

# Unicameral agrees with NU Regents on Rozman

The State Legislature added its voice Friday to those supporting the University of Nebraska Board of Regent's decision not to rehire Stephen L. Rozman.

Despite warnings by some senators that the body was acting emotionally and perhaps impairing the Regent's defense in Rozman's \$100,000 damage suit in U. S. District Court, a resolution was passed 29-8 Friday declaring "fair treatment and good judgment were in fact exercised" by the Board in the Rozman case.

SEN. JOHN DE CAMP of Neligh introduced the resolution, apparently in response to a march of about 100 students to the Capitol Thursday protesting the Rozman dismissal.

The marchers wrote numerous letters to senators after arriving at the Capitol asking for an expression of legislative opinion.

Basic language of the resolution included:  
"The Legislature supports the Board of Regents in the Regents' authority to decide the Rozman case."

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## Another snow job!

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With the blizzard worsening minute by minute, Lincoln radio personality Dick Perry arose from bed early Monday morning to prepare for what could be 24-hour emergency duty at KFOR.

Snow was already inches deep, more was falling, winds gusted above 40 miles an hour. Lincoln was sinking, for the second time this season, into snow paralysis.

Perry's young son arose with his father. "Gee," he said, "Do you think they'll cancel the basketball game tonight?"

**YES, THE OKLAHOMA** -Nebraska roundball contest was postponed. In fact just about everything but February 22 itself was postponed.

By early Monday morning, radio and television stations were asking not for cancellations or closings, but for calls from business firms that were brave enough to open their doors.

A pharmacy, several gasoline stations and grocery stores, half a dozen cafes, and Arby's Roast Beef Restaurant responded. As the day wore on, street maintainers went to work and more and more businesses opened.

**BUT THE UNIVERSITY** lost another day of classes. The institution was shut down two days the first week of January during what had been, up until that time, the worst blizzard in 25 years.

"It seems that about every four or five years classes are dismissed for a day," observed Carl Donaldson, a special consultant to the President who has been with NU since the 1920s, during the January shutdown. But nothing in his memory of snow storms could equal Monday's blizzard.

About 5:30 a.m. Monday, with passage into and out of dormitory and Greek houses impossible, and with the blizzard at the peak of its fury, President Joseph Soshnik canceled all morning classes on both Lincoln campuses.

By 10 a.m. the Lincoln-Lancaster County Civil Defense director put out an urgent call for snowmobiles with or without drivers. Police cruisers with chains were bogged down, so law enforcement took to four-wheel drive jeeps.

Then Soshnik canceled the rest of Monday's classes. Late Monday Soshnik announced that the school would remain closed through at least Tuesday noon. The important

Sooner-Husker clash was re-scheduled for Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Coliseum.

**ABOUT HALF OF NU'S** 20,000 students who live off campus, were marooned in houses, apartments and rooms. Unless they resided on arterials, walking or snowmobiles were the only means of transportation.

The other half of the student body made do around campus.

In the Abel-Sandoz dormitory complex, several students cooked breakfast because the regular cooks and supervisors couldn't come to work.

Burl Janzen and Tom Kutschkau, along with residence director Glenn Schumann, had to break into the cafeteria because Schumann's key would not work. Together, they fried bacon and eggs and cooked waffles.

Employees began arriving at the complex in fire department jeeps by noon. Food on hand was expected to last out the storm.

**GIRLS IN SANDOZ** played cards, talked, watched television, cleaned their rooms,  
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"THE LEGISLATURE HAS no reason to believe the Regents exercised anything other than good judgment and fair play in the determination of the Rozman case and makes no judgment of the merit of the case.

"...The Legislature finds no reason whatsoever to interfere with or upset the findings and determination of the Regents.

"The 82nd Legislature, First Session, goes on record to caution and remind those who are students at the University as follows:

"A. THE STUDENT in Nebraska who attends NU pays only a fraction of the actual cost of educating said student.

"B. The bulk of the cost...is paid by the Nebraska taxpayers.

"C. The Regents and Legislature are responsible to all the people of the state and not just to students.

"D. At that time the students actually pay all of their educational costs independent of any state aid, (then) might be the more proper time for students to challenge who the Regents hire and fire."

SEN. FERN ORME of Lincoln attempted to amend the resolution to strike the portion lecturing students. Her amendment was defeated 15-28. Several senators, Richard Marvel of Hastings and Elmer Wallwey of Emerson among them, voted against the Orme amendment but later declined to vote on the entire resolution.

Wallwey unsuccessfully asked DeCamp to withdraw the resolution in the "interests of this body and the State of Nebraska."

The motion came under heavy fire by Sen. Ernest Chambers of Omaha who called it "ill-timed, ill-conceived, poorly drawn" and a "vindictive slap at students." He also warned that the Legislature might do harm to the pending court case if the resolution was passed.

**NEITHER ROZMAN NOR** his attorney Patrick W. Healey of Lincoln have indicated that the Legislature's action will affect the direction of the case. Rozman, however, released a letter in which he charged the senators with "prejudging" his case.

The vote on the resolution:  
For (29)--Burbach, Carsten, Craft, DeCamp, Elrod, Goodrich, Hasebroock, Holmquist, Johnson, Kime, Kaver, Kremer, Luedtke, Mahoney, Maresch, Morgan, Moylan, Nore, Proud, Savage, Schmit, Skarda, Studll, Swanson, Syas, Waldo, Waldron, Whitney and Wiltse.

Against (8)--Barnett, Chambers, Clark, Duis, Epke, Keyes, Snyder and Stahmer.

Present and not voting (8)--Kennedy, Kokes, Lewis, Marvel, Orme, Wallwey, Warner and Ziebarth.

## Protesters receive warnings for sit-in

Seven students received official University warnings Friday in connection with Feb. 10 demonstrations protesting the Board of Regent's refusal to rehire Stephen L. Rozman.

An eighth student was placed on probation and the decision on a ninth had not been revealed as of Sunday night.

After hearings last week the Student Tribunal decided that students who refused to leave Chancellor D. B. Varner's office Feb. 10 until they were placed on probation were creating a disruption.

The Office of Student Affairs Friday approved the Tribunal's recommendation and issued official warnings to Jacqueline Barret, Ed Anson, Nola Kinnamon, Stephanie Thomson and Bill Behmer.

**IN ITS RULING** the Tribunal found "it is within the chancellor's authority to decide whether an individual or groups conduct interferes with the business routine of his office." The statement added that the chancellor was "put under duress by the demands made by the group."

Gary Schleiger, who was put on probation twice, once when he refused to leave the chancellor's office and again when he refused to leave the Administration Building at its closing time, also received an official warning by separate statement.

Mike Richardson, who was suspended and then arrested after refusing to leave the chancellor's office, was placed on probation by the Tribunal.

**HOWEVER,** Richardson has withdrawn from the University to attend another school, according to Mike Barret, another of those arrested at the chancellor's office.

Ron Kurtenbach, who was suspended and arrested after he

refused to leave Love Library at its closing time Feb. 10 was reinstated by the Tribunal and received an official warning.

The Tribunal statement said: "An academic community must be free to a diversity of opinion and conduct, but this freedom must be balanced against the need for the security of buildings after closing hours." "IT IS INTERESTING to contrast the values of the Regents," Kurtenbach said. "Mike Davis was refused a job because of the same kind of protest I conducted. I received only a conduct warning."

He said he had not decided yet whether to appeal the Tribunal's decision, but was thinking about appealing to the Council on Student Life (CSL).

Schleiger said he was told by an official of the Student Affairs office that an investigation is being conducted to decide whether the students were disruptive under a Federal law.

**IF THEIR** action is ruled to be disruptive under this law they could be refused federal financial aid for up to two years.

He said the students were also told that sanctions against them will be more strict if they are involved in more disturbances. But, Schleiger said the students will do what they think is necessary to continue protesting the Rozman decision.

Jacqueline Barret, Anson, Kinnamon, Thomson, and Behmer have said they will file an appeal on their cases with CSL. Schleiger said he would also appeal.

"We were just doing what most students do all year, sitting on our rears," Ms. Barret said. "But, we were doing it for a purpose."