Faculty orders investigation

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A faculty ad hoc committee will investigate "campus and non-campus police surveillance of campus activities and/or groups," according to action passed at a special Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday. By an 84-73 vote, the

By an 84-73 vote, the Senate approved a resolution calling for the ad hoc committee, working under the Human Rights Committee, to "review both matters of fact and of University policy concerning the summoning or use of such personnel."

At the special meeting, convened to consider items left over from the March 9 agenda, David J. Hibler, assistant professor of English, called the resolution "not alarmistic or extraordinary."

"THERE'S SIMPLY a need to find out what's happening and what are the rules governing what's happening," he said at the Love Library meetings.

Newspapers reported that at least one state patrolman photographed students at the Febr. 15 Regents' meeting and that Gail Gade, director of campus security, has admitted

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students had been photographed at meetings, Hibler noted.

R. Burt Maxcy, professor of food science and technology, spoke out for open meetings. He said that along with privileges to speak and present facts, those attending a meeting should be willing to be photographed.

Speaking for the resolution Stephen L. Rozman, assistant professor of political science, complained that many students are intimidated by the police photographers.

"They (the students) are acting firmly within their constitutional guarantees and yet they are intimidated," he said. "This activity deprives them of their willingness if not their ability to exercise their constitutional rights." IN OTHER ACTION

IN OTHER ACTION Tuesday, the Senate suspended its rules to allow Desmond Wheeler, professor of chemistry, to introduce a Liaison Committee resolution not on the agenda.

The resolution "thanks President Soshnik for his services to the University since 1957, especially those during the years of his Presidency." The resolution's passage was

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followed by a standing ovation for President Soshnik.

The Senate also voted down a resolution calling for a study of the feasibility of the Faculty Senate acting as a bargaining agent to secure "contractual protection of academic freedom and due process in matters of nonreappointment and dismissal."

This resolution, which failed on a voice vote, was the last of ten resolutions on the carried-over agenda relating to the Regents' actions in the Rozman case.

AT THE END of the meeting the Senate declined to suspend its rules once more to consider two resolutions from Paul A. Olson, foundation professor of English.

The resolutions, signed by ten University teachers, state: -"That the Faculty Senate

-"That the Faculty Senate considers it a breech of the good faith of this house that amendments were introduced to LB 445 which suspend or weaken due process proceedings presently sustained by the Academic Privilege and Tenure Committee.

--"That any regulations relating to misconduct on the part of a faculty member should not distinguish between tenured and non-tenured professors."

LB 445 provides for the dismissal of any faculty member and the expulsion of any student engaging in "disruptive" activities.

After the meeting, Olson said that LB 445, scheduled to come before the Unicameral within a couple of days, is "an invitation on the part of the administration to the Legislature to invade due process proceedings which presently prevail."

No one spoke against Olson's attempt, but the move to suspend the rules was defeated by a show of hands.

ME honorary pledges eleven

The Mechanical Engineering honorary, Pi Tau Sigma, began its pledge week activities Monday by pledging eleven men.

Pledges include: James Force, Dale Murdoch, Lowell Anderson, Bradley Keller, Don Ross, William Schluckebier, Andrew Weaver, Gary David, Art Denney, John Lazear and

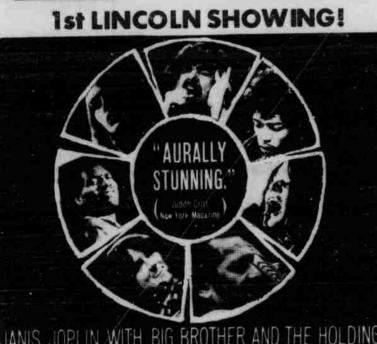


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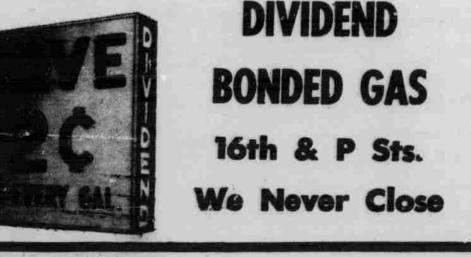
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