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Media Kit



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Purpose: *The purpose of this media kit is to inform our faculty, staff, administrators, students, and community of the series of events that the university is currently being faced with. While the university has not had a situation of this caliber, we hope that you find the information included in this packet helpful in understanding what is occurring on our campus today. Included in this packet is a brief history of the University of Alabama, biography of Autherine Lucy and her attempt to enroll at the university as well as a poll taken by the student body. Please take full advantage of this kit that is being offered to you.*

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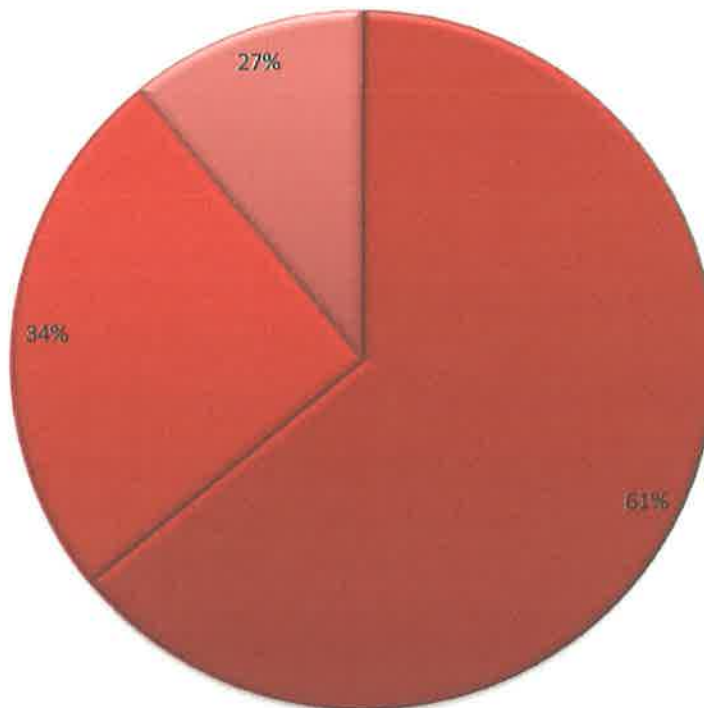
***About the University:** The University of Alabama was founded in 1831 and is considered the state of Alabama's flagship institution of higher education. In 1831 the university opened its doors to white males only and steadily expanded well into the 1860s. After the university was burned by Union troops in 1865, the doors quickly reopened in 1871. Offering a plethora of majors and career choices, the University strives to work towards the betterment of scholarship and excellence.*



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A poll was conducted to receive student's views on African Americans attended the University of Alabama. "One poll determined that 34 percent of Capstone students viewed African Americans as patently inferior to whites, and 61percent of the students polled opposed desegregation outright. 27 Another study indicated that less than one percent of white students in 1963 would have no objection" to dating an African American student, while fewer than six percent would agree to room with one of their black peers"

Student opinions on desegregation



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