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FACULTY REPORTER

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

Prairie View A. and M. College

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CALENDAR

1. Second Semester Classes Begin.....February 1
2. Religious Emphasis Week.....February 1-7
3. All-College Staff Meeting.....February 2
4. Ministers Conference.....February 2-3
5. Negro History Week Observance.....February 7-13
6. President's Convocation.....February 25
7. Finer Womanhood Week Begin.....February 25
8. Basketball Games---

Here

- Prairie View Vs Grambling.....February 1
 Prairie View Vs Dillard University.....February 4
 Prairie View Vs Univ. Of Corpus Christi.....February 11
 Prairie View Vs Mississippi Valley.....February 13
 INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE TOURNAMENT.....February 20
 Prairie View Vs Houston-Tillotson.....February 23

Away

- PV at Jackson State (Jackson, Miss.).....February 6
 PV at Southern Univ. (Baton Rouge).....February 8
 PV at Xavier University (New Orleans).....February 15
 PV's Jr. Varsity at Lamar Tech (Beaumont).....February 20

TRACK

- Federation Track Meet (Astro Dome).....February 12 - 13
 Southwest Recreation Track &
 Field Championship (Ft. Worth).....February 27

FACULTY-STAFF MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the College faculty and staff is scheduled on February 2, in the Memorial Center Auditorium.

RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK

"The Church Serving The present Age" is the theme for Religious Emphasis Week scheduled, February 1 through February 7. Reverend W.D. Richardson and Reverend Lee C. Phillip will deliver major sermons during the week's observance. All members of the College Ministerial Alliance will participate in various sessions throughout the week.

MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The 12th Annual Ministers Conference will be held on February 2-3 as a part of the overall Religious Emphasis Week observance. Several outstanding speakers are scheduled for the Conference, including: Bishop K.W. Copeland, Houston; Bishop Joseph A. Johnson, Jr., Shreveport, La.; Dr. Bernillee Faison and Reverend Charles Blake of Los Angeles, California. Four of the major topics for discussion are:

1. The Non-Involvement of The Church
2. Is The Church Indispensible
3. Bridging The Gap between The Pulpit and The Pew
4. Membership Vs Discipleship

MID-YEAR FACULTY CONFERENCE

The fifth annual Mid-Year Faculty Conference involved the participation of a large number of faculty members. The theme for the two day conference was Effective Instruction: A College Commitment. Visiting speakers for the occasion included Dr. R.B. Howsam, Dean of The College of Education, University of Houston; Mr. James Gooden, representing Educational Electronics, Inc., and Dr. John E. Codwell, Deputy Director, Education Improvement Project, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

NEGRO HISTORY WEEK

A full program of activities have been planned under the leadership of the students and faculty of the Department of History. The week long program will cover the full gamut of activities including exhibits, book reviews, plays, seminars, rap sessions, scholarly lectures. Woolfolk and Dr. Purvis Carter to guide our students in this important area of knowledge. We urge you to encourage your students to take full advantage of the human resources and the excellent material resources on the Negro which are available in the W. R. Banks Library.

PRESIDENT'S CONVOCATION

Dr. Benjamin Mays, President Emeritus, Morehouse College, will be the Convocation Speaker for the March Assembly. Dr. Mays, a distinguished educator and minister is a pioneer in education and minority leadership. He is an eloquent speaker and will have a message for both students and staff.

TESTING SCHEDULES

The following tests will be administered at the College in February:

1. Law School Admission Test
2. Graduate Test in Business

GRANTS FOR STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

College grants have been recieved for Federal Student Financial Aid programs for Fiscal Year 1972, as follows:

1. National Defense Student Loan....\$ 63,000
2. Educational Opportunity Grant.... 81,000
3. College Work-Study..... 288,000

GIFTS AND GRANTS

*The Dupont Company has made one of the largest grants the College has received in cash. A grant of \$45,000 to help Prairie View maintain or enhance the strength of instruction in engineering. Funds may be used for equipment, faculty development, scholarships, curriculum studies and lectures.

*From H.E.W., a grant of \$2,000 to help launch a cooperative education program at Prairie View. Mr. Joe Phillips, School of Engineering is the coordinator of the cooperative program at the College.

*Through the leadership of Dr. Flossie M. Byrd, a grant of \$2,000 for scholarships from the Kraftco Corporation of Chicago. The check was presented by Mr. Herm Willie, Mr. William Gardbeaux and Miss Dorothy Holland.

*For enrichment of the school's teaching program, the Alcoa Foundation has just made a \$5,000 grant to Prairie View A. and M. College. In addition to the \$5,000 grant, the Alcoa Foundation is once again providing two \$750 scholarships for the 1971 college year. The scholarships will be awarded to one mechanical and one electrical engineering student to be selected by the College.

On behalf of the Alcoa Foundation, the \$5,000 check was presented to Prairie View A. and M. College President, Dr. Alvin I. Thomas, by Mr. G.W. Hutton, administrative and technical manager of Alcoa's Rockdale Works. Mr. Hutton said: "The Alcoa Foundation is pleased to assist in helping young minds explore new ideas in the various fields of knowledge."

*Mr. George W. Hutton, Jr. contributed \$25.00 to be matched by the Alcoa Foundation for a total gift of \$50.00. The gift is a part of Alcoa's Educational Gift Matching Program. We encourage you to ask your friends in industry to support the College through their cooperate alumni matching fund programs. An employee can contribute to Prairie View and his company will match the gift.

*Continental Oil Company has contributed \$75.00 to support a special project of the Cluster Program. Mr. Buddy Hooper is in charge of this program.

*Oak Farms Dairies have granted \$1,000 to be used as a scholarship in the Dairy Program. The grant was secured through the leadership of Mr. L. W. Engram, School of Agriculture.

*Mr. Arthur W. Cawles has presented the College an unrestricted gift of \$1,000 on behalf of the Koppers Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

*The Harris and Eliza Kempner Fund of Galveston, Texas has made a grant of \$3,500 to the College. \$1,500 is an unrestricted grant; \$1,000 is to be used for scholarship aid for deserving students from Fort Bend County; and \$1,000 is to be used for scholarship aid for deserving students from Galveston County.

*Faculty members who contributed to the Prairie View Development Fund since our last report are: Mrs. Ruth Arnold, Miss Dianne Y. Barclay, Mr. William Chapman, Mrs. Ruby Dabney, Mrs. F.J. Davis, Dr. H.L. Faggett, Dr. K. R. Thiagarajan, Mr. Ernest P. Williams, Mrs. Ruth D. Williams, Mrs. Gazella Booth, Mr. S.W. Spalding, Mr. Hoover Wright, Mrs. Mildred Abshier, Dr. Gwendolyn B. Grossman, Mrs. Ruth D. Williams, Miss Thetis C. Edmond, Mrs. Doris Yancy, and Mr. C. A. Johnson.

FACULTY STAFF NOTES

*WALLER SCHOOL COMMITTEE-Several college staff members are participating in community service activities of The Waller School District. The school district has organized a Community Advisory Committee which is already at work developing better relations throughout the area. Headed by Mr. H.T. Jones, the Committee includes from The Prairie View Community: Dr. I.D. Starling, Dr. Charles Urdy, Dr. C.A. Wood, Rev. I.C. Gordon, Capt. and Mrs. Tommy Osborne, Mrs. Iredene Lewis, Mr. Thomas Godwin, Mr. R.D. Trent, Mrs. Erma Kendricks, Mrs. Gwendolyn Jones.

*Dr. Alfred N. Poindexter was awarded the Silver Beaver Award by the Sam Houston Area Council, Boy Scouts of America at the group's annual dinner meeting on January 28. Dr. Poindexter, College Veterinarian, has been a registered scouting leader for over 20 years and was cited for outstanding service during the years he served as boy scoutmaster in the fifties.

*Dr. Marian Smith of the Department of English has received the Ph.D. Degree at Cornell University.

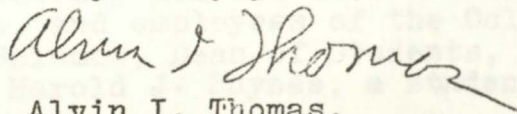
*Hoover Wright has been nominated as an assistant coach for the 1972 Olympic Games. The final selections will be made in March at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the United States Olympic Committee. Congratulations! Coach Wright.

*Congratulation to Dr. F.M. Byrd, Dean, School of Home Economics. Dean Byrd is the President-Elect of the National Association of Home Economics Administrators. This Association is made up of Deans of Home Economics of the nation's colleges and universities.

BEST WISHES

Best wishes to all as we begin the Second Semester of the 1970-71 Academic Year.

Very truly yours,



Alvin I. Thomas,
President