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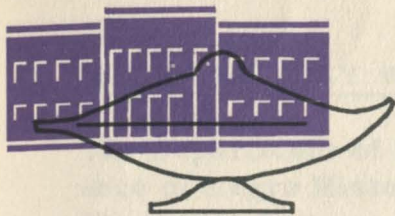
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From the Desk of the President



# NEWSLETTER

PRAIRIE VIEW A. & M. COLLEGE

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## A. CALENDAR

1. Second Semester Classes Begin----- February 1
2. Negro History Week Activities----- February 5-6
3. Ministers Conference----- February 7-8
4. National Race Relations Sunday----- February 12
5. Class A and B State Basketball Tournament-----February 16-18
6. Class AAAA, AAA and AA State Tournament-----February 23-25
7. Basketball

### Here

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| Prairie View vs Grambling College-----           | February 4  |
| Prairie View vs Arkansas A. M. & N. College----- | February 6  |
| Prairie View vs Southern University-----         | February 11 |
| Prairie View vs Jackson College-----             | February 13 |

### Away

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| Prairie View vs Jackson College-----          | February 18 |
| Prairie View vs Southern University-----      | February 20 |
| Prairie View vs Huston-Tillotson College----- | February 24 |

## B. SEMESTER CHANGES

February 1 is the beginning of our spring semester. Orientation of new students and opening class activities will command our attention during the early part of the month. It is obviously a time for checks and balances for all of us--to look back for high points, for mistakes, and to determine our course in the light of past experiences. Best wishes to all of you as we begin the second half of the 1960-61 term.



C. NEGRO HISTORY WEEK

The Department of History will sponsor several activities in observance of Negro History Week, which will begin Sunday, February 5. The major feature of the observance will be a workshop, the theme of which is "Human Relations in a World of Work." Several outstanding visiting speakers and consultants will participate in these activities.

D. RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY

Dr. Newton J. Friedman of Temple Emanuel, Beaumont, Texas, will be the convocation speaker on Race Relations Sunday. Dr. Friedman, who is sponsored by the Jewish Chautauqua Society, will also speak during an informal discussion session, set for the afternoon period of February 12, and for several class sessions on Monday, February 13. Rev. L. C. Phillip, College Chaplain, is in charge of these activities.

E. INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

We are approaching the season when thousands of high school youngsters will be visiting the campus in connection with Interscholastic League events. Beginning February 16-18, the state basketball tournaments will open on the campus and continue the following weekend. The annual band festival follows on March 8-11, and in April, the annual League meets. All staff members are urged to contribute in making the visits of high school students and their teachers a pleasant and memorable experience for them.

F. MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE ACTIVITIES

The National Science Foundation has approved grants for the continuation of Summer Institutes in Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics. A research grant of \$8,500 has also been approved along with programs for high school students of exceptional ability in these fields.

Dr. Sterling B. Hendricks, Chief Scientist, Pioneering Research Laboratory for Mineral Nutrition of Plants, U. S. Department of Agriculture, will lecture at the College at 2:00 p. m. on February 14. His visit is sponsored by the Welch Foundation.

G. CREDIT UNION

The Prairie View Employees Federal Credit Union held its annual meeting in January and announced the declaration of a 4 per cent dividend.



H. TELEVISION COURSE

Prairie View is participating in the nationally-televised mathematics course, Probability and Statistics, which is being presented on the second semester of Continental Classroom.

I. CONGRATULATIONS

To the Basketball Team and Coach for the splendid record so far. The Panthers are leading the Southwestern Athletic Conference with a record of sixteen victories and no defeats. The team is ranked near the top in NCAA and NAIA statistics of small colleges in the nation.

To "Miss Prairie View," our student queen. The recent Coronation ceremonies were very colorful and entertaining, and we want to express appreciation to the sponsors and the committee responsible for this affair.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lee Van Richardson, parents of a baby girl, born January 27, 1961. Mr. Richardson is an employee in the Department of Natural Sciences.

J. EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

College-wide preparations should begin now for the exhibits and programs of the annual Educational Conference. Research activities are now underway on a very timely subject, "Perceptions of Cultural Problems of Negro Youth in Public Schools of Texas." The survey will cover perceptions of superintendents, supervisors, principals and counselors throughout the state. The findings should be of definite interest to both administrators and teachers, and to all of us here at the College.

K. REMEMBER

PAY YOUR POLL TAX before January 31.

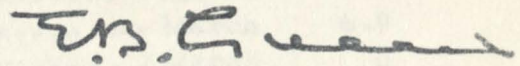
WORKER'S MEETING February 7.

L. IN CLOSING

A recent address by President Hollis L. Caswell, Teachers College Columbia University, listed among others these important characteristics of good teaching:

"Good teaching is concerned with meaning and understanding and must be close to the pupil; it must build upon his own experiences; it must relate to the things he knows and understands. The only way to take a person from the known to the unknown is to start where he is, and good teaching is largely a process of guiding a student from the known to the unknown."

Very truly yours,



E. B. Evans  
President