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FACULTY REPORTER

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

CALENDAR

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| 1. | Faculty Orientation Conference | September 3-6 |
| 2. | New Students Arrive. | September 7 |
| 3. | Parents Convocation. | September 8 |
| 4. | Freshman Orientation and Registration. . . | September 9-14 |
| 5. | Registration for Graduate Students | September 14-21 |
| 6. | Registration for Upper Classes | September 16-17 |
| 7. | Academic Convocation and the President's
Convocation for all students. | September 18 |
| 8. | Classes Begin | September 19 |
| 9. | Registration Closes. | September 21 |
| 10. | Football Games-- | |
| | Prairie View vs Jackson College (There)
(Jackson, Miss.) | September 21 |
| | Prairie View vs Southern Univ. (There)
(Baton Rouge, La.) | September 28 |

GREETINGS

It has been a pleasure to greet all new and returning staff members during several of the activities listed in the September Calendar. A formal welcome is extended to each of you through the Faculty Reporter.

We are beginning the College's 91st year (based on the opening date of 1878)--and the first of the final 10 years before our Centennial Observance in 1978. This is an important year in that we are beginning to chart many of the developments for the future. Let us look forward to 1968-69 being another significant year in the course of growth and change of the College.

FACULTY CONFERENCE

The 1968 Faculty Orientation Conference, held on September 3-6, centered around the Theme--"The Residential College Concept--with Implications for Prairie View A&M College." The program gave consideration to three basic elements--(1) the College in perspective, (2) curriculum and instruction, and (3) program implementation. Its purposes included crystallizing issues, encouraging dialogue, and ascertaining approaches essential to implementation.

Visiting speakers for the 30th Annual Conference included Dr. Alfred R. Neuman, University of Houston; Dr. D. C. Phannstiel, Texas A&M University; Mr. Richard Dini, Rice University; Dr. Roger Brooks, East Texas State; Dr. H. M. LaFauci, Boston University; and Dr. Stevens S. Winters, Florida State University.

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

Parents' Day

Parents' Day was observed on Sunday, September 8. President A. I. Thomas addressed the visiting parents of college students at a Convocation held at 2:00 p.m. Afterwards, parents and freshmen met in smaller group meetings with deans, department heads and faculty members. The United Ministries sponsored the Vesper Program for new students and parents. The Vesper Theme was "Students as Leaders in Solving the Moral Ills of Society." Other activities included discussion groups, a candlelight procession and reception.

General Meetings

A general assembly was held Monday morning (Sept. 9) for general information and an opportunity for freshmen to meet student leaders. Afternoon assemblies included presentations by the Departments of Men and Women and an address by Dr. Melvin Sikes, a Clinical Psychologist of Houston.

Dr. Matthew G. Carter, Mayor of Montclair, New Jersey, spoke to the students Tuesday on the subject--"The Responsibilities of Students Today for Leadership Tomorrow." Other sessions involved deans and directors in the presentation of various college programs. Sessions on Career opportunities involved a large number of consultants from business, government and industry who were invited by the respective schools.

Thursday's sessions included advisement and testing of freshmen. Registration of new students was held on Friday and Saturday. Several social events were held throughout Freshman Week, ending with the President's Tea for New Students Sunday afternoon.

ALL COLLEGE CONVOCATION

The first All-College Convocation on the opening of the Fall Semester was held on September 18 in the Health and Physical Education Building. The theme for two separate assemblies was: "The Residential College Concept with Implications for the Development of the College." The Academic Convocation, held at 9:30 a.m. featured an address by Dr. Elias Blake, Director of the Institute for Services to Education, Washington, D. C.

President Thomas spoke to all students at a 2:00 p.m. assembly on the subject--"The Residential College: Goals for Today and Tomorrow." Group discussion followed, then class meetings and a PV Boosters meeting. A general students dance closed the special period of orientation and registration. Reverend W. Van Johnson served as general coordinator of Freshman Week activities. Dr. Flossie M. Byrd was chairman of a large faculty group responsible for the Faculty Conference.

CITIZENS STUDY

The Citizens Study Project is now underway under the leadership of a Faculty Committee headed by Dean G. L. Smith. The names of a large group of prominent citizens in Texas and the nation have been compiled for consideration in naming seventy-five persons to make up the Citizens Study Committee. In addition, local faculty and student committees will be named to work concurrently in studying the needs of the College and defining its role and scope over the next ten (10) years.

The present time-table calls for submission of recommendations to the Board of Directors who will name the State Committee soon. The Seventy-five will be contacted and invited to attend a kick-off meeting at the college sometime in October. All staff members will be involved.

ACCREDITATION STUDIES

Work will continue on both the Southern Association and NCATE Studies in preparation of visiting committees scheduled to be on the campus during the year. Again, all staff members are involved in these very important Projects.

APPOINTMENTS

A listing of new appointments will appear in the October issue of the FACULTY REPORTER. Persons appointed in major administrative positions include--

Dr. Alvin J. McNeil--Dean, School of Arts and Sciences, replacing Dr. T. P. Dooley, who requested to be relieved of administrative duties in order to pursue teaching and research. (Office--Education Bldg.).

Dr. Robert C. Hughley--Director, Freshman Studies Program. This is a new position (Office--Spence Hall).

Dr. Jack Echols--Director, Graduate Studies Program. The position was formerly a part of the office of the Dean of the College. (Office--Spence Hall).

Mr. Paul S. Thomas--Administrative Assistant to the President--in charge of College Development and Alumni Affairs (Office--Home Economics Bldg. and Alumni House).

Mr. Kenneth H. Briggs, Acting Head, Department of Business Administration--(Office--Old Science Bldg.)

FACULTY NOTES

- Mr. Leroy Moore, Jr., Health & Physical Education Department, was awarded the doctorate degree at Colorado State College in August. Dr. Moore, who joined the faculty in 1956, is the College basketball coach.
- Dr. Jack W. Echols has received a Citation for outstanding Civilian Service in Vietnam from the Agency for International Development, Bureau of Vietnam Affairs. The citation included medals, certificate and letter of commendation.
- Mr. Theodis Shine (1967), English Department, was cited for outstanding service in Dramatic Productions at the University of California, Santa Barbara, during a summer institute.

COLLEGE GRANT

The College has been notified by the U. S. Office of Education (H.E.W.) that a grant of \$141,930 has been approved for National Defense Student Loans for Fiscal 1969.

STAFF MEETING

Don't forget--Regular monthly staff meeting for October--scheduled on TUESDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 1 - Ballroom, Memorial Center.

Very truly yours,

Alvin I. Thomas

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President