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Topic: Greek Life

[Dr. James Newton discussing a racist incident that occurred at a fraternity on campus and the University administration's response.]

James Newton: One other thing that occurred that, a big hassle was, fraternities. Black, white, it didn't matter which ones, Kappa, Alpha I don't care what it was, were putting a Confederate flag right there on the corner of such and such street, big as the fraternity house it was in. One young Black lady just decided that she got enough of it and went over to President Trabant at the time, and argued that it shouldn't be here, and the result of it was that Trabant took action and was ready to kick the fraternity off the campus. And some of these fraternities had in their—I'm a researcher, even though I don't claim to be whatever I do my research before I open my mouth because I've found that that's one of the things that you don't get stuck with, you don't open your mouth et cetera, et cetera, and I've had arguments but I always make sure that I know that its documented—and because of the power of the fraternities, many people in the business world belong to this fraternity. And they solicited the president and everybody else to call it off, don't do anything about that fraternity, but ultimately that Confederate flag was taken down.