

Irate Protester Expelled at UW

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RACINE — The University of Wisconsin student who stormed out of his Madison disciplinary hearing last month was expelled here Friday by the University Board of Regents.

Richard B. Rosenfeld, a sophomore from Olivette, Mo., was charged with kicking in a glass door of Van Hise Hall on the Madison campus during a destructive demonstration on Feb. 27.

Former State Supreme Court Justice J. Ward Rector continued Rosenfeld's hearing even though he left after proclaiming at its outset his refusal to be tried by anyone appointed by the regents.

RECTOR TOLD the regents Friday that his findings indicate Rosenfeld kicked in the glass door and should be disciplined. He said the regents could put him on probation, suspend him, or expel him.

Their decision to choose the

latter alternative was unanimous. Two other students charged with violation of University rules during the Feb. 27 disturbance withdrew from the University before their cases could be heard by Rector.

Rector assured the regents that Rosenfeld was accorded more due process than legally required in the conduct of his hearing on Mar. 31.

UNDER REGENT rules, Rosenfeld and the other two students who withdrew may not seek readmission for one year.

University Pres. Fred Harvey Harrington noted that several other students charged or

threatened with charges in the February demonstrations on black student demands also had withdrawn from the University.

George Bunn, a University counsel, said one student whose case was to have been heard by a faculty disciplinary committee has withdrawn, and so did another facing a civil charge. Another student being investigated for his part in the demonstration also withdrew, Bunn added.

HEARINGS FOR four other students are scheduled before the faculty committee on Apr. 22.

Regent Bernard Ziegler, West Bend, asked Madison Chancellor Edwin Young to report to the regents in June on the number of students who voluntarily withdrew from the University when facing charges or accusations for non-academic offenses.

Such information would be useful to the regents in refuting charges the University does little to discipline unruly students, Ziegler said.

YOUNG SAID he'd provide the report, but noted that a lot of students also withdraw without ever informing officials of their plans.

In a related matter, regents discussed the possibility that an early February conference on the black revolution led to the demonstrations the next week.

University Vice-Pres. Robert Clodius said there was no evidence the conference touched off the demonstrations.

Regent Gordon Walker, Racine, complained that an administration report on the possible link drew no conclusions, adding, "It seems to me the charge of permissiveness still has a pretty good foothold."

YOUNG REJECTED a suggestion that closer screening be given prospective campus speakers. He told the regents that "I regard my task as assuring that we have a University free from the right or the left."

Regent Walter Renk, who attended a conference session, maintains the roster of conference speakers was dominated by black militants. Young agreed the week-long conference "wasn't well balanced."

Renk said he had been threatened at the conference by "a henchman" of Nathan Hare, director of the black studies department at San Francisco State College, after he objected to something Hare had said. "When this happens, you should look at this carefully," he contended.

REGENT JACOB Friedrich, Milwaukee, said that disturbances can't "be prevented by prohibiting certain types of speakers from the campus. That, in itself, could lead to disturbances."

The best way to handle such matters, he argued is to encourage student groups to sponsor speakers with opposing views.