

New vice chancellor for academic programs

by Robert McGlohn



Dr. William V. Muse

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The Texas A&M System has a new vice chancellor for academic programs today. Dr. William V. Muse, former dean of the College of Business Administration, was appointed to the position last week by the Board of Regents. He is replacing Dr. Don Hellriegel, who has been serving as interim vice chancellor. Hellriegel will resume his duties as a professor of management at the University. As vice chancellor, Muse said, he will be responsible for the planning, reviewing and formation of academic programs at the four universities in the Texas A&M System — Texas A&M, Prairie View A&M, Tarleton State University and Texas A&M University at Galveston. The specific priorities and duties of his position will be determined by Chancellor Arthur G. Hansen, Muse said. However, Muse said, he probably will be working closely with the new president of Prairie View A&M — Dr. Percy A. Pierre. The System is beginning a major thrust toward strengthening the academic standing of Prairie View A&M, he said. One step in that direction was the selection of Pierre as president, he said.

his MBA and Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas. Before coming to Texas A&M in the fall of 1979, Muse was dean of the business administration colleges at the University of Nebraska-Omaha and at Appalachian State University. While he has never been a student at Texas A&M, Muse said he considers himself an Aggie. "I don't think anyone could be associated with A&M very long and invest themselves in the institution as I have done, without feeling they're an Aggie," Muse said. "I probably feel closer to A&M as an institution than any other institution I've been associated with. I'm proud to be an Aggie." He said he has great hopes for the future of Texas A&M. The University's main assets, Muse said, are its students, alumni, faculty and monetary resources. "Of all the institutions I have been associated with, A&M by far is the best," he said. "I think it clearly has the potential to become one of the leading academic institutions in the country." Within 10 years, Muse said, Texas A&M and the University of Texas both could be on everyone's list of the top ten universities in the country.

Committee sponsors play honoring black achievers

by Tracey Taylor

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Today is the first day of national Black History Month and the MSC Black Awareness Committee is sponsoring a series of events on the Texas A&M campus to mark the occasion. The committee kicks off its celebration of the national event at 8 p.m. tonight in Rudder Forum with a performance of the play "Can I Speak For You Brother?" The play, which has toured the nation since 1979, is a one-man show depicting the lives of nine great black American leaders, including Martin Luther King, Frederick Douglass, Malcolm X, W.E.B. Dubois and High John. The play is produced by San Francisco's African American Drama Company and stars Phillip E. Walker, an actor of television and commercial fame. Walker has a long history of performances in black awareness plays. He toured with the San Francisco Mime Troupe playing the lead in "Squash" and gained critical acclaim for his portrayal of Mr. Parker in U.C. Davis' production of "Ceremonies In Dark Old Men." Black History Month was expanded from Black History Week during the sixties. The event originally was designated to honor the work of Carver G. Woodson, the second negro to earn a doctorate degree.

Parker will present a "teaser" from tonight's play today at noon in the MSC Lounge. He also will conduct a workshop for all interested persons from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in 230-231 MSC. The workshop is free and open

to the public. The Black Awareness Committee has a number of other events scheduled for this month, including the presentation of the film "Malcolm X" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in 601 Rudder

Tower and an African Art Exhibit Feb. 7 through Feb. 18 in the MSC Gallery. Tickets for tonight's play are \$2 for students and \$3 for non-students and are available at the MSC Box Office.

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