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# FACULTY REPORTER

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## CALENDAR

Christmas Brighten-Up.....	December 1-31
Special Film.....	December 2
College-Wide Staff Meeting.....	December 7
Navy ROTC Fall Review.....	December 16
Comprehensive Exams for M. Ed. Candidates.....	December 11
Christmas Music Concert.....	December 12
Early-Registration.....	December 1-22
Final Examinations.....	December 16-18 December 20-22
Faculty-Staff Christmas Ball.....	December 18
AROTC Mid-Year Commissioning.....	December 17
First Semester Close.....	December 22
Christmas Holidays.....	December 23-Jan 1
Faculty Conference Begins.....	January 4
Second Semester Registration	
Registration Dates.....	January 13-14
Classes Begin... ..	January 17
Late Registration Ends.....	January 19
Change of Program Ends.....	January 19
Twelfth Class Day Report Due.....	January 29

## Basketball

Prairie View vs Stephen F. Austin at Nacodoches	December 4
Prairie View vs Sam Houston State at Huntsville	December 6
Prairie View vs Stephen F. Austin (Here)	December 9
Prairie View vs Sam Houston State (Here)	December 16

## BAND FUND DRIVE

A \$30,000 Band Uniform Fund Drive has been launched by the College and is expected to be completed by the end of the month. A large Committee of students and faculty members is now contacting Alumni, friends, patrons, suppliers, and employees of the College for contributions. Dr. T. R. Solomon, Dean of Students, is chairman of the Committee. Mr. Harold J. Haynes, a student band member serves as co-chairman.

## MASTER CAMPUS PLAN

The Texas A&M University System Board of Directors received a briefing on the first phase of the College's Master Plan and appropriated \$9,500 for second-phase planning at its recent meeting in College Station. The Board also appropriated \$5,000 to finance a staff study of the needs, estimates and priorities for Physical Plant Program.

### CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

Tying in with completion of two new residence halls now under construction, the Board of Directors authorized demolition of three existing dormitories - Blackshear, Crawford and Woodruff Hall. Blackshear will be demolished as soon as practical, but the other dormitories will not be razed until after the Spring Semester.

Construction contracts confirmed by the Board included:

1. A \$21,300 contract to modify the college's power distribution system - (S&B Engineers Inc., Houston)
2. A \$35,950 contract to install dormitory telephone conduit systems (Lane Electric Co. of Brenham)

### ADULT FAMILY PLANNING CENTER

An Adult Family Planning Clinic has been established on the Third Floor of the College Hospital. Instructions are given on methods of family planning and patients are provided with information and materials for fertility control. Adults throughout Waller County and adjoining areas are invited to use the clinic without charges.

### COLLEGE YOUTH MOTIVATION PROGRAM

Representatives of the National Alliance of Businessmen visited the campus on December 2-3 to sponsor a College Youth Motivation Program. Several recent Prairie View graduates also participated in the project designed to motivate college juniors and seniors to seriously consider careers in business and industry.

### WATER AND SEWER PROJECTS

The Houston-Galveston Area Council recently received two water and sewer proposals for the college and for the city of Prairie View. Both P.L. 660 Grants Requests, the college project involves \$136,180 for sewage treatment plant additions, and the city of Prairie View loan requests include \$52,250 and FHA loan of \$339,375 to cover the cost of a water Supply System, Sewage Collection System, Trunk Line and Lift Stations.

### HOUSTON ACTING SUPT OF SCHOOLS TO SPEAK

Dr. J. Don Boney, a 1948 Prairie View graduate who is Acting Gen. Supt. of the Houston School District will be the speaker at the Annual Founders Day Program sponsored by the Eta-Gamma and Epsilon Tau Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity at 11:00 A.M. on Sunday, December 12.

### EARLY REGISTRATION

An effort is being made to encourage all students to register for the Second Semester before leaving the campus for the Christmas Holidays. Early Registration is now in effect and will continue through December 22.

### PRICE FREEZE

Phase II of the Price Freeze will permit faculty and staff members to receive wages, as provided in the budget for the 1971-72 school year, which average approximately 14 per cent above the 1970-71 level. These salary increases were effective November 14.

### GRANTS RECEIVED

Recent gifts and grants received by the College include:

- \* 15,000 Houston Endowment, Inc.
- \* 10,000 General Electric Foundation
- \* 2,500 Sears Roebuck Foundation
- \* 1,500 Stauffer Chemical Co.
- \* 1,000 Sun Oil Company
- \* 1,000 Hughes Aircraft Company
- \* 30,000 Xerox Corporation
- \* 5,000 General Motors
- \* 5,000 Ford Motor Company
- \* 2,000 Continental Oil

### FACULTY-STAFF NOTES

The Annual Faculty-Staff Christmas Ball is scheduled Saturday, December 18. A large number of staff members are serving on several committees organized to promote this special event of the year. The Smalley Band of Houston will provide Music for the occasion.

Dr. A. I. Thomas, President of the College, has been appointed to a House Study Committee on Vocational and Technical Education by House speaker Gus F. Mutsher. The 11-member committee is composed of five members of the House and six Texas citizens.

Doctors T. P. Dooley, Charles E. Urdy, and George R. Woolfolk have been recommended by Faculty Nominating Committee and President Thomas as candidates for the "Piper Professor of 1972."

The Three faculty members were voted on by the faculty in a democratic procedure established by the nominating committee. "The Piper Professor of the year" is a project sponsored by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation of San Antonio.

Biology Professors, Doctors L. C. Collins, J. E. Berry, B. K. Chopra and R. D. Humphrey recently attended special courses sponsored in Austin, Texas by the National Science Foundation.

Dr. Robert Henry and student soprano Betty Grant participated in the Houston Symphony's special concert at Texas Southern University on November 15. Prairie View A&M will host the second in the two-part series April 17.

Mr. G. L. Smith, Assistant to the President for Development, served recently on the Education Team for Southern Association of Colleges and Schools which recently visited Clemson University in South Carolina.

Messrs Frank T. Hawkins, Mathematics Department and H. D. Murdock, Business Manager have been appointed members of the newly established Texas A&M University System Personnel Policy and Employee Benefits Committee.

Dr. H. G. Hendricks, Division of Education, served as chairman of committee selected to evaluate the Houston area schools that have applied to the Texas Education Agency to serve as demonstration schools for individualized instruction.

Dr. George R. Woolfolk, Head, Department of History, has been awarded a Citation for Distinguished Service by the Texas State Historical Survey Committee and Texas Historical Foundation.

Mr. Joe Booker, Sports Information Director, has been appointed a member of the Houston Annual J. C. Basketball All-Tournament Selection Committee.

Dean A. E. Greaux, Engineering, Mr. Sam Darvella and Dr. Richard Thomas, Head, Physics Department, joined President A. I. Thomas in a visit recently to Hughes Aircraft in Culver City, Calif.

#### PHI DELTA KAPPA CHAPTER

A Prairie View A&M Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa will be established in special ceremonies on campus on December 10. Representatives of International, National and District offices of the Graduate Educational Fraternity will be on hand to install the local Chapter.

### SILMA TAU FRATERNITY

The Alpha Lambda Chapter of Sigma Tau Fraternity will be established at the College on Saturday, December 11. Sigma Tau is a National Honors Society in Engineering. The Alpha Lambda Chapter is the first to be established at a predominately black College and is first to be established by the National Office since 1966. Nearly 18 Engineering candidates will be initiated as chartered members. Dr. J. P. Calbert of the National Office will be present to install the Chapter.

Dr. Leo McAfee an Alumnus of the School of Engineering here at Prairie View A&M College will give the key note address. Dr. McAfee is on the staff of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

### BEST WISHES

- \* For a speedy recovery for all who are ill or who have illness in their family.
- \* To all who plan Marriages or special events during the month of December.

### CONDOLENCES

We extend our sincere sympathy to individual staff members and their families who have had to experience the tragedy of the loss of a member of their family or loved one.

### CONGRATULATIONS

- \* To the Prairie View College Football Team for a very enjoyable 1971 Gridiron Program.
- \* To Prairie View College Marching Band for an entertaining and exciting program including programs and half time entertainment.
- \* To Prairie View College "Foxes" who made a smashing hit at the Thanksgiving game in the Astrodome.
- \* To the Honors Program under the leadership of Dr. W. W. Clem and Mrs. Joanna Cole Thomas.
- \* To the School of Agriculture for launching its million dollar research program.
- \* To those staff members and students who helped bring the spirit of Christmas to the Campus through decorations, lights and music.

- \* To the Basketball Team for winning the opening game of the season and continued seven winning game streak.
- \* To those faculty members who had blessed additions to their family during the first semester.
- \* To the faculty and staff for their loyal and dedicated service the first semester was one of the richest in the history of the College.

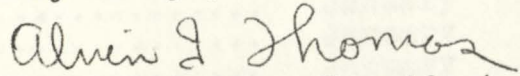
#### CHRISTMAS BRIGHTEN-UP

All residents of the College and community are urged to participate in Christmas Beautification and Decorations.

#### SEASON'S GREETING

I would like to take this occasion to wish each of you "A Very Merry Christmas" as we approach the Holiday Season ahead.

Very truly yours,



Alvin I. Thomas, President

P. S. We are all looking forward to an exciting faculty conference January 4-12, 1972. The theme "Individualized Instruction and Performance Based Teaching: Keys to Effective Learning."