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PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY
(A Part of the Texas A&M University System)

Homecoming Convocation

Theme: *The Spirit of Excellence!*



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1984 AT 10:00 A.M.

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION BUILDING

PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS

Alex Haley

- * Pulitzer Prize Winning Author
 - The Autobiography of Malcolm X
 - Roots
 - Henning
- * Roving Editor for Readers Digest
- * Member of the Royal Academy of Morocco
- * Lecturer
- * Story Teller

Alex Haley was born in Ithaca, New York, August 11, 1921 and was reared in Henning, Tennessee. The eldest of three sons of a college professor father and a mother who taught grammar school, Haley finished high school at 15. He attended two years of college before enlisting as a messboy in the U.S. Coast Guard.

After serving 20 years of military service, Haley ventured into a new career of fulltime freelance magazine writing, which resulted in his first book, The Autobiography of Malcolm X. His second book, Roots became a bestseller and has sold over six million copies. Roots was filmed as a 12-hour television mini series in 1977 and drew the greatest program audience in television history.

The world-renowned author lives in Los Angeles. The heavy demand of his lecturing appearance sees him traveling extensively about the U.S. and abroad.

PROGRAM

Presiding: Kevin Dennis
President
Student Government Association

MUSICAL PRELUDE

INVOCATION The Reverend W. Van Johnson
Dean of Chapel
Prairie View A&M University

GREETINGS Bruce Carroll
Biology Major
Benjamin Banneker College

OCCASION Dellenor R. Miles
Miss Prairie View A&M University
4th Runner-Up, Miss Texas 1984

MUSICAL SELECTION Baptist Student Movement Choir
Gaye Arbuckle, *Director*

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER Anne L. Campbell, Ph.D
Chairman and Professor Emeritus
Department of English
Prairie View A&M University

ADDRESS: "The Family: Find the Good . . . and Praise It" Alex Haley
Historian, Lecturer
Pulitzer Prize Author

SPECIAL PRESENTATION Dr. Percy A. Pierre
President
Prairie View A&M University

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALMA MATER: "Dear Prairie View"

BENEDICTION The Reverend Lee. C. Phillips
Dean of Chapel, Emeritus
Prairie View A&M University

University Hosts for Mr. Haley: Sigma Pi Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity
Ushers: Members of Young Women Christian Association

ALMA MATER—"Dear Prairie View"

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 they purple royal, and they gold,
We'll through our lives exemplify they teaching,
We'll always strive a blessing to be,
Thy children we our love and pride confessing,
We'll love thee now, and through eternity.

Words by O. Anderson Fuller
Music from "*Finlandia*" by *Sibelius*