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Letter Requesting Information About Women’s Intercollegiate Varsity Sports and Coaches

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Dr. Howard Aldmon  
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Dear Dr. Aldmon:

I am writing at the request of The Commission For Blacks. At the initial meeting of the CFB for the 1976-77 academic year, the Commission discussed the article on the UTK Women's Intercollegiate Varsity Sports and the hiring of the Lady Volunteer Coaches, that appeared in the Beacon, Tuesday, October 5.

On the one hand, the members of the CFB are pleased to learn of this program, albeit through the Beacon. However, a recurring question raised by the CFB has to do with the qualifications required for the Coach positions, and the selection procedure used for filling the Lady Volunteer positions. Further, we are interested in knowing whether any Blacks were considered. If not, are there still openings?

We would appreciate your providing the CFB this information; and in this regard, we have asked Mr. Ralph Taylor, Chairperson of the Subcommittee on Staff Affairs to follow-up with you.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Cordially,

Betty J. Cleckley  
Chairperson, The Commission For Blacks

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