

Memo to: Professor K. W. Dykema, Chairman, Academic Standards Committee

From: Hubert C. Howard, Co-Advisor, Pan-Hellenic Council

Subject: Clarification of status of membership in fraternities and sororities.

1. The present catalog states definite limitations to participation in extracurricular activities on pages 55 and 56, 57. However, the catalog does not clearly define extracurricular activities and it has been hitherto a matter of doubt as to whether membership in a fraternity or sorority is to be so considered and consequently limited by these rulings.

2. In most colleges and universities extracurricular activities are limited to those time consuming exercises such as sports, debates, glee club, etc., which require practice and do not contribute directly to the student's curriculum. I suggest that the committee define extracurricular activities in Youngstown College more definitely and that fraternity and sorority membership be excluded from such a definition.

3. One of the ideals of a fraternity is mutual assistance in improving all members' scholastic standings. If a deficient student were denied active participation in his fraternity, he would lose the benefit of this help at the time he needs it most. The rivalry that exists among fraternities on other campuses to gain first place in the fraternity scholastic standings is keen. Fraternities use such high standings as a talking point in rushing prospective pledges. I suggest that the committee request the registrar to prepare and publish scholastic standings of fraternities and sororities each semester in an effort to stimulate such competition on this campus. I believe that by this means better results would be obtained than if the deficient student were declared inactive in an organization in which he has already been initiated while he is still a student in the college.

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