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# FACULTY REPORTER

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

## CALENDAR

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|--|---------------|
| 1. New Year's Day .....                      | January 1     |
| 2. Classes Resume (7:30 a.m.).....           | January 6     |
| 3. All-College Staff Meeting .....           | January 7     |
| 4. Final Examinations (First Semester).....  | January 13-17 |
| 5. Faculty Conference .....                  | January 15    |
| 6. ROTC Commissioning Exercises (Army).....  | January 9     |
| 7. New Students Report .....                 | January 19    |
| 8. Registration (Second Semester).....       | January 21-22 |
| 9. Second Semester Classes Begin .....       | January 23    |
| 10. Registration for Graduate Students ..... | January 25    |
| 11. President's Convocation .....            | January 30    |
| 12. Basketball Games --                      |               |

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| Prairie View vs Arkansas AM&N (There).....  | January 4  |
| Prairie View vs Wiley College (There).....  | January 6  |
| Prairie View vs Southern University (Here). | January 9  |
| Prairie View vs Jackson College (Here)..... | January 11 |
| Prairie View vs Texas Southern (Here).....  | January 18 |
| Prairie View vs Texas Southern (There)..... | January 20 |
| Prairie View vs Texas College (Here).....   | January 27 |
| Prairie View vs Alcorn College (There)..... | February 1 |

## CHANGE OF SEMESTERS

The month of January will be highlighted with activities closing the current semester and opening the last half of the school term. Announcements concerning these activities have been directed to all staff members from the Registrars' office and others are to come. Everyone is urged to cooperate fully in making the change of semesters a complete success.

## COLLEGE GRANTS RECEIVED

The following grants of approximately \$130,000 for special projects have been approved for the college during the month of December.

NASA Grant (\$12,890)--for "A Research Study of Six Developing Institutions of Higher Education to Identify and Catalog their interests of NASA and its Affiliates," under the direction of Dr. I. V. Nelson.

National Science Foundation - (\$9,770) to conduct a Summer Science Program in Chemistry for High School Students. Dr. E. E. O'Banion will direct the eleventh annual project and Mr. W. E. Reid will serve as Co-director.

NSF - (\$37,489) to conduct the 10<sup>th</sup> Summer Institute in Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Earth Science for Secondary Teachers. Dr. E. E. O'Banion, Director.

Robert A. Welch Foundation - (\$72,000) for research projects conducted by the following--

1. Dr. Roscoe W. Lewis ----- \$36,000
2. Dr. V. M. Doctor ----- 36,000

### STUDENT FINANCIAL AIDS NEAR \$2 Million

A recent report by Dr. T. R. Solomon, Dean of Students, indicates that 2,175 Prairie View students are currently receiving a total of \$1,807,673 in various types of loans and grants. The Texas Opportunity Plan (T.O.P.) is by far the largest doner. Other financial aid funds include Work Study, the National Defense Loan, Educational Opportunity grants and U. S. Student Aid Fund.

### CENTENNIAL COUNCIL MEETS

Prairie View A&M College Centennial Council held its second general meeting on December 14, at Hotel America in Houston.

Highlights of the meeting-- a fact finding conference--includes the formation of an ad hoc committee to administer the council while a permanent chairman is being selected; President Thomas' statement of board goals and mission of the college; and the "down-to-work" sessions of the four task Force groups. Each Task Force Group acted upon position papers prepared by local faculty committees and made plans for continued study in the various areas of college responsibility.

### STUDENTS TO PAY FEES FOR FULL SEMESTER

Beginning with the Second Semester, all students receiving grants and loans will be required to pay fees on a full- semester basis.

### ROTC CADETS AND BAND MARCH IN BRYAN

The Pershing Rifles Drill Team, Firlettes and Color Guards joined the College Band in representing the college at a special parade in Bryan, Texas on December 7. Prairie View students paid their own transportation and performed in a most laudatory manner.

PRAIRIE VIEW TO BE REPRESENTED IN GOVERNOR'S INAUGURAL PARADE

The PV-Marching Band, the Pershing Rifles and the NROTC have been invited to participate in the Inaugural Parade on January 21, 1969. This will be the first time the College has participated in the Governor's Inaugural Parade. Governor elect Preston Smith will be sworn in at noon and the parade will take place at 3:00 p.m.

FACULTY NOTES

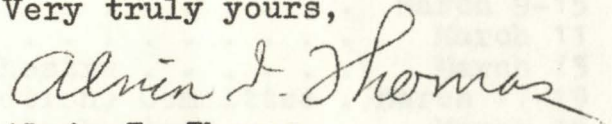
- Dean George L. Smith, School of Agriculture, received a special tribute from the Southwestern Athletic Conference during the organization's December meeting in Houston. Dean Smith was awarded a plaque and a \$100 Savings Bond in tribute for his services of over 30 years as Secretary-Treasurer of the Conference.
- Dr. T. R. Solomon, Dean of Students, is serving as a member of the Steering Committee for the Texas State Association of College and University Financial Aid Officers. He served recently as presiding officer for an organizational meeting of the Associations.
- Mr. Marcellus Harmon, College Financial Aids Officer, was elected to serve on the executive committee for the State Association of Financial Aid Administrators.
- Dr. E. E. O'Banion, Chairman of the Division of Natural Sciences, has been elected a Fellow of the American Institute of Chemists.
- Mr. Leroy Weaver, Associate Professor of Art Education, was quoted on the subject of art in our society and its function today in a recent issue of the journal, "Arts in Society." Mr. Weaver stated that "arts should have high priority in the fight for Negro equality."
- Dr. Curtis A. Wood, Professor and Director of Information Services, has been appointed to the Schools and Colleges Committee of the American Cancer Society.
- Dr. Charles Urdy, Professor of Chemistry, delivered a paper at the December meeting of the American Chemical Society in Austin, Texas.
- Mrs. Savannah Jones Collier, Assistant Professor, Department of Business Education and Administration, has had a library named for her in Houston. She served as a community agent in Houston before joining the Prairie View staff.

-- Danforth Fellowships - January 10 is the deadline for submitting applications and supporting materials for Danforth Graduate Fellowships for Women in 1969-70.

STAFF MEETING

The January Staff meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 7, in the Ballroom, Memorial Center.

Very truly yours,



Alvin I. Thomas  
President

BASKETBALL

- Prairie View vs St. Augustin (Mar)
- Prairie View vs Groves Baptist (Mar)
- Prairie View vs Bishop College (Mar)
- Prairie View vs Southern University (Mar)
- Prairie View vs Alcorn and College (Mar)
- Prairie View vs Jackson State College (Mar)

TRACK AND FIELD

- Quadrangle Meet (Mar)
- Fort Worth Invitational Meet (Mar)
- Baylor Olympics (Mar)
- Texas State Invitational (Mar)
- Prairie View vs St. Augustin (Mar)

GOLF-TENNIS

- Southeast Oklahoma State (Mar)
- San American - Spring (Mar)
- Florida A&M Golf Tournament (Mar)
- St. Edwards University - Austin (Mar)
- Southern University - Union (Mar)
- Prairie View Golf-Tennis Championships (Mar)
- Jackson State College (Mar)

FOOTBALL

- Interquad Game (Mar)