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# FACULTY REPORTER

A Newsletter for Staff Members at Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical College

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## CALENDAR

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|-----|---|------------|
| 1.  | Women's Week . . . . .                                      | May 1-5    |
| 2.  | ROTC Field Day . . . . .                                    | May 2      |
| 3.  | Industrial Education Conference . . . . .                   | May 3-4    |
| 4.  | Concert-A Cappella Choir . . . . .                          | May 5      |
| 5.  | Monthly Staff Meeting (ALL COLLEGE). . . . .                | May 7      |
| 6.  | All-Sports Banquet . . . . .                                | May 8      |
| 7.  | American College Testing Program (A.C.T.). . . . .          | May 11     |
| 8.  | Mother's Day . . . . .                                      | May 12     |
| 9.  | Senior Week --  |            |
|     | Reception . . . . .   | May 14     |
|     | Senior Examinations . . . . .                               | May 15-17  |
|     | Picnic . . . . .  | May 16     |
|     | Memorial Services. . . . .                                  | May 18     |
| 10. | Alumni Day . . . . .  | May 18     |
| 11. | Armed Forces Day Celebration . . . . .                      | May 18     |
| 12. | Commencement, NROTC Inauguration,<br>Parents' Day . . . . . | May 19     |
| 13. | Final Examinations . . . . .                                | May 20-24  |
| 14. | Second Semester Closes . . . . .                            | May 25     |
| 15. | Athletics --  |            |
|     | Arkansas AM&N at Pine Bluff, Ark. . . . .                   | May 4      |
|     | (Track--Tennis--Golf)                                       |            |
|     | Southwestern Athletic Conference Meet . . . . .             | May 10-11  |
|     | (Baton Rouge, La.)  |            |
|     | Lamar Tech Invitational Track Meet . . . . .                | May 18     |
|     | (Beaumont)  |            |
|     | California Invitational Relays, Modesta, Calif..            | May 25     |
|     | NAIA Outdoor Championship, Albuquerque, N. M. . .           | May 31     |
|     | Olympic Trials . . . . .                                    | June 29-30 |

## WOMEN'S WEEK

The Women's Council sponsored activities in observance of Women's Week, which covers the period April 28 through May 5. Included in the week's activities are a Clinic on Charm and good grooming, Open House in the Women's residence halls, and a special chapel program on Sunday, May 5. Dr. Anne L. Campbell was the speaker for the Sunday services. Mrs. Devera Edwards, representing a pharmaceutical Company in Kenilworth, New Jersey, served as a consultant to the Charm Clinic.

### ROTC FIELD DAY

The Annual ROTC Field Day was held on May 2. Several high schools over Texas participated in the colorful event.

### INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Over 500 high school teachers, students, counselors, principals and supervisors will participate in the Annual Industrial Education Conference scheduled on May 3-4. The Theme of the 1968 Conference is "Concepts and Trends in Industrial Education and Technology." The keynote speaker for the occasion is Representative Joseph E. Lockridge of Dallas, a member of the Texas Legislature.

### A CAPPELLA CHOIR CONCERT

The A Cappella Choir, under the direction of Dr. H. Edison Anderson, will present its annual campus concert on May 5.

### ALL-SPORTS BANQUET

The Annual Banquet for athletes in all Varsity Sports and their guests is scheduled to be held on Wednesday evening, May 8.

### SENIOR WEEK

Several activities are planned for graduating seniors during Senior Week, May 13-18. Included is a reception given by the President, a picnic, the annual Junior-Senior Prom, and Memorial services.

### ALUMNI DAY

Alumni Day will be observed on Saturday, May 18. Reunion activities are scheduled for Classes 1908, 1918, 1928, 1938, 1948, and 1958. Programs planned by the General Alumni Association include a Necrology Service, Luncheon session, and Dedication of the Alumni House. President A. I. Thomas will be the speaker for the luncheon session scheduled at 12:00 noon in the Ballroom.

### COMMENCEMENT AND PARENTS DAY

Mr. Charles Baird, Undersecretary of the Navy Department, Washington, D. C., will be speaker during Commencement exercises scheduled on May 19. Approximately 300 students are expecting to receive degrees, diplomas and certificates on this occasion.

### INAUGURATION OF THE NAVAL ROTC UNIT

As a part of the commencement ceremonies, Undersecretary Baird will officially install the Naval ROTC Unit at Prairie View A & M College. Many key educational, political and civic leaders

from Washington, D. C., and Texas are expected to be present for the exercises.

### CONGRATULATIONS

- to Dr. J. E. Berry on being selected as a Consultant for the National Science Foundation to serve the NSF/AID Science Education Program in India. Dr. Berry will serve this program for a six-week period, beginning May 26.
- to Dr. George H. Stafford on being elected President of the Texas Council on Family Relations.
- to Professors Clyde Christopher (Mathematics), and James Payne (History) on being selected to receive Ford Foundation grants for a full year of graduate study.
- to Mr. James R. Noland who was honored by the Houston Teachers Association for significant contributions to the advancement of education.

### RENOVATION OF RESIDENCE HALLS

Three residence halls will be completely renovated and brought up to first class condition during the summer months. These dormitories--Alexander, Suarez and Collins--will not be available for student housing during the summer session.

### FACULTY NOTES

Mr. Joseph M. Berta, clarinet and Dr. Rudolph von Charlton, Piano will present a faculty music recital on Wednesday, May 15, at 8:00 p.m. in the Ballroom, Memorial Center.

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Dr. E. R. Owens presented a paper at the annual Convention of The American Medical Association held in Houston on May 1-4.

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Dr. C. A. Wood and Mr. H. D. Voorhees, Publisher of the HEMPSTEAD NEWS, accompanied Postmaster Douglas Garrett to a meeting called by the Post Office Department to establish a Mail USERS COUNCIL composed of citizens from the 7-County area using the Bellaire (774-) mailing center in Houston.

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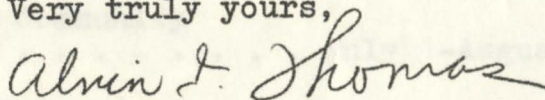
## DEATHS

Funeral services were held on April 6 for Mrs. Vivienne Smith, instructor in the English Department. Mrs. Smith joined the Prairie View Staff in 1958.

## IN CLOSING

Remember Workers Meeting --- TUESDAY, MAY 7.

Very truly yours,



Alvin I. Thomas  
President

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, Friday and Saturday are official college holidays. Classes will be suspended and college offices will be closed. Student halls will remain open and the college library will be open for those who would like to take advantage of the quiet period for study.

## CHEERLEADERS AND BATON TWIRLERS

Annual Clinic for Baton Twirlers, Cheerleaders, Majorettes and Spicars will be held on July 21-23. An outstanding faculty, large student enrollment and complete refreshment are features of this six-day clinic. This program is sponsored by The Department of Extracurricular Services and Health and Physical Education.

## COLLEGE IMPROVEMENTS

Board of Directors of The Texas A&M University System approved following physical improvement projects for Prairie View during its June meeting.

Awarded a \$50,000 contract for renovation of the College Library, Student Aids and Nursing Buildings.

Appropriated \$50,000 for four previously announced construction projects.



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## PARENTS DAY...

A record breaking number of parents plan to attend the Annual Parents Day celebration of the College on May 19, 1968. Many parents have written letters indicating that they are looking forward to coming to the Campus.

A reception for all parents is scheduled from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Ballroom Memorial Center. The receiving line will be composed of Deans, Department Heads and the President. Interested faculty members may also join the receiving line.

Parents are always pleased to meet the faculty. We hope that you will join the reception and greet the family of our students. A schedule of activities for Parents Day is listed in the May issue of the Prairie View Guardian.

## TRAFFIC AND PARKING...

A revised traffic and parking plan will be placed into operation for Commencement Day. The new plan is designed to allow maximum efficiency in handling large volume traffic and parking. For your convenience, a copy of the new parking and traffic flow map is attached to this letter. We express appreciation to Mr. H. A. Perkins, Dean Leroy Marion, and Lt. Colonel Lloyd Stark for developing the plan. The alert Army ROTC Cadets will handle a large amount of the traffic.

## ALUMNI DAY ACTIVITIES...

The National and Local Alumni and Ex-Students Associations will host the Annual Alumni Activities at the College on Saturday, May 18, and Sunday, May 19, 1968. The program committee includes the following persons:

Mr. Robert Cole, Chairman  
Mr. Alfred Howard  
Mrs. D. M. Hunt  
Dr. P. L. Young  
Mr. C. Richardson  
Mr. Vacal Caldwell

Dr. S. R. Collins  
Mr. Samuel Montgomery  
Dr. E. W. Owens  
Mr. J. R. Phillips  
Miss C. Gamble

A special feature of the week-end will be the Memorial Services scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 1968, at 6:00 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center. A complete schedule of Alumni Activities is attached to this newsletter.

The faculty is invited to view the new Alumni House which has been established at the south end of Third Street.

#### MODIFICATION IN THE ACADEMIC RECESSIONAL...

Each year the Academic Recessional leaves the Deans and Platform Guests on the stage at the end of the Commencement activities in a rather awkward stance. This group marches in the Auditorium, but never out. This year a modification of the procession calls for the President and Commencement speaker to leave the stage first followed by the Academic Deans. The faculty led by the Grand Marshall will follow. On the outside of the Auditorium, the faculty will form a corridor through which the graduates will march as they leave the feated honor. The procedure will be similar to the one used on Honors Day each Spring.

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEES FOR PARENTS DAY AND N.R.O.T.C. COMMISSIONING...

A few days ago you received a list of committees who are sponsoring the Commencement Activities. The expansion of Parents Day and the commissioning of the NROTC have made it necessary to establish additional committees to sponsor these activities. Attached is a list of additional committees which have been established.

#### SCHEDULE FOR UNDER SECRETARY CHARLES F. BAIRD...

For the information of the faculty, a schedule of activities for Mr. Charles F. Baird, Under Secretary of the Navy, is attached to this issue of the Faculty Reporter.

#### RETIRED PERSONNEL TO BE SPECIAL GUEST OF PRESIDENT...

President A. I. Thomas has extended a special invitation to all persons who have retired from the College to be our guests at the Commencement Exercises on Sunday, May 19. We know these former employees of the College will be pleased to have you greet them and renew their friendship. These guests will be seated in the reserved section of the Auditorium.

#### OPERA SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY NIGHT...

Under the direction of Dr. Robert Henry, the Prairie View A. and M. College Music Department will present Mozart's beautiful opera, "The Magic Flute." The curtain will open at 8:00 p.m. in the Auditorium-Gymnasium. All students, staff, alumni, parents and friends of the College are invited to attend. The opera promises to be a highlight of the season.