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IRAC Bulletin Editor's File, 1953-67Box 1:

IRAC Bulletin Material, 1953-57

Old IRAC Material transferred from Clyde S. Johnson, July 1953- includes Bruce Rice's editorial against Rutgers Plan, NIC Executive Committees' Equalization Fund Plan and Executive Committee Minutes, April 1953, Chairman's Report, Minutes of IRAC Annual Meeting, Seattle City, Panhellenic's television Show "Projects Parade" covering 21 of its philanthropies, Mrs. Vashti Whittington's review of the Professional Panhellenic Association from 1925-51; George Lasher's report on the 1952 NIC Conference, anti-communist speeches by Robert L. Johnson (U.S. International Information Administration), Herbert Brownell, and Karl Mundt before the All-American Conference to combat Communism

IRAC Editor's Directions - includes correspondence with L. G. Balfour establishing format of Bulletin and channels for approving all copy prior to publication

IRAC Bulletin Material from summer 1953

IRAC Bulletin Material, August 1953 - Elles M. Derby's study of fraternity scholarship for 1951-52, Balfour's June 17 letter to Malcolm Sewell alluding to Edgewater Committee's plans for a law suit against the New York State Universities' insistence on compulsory racial integration for fraternities, and sororities

IRAC Bulletin Material, September-December 1953 - letter of October 21 from Turner to Balfour viewing the issue of racial discrimination by fraternities as a "springboard for a general and unusually vindictive attack on everything about fraternities," clipping of outspoken article against fraternities in church colleges by Henry P. Van Dusen in Christian Century, IRAC Executive Committee memorandum of October 15, commenting on possible recourse against anti-discrimination ruling by the New York State Universities' trustees, 1953 survey of Burns B. Crookston on fraternity rushing and preferences for immediate or deferred rushing at 149 private and state institutions as well as the institution's attitude towards fraternity autonomy, list of deans and assistant deans at NIC meetings, discussion of University of Michigan Interfraternity Council's Fresh Air Camp Project and fraternity house health inspection program, news release on the National Panhellenic Conference in November, clipping from the Acacia Triad including one on homecoming at Illinois.

1954 IRAC Committee or Conference Report - Minutes of Annual Meeting, May 1954; Frank H. Meyers' Report of the Committee on Policies and Programs at annual meeting; IRAC's Amended Constitution and By-laws approved on May 9, 1954; Cornell Interfraternity Alumni Association Report on Fraternity Rushing; report of IRAC Campus Representative.

IRAC Bulletin, Material for - January-April 1954 - includes correspondence and clippings concerning Edgewater Conference's injunction proceedings against President William Carlson and Trustees of the New York State Universities and on Sigma Tau Gamma's suit in this regard, a letter of February 10, 1954 from former Communist

party leader Benjamin Gitlow branding the New York State University's anti-discrimination ban as part of a Communist conspiracy

IRAC Bulletin Material and Correspondence, May-June 1954 - correspondence and material on the anti-discriminatory National Committee on Fraternities in Education and a report of an investigation by the Pinkerton Detective Agency, correspondence concerning the Writers' Workshop, summary of responses to NIC questionnaire to fraternity secretaries on reorganization, William S. Zerman's report clarifying University of Michigan's position on selectivity clauses in fraternity and sorority charters, a memorandum on the Big Ten Interfraternity - Panhellenic Conference discussing policy of several universities on selectivity clauses, program agenda for annual meeting, of IRAC and NCCFS

IRAC Bulletin Material and Correspondence - includes minutes of discussion groups at the Bin 10 IRC - Panhellenic Conference; Professional Interfraternity Conference bulletin dated June 30 on the history and status of the case Sigma Tau Gamma et. al. vs. State University of New York and an analysis of the implications of the Circuit Court's adverse rulings against the fraternity; June 25 mimeographed letter from the Council of Undergraduate Life at Northwestern explaining its decision to disregard a proposal to ban fraternities with selectivity clauses, material on campaign against fraternities with selectivity clauses at Colorado University; material on Big 10 IFC - Panhellenic Conference, draft of an article by Turner defending the integrity of the National Student Association and mimeographed reproduction of newspaper articles on the National Student Association, PIC bulletin concerning notion by a Colorado Regent to require fraternities and sororities to ban discrimination by 1960

IRAC Meeting in Boston, 1955 agenda for annual meeting, report of administrative secretary-treasurer, report of the President to National Conference of College Fraternity Secretaries (NCCFS), proposed amendments to constitution and By-laws of NCCFS, Irve Tunick's play for radio "The Battle of Fraternity Row," one of the American Jewish Committees and NBC's series "The People Take the Lead"

IRAC Bulletin Material and Correspondence

January-April 1955, Clipping of an article by Lawrence G. Weiss in the Denver Post discussing the progress of anti-discrimination at Colorado University

May-June 1955, Frank Meyer's memorandum to IRAC trustees on MIT Conference on "Selectivity and Discrimination in American Universities"; minutes of NIC Executive Committee Meeting, March 5, 1955; Herbert L. Brown's mimeographed comments on that meeting, Turner's draft on an editorial attacking the validity of "a symposium on Segregation and Integration in College Fraternities" held at Urbana, Illinois, on September 8-11, 1954; Panhellenic Regional Conference Summary, March 5-6, 1955 in Colorado Springs; NIC College Fraternity Editors Association's News Release, May 1955; "A Brief Statement of the History and Activities of the American Council on Education, 1918-55"

September 1955, letter of May 15 from a professor at Texas Christian University

discussing the establishment of fraternities and sororities there for the first time in 1954; copies of spoofs of sororities and fraternities at Alabama Polytechnic Institute written by student editor John L. Sellers and printed in the 1955 yearbook Glomerald and also correspondence and clippings concerning in response (e.g., letters from Mrs. William D. Sims, Jr., National President of Theta Upsilon); NIC House of Delegates Proceedings, May 13-15, 1955; a report of the University of Michigan's Interfraternity Council on its activity during 1953-54

October-December 1955, NIC College Fraternity Editors Associations' News Release, September 1955; minutes of the October meeting of the Board of Trustees of IRAC

January-March 1956, Mrs. Mildred Sale's report on Public Relations before the Professional Panhellenic Association on November 5, 1955

April-June 1956, mimeographed letters from national officers of Alpha Sigma Phi, Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Kappa Psi, Pi Kappa Alpha and Sigma Alpha Epsilon deploring the death of a student during a hazing at MIT; printed text of a commencement address at Notre Dame by Bishop John J. Wright defending inequality in a democracy; William H. E. Holmes, Jr.'s articles "Democracy - University of Colorado Style" providing a negative discussion of developments culminating in the decision of Colorado's Board of Regents to force all fraternities at the University to eliminate racial and religious discrimination from their constitutions, rituals and practices by September 1, 1962; a March 13 memorandum from Frank H. Myers to IRAC trustees concerning a special to-level conference of representatives of national fraternities and sororities at the University of Colorado to discuss the anti-discriminatory decision of the Board of Regents and letters to Turner from individuals providing discreet and conservative perspective on the personalities and politics of that situation enclosures and newspaper clippings documenting the fraternities' counter attack; minutes of the NIC Undergraduate Conference in December 1955; mimeographed letter from Clyde Johnson providing statistical information and commentary comparing total university student enrollment growth with the slower growth of fraternity initiations from 1880-1950, including Chart of several universities showing the number of men affiliated with fraternities, the percent of males affiliated, the number of NIC chapters chartered, and the size of the average NIC chapter; a reprint in the Congressional Record of an article by Sidney Hook entitled "The AAUP and Academic Integrity - Special Committee Report on Academic Freedom Fails to Grip Basic Issues" wherein he insists that Universities should bar communist party members from their faculties; memorandum on the 1956 NCCFS-IRAC conference

Summer-October 1956, F. A. Harper's Pamphlet "Blessings of Discrimination," material on July meeting of College Fraternity Secretaries Association,

- printed program of 28th National Convention of Sigma Alpha Iota; letters concerning investigation by Massachusetts Legislature of discrimination in fraternities November-December 1956
- 1956, September 26, 1956 letter from Frank H. Meyers to Mary Loue Collins discussing investigation by the Massachusetts Senate Committee on Education in to discrimination by sororities and fraternities triggered by an incident, the Sigma Kappa national's decision to suspend its Tufts and Cornell chapters for pledging Black Women; minutes of October NIC Executive Committee meeting; reprint of Peter K. Nevitt's article "Tax Aspects of Gifts to College Fraternities; list of foreign students in the following fraternities at the University of Illinois: Alpha Kappa Lambda, Alpha Rho Chi, Cosmopolitan Club, Delta Upsilon, Sigma Tau Gamma, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Zeta Beta Tau; pamphlet and letter discussing reevaluation of fraternities at Amherst
- January-May 1957, newspaper clippings from December 14, 1956 Houston Chronicle discussing the Delta Gamma Alumnae Christmas party for blind children; reprint of Eileen Blain Rudolph's address before the 1956 National Convention of Delta Delta Delta "Attack on the Fraternity World;" clippings from Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Tau Delta, and Beta Theta Pi concerning fraternity men in the Olympics; Robert Lynn's letter "True Democracy Protects Fraternities in their Social Privileges" in Pi Kappa Alpha's The Shield and Diamond (March 1957); Wayne Lippman's article "Was There Help? The Story of the Outstanding Hungarian Relief Drive at Penn State" in Alpha Phi Omega's Torch and Trefoil (December 1956), material concerning bill in California Legislature banning fraternities and sororities which discriminate from state institutions; a brochure concerning Purdue University's Thirteenth Annual House mothers' Training School; newspaper columns by George Todt defending fraternities right of selectivity
- IRAC meeting, May 3, 4, 5, 1957, 1955 IRAC pamphlet "The American College Fraternity: The Obligations and Responsibilities of Membership," "Annual Report of the Chairmen Judge Frank H. Meyers for 1956-57;" IRAC Treasurer's Report for 1956-57; Agenda for Annual Meeting of NCCFS and IRAC, May 1957; Robert S. Hopkins, Jr's "Journalistic Report of the Conference of the NCCFS Conference, May 1956;" Albert S. Bard's three-part document on college fraternity relations and student self-government discussing how to deal with college interference in fraternity memberships, and containing an open letter to an Amherst College Trustee on the Question of Fraternities versus LOCALS, "Respondent's answer to application for writ of error in the case of University of Rhea vs. Alpha Beta Alumni Foundation of Kappa Kappa Kappa Fraternity"

Box 2:

IRAC Bulletin Material, 1957-58

- June-September 1957, friendly newspaper clipping from May 11, Detroit Free Press about the president of the Interfraternity Council, reprints of the following articles: "Communists will Train Our Youth," "What the U.S. Attorney-General's List Means?" and "Did U.S. Reds Really Break with Moscow at their Convention?," confidential letters from right-wing columnist George H. Todt to L. G. Balfour suggesting tactics to defend the fraternity system and the American way of life, from alleged enemies like the Anti-Defamation League and its "stooge" the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; a June 1957 memorandum discussing a brief, by state attorney-general Edmund G. Brown against discrimination by fraternities and sororities in California, a June 25, 1957 memorandum from Frank H. Myers discussing the status of anti-discrimination battle in California and quoting a letter from Glenn T. Nygreen of Kent State University which assesses the National Student Association's correspondence among O'Leary, Turner, and Myers about an IRAC survey of fraternity and sorority affiliations of college officials; copy of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League's special bulletin of May 1957 entitled "The Decline of Fraternity Bias"
- October-December 1957, Minutes of October 5, Meeting of IRAC Trustees; clipping of an anti-fraternity article from the September 15 Newark Star-Ledger; "How We Initiate Men at Beta Chapter (Ohio State University Without Hazing)" in the November issue of The Sickle and Sheaf of Alpha Gamma Rho
- January-March 1958, a bulletin prepared by Alpha Chi Sigma for department of Chemistry an University of Wisconsin entitled "Safety Practices and Procedures in the Freshman Laboratory;" clipping from the College Forum Section of The American Mercury concerning the resignation of the Columbia chapter of Theta Tau from the national' an editorial in The American Commoner entitled "'Interference' in Fraternity Membership" questioning the freedom of chapters to choose their pledges; Iowa State College's Statement of requirements for the formation of a new fraternity or sorority chapter; the College Fraternity Secretaries' Association's "Visitation Manual for Fraternities of National Interfraternity Conference," minutes of the Deans-Secretaries meeting at Colorado Springs on November 29, 1957; Professional Panhellenic Association's report of its census of professional activities (i.e.158 service projects) for the year 1955; clipping of Norman Vincent Peale's articles "On Morals and the Successful Man" in January issue of Phi Gamma Delta; U.S. National Student Association's National Student News (November 1957 and January 1958).
- April-June 1958, reprint from February 11, 1958 Wesleyan Argus of an article about junior faculty resolution against discrimination by fraternities; correspondence concerning a magazine subscription swindle of Phi Gamma Delta Chapter by a B. J. Reynolds, a former employee of the National Literary Association; Gordon Gould's Article "Hell Wee's Gone" in the March 1958 issue of the Methodist journal Together; an article in the Sigma Chi journal about the appointment of William Rogers as U.S. Attorney-General; May 1, 1958 issue of the College Fraternity Secretaries

Association's New and Notes; May 1958 issue of NIC News; May 1958 issue of the College Fraternity Editor's Association's The Fraternity Editor; "Report and Recommendations of the Committee on Fraternity Expansion, May 1958"

September-December 1958, Correspondence with L. G. Balfour, 1954-58, October letters concerning controversy over publicizing the National Student Association in which Turner urges on IRAC a policy of cautious co-operation, letter of September 24, 1954 from Balfour to Frank J. Buck discussing practices of pirates of fraternity names and insignia like Brochon, Victoria Products, Runyan of California, and the L & L Company of Philadelphia; correspondence concerning political fight within the National Interfraternity Conference between friends and foes of IRAC, November 1954; results of a survey of alumni of Newark College of Engineering concerning the merits of fraternities in general; letters of February 24 and March 10, 1955 in which Turner and Balfour endorse the idea of co-operating with a proposed study of the place of fraternities and sororities in the American college by the American Council on Education; letter of March 10, 1955 in which Turner declines Balfour's suggestion to serve as chairman of NCCFS because of increased duties resulting from impending change of presidents at University of Illinois and another of March 17 revealing Turner's suspicions of the impending conference at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on "Selectivity and Discrimination in American Universities;" draft of Balfour letter to fraternity officers expressing his fears of the National Student Association; Turner's letter of September 9 discussing controversy within Sigma Alpha Epsilon convention over the issue of selectivity and discrimination (a split between Northern and Southern chapters) and September 22 discussing the NAACP's pressure on the University of Illinois to help end racial discrimination in Champaign-Urbana, and the powers of the Board of Panhellenic Affairs; copies of letters from readers critical of the IRAC Bulletin; Turner's letter of February 8, 1957 discussing impending crisis at University of Michigan concerning anti-discrimination action against Sigma Kappa by a student government with authority delegated to it by the Regents and noting the implications for other campuses, especially Illinois: "The NAACP through one of the ministers in the campus Methodist church is certainly putting the heat on us and at the present time is attempting to get a student referendum on the whole question. The pattern is exactly the same as the being used all around the country. Just how seemingly intelligent people can fall for it is more than I can understand, but they seem to do it;" Turner's confidential letter of May 23, 1957 discussing "finagling" involved in initiating President and Mrs. David D. Henry into Phi Kappa Psi and Kappa Alpha Theta respectively; letters of May 1957 discussing fraternities' and sororities' success against the passage of the anti-discriminatory California Assembly Bill #758; correspondence in June 1957 critical of President McDonald of Bowling Green linking him with the NAACP and blaming him for a riot involving fraternity students at his school; carbon copy of letter from Balfour to Frank H. Meyers on August 26, 1957 discussing Notre Dame's success in a suit against the John Roberts Company

to protect its name, insignia, and ring design; Wilson B. Heller's "Comparison and Rush Guides for College Fraternities and Sororities Only for Year 1956," Conference's penchant for operating "in a vacuum" apart from college presidents, deans, and undergraduates; Balfour's letter of November 11, 1957 to Stewart D. Daniels discussing merits of merging the NIC Central Office and the IRAC offices as well as discontinuing the NIC News; correspondence between Turner and Balfour in January 1958 accusing the NIC Jewish fraternity of supporting NIC publicly on the selectivity and discrimination issue while privately "following the advice and actually the instructions of the American Jewish Committee" to the contrary; Turner's letter of February 7, 1958 reporting on the postponement of the deadline at Columbia University for fraternities there to eliminate their discrimination clauses; correspondence between Turner and Balfour in February agreeing that they should get the Association of College Honor Societies in IRAC "if there is any way to do it in a dignified fashion;" correspondence with Burns B. Crookston in June 1958 concerning William P. Butler's study "Factors Associated with Scholastic Achievement in High and Low Achieving Fraternities;" Correspondence with Margaret O'Leary, 1954-58 (2 folders) including her proposals for articles and business arrangements concerning the Bulletin

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IRAC Treasurer's, Chairman's, President's and Editor's Reports, 1952-67

IRAC Annual Meetings, 1953-67 including the minutes and also the 1953 Panel on Selectivity and joint meetings with the National Conference on College Fraternities in Society