

HOST



Dedication of the

GRADUATE STUDIES
BUILDING

University of Alabama in Huntsville



THIS BUILDING WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY GENEROUS GIFTS FROM CITIZENS, BUSINESSES, AND INDUSTRIES OF THIS REGION, AND A GRANT FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES. IT WAS BUILT ON LAND DONATED BY THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE AND THE COUNTY OF MADISON AND IS DEDICATED TO THE ENRICHMENT OF OUR SOCIETY THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION.

These words inscribed on a plaque outside the Graduate Studies Building tell with simplicity how this building was funded and the purpose to which it is dedicated.

In May, 1964, Dr. Frank A. Rose, President of the University of Alabama, announced the commitment of University resources to the development of bachelor degree programs in Huntsville. It was realized that new facilities would be necessary to guarantee the success of this endeavor.

This realization inspired a community campaign to raise funds to make the developments possible. The University of Alabama Huntsville Campus Campaign was the outgrowth of a meeting between Dr. Rose and a group of local supporters of the Huntsville operations. The campaign was launched July 1, 1964, under the leadership of Mr. M. B. Spragins, chairman, and Mr. William L. Halsey, Jr., co-chairman.

Campaign groups were organized in Huntsville, Madison County, Decatur, Scottsboro, and Guntersville. A concentrated door-to-door campaign was staged by UAH students in cooperation with the city's high school seniors and members of the county's Parent Teacher Associations.

These efforts resulted in more than 2,500 individual and corporate donors whose contributions ranged from \$.10 to over \$30,000.

By December 1, contributions had reached and surpassed the original goal of \$750,000 and totaled \$895,000. Pledges announced by January 15, 1965, amounted to \$900,000.

The overwhelming success of the Huntsville Campus Campaign convinced both the State and the University of Alabama of the extensive interest of people in this region in the development of UAH; and in 1965 the University earmarked one million dollars of its legislative appropriation to the Huntsville Campus for capital improvements.

Community contributions and state appropriation, coupled with a federal grant of \$420,000 and a grant of \$49,000 from the Public School and College Authority, enabled the University not only to build and equip the building but also to purchase \$104,000 in books for the library.

Construction of Graduate Studies Building began in September, 1965. Partially occupied in late fall of 1966, the 57,000 sq. ft. building is now fully in service. The total cost of construction and equipment was \$1,260,000.

Program

Invocation	The Rev. C. David Mangham Pastor, First Alliance Church
"For The Lord Giveth Wisdom"	Jean Berger UAH Choir
Opening Remarks	Dr. Frank A. Rose President, University of Alabama, Presiding
UAH Builds	Mr. M. B. Spragins Chairman, University of Alabama Huntsville Campus Campaign Committee
UAH and the Community	Mr. W. L. Halsey, Jr. Co-Chairman, University of Alabama Huntsville Campus Campaign Committee
University of Alabama Looks Ahead	Dr. Rose
"Blessing, Glory and Wisdom and Thanks—Alleluia and Amen"	G. G. Wagner UAH Choir D. Royce Boyer, Director
Remarks of Appreciation and "UAH Looks Ahead"	Mr. H. Clyde Reeves Vice President for Huntsville Affairs
Faculty Response	Dr. James M. Horner Executive Secretary, UAH Faculty Assembly
Benediction	The Rev. Paul Clem Pastor, First Methodist Church



Graduate Studies Building is designed to provide classroom space for a variety of advanced study courses, a library facility, and special short courses and conferences. Architectural plans were drawn by the firm of Dickson, Jones, and Davis. Gresham, Williams, and Johnson Company served as general contractors.

The building includes 26 classrooms supplemented by conveniently dispersed faculty offices. Two large study areas are located on each of the three floors for the convenience of students between classes. Administrative offices are housed in a suite containing five executive offices, a large conference room, and secretarial and receptionist space. Corners on each floor of the "L" plan structure have been expanded and developed as reception areas.

A surfaced exterior of precast concrete with strong natural pebble texture and vertical rib flanking is designed to cast a strong shadow pattern in varying angles of sunlight. Adjacent to the structure is a landscaped area which includes a parking facility for 614 cars.

The location of Graduate Studies Building on a slope provides a dramatic pool reflection when viewed from across the lagoon along Sparkman Drive. The building is highlighted at night by a strong upwash of floodlighting to accent the bold vertical structure.

Donors to the University of Alabama Huntsville Campus Campaign, through their generous contributions, not only permitted the construction of this building being dedicated today, but also paved the way for the construction of other buildings.

Would that it were possible to show further appreciation by listing here the names of all the individuals, businesses, industries, and civic organizations who supported the campaign.

On this day of dedication, members of the University's administrative staff, faculty, and student body express deep appreciation to the hundreds of people who guaranteed the success of the campaign.

Your faith in UAH inspires an even greater dedication on the part of the University to the enrichment of our society through higher education.