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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. AKA Debutante Ball. February 1
2. Negro History Week Activities February 2-3
3. Workers' Meeting. February 4
4. Ministers' Conference February 4-5
5. National Race Relations Sunday. February 9
6. Nutrition Workshop. February 10-14
7. Class A and B State Basketball
Tournament. February 20-22
8. Blue Review-Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. February 27
9. Class AAAA, AAA, and AA State
Basketball Tournament February 27-29
10. Finer Womanhood Week Begins February 28
11. College Basketball -

Here

- Prairie View vs. Grambling College. February 8
Prairie View vs. Alcorn College February 10
Prairie View vs. Huston-Tillotson February 13
Prairie View vs. Southern University. February 15
Prairie View vs. Jackson College. February 17

Away

- Prairie View vs. Grambling College. February 1
Prairie View vs. Alcorn College February 3
Prairie View vs. Huston-Tillotson February 19
Prairie View vs. Arkansas AM&N. February 22
Prairie View vs. Wiley 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.

C. NEGRO HISTORY WEEK

A special Chapel program will be held on Sunday, February 2, in observance of Negro History Week. The program is sponsored

by the History Department in cooperation with the Prairie View A Cappella Choir.

D. MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The fifth Annual Ministers' Conference will be held on the campus February 4-5. The theme for the conference is-- "The Church and Human Relations." The purpose of the Ministers' Conference is to inform town and rural ministers of the economic and social factors affecting their communities and implications for churches.

Outstanding visiting speakers will include Bishop E. L. Hatcher, Third African Methodist Episcopal Church; Bishop Mathew W. Clair, Jr., Methodist Church, St. Louis, Missouri; Dr. Sandy F. Ray, Baptist Minister of New York City; Dr. M. L. Price, President of the Missionary Baptist General Convention; and Dr. L. B. Felder, Superintendent of the Beaumont-Port Arthur District of the Methodist Church, Conference Chairman.

E. RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY

Special services are being planned for Race Relations Sunday, February 9, by Reverend L. C. Phillip, Dean of the Chapel. Announcements concerning the speaker for this occasion will be made soon.

F. NUTRITION WORKSHOP

Home Demonstration Agents of Texas will participate in a Nutrition Workshop scheduled to be held at the College on February 10-14. The theme of the workshop is--"Nutrition Over the Life Span." Four specialists in Food and Nutrition from Texas A. and M. University will be in charge of the four-day program. Several outstanding visiting speakers are scheduled for this event and several members of our local staff will participate.

G. INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE EVENTS

We are approaching the season when thousands of high school youngsters will be visiting the campus in connection with Interscholastic League events. Beginning February 20, the State basketball tournaments will open on the campus and continue the following week-end. The annual Band Festival follows on March 11-14, 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.

H. SCIENCE GRANTS

The Science Department has received approval of several grants from the National Science Foundation in support of continuing program for in-service teachers. These include -

1. Science Research participation program \$20,233.00
2. Science Institute for Teachers (Summer) 37,603.00
3. Science Training Program for talented high school students 17,192.00
4. Welch Foundation Research Grant (Dr. C. Urdy) . . 45,000.00

I. EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

The theme for the annual Conference on Education scheduled for March 6 is -- "Testing In Relation to the Educational and Social Adjustment of the Culturally Deprived." Several outstanding speakers and consultants have been secured for the general sessions and conference seminars.

J. MARCH-OF-DIMES

Appreciation is expressed here to all who contributed to the annual March-of-Dimes Campaign in this community. A report of total collections received and reported to the National Foundation will be made in the March Newsletter.

K. SYMPATHY

The entire Prairie View family mourned the loss of our devoted colleague, Mr. M. V. Brown, Sr., State Leader of the Cooperative Extension Service, headquarters at the College. Mr. Brown lived the type of life which all of us would like to emulate.

Our sympathy is extended to the immediate family. Prairie View will always cherish the memory of Mr. Brown, who was an educator, public servant, family man, and a friend.

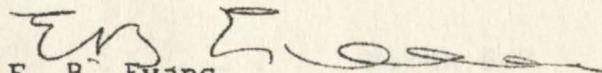
L. IN CLOSING

"Project Drop-out" is one of the best national programs initiated in quite sometime.

On July 12, 1963, the late President John F. Kennedy allocated \$250,000 from his emergency funds to help 63 selected school districts bring potential or actual drop-outs back to school. After one year of operation it appears that these programs are actually working and many youngsters are returning to school. Encouraged by "Project Drop-out," U. S. Commissioner of Education, Francis Keppel, had this to say--

"All over the country people are awakening to the serious social problems implicit in the drop-out statistics." But he warned, "The fundamental goal is not merely to keep children in school but to educate them...staying in school is but a means to an end--not an end in itself."

Very truly yours,


E. B. Evans
President