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Harvill Testifies Advisers Agreed On Protest Ban

University of Arizona president Richard A. Harvill said today he consulted with his advisers and "at least 100 students" before deciding to deny a protest group's application to hold a "Vietnam Commencement" in 1968.

"I received anonymous phone calls as well as talking to faculty and administrators, groups of students and others, and they all expressed concern over the possibility of violence," Dr. Harvill said.

He added that denying the Student Peace Association use of a campus building to hold its own graduation exercises was "a policy decision" he alone made.

Harvill was the first witness as visiting U.S. District Court Judge William J. Lindberg began hearing testimony in a lawsuit brought by seven war protesters against university administrators.

Harvill said he discussed the

planned denial of the group's request with his advisory committee, composed of the 13 campus academic deans. None, he said, opposed his decision.

The plaintiffs, including three university professors, said the administration obtained a Superior Court restraining order against the group by making accusations of violence.

Asking \$30,000 damages each are Richard A. Handverger, Mitchell Axler, Betsy McDonald, Dr. Robert W. Bretall, Dr. Paul S. Martin, Ronald London and Dr. Donald Kalish. Bretall, Martin and Kalish are faculty members,

Defendants are Harvill, university vice presidents Marvin D. Johnson and Robert L. Houston, campus security chief Douglas Paxton and law professor and legal adviser Dr. Thomas L. Hall.