

In accordance with the "three day rule," notice is hereby given that at the April 7 faculty meeting, we will offer the following resolution as a substitute for the resolution on discrimination now before the faculty.

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WHEREAS the Bucknell Interfraternity Council in February, 1954 adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL ON DISCRIMINATION

WHEREAS it is the purpose of fraternities to promote brotherhood, fellowship and high character among college men;  
AND WHEREAS fraternities have had an important role in the history and development of Bucknell University, a liberal institution founded and perpetuated in accordance with the highest ideals of the Judeo-Christian tradition;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in the opinion of Interfraternity Council of Bucknell University, fraternity membership requirements based upon race, creed or color are inconsistent with these high ideals, with the standards of the University and with the true spirit of brotherhood which must be fostered among college men if there is to be any hope of understanding among men and nations. Of necessity, fraternity membership must be selective and exclusive. Selection should be based, however, entirely upon individual character and worth as observed by the membership of the local fraternity chapter.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that restrictive membership clauses in national fraternity charters are detrimental to the best interest of fraternities on the Bucknell campus and to the public relations of fraternities generally on the national scene. This Council, therefore, recommends to its member fraternities that they work within their national fraternity organizations for the elimination of such restrictive clauses at the earliest convenient date.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty wholeheartedly endorses this statement of principles and proposed action, and commends the Bucknell Interfraternity Council for taking this step.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in order to implement this statement of the Bucknell Interfraternity Council:

- 1) That no new social, professional, or academic organization whose constitution or policy permits discrimination because of race, creed, or color shall be admitted to the Bucknell campus.
- 2) That a committee, consisting of two members of the Faculty, two members of the Administration, the President of the Panhellenic Council and the President of the Interfraternity Council, be appointed by the Dean of the College, to work with campus organizations for the elimination of discrimination at the earliest possible time and to encourage and aid students acting within their national organizations for the removal of discriminatory membership clauses and practices.
- 3) That copies of this resolution be sent to the national office of each fraternity and sorority having a chapter at Bucknell, and to the National Interfraternity Conference.