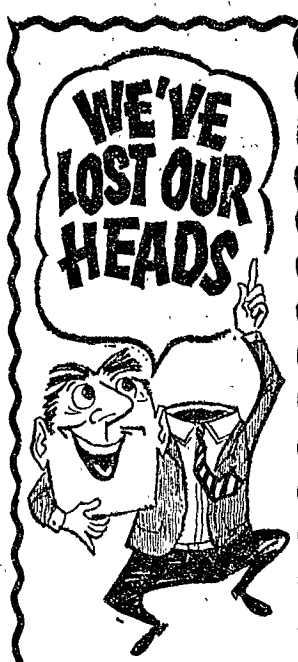


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# Fraternities Report Swastika Incident

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Collegian Editorial Editor  
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Three drunken affiliates of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity painted a swastika on the side wall of Zeta Beta Tau fraternity a little after 4:15 a.m. Sunday, the presidents of both houses said last night.

Richard Meyers, president of ZBT, said he had discussed the matter Tuesday night with Robert Holmes, PIKA president, and that no charges would be pressed with the State College police.

"As far as ZBT is concerned, there were no Semitic overtones involved," Meyers said. "As far as PIKA and ZBT are concerned, the matter has been discussed together and closed."

Meyers, Holmes, and Interfraternity Council President Warren Hartenstine and Board of Control Chairman Larry Teich declined to name the men involved in the incident.

Teich, who along with his seven-member Board of Control is responsible for dis-

ciplinary action of all IFC chapters, said his board will meet "probably early next week" to consider action against Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

House probation will be the likely penalty, Teich said, and "the length is the only actual question, though I would not want to predict any time period, because there are seven other members of the Board" involved in fixing disciplinary actions.

Holmes, the PIKA president, explained the circumstances behind the painting of the green swastika on the predominately Jewish house's outside wall.

A group of PIKA members had been drinking beer at a stag party in the basement of the house with members of Delta Chi fraternity Holmes said. The Delta Chi members left, Holmes said, and a few PIKA's continued drinking until they were sparked into a "mischievous mood."

"They went running outside and tried to decide what to do," Holmes said. They thought of "sawing off a flagpole and letting air out of tires," he said. Then the

swastika idea was raised by a PIKA member, who remembered through research for this year's Homecoming, that in 1956 a swastika had been painted on the door of ZBT.

"The spark from this discussion remained in three people to do this," Holmes said. "Two of the men actually carried it out. The third member stayed at quite a distance away and watched."

"On the way back to the house, this guy was very upset; he was not in control of his senses, which, of course, is no excuse," the house president said. This third member considered returning to the ZBT house and covering the swastika with paint so that it "would just be a green blob," he said.

Holmes described the condition of the three men involved on Sunday morning when they woke up and realized their actions the previous night. "They were very upset about it," Holmes said. "It's like when you wake up the next morning and realize suddenly that you had killed your wife the night before," he said.

The ZBT president reported the incident to the State College police the next day, though the fraternity will notify the police today that the case has been closed.

Zeta Beta Tau brothers and pledges scrubbed the swastika off the wall early Sunday, "right after it happened," Meyers said.

Hartenstine, IFC president, said the matter was raised at the IFC's meeting Monday night. House presidents were informed of the incident.

Holmes said the matter was discussed at a PIKA house meeting Monday night following the general IFC meeting.

"I knew Monday night that members of our house were involved," Holmes said. "I decided to go over and talk to Richie Meyers about the incident Tuesday night," Holmes said. He took two respected house members with him.

"The four of us discussed the matter and decided, for the betterment of fraternity life, to make as little as possible of the incident, because there was absolutely no anti-Semitism involved," he said.

Holmes said his fraternity offered to "pay any financial damage" incurred against ZBT and to "scrub the insignia off the walls."

"Everyone in our house is thoroughly embarrassed about it," the PIKA president said. "We had a long pledge and brother's meeting on it Monday evening, and the embarrassment was obvious." He said the three members involved "would be subject to charges of conduct unbecoming an affiliate."

Hartenstine said he regretted the incident's occurrence. "This is not representative of the fraternity system," he said. "There is no cause and effect relationship between the fact that these men were fraternity men and Pi Kappa Alpha members and the fact that these men painted a swastika."

"Every fraternity, I'm sure, ultimately tried to produce gentlemen," he added, "and the system as a whole tries to represent gentlemen. But this act in no way reflects the responsibilities a gentleman assumes."



SPENCER COXE, executive director of the Pennsylvania Civil Liberties Union, is seen here, at center. He spoke to the Centre County American Civil Liberties Union at the Wesley Foundation last night. The topic of his speech was criminal justice.

## Davison Proposes Changes In Public School Grading

While public schools have embarked on many, bold, modern programs, their grading procedures are still in the same old rut.

A new method of marking has been suggested by Hugh M. Davison, professor of educational research. Davison made his proposal to the Pennsylvania School Study Council.

"When pupils are grouped according to their capacities into different tracks at a school," he says, "an A in a low ability group does not represent the same level of work as an A in a high ability group. Some good students even try to avoid the letter classification in order to receive better marks."

Educators, aware of the problem, have come forward with various solutions. One plan, for example, proposes a rigid standard of evaluation which would use the same test and the same marking for each section. This could mean, according to Davison, that the lowest track might wind up with all F's and the top one with all A's. Obviously, poorer students would have little incentive to work harder, and good ones would miss the stimulus of competition.

Another suggestion would have each teacher give the same proportion of A's, B's and C's, with the grades "weighted" by the ability of the section. However, this

would require a complicated report card system to differentiate between the B-1 a student earned in the top track and the E-7 made by a student in the bottom class.

Under Davison's scheme, a five-track plan would be put into effect in a school. Each subject offered would have a Roman numeral track notation. "English V" would stand for the highest section, "English I," for the lowest. Within each classroom, an A, B, C grading standard would prevail.

"Since a student is usually not in the same track in each subject, it is necessary to have a method of arriving at grade point averages for admission to college," Davison points out. "This could be done by multiplying the value of the Roman numeral to a section by the Arabic numeral representing the achievement level for the course."

"We arrive at the Arabic numeral by giving an A-grade a value of 5 points, B-4, C-3, D-2, and F-1. So a student in the fourth track in Algebra with a B mark would earn a score of 16. Totalling the products for all his courses and dividing by the sum of the Roman numerals would give the grade point average."

A further benefit of his plan, Davison believes, is that it allows room for variations in teaching content for a course. By the end of high school, those in group V might be two years ahead of those in group III from the point of intensity and depth.

## Diplomats Call U.N. Move Pipedream

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) — Move the United Nations? The idea is a pleasant pipedream, diplomats say, but as a practical matter, forget it.

Ambassador Jamil M. Baroody, a veteran Saudi Arabian representative here, suggested in a speech Tuesday that members should think about the possibility of moving U.N. headquarters out of New York.

He ticked off a long list of complaints against the city that ranged from dirt and noise and lack of trees to political pressures, racial discrimination

and the high cost of living.

But a sampling of the opinions of delegates yesterday indicated little serious consideration was being given to his proposal.

"Not the Solution" Chief S. O. Adebajo, Nigeria's ambassador to the United Nations, said the African and Asian countries have many grievances "but this is not the solution." He mentioned specifically the problem of racial discrimination that many diplomats encountered.

"How I am treated is important to me," Adebajo said. "But the interests of the organization must be careful not to throw out the baby with the wash water."

A strong endorsement of New York City came from Ambassador Piero Vincit of Italy.

"The United Nations should be the center of the world," he said, "and the center of the world at the moment is New York City."

If Universal Peace "When we get the pax ecumenica — universal peace — perhaps then we can move to another city."

## 13 New Councilmen Elected

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chosen from a list of recommended professors selected in a random student poll.

Philip J. Young, professor of American Literature, will be the first speaker in the council's speakers program. "American Lit-

erature and Life" is the topic of his speech to be delivered 7:30 p.m. Nov. 30 in 111 Boucke.

Prominent author and University alumnus Vance Packard is scheduled on the speakers program for April 21.

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