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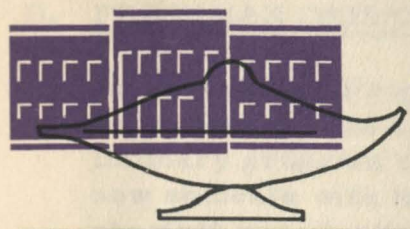
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From the Desk of the President



NEWSLETTER

PRAIRIE VIEW A. & M. COLLEGE

Prairie View, Texas

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A. CALENDAR - September, 1959

- 1. Faculty Orientation September 8-9
- 2. Freshman Orientation September 10-13
- 3. Registration September 14-16
- 4. Classes Begin September 17
- 5. Registration Closes September 19
- 6. Football Games -
 - Prairie View vs Jackson College, Blackshear
 - Field (Father-Son Day) September 27

B. GREETINGS

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I welcome each member of the College staff as we begin our 83d academic year. The year 1959-60 stands as a great challenge to each and every one of us who make up the staff of this Institution. With continued cooperation such as we have witnessed in the past, there is no doubt that the year ahead will be another successful one, and Prairie View will add still more achievements to its long and significant history of service to Texas and the nation.

Good luck to all of you.

C. FACULTY ORIENTATION

The Annual Faculty Orientation Conference is scheduled for the period September 9-10. The theme of the sessions this year is "Responsible Preparation of Leaders in Light of the New Challenge Facing Prairie View Graduates." The keynote speaker for the occasion is Dr. Otto R. Neilsen, Dean, College of Education, Texas Christian University. Also scheduled to address the faculty is Dr. John Codwell, Principal, Yates High School, Houston. A new feature of the conference will be a dinner meeting, set for Wednesday evening, September 9. The annual faculty picnic will also be held.

D. FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

An Orientation Program for entering freshman students will begin September 10 and continue through Sunday, September 13. The preliminary program calls for several assemblies designed to acquaint new students with the College, testing programs, campus tours, physical examinations and plenty of entertainment. The importance of these activities for new students cannot be exaggerated. It is the responsibility of all of us to see to it that these young people have every opportunity for good adjustment to college life.

Details of the four-day program will be made available to all staff members by the Student Life Offices.

E. FACULTY IMPROVEMENT

Faculty members are encouraged to engage in individual or group research activities both in college-wide or departmental programs. The quality of our staff is determined largely by the amount of scholarly studies reported and published, and active participation in conferences and meetings of professional organizations and societies.

More institutional research is encouraged. We are always in need of facts and figures about our own departmental activities, classes, students, graduates and many other important records.

F. FACULTY STUDY

A final tabulation shows that twenty-eight members of the instructional staff continued their training in several of the major universities in the nation. Thirteen faculty members have taken leave to study during the regular session. Most of these persons have secured fellowship aid, principally from the National Science Foundation, The John Hay Whitney Foundation, and institutional teaching fellowships.

G. NEW STAFF PERSONNEL

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE

- Dr. E. W. Owens (returning from leave)
- Mr. H. Scott

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

- Education Department
- Dr. John B. Murphy

Economics Department

Mr. Charles Tatum

English Department

Mr. Samuel C. Jackson

Miss Erma Waddy

Miss Iola E. Lewis

Miss Mary Louise Bennett

Business Administration

Mr. Robert C. Ewalt

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

Mr. Ervin Perry

Mr. Paul Smith

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Miss Lester J. Alfred

Miss Clara Roberson

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY SCIENCE AND TACTICS

Captain Walter W. Redd

Captain Edward W. Williams

Sgt./First Class Arthur Nicholson

Sgt./First Class Curtis L. Wrenn

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Mr. Mavis Jones

Mr. Lawrence Freeman

Mr. Thomas Glover

Mr. Joseph Shepherd

Miss Rutha L. Richards

COLLEGE LIBRARY . . . Mrs. Tommie M. Allen

TRAINING SCHOOL . . . Mrs. Dorothy Cleaver

EXTRAMURAL SERVICES .. Miss Johnnie L. Harris

FISCAL DEPARTMENT . . . Miss Lucretia Muse

LIBERIA CONTRACT . . . Mr. Elton R. Thomas

POST OFFICE Mr. Roosevelt Colvin

H. HOLIDAYS AND VACATION SCHEDULE


Attached is a memorandum from Dr. M. T. Harrington, Chancellor of the A. and M. College System concerning holidays and vacation schedule for 1959-60. May we remind you that the fiscal year ends August 31, 1960. If an employee does not use the allotted vacation days prior to August 31, only the authorized 10 working days' vacation entitlement can be transferred to the next fiscal year. Special forms for transfer of vacation can be secured from the President's Office.

I. IN CLOSING

Six honor students at the University of Michigan sat in on a recent panel program and came up with these suggestions for improving teaching. Said they:

1. Teachers should present material well and interestingly, at the same time encouraging student opinions and questions.
2. Honor students get added benefits from such special opportunities as work with computers for analyzing data.
3. Liberal Arts classes, not necessarily in the student's field of specialization, provide intellectual stimulation and new concepts.
4. Students prefer learning "concepts" to "facts."
5. Examinations should be returned to students to help the learning process.
6. There should be either more advanced study or deeper study in high school, or both.

Very truly yours,


E. B. Evans
President

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TEXAS AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

Office of the Chancellor
College Station, Texas

July 15, 1959

CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 59-2

TO: Presidents of Colleges and Directors of Services and Agencies

SUBJECT: Holidays and Vacation Schedule for 1959-60

During the next fiscal year there will be 14 legal holidays for state employees in addition to two weeks' annual leave. Provision is made, however, for educational institutions to adjust the actual observance of these holidays as will permit the most efficient operation.

Below are listed the holidays authorized for System employees for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1959:

November 26 and 27 - Thanksgiving recess
December 22 - 25 inclusive - Christmas recess
January 1 - New Year's Day
April 15 - Spring holiday
July 4 - Independence Day

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The additional five days named as holidays by the Legislature will be added to the authorized annual leave of two weeks to make a three weeks' vacation period for full-time twelve months' employees. The scheduling of vacation periods for employees will be administered by the employees' immediate supervisor. It is not required that the total vacation be taken at one time, but in scheduling vacations, due consideration should be given to the efficient operation of the part of the System concerned.

/s/

M. T. Harrington
President