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Annual Fall Convocation



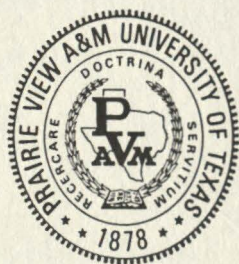
Progress Through Teaching, Research and Extension

Wednesday, October 31, 1990

2:00 P.M.

University Field House

**Prairie View A&M University
Prairie View, Texas**



Prairie View is an institution — a public institution. But an institution is an empty thing without the beating hearts and yearning souls of mortal men. And down the . . . years of Prairie View's existence, men have lived and dreamed here until every blade of grass and every rock, in the wise primordial way in which the primitive earth knows and cares, has joined the choir invisible to bless their memory. "For every man whose foot has touched this hallowed soil has found a spirit, and has broadened and deepened it until what started out as an ambitionless meandering stream has become a purposeful river upon whose tide, now turbulent, now tranquil, floats the destiny of countless human hopes and dreams."

— Dr. George R. Woolfolk

THE FIRST SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS

General Colin L. Powell Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff Department of Defense Washington, D.C.



General Colin L. Powell was appointed the Twelfth Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense, by President George Bush on October 1, 1989. In this capacity, he serves as the principal military advisor to the President, the Secretary of Defense, and the National Security Council. Prior to his current assignment, General Powell served as Commander in Chief, Forces Command, headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. He also served as Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs from December 1987 to January 1989.

General Powell was born in New York City on April 5, 1937, and was raised in the South Bronx section of New York. He graduated from the City College of New York in 1958, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Regular Army through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program.

After finishing Infantry Officer's Basic Training, and Airborne and Ranger Schools, he was assigned to Germany, where he served as a Platoon Leader, Executive Officer and Rifle Company Commander. General Powell went to Vietnam in late 1962, and served as an advisor to a Vietnamese Infantry Battalion.

General Powell returned to Vietnam in 1968 serving as an Infantry Battalion Executive Officer and Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, 23rd Infantry Division (Americal). In 1971, he earned a Master of Business Administration Degree from George Washington University. In 1972, General Powell was selected to be a White House Fellow, and served his fellowship year as Special Assistant to the Deputy Director of the Office of the President.

In 1973, he assumed command of the 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry in Korea. Upon completion of the National War College in 1976, he assumed command of the 2d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

In 1977, General Powell returned to Washington to serve in the Immediate Office of the Secretary of Defense. Over the next three years, he served as Senior Military Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense. For a brief period in 1979, he served as Executive Assistant to the Secretary of Energy.

In 1981, General Powell became the Assistant Division Commander for Operations and Training, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Carson, Colorado. In 1983, he returned to Washington to serve as Senior Military Assistant to Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger. In July 1986, he assumed command of the V U.S. Corps in Frankfurt, Federal Republic of Germany.

His military awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal with two oak leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Service Medal (Army), the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Soldier's Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, the Air Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Purple Heart. General Powell has received the President's Citizens Medal, the Secretary of State Distinguished Service Medal, and the Secretary of Energy Distinguished Service Medal.

General Powell is married to the former Alma Vivian Johnson, and they have three children: Michael, Linda, and Annemarie.

MILITARY SALUTE
Blackshear Field
11:00 A.M.
SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

FORMATION OF UNITS

OFFICIAL PARTY ARRIVES

PLAYING OF HONORS and BATTERY SALUTE

CADET CREED

INSPECTION OF UNITS

HONORS TO THE NATION

REMARKS BY GENERAL COLIN POWELL

RESPONSE BY LTG (RET) JULIUS W. BECTON, JR.

US ARMY SONG

US NAVY SONG

US MARINE CORPS HYMN

US AIR FORCE SONG

CONCLUSION

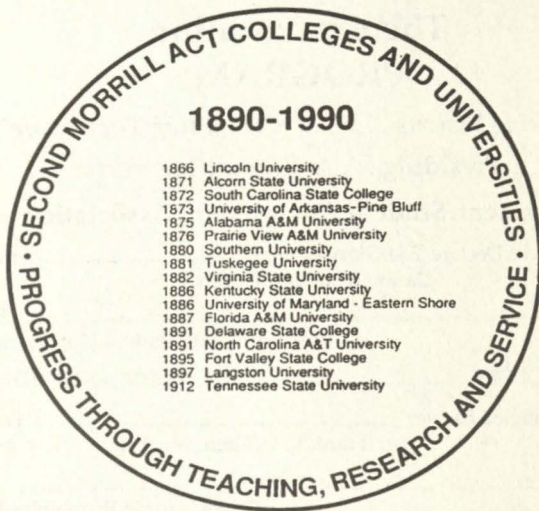
The Convocation PROGRAM

"Linking Visions Shaping The Future"

Presiding . . . A. Ramon Thomas

President, Student Government Association

- PRELUDE: The Heavens Declare The Glory of God" Benedetto Marcello
Danny R. Kelley, Organist
- INVOCATION Adrienne Hayes
Vice President, Student Government Association
- POSTING OF THE COLORS AROTC and NROTC Color Guard
- MUSIC: "The Star Spangled Banner" Francis Scott Key
Frank L. Hallum, Mr. Prairie View A&M University
- THE OCCASION Melanie Ellis
Senior, Home Economics-Merchandising
- MUSIC: "Psalm and Alleluia" Marvin Curtis
University Concert Choir
- INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER Julius W. Becton, Jr. '60
President, Prairie View A&M University
- ADDRESS General Colin L. Powell
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
Department of Defense
Washington, D.C.
- RESPONSE Lt. General Calvin A. H. Waller '59
Commanding General, I Corps
Ft. Lewis, Washington
- MUSIC: "Festivo" Vaclav Nelhybel
University Marching Band and 2nd Armored Division Band
- PRESENTATIONS
The Army ROTC CDT/LTC Zackary Jarmon
The Navy ROTC MIDN/CMDR Alfred Marshall
Prairie View A&M University Jolie McKeel
Miss Prairie View A&M University
- AWARDING OF HONORARY DEGREE Julius W. Becton, Jr. '60
President, Prairie View A&M University
- MUSIC: "Rockin' Jerusalem" André J. Thomas
University Concert Choir
- RECOGNITION OF GUESTS Linda Willis
Assistant Administrator for Home Economics
Cooperative Extension Program
- ANNOUNCEMENTS Kenneth Haley '84
Instructor, English and Foreign Languages
- ALMA MATER: "Dear Prairie View" Fuller-Sibelius
- RETIRING OF THE COLORS AROTC and NROTC Color Guard
- BENEDICTION Rev. Cube Charleston '61



Legislation Creating 1890 Land-Grant Colleges & Universities

In 1862 the United States Congress passed the first Morrill Act to establish land-grant universities (one in each state) for teaching agriculture, home economics and mechanic arts to the working and industrial classes. The Morrill Act promoted the philosophy that all citizens, regardless of social and economic class, should have equal access to higher education.

On August 30, 1890 Congress signed into law a Second Morrill Act with the stipulation that blacks should have equal access to higher education. Seventeen southern and bordering states agreed to establish separate institutions for blacks. Much later, West Virginia rescinded its land-grant status while Tuskegee University was afforded all the privileges stipulated in the 1890 Act. Today, seventeen 1890 Land-Grant Colleges and Universities are located in sixteen states.

During the period October 1, 1989 through December 31, 1990, the 1890 Land-Grant Colleges and Universities will celebrate their centennial anniversary. The Centennial Seal commemorating the passage of the Second Morrill Act is depicted on the program cover. The eternal flame on the seal represents the enduring commitment of the 1890 colleges and universities to the ideal of progress through teaching, research and extension. The radiant beams . . . emitted by the torch suggest the far-reaching consequences of the contributions of these colleges and universities to their communities. Certainly the 1890 Land-Grant Colleges and Universities can be proud of A Century of Progress through Teaching, Research, and Extension.

During 1990, Prairie View A&M University celebrates 112 years in the land grant tradition, having benefitted from both the 1862 and 1890 Morrill Acts. Established in 1876 by the Fifteenth Legislation of the State of Texas as the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas for Colored Youths, the University opened its doors to eight young men in 1878.

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.

Words by O. ANDERSON FULLER
Music from "Finlandia" by Sibelius