Parents and Guardians Convocation Exercises - August 1980

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Fourteenth Annual...

Parents and Guardians Convocation

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PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY
(A part of the Texas A&M University System)
and
PRAIRIE VIEW ASSOCIATION OF
PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

THEME: "Partners in Producing Productive People"

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 1980
8:30 A.M.-5:00 P.M.
HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION BUILDING
PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS
Historically, Prairie View A&M University has distinguished itself as an institution designed to serve the needs of Texas, the Nation and many areas of the world. Throughout the early years, Prairie View served Black students, particularly, and its many programs were aimed at building and improving Black communities.

More recently, the University has been called upon to provide open access to higher education for individuals regardless of race, age, creed, color, cultural distinction, national origin or physical handicap. At the same time, the societal mission of the institution has broadened. The University has constantly sought to achieve excellence and has continued to effectively relate to the needs of students and parents.

While other institutions have grown impersonal and have moved farther away from students and parents, Prairie View has continued to establish avenues which lead to a closer relationship with both parents and students. The establishment of the Prairie View Association of Parents and Guardians in 1968 is an example of this endeavor.

The primary objective of the Prairie View Association of Parents and Guardians is to sensitize parents to the needs of students as well as to afford an opportunity for parents to assist the institution in meeting these needs. Parents have responded to this mission in three ways: (1) By becoming acquainted with the program of the University, (2) By understanding the role of the program in the personal and educational development of their sons and daughters, and (3) By supporting the University in its efforts to provide a quality program of educational activities for each student.

Since its inception, the Prairie View Association of Parents and Guardians has kept parents informed of the growth and development of the University, as well as of its needs. The participation of parents in university affairs has been encouraged through the design of special activities and programs. These activities and programs include the Parents Convocation which is held at the opening of school in the Fall and the Annual Spring Parents Day Conference. Parents have also had an opportunity to contribute financially through their contributions to the University Development Fund.

The Prairie View Association of Parents and Guardians will continue to envision programs in which the goals of both the University, students and parents can be met. The University will also continue to successfully relate to these goals.

As an institution established to meet the needs of Black Americans, and as one now serving a predominantly minority clientele, Prairie View A&M University is undoubtedly meeting a special need of society. The success of the institution's service record is evidenced in its growth and development. Very few would deny that Prairie View A&M University has served well in its multiplicity of functions.
PARENTS CONVOCATION

8:30-10:50 A.M. REGISTRATION ...............Field House Rotunda
   Student Advisement
   Listing of Books and Prices
   Financial Aid Information
   General Academic Information

11:00 A.M. 12:00 M. RELIGIOUS WORSHIP ............Field House
   THE REVEREND W. VAN JOHNSON, Dean of Chapel
   Prairie View A&M University

NOTE.—1:00-3:00 P.M. REGISTRATION CLOSED

12:15-1:15 P.M. LUNCHEON .........................Alumni Hall
   (Parents, Students, Faculty Eat Together)

1:30-3:00 P.M. SPECIAL CONVOCATION
   WITH THE PRESIDENT Hobart Taylor Hall
   Presiding: NATALIE MCKINNEY
   (Miss Prairie View, 1980-81)

   PRELUDE ..................................Music Department

   INVOCATION ..............................BROTHER ROBERT HARPER
   Minister of Church of Christ
   Prairie View, Texas

   MUSICAL SELECTION ......................Music Department

   GREETINGS:
   Student Senate ..........................MARcia BOBBIN
   Memorial Center Board .................KEITH GREEN
   Greek Letter Organizations .............NANCY THOMAS
   Women’s Council .........................CARLA NICKERSON
   Athletics ...............................SHELIA LA BORNE
   Junior Fellow Organization .............QUINTON BULLOCK
   United Men’s Congress ...................QUINN JENKINS
   Parents of the Year ....................MRS. DORIS RUCKER

   MUSICAL SELECTION ......................Music Department

   INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER NATALIE MCKINNEY
   (Miss Prairie View, 1980-81)

   SPECIAL CONVOCATION ADDRESS ...........DR. A. I. THOMAS
   President, Prairie View A&M University

   ANNOUNCEMENTS .........................MRS. DELIA M. HUNT

   ALMA MATER (See Back Page) .............Music Department

   BENEDICTION ............................BROTHER ROBERT HARPER

3:00-5:00 P.M. RECEPTION .......................President’s Campus House

5:30-6:30 P.M. DINNER

NOTE.—2:45-5:00 P.M. REGISTRATION PROCEDURE
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 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