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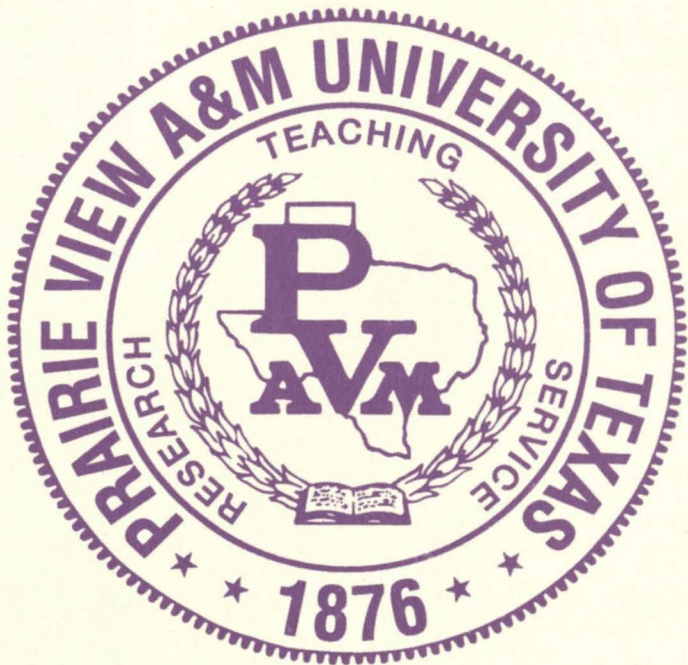
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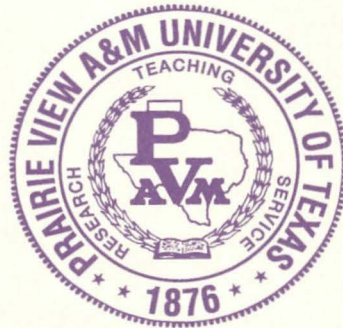


INSTALLATION OF
George Carlton Wright

AS THE
SEVENTH PRESIDENT

OF

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY



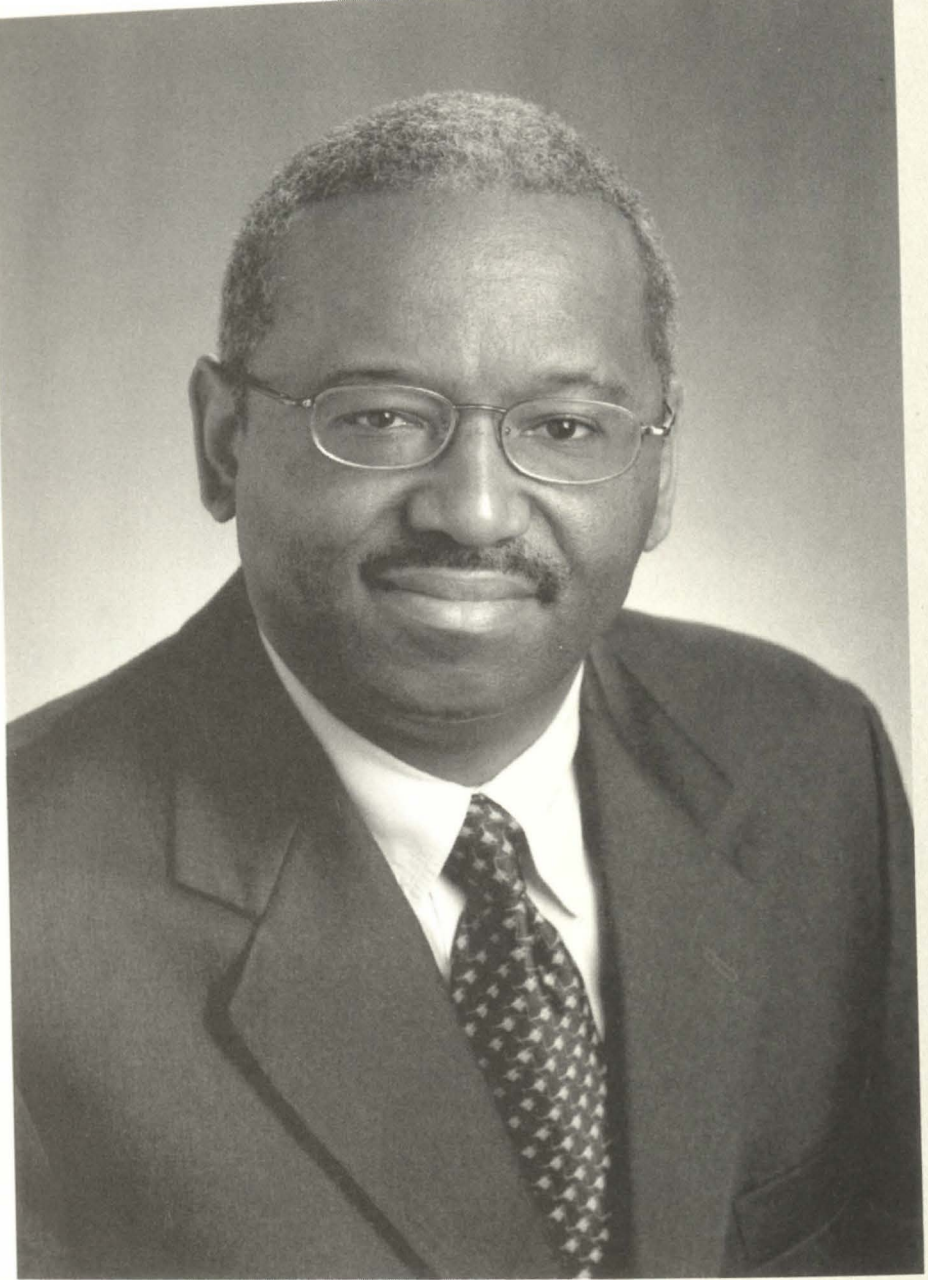
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2003

AT

10:00 A.M.

WILLIAM J. "BILLY" NICKS BUILDING

PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS



**GEORGE CARLTON WRIGHT
THE
SEVENTH PRESIDENT
OF
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**

GEORGE CARLTON WRIGHT, Ph.D.

Dr. George C. Wright, a noted African-American scholar, was officially named president of Prairie View A&M University by The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents on July 8, 2003. Prior to joining the Prairie View A&M University family, Dr. Wright was Executive Vice-President for academic affairs and provost at the University of Texas at Arlington.

A native of Lexington, Kentucky, Dr. Wright received both his bachelors and masters degrees in history from the University of Kentucky. In 1977, he earned his doctorate in history from Duke University.

Dr. Wright's professional history prior to his appointment reveals a wealth of experience in higher education. He has spent the majority of his career in The University of Texas System. At the University of Texas at Arlington, he was provost and vice president for academic affairs from 1995 to 1998 and senior vice president for academic affairs and provost from 1998 to 2000. He began his academic career as an assistant professor at the University of Kentucky, 1977-1980. He served as an assistant professor, associate professor, professor, and was the holder of the Mastin Gentry White Professorship of Southern History, and vice provost for undergraduate education at the University of Texas at Austin, 1990-1993. His other professional experience includes serving as vice provost for university programs and director of the Afro-American studies program at Duke University, 1993-1995. At Duke, he also held the William R. Kenan, Jr., Chair in American History.

Dr. Wright is the author of three books, which include: *A History of Blacks in Kentucky: In Pursuit of Equality, 1890-1980, Volume II*; *Racial Violence in Kentucky, 1865-1940*; *Lynching, Mob Rule, and "Legal Lynchings,"* and *the Life Behind a Veil: Blacks in Louisville, Kentucky, 1865-1930*. He was presented the Governors Award by the Kentucky Historical Society for *Lynching, Mob Rule, and "Legal Lynchings,"* and *the Life Behind a Veil: Blacks in Louisville, Kentucky*. He currently has another book in progress, a biography of *Robert Charles O'Hare Benjamin: A "Forgotten" Afro-American Leader* and has published numerous articles, chapters in books and essays. Two documentaries for television, "Don't Let the Sun Go Down" and "Upon this Rock: The Black Church in Kentucky," were co-directed by Dr. Wright.

Dr. Wright has been the recipient of numerous fellowships, grants and awards. At the University of Texas at Austin, he received the Jean Holloway Award for Teaching Excellence, the "Eyes of Texas" Award for excellence in service and the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Award for "Outstanding Black Faculty Member." He received the Andrew W. Mellon Faculty Fellowship at Harvard University and was the Friar Society Centennial Fellow for Teaching Excellence, the Silver Spurs Centennial Teaching Fellow and the Lillian and Tom B. Rhodes Centennial Teaching Fellow at the University of Texas at Austin.

Active in his community, Dr. Wright has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the City of Arlington Chamber Foundations and the Medical Center of Arlington. He has also served as a member of the University of Kentucky College of Arts and Sciences Advisory Board, the Editorial Board for the Southern Biography Series at Louisiana State University, the Board of Editors of the *Journal of Southern History*, the Summerlee Commission on Texas History and the Southern Historical Association Program Committee.

Dr. Wright and his wife Valerie are the parents of two children, Rebecca Ellison and William Benjamin.

Prairie View A&M University has an intriguing political and cultural history. It is a study in survival under difficult and changing circumstances chronicling the struggle of blacks in Texas for opportunities in higher education.

Prairie View A&M University is the second oldest public institution of higher education in the State of Texas.

1876. Founding. Prairie View A&M University had its beginning in the Texas constitution of 1876 which, in separate articles, established an "agricultural and mechanical college" and pledged that "separate schools shall be provided for the white and colored children, and impartial provisions shall be made for both." As a consequence of these constitutional provisions, the Fifteenth Legislature, on August 14, 1876, established the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas for Colored Youths and placed responsibility for its management with the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Bryan.

1878. Opening. A three-man commission appointed to build the new college used the \$20,000 appropriated for this purpose to purchase Alta Vista Plantation located east of Hempstead. The Honorable Edwin Waller managed the property and his representative, Ashbel Smith, turned the affairs of the school over to the Board of Directors of Texas A&M College in 1878.

1878 – 1879. L. W. Minor. The board, authorized to appoint a principal teacher to administer the college under the direction of the president of Texas A&M College, selected L. W. Minor, who served in that capacity for one year. On March 11, 1878, eight young Negro men became the first of their race to enroll in a state-supported college in Texas.

1879 – 1885. E. H. Anderson. In 1879, E. H. Anderson became principal and the enrollment grew to sixty students. The A&M College Board of Directors authorized the teaching of thirteen subjects on the elementary and secondary levels. The 16th Texas Legislature established Prairie View State Normal School in Waller County for the training of colored teachers.

1885 – 1895. L. C. Anderson. In 1885, L. C. Anderson became principal of the college. He managed a college budget of \$39,000 and a staff of eleven instructors in what was essentially a normal school program. The Twentieth Legislature agreed to the attachment of an Agricultural and Mechanical Department to the Normal School, and the Hatch Act brought the college a branch of the Experiment Station.

1895 – 1915. Edward L. Blackshear. Elected principal in 1895, Mr. Blackshear served until 1915. During his tenure, the curriculum and the physical plant grew significantly. The Twenty-Seventh Legislature, in 1901, authorized the school to offer a four-year course of study that included the Academy and Normal School in four divisions: education, agriculture, home economics and mechanical arts. The first three degrees were granted in 1903.

1915 – 1918. I. M. Terrell. Appointed fifth principal in 1915, Mr. I. M. Terrell served during the war and the first recognized Reserve Officers Training Corps was established to campus. Cooperative Extension Service was also launched at this time.

1918 – 1925. J. G. Osborne. Elected the sixth principal, Dr. J. G. Osborne led the college. The nursing division was established in 1918, and the four-year senior college program started in 1919.

1925 – 1926. Paul Bledsoe. Following the end of Dr. Osborne's administration, Paul Bledsoe acted as principal for one year.

1926 – 1947. W. R. Banks. In 1926, Mr. W. R. Banks became the seventh principal and served until his retirement as principal emeritus in August of 1947. During this period, the physical plant doubled in size and the Division of Graduate Study was organized in 1937.

The name Prairie View Normal and Industrial College was changed by the Forty-Ninth Legislature in 1945 to Prairie View University, and the school was authorized to offer, “as the need arises” all courses offered at the University of Texas.

1947 – 1966. Edward B. Evans. The eighth principal, Mr. Evans was appointed in 1947. That same year, the Fiftieth Legislature changed the name of the institution to Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

The title of principal of the college was changed to dean by the Board of Directors effective during the 1947-48 school year. However, on September 1, 1948, the title was changed to president, and on December 3, 1948, Dr. E. B. Evans, the eighth principal, was inaugurated as the first president of Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.

In December, 1958. Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical College was accepted for membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and later received full accreditation by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

1966. J. M. Drew. Following the retirement of E. B. Evans as president emeritus in 1966, Dr. J. M. Drew was appointed to the position with Dr. Drew becoming ill shortly after taking office, Dr. E. B. Evans returned to serve briefly as acting president.

1966 – 1982. Alvin I. Thomas. In November of 1966, the Board of Directors elected Alvin I. Thomas as the third president of the university. He served in this position until June of 1982. Major advances made during Dr. Thomas’ administration include the establishment of the first Naval ROTC unit at Prairie View A&M University in May of 1968. This was the first ever at a predominantly black institution.

As the university’s centennial approached, the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, at the request of President Thomas, appointed a Centennial Planning Council charged with formulating a university master plan for the 1970s. As an outgrowth of this plan and recommendations to the state legislature, the name of the institution was changed to Prairie View A&M University in 1973, and its status as an independent unit of The Texas A&M University System, was reconfirmed. In 1980-81, a building in the Texas Medical Center complex was purchased and renovated for the clinical division of the College of Nursing. In 1981-82, broadcasting began from newly constructed facilities of FCC-approved KPVU-FM on campus.

1982. Ivory V. Nelson. Upon Dr. Thomas’ resignation in 1982, Dr. Ivory Nelson served as acting president from June 1982 to January 1983.

1983 – 1989 Percy A. Pierre. On January 27, 1983, Dr. Percy A. Pierre was appointed the fourth president of Prairie View A&M University. In November 1984, the State Constitution was amended to name Prairie View A&M University as an “institution of the first class” and to give it an equitable share of the proceeds of the Permanent University Fund.

New educational directions were taken in the pursuit of academic excellence through the establishment of the new Benjamin Banneker Honors College. The physical development of the campus proceeded according to the Master Plan of August 1984, which sought to enhance the historic part of the campus through new building construction, renovations, and exterior construction and landscaping. Dr. Pierre resigned in May, 1989.

1989. Milton R. Bryant. From June 1989 to December 1989, Dr. Milton R. Bryant served as interim president.

1989. Milton R. Bryan. From June 1989 to June 1989, interim president.

1989 – 1994. Julius Wesley Becton, Jr. On December 18, 1989, Lt. General (Ret.) Julius Wesley Becton, Jr., the first alumnus to become president, was appointed fifth president. The University's fiscal integrity was strengthened; research capability as evidenced by the growth of funded research to over \$6 million dollars was expanded; and collaborations and partnerships with other universities, corporations, and agencies were expanded. New academic programs, such as the master of arts in counseling and acquisition of new program accreditation in computer science, exemplified the sustained commitment to academic excellence.

Effective August 31, 1994 General Becton retired as President Emeritus with the distinction of Honorary Doctorate approved by the Board of Regents, The Texas A&M University System.

1994. Harold S. Bonner. Until the arrival of the new president, Dr. Harold S. Bonner served as acting president.

1994 – 2002. Charles A. Hines. In October 1994, Dr. Charles A. Hines was appointed sixth president of Prairie View A&M University. Institutional quality was enhanced as evidenced by the construction of new residential housing for students; initiation of the first doctoral program, the Ph.D. in Juvenile Justice; establishment of the University College, a residential learning community for freshmen; and significant elevation of the percent of doctoral degree holders on the faculty. Dr. Hines served as president until May, 2002.

2002 – 2003. Willie A. Tempton. In May 2002, Mr. Willie A. Tempton was named interim president, and he served in the position until August 14, 2003. Under his leadership, the Ph.D. in electrical engineering began and new degree programs such as the Masters degree in accounting and computer science were implemented. All programs and facilities funded under the Texas Commitment to Prairie View A&M University, termed the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) Agreement, were rated on schedule and in full compliance with the agreement.

2003. George Carlton Wright. On August 15, 2003, Dr. George Carlton Wright was appointed seventh president of the university.

SCHEDULE OF INSTALLATION ACTIVITIES

Installation Week Calendar of Events



~ *Wednesday* ~

THE FIRST LADY LUNCHEON

11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

Wednesday, November 5, 2003

Memorial Student Center Ballroom

ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SERVICE

(a reception will follow)

5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, November 5, 2003

Memorial Student Center Auditorium



~ *Thursday* ~

ACADEMIC CONVOCATION AND INSTALLATION OF PRESIDENT WRIGHT

(a reception will follow)

10:00 A.M. - 12:00 N

William J. "Billy" Nicks Field House

Thursday, November 6, 2003

INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

(For Delegates and Special Guests)

Thursday, November 6, 2003

12:30 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Memorial Student Center Ballroom



~ *Friday* ~

WINDSHIELD TOURS OF THE CAMPUS

11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Friday, November 7, 2003

Prairie View A&M University

(Tours depart on the hour from lot #4 behind the A. I. Thomas Building)



~ *Saturday* ~

FOOTBALL GAME

8:00 p.m. kick-off

Saturday, November 8, 2003

PVAMU vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff

Reliant Astrodome (Houston, TX)

THE FIRST LADY LUNCHEON

**Wednesday, November 5, 2003
Memorial Student Center Ballroom
11:30 a.m.**

PROGRAM

**Presiding – Lorie Freeman
“Miss Prairie View” 2003-2004**

Invocation Norma Tompkins
Administrative Assistant, University Operations

Music: “It Ain’t Necessarily So” from *Porgy and Bess* Ira/George Gershwin
Clifford Gatlin, Soloist

“No Words” Rob Landes
PV Singers
A. Jan Taylor, Director
Vicki Seldon, Pianist

LUNCH IS SERVED*

Introduction of the Speaker..... Carolyn J. Nobles
Program Leader, Family and Consumer Sciences
Cooperative Extension Program

Speaker..... Laretta F. Byars
Associate Provost, Multicultural and Academic Affairs
University of Kentucky

Music: “Piercing Eyes” Joseph Haydn
Chelsi Clark, Soprano

Tribute..... Ellen Schuhmann
Friend

Special Presentation Lorie Freeman

Response Valerie E. Wright
First Lady

George Carlton Wright
President

Closing Remarks Lorie Freeman

Alma Mater: “Dear Prairie View” Audience

*Luncheon music provided by Robert Sanders, Department of Music and Drama

**ACADEMIC CONVOCATION AND INSTALLATION OF PRESIDENT
GEORGE CARLTON WRIGHT**

**Thursday, November 6, 2003
William J. "Billy" Nicks Building
10:00 a.m.**

PROGRAM

**Presiding: R. H. (Steve) Stevens, Jr.
Member, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System**

Prelude: Rondeau.....*Joseph Mouret*
Danny R. Kelley, Organist

The Academic Processional: War March of the Priests (*Athalia*)..... *Felix Mendelssohn*

Invocation Charles H. Lewter, IV
Dean, Johnson-Phillip All Faiths Chapel

Music: "This Little Light of Mine" *arr. Moses Hogan*
The University Concert Chorale
Lawrence Williams and Phylnette Harrison, Soloists
A. Jan Taylor, Director

Welcome and Salutations R. H. (Steve) Stevens, Jr.
From the Office of the Governor, The State of Texas
From the Board of Regents, The Texas A&M University System

Greetings

Administration and Staff..... E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Faculty..... Evelyn E. Thornton
Speaker, Faculty Senate

Students..... Hendrick Maison
President, Student Government Association

Alumni Johnny I. Younger, Sr.
Vice President, Prairie View A&M University
National Alumni Association

Corporate Community Ernest Collins
Marketing Specialist, ExxonMobil

City of Prairie View and Community Frank Jackson
Mayor

Music: "Gloria" (*First Movement*) *John Rutter*
The University Concert Chorale, Brass Ensemble and Percussion
A. Jan Taylor, Conducting

Special Tributes

William Cunningham
Former Chancellor
University of Texas System

Sheila Jackson-Lee
U.S. House of Representatives

Leonard Spearman
U. S. Department of Education

Garnet F. Coleman
Texas House of Representatives

Glenn Lewis
Texas House of Representatives

Joseph D. Deshotel
Texas House of Representatives

Ruth Jones McClendon
Texas House of Representatives

Glenn Hegar
Texas House of Representatives

Installation of the President

Presentation of George Carlton Wright
as the Seventh President of Prairie View A&M University
and the Charge Benton Cocanougher
Interim Chancellor
The Texas A&M University System

Presentation of the Symbols of Office R. H. (Steve) Stevens, Jr.
Assisted by E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
and Vivian Spikes, Vice President, SGA

Presidential Medallion, The Texas A&M University System
Presidential Medallion, Prairie View A&M University
Prairie View A&M University Mace

Presidential Address George Carlton Wright
President, Prairie View A&M University

Music: "Climb Every Mountain" Richard Rogers
Brenda Wimberly, Soprano
Instructor, Fayetteville State University
PVAMU Class of 1979

**Recognition of Delegates
and Special Representatives** Edward W. Martin
Dean Emeritus, College of Arts and Sciences

Alma Mater: "Dear Prairie View" *Sibelius-Fuller*

Benediction Charles H. Lewter, IV

Recessional:* "Pomp and Circumstance" *Sir Edward Elgar*

*Audience is requested to remain seated during the processional and recessional.

ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesday, November 5, 2003

Memorial Student Center Auditorium

5:30 p.m.

**Presiding: The Reverend Charles H. Lewter, IV
Dean, Johnson-Phillip All Faiths Chapel**

“Prelude and Fugue in A Minor” by J.S. Bach
Dr. Danny R. Kelley, Organist

Call To Worship..... Derron H. Robinson
Chapel Assistant - Johnson-Phillip All Faiths Chapel

Invocation Reverend James Burkart
St. Katharine Drexel Parish Catholic Church

Reading of Scriptures

The Old Testament..... Reverend Kabamba Kiboko
Bethlehem United Methodist Church

The New Testament Reverend Charles Washington
Antioch Missionary Baptist Church

Hymn of Praise: “Lift Every Voice and Sing” James Weldon Johnson
Congregation

Greetings Reverend W. Edward Lockett
Metropolitan Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

Musical Selection..... University Concert Chorale
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. by Mack Wilbert
Mrs. A. Jan Taylor, Director

Introduction of the Speaker..... Reverend Charles H. Lewter, IV
Dean of the Chapel

Ecumenical Address..... Dr. Benjamin Stanley Baker
Pastor, New Light Baptist Church
Detroit, Michigan

Musical Selection..... University Concert Chorale
“My Soul’s Been Anchored in the Lord” arr. by Moses Hogan

Remarks Dr. George Carlton Wright
President

Alma Mater: “Dear Prairie View” Audience

Benediction Brother John Brandon
Church of Christ

ORDER OF THE PROCESSIONAL

SECTION ONE

The Chief Marshal – *Marion Henry*
The Bearer of the Colors & Mace

SECTION TWO

The Marshal – *M. Paul Mehta*
Members of The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System Officials
The Representatives from Governmental and Other Organizations

SECTION THREE

The Marshal – *Lee Henderson*
Delegates
Learned Societies
Colleges and Universities
K-12 Partners

SECTION FOUR

The Marshal – *Elaine Rodney*
The Faculty and Professional Staff
of Prairie View A&M University

SECTION FIVE

The Marshal – *Reginald Bachus*
Honor Societies

SECTION SIX

The Marshal – *Elizabeth Noel*
The President's Party

INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

Thursday, November 6, 2003

Memorial Student Center Ballroom

12:30 p.m.

PROGRAM

**Presiding – Danny R. Kelley, Head
Department of Music and Drama**

Occasion..... Betty Adams
Dean, College of Nursing

Expression of Thanksgiving Elozia Costillo
Freshman Music Major

Music: “*O Mistress Mine*” Roger Quilter
Shawn Thorns, Baritone

LUNCH IS SERVED

Toasts to Dr. and Mrs. George Carlton Wright

Jerry Gaston
Deputy Chancellor
Texas A&M University System

Robert D. King
Professor of Linguistics
University of Texas at Austin

Ricardo Romo, President
University of Texas at San Antonio

Terry Birdwhistell
Director, Ford Research Center
and Public Policies Archives
University of Kentucky

Music: “Bess You Is My Woman Now” from *Porgy and Bess*..... George Gershwin
Brenda Wimberly, Soprano
Leon Turner, Bass-Baritone

Mary Ridgway
Director, Center for Community Service
University of Texas Arlington

Rev. Dwight McKissic
Pastor, Cornerstone Baptist Church
Arlington, Texas

Albert Broussard
Professor of History
Texas A&M University

Don Byars
Associate Director
Office of Undergraduate Admissions
University of Kentucky

Ellen Schuhmann
Friend

Response President and Mrs. George C. Wright

Acknowledgments and Recognitions..... Willie F. Trotty
Vice President for Research

Closing Remarks E. Joahanne Thomas-Smith
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

An appropriate costume is a necessary part of the academic procession. The costume includes a cap, a gown, and a hood. Each part of the costume has special significance. The most common head-piece (or cap) for the ceremony is the black square, flat-topped, or "mortar board" type with gold or black tassel. It is called a "mortar board" because it is shaped like the board of the mason which holds mortar. Recently we are seeing large velvet Tam-O-Shanter style of head pieces replacing the mortar board. Some of the velvet tams are brilliantly colored such as orange or bright blue.

The tassel on the doctor's cap is usually gold, and permanently fastened on the left side. The master's cap has a black tassel worn on the left. The bachelor's cap has a black tassel worn on the right prior to graduation then moved to the left during the ceremony.

The hood can be the most colorful part of the entire costume. The colors inside the hood are those of the college or university which is awarding the degree. The colors of the outside rim of the hood symbolizes one of the following departments of learning:

Agriculture.....	Maize
Arts, Letters, Humanities.....	White
Commerce, Accountancy, Business	Drab
Dentistry	Lilac
Economics	Copper
Education.....	Light Blue
Engineering.....	Orange
Fine Arts, including Architecture	Brown
Forestry.....	Russett
Geography	Blue and Green
Home Economics.....	Golden Yellow
Journalism.....	Crimson
Industrial Education.....	Light Blue
Law	Purple
Library Science.....	Lemon
Medicine	Green
Music	Pink
Nursing	Apricot
Oratory (Speech)	Silver Gray
Pharmacy	Olive Green
Philosophy	Dark Blue
Physical Education	Sage Green
Public Administration, including	
Foreign Service.....	Peacock Blue
Public Health	Salmon Pink
Science.....	Golden Yellow
Social Work	Citron
Technology	Golden Yellow
Theology.....	Scarlet
Veterinary Science.....	Gray

The gown is usually black. The traditional doctor's gown has velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on the regular sleeves. The master's gown has no velvet, but does have unusually long sleeves. The bachelor's gown is similar to the master's gown but has regular long sleeves which tend to be pointed.

Some gowns may be in color of the department granting the degree, such as "Education Blue." Others may be "Yale Blue" or "Harvard Crimson" for the graduates of these universities.

THE MACE

The mace is an ancient symbol of authority which is carried by the marshal ahead of the academic procession. The mace for Prairie View A&M University is four feet long and contains four bronze figures atop a Honduras mahogany base which tapers to fit into its stand. The four figures are symbolic of the four undergraduate academic years. Within the hollow area beneath the figures, and shared equally, is a flame which denotes knowledge and excellence. The base which serves as a grip and is carried by a faculty member, symbolizes the entire faculty; the stand which supports the mace characterizes the administration. The visual impact of the mace as a whole is "torch-like." The eight tassels represent the academic organization of the University.

THE MEDALLION

The President's Medallion, the official symbol of the Office of the President at Prairie View A&M University, was created especially to commemorate the lineage of the Presidency by the late Mr. Frank Hayden, nationally famous sculptor and Professor of Fine Arts at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The first medallion was presented to Dr. Percy A. Pierre, fourth president of Prairie View A&M University, on March 21, 1985.

The medallion is designed to be worn with academic regalia at all official University programs. Abstract figures, representing the ten academic disciplines in an attitude of celebration, encircle the outer rim. The inner circle symbolizes the pursuit of excellence throughout four years of teaching and learning. The weave of the chain is the facsimile of that used by the ancient Greeks.

A replica will be presented to each subsequent President during his inauguration. The medallion will ultimately reflect the history of the presidency, revealing names and dates of inauguration.

DELEGATES AND SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES

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|------|---|------|---|
| 1701 | <p>Yale University
<i>Edward A. Hirs, III</i>
Alumnus</p> | 1872 | <p>Paul Quinn College
<i>Weldon J. Walton</i>
Honors College</p> |
| 1764 | <p>Brown University
<i>Beverly Ledbetter</i>
Vice President and General Counsel</p> | 1875 | <p>Huston-Tillotson College
<i>Azie Taylor Morton</i></p> |
| 1820 | <p>Indiana University at Bloomington
<i>Gloria Randle Scott</i>
Alumna</p> | 1876 | <p>The John Hopkins University
<i>Ralph S. O'Conner</i>
Trustee Emeritus & Alumnus</p> |
| 1831 | <p>University of Alabama
<i>Joe H. Saueressig</i>
Alumnus</p> | 1876 | <p>Texas A&M University
<i>William L. Perry</i>
Vice Provost</p> |
| 1838 | <p>Duke University
<i>Stephen D. Baker</i>
Alumnus</p> | 1883 | <p>Blinn College
<i>Donald E. Voelter</i>
President</p> |
| 1845 | <p>Baylor University
<i>James Bennighof</i>
Vice Provost for Academic Administration
<i>Jaffus Hardrick</i>
Assistant Vice President for Human
Resource Services and Vice Provost</p> | 1883 | <p>University of Texas at Austin
<i>Larry R. Faulkner</i>
President</p> |
| 1849 | <p>Austin College
<i>Keith Johnston</i>
Alumnus</p> | 1889 | <p>Texas A&M University-Commerce
<i>Keith D. McFarland</i>
President</p> |
| 1854 | <p>Lincoln University
<i>Ivory V. Nelson</i>
President</p> | 1891 | <p>Rice University
<i>Roland B. Smith, Jr.</i>
Associate Provost</p> |
| 1865 | <p>University of Kentucky
<i>Lauretta F. Byars</i>
Associate Provost for Multicultural and
Academic Affairs</p> | 1894 | <p>Texas College
<i>Jean D. Fitts</i>
Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs</p> |
| 1867 | <p>Howard University
<i>Lynwood Randolph</i>
Alumnus
<i>Donald Gardner</i>
Alumnus</p> | 1895 | <p>University of Texas at Arlington
<i>Jeanne Gerlach</i>
Dean, College of Education</p> |
| 1869 | <p>Purdue University
<i>Alysa C. Rollock</i>
Vice President for Human Relations</p> | 1897 | <p>Langston University
<i>Ernest Holloway</i>
President</p> |
| 1869 | <p>Tougaloo College
<i>Stanley Weakley, Sr.</i>
Alumnus</p> | 1898 | <p>St. Phillips College
<i>Angie Runnels</i>
President</p> |
| 1872 | <p>Paul Quinn College
<i>Beverly L. Downing</i>
Vice President for Academic Affairs</p> | 1899 | <p>Tarleton State University
<i>Dennis P. McCabe</i>
President</p> |
| | | 1901 | <p>Texas Woman's University
<i>Betty Henderson</i>
Assistant Professor & Coordinator
RN Program</p> |
| | | 1904 | <p>Bethune Cookman College
<i>Rudolph Ford</i></p> |

DELEGATES AND SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES

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|------|---|------|--|
| 1915 | Xavier University
<i>Edmond Broussard</i>
Alumnus | 1969 | University of Texas at Dallas
<i>Larry D. Terry</i>
Executive Vice Provost |
| 1925 | Texas A&M University-Kingsville
<i>Thomas R. Jackson, Jr.</i>
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<i>Robert Mulcahy</i>
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Dean, College of Business |
| 1946 | LeTourneau University
<i>Dawn A. Rodak</i>
Director Houston Educational Center | 1971 | University of Houston – Clear Lake
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Senior Vice President and Provost |
| 1947 | Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
<i>Robert R. Furgason</i>
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Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs | 1972 | Austin Community College
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Associate Vice President
Academic Education |
| 1947 | Texas Southern University
<i>Charlene Evans</i>
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Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs
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Senior Vice President of Enrollment Management and Planning | 1972 | North Harris Montgomery
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<i>David Sam</i>
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| 1965 | Tarrant County College
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Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost |
| 1965 | Texas A&M University at Galveston
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Assistant Vice President for Administration | 1979 | San Jacinto College-South
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Vice President of Instruction |
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Vice President for Administration | 1988 | Tomball College
<i>Raymond M. Hawkins</i>
President |
| 1966 | University of North Texas
Health Science Center at Fort Worth
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Associate Director, Outreach | 1999 | A&M System Health Science Center
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President and Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs |
| 1969 | Texas A&M International University
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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,
Thy children we our love and pride confessing,
We'll love Thee now, and through eternity.

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