



The University
Of Alabama
In Huntsville

Founders' Day Luncheon

29 October 1975

25th Anniversary
1950-1975

Founders' Day Program

Wednesday, October 29, 1975

11:50 A.M.

Musical Selections The UAH Village Singers
Dr. Royce Boyer, Director

Invocation The Reverend Bernard H. Ansonge
President, Greater Huntsville Ministers Association

Luncheon

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary "Sights and Sounds"

Introduction of Special Guests Dr. Joseph C. Dowdle
Vice President for Administration
The University of Alabama in Huntsville

Presentations Dr. Joseph C. Dowdle

Honorees:

Dr. John R. Morton
Dr. George W. Campbell
Dr. Philip M. Mason
Mr. H. Clyde Reeves
Dr. Benjamin B. Graves

Special Presentations Dr. Benjamin B. Graves
President
The University of Alabama in Huntsville

Musical Selections The Village Singers

2:30 P.M.

Dedication of the Ambulatory Care Center

The quarter century mark for any institution is a good time to pause and view the past with some satisfaction: the trying period of establishment is over, continuing growth is a reality, and the future is an exciting challenge.

For The University of Alabama in Huntsville, this silver anniversary year is more than satisfying. It is a shining testimonial to the best collective effort of an interested and dedicated community.

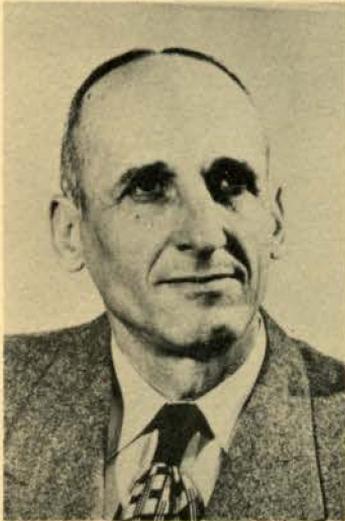
The physical expansion of UAH—coupled with outstanding academic accomplishments dating from the night classes held in the old Butler High School building to the full-time, full scale offerings on today's beautiful campus—is phenomenal in the annals of university histories.

Progress at UAH has not been kept rolling from its own momentum only. Added impetus has been given by the regional community and local and state governments, evidence being the establishment of the School of Primary Medical Care, the School of Nursing, and the Center for Environmental and Energy Studies.

Built partially on a base of science and technology to meet the local and national needs of the Nineteen Fifties and Sixties, UAH has not only maintained the lead it established in this arc, but has now completed a full circle curricula in the humanities, the arts, the social sciences, business, and in sports and student affairs.

On this Founders' Day occasion, the community joins the administration, faculty, and students in taking a breath of satisfaction on viewing the achievements and horizons of The University of Alabama in Huntsville.

**Chief Officers
1950-1975**



Dr. John R. Morton, for whom the first permanent building on the UAH campus was named, served as the first acting director from January 1950 - September 1950. Under his leadership, the 137 students who formed the initial enrollment began classes in the old Butler High School building. The student population doubled this first academic year, and the future of the school was assured.



Under the administration of Dr. George W. Campbell, first permanent director of the center, courses in arts and sciences, commerce and business administration, and engineering were added to the curricula. Cultural activities also added art, music and speech to swell the offerings for an expanding student enrollment. Dr. Campbell served as director until 1953.



Dr. Philip M. Mason gave a full decade of dedicated service during which time the Huntsville Center was brought to the 332-acre campus that was to become The University of Alabama in Huntsville. His administration saw construction of the first permanent building, creation of the Research Institute, expansion of the undergraduate program, the beginning of the graduate level programs, and a student population that topped 2,000.



H. Clyde Reeves assumed the helm in 1963 as Vice President for Huntsville Affairs. During the six years of his direction, the undergraduate faculty and programs were expanded, additional graduate degrees were approved, and ground was broken for four new buildings: Graduate Studies (now Madison Hall), Science and Engineering, the Library, and The University Union. In 1967, the center became a branch.



In 1970 Dr. Benjamin B. Graves became the first president of The University of Alabama in Huntsville. During five fast-paced years of growth, UAH has seen the establishment of the Center for Environmental and Energy Studies, the School of Nursing, and the School of Primary Medical Care. The 4,527 undergraduate and graduate students currently enrolled at UAH can expect to receive degrees in a full spectrum of academic programs and to participate in a wide range of sports and other extracurricular activities. With Dr. Graves at the head of the University, UAH has taken its place as an intellectual and cultural pacesetter in the Tennessee Valley.