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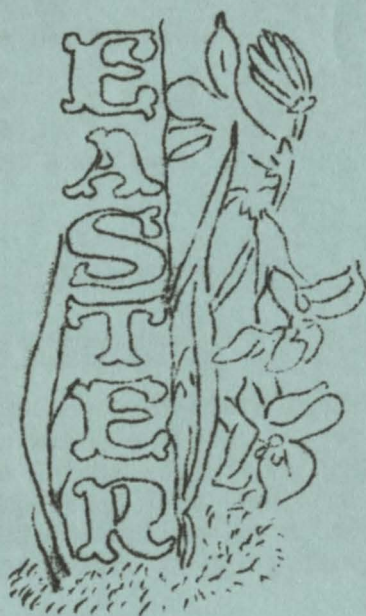
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# NEWSLETTER



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NEWSLETTER

Prairie View A & M College

Prairie View, Texas

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NUMBER

A. CALENDAR - APRIL, 1952

1. Industrial Arts and Vocational Trades Conference. . . April 4-5
2. Prairie View Relays and Tennis Tournament . . . . . April 4-5
3. Class "B" and "C" League Meet . . . . . April 11-12
4. National Institute of Science . . . . . April 16-19

MAY, 1952

1. Housing Conference . . . . . May 2-3
2. Family Life Institute . . . . . May 4-6
3. Physical Education Demonstration . . . . . May 7
4. Honors Day . . . . . May 8
5. All-Sports Day . . . . . May 15
6. Final Examinations . . . . . May 19-23
7. Annual Commencement Exercises . . . . . May 18

JUNE, 1952

1. Opening of Summer Session . . . . . June 2

B. INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

In April more than 4000 boys and girls representing some 350 public schools over the state will be the guests of the college for the Annual Interscholastic League Activities in literary and athletic events. It is very important that these young people receive a favorable impression of the college, and, to this end, all faculty members are asked to cooperate in the promotion of these activities.

C. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

This is another reminder of the very important national conference of science leaders scheduled for April 17-19. Dr. T. S. Painter, President of the University of Texas, will be one of the principal speakers. A large number of delegates from all parts of the nation is expected to attend, and it is our hope that, as much as practical, many of our faculty members will participate in these important sessions.

D. SUMMER SCHOOL

Plans are underway to make the ensuing summer term the most attractive, in the way of offering that we have held in recent years. Several outstanding specialists will join the staff for special workshops, seminars, and other in-service education activities. Another large enrollment is also anticipated as applications for admission begin to come in regularly to the Registrar's Office.



April, 1952

E. RED CROSS DRIVE

The annual Red Cross drive is scheduled to continue through April 7. The college has traditionally gone all out in support of this important community activity, and it is hoped that your usual fine cooperation will be expressed in contributing to this worthy cause.

F. WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB

Officers and members of the Women's Welfare Club have submitted the following annual financial statement covering the club's activities from October 1950 through December 31, 1951:

Balance brought forward - October, 1950 - - - - -	\$728.61
Gross Income - - - - -	543.98
Expenditures - - - - -	486.06
Balance in bank December 31, 1951 - - - - -	786.53

The work of this group in meeting many local community emergencies and needs is to be congratulated.

G. COMMUNITY CHEST

Kindly pay your Community Chest obligations this month. Most people have already paid.

H. COLLEGE RECOGNITION

Prairie View has recently received outstanding recognition in the acceptance for membership in the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education and also in the Association of Texas Colleges. The communication with respect to the former accreditation has been attached to this newsletter.

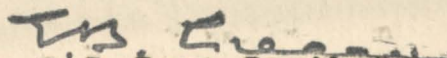
I. IN CLOSING

The following words of Dr. J. W. Edgar, Commissioner of Education, State of Texas, are presented here for your thought and consideration:

The process of public free education, as conceived in America, can be successful only to the extent that the people of each community and of each state use their collective initiative to understand, to promote, to support, and to manage our public school system. Leadership for education which emerges from such initiative of the people is effective because it is of the people.

Those to whom such leadership falls are wise to remember the source of their position.

Very truly yours,

  
E. B. Evans, President



THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES FOR TEACHER EDUCATION  
11 Elm Street  
Oneonta, New York

March 20, 1952

President E. B. Evans  
Prairie View Agricultural & Mechanical College  
Prairie View, Texas

Dear President Evans:

It is a real pleasure to notify you officially that the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, at its business session in Chicago, Illinois on February 22, 1952, approved the recommendation of the Committee on Accrediting that Prairie View Agricultural & Mechanical College be accepted for membership in the Association.

Under separate cover, I am forwarding to Dean Drew one copy of the report of the visiting committee for the information of your institution.

Will you please inform me as to who the AACTE should list as the official representative for Prairie View Agricultural & Mechanical College in its publication of accredited institutions? The institutional representative serves as the official contact person for the AACTE with your institution. Please let me hear from you as to your designation at your earliest convenience.

The Accrediting Committee of the AACTE was very much impressed with the quality of your program of teacher education as reported by the visiting committee. The AACTE is looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to working closely with your institution in the future. If I can be of any service to you or to Prairie View Agricultural & Mechanical College, please feel free to call on me at any time.

Sincerely yours,

Edward C. Pomeroy  
Associate Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS  
TEXAS AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

Office of the Chancellor

College Station, Texas  
March 17, 1952

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Presidents of the Colleges and Directors of the Services

RE: Accounting and Responsibility for State Property

Section 11 of House Bill No. 753, Fifty-Second Legislature - Regular Session, an act providing for the accounting and responsibility for and use of State property, reads as follows:

"Each agency head shall distribute a copy of this act to each official and employee of his agency and shall give a copy to each new employee of the agency."

Under separate cover, we are sending to each President and Director copies of the complete act for distribution in accordance with the above quoted section. Additional copies of the act may be secured from the Comptroller of the Texas A. and M. College System.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ E. L. Angell  
Assistant to the Chancellor



### Property Responsibility

Sec. 5. Each agency head is responsible for the proper custody, care, maintenance, and safekeeping of the State property possessed by his agency.

(a) Each agency head shall designate either himself or one of his employees as property manager. The Comptroller shall be informed in writing by the agency head of the name of the property manager and shall be informed of any changes. Where the Comptroller finds that convenience and efficiency will be served, he may permit more than one property manager to be appointed by the agency head.

(b) The property manager shall maintain the required records on all property possessed by the agency and shall be the custodian of all such property.

(c) No person shall entrust State property to any State official or employee or to anyone else to be used for other than State purposes.

(d) When an agency's property is entrusted to some person other than the property manager, the property manager shall require a written receipt for such property executed by the person receiving custody of the property. When the possession of property of one agency is entrusted to another agency on loan, such transfer shall be done only when authorized in writing by the agency head who is lending such property and the written receipt shall be executed by the agency head who is borrowing such property. The property manager is relieved of the responsibility for property which is the subject of such a receipt.

(e) Each agency shall make a complete physical inventory of all property in its possession once a year. The inventory shall be taken on the date prescribed for the agency by the Comptroller.

(f) The agency head shall forward a signed statement describing the method by which the inventory was verified, along with a copy of such inventory within forty-five (45) days after the inventory date for the agency.

(g) The Comptroller shall supervise the property accounting records of each agency so that the records accurately reflect the property currently possessed by the agency. The Comptroller shall prescribe the methods whereby items of property are deleted from the property records of the agency. Property that is deleted because it has become surplus and has been disposed of under the laws relating thereto administered by the Board of Control shall be deleted only upon authorization of the Board of Control. Property that is deleted from the agency's records for other reasons, including obsolescence, shall be deleted only upon authorization of the State Auditor.

### Transfer of Property to Incoming Agency Head

Sec. 6. When there is a change in agency heads or property managers, the incoming agency head or property manager shall execute a receipt for all agency property accounted for to the outgoing agency head or property manager. A copy of such receipt shall be delivered to the Comptroller, to the State Auditor and to the outgoing agency head or property manager. No further warrants in favor of the outgoing agency head or property manager shall be drawn or paid until the State Auditor has certified that the agency property has been properly accounted for. The State Auditor may make this certification without requiring that a physical inventory be taken.

### Pecuniary Liability

Sec. 7. Where agency property disappears, whether through theft or other cause, as a result of the failure of the agency head, property manager or agency employee

entrusted with the property in writing to exercise reasonable care for its safekeeping, such person shall be pecuniarily liable to the State for the loss thus sustained by the State. Where agency property deteriorates as a result of the failure of the agency head, property manager or agency employee entrusted with the property in writing to exercise reasonable care to maintain and service the property, such person shall be pecuniarily liable to the State for the loss thus sustained by the State. Where agency property is damaged or destroyed as a result of an intentional wrongful act or of a negligent act of any State official or employee, such person shall be pecuniarily liable to the State for the loss thus sustained by the State. The liability prescribed by this Section may be found to attach to more than one person in a particular instance; in such cases, the liability shall be joint and several.

### Reports—Investigation

Sec. 8. When any State property has been lost, destroyed or damaged through the negligence or fault of any State official or employee, the agency head responsible for such property under the provisions of this Act shall immediately report such loss, destruction, or damage to the State Auditor. Upon learning in any manner of such property loss, destruction, or damage, the State Auditor shall investigate the matter. If the investigation discloses that an injury has been sustained by the State through the fault of a State official or employee, the State Auditor shall make written demand upon such State official or employee for reimbursement to the State for the loss so sustained.

### Enforcement of State's Claim

Sec. 9. In case the demand made by the State Auditor, in accordance with this Act, for reimbursement for property loss, destruction, or damage is refused or disregarded by the State official or employee upon whom such demand is made, the State Auditor shall report the facts to the Attorney General. If, after an investigation of the facts, the Attorney General finds that legal liability may be adjudged against the State official or employee, he shall take such legal action to recover the monetary loss of the State property occasioned by the loss, damage or destruction as in his opinion may be deemed necessary. Venue for all such suits instituted against a State official or employee shall lie in the Courts of appropriate jurisdiction of Travis County.

### Sanctions

Sec. 10. When any agency fails to keep the records required under the provisions of this Act or fails to take the annual physical inventory, the Comptroller may refuse to draw any warrants on behalf of such agency.

### Information Copy to State Employees

Sec. 11. Each agency head shall distribute a copy of this Act to each official and employee of his agency and shall give a copy to each new employee of the agency.

### Emergency Clause

Sec. 12. The facts set out in Section 1 of this Act create an emergency and a case of imperative public necessity; therefore, the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each House is suspended and this Act shall take effect from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the House, May 2, 1951: Yeas 122, Nays 0;  
passed the Senate, May 10, 1951: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 2, 1951.

Effective June 2, 1951.