Memo: Graduate Student Recruitment

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DATE: November 23, 1982  
SUBJECT: Graduate Student Recruitment

There exists a continuing effort in The Graduate School to encourage well qualified students from colleges in the state and region to consider graduate study at The University of Tennessee. This effort is intended to enlarge the applicant pool so that program representatives may continue to exercise selectivity needed for maintenance of high academic standards. Attempts to enlarge or at least maintain the applicant pool are especially important in view of the decreasing graduate enrollment.

Related to general recruiting are the specific needs to enhance minority student enrollment in The Graduate School. Current minority enrollment (Fall 1982) stands at just over 4 percent of the graduate student body.

In response to the above, recruiting visits have been made to a number of colleges and universities in the state and region during 1982, including every predominately black school in Tennessee. Two different types of recruiting trips were made. First, The Graduate School was invited by some schools to send a representative to "Graduate School" or "Career" days to meet directly with students. On other occasions, a Graduate School representative visited schools to make contacts with placement officers or other university officials in an effort to establish links for the future. Recruiting trips made during 1982 are as follows:

March 29-30* Lane College, Jackson, TN -- THK  
Contact: Ms. Gail White, Placement Director

Lambuth College, Jackson, TN -- THK  
Contact: Dr. B. Sherbine, Dean, Academic Affairs

Union College, Jackson, TN -- THK  
Contact: Dr. H. E. Barefoot, Dean of Academic Affairs
In addition, Law represented UT at a consortium of black schools in Atlanta during October.

*Represents a "Graduate School" or "Career" Day.

During 1983, the contacts made this year will be cultivated, with efforts being made to reach other colleges and universities in East Tennessee as resources permit.