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The Golden Anniversary
Homecoming Convocation
(Honoring the Class of 1927)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1977 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 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 . . .  
WHICH SUPPORTS YOU . . .
PROGRAM

Presiding: KENNETH EDMONSON, ’78
President, Student Senate

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

THE REVEREND ROBERT J. MOORE
Vicar, St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church
Prairie View, Texas

MUSIC

GREETINGS: “The Undergraduate Students”

MISS PAMELA COCKRELL, ’81
President, The Freshman Class

“Graduate Students”

MISS SHARON L. FAINE, ’79
Graduate Student, MBA Program

“Faculty”

DR. JOHN FULLER, ’69
College of Engineering
Prairie View A&M University

MUSIC

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

MISS GWENLYN WRIGHT, ’78
Student Senate

ADDRESS: “Operation Success: Prairie View’s Contribution to Producing Productive People During the Past Fifty Years”

DR. ANNE L. CAMPBELL
Professor and Head, Department of English (Emeritus)
Prairie View A&M University

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS TO THE UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

Prairie View Local Alumni Club

DR. MATTIE L. LONDOW, ’48
President, Local Alumni Club

Electrical Bechtel Corporation

KENNETH HOBBS, ’72
Distinguished Alumna

MRS. LUCELLUSTINE (WALKER) WILSON, ’26

REMARKS

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

BENEDICTION

THE REVEREND ROBERT J. MOORE

ALMA MATER: “Dear Prairie View”

Sibelius-Fuller
THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CLASS OF ’27

Alton, Arthur E.  
Amerson, Wayne  
Anderson, Tallie  
Armstrong, Claudis G.  
Arrington, M. B.  
Arterberry, Augustus  
Banks, Hazel  
Bassett, Mollie  
Beverly, Mrs. J. W.  
Biles, Ethel G.  
Bledsoe, Mrs. A. H.  
Bowen, Jesse Winston  
Brown, Mrs. Laura F.  
Brown, Ruby V.  
Buchanan, Cleopatra  
Buchanan, Mrs. R. A.  
Burton, Tom H.  
Blunt, McKinley  
Cain, Dovie  
Campbell, Joe L.  
Carter Jesse L.  
Chapin, Nina Mae  
Cunningham, Elnora  
Davis, Anna B.  
Davis, Mildred B.  
Dickerson, Mrs. A. T.  
Dillon, Mrs. Nellie B.  
Dorsey, Luther  
Evans, Mrs. Alma G.  
Farrell, Henrietta  
Fobbs, Martha Lee  
Fobbson, Murray F.  
Franks, William J.  
Garrett, Mattie V.  
Gilmore, Ernestine L.  
Gipson, Tarry  
Green, Beulah J.  
Harny, Elmo Oscar  
Hardeway, Marvin  
Harrison, Ira Devon  
Hillsman, James P.  
Johnson, A. B.  
Johnson, Evelyn L.  
Johnson, Vera Erma  
Jones, Gus  
Kennedy, Norman K.  
Kirkpatrick, Leroy R.  
Lawson, Ira  
Lee, Escar Robert  
Lumpkin, Eunice C.  
Martin, D. W.  
McKinney, Hiram  
Murray, Jessie L.  
Norris, Ernest Mishael  
O’Neil, Leida  
Page, Kate N.  
Pearson, Louie Edgar  
Pollard, Willie R.  
Procella, Bertha A.  
Randall, Mrs. Beatrice H.  
Richards, J. H.  
Scott, Emerson C.  
Sells, Mrs. Edna L.  
Simpson, Majorie  
Thomas, Benjamin F.  
Thompson, Dicy B.  
Thompson, Dolris  
Toney, Seth  
Turner, Fred C.  
Williams, Bernice M.  
Williams, Eva Dell  
Williams, Juanita

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