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DR B L PERRY, PRESIDENT
CARE DR GRACE MAXWELL
FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY
TALLAHASSEE FL 32307

DEAR DR PERRY,
CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF BENJAMIN L PERRY APPRECIATION DAY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF FAMU IS TO BE COMMENDED FOR WISDOM
AND LOYALTY IN PAYING TRIBUTE TO AN ALUMNUS WHO HAS PERFORMED A
WONDERFUL JOB AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNIVERSITY DURING A MOST
CHALLENGING PERIOD PEARL AND I JOIN YOUR MANY FRIENDS IN UNDERSCORING
YOUR ACHIEVEMENT LONG MAY YOU LIVE AND CONTINUE TO SERVE THE BEST
INTEREST OF US ALL SORRY WE CAN'T BE WITH YOU IN PERSON
SINCERELY

GEORGE W GORE JR
PRESIDENT EMERITUS

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APPRECIATION DAY CONVOCATION

FOR

Benjamin Luther Perry, Jr.

President, Florida A&M University



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1976
10:00 A.M.

Lee Hall Auditorium

Sponsored by The Student Government Association

PURPOSE

The month of February has been officially proclaimed as National Black History Month. It is during this time that millions of Black Americans look to the past and give acclaim to those who made significant contributions to the cause of Black people.

In conjunction with Black History Month, the Student Government Association has endeavored to make the present more worthwhile to those living among us who have made significant contributions to the cause of Florida A&M University, the community, and humanity in general.

The individual who is the recipient of this recognition was so chosen for his overall service rendered to the FAMU community in almost every aspect of its existence.

Giving praise where praise is due, the Student Government Association of Florida A&M University proudly proclaims February 26, 1976 as official Benjamin Luther Perry, Jr. Day.

BENJAMIN L. PERRY'S APPRECIATION DAY

Presiding, Horace Baldwin, Vice President of SGA

Prelude	Symphonic Band
Invocation	Rev. C. K. Steele Pastor, Bethel Baptist Church
Selection	Symphonic Band
Occasion	Rep. Don Tucker Speaker of Florida House of Representatives
Reflections	Mrs. Irene DeCoursey Associate Professor of Education (Ret.)
Solo	Ms. Ellen Godwin
Introductory Speaker	Mrs. Alice Peacock Reading Specialists, Leon High School
Awards	Mr. Thomas Battles
Remarks	Ms. Alice Allen President of Student Government Association
Alma Mater	Audience
Benediction	Rev. Ira Hinson Pastor, Bethel A. M. E. Church
Postlude	

ALMA MATER

College of love and charity,
We gather 'round thy noble shrine;
We lift our voice in praise to thee,
And ask a blessing all devine.

CHORUS

FAM-U! FAMU-U! I love thee
I'll fight and win what'er the battle be,
The Orange and the Green thy Sons shall e'er defend
And loyal to thy voice of love attend
FAM-U! FAM-U! FAM-U! I love the!

On gridiron, diamond, track and field.
Thy sons the vic'try never yield—
And while they tread a broader life
Thy love shall stay them in the strife.

CHORUS

God ever keep us true to thee;
Thy faith that truth shall make men free,
Shall guide thy loyal sons aright
And fend them thru' the skeptic night.

CHORUS

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

February 26, 1976

Dr. Benjamin L. Perry, Jr.
President
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Tallahassee, Florida 32307

Dear Dr. Perry:

This little missive is purposed to express the love, faith and admiration of the members, officers and pastor of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church for you. You are a native son of not only the State of Florida but also of our fair city Tallahassee.

Our church has watched you grow from nursery school age to full manhood and into the presidency of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. Your load has been heavy, your problems have been stubborn and many; but you have stood tall and straight; and by the help of our Father's God you have been and you are a blessing indeed to our entire city and state.

Yes, we salute you today. We pray that God will continue to give you the health, wisdom, faith and courage to, like proud of old, finish your course; and then and only then be gathered with our father in a bright and glorious promised tomorrow.

Yours lovingly,

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. C. K. Steele
Reverend C. K. Steele, Pastor

Mrs. Piccola G. Randolph
Mrs. Piccola G. Randolph, Clerk

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BENJAMIN L. PERRY, JR., PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 9, 1976

Dr. George W. Gore, Jr.
President Emeritus
Florida A and M University
1211 Meharry Boulevard
Nashville, Tennessee 37209

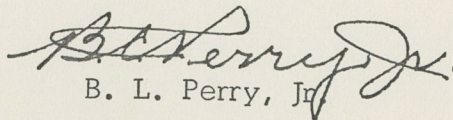
Dear President Gore:

I take this opportunity to express my most sincere thanks for your participation in the "Appreciation Day" for me, recently sponsored by the Student Government Association here at Florida A and M University. This was a very heartwarming, inspiring, exciting, and enjoyable occasion for me, and your expressions helped to make it so.

While I am most grateful for the recognition accorded me, I must acknowledge the large measure of encouragement and support that I have received during my tenure as president, from our fine student body, loyal and dedicated faculty, staff, administrators, and alumni; as well as from other wonderful people who comprise organizations such as yours.

Again, thank you for the beautiful message, via telegram, of encouragement and commendations. I will continue to make every effort to be worthy of this recognition, and solicit your continued prayers and support as we work together to maintain a truly great institution.

Sincerely,


B. L. Perry, Jr.

BLPjr/blc

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BENJAMIN L. PERRY, JR., PRESIDENT

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July 2, 1976

Reverend C. K. Steele, Pastor
Bethel Baptist Church
Post Office Box 1003
Tallahassee, Florida

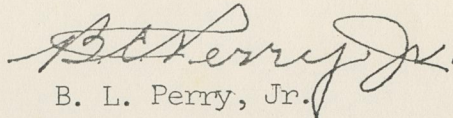
Dear Reverend Steele:

Your letter dated February 26, 1976, reached my office on June 18. I am assuming that you intended it to reach me in time for the "B. L. Perry, Jr., Appreciation Day" given by the Student Government Association; however, it is always heartwarming and timely when I receive a letter of this nature.

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cc: Mrs. Piccola G. Randolph