

# 14 On UA Faculty Circulate Petitions For 2 Fired Men

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Fourteen University of Arizona faculty members today were circulating a petition in favor of two of their colleagues who have been fired.

Addressed to UA President Richard A. Harvill, the petition claims the reputation of the university has been seriously hurt. And it

charges "disregard for the rights of faculty members." More specifically, the petition expresses concern "with the manner in which the grievance committee has acted."

This three-man committee recently supported the administration on its discharge of Dr. Alan MacEwan, assistant professor of botany. And it

said it could not make a recommendation in the case of Dr. Robert G. Fossland, associate professor of dairy science.

A three-day hearing was given MacEwan on his appeal that he actually was discharged for off-campus activities (a peace walk and favorable comments on Castro's Cuba), whereas the reason given him was poor teaching.

"We are convinced by the evidence presented in the MacEwan hearing that Dr. MacEwan was not dismissed because of his teaching, but rather as a result of his outside activities," says the petition.

"We cannot understand how the conclusions of the committee can be reconciled with the testimony."

"A gross injustice has been done by labeling Dr. MacEwan an incompetent teacher."

"The evidence of his colleagues in testimony before the Grievance Committee directly contradicted the unsupported assertions of the head of the botany department and the dean of agriculture that Dr. MacEwan's teaching was inadequate."

"Moreover, the testimony clearly demonstrated that the outside activities in which Dr. MacEwan had been engaged very probably precipitated the decision to dismiss him."

In the case of Fossland, the grievance committee said it could not hold a hearing because administration officials declined to be cross-examined by the teacher or his attorney, W. Edward Morgan.

"The failure to accord Dr. Fossland a fair hearing constitutes a gross injustice," said the petition.

"The acceptance by the committee of the conditions imposed by the dean of agriculture made a fair hearing in regard to Dr. Fossland's dismissal impossible and resulted in the dismissal without proper hearing of a faculty member who had been affiliated with the university for five years."

The petition then said that the committee should have followed the recommendations of the faculty adopted at a May 23 meeting.

This was to the effect that if a witness did not testify his evidence, insofar as it would be used to support the charges of the administration, should be disregarded.

Both MacEwan and Fossland have protested to the American Association of University Professors. An AAUP meeting is to take place on the campus Friday.

Circulated with the petition was the statement given the grievance committee by Dean Harold E. Myers of the Agriculture College.

It said in part: "The MacEwan hearing was turned into a spectacle by Mr. Morgan."

"It appears obvious that these hearings are being used in an effort to attain goals and to promote ideas not a part of the issues involved in these cases."

"We are not going to be a party to another Morgan spectacle. We will not answer questions from anyone except from members of the grievance committee."

Also attached were the names of faculty members distributing the petition:

They are Jean R. Beck, Milo K. Biecha, Robert W. Bretall, George M. Cunniff, Paul E. Damon, William C. Lawton, James E. McDonald, Patricia Pavlore, John W. Robson, Millard G. Seeley, Oliver Sigworth, J. W. Stull, Gordon Tollin and Henry Tucker.

## Crews Encircling Mt. Fagan Bláze

A 2,000-acre grass and brush fire still raged out of control in the Santa Rita Mountains today, turning Mt. Fagan into a torch.

It was one of several blazing throughout Southern Arizona's tinder-dry lands, the largest of which is a 3,200-acre blaze in Horseshoe Canyon in the Chiricahua Mountains.

Don Webb, fire dispatcher of the Coronado National Forest Service, expressed hope that the lightning-caused Mt. Fagan fire might be under control by tonight.

"We have a line about three-quarters of the way around it now and it's looking good," Webb said.

A total of about 150 men are fighting the blaze, which broke out Sunday. MORE THAN 5,200 acres have been blackened in the Coronado since the weekend.

The total cost to the U.S. Forest Service for fighting the fires through this morning is more than \$107,000, according to Frank Clements, administrative officer of the Coronado.

In addition to the Chiricahua and Mt. Fagan fires, two small fires totaling about 25 acres in the Huachuca Mountains are giving the Forest Service trouble. They are on Scott Peak and in Ramsey Canyon.

"Both are potentially very dangerous," Webb said. He explained that they are in the pine trees and could spread very rapidly. Terrain is making it extremely difficult to fight the fires.

YESTERDAY, a helicopter struck its rear rotor on some brush while ferrying men into the scene. No one was hurt, but the cogter was put out of commission.

Another fire out of control is the Granite Peak fire in the Whetstone Mountains. It now has burned about 400 to 500 acres. Forest Service officials said.

Other fires are located in the Huachuca, Chiricahua, Whetstones and one near Patagonia.

The Patagonia fire is believed to be man-caused. FIRE-FIGHTING crews totaling 700 fought approximately 11 fires all night, according to the United Press International. They managed to bring five under control.

The UPI also reports that at least 56 lightning-caused forest fires are burning in the lush timberland of New Mexico and Arizona.

Worst hit were the 2.5 million acre Gila Wilderness in southwest New Mexico.

## Part-Time South Tucson Cop Testifies

The assistant supervisor of the South Tucson street department—who is also a part-time South Tucson policeman—was called before the Pima County Grand Jury today.

Mmanuel Santa Cruz of 2934 E. 23rd St., the official, said he had been on the South Tucson payroll for 14 years.

He is a brother of Dolores Santa Cruz, a South Tucson councilman.

Santa Cruz said today he worked for the South Tucson police as a relief man.

Also called were three regular South Tucson policemen, Patrolman Jack Simmons of 4649 E. 24th St.; Sgt. Clarence Johnson, 501 E. Rillito St. and Sgt. Gregorio Flores of 331 E. 35th St.

Simmons has worked for South Tucson three years; Johnson, 12 years, and Flores, 7 years.

This morning, Miss Elizabeth Marteny, town clerk of South Tucson, also was called into the jury room with a box of bail bond records from South Tucson's court.

After she was excused, Reyes Herrera, the jury's auditor, took the bail bond records with him.

John Hickey of the Hickey Bail Bond Co. was also called this morning and was excused after testifying.

## KVOA-TV Gets New Facilities

Tucson television station KVOA-TV, Channel 4, today received authorization from the Federal Communications Commission to proceed with construction of its new transmitter facilities.

Fred Vance, manager of KVOA, said facilities on the top of Mt. Bigelow in the Catalina Mountains will be shared with KOLD-TV, Channel 13, which received its FCC approval last week.

Vance said construction of the transmitter site started today with earth-moving by the Sundt Construction Co. of Tucson. Erection of the building to be shared jointly by the two stations starts Monday.

Although the transmitter building is to be shared by the two stations, each station will have its own 250-foot steel antenna for transmitting television signals, Vance said.

Broadcasting from the new facilities is expected to start about Nov. 1, Vance said. Both stations have applied to the FCC for permission to build supplementary transmitter stations in another area if signals from Mt. Bigelow aren't sufficient to cover the Casas Adobes area and other foothill sections.