

# EMORY UNIVERSITY.

## Emory University desegregation collection, 1960-1994

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### Descriptive Summary

**Creator:** Emory University.  
**Title:** Emory University desegregation collection, 1960-1994  
**Call Number:** Series No. 99  
**Extent:** 2 linear ft. (3 boxes)  
**Abstract:** Emory University was officially desegregated in September of 1962 and admitted its first African American undergraduate in the fall of 1963. The collection consists of records documenting the process of desegregation and other events relating to racial issues at Emory. Included are documents summarizing the process of integration; copies of various statements issued by Emory faculty and students; a copy of the Petition for Declaratory Judgment and Injunction to the Superior Court of Dekalb County; accounts of activities surrounding campus racial protests that occurred in 1969 (print and audio); and information concerning more recent events that took place in the 1990s.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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### Administrative Information

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**Collection Description****Administrative History**

The move toward desegregation of Emory University had its beginnings in November of 1958 when the faculty issued a statement opposing the closing of public schools as a protest against racial integration. This statement was followed in May of 1960 with a resolution from the faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences requested that Emory host a meeting of all church-related and private colleges in the Atlanta area to "explore the directions of development that are seen to be desirable by both white and Negro educational institutions ...". The request was denied, but efforts continued.

The Emory Board of Trustees eventually reconsidered and made changes in university policy in favor of the admission of students of any race. At issue, however, were state laws which denied tax-exemption privileges to schools that became racially integrated. Ultimately, in March of 1962, Emory filed a petitions in Fulton and Dekalb Superior Courts (the dental school was at that time located in Fulton County) challenging the laws. Emory appealed to the Georgia State Supreme Court when Dekalb County rejected Emory's arguments. The Supreme Court ruled in favor of Emory in September of 1962.

**Scope and Content Note**

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**Arrangement Note**

Arranged in roughly chronological order.

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## Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	<i>Emory vs. Nash</i> , 1962
1	2	Faculty orientation, 1962-Young, James Harvey. "Emory and integration"

### History of integration at Emory, 1966

1	3	Table of contents
1	4	Section I
1	5	Section II
1	6	Section III

### Four days in May, 1969

1	7	Clippings
1	8	Correspondence
1	9	Court documents
1	10	Emory magazine, May-June 1969
1	11	Faculty minutes
1	12	Fields, Carl: "One university's response to today's Negro student"
1	13	Flyers
1	14	Newsletters
1	15	Statements and resolutions
1	16	Student government education program on white racism

### History of student demonstrations, 1969

2	1	Correspondence
2	2	Summary of events
2	3	Leaflets handed out to Cox Hall customers, May 25-26, 1969 (Exhibit I)
2	4	Memorandum from Assisant Dean of Students for Men, Charles Beall regarding events of May 26, 1969 (Exhibit II)
2	5	Minutes from Faculty meeting, May 26, 1969 (Exhibit III)
2	6	Leaflet making specific charges about wages and working conditions in Cox Hall (Exhibit IV)
2	7	Copy of article from <i>The Emory Wheel</i> summarizing meeting of Exective Council of Student Government Association on May 27, 1969 (Exhibit V)
2	8	Memorandum listing demands of Black Student Alliance, May 26, 1969 (Exhibit VI)
2	9	Correspondence between Black Student Alliance President, J. Henry Ambrose, Jr. and Emory University President Sanford Atwood, March 1969 (Exhibit VII) Monday Night Rally 1, May 26, 1969, reel-to-reel tape and digitized master (Exhibit VIII)

- [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id bc9s6]  
Monday Night Rally 2 May 26, 1969, reel-to-reel tape and digitized master  
(Exhibit VIII)
- [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id bc9tb]
- 2 10 Copy of Emory University's complaint to Superior Court of Dekalb County and  
restraining order issued against protesting students, May 27, 1969 (Exhibit IX)
- 2 11 Minutes from Faculty meeting, May 27, 1969 (Exhibit X)
- 2 12 Resolutions from Student Government Association legislature, May 27, 1969  
(Exhibit XI)
- 2 13 Resolution from the College Council, May 27, 1969 (Exhibit XII)
- 2 14 Resolution from the Interfraternity Council, May 27, 1969 (Exhibit XIII)
- 2 15 Resolutions by Emory University President Sanford Atwood and Student  
Government Association President Charles Haynes, May 27, 1969 (Exhibit  
XIV)
- Wednesday Convocation 1, May 28, 1969, reel-to-reel tape and digitized master  
(Exhibit XV)
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Wednesday Convocation 2, May 28, 1969, reel-to-reel tape and digitized master  
(Exhibit XV)
- [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id bc9vg]  
Wednesday Convocation 3, May 28, 1969, reel-to-reel tape and digitized master  
(Exhibit XV)
- [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id bc7hw]
- 2 16 Guidelines adopted following statements by Emory University and the Student  
Government Association (Exhibit XVI)
- 2 17 Resolution by Beta Theta Pi fraternity, May 28, 1969 (Exhibit XVII)
- Faculty Meeting 1, May 28, 1969, reel-to-reel tape and digitized master (Exhibit  
XVIII)
- [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id bc9qx]  
Faculty Meeting 2, May 28, 1969, reel-to-reel tape and digitized master (Exhibit  
XVIII)
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- 2 18 Minutes from Faculty meeting, May 28, 1969 (Exhibit XIX)
- 2 19 Letter from Emory University President Sanford Atwood to leaders of the Black  
Student Alliance (Exhibit XX)
- 2 20 Newspaper clippings (Exhibit XXI)
- 2 21 Statement by Student Government Association President Charles Haynes to  
students (Exhibit XXII)
- 2 22 Statements by Black Student Alliance and Student Government Association  
(Exhibit XXIII)
- 2 23 Memorandum from Martin J. Buss regarding unrest (Exhibit XXIV)

- 2 24 Requests resulting from Black Student Alliance meeting, May 27, 1969 (Exhibit XXV)
- 2 25 Recession of court order (Exhibit XXVI)
- 2 26 Sondra O'Neal tenure case, clipping and letter from Emory President James T. Laney, 1987
- 2 27 Sabrina Collins case,clippings, 1990
- 2 28 Sabrina Collins case, letter from Emory President James T. Laney, 1990
- 2 29 History of integration, clippings, 1991
- 2 30 Black Student Alliance, invitation to Khalid Abdul Muhammad, 1994
- 3 30 Emory University Charged with Racial Bias - Daywatch, Cable News Network, 9:00AM, 2m18s, VHS cassette, March 24, 1988
- 3 30 Dr. Sondra O'Neale - Emory University, 11 Alive News at 6, WXIA-TV/Atlanta 6:00PM, 2m37s, VHS cassette, March 13, 1988
- 3 30 Sondra O'Neal, WSB 6PM, VHS cassette, March 10, 1988
- 3 30 Channel 5 Eyewitness News Conference, Racial Tensions at Emory University, Noon 4/29, VHS cassette, April 29, 1990
- Address by Paul Urban during Ministers Week, 1960, reel-to-reel tape and digitized master
- [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id b91wn]
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