

Committee hears favorable testimony on LB 445

The Legislature's Education Committee heard nothing but favorable testimony Monday on a bill which provides for the dismissal of faculty and expulsion of students who take part in "disruptive activities," but postponed a vote on the measure until Tuesday.

LB 445, sponsored by Sen. C. W. Holmquist of Oakland, received the endorsement of such diverse proponents as Stephen Rozman; Flavel Wright, attorney for the Board of Regents; and John Gradwohl of the University law school. No one spoke against the bill.

HOLMQUIST SAID he introduced the bill because the "Regents and Administration didn't feel they had

the authority to penalize students and teachers who occupied buildings or disrupted University activities."

The bill lists as grounds for dismissal or expulsion any use of force, counseling of others to use force, threat to use force, the seizure of property or the prevention of members of the institution from pursuing their normal course of activity.

The measure also provides for a public hearing before the governing board of the institution for anyone charged with disruptive activity. All evidence from the hearing which leads to the dismissal or expulsion of an individual must be contained in a written order of notification.

ROZMAN SAID he favored the bill because it provides procedure and due process which do not now exist at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

"LB 445 would have given me the procedure I was denied during the whole period before my contract was not renewed," Rozman said. "I don't believe LB 445 would have allowed the miscarriage of justice which occurred in my case."

Rozman said he was particularly pleased with the section providing for a public hearing before the governing board. He did not have a public hearing before the Regents prior to the termination of his contract. If the bill is passed and implemented retroactively, he would have to be reinstated, Rozman said.

He suggested the term "disruptive" be better defined in the bill. "For instance, there is a difference between occupying a building, as in the case of the ROTC building last May, and the seizure of a building," he added. "During the occupation of that building anyone was allowed to come and go and no attempt was made to stop regularly scheduled classes the next morning."

SEN. GEORGE SYAS of Omaha challenged Rozman with several questions concerning the assistant professor's activities during the occupation, and then asked Rozman if the faculty or the Regents, as specified by law, should run the University.

"If you want turmoil, then arbitrary power should be used," Rozman answered. "If you want harmony, then arbitrary power should not be used by the Regents or anyone else."

Wright told the committee that Rozman had not been dismissed; his contract had simply not been renewed. Quoting from the faculty bylaws, he said that certain procedures would have been followed if Rozman had been dismissed.

WRIGHT PROPOSED an amendment to the bill to provide for the hearings to be conducted by some other group than the governing body of the institution.

"The Regents are in no position to conduct a hearing and furthermore, I question the desirability of a public hearing," Wright said. "There are many things which can be better worked out in private."

Gradwohl, a member of the University's Committee on Academic Privilege and Tenure, said his committee and the faculty in general approve of the bill. Gradwohl pointed out, however, that Wright's distinction between dismissal and contract non-renewal is not legally clear and, in fact, is currently in litigation.

Because hearings of several other bills lasted beyond normal time limits, the committee voted to postpone a vote until 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Regents cancel ASUN meeting on legal advice

The special ASUN meeting for February 16, which was to have featured several members of the Board of Regents, has been cancelled because of advice of University lawyers.

The University lawyers issued a letter to the Regents on Friday warning that public statements at ASUN would be a mistake in view of the pending lawsuit by Steve Rozman against the Board.

Several Regents had previously agreed to speak to the Senate but withdrew because of their attorney's advice.

Since the special meeting was only scheduled on the condition that some Regents would appear, ASUN President Steve Tiwald announced that the ASUN Executive Committee decided to cancel the meeting.

Tiwald said the Rozman case would be taken up at the regular Wednesday meeting of ASUN.



Commercial of the Future: What do you want; good grammar or good grass?

Tobacco manufacturers eye marijuana legalization

by **CHARLES FOLEY**
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San Francisco-Marijuana is now as American as Spiro Agnew's daughter—or so say executives of U. S. tobacco firms who have been covertly eyeing the underground market in "grass," officially valued at better than a billion dollars a year.

The real figure, say some entrepreneurs, is nearer three times that sum, and now that the possibilities of legal manufacture are being discussed in board rooms, bootleg suppliers are organizing to safeguard their interests.

Long before New Year's Day, when the government shut down a \$250 million advertising industry by banning cigarette commercials on television, the tobacco men had been busy on contingency planning. One firm is allegedly running a marketing test scheme in Hawaii. At the start the big manufacturers would

market their joints at about 25 cents each, well under current black market prices.

BUSINESS SOURCES predict the end of the marijuana ban will follow the close of the Nixon era, for the soundly all-American reason that the swollen costs of the "new prohibition" exceed any good it may do. Enforcement costs in California alone are now running at \$32 million a year and courts are clogged with untried cases. Already 23 states have eased penalties—at least for the first offense possession of marijuana—and more are expected to follow.

Former U. S. Attorney John Kaplan, a Stanford University law professor and an authority on the subject, said that marijuana "could and should" be legalized. He favors a government monopoly which would rule out advertising. Packets of the weed, graded by strength and heavily taxed, might be sold in government licensed shops. He believes this

open system would discourage use, particularly by teen-agers. Revenue would help to step up control of hard drugs.

BUT THE UNDERGROUND does not mean to yield its rich, mean to yield its rich, quasi-sacred grass market to the big-money men. "It's the economic basis of the counter-culture," says Blair Newman, a prominent San Francisco pot advocate. "We have to keep it out of the hands of the tobacco tycoons."

Believing legislation will come "within three years," Newman said his friends have formed a "philanthropic," non-profit organization called Amphoria, to stake their claim.

More confident still is a San Francisco consortium of pot dealers known collectively as Felix the Cat. "Marijuana is legal," they say in publicity for their bold new venture—a packaged, filter-tipped brand of pot cigarettes, named Grassmasters.

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*Play try outs
set Tuesday*

Open tryouts for Kenneth Brown's play "The Brig," directed by Jo Hill, will be held in the Nebraska Union basement Conference Rooms Tuesday evening.

The play, to be produced in conjunction with the World in Revolution Conference and the Union Program Council, is a document of life in a military prison.

There are 16 parts for men, Hill said. No previous acting experience is necessary.

**CSL holds hearings
on discipline code**

The Council on Student Life will hold a public hearing on the University Discipline Code and Procedures from 2-5 p. m. on Feb. 18 rather than the Feb. 16 as originally reported.

The hearings in the Union are open to everyone as part of CSL's effort to revamp campus disciplinary procedures.

Wouldn't the police object? "Oh sure," Felix says. "But the government just isn't willing to push this thing. It's like the last days of prohibition when beer trucks drove openly around."

The group hopes to have some trucks painted with the Felix symbol soon. Felix claims to have a bail fund reserve of \$125,000 and is prepared for two Supreme Court appeals in the next couple of years.

"Then we'll be out in the clear," a spokesman for the firm commented.