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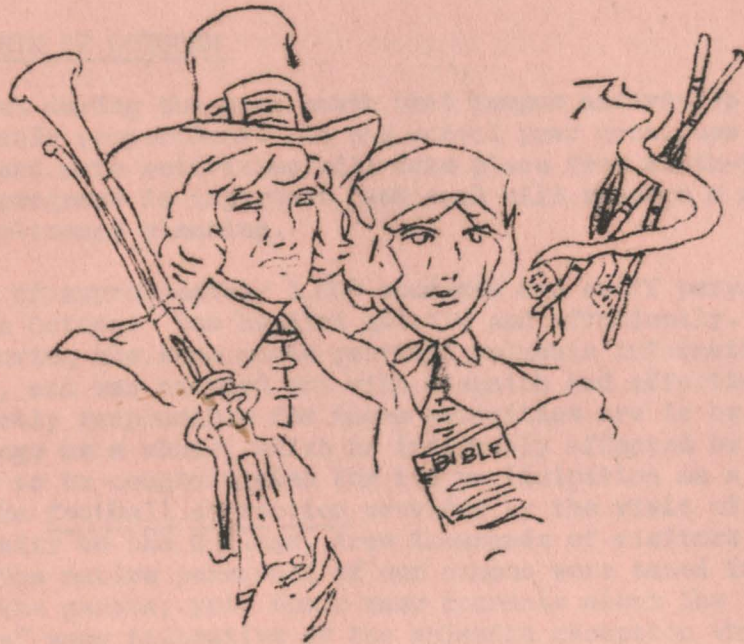
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NEWSLETTER



NOVEMBER, 1954

A. CALENDAR - November

1. Catalog Material for 1955-56 (final date) November 1
2. Mid-Semester Examinations November 10-11
3. National Book Week November 14-20
4. English Emphasis Week November 15-19
5. Salesmanship Forum November 22
6. Religious Emphasis Week Nov. 28-Dec. 2
7. Football Games:
 - a. Prairie View vs Texas College (Homecoming) November 6
 - b. Prairie View vs Grambling College, Grambling, La. November 13
 - c. Prairie View vs Langston University, Langston, Okla. November 20
 - d. Prairie View vs Southern University (Here) November 27

B. ABOUT THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

It was evident during the past month that campus activities had begun to take on sizeable proportions. As the school year continues to move ahead, more and more activities will take place from month-to-month. Each of the programs is important, and each will require a great deal of behind-the-scenes planning.

The movement of approximately 1,000 students and staff personnel to the State Fair in October was handled quietly and efficiently. The Agents Conference during the same month provided valuable information to those who attended, and was carried out with dispatch and effectiveness. The persons directly responsible for those activities are to be commended; and the College as a whole, which is indirectly affected by extramural programs, is to be congratulated for its participation as a host to visitors. The football attraction provided by the visit of Florida A & M University to the College, drew thousands of visitors to our community. The entire personnel of our campus were taxed in order to accommodate the guests; yet, their many comments about the "hospitality of the campus" were indicative of the splendid reception which they received. A blanket "thank you" is extended to all who helped to make the College programs during the month of October a success.

C. MID-SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

Perhaps nothing makes us more mindful of the rapidity with which time passes during the school year than the approach of mid-semester examinations. The half-way mark of the first term of the regular session becomes a reality November 10 and 11. Instructors are reminded that they provide an opportunity for the students and instructor to obtain an appraisal of class performance during the first nine weeks of the term. As usual, it is expected that the instructional staff will cooperate with the Registrar by being both accurate and prompt in reporting grades.

D. SPECIAL MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS

Beginning November 15, English Emphasis Week will be observed on our campus. Although "English" should be emphasized constantly, it is fitting that intensive, constructive efforts be made to focus attention on "better English" at least once during the school year. It is hoped that the entire staff of the College will cooperate with the English Department to make the program successful.

The Salesmanship Class--of the Department of Business Administration--is promoting its first Forum, November 22. Representatives of large business firms will serve as consultants for the presentation. Those persons who have the time to attend the sessions are cordially invited to be present in the Administration Auditorium, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

The Librarian and staff of the W. R. Banks Library are making great efforts to observe National Book Week, November 14-20, meaningful to the entire College community. The theme, "Let's Read," offers a basis for inspiring "genuine interest in reading matter and consistent and proper use of the Library throughout the year."

Annually, Religious Emphasis Week seems to give to our campus renewed spiritual stamina. From November 28 to December 4, a well-planned program, which utilizes both student and staff leadership, will be held. The College is asked to participate fully in the program. The religious well-being of our campus cannot be overemphasized in these complex times when it seems that Christianity is being attacked with ceaseless efforts.

E. ABOUT OUR FOOTBALL TEAM

Although we regretted losing our game to Florida A & M University, we were nonetheless mindful of the fine show made by our team on the occasion of the competition between the two schools. A year ago, the "Rattlers" felt as we "Panthers" now feel--defeated! Certainly, we need to keep uppermost in our thinking the fact that we have one of the outstanding teams in the nation, and the remainder of the football season will re-emphasize this fact. It is fitting that we express our appreciation to our coaches and our team for their fine showing in our stadium, in spite of their being somewhat handicapped by the inability of several "first string" players to participate in the game. There is no way of predicting that our team will not emerge on top of the football heap 'ere the season ends. Many games have yet to be played. For the moment, let us continue our march toward our fourth consecutive Southwest Conference Championship.

F. NEW FAMILY MEMBER

The campus is happy to welcome into its family, Sheryll Elizabeth, born on October 2 to Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Brooks.

G. REMINDERS

Catalog Material for the 1955-56 Bulletins (both Undergraduate and Graduate editions) is due in the Office of the Registrar no later than this date, November 1.

Community Chest contributions are being received by Mr. O. J. Thomas, who is Chairman of the fund. He is located in the "old Ag Building," second floor.

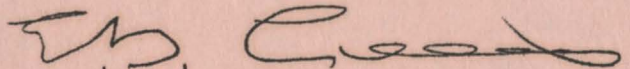
IN CLOSING

We must never cease to seek to improve the calibre of our instructional program nor the quality of the extramural programs we present for the benefit of our students. Whatever our college program, it needs to be well-rounded.

The Reverend Michael McPhelin, writing in Collegiate News and Views, October, 1954, presents a challenge which we would do well to consider:

One illusion not to be cherished is that there ever was a generation of educators or of educated men who were convinced that they had the riddle of education solved and that they had at last devised the perfect system. A full, liberal education has always been a goal never generally attained. This is not to say that there have been no educated men; only that there has been no system which produced them unfailingly. College, after all, is but one of the many influences to which young men are exposed.

Very truly yours,



E. B. Evans
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P. S. Workers' Meeting Tuesday, November 2, 7:30 p.m., Administration Auditorium.