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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. Dead line for Master's Theses and Essays August 1
2. Comprehensive Examination (M. Ed. Candidates). August 8
3. Special Sermon for Graduates August 17
4. Commencement Exercises August 21
5. Final Examinations August 22-23
6. Summer School Closes August 23

SPECIAL SERVICES FOR GRADUATES

Baccalaureate services will be held on August 17 at 11:00 A. M. with a special sermon for graduates. The speaker for the occasion will be the Reverend Edward B. Hill, Paster of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Summer School Commencement Exercises will be held on Thursday Evening, August 21, beginning at 8:00 P. M. in the Health and Physical Education Building. The commencement speaker will be Dr. James F. Tucker, President of Virginia State College. A native of Houston, Texas, Dr. Tucker is a former Prairie View student and graduate of Howard University and the University of Pennsylvania.

NEW PROGRAM

President Thomas has been advised by the coordinating Board (Texas College and University System) that authorization has been granted for the inauguration of the BS degree in Medical Technology at the Prairie View A & M College. Also approved were two 30 hour programs above the Master's Degree, one in Administration and another in Supervision.

ENROLLMENT

Enrollment has continued to increase throughout both terms of the Summer Session. According to the Registrar's office enrollment for the First Six-Weeks period was up 10.7 per cent over the same period in 1968. A similar increase has been reported for the Second Six-Weeks.

Prospects are good for continued enrollment increases for the regular session, 1969-70.

FEDERAL CONSTRUCTION GRANT

The Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, D. C. has announced approval of a \$57,700 grant to Prairie View A & M to help finance dormitory and dining facilities. A similar amount was approved for Texas A & M University for the same purpose. The funds are debt service grants which will pay the difference between what a college has to pay under a private loan and what it would have to pay if the government had made a direct loan to the College.

Also approved was a guaranteed loan in the amount of \$2,700,000 which is to be applied against a \$9,000,000 bond indebtedness to fund the two new dormitories and dining hall which are currently in the final stages of design and planning.

WORKSHOP IN SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING

Prairie View A & M is participating along with five other traditionally Negro institutions in a workshop designed to open lines of development for their accademic programs in Science and Engineering. The month-long workshop is sponsored by Oak Ridge Associated Universities (Tennessee) with support from the Division of Nuclear Education and Training of the US Atomic Energy Commission.

Listed as attending the Workshop are Dean A. E. Greaux and Assistant Dean Ivory V. Nelson, School of Engineering.

FACULTY NOTES

Dr. A. I. Thomas, President, was a principal speaker at a luncheon in the Lubbock Club on July 29. The meeting, also attended by Dean G. L. Smith, was arranged by Mr. Roy B. Davis of Lubbock, a member of the State Advisory Council on Vocational Education and also a member of Prairie View's Centennial Council.

Dr. Alvin J. McNeil, Dean, School of Arts and Sciences was the principal speaker recently at the Western Regional meeting of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity recently. Dr. McNeil is National President of the 25,000 member fraternity.

MISS AMELIA CLARKSON, Associate Professor, School of Nursing is participating in an Intensive Summer Studies Program at Howard University.

Dr. Flosse M. Byrd served as general session speaker at State In-Service Conference for Homemaking Teachers held at the Statler Hilton in Dallas recently. The Dean of Home Economics spoke on the subject - "Homemaking Education for Low Income Families".

Dr. Curtis A. Wood, Director of Information Services, was elected to the Board of Trustees of the American College Public Relations Association during the organization's annual meeting held recently in New York City. All the main College and Universities in the nation hold membership in the association.

MANPOWER PROJECT

Graduation Exercises were held in July for 105 persons who completed vocational and related training in the Experimental and Demonstration Manpower Project. It was the second class to graduate since the program started in January 1968.

THE YEAR'S END

The 1968-69 School Year will soon come to a close. We have enjoyed a very successful year in many respects and the future looks grand. I would like to take this opportunity to express to all members of the staff my appreciation for your contributions (individually and collectively) to the success of our total program.

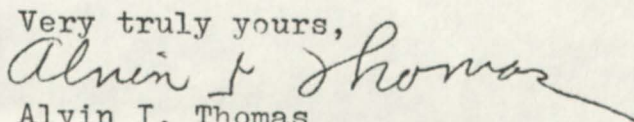
THE 92nd YEAR

The 1969-70 academic term will mark the College's 92nd year. The schedule of Fall Opening Activities is as follows:

Faculty Orientation Conference	September 9-12
Welcome of New Students	September 13-14
Parents Convocation	September 14
Orientation of New Students	September 15-17
Registration for Freshmen	September 18-20
Classes Begin for Freshmen	September 22
Registration for Upper Classes	September 22-24
Classes Begin for Upper Classes	September 24
Opening Convocation	September 25

BEST WISHES

- As we move toward the close of another Summer Term, and the Fiscal Year, I hope that each of you will enjoy the balance of the Summer and the Short Break before we start the new year.

Very truly yours,

Alvin I. Thomas
President