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PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
(A PART OF THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM)

THEME: PVAMU: Pathway to Success

The Golden Anniversary
Homecoming Convocation

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1980 AT 10:00 A.M.

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION BUILDING
PRAIRIE VIEW'S CHALLENGE

Of all the places you'll journey to,
You'll not find one as grand
As is the famous Prairie View
Better know as PANTHERLAND.

Men from every walk of life
Have passed through her doors of fame.
They've struggled through the rank and file,
And now they've earned a name.

From city streets to kingly thrones
They've followed right in line
But now that torch we must bear
And go forth to meet the time.

If Prairie View's to be great,
As it was in the past,
We must communicate to others
In a way that will forever last.

We must tell them not in words of vain;
We must tell them in words of wrath.
But if our lives become the light.
Then they will choose our path.

And so I make a plea today
That you will take a stand
And work to make a better school.
A better PANTHERLAND.

—HAROLD J. HAYNES
Class of '73

WHEN YOU SUPPORT YOUR HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES . . .
YOU SUPPORT YOUR PRAIRIE VIEW DEVELOPMENT FUND . . .
WHICH SUPPORT YOU . . .
PROGRAM

Presiding: WALTER SWINDELL, '81
President, Student Senate

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

THE REVEREND DARNELL WALKER, '60
Pastor, First United Methodist Church
Prairie View, Texas

MUSICAL SELECTION: “Creating Me”

Brahms

The University Chorale

GREETINGS:

“Undergraduate Students”

MR. ROLAND STATON, '83
Sophomore, College of Business

“Graduate Students”

MISS CAROLYN WHEATFALL, '81
Graduate Student, MBA Program

“Faculty”

DR. CECIL STRICKLAND, '60
College of Agriculture
Prairie View A&M University

MUSICAL SELECTION: “Behold the Star”

arr by Dawson

The University Chorale

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

MISS NATALIE MCKINNEY
Miss Prairie View 1980-81

ADDRESS

MR. J. CHRISTOPHER SULLIVAN, '53
Member, Screen Actors Guild

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS TO THE
UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

REMARKS

DR. ALVIN I. THOMAS
President, Prairie View A&M University

BENEDICTION

THE REVEREND MR. WALKER

ALMA MATER: “Dear Prairie View”

Sibelius-Fuller
Dear Prairie View. Our song to thee we raise
In gratitude we sing our hymn of praise
For lessons learned while here we've lived with thee,
For these we pledge our hearts full of devotion
To serve thee now, and through eternity.

**ALMA MATER — “Dear Prairie View”**

**AUGUST**

Dear Prairie View. Our song to thee we raise
In gratitude we sing our hymn of praise
For mem'ries dear, for friends and recollections,
For lessons learned while here we've lived with thee,
For these we pledge our hearts full of devotion
To serve thee now, and through eternity.

**As days go by our hearts will not grow cold,**
**We'll love Thy purple royal and Thy gold,**
**We'll through our lives exemplify thy teachings,**
**As days go by our hearts will not grow cold,**
**We'll love Thine now, and through eternity.**

Music from “Finlandia” by Sibelius
Words by O. Anderson Fuller