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The Athletic Council of Iowa State University has investigated exhaustively the complaints submitted by the Black Athletes and representatives of the Black Student Organization of the University. In the course of this investigation discussions were held with representative Black Athletes, officers of the Black Student Organization, members of the coaching and administrative staffs of the Athletic Department and members of the training and medical professions.

These lengthy interviews failed to reveal justification for any allegations of negative discriminatory practices toward Black Athletes.

The Council wishes to be on record as supporting the coaches and administrative staff of the intercollegiate athletic program. We believe their actions have been exemplary in their conduct of the Cyclone athletic program and in their fair treatment of players, with full regard to the primary pursuit of these young men as students as well as their secondary aspirations as intercollegiate athletes.

We recognize the unique problems of the Black Athlete and shall continue our efforts to insure his equal opportunity as a student and in the athletic program of this university.

Inasmuch as we want to be totally certain that we have obtained all information which would have any bearing on this subject, we are continuing our investigation. We want to interview more people and we will welcome any information brought to our attention from any source. It will be our purpose, after obtaining all possible information on this subject, to outline procedures which will help prevent the misunderstandings which have occurred in the past.

In all honesty, however, we must say it is our firm belief that no coach or intercollegiate program can operate effectively and in harmony under

continuing threat of boycott. It must be clearly understood that any athlete boycotting any organized intercollegiate athletic activity will automatically forfeit further renewal of his grant-in-aid, will be dropped immediately from the squad and barred from further participation in intercollegiate athletics at Iowa State University.