

# Rozman: growth of repression on local scene

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There has been a rapid erosion of personal freedom on the University campus Stephen L. Rozman, assistant professor of political science, said Monday.

"The growth or repression throughout the country has been reflected on the local scene," he said at a press conference Monday.

The press conference was in answer to the Board of Regents' action Monday authorizing a faculty committee to look into Rozman's involvement in last spring's campus unrest.

Rozman said Campus Police are monitoring antiwar meetings and the participants are being photographed.

"I was also told that one Regent expressed displeasure at my having accompanied a group of students to the draft board three weeks ago to present a

statement opposing Nixon's renewed bombing of North Vietnam," he continued.

Rozman contends there would be no negotiation of his Constitutional rights in his case.

"If I am expected to cease these protests which are totally peaceful in character and well within the boundaries of constitutional guarantees, then let my case terminate at this very moment.

"If the choice is between my freedom of expression and my remaining on this campus, let the record show that I choose the first of these alternatives without a moment's hesitation."

Rozman said he would like to see a thorough disclosure of the facts, but that he will refuse to cooperate with the committee unless they guarantee witnesses immunity from University or legal action.

"I would rather continue to bear the entire burden for the activities of thousands of people last May than to be unwittingly dragging people into a trap of self-incrimination," Rozman said.

Rozman also discussed the



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evidence attorney Duane Nelson, representing the Spelts Commission, presented to Chancellor D. B. Varner.

Nelson's letter to Varner concerned "the factual matters" upon which the Spelts Commission based its findings against Rozman.

Rozman categorically refuted the evidence Nelson presented to Varner, all of which came from the Spelts' Commission Report on student unrest.

"I feel the Regents, as much as I, have been victimized by the Spelts Report. In a sense,

they (the Regents) fell into a trap."

Commenting on the faculty committee which will investigate all of the charges against him, Rozman said, "All I ask is that they treat me fairly and be concerned with justice."

## 14th Street mall gets new lighting

The University is installing 30 new lights on the 14th Street mall and around the Nebraska Union and Administration Building.

"In 1968 the University began extensions of night classes

which made it necessary to light the walks. The lights are replacing the old street lights on 14th Street as part of the continuing development of the University campus," said Ronald Wright, assistant

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