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Tuesday, June 3, 1975

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② He's tough.
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③ Why was he picked -
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④ Under - educator
scholar
historian
young -
program
Alumni sons - Dean of men -
very fine - used
by him.

⑤ Reduced a tight ship - his way

⑥ Apolitical.



John Oliver -
JWB -

"Memorable Job"

Historical person

Good Administration

Relate our set people -

Jeff Coleman



Biographical Data: FORREST DAVID MATHEWS (David Mathews)

Born: December 6, 1935, Grove Hill, Alabama

Family: Mary (Chapman) Mathews, from Grove Hill, Alabama
Lee Ann, born October 12, 1961
Lucy McLeod, born November 19, 1964

Education: A. B. , History and Classical Greek, The University
of Alabama, 1958
M. A. , Education, The University of Alabama, 1959
Ph. D. . History of American Education, Columbia
University, 1965

Experience: Infantry Officer, 2nd Infantry Division, Ft. Benning,
Georgia, 1959-60
Dean of Men's Office, The University of Alabama,
1960-62
Interim Dean of Men, The University of Alabama, 1965-66
Lecturer, Department of History, The University of
Alabama, 1965-
Executive Assistant, Office of the President, The
University of Alabama, 1966-68
Executive Vice President The University of Alabama,
1968-69
President, The University of Alabama, 1969-

Memberships: Phi Beta Kappa
Phi Alpha Theta (History)
Omicron Delta Kappa
Newcomen Society of North America

Professional
Activities: Member, Board of Trustees, Judson College, 1968-
Member, Board of Directors, Birmingham Festival
of Arts Association, Inc. , 1969-
Member, Board of Trustees, American Universities
Field Staff, 1969-
State Chairman, March of Dimes Campaign, 1969-
Member, Board of Directors, Birmingham Branch,
Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, 1970-72;
Chairman, 1973-
Member, National Programming Council for Public
Television, 1970-73

Professional

Activities (Con'd)

Member, Executive Committee, Southern Regional Education Board, 1970
Chairman, Committee on Educational Opportunities for Minority Groups, National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, 1971-72
Member, Board of Advisors, Outstanding Young Men of America, 1971-
President, Alabama Consortium for the Development of Higher Education, 1971-73; Member of the Board, 1971-
Member, Board of Trustees, Charles F. Kettering Foundation, 1972-
Member, Board of Directors, Alabama-Guatemala Partners of the Americas Organization, 1973-
Member, Alabama Council on the Humanities, 1973-
Member, Commission on the Future of the South of the Southern Growth Policies Board, 1974
Member, Southern Growth Policies Board, 1974-
Member, Army Advisory Panel on ROTC Affairs, 1974-
Member, Alabama American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, 1974-
Member, Advisory Council, American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, 1975-
Member, State Oil and Gas Board, 1975-
Member of Board, Academy for Educational Development,

Awards:

Recipient of one of awards given to four "Outstanding Young Men" in Alabama by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, 1968.

Named one of "Ten Most Outstanding Young Men in the Nation" by United States Jaycees, 1969.

Elected to membership in Alabama Academy of Honor, 1973.

Cour of Honor Award, Exchange Clubs of Alabama, 1975.

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DR. DAVID MATHEWS
President, The University of Alabama

When David Mathews assumed the presidency of The University of Alabama in the fall of 1969, he was the youngest man ever to hold that position. However, he has been deeply involved with the University for over 20 years--as a student, dean of men, history teacher, vice president and president. He has probably seen the University from as many perspectives as anyone in its history.

A native Alabamian (from Grove Hill), he returned to his alma mater first after military service and again after taking his doctorate in the history of American education at Columbia. As he has advanced through the ranks, he has continued to teach American history and to write in the fields of his special interest, Southern history and American higher education. He has written for or has been written about in publications ranging from the Educational Record and the Alabama Historical Review to Southern Living and Saturday Review.

His leadership at the University has sought to translate the personal concern for students, for which he is recognized for openness and fairness, into programs. A prime example is the student internship project which has involved hundreds of students in working for the University and learning from direct contact with its operations. During Dr. Mathews' tenure the University has established such other new divisions as the New College, the Computer Honors Program, and the Interim Session, all of which are designed to help improve the learning opportunities for students.

Dr. Mathews has had a special interest in the problems of the state and region and the responsibility of the University for aiding in sound public policy development. He has used his service on the Southern Regional Education Board, the Southern Growth Policies Board, the State Oil and Gas Board, the Birmingham Federal Reserve Board, and the Alabama Council on the Humanities to work with the University faculty to help bring their knowledge to bear on the critical issues facing the public. The University has also tried to be responsive through the creation of such agencies as the College of Community Health Sciences (for improving rural health care delivery), the Law Center (for legal research into public policy matters), and the Field Services Office (for community level contact with University research and service bureau).



Dr. Mathews has been asked to serve as a member of the board of the Charles F. Kettering Foundation, as an advisor to the Secretary of the Army on ROTC Affairs, as a member of the board of directors to the Academy for Educational Development, as a trustee of Judson College, and, since 1969, as state chairman of the March of Dimes. He has been particularly active in the formation of the Alabama Consortium for the Development of Higher Education, which is a voluntary association for joint efforts by a group of the state's public and private institutions. And in 1975, Dr. Mathews was appointed by President Ford to the Advisory Council for the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration.

At the University, the student/faculty awards committee presented him with the Algernon Sidney Sullivan Award, the only President to ever have received that honor. Other honors include memberships in Phi Beta Kappa and the Alabama Academy of Honor, selection for the state's citizen of the year award for 1975 by Alabama's Exchange Clubs, and selection as one of the nation's ten Outstanding Young Men in 1969.




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MEMORANDUM FOR: CASPAR WEINBERGER
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FROM: WILLIAM N. WALKER 

SUBJECT: Meetings with Dr. F. David Mathews,
President, University of Alabama

Attached is the schedule of meetings for Dr. Mathews
on Tuesday, June 3, 1975.

SCHEDULE FOR DR. F. DAVID MATHEWS
JUNE 3, 1975

9:00 William N. Walker
Director
Presidential Personnel Office
Room 145, Executive Office Building

9:45 Richard B. Cheney
Deputy Assistant to the President
First Floor, West Wing

10:30 Roderick Hills
Deputy Counsel to the President
Second Floor, West Wing

11:15 James Connor
Secretary to the Cabinet
First Floor, West Wing

12:00 James Cannon
Director
Domestic Council
Second Floor, West Wing

2:30 Caspar Weinberger
Secretary
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
Room 5246, North Building
330 Independence Avenue, S.W.

4:45 James Lynn
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Room 252, Executive Office Building

MATHEWS, FORREST DAVID, univ. pres.; b. Grove Hill, Ala., Dec. 6, 1935; s. Forrest Lee and Doris (Pearson) M.; A.B., U. Ala., 1958, M.A., 1959, LL.D., 1969; Ph.D., Columbia, 1963; m. Mary Chapman, Jan. 24, 1960; children—Lee Ann, Lucy McLeod. With U. Ala., 1960—, pres., 1969—. Bd. dirs. Ala. Community and Tech. Services Agy., 1968; mem. So. Regional Edn. Bd., 1969—; mem. Nat. Programming Council for Pub. TV., 1970—; chmn. com. ednl. opportunites for minority groups Nat. Assn. State Univs. and Land-Grant Colls., 1971-72; mem. intern program adv. com. Am. Council on Edn., 1970—. Chmn. bd. Birmingham br. Fed. Res. Bank Atlanta, 1973—. State chmn. Ala. March Dimes, 1970—. Trustee Judson Coll., 1968—. Charles F. Kettering Found., 1972—; bd. dirs. Am. U. Field Staff; bd. advisers Outstanding Young Men of Am., 1971—. Served with inf. AUS, 1959. Named 1 of 10 Outstanding Young Men in Am., Jr. C. of C., 1969. Mem. Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Alpha Theta, Phi Delta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa. Home: PO Box B University AL 35486