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Memo March 22, 1976 Regarding Intramural Meeting

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MEMORANDUM

TO:    Dr. Betty Cleckley
Chairperson, Commission on Blacks

FROM: Philip A. Scheurer
Director, Student Activities

DATE: March 22, 1976

RE: Intramurals

Betty, in view of our recent conversation concerning the Intramural program, I thought that you would be interested in the minutes of the March 9, 1976 meeting of the Intramural Board. Note please section "H" which reflects yet another element of the overall problem---that being the disproportionate number of conduct problems involving black students. No action is called for at this time, I just wanted to acquaint you with the situation.

PAS:th

Enclosure
MINUTES OF INTRAMURAL BOARD
Monday, March 9, 1976

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Hunter - Chairperson
Diane Williams - Gamma League
Roy Mabry Jr. - MM
Martin Glasser - Alpha League
John R. Holloway - GG
Tom R. Harris - RW
Johnny Kidd - Old Fifth
Ken Huntsman - Swabbies
Steve Day - CC
Nancy Ward - Strong
Bhaswati Pal - Massey
Kevin Moore - M & S Express
Rick Ware - RE

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ira Sliger - Director of Recreation
Harold Denton - Director of Intramurals
Charlotte Anderson - Senior Student Supervisor
Bo Boaz - Student Supervisor
Mike Parks - Student Supervisor

The chairperson indicated the purpose of the meeting. He further stated that
the agenda item could not be voted on since a quorum was not present. Discussion was
held on the following points:

A. Sororities - Residence Hall/Independents Play-offs
   The chairperson opened an area for discussion on sorority verses resident hall/
   independent play. The point was brought up that the all sorority champion had
   not been representative of what a "typical all U.T. play-off team" should be.
   In all major sports competition the residence hall/independent champion had
   soundly defeated the sorority team. Two options were discussed (1) for the purpose
   of more "equality" all league champion would be randomly selected for the play-offs
   of a sport and the sororities would have a divisional play-off thereafter. (2)
   the sorority division would be left in tact, a drawing would be held with the
   sorority division and the multiple residence hall/independent division to establish
   who has the bye. Nancy Ward pointed out that sorority champions usually defeat the
   other divisions in minor sports as soundly as they are defeated in the major sports.

B. Wild Card Play-offs
   It was suggested that a system be established for a "wild card" implement in the
   University play-offs.

C. All University Points System for a Single Day Event
   The chairperson brought up the tabled motions on U.T. points in a single day tourna-
   ment. Steve Day's and Ken Huntsman's motions were both represented for discussion.
   The Board discussed both proposals but did not suggest the idea that they most
   preferred.
D. Letterman's Rule
The chairperson discussed the point that letterman's rule be dropped. Several members of the Board did not favor the proposal. They felt that this would again place the "average" student at a disadvantage.

E. Softball - Free Substitution
This rules change was discussed. The Board felt that the substitutions should (1) only be made when the player was going in on defense, (2) only be allowed to substitute with one player, (3) and that only the individuals be allowed to come into the game twice to include the initial time at bat.

P. Football - Number of Defensive Lineman
The Board felt that the rule on the number of defensive linemen should be disregarded.

G. Appeals Board
The Board felt that the procedure of selecting the Appeals Board was good. They said that the members should only serve one quarter terms.

H. Sportsmanlike Conduct
The chairperson indicated that Bernard Drewery (African Warriors), Alfred East (Omega Psi Phi), and Eddie Bradley (Omega Psi Phi) had been brought before the Board for cases involving them in unsportsmanlike conduct. Harold Denton indicated that Bernard had not be personally contacted about the meeting. However, his team captain, Dennis Greer had been notified and he had indicated that Bernard would be present for the meeting. (Mr. Drewery did not attend the meeting.) Eddie Bradley was later talked to by the Intramural Director and indicated that he knew about the meeting. Eddie was asked to remind Alfred East about the meeting. (Neither of the individuals came to the meeting.)

BERNARD DREWERY (AFRICAN WARRIORS)
Bo Boaz, S.S. on duty, stated that there was quite a bit of contact in the game. Some of the players thought that the officials weren't calling enough fouls. When a foul was called on Bernard he threw the ball at the official, Martin Glasser and hit him in the chest. Bernard preceded to go after Martin. He did not strike him further, but had to be restrained by his team mates. At that time he was verbally abusing the official. Bernard was ejected from the game. Martin Glasser, the official, restated the case. It substantiated the supervisor's statements.

THE BOARD'S DECISION
Bernard Drewery will be placed on Intramural suspension until June 8, 1976 and on Intramural probation until June 8, 1977.

ALFRED EAST & EDDIE BRADLEY (OMEGA PSI PHI)
Bo Boaz, S.S. on duty, stated that the game was calm. SAE's were 28 points ahead. Jim Pitkanen, official, called a foul on Alfred East. Alfred then threw a punch and hit the official. The official ejected him from the game. When the official reported the foul, he was struck by another player, Eddie Bradley. Alfred cursed the S.S. Jim Pitkanen, the official, stated that he was first hit in the back when a ball was thrown by East. East was ejected. East then came upon Jim from behind as he was reporting the fouls and struck him in the face. When he reported the foul he was then pinched by one of the Omega's, Eddie Bradley, on the sideline and was hit in the back of the head. The chairman gave Bruce Fly's statement. It added that Pitkanen had struck Pitkanen several times from behind.
The Board asked questions and adjourned.

THE BOARD DECISION

The Board decided that Eddie Bradley and Alfred East were suspended from Intramural participation until March 1, 1977 and placed on Intramural probation until they graduate from U.T.

The meeting was adjourned.
INTERRAMURAL BOARD AGENDA
MONDAY, MARCH 8

PURPOSE: To allow for an ideas exchange between the Intramural Office and Intramural participants.

AGENDA:

A. Sportsmanlike Conduct Cases - Bernard Drewery (African Warriors)
   Eddie Bradley (Omega Psi Phi)
   Alfred East (Omega Psi Phi)

B. All University Points System for Single Day Events

C. Football - Number of Defensive Linemen

D. Letterman's Rule

E. Women's Sorority vs Residence Hall/Independent

F. Softball - Free Substitution Rule

G. Appeals Board - Elect One Representative for Each:  Frats
   Sororities
   Women's Residence Hall/Independent
   Men's Independents
   Presidential Division
   Congressional Division
   Faculty-Staff