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PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

THEME: "Prairie View Produces Productive People"

PRESIDENT'S CONVOCATION
FOR ALL STUDENTS

TUESDAY, JULY 2, 1974 AT 10:00 A.M.
HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION BUILDING
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY
Prairie View, Texas
YOU AND YOUR UNIVERSITY — THE PHILOSOPHY

Prairie View A&M University is a residential University and operates under the philosophy that personal and social development of the student is of paramount importance. With this in mind the aims and objectives of the residential University. . . .

1. To develop a community of scholars consisting of students and faculty.

2. To provide an environment where students may achieve the optimal personal and social development.

3. To provide for the maximum intellectual development of the student.

4. To provide each student with salable skills in a vocation or group of vocations.

5. To assist each student to become a leader in his generation.

6. To assist each student to make the best of his resources in the University and in later life.

7. To assist each student in becoming an over-achiever.

8. To develop in students a moral concern for others and a concept of service to others.

9. To develop responsible citizens who will contribute to the democratic life.

10. To have the entire campus (including residence halls) serve as a center of learning as well as a center of wholesome living.
PROGRAM

Presiding: Samuel Knight
Junior Fellow, Holley Hall

Prelude .......................................................... Music Department
Prairie View A&M University

Invocation ....................................................... The Reverend Steve Summers
Chaplain, Church of Christ
Prairie View A&M University

Instrumental Selection ...................................... Sherman Williams

Greetings: "The Undergraduate Students" .................. Deborah Hindman
Junior Fellow, Banks Hall

"Graduate Students" ......................................... Mary Ann Cobb
Graduate Student

"Faculty" ....................................................... Dr. Theodis Shine
Professor of English
Prairie View A&M University

Vocal Selection: "Tu Che di Gel" ............................ Puccini
Rhonda B. Keatts — Accompanist, Lela Anderson

Introduction of Speaker ................................. Mary Washington
Miss Prairie View 1974-75

Address: "Prairie View Produces Productive People" .. Dr. A. I. Thomas
President, Prairie View A&M University

Alma Mater: "Dear Prairie View"

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