"Jones' greeting"

On behalf of the University of South Carolina, I want to welcome all of you to the campus for the fall term.

To those of you just beginning your academic career I extend a special welcome. As your days here extend into weeks and months, I hope and believe you will discover the University is so structured as to give you ample opportunity to develop your personality and your career preference with considerable freedom.

New students and those of you returning to continue your education with us will find, I believe, ample evidence the University is growing physically and academically. Changes have been made during the summer months to strengthen the academic administration. Construction of new facilities on campus is moving along rapidly in some cases, and with unavoidable delays in others. But we are thankful to have new facilities assured.

Regardless of the physical or administrative changes, your University depends in great part on your dedication to learning and on your interest in University affairs if it is to develop a more meaningful response to the human needs of our state and nation.

We feel we have established here a remarkable climate for the development of scholarship and learning. What you glean from this increasingly sophisticated instrument will, in large part, be up to you.

Good luck in your academic years and best wishes for the success you so obviously seek for the future.

Academics reorganized

The Academic Affairs Division is undergoing a radical reorganization. The proposed reorganization, which was announced by University President Dr. Thomas J. Jones.

Designed to provide an efficient and creative response to the aspirations and goals of an increasingly large, talented and diverse academic community, the program will create five new vice provost positions. These provosts will be assigned specific areas of responsibility. The College of Arts and Sciences has, in addition, been divided into three separate divisions.

The five new academic areas and their provosts will be:
- Liberal Disciplines, Dr. John C. Gules, Health Sciences, Dr. W. N. Adams Smith: Advanced Studies and Research, Dr. Bruce W. Nelson: Regional Campuses, Dr. H. William Davis: Dr. Patterson will be acting head of the 5th area, Professional Schools, which includes Business Administration, Education, Engineering, Journalism, Librarianship, Law and Social Work.

Dr. Guilds, will head the College of Arts and Letters, College of Science and Mathematics, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, College of Education, Business, Honors Program, and cultural development. Since October, 1966, Dr. Guilds has served as Vice Provost for academic affairs.

Dr. Adams Smith, a tenured member of the medical University of South Carolina since 1966, will come to USC next month charged with responsibilities in the fields of nursing, pharmacy, and allied health sciences.

Dr. Nelson: currently dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, will head undergraduate programs, research, grants and USC human and institutional resources.

Dr. Davis will supervise the activities of the seven regional campuses of the University and all off-campus courses. He is presently vice president for advanced studies and research and Dean of the Graduate School.

Under the plan, the College of Arts and Sciences, established 1912, will be reorganized into the Colleges of Arts and Letters, Science and Mathematics, and Social and Behavioral Sciences. These will be identified with the Office of the Vice Provost for Liberal Disciplines.

Dr. George M. Reves has been named acting dean of the College of Arts and Letters. Dr. C. F. Schulte, acting dean of the College of Science and Mathematics; and Dr. Robert Alston, acting dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. The acting deans will serve until permanent appointments are made.

Commenting on the reorganization of the Academic Affairs Division, Dr. Jones said the spectacular growth of the University in recent years and the gradual transition of the University to a status of a senior institution made it necessary that we restructure the academic administration.

Undergraduate enrollment, in the past five years, has grown from 7,950 in 1964 to 12,557 in 1971. Because we voluntarily established a limit to the number of entering freshmen beginning last September, we expect undergraduate enrollment to level off. On the other hand, Jones continued, "we can look forward to an enormous growth in Graduate School. Last year the Graduate School enrollment was two and one half times larger than 1964 and the projections for the future are even more encouraging."