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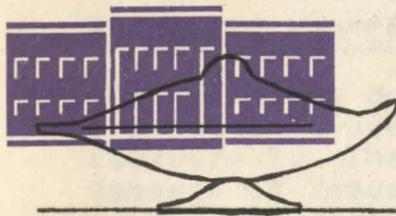
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From the Desk of the President

# NEWSLETTER

PRAIRIE VIEW A. & M. COLLEGE

Prairie View, Texas



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## A. CALENDAR

1. Registration--Second Semester . . . . .February 1-3
2. Ministers' Conference . . . . . January 31-February 1
3. Workers' Meeting (College Staff). . . . .February 7
4. Second Semester Registration Closes . . . . . February 11
5. Annual High School Choral Clinic . . . . . February 11
6. Negro History Week Observance . . . . .February 12-19
7. Classes A&B State Basketball  
Tournament . . . . .February 16-18
8. A.C.T. Examinations . . . . . February 18
9. National Engineers Week . . . . .February 20-25
10. Honors Convocation and Banquet . . . . . February 23
11. State Basketball Tournaments --  
Classes AAAA, AAA and AA. . . . . February 23
12. College Basketball --

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- Prairie View vs Grambling . . . . .February 4  
Prairie View vs. Pan American . . . . . February 15  
Prairie View vs. Wiley . . . . . February 18  
Prairie View vs. Arkansas AM&N . . . . . February 20

### AWAY

- Prairie View vs. Jackson College . . . . . February 11  
Prairie View vs. Southern University. . . . . February 13  
Prairie View vs. Huston-Tillotson . . . . . February 21  
Southwestern Conference Tournament. . February 23-24-25

## B. SEMESTER CHANGE

The month of February ushers in the Second Semester of the 1966-67 Academic Year. New Registration Procedures have been announced by the Registrar's Office and it is hoped that this very important beginning of the new semester will move forward successfully.

Best wishes are extended to all teaching personnel as we begin the second half of this term.

C. MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The religious denominations at the college are sponsoring the Eighth Annual Ministers Conference on January 31 through February 1. The Theme of the two-day conference is "The Message of Jesus to the World of Power."

Visiting speakers for the occasion include the Reverend Luttrell G. Long, Union Bethel African Methodist Church, New Orleans, La.; the Reverend C. B. Dailey, Second Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.; The Reverend George Outen, Tioga Methodist Church, Philadelphia, Penn.; and The Reverend Samuel P. Nesbitt, Church of God in Christ, Jacksonville, Florida.

D. CHORAL CLINIC

The Department of Music will sponsor its annual High School Choral Clinic on Saturday, February 11. This event has been growing each year and is expected to be another large and successful affair this year.

E. NEGRO HISTORY WEEK

The Department of History and the History Club have announced the observance of National Negro History Week on February 12-19. The Theme is "Negro History in the Home, the School, and the Community." The cooperation of all departments is being sought in sponsoring activities related to this important celebration.

F. STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

Annual State Basketball Tournaments will be held for all high school divisions on the last two week-ends in February. Approximately forty high schools, winners in district competition, will be represented at these tournaments. The cooperation of the faculty and staff is usually requested by The Interscholastic League Office in these and other State Contests coming up in the near future.

G. SPECIAL PROJECTS

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Departments and individual staff members presently engaged in study projects and other activities related to our current drive for "Excellence" in all areas of the college.

Special mention is given to the following--

1. Approval of \$72,000 Economic Opportunity Grant
2. National Science Foundation Grants Received  
(January--\$31,520)

3. Announcement of \$32,000 Grant Received by the School of Home Economics for a Summer Institute for Teachers of Disadvantaged Youth.
4. Organization of the United Ministries at PVA&MC.

#### H. OPTICAL SERVICES

An ophthalmologist and an optician are now available on campus every Wednesday to serve the needs of students and faculty members. The two eye specialists are located on the first floor of the college hospital.

#### I. REMEMBER

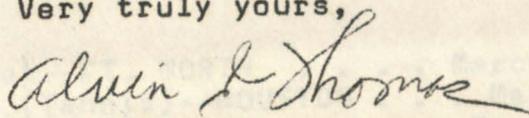
- Workers' Meeting on February 7
- Give to the MARCH OF DIMES (Drive closes February 14)

#### J. IN CLOSING

The American Council on Education, after surveying the deans of 1110 colleges and Universities, had the following to say about the assessment of college teaching:

1. "Of 15 possible sources of information about a college teacher's teaching skill, the deans reported that they most often relied on their own opinions and those of department heads.
2. Classroom visits are considered violations of academic freedom on many campuses and are, in fact, taboo in 40% of the institutions surveyed.
3. Various sources of information for evaluation include--
  - Opinions of the teacher's colleagues
  - Scholarly research and publications
  - Informal opinions of students
4. It is obvious that the institutions suffer from an inability to evaluate classroom effectiveness. Undergraduate teaching will continue to be neglected until those who evaluate; recognize and reward the faculty find methods of accurately assessing teaching effectiveness."

Very truly yours,

  
Alvin I. Thomas  
President