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TO: Dean C. W. Minkel  
FROM: Thomas H. Klindt  
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
September 16* Appalachian State University, Boone, NC -- THK
Contact: David Ball, Director Placement
704/262-2180

September 28* Middle Tennessee State University
Murphreesboro, TN -- Rose Ann
Contact: Martha Turner, Placement
615/898-2500

September 30* Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, TN -- Rose Ann
Contact: Becky Burton, Coordinator of Seminars
615/475-4316

October 12* Maryville College, Maryville, TN -- Rose Ann
Contact: Jean Jones, Placement Director

October 18 Knoxville College, Knoxville, TN -- THK
Contact: Cecil Green, Placement
615/524-6500

October 21* North Carolina A & T, Greensboro, NC -- Jay Stauss

October 27* Pembroke State University, Pembroke, NC -- Jay Stauss

October 28 Fish, Nashville, TN -- THK
Contact: Edwena Smith, Director Placement
615/329-8597

November 9* LeMoyne-Owen, Memphis, TN -- Rose Ann
Contact: June Chinn-Jones, Placement Counselor
901/774-9090, Ext. 217

November 11 Tennessee State University, Nashville, TN -- THK
Contact: Dorothy Lockridge, Director Placement
615/320-3525

November 19 Memphis State, Memphis, TN -- THK
Contact: Stoney Warren, Director of Placement
901/454-2239

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.