

# IFC to call for fraternity charter withdrawal

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The University's Interfraternity Council Board of Control voted unanimously last night to recommend that the University revoke the charter of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity for four violations relating to an incident involving a female University student earlier this semester.

IFC Board of Control Chairman Martin Sharpless said in a news conference last night that the IFC will recommend that Alpha Tau Omega be dismissed from IFC effective Oct. 3 — at which time all outstanding "financial and other" obligations must be paid — until Jan. 1, 1986.

The IFC said Alpha Tau Omega violated: written University policy; local, state or federal law, causing an adverse effect on the University or members of the University community; state alcoholic beverage laws; and rules concerning physical abuse of a

person on University-owned or -controlled property or at any University-sponsored or -supervised function.

Sharpless said specific plans for the future of the fraternity and its house at 321 E. Fairmount Ave. would be determined by the national headquarters of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

The disciplinary recommendation, which followed a four-hour hearing of the IFC Standards Board concerning a complaint filed Aug. 29, will be forwarded to Vice President for Student Affairs Raymond O. Murphy.

Although The Daily Collegian was able to reach Murphy last night, he refused to comment, saying he had not yet been officially informed of IFC's decision.

The fraternity will have five days from the time it receives a written notification of the proposed sanctions to appeal the decision to the IFC. According to IFC bylaws, any sanction that recommends dismissal from the IFC must be

granted an appeal hearing. While refusing to grant details because "IFC has promised never to tell anything that happened as far as the specifics of the case," both Sharpless and Levinson said they believed the incident was grave enough to warrant this type of punishment.

"I think with the severity of this type of case (the board) handled it with the utmost delicacy and took into consideration the caliber of these types of offenses," IFC President Adam Levinson said.

IFC found Alpha Tau Omega in violation of physical abuse rules, but the term "rape" cannot be applied to this case unless the complainant files charges in a court of law. The complainant, who testified at the hearing last night, has not filed criminal charges.

"It is not the purpose of IFC to decide whether individuals violated a criminal code," Levinson said. "We focused instead on whether house members conducted themselves in a mature and responsible manner with due

respect for the rights of all persons." He added that "any future violations of this sort will be handled with the same force."

According to a source at The Daily Pennsylvanian, the student newspaper at the University of Pennsylvania, the number of fraternity members involved in this case was greater than one. However, Sharpless and Levinson would not verify this.

Earlier this year, a University of Pennsylvania female student alleged that she was raped by 11 members of that university's chapter of Alpha Tau Omega after a party.

The Collegian was able to reach the local Alpha Tau Omega chapter, but a member of the fraternity said "no comment, goodbye" after he asked the reporter to identify himself.

Local Alpha Tau Omega Adviser William Stevick said in a telephone interview early this morning that he believed the hearing "got the whole thing pretty well out in open."

He added, however, that he "really feels the fining was far too harsh based on what I heard at that hearing."

Stevick said the fraternity, which he described as "in a state of shock," would appeal the IFC's decision.

Stevick also refused to comment on the specifics of the case because of the pending appeal.

IFC/Panhellenic Council Adviser Gayle Beyers said in a telephone interview this morning that because of the nature of the case the reasoning by the Standards Board was "what they felt was needed."

When asked if she noted any similarities between this incident and the alleged gang rape at Penn's Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, Beyers said she is in no position to know the specifics of the Penn case or to offer information about last night's hearing here.

"It is unfortunate for the fraternity system," Beyers said. "But two incidences that happened at two different universities can't be compared."

Melvyn S. Klein, director of student activities at Penn State, said the review was carried out in a "fair and equitable manner."

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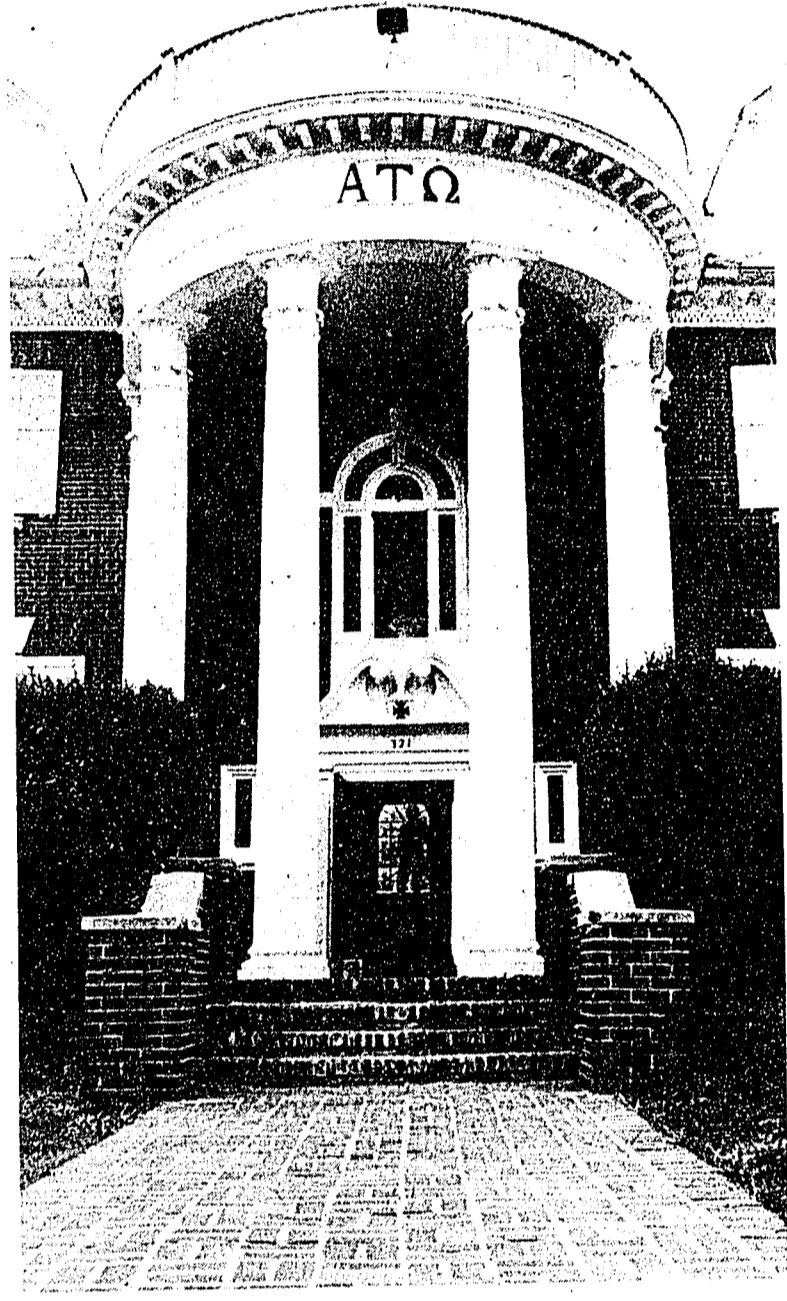


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Omega) has the right to appeal," Klein said. "I won't interfere with the due process entitled to them."

Klein said no attempt was made at the hearing to compare this incident to the alleged gang rape at Penn.

It has been almost eight years since Penn State's IFC has handled such a case. In November 1975 a female University student charged that she had been drugged and raped at Phi Gamma Delta fraternity Oct. 10 of that year. In December 1975 the IFC Board of Control found that fraternity guilty of a charge of

"physical abuse of any person on a University-owned or controlled property, or at a University function, or conduct that threatens or endangers the health or safety of a person," as well as a charge of disorderly conduct.

The board dismissed all drug charges and the original charge of rape due to a lack of evidence, but did place the fraternity on social probation for that term. Also, the University disciplined two of the male students involved in the alleged rape at Phi Gamma Delta.



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Martin Sharpless, chairman of the Interfraternity Council Board of Control, left, and Adam Levinson, IFC president, announce the board's decision at a press conference last night.

## Freeze resolution sent to Senate floor

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The Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday voted 10-7 to send a nuclear freeze resolution to the Senate floor "in disagreement," a committee spokesman said.

The resolution, which has been awaiting action for more than a year, met with opposition from all nine Republicans on the 17-member committee. In addition, Senator Edward Zorinsky, D-Neb., cast a negative vote for the resolution.

The committee could have sent the resolution to the floor either recommending approval, disapproval or making no recommendation. Failing to agree on how to report the resolution, the committee voted to report it "in disagreement."

Senate Majority Leader Howard H. Baker Jr., R-Tenn., will be responsible for announcing the date for the full Senate vote.

The terms of the resolution call for a mutual, bilateral, verifiable nuclear freeze between the Soviet Union and the United States. The freeze, according to the bill, would be followed by a build-down (destroy two old missiles for each new one constructed) of all nuclear weapons.

At a press conference before the vote yesterday, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., one of the co-sponsors of the bill, said he would get the bill to the Senate floor even if it should be defeated in committee.

"No matter what the result of the committee mark-up, (Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, R-Ore.) and I are committed to take our resolution to the Senate floor," Kennedy said.

Steve McMahon, a press aide to Kennedy, said Kennedy has specific reasons for wanting to get

the bill on the Senate floor. "The important thing is that every member of the Senate will be on record as voting for or against (the resolution)," McMahon said.

McMahon said he was not surprised by the way Republican members of the committee voted.

Margaret Artega, coordinator for the Centre County campaign for a nuclear weapons freeze, said the Republican members of the committee were simply voting the way the Reagan administration wanted them to.

"We are going to have difficulty passing the resolution in the Senate because of the Republican majority," she said.

Artega also expressed dissatisfaction that the resolution was voted on just a short while after the downing of Korean Air Lines flight 007 by the Soviet Union. She alluded to the fact that the defense budget passed the Senate with relatively few problems.

"I've been really hoping they were going to sit on (the resolution)," Artega said.

Alan Safran, press secretary for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said no members of the committee issued a formal statement for their reasons in voting the way they did.

Another resolution, which called for a two-for-one-build-down, also failed yesterday in committee by an 8-8 vote with Zorinsky voting present.

The build-down resolution, which was co-sponsored by Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Charles H. Percy, R-Ill., called for the retirement of two older nuclear missiles for every new one constructed.

Both Artega and McMahon said the build-down was an unsatisfactory alternative to the freeze.

## Kissinger says Soviet response could indicate power struggle

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ERIE — The Soviets' response to the downing of the South Korean airliner Flight 007 is incomprehensible and may reflect a power struggle among top Soviet leaders, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said last night.

While Kissinger said the incident may have been the result of an accident or bureaucratic mix-up, he maintained that Soviet conduct since then has been "shocking" and "outrageous."

"As brutal and callous as the shootdown was, it does not concern me nearly so much as the behavior of the Soviets since then," Kissinger said.

Instead of explaining the event, the Soviets have attempted to paint the United States as the instigator of the deed, Kissinger said in a speech commemorating the 35th anniversary of the University's Behrend College.

"Instead, the Soviet Union has insisted from the beginning that this was a preplanned American intelligence maneuver, a deliberate American provocation."

These accusations by the Soviets are groundless, Kissinger said to an audience of about 750 people at the Erie Hilton.

"No sane American leader of whatever party would use a civilian airline of a foreign country for any kind of intelligence mission," he said.

But Kissinger said the incident can teach us about the Soviet government.

The tragedy illustrates the "rigidity and bureaucracy of their command structure" in addition to raising questions about the stability of the Soviet hierarchy.

"What exactly is their policy direction?" Kissinger asked. "In the 18 days since the accident, no one has heard a word from (Soviet leader Yuri Andropov) who is supposed to be running the country."

Andropov's lack of response may demonstrate a schism within the communist party, he said. The West may be witnessing the beginning of a kind of "Soviet Bonapartism" in which internal organizations are battling each other for control.

And Bonaparte, Kissinger warned, "did not exactly make life more comfortable for countries on the border of France."

The former assistant to the president for National Security Affairs also said the United States should not expect an apology from Moscow.

"It's almost impossible for the Soviet Union to apologize for the plane shootdown," he said. "What are they going to say? That their top military made a

mistake?"

Focusing his attention on other world issues, Kissinger said the United States could not continue the status quo in Lebanon.

Rather than remaining stagnant, the United States must decide whether it wants to escalate or scale down its military presence in the Middle East.

"Our force that was introduced — which was introduced for one purpose — has now lost its mission," he said. "It was introduced as a buffer between Lebanon and Israeli forces . . . and the Israelis have withdrawn unilaterally."

Several prominent people attended last night's gala event, including University President Bryce Jordan, Gov. Dick Thornburgh, Behrend Provost and Dean John M. Lilley and Erie industrialist Everett F. Zurn.



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Henry Kissinger

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#### weather

Windy with periods of rain today. Temperatures will fall this afternoon from a high of 72. Cloudy and very cool tonight with a low of 44. Mostly cloudy, windy and cool tomorrow with a high of 56. —by Glenn Rolph