

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

3801 CULLEN BOULEVARD  
HOUSTON 4, TEXAS

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 6, 1959

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Mrs. A. L. Horton  
936 Dunbar Avenue  
Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. Horton:

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Your letter of April 2nd to Dr. McNeill has been referred to me for reply.

I regret to inform you that the University has not yet desegregated. This is a matter currently under study by our Board. When they have decided to admit Negro students you will doubtless read press releases to that effect. I must tell you that I doubt that this will be in time for you to pursue your current plans.

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It will interest you to know that my recommendation to our Board has been that when a desegregation program is instituted that the first Negro students to be admitted be graduate teachers.

I suggest that meantime you should apply to the University of Texas which does have the program you wish to pursue, where the racial obstacle has been removed, and where there is not the high tuition which this privately supported institution must charge.

Faithfully yours,

Y  
Clanton W. Williams  
President

CWW:mc (*Miss Chancy, Admissions*)

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON  
OFFICE OF THE  
VICE PRESIDENT, DEAN OF FACULTIES

4/6/59  
DATE

Memo to:

*Gene Williams*

- Please answer, sending me a copy.
- Please furnish data for my reply.
- Please take charge of this.
- Please note and return.
- Please note and see me.
- Please route to appropriate staff members.
- Please note and file.
- For your information.
- For your recommendation.
- For your approval.
- For your comment and return.
- Please prepare reply for my signature.

*I believe all such questions  
are referred to you.*

*[Signature]*

From  
Office of Dean  
College of Education

Dr. Haffner

4/3/59

How shall we handle

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Vice President, Dean of Faculties

6 hrs  
during first 6 weeks  
of summer program.  
Request return  
June.

936 Dunbar Ave.  
Port Arthur, Texas  
March 15, 1959

Dept. of Education  
Div. of Special Education  
University of Houston  
Houston, Texas

Dear Sir:

Will you please send me  
an application blank and an announcement  
of the summer school program. I plan  
to take at least six hours in courses related  
to the teaching of the physically handicapped.

I would also like blanks to apply  
for a scholarship.

Respectfully yours,  
Mrs. Addie Lee Horton

936 Dunbar Avenue  
Port Arthur, Texas  
April 2, 1959

Mr. W. D. McNeill  
University of Houston  
College of Education  
Box 2593  
Houston 4, Texas

Dear Mr. McNeill:

I wrote you earlier concerning the taking of two courses in the teaching of the physically handicapped. I received a reply from you on yesterday, stating that the courses would be offered.

There is one important fact that I did not clear with you. I am a Negro. Are Negroes admitted to the University of Houston?

Let me hear from you at your earliest convenience in regard to the above question.

Yours truly,

*Mrs. A. L. Horton*

Mrs. A. L. Horton

*Letter 3*

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

CULLEN BOULEVARD  
HOUSTON 4, TEXAS

March 31, 1959

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Mrs. A. L. Horton  
936 Dunbar Avenue  
Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Mrs. Horton:

The published summer school schedule will not be available until April 9. I can, however, inform you that you will be able to take six semester hours of course work related to the teaching of the physically handicapped child during the first summer session for which the registration date is June 1.

We usually receive a few small scholarships from one of the programs interested in the physically handicapped child. These have not yet been made available to us, so I would suggest that you write to me again some time during May.

I am requesting the admissions office to send you an application form. I am also sending under separate cover a College of Education Catalog which outlines for you the general regulations of the college.

Yours sincerely,

W. D. McNeill  
Special Education

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*Letter 2*