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# Physicist's Wife Charges Cancellation Violated Rights

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The wife of a nationally known atmospheric physicist claims University of Arizona administrators violated her right to free speech and assembly in June 1968 by canceling a valid reservation for a gathering to be held in a campus meeting room.

Mrs. Betsy Ann McDonald, whose husband, Dr. James E. McDonald, is senior physicist at UA's Institute of Atmospheric Physics, said the Student Peace Association frequently had difficulty with UA officials in holding meetings on campus.

A student, Mrs. McDonald, of 3461 E. 3rd St., is one of seven persons suing five university administrators over the 1968 "Vietnam Commencement" being banned from the campus. Mrs. McDonald said she is a six-year

member of the Student Peace Association.

U.S. Dist. Court Judge William J. Lindberg at noon today recessed trial of the suit until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

Yesterday, UA graduate student Mitchell Axler testified he had tried to work out a compromise with UA President Dr. Richard A. Harvill after the meeting was banned but that he was shunned.

"I called to talk to him but was told that he didn't want to hear any more about the convocation and that he didn't want the good name of the university associated with it," Axler said.

Axler, coordinator of the SPA's draft opposition subcommittee, said the group tried to get an off-campus building but offered to change the name "commencement" to "convocation" for the planned gathering if an agreement could be

reached with UA to hold it on campus.

Axler, Mrs. McDonald, two other students and three professors are suing Harvill, UA Vice Presidents Marvin D. Johnson and Robert L. Houston, campus security chief Douglas Paxton and regents' legal adviser Thomas L. Hall.

They seek \$30,000 damages each, claiming their constitutional rights were violated by a Superior Court restraining order prohibiting the campus meeting.

The convocation was held off campus, in Catalina Park, after the ban.

Mrs. McDonald said she overheard a conversation between an SPA officer and Paxton before the Superior Court order was issued and that Paxton told the student he had arranged park facilities for the group.