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Willis M. Rivinus Papers on the Sally Frank case, 1979-1991: Finding Aid

Summary Information

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Abstract:	The Willis M. Rivinus Papers contain research materials gathered by Rivinus documenting the legal case of Sally Frank v. Ivy Club, University Cottage Club, Tiger Inn and Trustees of Princeton University formally begun in February 1979 and continuing to the present. These papers contain correspondence, draft manuscripts of and notes for an article on the Frank Case, copies of legal briefs and newspaper clippings relating to discrimination in general and the Frank case in particular.

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Biography of Willis M. Rivinus

Willis M. Rivinus, a member of the Princeton University Class of 1950 gathered these materials while working as a management consultant raising funds for several Prospect Street eating clubs, and as an interested Princeton University alumnus.

In February 1979 Sally Frank filed a sex discrimination complaint with the New Jersey Division on Civil Rights on the grounds that as a woman she was denied membership in the Ivy, Tiger Inn and University Cottage eating clubs. Since that time, the Frank case has acted as a catalyst for discussion by supporters and detractors alike concerning discrimination; the definition of private versus public spaces; the relationship of private organizations within a University setting; and the right of freedom of association. The issues, positions and emotions are complex, as is evident by the fact that the legal battles continue to the present.

Description

Consists of research materials gathered by Rivinus (Princeton Class of 1950) documenting the legal case of 'Sally Frank v. Ivy Club, University Cottage Club, Tiger Inn and the Trustees of Princeton University', which was formally begun in 1979 and continues to the present (1991). Included in the Papers are correspondence (1986-1988), a manuscript and notes (1987-1989) for an article Rivinus authored about the case, legal briefs (1979-1989) of the case, and related newspaper clippings (1985-1991).

Series 1: Correspondence, (1986-1988)

Series 1: Correspondence (1986-1988) is arranged chronologically and contains correspondence concerning the issue of discrimination in all Princeton University eating clubs and the responses of the Graduate Inter-Club Council (GICC) regarding the Sally Frank case.

Series 2: Manuscript, Notes, (1987-1989)

Series 2: Manuscript, Notes (1987-1989) is arranged chronologically and contains draft copies of an article Rivinus authored dealing with discrimination, the eating clubs, and the Sally Frank case. Included are notes and comments on the draft by individuals involved with the case, including Tom Wright from the Office of General Counsel and Secretary of Princeton University, Sally Frank the plaintiff, Russell H. Beattie, Jr., Peter W. Williamson of University Cottage Club, and John O'Brien of Tiger Inn.

Series 3: Legal Briefs, (1979-1989)

Series 3: Legal Briefs (1979-1989) is arranged chronologically and contains photocopies of legal briefs prepared for, presented to, and rendered by the State of New Jersey regarding the Sally Frank case.

Series 4: Newspaper Clippings, (1985-1991)

Series 4: Newspaper Clippings (1985-1991) is arranged chronologically and contains clippings from national,

regional and local newspapers regarding discrimination in general and the Frank case in particular, as well as a listing of articles found in the Princeton Alumni Weekly and the Daily Princetonian relating to the Frank case.

Arrangement

Organized into the following series:

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Access and Use

Access

Collection is open for research use.

Restrictions on Use and Copyright Information

Single photocopies may be made for research purposes. Permission to publish material from the collection must be requested from the University Archivist. Copyright is held by the Trustees of Princeton University.

Acquisition and Appraisal

Provenance and Acquisition

Willis M. Rivinus donated his research material to the University Archives in July 1991.

Related Materials

Related Archival Material

Additional materials relating to the Sally Frank case may be found in the following unrestricted collections of the University Archives: The Daily Princetonian; the "Eating Clubs" and "CoEducation" Subject Boxes, as well as the publication, Women Reflect on Princeton.

Processing and Other Information

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Descriptive Rules Used

Finding aid content adheres to that prescribed by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

Subject Headings

These materials have been indexed in the [Princeton University Library online catalog](#) using the following terms. Those seeking related materials should search under these terms.

- Frank, Sally, 1959- -- Trials, litigation, etc.
- Ivy Club -- Trials, litigation, etc.
- Princeton University. Trustees -- Trials, litigation, etc.
- Freedom of association -- New Jersey -- Princeton.
- Sex discrimination against women -- Law and legislation -- New Jersey.
- Trials (sex discrimination) -- New Jersey.
- Correspondence.
- Legal briefs.
- Clippings.
- Princeton University

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Correspondence, 1986-1988	1

Series 2: Manuscript, Notes, (1987-1989)

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