, Mechanical Engineering, Epsilon Pi Tau; Hazard Warren, Senior, Business Education, Phi Beta Lambda; Louis Wells, Senior, Mechanical Engineering, Epsilon Pi Tau; Alva Williams, Senior, Mathematics, Alpha Kappa Mu, Beta Kappa Chi, Club 26. Students listed that made Who's Who 1964-65 were Mar-jay Anderson, Albert Hearn, Lonnie Hunt, Richard Lockett, and Alva Williams.

CHEERLEADING SQUAD — Members of the Spirit Making Squad this year includes (L to R) (standing) Jewel Sue Graham, Virginia Lewis, Charlotte Harvey, Jennifer Dunn, Juanda Loud, (sitting) Betty Levine, Captain Cleotha Williams, Jovell Smith, and Linda Mofett.
Cagers Take Season Opener; 
Wallop S. F. Austin 106-75

The Prairie View College Panthers opened their basketball season before an almost capacity crowd Wednesday, December 1, beating Stephen F. Austin State College a wholloping 106 to 75.

The first quarter’s score remained nip and tuck. Throughout the remaining quarters and after half time Prairie View took the lead and kept it.

Guy Manning, senior team captain from Oakwood, Texas, was high point man. He scored 40 points. The most promising Panther this year is freshman Samuel McDonald, who stands 6'9".

Panthers Ready For East Texas State

Prairie View A & M College Cagers will try to even the two-game series with East Texas State, when they meet the Lions in the Prairie View Gym, Monday night. East Texas edged the Panthers 68-63 when the two colleges met at Commerce last week.

Coached by Leroy Moore, the Panthers will also face Huston-Tillotson Tuesday night, and Dillard University of New Orleans Thursday night in the "little dome" at Prairie View.

They are 2-1 for the season, having dropped Stephen F. Austin 106-77 and St. Mary’s University 74-72. Their only loss is to East Texas State.

Guy Manning, senior team captain from Oakwood, is scoring high for the Panthers. The most promising player is Samuel McDonald, a freshman from Beaumont, who stands at 6'9".

Prairie View's 16-0 loss to Texas Southern in the closing game of the season dropped the Panthers into a three-way tie for 4th place in the Southwestern Conference. The Team’s season record stands at 5-3-1, and 3-3-1 in conference competition.

Grambling won the grid title, with Southern and TSU in second and third positions.

The Panthers rated number one in total defense in final league statistics.

NAIA Hall of Fame

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the NAIA Champion Bowl game between St. John’s (Minn.) and Linfield (Ore.)," announced A. O. Duer, executive secretary of the NAIA.

The two coaches who were inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame are: Clark Swisher, Northern State College, Aberdeen, S. D., and W. J. (Billy) Nicks, Prairie View A&M College, Prairie View, Texas.

The former players include David (Dode) Phillips, Erskine College, Due West (S. C.); Glenn (Slim) Campbell, Emporia State College (Kan.), and L. R. (Ike) Martin, William Jewel College, Liberty, Mo.

Ross Armstrong, Chadron State College, Chadron, Neb., has been elected to the Hall of Fame in the category of meritorious service.

Nicks was named NAIA Football Coach of the Year in 1963 after directing his team to the runner-up spot in the NAIA National Football Championship, losing to St. John’s, 33-27.

He has been football coach and athletic director at Prairie View since 1945 and prior to that time was head football coach at Morris Brown (Ga.) for 15 years. His record at Prairie View includes 189 wins, 59 losses and 9 ties. He has coached eight Southwestern Athletic Conference championship teams.

PANTHER ADVANTAGE — Leueris Alexander outpoints two Stephen F. Austin players in jump shot. Prairie View went on to defeat the Lions in the season’s opener here.