COPYRIGHT OFFICE THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

MAR 25 1959

Click Relander 1212 North 32nd Ave. Yakima, Washington

Re: SORORITY ROW

Dear Mr. Relander:

In answer to your communication of March 20, 1959 we are enclosing some informational material. If after reading the material you have more specific questions about the procedure for securing copyright or registering claims to copyright, or about the Copyright Office records, we shall try to answer them. Regulations, however, prevent us from giving legal advice or opinions.

Sincerely yours,

REGISTER OF COPYRIGHTS

8.13.13

Enclosure:

Cir: 19

COPYRIGHT OFFICE THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

TITLES, NAMES, SHORT PHRASES

Names, titles, and other short phrases or expressions are not copyrightable. The Copyright Office cannot therefore register claims to exclusive rights in the names of products or organizations, pen names, stage names, titles, catch words, slogans, advertising phrases, mottoes, and the like. This is true even if the name, title, phrase, or expression is novel, distinctive, or lends itself to a play on words.

In order to be copyrightable, a work must contain at least a certain minimum amount of authorship in the form of original literary, artistic, or musical expression. When a work is registered in the Copyright Office, it must be given a distinguishing title for purposes of identification. However, the fact that registrations are indexed by title does not mean that the titles themselves are protected by copyright. For this reason search is not undertaken to determine whether titles or names are original, for the records reveal many different works identified by the same or similar titles.

Some brand names, trade names, slogans, phrases, and labels may be entitled to protection under the general rules of law relating to unfair competition, or to registration under the provisions of the trademark laws. The Copyright Office has no authority in these matters. Inquiries concerning protection under the trademark laws should be addressed to the Commissioner of Patents, Washington 25, D. C.