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FACULTY REPORTER

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

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CALENDAR

1. Faculty Conference September 9-12
2. Parents Convocation September 13-14
3. Freshman Orientation September 15-17
4. Registration for Freshmen. September 18-20
5. Freshman Tea September 21
6. Registration for Upperclasses. September 22-24
7. Classes Begin for Upperclassmen. September 24
8. Opening Convocation. September 25
9. Football Games -

Prairie View VS Jackson College (HERE) September 20
 Prairie View VS Southern Univ. (ASTRODOME) September 27

FACULTY CONFERENCE

The 1969-70 School Year officially opened with the Annual Faculty Orientation Conference held on September 9-12. The theme of the conference was "The Role of the Faculty in Long-Range Planning: 1969-1980". The four-day program involved every member of the faculty in activities which included general sessions, group discussions, demonstrations, exhibits, breakfast and luncheon meetings, a banquet and other social functions.

STAFF ORIENTATION

Orientation programs were also conducted for supporting staff members representing many areas of campus service and for clerical personnel. Special speakers and consultants were on hand to discuss matters of interest to both clerical personnel and employees. Representatives from several companies demonstrated the latest in office equipment.

PARENTS CONVOCATION

A special orientation program for parents and guardians of new students was held on Sunday, September 14. The President of the College delivered the major address and all administrators and members of the instructional staff were able to get acquainted with visiting parents and new students. The United Ministries sponsored the first Vesper program for entering freshmen.

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

Orientation activities for freshmen continued Monday through Wednesday and Registration for new students was held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 18-20. A highlight of the orientation period was a special program presenting career opportunities in various fields of learning. Approximately fifty visiting specialists representing many areas of employment served as consultants for the program. New students received first hand information about career opportunities.

1969-70 OPERATING BUDGET

A record \$10,508,102 operating budget for the College in 1969-70 was approved by the Texas A&M University System Board of Directors, subject to the availability of funds. The new budget represents an increase of \$467,942 over allocations for the previous year.

STUDENT LOAN FUND

The Bureau of Higher Education, Department of Health, Education and Welfare has allocated \$88,953 to the College for operation of the National Defense Student Loan Program for Fiscal Year 1970.

RESEARCH

A research paper entitled "Fatigue Damage in Seismic Structures" and co-authored by Dr. I. Kasiraj, P.E., Associate Professor of Civil Engineering, has been published in the August 1969 issue of the Journal of the Structural Division, Proceedings of the American Society of Civil Engineers. The discussion on this paper is open until January 1, 1970.

Research grants have been received from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration as follows:

- \$15,000 - "Safety Analysis of Structures Subjected to Random Vibrations," under direction of I. Kasiraj.
- 14,552 - "Further Studies on Isolating and Testing an Antimicrobial Agent from Acorns," under the direction of Dr. Thomas P. Dooley.

Research Grants Cont'd

- 5,700 -"The Effect of Ionizing Radiation and Chemotherapy on the Plasma Deoxyribonuclease I", under the direction of Dr. V.M. Doctor.
- 5,700 -I. "Development of a Rapid Method of Determining Chloride in Rain Water".
II. "The Solubility of Nickel Phosphate as a Function of Temperature and PH", under the direction of Dr. C.T. Stubblefield.
- 10,066 -"Quasi Absolute Method for Quantitative Analysis of Solid or Liquid Solutions by X-Ray Fluorescence", under the direction of Dr. Ivory V. Nelson.

VISITATION

Five Prairie View staffers are featured in IBM's news sheet, BOULDER TODAY. The photo news item pictures Placement Director Herman L. Jones, Dean Alvin J. McNeil, Dr. A.D. Stewart, Dr. Kenneth Briggs and Professor Joe Phillips outside Building 001 during their all-day visit at Boulder, Colorado.

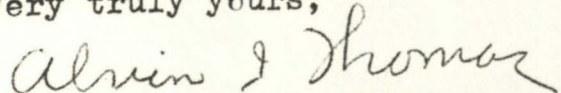
NEW STAFF MEMBERS

An up-to-date listing of the new members of the faculty and staff is planned for the October Issue of the FACULTY REPORTER.

IN CLOSING

Best wishes to each of you as we move into the new school year. . .with full steam ahead.

Very truly yours,



Alvin I. Thomas
President