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*The Prairie View . . .*

# GUARDIAN

A Newsletter for Parents and Guardians of Students Enrolled at Prairie View A. and M. College

Prairie View A. and M. College

March 6, 1971

Prairie View, Texas

## THE AFTERMATH OF A STUDENT DISTURBANCE

An early morning disturbances by students enrolled at Prairie View A&M College caused severe damage to institutional property on Wednesday, February 24, and Thursday, February 25, 1971.

The damages were as follows:

### College Exchange

|                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Damage to Property | \$ 36,000.00 |
| Merchandise        | 150,000.00   |

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|---------------------|----------|
| Security Car burned | 4,500.00 |
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### Dean of Men's Office

|               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| Building Cost | 7,248.00  |
| Inventory     | 11,200.00 |

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|-------------------------|----------|
| Memorial Student Center | 1,000.00 |
|-------------------------|----------|

### Laundry

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| Building        | 600.00   |
| Clothing Stolen | 7,800.00 |

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| Suarez Hall | 2,000.00 |
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| Collins Hall | 3,000.00 |
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| Spence Hall Building | 6,500.00 |
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| Equipment and Supplies (Spence Hall) | 4,800.00 |
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\$234,648.00

It shall be noted that the Suarez Hall, Collins Hall, the College Exchange, Memorial Student Center, and Laundry are all fully supported by student fees.

All responsible parents and students are encouraged to speak out against such senseless, wanton and irresponsible destruction.

In the past, we have had incidents where outsiders caused damages. There is no evidence available that would involve anyone other than Prairie View Students in the destruction of the above named property.

The time has come when parents, students, faculty, and administration must join hands and again become "Partners in Progress" not "Divergents in Destruction."

The time has come, that regardless of the complaints, grievances or problems, they must be taken to the conference table and not into the streets with violence.

The destruction of property has created a far greater problem than it has solved. We must now seek funds to replace and repair. Funds secured must now be used to replace rather than advance. In addition to the poor image which the College has received, the extra dollars spent will have caused no progress. This is obviously getting us no where fast.

The challenge is clearly upon the shoulders of the parents, students, faculty, and administration to find an alternative to violence and destruction.

All members of the Prairie View Family are called upon to respond to this challenge in a meaningful and responsible manner.

Parents are particularly asked to counsel with their children concerning their responsibilities while attending College. Give them your expectations and follow-up by letter or visits to the campus.

The channels at the College are open for students to speak, and we are listening. Many times we cannot agree, but we listen. We have many problems which can be solved and we are working on them. We have many which cannot be solved and even these we are trying to make better.

Most of our students are responsible. Very few were engaged in the destruction of a few days ago. Now we all must bear the scars of violence caused by the few.

We can move forward, we must move forward, we will move forward. We need your assistance as parents and guardians.