



Beth Solomon tells Gov. Godwin of her Klan studies.

Klan Is Only History to Coed

As luck would have it, the only student Virginia Gov. Mills Godwin spoke with during his brief tour of the George Mason College campus was Beth Solomon, 19, a freshman.

"What are you studying?" he asked as he bent over her desk in the college library.

"The history of the Ku Klux Klan," she said.

"In Virginia?"

"In the U.S. since Reconstruction."

"Well, I've had a little experience with that outfit myself from time to time,"

the Governor said. (From time to time the Klan has burned crosses in front of the former FBI agent's official mansion in Richmond.)

Noting her rather wide-eyed reaction, Godwin hastened to add, "I don't want you to get the wrong impression. I've never belonged to it." Godwin was the first Southern governor to speak out strongly against the Klan during its brief resurgence in the mid-1960s.

The Governor asked for and was promised a copy of Miss Solomon's term paper.

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