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ASUN investigates 'closed student file' charge

by Carol Strasser

ASUN voted Wednesday to investigate the charge that some University departments keep closed files on students, where an individual student isn't allowed to inspect his own file.

A committee of three students, one faculty member and one administrator was directed to investigate the "legality and rationale for the maintenance of such files." Findings and recommendations are to be reported to the Council on Student Life by the end of this semester.

THE RESOLUTION to create the committee claims that ROTC, Teacher Placement and other University departments keep closed files on students.

ASUN Sen. Paula Peter, co-sponsor of the resolution, told the Senate that members of Teachers College are asked to sign a letter which requires that the student give up the right to have libelous material withdrawn from his file or to inspect the file.

Adding to the controversy over the Sigma Alpha Mu bonfire, ASUN passed a resolution endorsing stoppage

of the fire "immediately and in the future."

ALTHOUGH pollution from the bonfire is minimal, Gary Gabelhouse, chairman of the ASUN Environmental Task Force, said the resolution is aimed at an attitude which doesn't place high priority on the environment.

The resolution made no statement about enforcing the action, although Sen. Mike Berns suggested several senators inform the fraternity of Senate feeling.

IN OTHER ACTION, the Senate placed its support behind a proposal by Congressman John Y. McCollister that amnesty be granted to those Americans in exile for refusing to fight in Vietnam.

The resolution, introduced by Sen. Steve Hutchins, states that "these young Americans should and must be allowed to come back to this country if our ideals of fairness and justice are to be upheld."

ASUN requested the Nebraska Coalition for Peace and Justice to take "positive action" to register support among UNL students for McCollister's proposal.

SOME NON-STUDENT fee money will be added to ASUN funds through an agreement with Globe Insurance authorized by the Senate Wednesday.

Globe Insurance agreed to pay ASUN \$4,000 if the Senate makes the student mailing list available to the

insurance company and allows the company to enclose an official ASUN letter with the company literature to each student.

Globe offers students a low-cost life insurance policy which can be converted to a permanent policy after graduation.

ASUN executives have checked the policy with administrators responsible for the University insurance, and the company is reputable, ASUN Pres. Steve Fowler said. However, the letter from ASUN won't endorse the insurance plan but will state

that the Senate simply is making the information available to students, he said.

Some senators objected to the practice of ASUN appearing to endorse any product, but Fowler pointed out that ASUN has endorsed insurance policies in the past.

Further discussion on a proposed Senate bill to change rules and procedures was tabled until next week for further discussion.

A resolution was passed in support of the Nebraska League of Young Voters student voter registration drive Nov. 1-5.

Air pollution officer says bonfire is last

years.

The special permit has been necessary since activation of an ordinance prohibiting open fires in conjunction with Lincoln's fight against pollution.

Sanger's action was in response to a complaint by Sandoz Hall residence director Susan Goldsborough. She said the atmosphere suffers from the week-long fire's pollution.

SAM's bonfire chairman, Dick Lemer, said the fire is a clean-burning wood one. He said no cardboard is used, and no material that would smolder is used.

Freebee Bike Co-op provides repairs

Is your bicycle sick? Got a bent rim or faulty brakes? One University of Nebraska-Lincoln student has an alternative to taking it to a dealer for "costly and time-consuming mending."

Roger Kaye said students should bring their bicycles to the Freebee Bike Co-op directly behind the Blue Sky Book Store at 1017 Q Street.

The co-op was organized by Kaye and L.C. Wilson and opened the last week in September.

According to Kaye, the purpose of the co-op is to show the customer how to fix his

bicycle himself. No charge is made for labor, unless the bike needs a major repair that involves an unusually long time to make.

Kaye said most bicycle repairs are simple to make after a person has been shown once, and customers can use the co-op's tools at no cost. Voluntary contributions are accepted, Kaye noted.

The co-op is open from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. until noon on weekends. It is staffed by UNL students who donate their time and talent.

Spelts tells of Rozman investigation procedures

by Bart Becker

The chairman of a citizen's committee which investigated the incidents and causes of disruption on the UNL campus in May, 1970 testified in court Wednesday that his committee did not interview any of the people mentioned in connection with the disruptions.

Richard E. Spelts Jr. made his statements at the opening

session of Stephen L. Rozman's suit against the University of Nebraska Board of Regents. The trial, without jury, is before U. S. District Court Judge Warren K. Urbom.

SPELTS SAID the seven-man commission did not interview anyone "as an official body." He also said the commission did not interview Rozman.

When questioned by Rozman's attorney, Pat

Healey, whether the commission had interviewed Rozman, Spelts replied: "Not as a commission. I did not. I don't even know Mr. Rozman."

Rozman is asking for damages up to \$100,000 and reinstatement as an assistant professor of political science. The Board of Regents cited Rozman's actions, particularly what they said was his refusal to leave the UNL Military and

Naval Science Building during an occupation of the building during May, 1970 protests, as reasons for not rehiring him for this year.

THE CITIZEN'S commission, known as the Spelts Commission, investigated the disruptions by reviewing transcripts of interviews held by Duane L. Nelson, Lincoln attorney. Spelts said the transcripts were not verbatim "in the sense of

court reporting."

He said the commission attempted to contact anyone who had been mentioned in news stories pertaining to the disruptions. He said letters were dispatched and approximately 200 responses received.

"Did everybody say the same thing about the events of May 4, 1970?" Healey asked.

"No."

"**THEN HOW DID** you determine who was right and who was wrong?" Healey asked.

"We took the consensus report," Spelts replied. "We used, to a great extent, reports of the Military and Naval Science Building from the Lincoln and campus police."

When queried as to what procedure was used to conclude that Rozman's actions were inappropriate, Spelts said, "Our evidence is that he was among the leadership group...the fact that he was at all three locations (the state Selective Service office, a meeting at the United Ministries in Higher Education chapel and the Military and Naval Science building) singles him out."

"That he was there and the role he was playing caused us to conclude he acted inappropriately."

"**WHAT ROLE?**" Healey asked.

"Leadership."

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Stephen L. Rozman...former UNL assistant professor of political science, testifies before U.S. District Court Judge Warren Urbom.