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Letter from Anne Campbell

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PRAIRIE VIEW AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE

PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS 77445

July 13, 1971

Department of
ENGLISH



Dr. Alvin I. Thomas, President
Prairie View A. & M. College
Prairie View, Texas 77445

Dear Dr. Thomas:

It was my good fortune to accompany a group of the Prairie View Chamber Choir and Dr. Henry to Round Top, Texas, Saturday, July 10, to a Festival of Music honoring Miss Ima Hogg on her 89th. birthday.

The music celebration given by Mr. Richard Schill and Mrs. Bybee at the Schill R and H Farm consisted of music by Texas college music groups, including the University of Texas. Beyond any question of doubt the finest presentation was made by the Prairie View College group. The audience comprised of members of the Houston Symphony Board, Houston Opera Company, top executives and their wives from Houston organizations were unstinting in their praise of the beauty and excellence of the excerpts from Carmen, from Porgy and Bess, and the beautiful spirituals which the Prairie View group sang. As one guest said, "I never dreamed that kind of talent was at Prairie View." Danny Kelly played a piano selection; he was superb.

The kind of impression which this Prairie View group made was the kind that all of us are justly proud of and images the kind of Prairie View we know that we have. A great deal of credit is due Dr. Henry whose training of the group is reflected in the excellence of their performance.

I felt you would want to know that Prairie View made history Saturday night, July 10, the kind of history we are proud to perpetuate.

Sincerely,

Anne Campbell
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July 22, 1971

Dr. Ann Campbell, Head
Department of English
Campus

Dear Dr. Campbell:

I was delighted to receive your letter of July 13 concerning the performance of Dr. Robert Henry and a group of the Prairie View Chamber Choir at Round Top, Texas.

I was so pleased with your comments that I am taking the liberty to furnish a copy of your letter to each faculty member so that they might appreciate in a vicarious way what you appreciated in actuality.

I agree with you that many faculty members and students are doing such a fine job that we must find a way to properly expose these positive acts to our entire community.

I am sending a copy of your letter to Dr. Robert Henry so that he might have a first-hand impression of your thoughts.

With kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Alvin I. Thomas
President

AIT/maw

cc: Dr. Robert Henry