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Explanation of demands presented to faculty Jan. 23, 1970
by Shirley Dekker, vice president of DCGA (Denison Campus
Government Ass'n), speaking for the black students (she is caucasian) 1/23/70

To the Faculty and Administration,

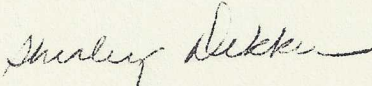
It has become increasingly apparent since the events of Monday evening that many of us---both students and faculty---were not pleased with the decision reached.

It seems that a large part of the problems and conflicts of last Monday were created by questions of interpretation of various parts of the Black Student demands.

The Black Student Union had stated that its members would talk about the demands in part or as a whole up until January 9, 1970. After January 9, they held a convocation to present their demands, and again offered to answer any questions. At present, after what they regard as the dismissal of their demands on Monday, they are not willing to do that any longer. However, I have had lengthy conversations with many black students in the days since Monday.

Henry Durand, Chief Minister of the Black Student Union, and Vice Minister Tom Jacobs said it would be acceptable if I presented to you their interpretation of the most troublesome portions of the Black Student Demands. The attached appendage is that interpretation.

Respectfully submitted,


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DCGA Vice President