Guide to the H. Bruce Franklin Collection SC0152

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Abstract: This collection includes newspapers clippings, Stanford news releases, leaflets and pamphlets relating to Franklin's tenure and dismissal hearings, the full text of the Advisory Board's recommendations, and transcripts of hearing proceedings. Also included are a copy of a senior research project by James Wascher of Northwestern University, 1978; photocopy of a letter from Wallace Stegner, 1972; and the Board of Trustees resolution reaffirming Franklin's dismissal, 1980.
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Biographical/Historical Sketch
H. Bruce Franklin had been a member of the English Department faculty since he received his Ph.D. from Stanford in 1961. A highly regarded scholar of Melville, he received tenure in 1965. In his early career at Stanford, Franklin was not publicly involved with politics. He dates the beginning of his political commitment from 1966, when he taught at the Stanford-in-France campus. There he became acquainted with several Vietnamese students, and with them, founded a politically oriented free university in Paris. The controversy concerning Franklin's tenure began in 1971, when he allegedly participated in the heckling of a speech by Henry Cabot Lodge on January 11. The speech was cancelled, and President Lyman sent Franklin a letter of reprimand for his part in the disruptions. Franklin continued to participate in campus demonstrations, however and on March 22 of 1971 was charged by President Lyman for contributing to or inciting disruptions on four occasions: the Lodge disruptions on January 11; a White Plaza antiwar rally on February 10; the occupation of the Computation Center; and a nighttime rally on February 10 which led to subsequent acts of violence on the campus. He was tried before a faculty advisory board of seven full professors. The hearings lasted from September 28, 1971 to January 4, 1972, when the board recommended 5 to 2 that Franklin be fired. The board of Trustees finalized the dismissal on January 20, 1972.
Description of the Collection
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Subjects and Indexing Terms
Academic freedom
Pamphlets
Transcripts
Original accession

box 1, folder 1  
Scope and Contents note
Press releases covering Franklin's participation in political affairs before his disruption case, during the Advisory Board legal processes, and activities since his Stanford dismissal.

box 1, folder 2  
Legal documents 1971-1972
Scope and Contents note
Two Amicus Curiae briefs filed before the Advisory Board in October 1971, and the document relating the decision of the Advisory Board, Jan. 5, 1972.

Clippings

box 1, folder 3  
Clippings related to the Franklin case 1969 Mar 23-1971 Feb 12
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Clippings related to the Franklin case 1971 Feb 13-17
box 1, folder 5  
Clippings related to the Franklin case 1971 Mar 1-Sep 23
box 1, folder 6  
Clippings related to the Franklin case 1971 Sep 25-Oct 25
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Clippings related to the Franklin case 1971 Oct 26-1972 Jan 5
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Clippings related to the Franklin case 1972 Jan 6-20
box 2, folder 3  
Clippings related to the Franklin case 1972 Jan 21-Mar 9
box 2, folder 4  
Clippings related to the Franklin case 1972 Mar 10-1976 Mar 3

Correspondence 1971 Jan 18-Mar 12
Scope and Contents note
Photocopies of correspondence related to Advisory Board hearings; major correspondence is between H. Bruce Franklin and Richard Lyman.

Ephemera
Scope and Contents note
Venceramos "press releases"; miscellaneous leaflets and pamphlets related to various aspects of the controversy.

Transcripts
box 3, folder 1

**Lodge incident 1971**

Scope and Contents note

box 3, folder 2

**White Plaza and Computation Center 1971**

Scope and Contents note

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**Computation Center 1971**

Scope and Contents note

box 4, folder 1

**Old Union 1971**

*Transcript: Old Union 1971*

Scope and Contents note
Oct 5: Dr. Torrin, Beyers. Oct. 6: Beyers, Brimelow, Bennett, Almas

box 4, folder 2

*Transcript: Old Union 1971*

Scope and Contents note

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*Transcript: Old Union 1971*

Scope and Contents note
Oct 11-12: Motion to dismiss and response.

box 5, folder 1

*Transcript: Old Union 1971*

Scope and Contents note

box 5, folder 2

*Transcript: Old Union 1971*

Scope and Contents note
Oct 15: Sandra Kahn, F. Silvestri, Paul Wolf, Mark Savin, Sandra Peterson, Jane Franklin.

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*Transcript: Old Union 1971*

Scope and Contents note

box 6, folder 1

*Transcript: Old Union 1971*

Scope and Contents note

box 6, folder 2

*Transcript: Old Union 1971*

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Oct 26: Barkan, Sutter, Michael, Nelson, Crouse, McNellis, Little, Kahn.

Transcript: Old Union 1971
Scope and Contents note

Transcript: Old Union 1971
Scope and Contents note
Oct 29: Cerney, Pace, Doering, HBF (on WP and CU). Oct 30: HBF, Rubenstein, Faulkner (2), O'Fallon, Jessup, Karish, Rabine.

Transcript: Old Union 1971
Scope and Contents note
Nov 1: Kimball, Walker, Bennion, Cummings, Karp, Henner, HBF. Nov 2: HBF, Youdelman, Borock, rebuttal; W. F. Miller, Broholm, Siegel.

Transcript: Old Union 1971
Scope and Contents note
Nov 3: Owen Blank, HBF.

Transcript: Old Union 1971
Scope and Contents note
Nov. 4: Closing Arguments: Admin.

Transcript: Old Union 1971
Scope and Contents note
Nov. 5: Closing Arguments: HBF.

Transcript: Old Union 1971
Scope and Contents note
HBF Final Supplementary Written Brief

Transcript: Old Union 1971
Scope and Contents note
University’s Supplemental Brief

Wascher, James D. Academic Freedom and the Campus Revolution: the dismissal of H. Bruce Franklin 1978
Physical Description: 167 leaves
Scope and Contents note
Typescript copy. Senior research project, Northwestern School of Law, May 16, 1978.

Stanford University Board of Trustees, resolution reaffirming Franklin's dismissal (photocopy) 1980
Stegner, Wallace, letter to Jay Miller, ACLU of Northern California (photocopy from Mrs. Wallace Stegner) 1972 Feb 21

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