

July 14, 1952

Mrs. Bonnie Fermon Alston
607 Conklin Place
Madison 5, Wis.

Dear Mrs. Alston:

I am sorry to have to tell you that this position (for which you wrote) has been filled. I called the Student Employment Office a few days ago to cancel the notice.

We do not practise discrimination in this laboratory. If you are implying that you have been discriminated against in respect to university positions, I would be a little surprised. I know how difficult it is to get substantial evidence of discrimination, on the one hand, but on the other, it is possible also to be mistaken of it. If you are convinced that you have had such difficulties on campus, I would urge you to consult the faculty Committee on Human Rights. I don't know which of its members will be on campus this summer. They are: Drs. V. W. Meloche; C.S. Liddle; W. R. Agard; Lyle Miller, and Hove Anderson. You can be sure that a large majority of the University Faculty supports every effort to eliminate racial discrimination, most of all within the University itself.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg
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