

Valdosta, Georgia  
August 30, 1956

Chancellor Harmon W. Caldwell  
University System of Georgia  
244 Washington Street, S. W.  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Chancellor Caldwell:

I wish to submit herewith the annual report of Valdosta State College for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956.

FACULTY

We have had a very fine year at Valdosta State College during the past fiscal year. The opening of College brought two new staff members to the campus. Professor Spencer Jarnagin joined our group as Assistant Professor of Education and Psychology and Director of the Educational Clinic. Mr. Jarnagin holds the Bachelors degree from Mercer University and his Masters degree from Florida State University, and has had considerable work beyond the masters degree toward his Doctorate at F.S.U. He comes to us with several years experience in his field of specialization in the High Schools of our State.

The other newcomer to our Faculty was Mrs. Matilda D. Mathis, formerly a member of our Staff, who has returned after an absence of some four years as Instructor in Physical Education for Women. Both of these new staff members have done an excellent job and have made a place for themselves in the official family of Valdosta State College.

At the end of September, 1955, Mr. James E. Spear, Assistant Professor of Economics and Social Science, came to me and asked to be relieved at that time to accept a better position at the State Teachers College in Moorhead, Minnesota. Although school was underway, I told Mr. Spear that I would relieve him if I could find a suitable substitute. I was able to employ Mr. Noah Langdale, Jr., who had taught with us in 1954-55 on a part-time basis, as a full time faculty member beginning the first of October, 1955. Mr. Langdale came to us as Assistant Professor of Economics and Social Science. He holds the Bachelors Degree from the University of Alabama, of which institution he was an honor graduate. He holds the Master of Business Administration and the Bachelor of Laws Degree from Harvard University. Mr. Langdale has done an excellent job in our Economics Department. We were indeed fortunate to find such a capable young man. Mr. Spear had been with us for six years, but the administrative staff felt that he was probably the weakest member of our staff, and we certainly strengthened our department of Economics by the addition of Mr. Langdale, who replaced Professor Spear.

Miss Sarah Weems, Associate Professor of Economics, who was on leave during the Winter and Spring Quarters of 1955 returned to her duties in the Home Economics Department at the opening of the Fall Quarter. There were no other additions to our staff.

No members of our staff were on leave during the school year 1955-56. During the summer of 1955, Miss Sarah Weems, Associate Professor of Economics attended the graduate school at the University

of Tennessee, working toward the Doctorate. Mr. Spencer Jarnigan attended the summer session of Florida State University and Mr. William Gabard, Assistant Professor of History attended Tulane University for the first term of summer school.

Dr. Marjorie Carter, Associate Professor of Biology asked to be relieved of her dormitory duties at the close of the school year, 1955, and to be given full time work in the Department of Biology. As the Department of Biology was short-handed for teachers, we were glad to accommodate Dr. Carter in this way. Since Mrs. C. C. Whittle, house director in Converse Hall reached retirement age, it was necessary for us to add two new house directors at the opening of the Fall Quarter, 1955. These two ladies were chosen by the Comptroller and the Dean of Women. Mrs. Janet S. Maynard of Waycross, Georgia came to us as House Director in Converse Hall, and Mrs. Millie B. Knowles of Dublin, Georgia joined our staff as House Director in Ashley Hall. Both of these new House Directors have done very satisfactory jobs and are being continued for the school year of 1956-57.

At the close of the school year, 1956, Miss Margaret Deavor, who had served as Head of the Department of Secretarial Science for the past year, resigned to devote herself to her business interests in Umatilla, Florida. Miss Deavor was a most capable woman and did an excellent job with the secretarial science program. We regretted very much to see her leave the college faculty. She is being replaced by Miss Saralyn Sammons of Hillsboro, Georgia, a graduate of Wesleyan College;

she also holds the Masters Degree from Peabody College. Miss Sammons has had considerable experience in High School and in College work, and comes to us from the North Carolina State Womans College, Greensboro, North Carolina to head our program in secretarial science.

Mrs. Phyllis Valente, Associate Professor of English and Physical Education, who had been a member of the staff for the past ten years, resigned to go to the West Coast to attend graduate school at Washington University and to live with her blind father. Mrs. Valente was a most capable member of our faculty and we regret very much to see her leave us.

To succeed Mrs. Valente in the Department of Physical Education where she handled that part of the program dealing with the dance, we have employed Mrs. Barbara Floyd from Florida State University as temporary Instructor in Physical Education.

Since the enrollment in both the Physical Education Department and the English Department has increased to such a point that a full time person is needed in each department, we have set up a full time Assistant Professor of English to carry the work that Mrs. Valente has been carrying in English, plus the additional work that was done by part time help last year. To fill this place, we have added Mr. William M. Calhoun of Gadsden, Alabama. Mr. Calhoun is a graduate of one of the State Colleges in Alabama; holds the Masters Degree from Peabody College and is a candidate for the Doctorate at Vanderbilt. He comes to us from the faculty of the University of Houston, Houston, Texas. I believe that he is going to be a valuable addition to our staff.

Because of the increased enrollment in Chemistry and the Physical Science Surveys, we have been forced to add another staff member in that division. We are adding Professor Uno Kask as Assistant Professor of Chemistry to carry this work. Mr. Kask holds the Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from the University of Georgia and the Masters Degree from the University of Minnesota. He will begin work with the opening of the fall quarter, late in September.

Mr. Harold Thompson served on our staff for two years as Assistant Professor of Music, but was not recommended for reappointment at the close of this past school year. Mr. Thompson was a very capable musician but was at odds with the Head of the Department, and was a troublemaker with the students and certain faculty members. It seemed best not to recommend him for reappointment since he was on temporary tenure. To replace Mr. Thompson, we have added Mr. Webster Teague of Columbus, Georgia as Assistant Professor of Music. Mr. Teague, who can teach organ as well as piano, I believe will be an excellent replacement for Mr. Thompson. He holds the Bachelors Degree with a major in Music from Ouchita College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas and the Masters Degree in Music from the Florida State University with additional work toward the Doctorate beyond his Masters Degree.

The Board of Regents in the Spring authorized Valdosta State College to offer a Major in Accounting to meet the demand of the many male students that we now have. We still have not filled the new position of Assistant Professor of Accounting. I believe that we will have this place

filled though, before the opening of college.

No members of our staff reached retirement age during the past year. One retired faculty member, Dr. Lena Hawks, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics and former Academic Dean of the College died, at her home in North Carolina on April 23, 1956.

During the summer session of 1955 we had twelve faculty members carrying two courses and one faculty member carrying three courses. In addition to this, Mr. McGraw, Director of Public Relations taught one course and Mrs. Joe Wisenbaker, the Dean of Women carried one course. Professor Noah Langdale was the only regular staff member who carried only one course. Professor Noah Langdale was the only regular staff member who carried only one course during the Summer Quarter. If we consider two courses, meaning a total of four hours a day as a full load in the summer, we had the equivalent of fifteen full time instructors at work during the Summer Quarter of 1955.

During the regular session, we had twenty four full time faculty members teaching. In addition to these, the Dean of Women taught one course each quarter, and Mr. McGraw, Director of Public Relations taught one course in the Spring Quarter. Mrs. Grady Bennett, the Resident Nurse in our Infirmary carried one section of Human Biology for one Quarter. It. J. B. Harvey of Moody Field taught one section of chemistry during the fall and one section of chemistry during the Winter Quarter. Mrs. Beth McRae carried two sections of speech in the Fall Quarter and one section of English in the Spring Quarter. Mrs. Lee Bennett of our regular staff is listed as a

Part-Time Instructor in carrying a load of one course each quarter.

During the regular school year we had six full professors working at an average salary of \$5,655.55. We had twelve associate professors with an average salary of \$4,500. and five assistant professors at an average salary of \$4,110. and one instructor at \$3,000. Mrs. Lee Bennett, carrying a third of a load as Part-time Instructor in Art is not included in these statistics. In arriving at these average salaries, I have taken the salary of Dean Durrenberger and that of Professor Gabard, both of whom are on twelve months contract and have subtracted one fifth for their summer work to arrive at their salary for the nine months term.

The dropping of the program in Home Economics because of low enrollment, terminated the employment of Miss Sarah Weems, Associate Professor of Home Economics. Every effort was made to help her find employment elsewhere.

I am indeed pleased with the work of our faculty and I do not believe that there is any unit in the System that has a harder working faculty and a faculty with higher academic standards than the faculty of Valdosta State College.

The following tables present the quarter hour load and the student load of the various staff members during the summer of 1955, and during the regular academic year 1955-1956.

TABLE I. Quarter Hour Teaching Load, Summer, 1955

TABLE II. Student Load, Summer, 1955

TABLE III. Quarter Hour Teaching Load, Regular Session, 1955-1956

TABLE IV. Student Load, Regular Session, 1955-1956

## VALDOSTA STATE COLLEGE

## QUARTER HOUR TEACHING LOAD

SUMMER 1955

<u>Faculty Member</u>	<u>First Term</u>	<u>Second Term</u>	<u>Administrative Office</u>
Babcock, LeRoy		10	
Booker, Ted W.	10	5	
Carter, Marjorie E.	10		Dormitory Resident Head
Durrenberger, J. A.	10		Academic Dean
Gabard, William M.		10	
Gulliver, H. S.	10		
Knight, Corinne S.	10		
Langdale, N. N. Jr.	5		
Logan, Clayton	10		
McGraw, Jack		5	Director of Publicity
Nevins, Beatrice I.		10	
Odum, Gertrude G.		10	
O'Steen, Nadine P.	10		
Pember, Joseph W.	10		
Wall, Graham	10		Acting Dean of Men
Wisembaker, Mrs. Joe	5		Dean of Women

## VALDOSTA STATE COLLEGE

STUDENT LOAD

SUMMER 1955

<u>Faculty Member</u>	<u>First Term</u>	<u>Second Term</u>
Babcock, LeRoy		26
Booker, Ted W.	24*	25
Carter, Marjorie E.	51	
Durrenberger, J. A.	50	
Gabard, William M.		71
Gulliver, H. S.	60	
Knight, Corinne S.	46	
Langdale, N. N. Jr.	40	
Logan, Clayton	34	
McGraw, Jack		44
Nevins, Beatrice I.		49
Odum, Gertrude G.		71
O'Steen, Nadine P.	24*	
Pember, Joseph W.	44	
Wall, Graham	39	
Wisembaker, Mrs. Joe	53	

\*1/2 of Workshop Enrollment

## VALDOSTA STATE COLLEGE

## QUARTER HOUR TEACHING LOAD

ACADEMIC YEAR 1955-1956

<u>Faculty Member</u>	<u>Fall</u>	<u>Winter</u>	<u>Spring</u>	<u>Administrative Office</u>
Babcock, LeRoy	15	15	15	
Bennett, Mrs. Grady		5		Resident Nurse
Bennett, Lee	5		10	
Bettman, Bernard	15	15	10	
Booker, Ted Wilson	10	10	10	
Carter, Marjorie E.	15	15	15	
Cottingham, Walter	8	8	10	
Deavor, Margaret	10	15	15	
Durrenberger, Joseph A.	10	10	10	Academic Dean
Gabard, William N.	15	15	15	
Gulliver, Harold S.	15	15	15	
Hambrick, Thera	5			Assistant Librarian
Harvey, John B.	5	5		
Jarnagin, Spencer	5	5	10	Director of Testing
Knight, Corinne S.	1(*2)	1(*6)	11	
Langdale, Noah, Jr.	15	15	15	
Logan, Clayton	21(*3)	22(*3)	20(*3)	
McCoy, Shealy	5	5	5	Comptroller
McGraw, Jack			5	Director of Public Relations
McRae, Beth W.	6		5	
Mathis, Matilda D.	11	8	8	
Nevins, Beatrice	15	20(*5)	15	
Odum, Gertrude	15	15	15	
Pember, Joseph	20(*1)	15	15	
Price, Mildred	15	15	15	
Sawyer, Louise	14	16	20(*8)	
Thompson, Harold	27(*4)	19(*7)	14	
Treanor, Sapelo	15	20	15	
Valente, Phyllis	11	14	11	
Wall, J. Graham	15	15	15	Acting Dean of Men
Weems, Sarah	15	15	15	
Wisembaker, Mrs. Joe	5	5	5	Dean of Women

- \*1 - Includes a 5-quarter-hour Saturday class, September 17 - January 21.  
 \*2 - Also, supervision of 7 students teachers, earning 15 quarter hours each.  
 \*3 - Includes private pupils (1 clock hour each): Fall 16, Winter 17, Spring 15.  
 \*4 - Includes a 5-quarter-hour Saturday class, September 17 - January 21; and 7 private pupils (1 clock hour each).  
 \*5 - Includes 1 student taking 5-quarter hour independent study course.  
 \*6 - Also, supervision of 3 student teachers, earning 15 quarter hours each.  
 \*7 - Includes private pupils (1 clock hour each): Winter 6, Spring 6.  
 \*8 - Includes a 5-quarter-hour Saturday class, January 28 - May 19.

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STUDENT LOAD

ACADEMIC YEAR 1955-1956

<u>Faculty Member</u>	<u>Fall</u>	<u>Winter</u>	<u>Spring</u>
Babcock, LeRoy	61	83	86
Bennett, Mrs. Grady		25	
Bennett, Lee	26		33
Bettman, Bernard	65	46	40
Booker, Ted Wilson	30	35	9
Carter, Marjorie	106	80	80
Cottingham, Walter	104	65	76
Deavor, Margaret	52	72	60
Durrenberger, Joseph A.	27	47	23
Gabard, William M.	85	103	85
Gulliver, Harold S.	84	69	53
Hambrick, Thera	1		
Harvey, John B.	26	14	
Jarnagin, Spencer	34	6	51
Knight, Corinne S.	24	25	41
Langdale, Noah, Jr.	86	51	102
Logan, Clayton	23	24	17
McCoy, Shealy	26	40	33
McGraw, Jack			20
McRae, Beth W.	49		19
Mathis, Matilda D.	69	79	65
Nevins, Beatrice	74	55	53
Odum, Gertrude	54	76	73
Pomper, Joseph	55	32	21
Price, Mildred	105	80	101
Sawyer, Louise	103	56	121
Thompson, Harold	60	48	8
Treanor, Sapelo	32	38	31
Valente, Phyllis	90	61	74
Wall, J. Graham	89	86	65
Weems, Sarah	20	18	14
Wisembaker, Mrs. Joe	16	17	17

STUDENTS

Although we are still feeling in the Junior and Senior Classes the results of the transition to the twelve year school system, we feel that we have had a very satisfactory enrollment both in the Summer Session of 1955 as well as during the regular session of 1955-1956. The following tables give the breakdown of enrollment by classes; by residence; the number of women as compared to men; the number of veterans and non-veterans; the number of degrees conferred, and a summary by major fields of study:

TABLE I. Enrollment Report, Summer Session, 1955

TABLE II. Enrollment Report by Quarters, Regular Session, 1955-56

TABLE III. Enrollment Report, Cumulative for year 1955-1956

TABLE IV. Degrees Conferred

TABLE V. Cumulative Enrollment by Counties, 1955-1956

TABLE VI. Distribution of enrollment by classes, 1955-1956

TABLE I.

VALDOSTA STATE COLLEGE		ENROLLMENT REPORT						SUMMER 1955		
FIRST TERM	SUPER SESSION 1955	MEN	WOMEN	P.L. 16	P.L. 550	NON-	RESIDENTS	NON-	TOTAL	TOTAL
				AND 346	VETERANS	VETERANS	VETERANS	OR	RESIDENTS	ENROLLMENT
REGULAR ENROLLMENT	REGULAR ENROLLMENT			VETERANS	VETERANS	VETERANS	GEORGIA	RESIDENTS	ENROLLMENT	STUDENTS ENROLLED
CORDELE WORKSHOP	0	6	0	0	0	6	6	0	6	60
WAYCROSS WORKSHOP	0	21	0	0	21	21	21	0	21	210
<u>SECOND TERM</u>										
REGULAR ENROLLMENT	47	116	0	26	137	159	4	163	1130	
THOMAS COUNTY WORKSHOP	3	11	0	0	14	14	0	14	140	
MORGAN WORKSHOP	0	3	0	0	3	3	0	3	30	

Note: Each of the workshops was conducted jointly by Valdosta State College and another Unit of the University System. Cooperating institutions were the University of Georgia (Waycross) and the Georgia State College for Women (Cordele, Thomas County, Morgan). Enrollments shown are students registered for credit at Valdosta State College.

TABLE II.

VALDOSTA STATE COLLEGE

ENROLLMENT REPORT

1955-1956

	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>P.L. 16 AND 346 VETERANS</u>	<u>P.L. 550 VETERANS</u>	<u>NON- VETERANS</u>	<u>RESIDENTS OF GEORGIA</u>	<u>NON- RESIDENTS</u>	<u>TOTAL ENROLLMENT</u>	<u>TOTAL QUARTER HOURS FOR WHICH STUDENTS ENROLLED</u>
<u>FALL QUARTER 1955</u>									
<u>REGULAR ENROLLMENT</u>	202	228	1	68	261	426	5	430	6896
<u>SATURDAY CLASSES (9/17-1/21)</u>	2	28	0	0	30	30	0	30	150
<u>WINTER QUARTER 1956</u>									
<u>REGULAR ENROLLMENT</u>	200	208	2	76	330	405	3	408	6491
<u>SPRING QUARTER 1956</u>									
<u>REGULAR ENROLLMENT</u>	177	206	0	68	315	379	4	383	6187
<u>SATURDAY CLASSES (1/28-5/19)</u>	1	33	0	0	34	34	0	34	170

TABLE III.

VALDOSTA STATE COLLEGE

STUDENT ENROLLMENT BY CLASSES

CUMULATIVE FOR YEAR 1955-1956

<u>Regular Session</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>P.L. 16 and 346 Veterans</u>		<u>P.L. 550 Veterans</u>		<u>Non-Residents of Georgia</u>		<u>Total Enrollment</u>
			<u>Veterans</u>	<u>Veterans</u>	<u>Veterans</u>	<u>Non-Residents</u>			
<u>Freshmen</u>	116	110	1	39	186	224	2	226	
<u>Sophomore</u>	54	67	0	22	99	119	2	121	
<u>Junior</u>	41	39	0	15	65	80	0	80	
<u>Senior</u>	23	21	0	9	35	43	1	44	
<u>Special</u>	4	13	0	2	25	27	0	27	
<u>Saturday</u>	3	52	0	0	0	55	0	55	

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TABLE IV. Degrees Conferred

	<u>Bachelor of Arts</u>		<u>Bachelor of Science</u>		<u>Totals</u>
	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	
August 1955	1	1	6	24	32
June 1956	<u>10</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>37</u>
Totals	11	3	15	40	69

Analysis of Degrees Granted August 1955  
and June 1956 as to Majoring Departments

	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Total</u>
Biology	6	2	8
Business Administration	5		5
Chemistry	4		4
Education	2	32	34
English		1	1
History	2		2
Humanities - Art Emphasis	1		1
Humanities - English Emphasis	1	2	3
Mathematics	1		1
Secretarial Science		1	1
Social Work	3	5	8
Sociology	1		1
	<u>26</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>69</u>

Two-Year Secretarial Science Certificates

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TABLE V. Cumulative Enrollment by Counties - 1955-1956

<u>County</u>	<u>Number of Students</u>		<u>County</u>	<u>Number of Students</u>	
	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Saturday</u>		<u>Regular</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
Atkinson	4	2	Early	1	
Bacon	2		Echols	5	
Bartow	1		Elbert	1	
Berrien	13	11	Fulton	4	
Bibb	1		Glynn	1	
Brantley	1		Grady	10	
Brooks	27	2	Harris	2	
Calhoun	1		Houston	1	
Charlton	3		Irwin	3	
Chatham	1		Jeff Davis	2	
Cherokee	2		Jones	1	
Clay	1		Lanier	17	7
Clinch	11		Lowndes	216	6
Coffee	5	3	Macon	1	
Colquitt	19	5	Meriwether	4	
Cook	17	9	Miller	5	
Crisp	4		Mitchell	1	
Decatur	2	1	Muscogee	11	1
DeKalb	3		Pierce	4	1
Dodge	1		Rockdale	2	
Dooly	1		Schley	1	
Dougherty	10		Seminole	7	

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Cumulative Enrollment by Counties - 1955-1956 (continued)

<u>County</u>	<u>Number of Students</u>	
	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
Spalding	1	
Thomas	18	
Tift	8	4
Toombs	5	
Turner	4	
Ware	8	3
Wayne	1	
Wilcox	7	
Worth	8	

Out of State Students

Florida 5

Foreign Students

Iraq 1

Norway 2

Totals

In State	190	55
Out of State	5	
Foreign	3	
	<u>198</u>	<u>55</u>

TABLE VI.

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DISTRIBUTION OF ENROLLMENT IN CLASSES

SUMMER 1955, 1955-1956

<u>Number of Students in Each Class</u>	<u>Number of Classes</u>			
	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Fall</u>	<u>Winter</u>	<u>Spring</u>
0 - 4		3	4	7
5 - 9		9	10	11
10 - 14	5	12	11	15
15 - 19	2	9	15	13
20 - 24	9	12	7	6
25 - 29	3	12	7	8
30 - 34	4	3	9	8
35 - 39	2	5	2	3
40 - 44	3	9	3	3
45 - 49	1		2	2
50 - 54	1		1	
55 - 59				
<b>Totals:</b>	30	74	71	76

Classes with enrollments below 10 include 7 classes in Home Economics, a department which has now been discontinued. Others are senior-college courses with these exceptions:

- One course in German each quarter
- One course in Spanish, carried as a fourth course by the instructor
- Specialized courses in the Fine Arts

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Honors

On the basis of grades earned during the Fall Quarter, the names of 45 students appeared on the Dean's List. For the Winter and Spring Quarters, the numbers of students on the Dean's List were 59 and 37, respectively. Dean's List rating represents approximately one-third A's and two-thirds B's for junior college students, and approximately half A's and half B's for senior college students. Exclusive of duplicates, a total of 86 students attained Dean's List rating one or more quarters during the year.

Students attaining a quality point standing of 2.5, or half A's and half B's as an average, on all work taken in residence at Valdosta State College are graduated with honors. In June, 1956, three students were graduated with honors.

Dismissal

At the end of the academic year 1954-1955, there were 26 students whose scholarship was such as to make them ineligible for readmission in September 1955. Of these, 12 were in attendance at some time during the 1955-1956 school year: 1 by special administrative action, 7 by making required grades at summer school, and 4 after a lapse of one quarter. Of six students who did not make the required grades in summer school, three re-enrolled after remaining out of school during one regular academic quarter. Academic exclusion regulations caused 7 students to be dropped at the end of the Fall Quarter 1955, 8 at the end of the Winter Quarter, and 35 at the end of the academic year in June 1956.

I am including in this report the reports of the Dean of Women, Mrs. Joe Wisenbaker and Dean of Men, Dr. J. Graham Wall, as I believe they will give a considerable insight into the conduct of the students, dormitory life and other affairs of the students.

#### REPORT OF THE DEAN OF WOMEN

Dr. Thaxton:

I am submitting the following statements as my Annual Report:

Dormitories:

Converse Hall

The condition of Converse Hall is satisfactory with a few exceptions; the floors of the rooms and the halls need to be sanded and varnished. They detract a great deal from the general attractiveness of the building.

Work needs to be done in the bathrooms, caused by leaks in the showers. One shower cannot be used.

The parlor needs rugs and draperies. It is hoped that Mr. McCoy will be able to find funds to complete this room.

There should be console tables and floor covering in the entrance hall. This continues to be most uninviting.

The addition of T.V. has proved to be of much pleasure to the students.

A refrigerator for the second floor would be quite a convenience for the girls.

### Ashley Hall

This dormitory is in the process of being re-decorated and bids fair to be most attractive when completed. Plans call for re-decoration of the Rotunda, new furniture for the additional rooms.

The dormitory kitchen and dining room, of course, have not been completed. It would appear that part of the equipment and furniture now in the Home Economics Department could be used to advantage both here and in the House-in-the-Woods.

The upstairs Rotunda has already been used for two art exhibits, one by the faculty and one by Summer School students.

Downstairs Rotunda was twice used to present informal musical programs by the Serenaders. Townspeople were invited to one; faculty and students at the other.

T.V. has been a welcome addition.

### House-in-the-Woods:

The House-in-the-Woods is sorely in need of renovation and repairs; the building needs re-painting, the floors need to be re-finished.

It is expected that the gas range once in the Home Economics Department be placed before September.

It was reported last year that new china had been purchased. That was in error. So, again the recommendation is made that appropriate china, glassware, and silver be purchased.

### Dormitory Staff:

In the main the two new house directors employed last year

have been satisfactory.

The physical condition of both dormitories has been excellent, both are kept clean, neat, and attractive at all times. The students' rooms are kept in good condition usually.

Both directors have shown progress in their ability to deal and counsel with students. With experience it is hoped that their understanding of the present day college student will grow.

The Dean of Women has given them several books and articles relating to resident hall counseling and through constant interviews, personal and group, has attempted to follow up the readings.

They each have the supervision of a full time maid and a part-time maid.

Mrs. Maynard has charge of the House-in-the-Woods.

Mrs. Knowles supervises the laundry.

Assisting the house directors are the monitors. It was found necessary to use two monitors in Converse, which left only voluntary assistance in Ashley, except on the week-ends. This plan did not work as smoothly as was expected. Another plan worked out with the assistance of the Resident Hall Council has been planned if such a situation arises another year.

#### Discipline:

There have been no major infractions of rules.

In a few instances we have had some personality-clashes, but these have been worked out pleasantly. I really think the confusion, uncertainty, and lack of regular routine in the early fall, resulting from

the repairs and changes of rooms in Ashley Hall was the direct cause of the little unpleasantnesses.

I wish here to say that the spirit of the students during this trying period was excellent, far beyond expectations. One would have to live in a dormitory under repairs and experience the irritating noises, confusion, and petty inconveniences before the attitude of the students could be properly appreciated. This experience has proved that orderly living has great virtue in discipline.

Sophomore Counselors:

The plan instituted last year has proved its value. Homesickness was at a minimum, and adaptation to dormitory living was facilitated.

As a training course for the counselors, we have used the booklet prepared by the Ohio State University, - this has been of much benefit to the girls.

Sororities:

As reported last year, the Sigma Alpha Omega is now a colony of the Alpha Delta Pi national sorority.

The Zeta Chi has been accepted as a colony by the Kappa Delta sorority only recently. It is my hope that the Board of Regents will see fit to reverse its stand on fraternities and sororities and allow these two local groups to become chapters of the Alpha Delta Pi and the Kappa Delta sororities in the near future.

Much effort has been made this year to draw the day students and dormitory students closer together.

It has been the custom to interview every dormitory student before November; this year it was done alphabetically, making no distinction between day and dormitory students. It worked nicely.

A room was set aside in Converse Hall where day students might feel free to rest and relax during the day.

As Dean of Women, I have been asked to appear on programs locally and in near-by-towns. Have spoken to P.T.A. and G.E.A. meetings, in the city, in Adel, and in Moultrie.

I attended the Deans' of Women meeting in Cincinnati and as usual received much benefit. I wish to express my appreciation for this privilege and to say that I do believe that the college has profited from my experience.

Thank you, Dr. Thaxton, for the many courtesies extended me and your wholehearted and unflinching support.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Joe Wisenbaker)  
Dean of Women

#### REPORT OF THE DEAN OF MEN

Dear Dr. Thaxton:

I herewith submit the Annual Report from the Office of the Dean of Men.

Dormitories:

The men's dormitory (Senior Hall) has been in great need of repairs for a long time. Its condition has grown steadily worse during the past year. A good number of the window frames and window screens have decayed and are falling apart. The base boards in the rooms adjacent to the bath rooms have rotted away due to the seepage of water from the bath rooms. I should like to suggest at this point that if the bath rooms are to be remodeled in the near future, that some means other than curtains be used to keep water off the floors. Curtains have not proven satisfactory for this purpose. A better method, I believe, is that the shower stalls be made deep enough so that the shower heads are far enough from the entrances to the stalls that water will not spray outside the stall, even if fewer showers are required to accomplish this.

There has been a tendency for some of the students to abuse the building, equipment and fixtures in the dormitory. On several occasions during the past year individuals have been required to replace or repair damaged property. And in one instance the damage was estimated and the amount divided equally among the residents of the dormitory so every resident of the dormitory shared equally in the repair of the damage. In order to minimize such damage and abuse in the future, the Dean of Men is making a detailed list of the equipment and condition of each room at the beginning of each quarter and at the end of the school year, and in the course of this inventory the men are being told that the occupants of a room are solely responsible for the condition of the room and equipment. This plan was put into effect at the beginning of

the spring quarter of this past year; it appears to have been quite effective. If funds can be found, I should like to have a large waste basket in each room and two large trash cans in some inconspicuous place at each end of the corridor both down stairs and on the second floor. A vigorous attempt will be made to have the students use these cans in order to prevent the unsightly practice of sweeping trash into the corridor.

**Discipline:**

Drinking among the men students was still a problem, although considerably less so than last year or the year before. Improvement in this direction has been slow, but I am pleased to report that some progress has been made. This office will continue to exert its best efforts toward a still greater improvement of the conduct of the men students as regards their drinking, both on and off the campus.

Only one major case of discipline occurred among the men students during the year: the Discipline Committee dismissed a student for being in the men's dormitory under the influence of alcohol, creating disturbance and damaging school property.

A few day students who have visited in Senior Hall at night have been responsible for a good deal of noise and confusion from time to time. Stricter enforcement of existing regulations will be the policy of this office as regards future visitors to the men's dormitory. In a few instances individuals have been forbidden to visit in the dormitory. This practice may have to be extended to greater numbers of individuals in the future.

We have had our share of "playboys", loafers and misfits among the men students. The Dean of Men, the House Director, Mrs. J. A. Sconyers, and others have worked with these students on numerous occasions and have tried to urge upon them a more scholarly and gentlemanly way of life. In a good many cases our efforts have been moderately effective.

A source of considerable annoyance, usually worse at the beginning of the school year, is the playing of various kinds of musical instruments in the dormitory at all hours of the day and night. This activity has generally been limited to the freshmen who bring their instruments which they used in high school bands. It takes a few months to discourage this practice and to get the students to take the instruments back home and leave them there. I am wondering what the feasibility of a band on the campus would be.

#### Fraternities:

This year there were three men's local fraternities on the campus instead of the two which we have had in previous years. The organization formerly known as the Fili Fortuna became affiliated as a colony with a national fraternity, Pi Kappa Phi. The organization formerly known as Mu Alpha became affiliated as a colony with another national fraternity, Tau Kappa Epsilon. A third group of men became affiliated with the national fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon, also in the status of a colony. The representatives of these national fraternities have held meetings with their respective colonies and visited the campus a number of times. They have had a beneficial influence on the members.

They have stressed character building and scholarship. In my opinion they have done considerable service to the men students. It would be very helpful if the Board of Regents could see its way clear to allow these local groups to become chapters of these national fraternities.

Very truly yours,

J. Graham Wall  
Acting Dean of Men

#### STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The Student Activity Program and the Student Government Association are under the supervision of Mrs. Joe Wisenbaker and Dr. J. Graham Wall. All activities are scheduled through their offices, directed by various committees of the Student Government Association. Both the Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A. were quite active during the year. The Baptist Student Union and the Wesleyan Foundation both operate on our campus. A very good representation of the students participate in the activities of these four organizations. Certainly the religious side of our student activities is not neglected.

The usual number of dances were held by the various number of organizations during the year. Likewise, the various Departmental Clubs were active during the year.

Three local fraternities and two local sororities have played a big part in activities on this campus during the year. All four of these

groups have been invited by four of the most reputable fraternities and sororities to petition for chapters. The administrative staff and the faculty feel that such affiliation would be helpful to us on this campus. We regret very much that the Board of Regents does not share this opinion with us. It is our hope that the Board of Regents will soon change its attitude on the question of fraternities and will allow these local groups to become affiliated with national organizations.

The health of the student body was excellent last year. The Health Service, under the able direction of Dr. Robert Stump, College Physician and Mrs. Grady Bennett, Resident Nurse was most efficient. All students received a physical examination at registration in the fall, and Dr. Stump kept regular office hours to see if there were any students who might need medical attention. We had no epidemics this year, and no serious illness among the student body. Nor did we have any serious accidents. The total number of patients seen in the Health Service at Valdosta State College for the school year of 1955-56 was 1,686. (This excludes the two summer sessions.) The total number of admissions of in-patients was 89. The average length of time for each admission was two and one-half days.

The usual causes of admission were pharyngitis, follicular tonsillitis, enteritis, and coryza. Among those students in the dormitory, we had one case of mumps and one case of measles. The case of mumps was cared for in the Health Service.

During the school year, several students had a tonsillectomy on the recommendation of the College Physician. Each operation was performed by the family physicians in the home towns of the students.

### MUSIC

Student musical groups were very active during the year. The Serenaders, composed of four boys and four girls, were directed by Professor Clayton Logan, and gave 34 public performances during the year.

The Glee Club, a mixed chorus of some 45 students, was directed by Professor Harold Thompson. This Club gave 22 public performances during the course of the year. These two student activity programs promoted student participation and at the same time provided excellent public relations for the College.

The Sock and Buskin Club, which is the Dramatic Club of the College was directed by Miss Louise Sawyer, Associate Professor of Speech. This Club presented two plays during the year. Both were quite successful and were well received by the students and townspeople.

The International Relations Club, operated by the History Department presented a weekly radio program on foreign affairs at one of the local radio stations. This is one of the best student projects carried on by the College.

Each of the departments operated extra curricular clubs and provided opportunities for the students to participate in the student's chosen field.

### ATHLETICS

Again our athletics program is directed by Professor Walter Cottingham, Head of the Physical Education Department. In intercollegiate athletics, we are strictly amateurs, since we have no athletic scholarships

available. We competed in baseball and basketball with such colleges as North Georgia College, Piedmont College, Oglethorpe University, Georgia Teachers College, South Georgia College, Abraham Baldwin, Chipola Jr. College and Norman College. We build our teams from the students we have in College, and we use the athletic programs to develop good sportsmanship and good citizenship. We cannot hope to win the majority of our games. As usual it was about fifty-fifty split between wins and losses.

#### LOANS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

It has been obvious to us all that money has been tighter this year. Our loan committee made eighteen loans to students during the year, in the amount of \$2,261. Unless we have a greater increase in the demand, I believe that we will be able to take care of the demand for loans. The fact that we had twenty eight gift scholarships donated by the Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce is responsible for the small number of requests for loans.

Looking back over the past year, I believe that it was quite a satisfactory school year. Some faculty members complained about the poor quality of our students, others found them very good. The records in the Registrars office show that student scholarship this year is about the same as in previous years. Practically all of the students participated in some activities and I believe that we had fewer conduct problems than in the past.

As best as we can tell, not over fifteen students dropped out of school because of financial reasons.

LIBRARY

The report of the Librarian, Miss Lillian Patterson, will give a statement of library activities during the year.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

June 1, 1955 - May 31, 1956

In comparing current statistics with those for the past three years, it would seem that this was a very normal year. The librarians feel that it was a very busy one.

The reprocessing of the cataloged Emory collection has been completed and those books are now an integrated part of our regular library resources. To find space for shelving said collection, every book and magazine, both bound and unbound, in our library had to be moved. This the staff did with no additional help while carrying on the usual activities. We still have several hundred uncataloged volumes from the Emory collection to be processed. We are indeed grateful that our next move - into the new stacks - will provide a place for these as well as end other space problems for a few years, at least.

As you know, we have been designated a selective depository library for United States Government publications. Before another year has passed, these documents will be arriving regularly and in large numbers. With this and our enlarged student body in mind, I believe that we should be planning for the third trained person.

Isn't there some way some of the summer school income could be used for student help in the library? It is impossible to operate

with the large enrollment we have and give any kind of reasonable service with no student help. Our regular allotment for student assistants is inadequate; when we are compelled to use part of that for summer school, it necessitates our using some of our meager book budget for student help.

We receive 248 magazines and newspapers, 170 by purchase and 79 by gift. Of this number, we are binding only 65 titles. An increase in all phases of the library budget is needed desperately - more money for books, periodicals, binding and student assistants.

APPENDIX  
CIRCULATION AND BOOK STOCK

Comparative figures: 1953-54; 1954-55; 1955-56

CIRCULATION	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
Books loaned for home use (excluding overnight loans and reserves)			
Faculty	799	924	921
Students	7383	10,329	10,476
Others	333	246	166
Periodicals (unbound) loaned	749	1546	1263
Reserve books loaned	1126	1425	1277
BOOK STOCK			
Volumes on hand at beginning of period	29,468	31,371	33,186
Volumes added to library	1963	1847	1413
Books by purchase	626	809+	721
Books by gift	1208	898	568
Bound magazines by purchase	129	105	121
Bound magazines by gift	000	35	3
Withdrawals (lost or discarded)	60	32	68
Total volumes in library at end of period	31,371	33,186	34,531
Uncataloged pamphlets added to library	509	625	656

+ Includes 199 purchased through state matching fund and special appropriation.

PUBLIC SERVICE OF FACULTY MEMBERS

Most of our faculty members participate regularly in the affairs of the community. The President of the College is a member of the Valdosta Board of Education and has just completed his second year as President of that Board. The President of the College, Dean J. A. Durrenberger and Mr. Jack McGraw, Director of Public Relations are all active in the affairs of the Community Chest. Seven members of our Faculty participate actively in the community programs of the Kiwanis Club. Mr. Shealy McCoy, Comptroller is the Secretary and Treasurer of that organization. Three members of our staff are participating actively in the Rotary Club. Professor Noah Langdale is President of that Club, with Dr. Ted Booker serving as the Secretary.

Dean J. A. Durrenberger is a member of the State Y. M. C. A. Board and is an official of the Alapaha Council of the Boys Scouts of America. All of the members of the staff participate actively in the affairs in the different churches of Valdosta.

In cooperation with the Alapaha Soil Conservation District, the College sponsors a speaking contest each fall to publicize the advantages of Soil Conservation.

Our Department of Physical Education administers the test in this area for the Red Cross Life Saving Certificates. The various members of our Education Department as well as the other members of the staff are constantly called upon as consultants to the various school systems in this area.

Mr. Spencer Jarnigan of our Psychology Department has rendered a very valuable service in working with Judge Henry Brice of the Juvenile Court in this district. Mr. Jarnigan has administered all the tests to the juvenile delinquents in Judge Brice's Court, and in a number of cases has served as a psychological advisor to the Judge.

### CURRICULA

At the close of last year, the Board of Regents gave us permission to offer work in Secondary Education in the field of Teacher Training. This has been a great help to us in retaining our students who wish to teach in high school. We offer Secondary Education in the field of English, Social Science, Mathematics, Physical Sciences and Biological Science. These are all fields in which we have strong Faculty members. Many of the teachers in this area without degrees are sending in their credentials for degrees in these fields.

In the spring of 1956, the Board of Regents gave us permission to offer a major in accounting. Plans are going on to develop this program to meet the needs of our male students. These two fields mentioned above will enable us to render a greater service in this area than was previously possible.

I am particularly pleased with the fine work that has been done by Dr. Booker in the Department of Education. During the school year a committee from the State Department of Education visited us and gave us permanent approval on our Elementary Education Program.

During the current school year Dr. Booker's Department established an Educational Clinic here on the campus, under the direction of Mr. Spencer Jarnagin. During the year he has worked with 129 college students, 16 public school students and 12 parents. He has worked with these students on the following problems as listed below:

Type Problems

Academic	32
Occupational	56
Personal	25
Professional	10
Reading	58

Tests Administered

- 9 - Bell Adjustment Inventory
- 1 - Bender Visual Motor Gestalt Test
- 1 - Bernreuter Personality Inventory
- 3 - Blacky Pictures Test
- 3 - Goodenough's Draw-A-Man Test
- 30 - Iowa Silent Reading Test
- 86 - Kuder Preference Record
- 77 - Mental Health Analysis
- 28 - Metropolitan Readiness Test
- 20 - Minnesota Teacher Attitude Inventory
- 2 - Nelson Silent Reading Test
- 101 - Otis Quick Scoring Mental Ability Test
- 7 - Revised Stanford-Binoh Intelligence Scale, Form L
- 1 - Roger's Personality Inventory
- 13 - Wechsler-Bellevue Intelligence Scale, Form I
- 1 - Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children
- 5 - Wrenn's Study Habits Inventory

In the annual report for the past three or four years, I have pointed out the steadily declining enrollment in Home Economics. After a thorough study of this situation with Dr. Durrenberger and the Faculty Executive Committee, this program was discontinued at the close of the school year with the approval of the Board of Regents.

NEW CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS

When the College was founded no dining hall as such was constructed. One half of the ground floor of Ashley Hall was used temporarily as a dining hall, with a temporary kitchen at the rear of Ashley Dormitory. This temporary arrangement lasted for over forty years. When the college acquired the Emory facilities three years ago the Board of Regents allowed us to use the money set up for a mens' dormitory to build a permanent dining hall for the College. This dining hall was completed during the summer quarter of 1955. This building was put into use for the first time with the opening of the Fall Quarter, which opened last September. This dining hall was constructed at a cost of \$296,112.53. In addition to the actual cost of the building, equipment for the building amounted to \$13,521.52; \$6,850.08 of this amount came from the Building Authority, the remaining \$6,671.44 for needed equipment in the dining hall came from accumulated surplus here at the College. This dining hall, which is of Spanish Mission Architecture has been a much needed addition to our facilities. We now have one of the finest dining halls of any unit in the University System of Georgia. We will have sufficient capacity to take care of any enrollment that the College may have in the next fifteen years. We are very pleased with this new addition to our facilities.

When the dining hall vacated Ashley Hall, the space formerly occupied by the dining hall was converted into additional bedrooms providing twelve new rooms. These new rooms were constructed between the close

of summer school and the opening of the Fall Quarter, and provided living quarters for twenty-four additional girls. While this repair work was going on, the entire building was rewired, new lighting fixtures were installed, the necessary fire doors to meet the fire safety laws of the State were installed, and the entire building was redecorated. This money was provided through the office of Mr. J. H. Dewberry, Director of Business and Plant Operations for the University System, and amounted to \$44,781.36.

The metal kitchen which has served as a kitchen for the past eight years since the fire destroyed the temporary kitchen is in process of being moved down near the boiler house to provide us with a much needed warehouse. This moving job and the necessary renovation to convert the building into a warehouse should be completed within the next thirty days. I merely mention this as information, as this work falls in the new fiscal year.

We have needed a Student Center where our students could gather for relaxation. Last year a limited number of our students became involved somewhat seriously in the Marijuana problem in connection with some Moody Field personnel. This much needed Student Center has been completed at a cost of \$75,000. for the building and the equipment. In this building there is a soda fountain, booths for the students and space for dancing. We have also moved the Post Office to the new Student Center, and satisfactory space is also provided in the new building for the College Book Store. This will help us a great deal in keeping our students on the Campus and out of the various joints on the outskirts of Valdosta where many questionable

people accumulate at night.

As you will see from the Librarian's report, we are very pressed for stack space. Plans and specifications are ready on this new project and it has been approved by the Board of Regents to be constructed by the University System Building Authority. We hope that work on this will get under way in the very near future.

As our enrollment increases we are outgrowing our limited Infirmary facilities on the top floor of Converse Hall. I wish to point out the need for a separate Infirmary among the college facilities here at Valdosta State College. I hope that it will be possible in the near future for us to begin planning for a small Infirmary to take care of our medical needs of the students here at the College. The space is very limited in Converse and with both boys and girls in the Infirmary from time to time, we have had some problems. These problems will increase with the increase in enrollment and will make the construction of the Infirmary quite necessary.

### RESEARCH

Since we are an undergraduate institution with teaching as our primary purpose, we have no research program.

### GIFTS

We have no gifts to report other than the renewal of the Scholarship Program. Two are provided by the Wymadausis Club, two by the Elks Club and one private; twenty three by the Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce. These scholarships were in the amount of \$165.00 each, covering tuition, except the Elks Scholarship which covered all the fees and the room and board.

### CONCLUSION

Again let me state that we have had a very satisfactory year at Valdosta State College this year, and the prospects for the coming year seem very bright. We still hope that the addition to the Library can be completed as rapidly as possible, as that additional space is urgently needed.

I have already mentioned the need of an Infirmary in the not too distant future, and there is still urgent need for the paving of the roads on the North Campus.

I would like to point out the increasing difficulty of finding satisfactory replacements for faculty vacancies. This situation will grow worse as college enrollment increases throughout the country. I believe that we ought to work out some system for recruiting faculty members for the System.

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I would like to express to you and the staff of the Board of Regents and to the Board itself our deep appreciation for the assistance and support given to us during the year.

Respectfully submitted

J. Ralph Thaxton  
President

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