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Dear Howard:

Last weekend the Union Daily Times had a terrific article concerning the Associate Degree program that was being "pushed" by the University at the Union extension. The Associate Degree programs were in typing, filing, bookkeeping and shorthand, basically the same things that are being taught at all vocational high schools and all technical education colleges throughout the State.

I am absolutely alarmed and astounded that the "Commission of Higher Education of South Carolina" does not and has not "put its foot down" concerning the duplication and overlapping of our four-year colleges and universities into the "General Studies and Associate Degrees."

I would like to know how the Associate Degree programs have increased on an "FTE" basis with our colleges and universities beginning about 1973 and up to date. I would also like to know what the effect has been on our vocational high schools, our adult education programs, and our technical education colleges.

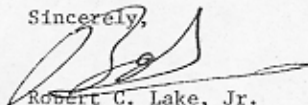
There is no reason for the taxpayers of this State to pay \$2,800 or more per year to a college or university for an "FTE" who is taking typing and shorthand courses when the same thing could be taken within the same city limits at a vocational high school at a cost of less than \$1,000 or at a nearby technical education college at a cost of approximately \$1,500 per year.

This is a horrible thing that is occurring in the field of higher education, and I respectfully request that you and your Commission look into this matter immediately to stop this duplication and overlapping.

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I would also like to invite you to attend a meeting of the Education Study Committee which I chair. The meeting will be held this Friday, September 19, 1980, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 207 of the Gressette Building. I would like very much for you to respond to this matter at that time.

Sincerely,


Robert C. Lake, Jr.

RCL:ls

CC: The Honorable Richard W. Riley
Mr. G. William Dudley, Jr.
Dr. Charlie G. Williams
The Honorable Harry Chapman
The Honorable Eugene Stoddard
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The Honorable Robert C. Lake, Jr.
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Dear Bob:

As I indicated at the meeting of the Education Study Committee in Columbia on September 19, I am setting forth here the information I presented in response to your letter of September 16. Several additional tables are also enclosed.

In your September 16 letter you stated your concern with respect to unnecessary duplication and overlapping of programs offered in the public colleges and universities in South Carolina. We share your concern about unnecessary duplication.

The Commission stated in the Master Plan (p. 88) that it will undertake studies, in specific locations, to determine whether or not apparent duplication of mission between and among institutions should be continued and, if not, will make appropriate recommendations in each case. Those locations are:

- "a. Aiken, to determine whether USC-Aiken should continue to offer the occupational program leading to the associate degree in criminal justice, or whether this program should be offered by Aiken Technical College;
- "b. Charleston, to determine whether Trident Technical College should continue college parallel programs leading to the A.A. and A.S. degrees;
- "c. Columbia, to determine whether USC-Columbia should continue to offer occupational programs leading to the associate degree in seven majors; and whether Midlands Technical College should continue college parallel programs leading to the A.A. and A.S. degrees;
- "d. Greenwood, to determine whether Lander College should continue to offer the occupational program leading to the associate degree in secretarial science;
- "e. Rock Hill, to determine whether Winthrop College should continue to offer associate degree programs in four areas; and whether York Technical College should continue college parallel programs leading to A.A. and A.S. degrees; and

"f. Cheraw, Greenville, and Pendleton, to determine whether Chesterfield-Marlboro Technical College, Greenville Technical College, and Tri-County Technical College should continue college parallel programs leading to A.A. and A.S. degrees."

A team of three nationally known consultants will be in the State in October and November to visit each of the institutions mentioned and to advise the Commission on this matter. This study will be completed by the end of the year.

You inquired about an associate degree program at USC-Union involving courses in typing and related subjects. USC-Union has offered associate degree programs in secretarial and commercial areas since its establishment in 1965. It serves a commuting clientele and is not within the service or commuting area of any other college or university. We have talked with adult education and vocational education staff of the State Department of Education about the effect of associate degree programs such as the one you mentioned at USC-Union on vocational high schools and adult education programs. We were advised that they do not compete directly with adult education programs, which are aimed at enabling adults to complete their high school education. Adults do not attend vocational education centers with secondary school students in the day-time (except in LPN programs). There are no adult vocational education programs offered at Union in the evening.

Academic programs in the USC two-year branches were discussed in the Master Plan (p. 77) as follows:

"All five of the [USC two-year] campuses offer programs leading to Associate in Arts and Associate in Science Degrees. These programs provide courses at the freshman and sophomore levels which allow students to complete the general education requirements prerequisite to most baccalaureate degrees at the University of South Carolina-Columbia or elsewhere. . . .

"Each of the five two-year campuses has its own particular characteristics based on the nature of the local environment To meet local needs in each of the communities involved, two of the campuses also offer programs not specifically designed for transfer to baccalaureate degree programs but to train students for immediate employment. USC-Lancaster, conjointly with York Technical College at Rock Hill, offers the associate degree in nursing. USC-Lancaster also offers associate degree programs in commercial education, secretarial science, and criminal justice. Associate degree programs in commercial education and in secretarial science are offered at USC-Union."

Similar programs were discontinued at USC branches at Aiken, Beaufort, Coastal Carolina, and Spartanburg about ten years ago as TEC institutions came into being. The most recent associate degree program in occupational education approved by the Commission at a USC branch campus was in 1974 -- the joint nursing education program at USC-Lancaster and York Technical College in Rock Hill. Any new proposals for associate degree programs in occupational or vocational education from any public two-year institution (technical college or USC branch campus) must be submitted to the State TEC Board and to the Commission.

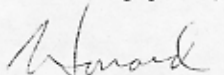
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Six tables are enclosed that deal with enrollments in associate degree programs and with the numbers of associate degrees awarded in recent years.

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosures

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The Honorable Eugene C. Stoddard
Mr. G. William Dudley, Jr.
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Members, Commission on Higher Education

TABLE 1

STUDENTS ENROLLED IN ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS
IN SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES*

PUBLIC SENIOR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES	Fall 1977		Fall 1978		Fall 1979	
	FT	HC	FT	HC	FT	HC
The Citadel	--	--	--	--	--	--
Clemson	85	103	74	96	48	91
College of Charleston	--	--	--	--	--	--
Francis Marion	--	--	--	--	--	--
Lander	84	85	69	121	89	120
S.C. State	--	--	--	--	--	--
U.S.C.-Columbia						
Nursing	86	241	64	210	52	183
General Studies	1,130	1,402	1,261	1,521	1,338	1,664
U.S.C.-Aiken	134	220	133	234	135	207
U.S.C.-Coastal	47	58	36	46	44	53
U.S.C.-Spartanburg	112	229	113	247	135	259
Winthrop	42	46	38	46	39	43
Total	1,720	2,384	1,788	2,521	1,880	2,620
U.S.C. 2-Yr. BRANCHES						
U.S.C.-Beaufort	228	447	198	489	221	666
U.S.C.-Lancaster	384	709	391	721	416	739
U.S.C.-Salkehatchie	200	378	196	351	230	463
U.S.C.-Sumter	440	609	549	814	554	1,106
U.S.C.-Union	143	236	161	250	110	196
Total	1,395	2,379	1,495	2,625	1,531	3,170
TECHNICAL COLLEGES						
Aiken	364	595	280	556	305	544
Beaufort	345	481	306	506	428	744
Chesterfield-Marlboro	395	536	266	441	323	489
Denmark	103	113	43	52	71	105
Florence-Darlington	1,197	1,688	1,188	1,587	1,151	1,646
Greenville	2,491	5,557	2,049	4,885	2,544	4,878
Horry-Georgetown	666	882	710	921	687	996
Midlands	2,447	4,194	2,166	4,167	2,185	4,142
Orangeburg-Calhoun	601	886	525	848	447	746
Piedmont	725	1,030	731	1,054	663	939
Spartanburg	685	1,052	557	949	615	998
Sumter Area	399	657	329	683	476	743
Tri-County	1,069	1,736	1,153	1,785	1,081	1,660
Trident	2,468	4,164	1,989	4,475	2,430	4,641
Williamsburg	156	223	222	298	174	250
York	695	987	630	939	694	1,173
Total	14,806	24,791	13,144	24,146	14,274	24,694
Grand Total	17,921	29,554	16,427	29,292	17,685	30,484

*Full-time (FT) and total Head Count (HC)

SOURCE: Higher Education General Information Survey

TABLE 2

STUDENTS ENROLLED IN VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL AND COLLEGE PARALLEL
ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS, SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES*

PUBLIC SENIOR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES	Fall 1978				Fall 1979			
	VOCATIONAL/ TECHNICAL		COLLEGE PARALLEL		VOCATIONAL/ TECHNICAL		COLLEGE PARALLEL	
	FT	HC	FT	HC	FT	HC	FT	HC
The Citadel	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Clemson	74	96	--	--	48	91	--	--
College of Charleston	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Francis Marion	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Lander	69	121	--	--	89	120	--	--
S. C. State	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
U.S.C.-Columbia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Nursing	64	210	--	--	52	183	--	--
General Studies	1,261	1,521	--	--	1,338	1,664	--	--
U.S.C.-Aiken	125	219	8	15	127	195	8	12
U.S.C.-Coastal	32	41	4	5	41	49	3	4
U.S.C.-Spartanburg	110	242	3	5	133	256	2	3
Winthrop	38	46	--	--	39	43	--	--
Total	1,773	2,496	15	25	1,867	2,601	13	19
U.S.C.-2-Yr. BRANCHES	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
U.S.C.-Beaufort	--	--	198	489	--	--	221	656
U.S.C.-Lancaster	120	261	271	460	53	171	363	568
U.S.C.-Salkehatchie	--	--	196	351	--	--	230	463
U.S.C.-Sumter	--	--	549	814	--	--	554	1,106
U.S.C.-Union	58	92	103	158	36	90	110	196
Total	178	353	1,317	2,272	89	261	1,478	2,989
TECHNICAL COLLEGES	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Aiken	280	556	--	--	305	544	--	--
Beaufort	65	86	--	--	428	744	--	--
Chesterfield-Malboro	204	339	62	102	233	368	90	121
Denmark	43	52	--	--	71	105	--	--
Florence-Darlington	1,188	1,587	--	--	1,151	1,646	--	--
Greenville	1,656	3,800	393	1,085	1,975	3,645	569	1,233
Horry-Georgetown	710	921	--	--	687	996	--	--
Midlands	1,921	3,650	245	517	1,935	3,620	250	522
Orangeburg-Calhoun	525	848	--	--	447	746	--	--
Piedmont	731	1,054	--	--	663	939	--	--
Spartanburg	557	949	--	--	615	998	--	--
Sumter Area	329	683	--	--	476	743	--	--
Tri-County	965	1,470	188	315	890	1,340	191	320
Trident	1,749	3,810	240	665	2,006	3,844	424	817
Williamsburg	222	298	--	--	174	250	--	--
York	509	773	121	166	563	873	131	300
Total	11,654	20,876	1,249	2,850	12,619	21,401	1,655	3,313
Grand Total	13,605	23,725	2,581	5,147	14,575	24,263	3,146	6,321

*Full-Time (FT) and total Head Count (HC)

SOURCE: Higher Education General Information Survey

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TABLE 3

STUDENTS ENROLLED IN ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS IN BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL TECHNOLOGIES
SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES*

PUBLIC SENIOR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES	Fall 1978		Fall 1979	
	FT	HC	FT	HC
Lander	19	21	25	33
U.S.C.-General Studies	538	669	585	751
Winthrop	34	40	35	39
Total	591	730	645	823
U.S.C. 2-Yr. BRANCHES				
U.S.C.-Lancaster	18	37	31	64
U.S.C.-Union	18	31	8	12
Total	36	68	39	76
TECHNICAL COLLEGES				
Aiken	193	376	185	334
Beaufort	152	259	212	356
Chesterfield-Malboro	93	164	104	155
Denmark	12	23	17	31
Florence-Darlington	354	522	380	553
Greenville	555	1,590	625	1,371
Horry-Georgetown	466	626	423	649
Midlands	903	1,841	943	1,857
Orangeburg-Calhoun	207	410	209	371
Piedmont	295	432	326	445
Spartanburg	174	416	220	419
Sumter Area	249	531	325	532
Tri-County	450	662	350	501
Trident	768	1,924	991	2,064
Williamsburg	51	70	65	89
York	195	315	179	322
Total	5,117	10,161	5,554	10,049
Grand Total	5,744	10,959	6,238	10,948

*Full-time (FT) and total Head Count (HC)

SOURCE: Higher Education General Information Survey

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TABLE 4

TOTAL ASSOCIATE DEGREES AWARDED
SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, 1976-1979

	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>
PUBLIC SENIOR COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES*	733	779	695	600
U.S.C. 2-YR. BRANCHES	243	248	267	304
TECHNICAL COLLEGES	<u>2,805</u>	<u>4,004</u>	<u>3,439</u>	<u>3,468</u>
TOTAL	3,782	5,031	4,401	4,372

* Includes U.S.C.-General Studies and U.S.C. 4-Yr. Branches.

SOURCE: Higher Education General Information Survey

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TABLE 5

ASSOCIATE DEGREES AWARDED BY DISCIPLINE
SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, 1976-1979

	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>
Business & Commerce Technologies	1,306	1,876	1,729	1,722
Data Processing Technologies	80	94	98	97
Health Service and Paramedical Technologies	760	994	943	848
Mechanical and Engineering Technologies	652	856	706	728
Natural Science Technologies	90	137	111	104
Public Service Technologies	<u>545</u>	<u>818</u>	<u>686</u>	<u>675</u>
Total - Technical and Occupational Technologies	3,433	4,775	4,273	4,174
College Parallel	<u>1,055</u>	<u>1,003</u>	<u>976</u>	<u>918</u>
Grand Total	4,488	5,778	5,249	5,092

SOURCE: Higher Education General Information Survey

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TABLE 6

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) STUDENTS ENROLLED IN ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS
SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SENIOR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES,
INCLUDING U.S.C. TWO-YEAR BRANCHES

<u>PUBLIC SENIOR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>
Emerson	52	54	51	48	35
Lander	27	103	100	81	84
U.S.C.-Columbia					
Nursing	205	145	101	93	75
General Studies	1,190	1,275	1,273	1,354	1,428
U.S.C.-Aiken	104	127	101	111	101
U.S.C.-Coastal	18	30	28	27	32
U.S.C.-Spartanburg	124	125	123	124	124
<u>U.S.C. 2-Yr. BRANCHES</u>					
U.S.C.-Beaufort	257	234	290	285	299
U.S.C.-Lancaster	516	513	497	499	535
U.S.C.-Salkehatchie	234	272	266	252	312
U.S.C.-Sumter	437	433	479	636	658
U.S.C.-Union	255	207	187	193	190
Grand Total	3,419	3,518	3,496	3,703	3,873

SOURCE: CHE Reports

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