



Richard L. Gordon

Watt appoints prof to coal commission

By CHRISTINE MURRAY
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A University professor of mineral economics said he was neither prepared for nor happy about the publicity surrounding Interior Secretary of State James Watt's statement yesterday concerning his appointment of "a black, a woman, two Jews and a cripple," to a coal-leasing commission.

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— Richard L. Gordon, University professor and Watt commission appointee

Richard L. Gordon, who does not have the use of his right arm, was appointed by Watt to the commission on Fair Market Value Policy for Federal Coal Leasing. The commission was formed because the federal government did not believe it had adequate procedures and funds when it leased coal, he said. The

commission is gathering information to present suggestions and alternatives to Congress.

Gordon said Watt apologized for the statement. One other member of the commission also made a statement to the news media, but Gordon did not identify that member.

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The people on the commission were not chosen for their race, sex or ethnic background, they were chosen because of their ability to do the job well, Gordon said.

"Don't forget that. Don't get angry at Watt," he said. Watt made a very ill-phrased statement that the Reagan administration not only gets good people but people from a wide variety of sources, Gordon said.

The commission was chosen in August and David Linowes, head of the commission, set the target date for completion of the study for November, he said. Gordon said three months would be enough time because considerable research has already been done.

After he was sworn in as part of the commission, Gordon said he spent two days making phone calls to confirm who he would be working with so he would know everything "was on the up and up."

Reaction to IFC ruling mixed

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Official reaction was mixed yesterday following the Interfraternity Council's recommendation that the University revoke the charter of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity for four violations of IFC bylaws.

The fraternity's local chapter adviser has vowed that if the appeal process is unsuccessful, the fraternity will take the case beyond IFC jurisdiction.

In a prepared statement, the Woman's Resource Center applauded both the IFC's handling of the incident and its decision.

However, because of the pending Alpha Tau Omega appeal to the IFC Board of Control, further official reaction yesterday was limited.

William Stevick, local adviser for Alpha Tau Omega, said in an interview last night that the local chapter "intends to use every available resource to fight withdrawal of recognition" — including legal action if necessary. But, speaking from a prepared statement, Outreach Coordinator Teri Lococio said the Woman's Resource Center "commends the IFC both for the fairness of the proceedings at the hearing and the justness of the decision reached."

The Woman's Resource Center, 111 Sowers St., which acted as an advocate for the complainant, "is concerned with incidences of sexual assault in the University

community," the statement explained. "The action taken by the IFC indicates that this behavior will not be tolerated or excused in any University organization."

The statement added that "a representative of the center who was present at the hearing said the facts were presented in an objective manner."

Concerning the Alpha Tau Omega appeal to the IFC, Stevick said that from the information he has gathered about the Aug. 26 incident from which the complaint arose, he believes no one at the fraternity "acted out of line."

"I personally feel no wrong was done and no harm was committed to anyone," Stevick said. "We're perfectly prepared to take this thing as far as is needed (to keep IFC recognition of Alpha Tau Omega's Penn State chapter)."

The fraternity has five days after it receives written notification of the sanctions levied against it to appeal the decision. IFC president Adam Levinson said yesterday that the fraternity would receive formal notification "within 24 hours." After appealing, the IFC has five days in which to hold an appeals hearing.

According to IFC bylaws, all appeals that involve an IFC dismissal must be granted an appeals hearing.

Because Stevick said after the hearing that the fraternity would appeal the IFC decision, no other officials involved with the case

would comment. Mark Mullinix, national director of standards and development for Alpha Tau Omega, said he believed commenting before the appeal is heard "cannot be of any help to anyone" and he therefore declined to do so.

However, Mullinix said that if the Alpha Tau Omega appeal was unsuccessful, he does not believe the national headquarters would become involved in any legal action.

"(The national fraternity) would not normally seek such a remedy," Mullinix said. "The policy of this fraternity is that we will not maintain a chapter on any campus, which normally provides recognition, where that recognition has been either withheld or withdrawn."

University Vice President for Student Affairs Raymond O. Murphy — to whom the recommendation for the dismissal of Alpha Tau Omega, 321 E. Fairmount Ave., has been forwarded — said he also did not wish to comment in the wake of the pending appeal.

He added, however, that the University's Department of Public Information and Relations had been instructed to prepare a statement concerning the University's decision to remain silent on this matter.

Peter Sylvestri, a spokesman for Public Information, said the University "does not want to do

anything that may prejudice the case."

The case Alpha Tau Omega is appealing concerns a complaint filed with the IFC by a 19-year-old female University student Aug. 29. After hearing both sides of the complaint at an IFC Board of Control Standards Board hearing Tuesday night, the IFC said in a

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news conference that 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 activity.

ATO complainant:

Woman says she is satisfied with IFC ruling

By LORI MUSSER
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Editor's note: Immediately after Tuesday night's Interfraternity Council's Board of Control hearing, a reporter for The Daily Collegian obtained permission from the woman who filed the complaint against Alpha Tau Omega fraternity to speak with her about the case. The Collegian has promised not to reveal the identity of the woman.

The 19-year-old woman who filed the complaint with the Interfraternity Council against Alpha Tau Omega fraternity concerning four violations of the IFC bylaws said, in a private interview yesterday, that while she would not comment on the specifics of the case, she was pleased with IFC's decision to recommend to the University that the charter of the fraternity be revoked.

The woman said she could not provide details about the case because Alpha Tau Omega has decided to appeal the IFC decision.

The woman said she is pleased with IFC's decision because it was "a difficult decision to come to because of the severity of the charge, specifically the fourth charge."

In a four-hour meeting on Tuesday night, Alpha Tau Omega was found guilty of violating: 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.

When asked to elaborate on the specifics of the fourth charge, the woman said only that "about all I can say is what occurred was some physical abuse to myself."

She said charges were filed against the entire fraternity, not individuals. She would not comment on the number of fraternity members

involved in the incident. The woman, speaking in a calm and resigned voice, said the incident in question occurred at an Alpha Tau Omega party on Friday, Aug. 26. She said she filed a complaint with the IFC on Aug. 29, but made her formal written complaint on Sept. 8. She said that to her knowledge, Alpha Tau Omega received the formal complaint on Sept. 12.

After the incident she said, "my initial reaction was I felt some kind of action should be taken." Reflecting on the incident, the woman said, "I feel a general rage that our society condones abuse of people at all."

The woman would not comment as to whether what happened to her could be called rape.

"Having not pursued it through any criminal channel, at this point I would make no comment," the woman said.

She said she went to the Alpha Tau Omega party Aug. 26 with a female friend from another school. While she admitted to have been drinking at the party, she said that fact was not relevant to the case.

The woman said Alpha Tau Omega was "a place I had frequently gone to" and "there were brothers that I recognized and knew by first name." However, she said, in her past experience at the fraternity, she had never heard of anything happening there like what she said happened to her on Aug. 26.

She said she contacted the Woman's Resource Center, 111 Sowers St., the same day she initially contacted the IFC, and through the center, filed an informal complaint with the State College Police Department.

"I haven't decided whether or not to press criminal charges yet," she said. "What I do somewhat depends on what action they're taking at this point."

"(Alpha Tau Omega) is appealing it and I'm waiting to see how that comes out," she said.

The woman said she filed the complaint with

IFC and had not been planning to contact the police until she went to the Woman's Resource Center.

"I wanted to avoid that because at that point it was three days after the incident and I was very wary of that."

She would not rule out the possibility that Alpha Tau Omega could win the appeals hearing, but called it "unlikely."

"I feel that the (IFC) board, in my opinion, was trying very hard," she said. "I don't feel they went into (the hearing on Tuesday) with a bias."

She added, "I think a new group would reach the same decision." When asked if she knew any of the fraternity member or members involved in the incident, the woman said: "I guess all I can do is restate that I had been to the house before and there were people I knew there. I knew quite a few of the brothers."

"As to their specific involvement, I probably shouldn't comment on that." The woman would not comment about whether there were any witnesses to the incident, saying, "It's sort of questionable as to who was a witness, if anyone."

She said there are "conflicting stories" between her account of the incident and that of Alpha Tau Omega, but she refused to elaborate any further.

She would not comment on how many Alpha Tau Omega members attended the hearing Tuesday night, except to say that there was "no direct testimonial" on the part of the fraternity members involved in the incident. Alpha Tau Omega officers testified on the fraternity's behalf.

The woman said her case was presented by IFC, but she attended the hearing to clarify and answer any questions. She said she had no legal counsel at the hearing, but was accompanied by an advocate from the Woman's Resource Center.

Alexander Court

Official says number of tenants must be reduced by next year

By ALICE RUDOLPH
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Occupancy reductions must be made at Alexander Court apartments, located at the corner of Beaver Avenue and Locust Lane, the director of Centre Region Code Administration said yesterday.

James D. Quigley said that measurements taken by the building inspector at the structure, owned by A.W. & Sons Enterprises, are different from measurements submitted to the building inspector by Jack W. Rischeberger and Associates, the architect.

Quigley said that A.W. & Sons and the architect should receive by Friday a letter stating that the number of tenants in certain apartments will have to be reduced, but that tenants who wish to stay until their current leases expire

may do so. Four tenants will be permitted to live in most two-bedroom units, he said, but only three people will be allowed to live in some two-bedroom units. In some one-bedroom units, space permits three people to occupy the apartment, while only two people may reside in other one-bedroom units, he added.

Quigley said he could not give exact figures as to how many of each type of apartment will be affected by the reductions, but added that none of the apartments in the 67-unit structure is large enough for five people.

The code enforcement office is viewing the situation realistically by allowing tenants to remain in the apartments until their leases expire, Quigley said.

The situation is not "an immediate hazard, but more like a

lack of comfort," he said. Quigley added that while he is by no means encouraging tenants to vacate, they could "avail themselves of that opportunity" if they wanted.

However, Quigley stated that next year, A.W. & Sons "most definitely must comply" with the occupancy codes. He added that A.W. & Sons has the right to appeal the decision.

Dottie Williams, director of sales and personnel for A.W. & Sons, refused comment on the situation.

Michael Moyer (junior-foreign service and international politics), who now lives with four other people in a two-bedroom apartment, said he would like to remain there until summer, and then have the option of terminating his lease. He said also he would like to have some further rent reduction.

Moyer's apartment was one of 21

large, two-bedroom apartments reduced to "medium" in a design change. Tenants in those apartments received a \$10 per month reduction in rent in late August.

Scott Bomwell (junior-aerospace engineering), Moyer's roommate, said, "I don't know if I would move out." Moving in the middle of the semester would be a "real hassle," he said.

Bomwell agreed with Moyer, saying he would like to have an additional rent reduction.

Charlene Harrison, assistant director of the Office of Residential Life Programs and adviser for the Organization for Town Independent Students, said students living in the building should contact the student legal adviser, Gayle Nease, 135 Bouke, to discuss their options in the situation.

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weather

Partly sunny, windy and cool today with a high of 56. Partly cloudy and cold tonight. Low of 39. Partly sunny and cool with a shower possible tomorrow afternoon. High near 58.
—by Glenn Rolph