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PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

THEME: “Operation Success: Prairie View’s Contribution to the American Bicentennial”

The 1976 Golden Anniversary Homecoming Convocation

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1976 AT 9:30 A.M.

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION BUILDING

Prairie View A&M University
Prairie View, Texas
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 known 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 . . .
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PROGRAM

Presiding: SIDNEY HICKS
President, Student Senate

PRELUDE ............................................................................................................. THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT
Prairie View A&M University

INVOCATION ........................................................................................................ FATHER CHARLES E. McMAHON, S.S.J.
St. Martin DePorres Catholic Church and United Ministries, Prairie View A&M University

MUSICAL SELECTION .......................................................................................... THE UNIVERSITY CHORALE
DR. ROBERT HENRY, Director
Chairman, Music Department
Prairie View A&M University

GREETINGS: “The Undergraduate Students” ....................................................... MISS JAMIE DOOLEY
Miss Jamie Dooley
Freshman, Prairie View A&M University

“Graduate Students” ......................................................................................... MISS VERA THOMAS
Miss Vera Thomas
Graduate Student, Field of Education

“Faculty” ............................................................................................................ MR. J. J. WOODS
Mr. J. J. Woods
College of Agriculture, Prairie View A&M University

MUSICAL SELECTION .......................................................................................... THE UNIVERSITY CHORALE

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER ........................................................................... SHELLEY ANN TOWNSEND
Shelley Ann Townsend
“Miss Prairie View,” 1976-77

ADDRESS: “Operation Success: Prairie View’s Contribution to Producing
Productive People During the Past Fifty Years” ............................................. MRS. LUCELLUSTINE (WALKER) WILSON, ’26
Chairman of the Golden Anniversary Homecoming Committee
Prairie View, Texas

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS TO THE UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

FREDERICK ROBERTS, Bahamas-Prairie View Student Association, Prairie View A&M University

DR. MATTIE LONDOW, President, Prairie View Local Alumni Club, Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas

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

ALMA MATER: “Dear Prairie View” .....................................................................

BENEDICTION ....................................................................................................... FATHER CHARLES McMAHON, S.S.J.
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 Thy purple royal and Thy gold,
We’ll through our lives exemplify thy teachings,
We’ll always strive a blessing to be.
Thy children we our love and pride confessing,
We’ll love Thee now, and through eternity.

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