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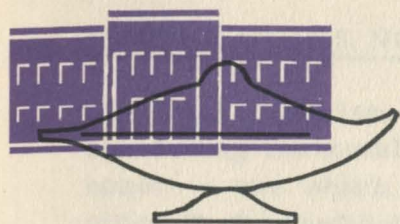
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From the Desk of the President



# NEWSLETTER

PRAIRIE VIEW A. & M. COLLEGE

Prairie View, Texas

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## A. CALENDAR

1. The 32nd Annual Education Conference .....	March	3
2. English-Language Arts Institute .....	March	4
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4. Post Graduate Medical Assembly .....	March	6-9
5. Income Tax Clinic .....	March	6
6. Honors Convocation and Banquet .....	March	7-8
7. State Band Festival .....	March	8-11
8. Science Institute .....	March	11
9. Meeting of the National Association of Collegiate Deans and Registrars .....	March	13-15
10. NHA State Conference .....	March	17-18
11. NFA State Judging Contest .....	March	17-18
12. Mid-Semester Examinations .....	March	22-23
13. ROTC Annual Formal Inspection .....	March	27-28
14. Dramatic Production .....	March	29
15. Easter Holidays .....	March	30
16. Athletics		
Basketball - NCAA Regional Tournament .....	March	10-11
Brookings, South Dakota		
NCAA National .....	March	16-18
Evansville, Indiana		
Baseball - Prairie View vs Arkansas (Away) ..	March	17-18
Prairie View vs Grambling (Here) ..	March	24-25
Prairie View vs Southern (Here) ...	March	29-30
Golf - Grambling College Dual Tournament .....	March	24-25
Tennis - Grambling College Dual Tournament .....	March	24-25
Track - Border Olympics .....	March	3-4
Capitol City Relays .....	March	11
Florida Relays .....	March	24-25
Texas Southern Relays .....	March	25

B. PANTHERS ARE NO. 1 IN THE NATION

The final Associated Press basketball poll ranks Prairie View number one among the small colleges of the nation. This is a very significant honor -- one which brings a great deal of national prestige and recognition to the institution. Congratulations to the team, Coach Leroy Moore and the Athletic Council.

Prairie View has accepted an invitation to play in the NCAA Tournament. The regional will probably be held at Brookings, South Dakota. The final national NCAA Tournament is scheduled on March 16-18 at Evansville, Indiana.

C. THE EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

The theme of the 32nd Annual Educational Conference, scheduled on March 3 is, "Perceptions of Cultural Problems of Negro Youth in Public Schools of Texas". Scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m., the conference will feature a presentation of data from a study conducted by the College Research Committee.

The day's program will include a general session (9:30 -11:00 a.m.), three sectional meetings, and a closing luncheon session. Outstanding visiting speakers and consultants will be presented during each of these sessions.

Junior and senior students are expected to attend. Faculty members are urged to make needed arrangements pertaining to lower division classes in order to attend and participate in all sessions. Luncheon tickets, which will sell for \$1.50, should be arranged for at an early date.

The topic of the conference is the same as our annual campus-wide emphasis, Culture.

D. ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ARTS INSTITUTE

The eighth annual English Arts Institute is scheduled for March 4. The theme is, "Toward New Frontiers in English-Language Arts Teaching." The keynote speaker for the institute is Dr. Arno Jewett, English-Language Arts specialists, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D.C.

E. POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL ASSEMBLY

The twenty-fifth annual Post Graduate Medical Assembly will be held on March 6-8. This annual conference for the medical profession is

sponsored by the Texas Tuberculosis Association, the Texas State Department of Health, Lone Star Medical Association, Texas Medical Association and Prairie View.

A public health meeting, open to the general public, is scheduled for Tuesday evening, March 7, at 7:00 p.m.

F. HONORS CONVOCATION AND BANQUET

Dr. Benjamin Mays, President of Morehouse College, will be the speaker for the seventh annual Honors Convocation, scheduled in the auditorium-gymnasium on March 7. This observance, which is becoming to be known as Achievement Day, is held to give recognition to students on the First Semester honor roll. The President's annual banquet for honor students is scheduled for March 8. Dr. Moddie Taylor, visiting professor of Chemistry, will be the principal speaker.

G. STATE BAND FESTIVAL

More than a hundred high school bands have registered for the annual State Band Festival, which will be held on March 8-11. Growing each year, this State Interscholastic League activity promises to be one of the largest and most colorful events of the school year.

H. SCIENCE INSTITUTE

"Recent Trends in Science Teaching in Elementary and Secondary Schools" is the theme for the Science Institute, which is scheduled at the College on Saturday, March 11. Outstanding speakers for the institute will include Dr. Robert Mac Vicar, Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Graduate School, Oklahoma State University; Dr. Glenn Peterson, Biology Department, University of Houston and Dr. Carl Bleyl, Principal, Fairbanks-Cypress High School.

I. DEANS AND REGISTRARS MEETING

The annual meeting of the Association of Collegiate Deans and Registrars will be held on our campus on March 13-15. Over a hundred college officials from all parts of the country will be our guest on this occasion.

Outstanding speakers scheduled for some of the sessions are Dr. M. T. Harrington, Chancellor, Texas A. and M. College System; Dr. Felton C. Clark, President, Southern University and Dr. W. H. Martin.

A Pan Hellenic Dance has been scheduled for Tuesday evening, March 14 (10:00-1:00 p.m.), which promises to be a highlight among the social courtesies extended to the visitors.

J. EASTER HOLIDAYS

The Easter holidays will begin at noon on March 30 and classes will resume at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 4. The holiday schedule for 12 month employees is March 31.

K. IN MEMORIAM

The entire Prairie View Family was saddened by the untimely death of Mr. Leonard K. Prater, a member of the staff in the Division of Industrial Education. Mr. Prater, who joined the staff this year, was fatally injured in an automobile accident on February 2. Funeral Services were held in his hometown in Mississippi.

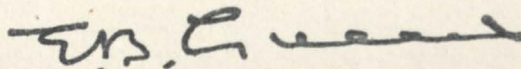
L. A WORD OF THANKS

A special word of thanks is expressed to the large number of staff members who assisted in the promotion of our many activities in February. It appears that we are moving very smoothly into the Second Semester and meeting well the challenge of so many special activities scheduled during this time of the year.

M. IN CLOSING

The Teaching of English Amounts to "An American Tragedy---", this is the substance of a report by the National Council of Teachers of English, entitled, "The National Interest and the Teaching of English." The report goes on to say-- "Competence in English is essential to successful study of every other subject field and no less essential to success in most trades and professions. In addition, English encompasses much of our children's introduction to a cultivated understanding of themselves and other human beings, their grasp of lasting human values in an increasingly machine-dominated society."

Very truly yours,



E. B. Evans  
President