

# Rozman begins legal skirmishes

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Claiming that the Board of Regents' action to dismiss him was "illegal, irrational, and arbitrary," Stephen L. Rozman filed suit against the Regents in U. S. District Court Wednesday seeking his faculty job back and \$100,000 compensatory damages.

The suit contends that the Regents denied Rozman due process and imposed sanctions against the assistant professor of political science for exercising his constitutional rights.

In addition to the compensatory damages, the suit asks that the Regents pay punitive damages for their actions in dismissing Rozman.

**THE SUIT** was filed by Rozman's attorney, Patrick Healey, against the Board of Regents as a body and against the eight Regents individually.

The Regents in a Feb. 6 meeting voted unanimously not to reappoint Rozman as an assistant professor of political science because of his actions during the occupation of the ROTC Building last May while protesting the U. S. invasion of Cambodia.

Claiming that Rozman's conduct during the occupation of the ROTC Building "was entirely peaceful, non-violent, (and non-disruptive), the suit states that those present during the occupation were assured by the NU administration that their presence and actions in the building violated no laws or rules that would involve University disciplinary action and that Rozman attempted to negotiate a basis for a University administration statement that would "resolve the occasion for the gathering."

**THE LEGAL BRIEF** adds that the political science teacher's activities "did not exceed in any way the bounds of his constitutionally protected freedoms as a citizen," "did not exceed any existing and valid standard, rule or guideline for faculty conduct," and was in full accordance with the exercise of peaceful and non-violent demonstration recognized in the University's "Policy Statement on Campus Disorders" adopted by the Regents.

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## ASUN plans Indochina teach-in

Student government is organizing a University-wide teach-in, featuring nationally known speakers, concerning the war in Indochina.

Scheduled for March 4, the teach-in is being presented in cooperation with the national office of the Association of Student Governments in Washington D. C. The teach-in is planned for both afternoon and evening sessions.

Some famous names already slated to appear are Allard Lowenstein, Arthur Schlesinger and David Halberstam.

Lowenstein is a former Congressman from New York and an initiator of the "dump LBJ" movement before the 1968 elections.

Schlesinger was an aide to President John F. Kennedy and is now a historian at Columbia University.

Halberstam is a well-known journalist who received the Pulitzer Prize for his coverage of the Vietnam War.

ASUN President Steve Tiwald said there was an

outside chance that a prominent United States Senator outside of the Nebraska delegation might also appear. According to Tiwald it will be several days before the senator's availability is known.

Tiwald also announced the decision to invite the Congressmen and Senators from Nebraska. Since the other speakers are known for "dovish" positions on the Indochina situation, ASUN thought the Nebraskans would help balance the presentation.

The teach-in will also include panels and discussion with local people and faculty. ASUN will pay travel expenses

and publicity.

Impetus for the teach-in came from a resolution by Sen. Tim Kincaid at Wednesday's ASUN meeting.

In the resolution Kincaid notes that "a proper and important duty" of the student senate is to facilitate a flow of information and communication on "consequential matters of concern to students", such as the Indochina War. It called for a Teach-In involving speakers and discussion groups with "conflicting viewpoints".

Kincaid's resolution was passed with one abstention and no negative votes.

## NU student group organizes march

A group of University of Nebraska students has taken out a city parade permit and plans to march from the Nebraska Union to the State Capital Thursday afternoon.

According to senior Ray

Bamdad, the group plans to march down 13th Street to the Capital in protest of the firing of Stephen L. Rozman.

A rally is planned for 1:30 in the Union Ballroom and the march is slated for 2 p.m.

## Faculty action draws mixed reaction

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Whether the University faculty restrained from setting a fire or failed in its moral duty at Monday's special faculty meeting to discuss the Stephen L. Rozman case depend on who is talking.

A firebrand resolution to censure the Regents would be worthless and "might only set fire to something," said Thomas N. Winter, assistant professor of classics.

**EDGAR A. PEARLSTEIN**, professor of physics, doesn't like the word censure, but does believe that the faculty should express its feelings on issues concerning the University.

"It's not only appropriate, but morally mandatory," he said.

The two faculty members opinions exemplify the division that clogged action at the Monday meeting.

**WINTER ALSO SAID** the faculty fact-finding committee had "picked up the handkerchief that the Spelts Committee had dropped" and determined the facts. The Regents drew their own conclusions from the facts and "whether one likes it or not," the faculty are now powerless in the case, he said. "I cannot rehire Stephen Rozman and no other faculty member can and the Faculty Senate cannot," he asserted. "One does not want to throw a monkey wrench into the relationship with the new Board of Regents and censuring them would serve no other purpose."

Winter doesn't feel that Rozman's case raises the question of academic freedom.

He noted: "Freedom of speech is sacrosanct in the classroom. Outside the classroom, there is room for disagreement among reasonable men" as to what an employe can say to his employer.

**WINTER SEES** the Rozman case as an exposure that procedures for hiring and firing faculty need to be regulated.

At Monday's special meeting he co-sponsored a resolution

with 45 faculty members which called for the adoption of the Academic Privilege and Tenure Committee's new code of procedures governing grievances and dismissals. The resolution failed.

The code is committee work already done, Winter said. He added that the Academic Constitutional Convention the faculty Monday petitioned the Regents to call would accomplish only the same purpose as the code.

"Why do all the work over again?" he asked. **PEARLSTEIN** also was disappointed in the resolution passed by the faculty Monday, but for different reasons.

"It can easily have the effect of turning us away from the case at hand" (Rozman's dismissal), he said.

Rozman's opportunity to speak to the faculty was "the one good thing" about Monday's special faculty meeting, according to Pearlstein. He added that the University faculty needs personal contact with Rozman rather than news accounts to judge his character.

At the meeting, Pearlstein submitted a resolution that the faculty should "hereby expresses its strong disapproval of the Board's decision not to renew Professor Rozman's contract."

The resolution was not discussed. **THE REGENTS SHOULD** insulate the operation of the University from political influence "as much as possible," Pearlstein said.

He called them the link between the University and the people of Nebraska, but said they should not allow their constituents to dictate their actions.

**NOTING THAT COMMUNICATIONS** and confidence gaps have developed between the faculty and the Regents, Pearlstein advised that bridges to span these gaps must come from the Regents.

He said, "They have the power."



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