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FACULTY REPORTER

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

CALENDAR

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| 1. Fourth of July Holiday | July 4-6 |
| 2. Final Examinations--First Term | July 11-12 |
| 3. Clinic for Baton Twirlers and Cheerleaders | July 14-19 |
| 4. Registration--Second Term | July 15 |
| 5. Second Term Classes Begin | July 16 |
- Workshop for Prairie View Community Youth July 1-August 6
- Home Economics Workshop--Current Developments and Trends in Teaching Construction July 15-August 2
- Student Council Workshop--Lone Star State Association July 28-August 1

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Thursday, Friday and Saturday are official college holidays. Classes will be suspended and college offices will be closed. Residence halls will remain open and the college Library will be open for those who would like to take advantage of the holiday period for study.

CHEERLEADERS AND BATON TWIRLERS

The 12th Annual Clinic for Baton Twirlers, Cheerleaders, Majorettes and Sponsors will be held on July 14-19. An outstanding faculty, large student enrollment and adequate recreation are features of the six-day clinic. This program is sponsored by The Department of Extramural Services and Health and Physical Education.

PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS

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

- Awarded a \$69,040 contract for renovation of the College Library, Student Aids and Nursing Buildings.
- Appropriated \$58,000 for four previously announced construction projects.

- Allotted \$30,000 for preliminary design of two new 750-bed dormitories which are expected to cost approximately \$5 million.
- Appropriated \$16,000 for renovation and replacement of furniture in The Memorial Student Center.
- Made supplemental appropriations for street and parking improvements on campus and a preliminary design of a new dining hall.

CITIZENS' STUDY

A citizens study, recommended by President Thomas, designed to define the role and scope of the college during the next 10 years has been authorized by the Board of Directors.

The study, scheduled for completion by June, 1969, will be made by a committee of 50 to 75 prominent Negro and White citizens from throughout Texas and the nation.

A staff with a full time director will be formed to handle administrative details for the citizens' study committee.

FACULTY NOTES

New Staff Members--Three new appointments were announced recently by President Thomas. They are---

- Dr. Ivory Nelson, Assistant to the Dean of the College. Dr. Nelson is a graduate of Grambling College and holds the Master's and Doctorate degrees in Chemistry from Kansas University. He is housed temporarily in the Engineering Building and is currently engaged in cost studies and space utilization. His work will also involve institutional research, including the gathering of data for the Dean of Instruction.
- Dr. Robert C. Hughley, returning to the college staff following a two-year absence serving as Program Director, Southwest Educational Development Laboratory. He is presently engaged in Curriculum studies for the President of the College.
- Dr. Jack Echols, returning from a two-year leave during which time he served as an Educational Consultant with the Agency for International Development (A.I.D.) in South Vietnam. Dr. Echols is presently engaged in a comparative study of graduate offerings and program.
- Dr. Flossie M. Byrd, Dean of the School of Home Economics, was the recipient of a \$1,000 grant from the American Home Economics Foundation to finance an intensive one-month experience in an inner-city setting. Dr. Byrd was selected to serve in New York City where she studied the need for the home economist's family service approach in helping disadvantaged

families in our nation's cities. Four other top administrators in home economics had similar experience in Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles and Washington, D. C. Dr. Byrd's experience in New York extended from May 27 through June 21.

- Mr. C. D. Yancy, Director of Career Planning and Placement, Attended a College Placement Council Workshop on June 2-8 at Michigan State University, East Lansing. His trip was funded by the College Placement Council.
- Professor Joseph Phillips, School of Engineering, attended the 25th General Electric Professors Conference held recently in San Jose, California.

CONGRATULATIONS

- to the Music Department and the Choral group conducted by Dr. Robert Henry for highly successful appearances in The Bahamas during the final week in May.

Dr. Henry will direct a Choral Workshop under the auspices of Prairie View A&M College, in NASSAU, N. P., Bahamas on August 8-31.

- to the Athletic Department, Coach Hoover Wright and the Track Team for winning the National (NAIA) Outdoor Track and Field Championship. (The Team won the National Indoor Title earlier this year). Outstanding performances were also made by Panther Track men at the AAU Meet and The Olympic Tryouts.

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

It is important that all staff members be advised of the fact that adequate financial aids are available to all needy students. Funds are available to students through the following:

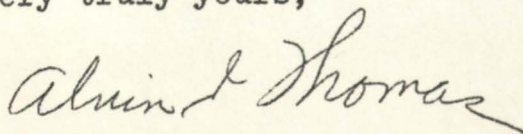
Texas Opportunity Plan Loans	Educational Opportunity Grants
National Defense Loans	College Work-Study Program
United Student Aid Fund Loans	Scholarships, Awards, Prizes
Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation Loans	

Application for aid should be made immediately for the Fall Semester. Forms are available in the Financial Aids Office, Room 204, Memorial Center. Please advise students to go to this office and talk with personnel there concerning their needs.

IN CLOSING

Best wishes for a pleasant Fourth of July Holiday.

Very truly yours,



Alvin I. Thomas
President