

August 12, 1966

Dr. George L. Simpson, Jr.
Chancellor
University System of Georgia
244 Washington Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Chancellor Simpson:

I am submitting herewith the annual report of Valdosta State College for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966.

FACULTY

During the academic year ending June 30, we had a most satisfactory session at Valdosta State College. There was a good esprit de corps among our faculty. The spirit of the student body was good with the exception of the uncertainty that the young men faced concerning military service. With selective admissions, we are getting a better grade of students than we formerly had at Valdosta State College. The trial program that we used for freshmen worked out very nicely and many of those young people demonstrated that they could do satisfactory college work. Beginning with the fall quarter, a special report was made to the

Regent's office on the numbers last summer on the trial program. I am sure that this program has demonstrated its worth, and it was used again in the summer of 1966.

There was one death among the faculty members during the past year, Dr. Ann K. Healey. Dr. Healey was serving as Professor of Elementary Education and Child Development and was one of the most outstanding members of our staff. She became ill and went on sick leave spring quarter. A victim of leukemia, she died in August and was replaced by Mrs. Dorine Geeslin. Mrs. Geeslin had substituted for Dr. Healey in the spring term as temporary Assistant of Elementary Education and Child Development. She was continued on temporary appointment during the academic year in this position. Dr. Healey was an outstanding educator and was beginning to publish rather consistently at the time of her death. She held the Ph.D. from Florida State University. She was respected by students and faculty for her scholarship and her fairness in dealing with students.

There was one death among the retired faculty members during the year, Dr. Beatrice Nevins. Professor Emeritus of Biology, died of a heart attack during the spring quarter. Dr. Nevins had been one of the most respected members of the faculty during her years as head of this department and Chairman of the Science

Division. Dr. Nevins, more than any other one, was responsible for the beginning of the strong Science department that we have at Valdosta State College at this time. She was highly esteemed by the students, and her colleagues on the faculty and by her colleagues in the other units in the system. The new Science building, nearing completion, has been named Nevins Hall in her honor. I feel that this is a very fine tribute to the contributions of Dr. Nevins to this institution.

There were three retirements at the close of the last fiscal year. The President of the college, after serving 45 years in public education, asked to be President on Emeritus status. I would like to state that my career in the University System has been a most rewarding one, and I have been especially pleased with the development that I have been able to carry through in my 18 years as President of Valdosta State College.

Dean J. A. Durrenberger, who joined the faculty here in 1929, reached the statutory retirement age during the year and became Dean Emeritus and Professor Emeritus of Sociology. Dr. Durrenberger has made outstanding contributions to the college during his years here. He served as Chairman of the University System Committee on Standards and made a fine contribution toward quality education. Dr. Durrenberger was also

active in his professional association in the field of Sociology and was highly esteemed by his colleagues in other institutions, as well as in our own system.

Mrs. Claude Knight, who served this institution for nearly a quarter of a century, retired as Professor of Education. When I came to Valdosta State College there were no courses in teacher training here. Mrs. Knight organized the Teacher Education Program here and laid the groundwork for a very fine program in Teacher Education. She did excellent work in this field and has been active in this region in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. She will be missed greatly in the Education Department.

Last year Mr. David P. Lewis continued on leave at the University of Tennessee and completed the work for his Ph.D. in Economics. Dr. Lewis will return to the campus this fall to take his work as Head of the Business Administration Department and will serve as Associate Professor of Economics.

Miss Wister Cook, Assistant Professor of English, was on leave last year working toward the Ph.D. at Auburn University. Miss Cook resigned from our faculty in the spring and will not return to Valdosta.

Although not on leave, Mrs. Lee Bennett, Assistant Professor of Art, and Mrs. Harry Anderson, Instructor in Art, continue to do graduate work at Florida State University.

Mr. Webster Teague, Head of the Music Department, continued graduate work at Florida State University, working toward his presentation of the doctoral dissertation.

Mr. John Maguire, Associate Professor of Education, continued work on his dissertation and completed it during the year. This degree should be conferred before the opening of college.

Mr. C. E. O'Neal, Instructor in Biology, and Mr. Clay Bailey, Instructor in Physical Science, did graduate work during the summer quarter at Georgia Southern College.

Mr. A. B. McFadden, Assistant Professor in English, continued work on the doctorate ~~dissertation~~ at the University of Alabama.

Mr. David Clements, Assistant Professor in English, did graduate work on the weekends at the University of Florida.

Dr. Arthur M. Gignilliat, Professor of English and Head of that department, left us at the close of the academic year. Dr. Gignilliat, who had been a very distinguished member of our faculty for the past five years, was chosen by the Board of Regents of the University System to become President of the new junior college being developed in Dalton, Georgia. Dr. Gignilliat will be greatly missed by the college and community, and we extend to him our very best wishes in his success as President of Dalton Junior College.

Mr. C. B. O'Neal, Instructor in Biology, resigned to accept a position as Biologist with the Fish and Game Commission. Mr. O'Neal was one of the finest teachers we have had here. We hated to lose him, because I feel he had a great future in the field of Biology.

Mrs. Zeb Lackey, Assistant Professor of Speech and Drama, resigned to look after her family, and Professor Saunders Garwood, Assistant Professor of History, resigned to take work in Jacksonville.

When we had a substantial increase in enrollments for last year, a number of new faculty members joined us in September. Mr. Emory S. Akerman joined us as Assistant Professor in Business Administration, coming to us from Florida Southern College.

Mr. Samuel Wright Brooks, III, joined us as Assistant Professor of Business Administration after receiving the M.B.A. Degree from the University of Georgia.

Mr. David Clements joined us as Assistant Professor of English. He holds an A.B. from Valdosta State College, an M.A. from Valderbuilt and is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Florida.

Dr. Alfred Emile Cornebise joined us as Associate Professor of History. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina and had been a member of the faculty there.

Mr. Stanley Cortland De Hart, B.S. and M.S. from Florida State University, joined us as Assistant Professor of Speech and Drama.

Mrs. Dorine H. Geeslin, a doctoral candidate from Florida State University, joined us as a Temporary Assistant Professor of Education and Child Development. I have already mentioned her earlier in the report.

Mr. Walter Harrison, B.S. Troy State College and M.S. Auburn University, joined us in July as Director of Public Relations.

Mr. Alex B. McFadden, A.B. Duke University, M.A. University of North Carolina, and a Ph.D. candidate from the University of Alabama, joined us as Assistant Professor of English.

Mr. John Maguire, A.B., Boston University, M.Ed., University of Miami, and a doctoral candidate from Florida State University, joined our faculty as Associate Professor of Education.

Mr. Fred Lamar Pearson, Jr., A.B., Valdosta State College, M.A., University of Alabama, and a doctoral candidate from the University of Alabama, came on our faculty as Assistant Professor of History to offer a selection of courses in Latin American History.

Dr. Bobby Michael Thornton, B.S., Auburn University, M.S., Auburn University, Ed.D., Duke University, joined us as Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Psychology.

Mr. Vincent Jimenez, B.S., Palmira, Republic of Columbia, B.S., Fordham University, joined us as Assistant Professor of Modern Foreign Language.

Miss Edith Nell Goggins, A.B., Woman's College of Georgia, graduate work at the University of Mexico, graduate work at Middleberry College, joined us as Instructor in Modern Language.

Mrs. Jack M. Bernstein, B.A., University of California, Certificate of French Studies, University of Bordeaux, France, joined us as Instructor in French.

Mr. John Henry May, B.S., University of Buffalo and C.P.A., joined us as Temporary Instructor in Accounting.

Mrs. Fred W. Schroer, A.B., Valdosta State College, M.A., Emory University, joined us as Temporary Instructor in Psychology.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bechtel, RN, Columbia-Presbyterian School of Nursing, B.S., Temple University, M.Ed., Indiana State College, joined us as Instructor in Biology.

Mrs. Tom Shelton, A.B., University of Alabama, joined us as part time Temporary Instructor in English. These temporary appointments listed above were to take care of the exceptionally heavy enrollments that we were faced with last September.

At the end of the year, Vincent Jimenez and Miss Nell Goggins, both in the Modern Language Department, resigned to continue graduate work. Mr. Jimenez will complete the doctorate at Emory University, and Miss Goggins will attend Middleberry College.

Mr. Jean Guitton, Assistant Professor of French, was granted a leave of absence to complete the doctorate at Emory University.

Mr. Clay Bailey, Instructor in Physical Science, was granted a leave to complete the doctorate in Geology at the University of Georgia.

During the past academic year, we had a total of 59 teaching faculty members. In this group there were nine full professors with an average salary of \$10,001. There were 18 associate professors with an average salary of \$8,083. There were 25 assistant professors with an average salary of \$7,518. There were seven instructors at an average salary of \$6,114. The average salary for all ranks was \$8,087.

The Academic Dean who was Professor of Sociology, taught one class each quarter. The Dean of Men taught two courses in math each quarter. The Comptroller taught one course in Business Law the fall and winter quarters, and the President taught one course in Methods of Teaching Foreign Language.

It is my feeling that the entire faculty did a very fine teaching job last year. In many cases the classes were overly large, but they were patient and did the work in a very satisfactory manner. We have a very fine faculty here, and I do not believe I could have had any better cooperation from any group than I received from this faculty. The reports from the various departments show that practically all our staff members are members of their professional associations. A very large percentage of them attended the annual meetings of their groups. The administration of the college has

encouraged this and has helped with their expenses in attending these meetings.

The various members of the faculty have cooperated with the Georgia Education Association and have participated in the regional meetings in the programs of the different sections. The members of the Psychology Department and other faculty members have worked very closely with the local Mental Health Association in developing that program in Valdosta.

Many of the men on our faculty are active in the various civic groups in the community and in the work of the various churches. Certainly Valdosta State College is an integral part of Valdosta. Our Education Department has offered leadership to the two school systems in our community and the schools in South Georgia.

I would like to speak especially of the work of the Math Department. Professor Gary Bass and Professor Thomas Dart, both of the Math Department, have carried on workshops in this area for the University of Georgia to help the math teachers better understand the "new math". These two young men are enthusiastic and excellent scholars and outstanding teachers. Both of them had very fine offers from other institutions this spring. Such mathematicians, as these two young men are, are hard to find and something must be done for them financially or Valdosta State College will lose them.

I would like to speak especially of the Speech Department. I have been impressed greatly by Professor Christie and the work he is doing in teaching the young people correct speech. The progress that he has had has been most outstanding.

Along the same line, Professor Stanley DeHart began a program in collegiate debating, and he was extremely successful in this. I do not know anything that gives students more confidence in speaking than to participate in debates.

Mr. Rudy, whose primary interest is in drama, with the assistance of his other staff members, has been most successful in the quarterly play production program. I believe that we are at the point where we must decide whether this department stresses speech or drama. It is my feeling that some work should be added in that department in speech correction.

Professor Joseph Pember, Professor of Art, and his staff have done much on the campus to develop an interest in art. I believe that Professor Pember has one of the best organized staffs of any department on the campus, and he is making real contributions to the cultural life of this area by the activities of his department.

The Physics Department has done an outstanding job, and I think the future looks bright in that field for the new department head who will join us this coming fall.

The English Department, through the activities of Professor Wilkerson and Professor McFadden, are doing much to interest the students in creative writing, and I am sure it will not be long before we should have literary publications for the creative work of our students.

As usual the Education Department did its outstanding work, and our graduates are in great demand from schools all over the state and in neighboring states.

I would like to mention the work of Dr. Clyde Connell, Head of the Biology Department. Dr. Connell was invited by the United States Air Force to help Moody Field solve the problem of the overpopulation of Starlings on that base. These Starlings were being sucked into the jet engines and were the basis for one or two serious crashes on that base. Dr. Connell, as a contribution to the community and to the Air Force, serves as a chairman of a group to work with this problem and had a very satisfactory solution for a dangerous situation. Dr. Connell's department, working in cooperation with the Education Department, offered a workshop in the summer school of 1966 for the State Fish and Game Commission. It is my understanding that this project has been an immense success, although it came after the end of the fiscal year.

I would also like to mention the work of the Physical Education Department. Mr. Grant and his associates have carried on a very active intra-mural

Program. I believe that many students participated in this as well as taking the regular required courses in P.E. All the members in that department worked in this program and made a very fine contribution to the physical development of our students.

The following tables present the quarter-hour load and the student load of the faculty members for the summer quarter of 1965; the quarter-hour teaching load for the faculty for the regular sessions of 1965-66, and also the student load for each faculty member by quarters during the regular sessions of 1965-66:

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TABLE I.

VALDOSTA STATE COLLEGE

QUARTER HOUR TEACHING LOAD

SUMMER 1965

<u>FACULTY MEMBER</u>	<u>First Term</u>	<u>Second Term</u>	<u>Administrative Office</u>
Babeock, LeRoy	5	5	
Bass, Gary L.	10	5	
Bennett, William H.		5	
Carter, Marjorie E.	5	5	
Christie, Wesley R.	5		
Colaon, Gary W.	5		
Connell, Clyde E.	5		
Durrenberger, J. A.		5	Academic Dean
Duvall, Harry M.	5	5	
Evans, Marvin R.		5	
Fernandez, Jose B.	5		
Gabard, William M.	10		
Garwood, Saunders	5	5	
Gerlock, Donald E.	10	10	
Gignilliat, Arthur M.	10		
Giles, Nelson	5		
Gitton, Jean	5	5	
Jeter, Mannelle V.	10	5	
Knight, Corinne S.	10	5	
McKey, Martha W.	5	5	
Martin, James E.	10		
Mathis, Matilda D.	5		
Ogletree, Fredeva	5		Dean of Women

TABLE I. Continued

<u>FACULTY MEMBER</u>	<u>First Term</u>	<u>Second Term</u>	<u>Administrative Office</u>
Pearson, Lamar		5	
Peeples, Dale H.	10		
Penber, Joseph W.	10		
Riedel, Augustus I.	10		
Robinson, Lavan R.	5		
Rudy, John H.	5	5	
Schlegel, Christian F.	10	5	
Sosebee, Allen L.	5		Dean of Students
Stricklen, Lester L.	5		
Sutton, Raymond M.	10		
Tanner, Clovis	5		
Teague, Webster W.		5	
Varnado, Seaborn L.	10		
Wade, James E.	5	5	
Wall, J. Graham	5		Dean of Men
Wilkerson, James C.	10		

TABLE II.

VALDOSTA STATE COLLEGE

<u>FACULTY MEMBER</u>	SUMMER 1965	
	<u>First Term</u>	<u>Second Term</u>
Babeck, LeRoy	41	23
Base, Gary L.	70	39
Bennett, William H.		31
Carter, Marjorie E.	26	15
Christie, Wesley R.	29	
Colson, Gary W.	38	
Connell, Clyde E.	21	
Durrenberger, J. A.	19	
Duvall, Harry M.	23	23
Evans, Marvin R.		33
Fernandez, Jose B.	28	
Gabard, William M.	54	
Garwood, Saunders	47	18
Gerlock, Donald E.	86	29
Gignilliat, Arthur M.	90	
Giles, Nelson	28	
Guitton, Jean	17	9
Jeter, Mannelle V.	50	34
Knight, Corinne S.	80	14
McKey, Martha W.	25	36
Martin, James E.	45	
Mathis, Matilda D.	24	
Ogletree, Fredeva	48	

TABLE II. Continued

<u>FACULTY MEMBER</u>	<u>First Term</u>	<u>Second Term</u>
Pearson, Lamar	26	
Peeples, Dale H.	53	
Penber, Joseph W.	60	
Riedel, Augustus I.	67	
Robinson, Lavan R.	32	
Rudy, John H.	25	21
Schlegel, Christian F.	30	20
Sosebee, Allen L.	48	
Stricklen, Lester L.	29	
Sutton, Raymond M.	27	
Tanner, Clovis	13	
Teague, Webster W.		46
Varnado, Seaborn L.	49	
Wade, James E.	48	27
Wall, J. Graham	41	
Wilkerson, James C.	49	

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TABLE III.

QUARTER HOUR TEACHING LOAD

ACADEMIC YEAR 1965-66

Faculty Member	Fall	Winter	Spring	Administrative Office
Adams, Ronald J.	0-	0	15	
Akerman, Emory S.	15	15	15	
Anderson, Mrs. Harry B.	15	15	15	
Babcock, LeRoy	15	10	15	
Bailey, Arthur C.	20	15	15	
Bass, Gary L.	15	15	15	
Bechtel, Mrs. H. Bernard	5-	10	10	
Bennett, Lee	20	20	20	
Bennett, William H.	11	11	11	
Bernstein, Mrs. Jack	15	15	15	
Brooks, Samuel W.	15	15	15	
Carter, Marjorie E.	15	15	15	
Christie, Wesley R.	17	17	11	
Clements, David	15	10	15	
Colson, Gary W.	12	10	10	
Connell, Clyde E.	15	10	10	
Cornelise, Alfred E.	15	15	15	
Dales, James B.	15	15	15	
Dart, Thomas M.	15	15	15	
DeHart, Stanley C.	17	17	19	
Durrenberger, J. A.	5	5	5	Academic Dean
Duvall, Harry M.	15	15	15	
Evans, Harvin R.	10	15	15	
Fairecloth, Wayne R.	15	15	10	
Fernandez, Jose B.	15	20	15	
Gabard, William M.	10	10	10	
Gabard, Mrs. William M.	3-	3	8	
Garwood, Saunders	15	15	15	
Gerlock, D. E.	5	10	5	
Geeslin, Dorine H.	15	10	15	
Gignilliat, Arthur M.	15	15	10	
Goggins, Edith N.	15	15	15	
Grant, William C.	8	10	8	
Guitton, Joan	15	15	20	
Hanes, Sarah Louise	15	15	15	
Hart, Tom	0	15	15	
Jeter, Manelle V.	30	45	50	
Jimenez, Vincent	15	15	15	
Knight, Corinne S.	15	15	15	
Kopche, Barbara	0	0	5	

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TABLE III. Continued

<u>Faculty Member</u>	<u>Fall</u>	<u>Winter</u>	<u>Spring</u>	<u>Administrative Office</u>
Lackey, Mrs. Zeb V.	10-	10	10	
Lindauer, Maurice W.	15	15	15	
Maguire, John W.	15	35	45	
Martin, James E.	15	15	15	
Mathis, Matilda	11	11	10	
May, John Henry	10-	15	5	
McCoy, Shealy E.	5			Comptroller
McFadden, Alex B.	15	15	15	
McKey, Martha	15	15	15	
McKinley, Charles A.	20	20	20	
McKneely, Elmina	15	15	15	
McRae, Beth	5-	5		
Mensing, Raymond C.	15	15	15	
Ogletree, Fredeva S.	5	5	5	Dean of Women
O'Real, C. B.	15	15	15	
Pearson, Fred Lamar	15	15	15	
Pember, Joseph W.	21	12	17	
Peoples, Dale H.	15	15	15	
Riedel, Augustus	15	15	15	
Robinson, Lavan	8	8	8	
Robinson, Mrs. Lavan	6-	11	11	
Rudy, John H.	13	17	17	
Sammons, Saralyn	13	13	12	
Schroer, Mrs. Fred, Jr.	15	15	15	
Shelton, Mrs. Tom	5-	5		
Stricklen, Lester L.	15	15	15	
Teague, Webster W.	14½	14	4½	
Thornton, Bobby M.	10	10	10	
Thornton, Mrs. Bobby M.		10	15	
Varnado, Lowrey	15	15	15	
Veatch, Mrs. Gertrude	10	10	10	
Wall, J. Graham	10	10	10	Dean of Men
Wilkinson, James C.	15	15	15	
Worstell, Charles M.	15	15	15	
Yancey, Reuben H.	5-		5	

TABLE IV.

VALDOSTA STATE COLLEGE

STUDENT LOAD		ACADEMIC YEAR 1965-66		
<u>Faculty Member</u>	<u>Fall</u>	<u>Winter</u>	<u>Spring</u>	
Adams, Ronald J.			79	
Akerman, Emory S.	101	127	106	
Anderson, Mrs. Harry B.	86	73	90	
Babcock, LeRoy	124	78	99	
Bailey, Arthur C.	146	86	91	
Bass, Gary L.	132	133	109	
Bechtel, Mrs. H. Bernard	33	63	80	
Bennett, Lee	75	97	62	
Bennett, William H.	128	136	129	
Bernstein, Mrs. Jack	78	85	34	
Brooks, Samuel W.	76	74	59	
Carter, Marjorie E.	96	65	76	
Christie, Wesley R.	91	88	68	
Clements, David	103	67	78	
Colson, Gary W.	223	142	93	
Connell, Clyde E.	87	33	47	
Cornebise, Alfred E.	124	109	78	
Dales, James B.	73	50	41	
Dart, Thomas M.	147	112	95	
DeHart, Stanley C.	82	63	83	
Darrenberger, J. A.	7	37	47	
Duvall, Harry M.	85	70	62	
Evans, Marvin R.	75	95	105	
Fairecloth, Wayne R.	67	97	34	
Fernandez, Jose B.	52	35	37	
Gabard, William M.	30	64	43	
Gabard, Mrs. William M.	28	23	43	
Garwood, Saunders	157	163	145	
Cerlock, D. E.	26	32	20	
Geeslin, Dorine H.	69	45	65	
Gignilliat, Arthur M.	100	108	61	
Goggins, Edith N.	54	71	52	
Grant, William C.	140	166	109	
Quitton, Jean	53	21	35	
Hanes, Sarah Louise	100	87	83	
Hart, Tom		111	69	
Jeter, Manelle V.	16	20	53	
Jimenez, Vincent	63	49	63	
Knight, Corinne S.	53	93	92	
Kopcho, Barbara			40	
Lackoy, Mrs. Zeb V.	52	49	51	
Lindauer, Maurice W.	18	26	12	
Maguire, John W.	66	21	25	
Martin, James E.	62	51	42	

TABLE IV. Continued

<u>Faculty Member</u>	<u>Fall</u>	<u>Winter</u>	<u>Spring</u>
Mathis, Matilda	202	220	214
May, John Henry	64	101	25
McCoy, Shealy E.	40		
McFadden, Alex E.	88	80	83
McKey, Martha	78	87	97
McKinley, Charles A.	68	51	49
McKneely, Elaina	57	76	50
McRae, Beth	31	26	
Mensing, Raymond C.	94	139	118
Ogletree, Fredeva S.	35	42	43
O'Real, C. B.	99	88	74
Pearson, Fred Lamar	118	113	117
Pember, Joseph W.	67	57	61
Peeples, Dale H.	84	95	103
Riedel, Augustus	109	90	134
Robinson, Lavan	54	27	43
Robinson, Mrs. Lavan	37	69	85
Rudy, John H.	60	67	39
Sammons, Saralyn	64	42	74
Schroer, Mrs. Fred, Jr.	92	123	115
Shelton, Mrs. Tom	31	28	
Stricklen, Lester L.	120	104	74
Teague, Webster W.	120	85	32
Thornton, Bobby M.	51	36	33
Thornton, Mrs. Bobby M.		18	71
Varnado, Lowrey	105	77	64
Veatch, Mrs. Gertrude	265	186	101
Wall, J. Graham	38	64	28
Wilkerson, James C.	94	89	70
Worstall, Charles H.	145	102	96
Yancey, Reuben H.	44		42

STUDENTS

Valdosta State College had an increased enrollment this year with enrollments reaching the highest point in the history of our institution. The quality of students we are now getting is improving, and I believe will continue to improve in the future. College spirit among the students has been good this year, and I think the inter-collegiate athletic program had much to do with this situation.

The student activities program was carried out by Dean Louie Sosebee, Dean of Students. He was assisted by Graham Wall, Dean of Men, and Miss Fredeva Ogletree, Dean of Women. There was very good student participation in student affairs during the year. The Campus Canopy, the college newspaper, was considerably better this year, and the Pine Cone, the college annual, also improved over that of last year.

I have mentioned earlier in this report the increasing interest in creative writing, and I think in this connection some thought should be given to the establishment of a literary quarterly.

The Music Department, as usual, had the two music groups, the Glee Club and the Serenaders. Both groups were active during the year, and I felt that the Glee Club was excellent. The latter group improved toward the end of the year, and I hope they will show more improvement during the next year.

Dean J. A. Durrenberger, the Academic Dean, checks on the scholarship records of our students. We feel that our students compare favorably with those of the many other similar units in our system. We are extremely proud of the record we have built for sound academic standards and quality education. We insist on quality instruction and careful grading on the part of the faculty and integrity on the part of the students. The Dean's office makes a quarterly analysis of the grades and this is distributed to the members of the staff. The Dean's office also handles the matters of exclusion and probation and publishes the quarterly Dean's List. These lists are sent to all members of the faculty and staff for their use. A summary of these reports for 1965-66 is shown in the following table

<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Total En- rollment</u>	<u>On Probation and Trial</u>	<u>Exclusions</u>	<u>Lifted Probation</u>	<u>Dean's List</u>
Summer 1965	793*	177	29	75	48
Fall 1965	1657**	200	53	83	169
Winter 1966	1592	202	69	110	175
Spring 1966	1514	198	110	89	169

* Second session registration for the summer 1965 was 486.

** Exclusive of 13 in a Saturday class which was taught on a semester basis.

As I pointed out earlier in this report, our enrollment has followed the national trend upward. New highs were set this year, and we could have had a still larger

enrollment had we had dormitory accommodations on the campus. The charts earlier in this report show the oversize of many of our classes. We were understaffed this year and efforts were made at budget time to correct this situation for the ever increasing number of students that were anticipated.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Most of the student activities are channeled through the Student Government Association. Dean Sosebee has done a very satisfactory job with the Student Government, and the Student Government Association last year was most active in seeing that activities were available for students on the weekends. The students elected a competent staff of officers for the next year, and I believe the activities program will work out better than ever.

The Womens' Residence Hall Council in the womens' dormitories functioned efficiently this year. Conduct was excellent, and we did not have any great disciplinary problems among the girls.

According to Dean Graham Wall, Dean of Men, the conduct of the men students was about the same as in previous years. There was constant vandalism in the new men's dormitory and ten students were disciplined for misconduct. Something needs to be done to cut down on the vandalism in the men's dormitory. The new Dean of Student Personnel and his staff should consider this problem very seriously. It is my feeling that some of this vandalism is a result of the general spirit of unrest

that exists throughout the country in this time. The uncertainty concerning the draft has not helped this in any way.

The Baptist Student Union, Wesley Foundation, Newman Club, and campus groups of the other denominations in Valdosta have done much to maintain a fine religious spirit on our campus. It was the feeling of Dean Sosebee that Religious Emphasis Week was a successful undertaking. Although the number of students participating was not large, it showed some increase over previous years.

We have three fraternities and four sororities on the campus. All of these greek letter societies were active during the year. The Dean of Men felt that the fraternities did not make a very great contribution to campus life this past year. I think the sororities, on the other hand, have contributed greatly to the social life of the young ladies involved.

The Student Government carried on the usual program of three major dances during the year and presented three music programs by nationally known groups of entertainment.

Our inter-collegiate athletics program was successful this year. We won the conference championship in basketball and lost out in the playoffs to go to the national tournament. Our baseball team had a successful season though it did not win the championship. We did defeat the Georgia Institute of Technology in two baseball games and had a very good percentage by the end of the season.

Our golf team led the conference and participated in the national tournament. We carried on a full schedule in tennis but were not as successful as we had been previously.

Student health has been good this year. I would like to add a statement from Dr. Robert Stump, college physician. "This year we had 385 clinic visits, including 35 emergency calls with 12 referrals. We admitted 112 patients whose average stay was one and one-half days. Only a few cases of influenza were seen during the fall and winter, and there was no gastro-intestinal epidemic this year. One female student was an accident fatality off campus during spring quarter." The addition of a medical technician has solved most of the laboratory problems in the Infirmary. With the substantial increase in enrollments, there is a great need for an additional full-time nurse on the Infirmary staff.

FINANCIAL AID

Any discussion of student personnel problems would be incomplete without some brief comments on financial aid. Financial aid was handled by the Dean of Students office during the past year.

Regents' Scholarship Program

V. S. C. was allocated \$6,900 for the 1956-66 academic year. Due to the number of applicants it was felt that a partial would best serve the overall need, rather than restricting the money available to only a few students. Three hundred dollars each was therefore awarded to 21

students for a total of \$6,300.

Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

Twenty-two local companies and businesses contributed to this tuition-fees scholarship fund for 1965-66, for a total of \$8,024, for the three quarters. Twenty six different students received aid from this fund.

N.D.E.A. Loan

Valdosta State College was approved this year by the federal government for participation in the National Defense Education Act Student Loan Program. We requested \$24,000 for 1965-66 and were granted \$20,700. This sum was divided into \$5,000 each for four quarters to include summer school. It is now felt that this was a mistake, inasmuch as only three or four students have requested loans for the summer. It is felt that the division for 1966-67 should allow for a much smaller portion for the summer session.

Thirty-one students have been awarded loans in this program, for a total amount of \$13,906.

We have requested \$25,000 for the year 1966-67 academic year, and have received federal approval for "approximately \$23,000."

All V.S.C. matching funds, on a nine to one ratio, must be obtained from sources other than state monies.

Applications for this loan will be approved through the Dean of Students, the institutional representative, based upon the existence of financial need as indicated

by the Parents' Confidential Statement provided by College Scholarship service. The comptroller will disburse all monies involved.

State Loans and Scholarships

The new state loan and scholarship programs were available through the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation and the State Scholarship Commission to all students of Georgia for the first time this year. Applications for these programs are available in the Dean of Students' Office, although the loan/scholarship is awarded by the state office in Atlanta. More than 40 of our students have received loans through this program during 1965-66.

As I have mentioned earlier in this report, student enrollment was higher this year than it has ever been. The following tables give breakdowns by classes, by residents, the number of women as compared to the number of men, veterans and non-veterans, and degrees conferred.

- TABLE I. Enrollment reports, summer session 1965.
- TABLE II. Summer enrollment by classes, summer session 1965.
- TABLE III. Enrollment reports, 1965-66.
- TABLE IV. Student enrollment by classes, 1965-66.
- TABLE V. Degrees conferred.
- TABLE VI. Cumulative enrollment by counties.

TABLE I

VALDOSTA STATE COLLEGE

ENROLLMENT REPORT

SUMMER 1965

<u>Summer Session 1965</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>P.L. 16 and 894 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>First Term</u>									
Regular Enrollment	359	434	1	0	792	757	36	793	7265
<u>Second Term</u>									
Regular Enrollment	193	293	1	0	485	465	21	486	2430

TABLE II

VALDOSTA STATE COLLEGE

STUDENT ENROLLMENT BY CLASSES

CUMULATIVE FOR SUMMER 1965

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>P.L. 345 & 16(894) 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>
Seniors	94	116	0	0	210	205	5	210
Juniors	79	99	0	0	178	165	13	178
Sophomores	70	85	1	0	154	151	4	155
Freshmen	106	81	0	0	187	173	14	187
Special	53	90	0	0	143	141	2	143
Totals	402	471	1	0	872	835	38	873

TABLE III.

ENROLLMENT REPORT

VALDOSTA STATE COLLEGE

1965-66

	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>P.L. 16 and 894 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 1965</u>									
Regular Enrollment	834	823	2	0	1655	1518	139	1657	26,580
Saturday Class (9/19 - 1/23)	2	11	0	0	13	13	0	13	65
<u>Winter Quarter 1966</u>									
Regular Enrollment	803	789	2	0	1390	1460	132	1592	25,121
<u>Spring Quarter 1966</u>									
Regular Enrollment	764	750	2	0	1512	1390	124	1514	23,662
Supervising Teacher Workshop	5	22	0	0	27	27	0	27	175

TABLE IV.

VALDOSTA STATE COLLEGE

STUDENT ENROLLMENT BY CLASSES

CUMULATIVE FOR YEAR 1965-66

<u>Regular Session</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>P.L. 345 & 16(894) 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>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>T</u>	
Senior	172	121	0	0	293	278	10	5	15	293
Junior	210	170	1	0	379	332	30	18	48	380
Sophomore	197	226	0	0	423	398	12	13	25	423
Freshman	376	393	0	0	769	689	33	47	80	769
Special	15	14	0	0	29	26	1	2	3	29
Saturday Fall & Winter	2	11	0	0	13	11	2	0	2	13
Supervising Teacher Workshop	5	22	0	0	27	27	0	0	0	27

TABLE V.

VALDOSTA STATE COLLEGE

	<u>Degrees Conferred</u>						<u>Total</u>
	<u>Bachelor of Arts</u>		<u>Bachelor of Science</u>		<u>Bachelor of Science in Chemistry</u>		
	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	
August 1965	14	5	16	36	0	0	71
June 1966	<u>26</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>172</u>
Totals	40	27	75	98	3	0	243

Analysis of Degrees Granted August 1965
and June 1966 as to Majoring Departments

	<u>August 1965</u>		<u>June 1966</u>		<u>Totals</u>
	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	
Accounting	2	0	5	0	7
Art	0	0	0	2	2
Biology	1	0	7	3	11
Business Administration:					
Economics	0	0	2	0	2
Finance	0	0	3	0	3
General Business	2	0	0	0	2
Management	2	0	10	0	12
Marketing	3	0	6	0	9
Chemistry	0	0	4	1	5
Education-Elementary	2	35	1	30	78
Education-Junior High	0	0	0	2	2
Education-Secondary:					
Business Education	0	0	0	6	6
English	0	0	1	8	9
General Science	2	0	1	1	4
Math	0	0	4	3	7
Modern Foreign Lang.	0	0	0	1	1
Social Science	2	0	8	3	13
English	1	2	5	8	16
French	0	1	0	1	2
History	9	1	9	0	19
Mathematics	0	0	9	1	10
Medical Technology	0	0	0	1	1
Music	0	0	0	1	1
Physics	0	0	0	0	0

TABLE V. Continued

	<u>August 1965</u>		<u>June 1966</u>		<u>Totals</u>
	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	
Psychology	0	0	1	0	1
Secretarial Science	0	1	0	2	3
Sociology	4	1	12	7	24
Spanish	0	0	0	1	1
Speech	0	0	0	2	2
	<u>30</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>243</u>

Two-Year Secretarial Science Certificates

June 1966

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TABLE VI.

VALDOSTA STATE COLLEGE

CUMULATIVE ENROLLMENT BY COUNTIES - 1965-66

County	Number of Students		County	Number of Students	
	Regular	Off-Schedule		Regular	Off-Schedule
Appling	1		Clayton	1	
Atkinson	6		Clinch	18	1
Bacon	1		Cobb	8	
Baker	5		Coffee	17	1
Baldwin	2		Colquitt	82	8
Bartow	1		Columbia	1	
Ben Hill	26		Cook	44	2
Berrien	54	5	Coweta	5	
Bibb	18		Crisp	30	
Bleckley	1		Decatur	44	1
Brooks	94	1	DeKalb	13	
Bryan	4		Dodge	3	
Bullock	2		Dooly	10	
Burke	3		Dougharty	128	
Calhoun	1		Early	11	
Camden	5		Echols	10	
Gatoosa	1		Emanuel	1	
Charlton	7		Evans	1	
Chatham	6		Fannin	1	
Chattahoochee	1		Floyd	1	
Clay	1		Fulton	23	

TABLE VI. Continued

County	Number of Students		County	Number of Students	
	Regular	Off-Schedule		Regular	Off-Schedule
Glynn	5		Peach	4	
Grady	38		Pierce	15	1
Greene	1		Pulaski	2	
Gwinnett	1		Putnam	1	
Habersham	1		Quitman	2	
Hall	1		Randolph	12	
Henry	1		Richmond	4	
Houston	24		Rockdale	1	
Irwin	13		Schley	1	
Jeff Davis	2		Screven	1	
Jefferson	2		Seminole	17	
Jones	1		Spalding	16	
Lanier	27		Stewart	3	
Laurens	4		Sumter	5	
Lee	1		Taylor	1	
Lowndes	540	13	Telfair	5	
Macon	1		Terrell	17	
Marion	1		Thomas	74	4
Meriwether	1		Tift	25	2
Miller	6		Troup	5	
Mitchell	27		Turner	12	
Muscogee	15		Upson	3	
Newton	3		Walton	1	
Ware	41	1	Wayne	27	
Wilcox	3		Worth	17	1

TABLE VI. Continued

CUMULATIVE ENROLLMENT BY COUNTIES - 1965-66

OUT OF STATE STUDENTS

State	Number of Students		Country	Number of Students	
	Regular	Off-Schedule		Regular	Off-Schedule
Alabama	2		Finland	1	
California	2				
Colorado	1				
Connecticut	1				
Delaware	1				
Florida	125				
Illinois	1		<u>Totals</u>		
Indiana	6		In-State	1722	
Kansas	1		Out-of-State	171	
Kentucky	1		Foreign	<u>1</u>	
Maryland	3			1894	
Massachusetts	1				
Michigan	1				
Minnesota	1				
New Jersey	9				
New York	4				
Ohio	3				
Pennsylvania	3				
South Carolina	2				
Virginia	3				
Wisconsin	1				

LIBRARY

The library is the heart of any educational institution. In view of the fact that the college is approaching the beginning of a graduate program, this portion of the report seems to me to be very important. The financial support of the library was increased this past year and again increased in the budget for the next year. I feel sure that even with this considerable increase, the library still has many needs. I believe that the Librarian's report can show better than any comments I could make, the total situation of the library. I will quote a few pages from her annual report:

FACILITIES AND SERVICES

No new major physical facilities were added this year, so soon after the completion and furnishing of the annex in March of 1965. No real equipment needs exist which cannot be met by a judicious distribution of the 1966-67 budget.

The Library Committee of the Faculty has worked harmoniously with the staff, and we believe that we have the confidence and support of the entire faculty. The librarian continued to work with such instructors of English 106 as invited her services toward improvement of student use of the library. Much remains to be done in this area and we hope the re-organization in the English Department will enable the library staff to improve such service.

A questionnaire circulated among students as part of the self study confirmed our belief that good working relations exist between student body and staff.

The student library committee died about the third month, from lack of attendance. The students seemed to be interested in having such a committee, but failed to follow through. Although all of the librarians sincerely believe in the student committee in principle, there is considerable doubt as to its value here and now for reasons just indicated.

The film service has operated very smoothly this year.

The library received a total of 94 books as gifts during the year. A large lot of these were given by President Thaxton, and another group were a gift from the Jewish Chautauqua Society; all others were single or a few copies from each donor.

The English Department transferred to the library a collection of 351 records, all of which have been cataloged and processed. This is a progressive step in keeping with good library practice. The records are still available to the department, but they are also easily accessible to others.

A long-sought milestone was reached when cooperatively with the Valdosta Times, University of Georgia, and the local regional library, we microfilmed the local newspaper from its beginning in 1868.

The quantity of interlibrary loans has remained

fairly constant. Two faculty members were engaged in research and required considerable material not available here. Fewer students than usual requested interlibrary loans. We believe this to be a good indication that (1) our holdings are more adequately meeting our needs, and (2) our reference department is making good use of all facilities available.

Inventory taken in August showed about 750 books missing. Some of these have been found and others will reappear during 1966 inventory. They will not be officially listed as missing until one year after inventory. This is a large number, but we do feel that it shows an improvement over the previous inventory report. At that time, we had fewer books and fewer students, but inventory revealed 1,000 books missing or out of place. We hope this trend continues; it is discouraging to report at the same time, however, that 24 stolen volumes were returned from Hopper Hall today when the girls moved out.

Since no inventory was taken during fiscal year 1964-65, no books are officially listed in this report as missing.

NEEDS

A. Staff

Our needs may be summarized aptly in the words, "Much more of that of which we now have a little." The gist of recommendations, as pertains to the library, of

the Visiting Committee to study our program in teacher education centered around (1) more staff, especially on the non-professional level; (2) more resource materials; and (3) improved program of formal instruction in use of the library. As far as item 3 is concerned, the staff concurs wholeheartedly and is eager to comply. As stated earlier, we sincerely hope coordination of such instruction and English 106 may be improved soon.

The two new positions on the staff for 1966-67 are most welcome. Qualified personnel to fill them would indeed fill our cup to overflowing. Actually, the personnel of the library staff will require an increase of only one and one-third persons since two-thirds of the time of one person, or the equivalent, will be devoted to teaching. If the library science courses maintain the popularity 1966 summer demand reveals, we should look forward at a very early date to providing the equivalent of one full-time person for teaching. As we go into graduate work, we anticipate a need for extended hours. The request herein for staff increases represents the minimum necessary to satisfy these needs and to care for normal increase in enrollment.

Our next budget should include, in addition to all present positions, the following:

1. One professional librarian.
2. Two non-professional library assistants with the bachelor's degree.
3. One clerical assistant.

The non-professional and clerical positions might well be filled by graduate assistants if we enter into such an arrangement. if so, sufficient individuals should be employed to equate three full-time persons.

B. Finances

The appropriation for library materials has been recently increased from \$16,000 (1964-65) to \$31,000 (1965-66) and will be \$60,000 (1966-67). This trend is evidence of the emphasis given the library by our administration. Informed visitors, new faculty members, and the Visiting Committee which was on our campus in April agree that we have a "well-balanced, judiciously selected" collection, but they also agree that it is **inadequate**. To meet ALA standards, we should have at least 100,000 volumes to care for the anticipated enrollment of 2,000 for next year. We have 56,552.

In preparation for graduate work in English, History, Biology, and Education by 1967, we have begun development in depth by spending in these areas \$8,000 of this year's appropriation above their regular allocation. We expect to spend most of anticipated NDEA funds in these areas, but all of it falls far short of the \$75,000 requested in November 1965 as a special support for the new program. At that time, we also requested an enlarged annual appropriation of \$25,000 for graduate work alone. Authorities estimate the financial support for graduate study to be ten times that for undergraduate study.

I am gratefully aware of the progress we are making; at the same time, I feel that I must keep before the budget officer the fact that needs increase almost as rapidly as the budget; the rate of "catching up" is not nearly so good as a casual glance might indicate. Therefore, I request again, for the present, a special appropriation of \$75,000 for graduate work plus continual growth in the regular appropriation in ratio to the increase in enrollment and curricular expansion.

APPENDIX A-BOOK STOCK AND ACQUISITIONS

Volumes on hand May 31, 1965		52,593
Volumes added		3,944
Books by purchase	3,606	
Books by gift	94	
Books found after being reported lost	50	
Bound magazines by purchase	403	
Volumes in microform	244	
Withdrawals (Lost or discarded)		35
Total volumes on hand June 1, 1966		56,552
Phonograph records added		351
Uncataloged pamphlets added		2,307
Color prints added		47
Periodicals (including newspapers) regularly received		517
By purchase	385	
By gift	132	
Number of reels of newspapers and documents on microfilm added		887
Uncataloged pamphlets discarded		736
Books recataloged		133

APPENDIX B - PRESENT HOLDINGS AND CURRENT ACQUISITIONS

Figures in Appendix B will not conform to statistics given in the 1964-65 annual report. During the gradual accumulation of materials in microform, such material has not been adequately reported. This summary represents an effort to give a more nearly accurate account of our holdings in the various formats.

	Total Present Holdings	Added 1965-66
Volumes in print	55,819	3,700
Volumes of journals in microform	733	244
Total volumes	56,552	3,944
Total reels of newspapers and documents in microform (not included)	1,153	887
Total reels of microfilm (included above)	1,387	980
Total phonograph records	468	351
Total color prints	199	47

APPENDIX C - USE OF MATERIALS

Books loaned for home use (excluding reserves)

Faculty	1,407	
Students	27,405	
Others	340	
Total		29,152
Reserve books used		11,918

APPENDIX D - ALLOCATION OF LIBRARY BUDGET, 1965-66

Periodicals	\$ 5,000
Binding	1,500
Contingency	4,500
Books and related materials, assigned according to formula based on enrollment and relative use	11,500

Accounting	\$ 123
Art	431
B. A. Economics	352
Biology	801
Chemistry	123
Education	1,003
English	1,663
Geography	62
History	1,663
Mathematics	264
Modern Foreign Language	528
Music	202
Physical Education	176
Physics & Physical Science	352
Psychology	255
Secretarial Science	167
Sociology	422
Speech	211
General fund (administered by librarian)	2,302

Allocated as special support for proposed graduate program

Education	5,000	8,000
Biology	1,000	
English	1,000	
History	1,000	
Total		\$31,000

CONSTRUCTION, REPAIRS AND
EDUCATIONAL EQUIPMENT

During the past year Hopper Hall, a dormitory for women students, housing 200 women, was completed and occupied at the beginning of the winter quarter in January. This building was constructed at an approximate cost of \$700,000.

During the current year, we have had under construction a second men's dormitory now nearing completion, to house 200 men. This building will cost approximately \$700,000.

A student center, costing \$450,000, was constructed during the year and has recently been accepted from the contractor.

Also under construction this year was the new Science and Administration Building, at an approximate cost of \$1,058,000. This building has recently been named for the late Dr. Beatrice Nevins who was the inspiration for our strong science program. This building will furnish much needed space for the Chemistry Department, the Biology Department, the Physics Department, and the Math Department. Also to be housed in this new building are the offices of the President, the Academic Dean, the Comptroller, the Registrar, and the Director of Admissions.

The other building built during the past year was a modern warehouse and maintenance plant at the cost of \$75,000.

\$19,753.79 was the cost of additional educational equipment added during the year. \$16,612.70 was used to provide furniture for the dormitories. Converse Hall, Ashley Hall, and Reed Hall were all air conditioned at a cost of \$125,700. \$8,115.09 was expended on renovating the President's home. Engineering services cost the college \$3,076.41.

As the college has rapidly been running out of land, 24 acres, approximately, across the street from the campus was bought at a cost of \$120,000. I feel that much has been done this year toward expanding the campus and facilities to meet our increasing needs.

GIFTS

Through the Chamber of Commerce and its Education Committee, the college received \$8,024 for tuition fees and scholarships. The Georgia Consumers Finance Association gave us \$500 to match NDEA funds. The remainder of the money necessary to match the NDEA grant came through the Education Committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

The association of Certified Public Accountants gave an assortment of accounting books to the library and sent a check for \$150 to be used for the same purpose. The librarian has already mentioned gifts to the library in her report.

NEEDS

With the completion of Nevins Hall, the college

will be in good condition for classroom space and laboratory space for the moment. The proposed Fine Arts Building will provide much needed space for speech, drama, music, and art, and I believe modern languages should be included in that. This is an urgent need, as all of these departments are crowded for space. The Language Department needs an additional language lab to accomodate the demands they now have for the use of this facility.

With the acquisition of the Saunders property, money should be made available for extensive parking facilities there and provide an athletic field for the Physical Education Department.

The last dormitory apportioned for this college will be in use this fall. No great expansion of the student body can be made after this year unless additional dormitories are provided. An additional dormitory for women is needed at this time. Another year will bring need for another men's dormitory. Additional dormitory space is imperative.

In the portion of this report dealing with the library, the needs of that facility have been pointed out by Miss Hambrick. I would like to add my support on her request for additional money to bring the book-holdings up to 100,000. This, I think, is a pressing need if the proposed graduate program is to develop with high standards and is to meet the needs in this area.

I will not mention any personnel needs as I feel

sure the new administration will take that up in their budget request for the next biennium.

CONCLUSION

The past year has been very fine. The problems that we had were caused by growing pains and the increased financial support for this coming year will do much to solve these.

Since I retired from active leadership in this college on July 1, this will be my last annual report to the Regents. In bringing this to a close, I wish to state that my 18 years as President here have been challenging and rewarding. We have achieved much in these past 18 years. I would like to add that I had magnificent help from my administrative staff. Dr. J. A. Durrenberger, the Academic Dean, and the Registrar have worked most actively to maintain higher standards each year, so that we would have quality education at this unit.

I relied heavily on my Dean of Men, Dr. Graham Wall, and my Dean of Women, Miss Fredeva Ogletree. The credit for the fine conduct of our students goes to these two. Dean Wall, in addition to his duties as Dean of Men, served as Professor of Math. He is one of the outstanding mathematicians of this area and one of the finest teachers we have.

Miss Ogletree served also as Associate Professor of History. She is an excellent historian and one of the real history teachers in our state.

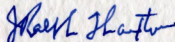
Mr. Shealy McCoy, the Comptroller, who is also Professor of Business Administration and Chairman of that division, has been one of my finest helpers. He is one of the finest business officers in the system and in the academic side of our program, he can handle his own with any member of this faculty. These administrative officers who have been my constant helpers have made possible a wonderful 18 year career for me here at Valdosta State College.

I would like to add a brief note about my secretary, Mrs. Joseph Maddox. Some years ago when money was scarce and we needed a placement service, she undertook to do this work in addition to her work as Secretary to the President. She has done an excellent job with this placement office, and I could not close this report without giving her a word of praise. I do feel, however, that the time has come when this should be set up as a separate office. With the increased faculty members and student body, Mrs. Maddox will need all her time to devote to her duties as Secretary to the President.

I would like to express to you, Chancellor Simpson, and to the Board of Regents and your staff, my deep appreciation for the cooperation I have had since I came to Valdosta. I am going to miss my active association with the college, but I shall certainly continue my interest in Valdosta State College as it progresses and expands under the leadership of my close personal friend,

Dr. S. Walter Martin.

Respectfully submitted,



J. Ralph Thaxton
President Emeritus

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