

The attached statements were made to students, prospective students, parents, secondary school representatives, and members of the University of Alabama staff in Huntsville by Charley Scott on May 16, 1964. Several have indicated that these statements may be useful to others who did not hear them. Any changes, corrections, or additions to these statements that may improve the presentation that all of us should be making as a result of the announcement of Dr. Rose on May 12 will be appreciated by the author of these statements.

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As the state University of Alabama, the University of Alabama is committed to provide the needs in education of the citizens of Alabama, and it does this within the resources available to it while maintaining excellence in its every undertaking. The University of Alabama can do no less than meet the challenges which face it while holding competence as the basis for building. A challenge has existed in Huntsville for the providing of higher education opportunities at all levels with considerable emphasis on the scientific and technological programs. In the words of Dr. Frank A. Rose, President of the University of Alabama, in his 1963 state of the University address to the faculty, "The problems of the present and the future are staggering and sometimes bewildering; but this University has the resources - human and material - to accept the challenge; and we will."

On Tuesday, May 12, Dr. Rose gave tangible evidence to indicate that his statement was more than idle words.

To quote Dr. Rose again,

"The next step will be to offer in the Fall Quarter, 1964, a full time day program for a substantial number of beginning freshmen.... Further, the University envisions establishing a program allowing students to complete at the Huntsville campus all the requirements for a degree." The content of these and other statements in the announcement commit the University to the following situations:

(1) With the opening of the Fall quarter of 1964, sufficient classes will be provided for full time students to begin an undergraduate college career on a full time basis.

(2) Classes will continue to be provided during the year to make possible the completion of a freshman year by those students during the 1964-65 school year.

(3) Expansion of the present program will take place during the day hours to meet the needs of the full time students.

(4) By the time that those students who enroll as full time freshman should normally receive a degree, the University will have provided the opportunities for students to obtain a degree in residence in Huntsville in a limited number of areas.

(5) With the build up of faculty and facilities to carry out degree programs for the enrolling full time students, the same opportunities will become available to the part time students now enrolled or who will enroll in the future.

Let us look at these commitments again.

1. At an earlier date a survey was made in three of the local high schools that indicated to us considerable interest in the development of a full time program for next year. A survey of the presently enrolled students indicated that already we have some full time students (about 40) even though we have slanted our program to the part time student. Our present plans are developing such that we have concluded that 100-125 students can be handled on a full time basis this fall. We will of necessity have to operate with a limited enrollment from the beginning. We do not plan to be selective in the choice of students but will provide for the first ones that are acceptable based on the admission standards of the University of Alabama. These admission standards will be the same as those utilized throughout the University of Alabama, and they have been increasing in minimum qualifications as the years have gone by. The University of Alabama is interested in being assured that an admitted student can do good work and that he wants to get an education. On the Tuscaloosa campus the students speak of the "The New Student" that has evolved under the the administration of Dr. Rose as a result of changing standards of admission and a changing academic atmosphere. Because of facility requirements and faculty build up, we may have to disappoint some who desire to enter the Huntsville campus of the University of Alabama in September of 1964. We will provide classes for those that we feel we can adequately handle.

2. Those students who enter the program in 1964 are assured that during this year classes will be available to permit them to obtain all courses of a freshman year in some areas and the equivalent of a freshmen year in other areas.

3. We are striving to complete arrangements that will make possible the offering of all courses needed by the freshman full time group in the day hours. We will not restrict the day classes to full time students only nor will we restrict the full time student from evening classes which will continue.

4. Initially, degree programs are being planned in the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Engineering. In the College of Arts and Sciences, degrees will be limited to those with majors in English, history,

physics, and mathematics. Minor areas may include French, German, psychology, and sociology, dependent on the build up of faculty. Other areas will be provided as faculties become available. In the College of Engineering, some curriculum will be provided. We believe that we can carry out at least one year of planning on this curriculum without hindering the progress of a student because of the common factors that exist in the freshman programs of all curricula. Students interested in Commerce and Business Administration, in Education, and in other areas will find that the freshman year can be completed in Huntsville.

Degrees will not be awarded in 1965. However, the University is committed to the awarding of degrees in 1968, the year that the freshmen who enroll in the Fall of 1964 should normally receive a degree. We anticipate that some degree programs will be completed prior to 1968 and that the degrees will be awarded prior to 1968. The speed with which we can build up the faculty and the facilities will be the governing factor.

5. All credits that have been earned in Huntsville prior to September 1964 will be utilized in degree programs where the credits are applicable to the available degree programs in Huntsville. This fact will make possible the apparent completion very soon by some part time students of a degree program. We will accomplish this fact for the students as soon as it is academically sound procedure to do so. In our faculty build up there will be additional upper level courses made possible as we move along. These opportunities will be provided as quickly as possible.

A number of things will be different about the Huntsville Campus that is developing when it is compared to the usual concept of a university campus. We have visions of building a learning campus where an atmosphere of sincere desire to learn will prevail.

(1) Initially there will be no dormitories and eating facilities. These may be added as we go along.

(2) There will be no football team although I would envision later that physical exercise facilities will be available for competitive sports among students within the student body.

(3) There will be no fraternities and sororities.

Other differences may appear but we hope to create a serious learning atmosphere among students.

Some specific topics that will be of interest to you now may be these;

1. Admission - The admission standards will be same as those employed on the Tuscaloosa campus. You may have a copy of our 1963 catalog as long as the supply lasts. You will find admission requirements involve character, health, entrance examinations (ACT), and application fee, and supporting documents. Applications will be made direct to the registrar at the Huntsville Campus.
2. Registration - Registration in any division of the University is possible only after a prospective student has been admitted to the University and has been notified of admission. Since some time is involved and since entrance examinations are given at specific times, early application may save disappointments in September. The last entrance examination date useful for registration in September 1964 will be June 20, 1964.
3. Counseling - Counseling sessions will be scheduled during the summer for the purpose of carrying out certain testing to assure proper placing of students in courses.
4. Course Schedules - We are presently operating with the usual 3 semester hour lecture class meeting 2 clock hours a day during 2 days a week for a period of 10 weeks followed by examination periods. Course listings will be available in the summer for the Fall Quarter. We will continue our programs on this scheduling basis.
5. Class Hour Load - Students will be counseled after completion of the various placement and other tests to assume full loads that will vary from 9-13 hours/quarter dependent on the indicated abilities. Continuation of an accelerated pace will be dependent on the student's progress.
6. Grading systems, classifications of students, examinations, conduct, attendance and othe similar matters will be handled as they would be on the Tuscaloosa Campus.
7. Fees - The amount of fees will be based on the number of hours in which a student enrolls. The fees will be determined from a charge of \$15.00 per semester hour, laboratory fee of \$10.00 in laboratory

courses, and a \$3.00 general registration fee. Approximate quarterly and yearly costs are the following:

- (a) Course fees, registration fees, approximate laboratory fees, and approximate book costs for a minimum three quarter load (33 hours).....\$600.00
- (b) Same for a maximum three quarter load (38 hours).....\$700.00
- (c) Same for a maximum four quarter load (48 hours).....\$850.00