

# RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

## Kenneth R. Hoffman Papers, 1968-1980.

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### **Biographical/Historical Note**

Kenneth R. Hoffman entered Rensselaer in 1969 and graduated with a B.S. in biology in 1973. While a student, Hoffman participated in student government, fraternal organizations and various campus committees and special events. He served as secretary of his sophomore class, president of the Interfraternity Council, chair of the Ring Committee, secretary of Acacia, member of the Presidential Selection Committee, Dean of the School of Science Selection Committee, Honors Committee of the Board of Trustees, Freshman Orientation Committee, Committee for a Fine New Library, Requisites for a Technological University Steering Committee, Contingency Planning Committee and the Student Affairs Commission.

Hoffman went on to medical school at Washington University School of Medicine (St. Louis, MO).

### **Scope and Content Note**

The Kenneth R. Hoffman Papers span the years 1968-1980, with the bulk of the material, 1969-1973. The collection has been arranged into four series: Series 1. Student Government, Series 2. Student Committees, Series 3. Acacia Fraternity, Series 4. Subject Files. The material consists of agendas, minutes, reports, correspondence, flyers, and ephemera. The papers are arranged alphabetically and then chronologically within each series.

Hoffman's undergraduate years were an intense period of activity and change at Rensselaer. Political issues such as shared governance, presidential selection process, inadequate library services, the 1970 National Student Strike; and social issues such as race relations, birth control and education were among the many items of debate on campus at this time. Anti-war activities and matters of the Requisites for a Technological University are especially well documented in this collection. Other records provide a sort of day in the life of an undergraduate student documenting academic curricula and fraternity, sports and social activities.

The collection was donated by Kenneth R. Hoffman in 1983. A portion of the Acadia series is restricted to initiated brothers of the fraternity.

## Inventory

### Series 1. Student Government

Box	Folder	Description	Date
1	1	Executive Board Minutes	1970-1971
	2	Executive Board Minutes	1972-1973
	3	Independent Council	1970-1971
	4	Interfraternity Council	1971
	5	Interfraternity Council	1972
	6	Interfraternity Council	Spring 1972
	7	Interfraternity Council	Summer 1972
	8	Interfraternity Council 1 of 2	Fall 1972
	9	Interfraternity Council 2 of 2	Fall 1972
	10	Interfraternity Council – House Inspections	1972
	11	Interfraternity Council – Rush	1972
2	1	Interfraternity Council	Spring 1972
	2	Interfraternity Council – Lambda Chi Alpha	1972
	3	Interfraternity Council – Constitution & Bylaws	
	4	Interfraternity Council – Phone a thon	1972
	5	Judicial Board Constitution & Bylaws	1970-1971
	6	Judicial Board	1970
	7	Judicial Board	1971
	8	Judicial Board – BSA vs. The Bachelor	1971
	9	Judicial Board – BSA vs. The Bachelor	1971
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	11	Judicial Board	1972
	12	Residence Hall Information	1971-1973
	15	Rensselaer Union Budgets	1970-1971
	15	Rensselaer Union Budgets	1972-1973
	13	Rensselaer Union Constitution	1970
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15	Rensselaer Student's Bill of Rights	1971-1972	
16	Student Government Bylaws	1971	
3	1	Student Council	1969

2	Student Council	1970
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5	Student Senate Newsletters	1971
6	Student Senate Minutes	Spring 1971
7	Student Senate Minutes	Fall 1971
8	Student Senate Minutes 1 of 2	Spring 1972
9	Student Senate Minutes 2 of 2	Spring 1972

### **Series 2. Student Committees**

4	1	Athletic Advisory Council	1970-1971
	2	Birth Control Committee	1971
	3	Contingency Planning Committee	1969-1970
	4	Contingency Planning Committee	1969-1972
	5	Contingency Planning Committee	1970-1971
	6	Contingency Planning Committee	1971-1972
	7	Dean of Science Selection Committee	1971
	8	Honorary Degree Committee	n.d.
	9	Ring Committee	1971
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5	1	Student Conference on University Governance	1970
	2	President's Committee on Governance Report	1971
	3	Presidential Selection Committees	1970-1971
	4	Secondary School Committee	1970-1971
	5	Secondary School Committee	1972
	6	Student Affairs Commission	1971-1972
	7	Student Affairs Commission	1971-1972
	8	Student Affairs Commission	1971-1972

### **Series 3. Acacia**

6	1	Activities	1971-1972
	2	Beanie & Saturnalia Ribbon	
	3	Brochures	1969-1973
	4	Constitution & Bylaws	n.d.
	5	Correspondence	1971-1973

6	Correspondence (personal)	n.d.
7	Draft of speech by Kenneth Hoffman	
8	House Meeting Minutes, etc.	
9	Kitchen Policies	
10	Membership Lists	
11	News – “Rag”	
12	News – “The Blurb”	
13	News – “Devils Advocate”	
14	News – “Forum”	
15	News – Miscellaneous	
16	News – “Triad”	1969-1972
17	Rushing/Pledging	
18	Ritual Packet [RESTRICTED]	
19	Visitation Report	1972

#### Series 4. Subject Files

7	1	Campaign Literature	1969-1972
	2	Campaign Literature	1969-1972
	3	College Governance	1970
	4	Course Material – American Government	1970
	5	Course Material – Cell Biology	1972-1973
	6	Course Material – Chemistry	1970
	7	Course Material – Physics	1969-1971
	8	Course Material – Physics	1971
	9	Course Material – Political Science	1971
	10	Fraternity Rush	1969-1970
	11	Fraternity Rush	1969-1970
	12	Freshman Orientation	1969
	13	Freshman Orientation	1970
8	1	Freshman Orientation	1971
	2	Freshman Orientation	1972
	3	GM/PU Campaign Literature	1969-1973
	4	GM Week	1969
	5	“Ecology”	1969
	6	“Ellipsis”	n.d.
	7	“The Expression”	n.d.

	8	Grosh Presidential Crisis	1971
	9	Humanities & Social Sciences at Rensselaer	1970-1972
	10	Library Crisis	1969-1970
	11	Library Crisis	1971
	12	Library Crisis	1971
	13	Library Crisis – A Committee for a Fine New Library	1971
	14	“Monotony” game	
	15	Miscellaneous Institute Parodies	
	16	President’s Committee on Governance – Draft Report	1970
	17	“Requisites for a Technological University”	1970
	18	Requisites Protest	1970
9	1	Faculty Reports regarding ROTC	1970
	2	National Student Strike	1970
	3	National Student Strike at RPI	1970
	4	National Student Strike at RPI – The Key Issues	1970
	5	National Student Strike at RPI	1970
	6	National Student Strike at RPI	1970
	7	National Student Strike at RPI	1970
	8	National Student Strike at RPI – Articles & Posters	1970
	9	Strike Newsletters	1970
	10	War Protest	1972
10	1	Freshman Year at RPI	1969-1970
	2	Freshman Year at RPI	1969-1970
	3	Freshman Year at RPI	1969-1970
	4	Freshman Year at RPI	1969-1970
	5	Freshman Year at RPI	1969-1970
	6	Sophomore Year	1970-1971
	7	Sophomore Year	1970-1971
	8	Sophomore Year	1970-1971
	9	Junior Year	1971-1972
	10	Junior Year	1971-1972
	11	Junior Year	1971-1972
	12	RAA Field Activities Manual	1973
	13	RPI 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	1973-1974