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Dear Senior:

Our records show that you may be graduating this December or May. Congratulations on your progress toward this significant achievement! Now, amidst all of what you are going through to complete your degree, we are about to make another very important request of you. Even now, before you graduate, you can help your University and those students who will come after you. We'll explain below.

As you know, a portion of the University's annual appropriation from the state of Tennessee is based on our performance in a number of areas, one being students' knowledge in the major field. AS part of the Legislature's performance requirement for publicly-funded institutions of higher education in Tennessee, all graduating seniors in French and Spanish are required to take this test during 1998-99. **You must take this test to graduate!**

Seniors in French and Spanish are tested with a national exam, and an increase in the average score reported to the state from one testing date to the next brings a corresponding increase or decrease in the funds provided to the University. The amounts of money are significant: The University can ear or lose well over a million dollars this year based on the major field testing results.

The test selected for Spanish and French majors to meet this requirement is the NTE Praxis Exam, developed by the Educational Testing Service (ETS). It is a 2-hour examination to be given off-campus (because of the football game) on **November 21 1998 at 8:00 a.m. (students must report by 7:30 a.m.)**. Information about the precise location will be available from Lisa Pass, the member of our staff who will assist you with registration.

In order to register for this test, please come to 601 McClung Tower where Ms. Pass will provide you with registration materials. **To complete registration for the November test, we need you to complete the necessary paper work by Thursday, October 8.** She is available by phone at 974-2311 and by e-mail at [lpass@utk.edu](mailto:lpass@utk.edu). We know that this is a short turn-around time. Unfortunately, we received our list of eligible students just this week. Nevertheless, it is very important for you to register by October 8 in order for us to prepay the \$95.00 test registration fee on your behalf. Because we are very appreciative of the extra effort you will make to help us meet this requirement this semester, once you have completed the test, you will be mailed a \$10.00 gift certificate for the University Center Book Store with our thanks. We will also make refreshments available at the test site so that we can take advantage of this required process to met and chat with you before or after the test.

If you have received this letter but don't plan to graduate this semester, you will also have the option of taking the exam on one of the spring testing dates if you prefer not to go ahead and be tested with the fall group. Ms. Pass will also be able to help you with this information.

We all appreciate your helping us to fulfill the mandates of the state legislature in this important demonstration of academic accountability. We look forward to seeing you on November 21!

Sincerely,

Dr. Susan Martin  
Acting Head

Dr. Ed Campion  
Professor of French

Dr. William Heflin  
Professor of Spanish