

Davis may release letter

Michael Davis said Tuesday night that he has not yet received a letter detailing the reasons why the Board of Regents last August blocked his appointment as a philosophy instructor.

The Regents, at their Monday meeting, announced they have mailed the letter but would leave it up to Davis' discretion to make it public or not.

The Regents said if Davis would make any part of the letter public, they would release all of it.

"Maybe in tomorrow's mail," Davis said. He said he "was somewhat certain" he would

make the entire letter public.

At the Tuesday afternoon Faculty Senate meeting, a report from the Liaison Committee on the Davis case was accepted with only a bit of discussion.

The report said substantially the same thing as a document released last week at a public hearing the Liaison Committee.

The Davis case falls in the "area in the hiring process where subjective judgments must be made and where reasonable men may disagree," the committee said.

The report continued: "We have concluded that the action was taken within the borders of the legitimate discretion of the Board and that there is no threat intended to the fragile fabric of academic freedom."

In response to a question from the floor, Campus President Joseph Soshnik said that the acceptance of the report does not indicate Senate approval of any statements in the report.

Rockets play to help buy 'Sandy'

Centennial College will sponsor a dance Saturday in the Cather-Pound cafeteria with Rick and the Rockets from 9-12 p.m.

Funds from the dance will help purchase "Sandy in Confined Space", a bronze statue for the Sheldon Sculpture Garden.

4-H Club to meet

The University of Nebraska 4-H Club will meet at 7 p.m. next Tuesday in the C. Y. Thompson Library on East Campus. The meeting was originally scheduled for Oct. 13.

White student at black college criticizes exchange program

At least one student thinks his experiences with the ASUN exchange program with predominantly black Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, may not have been worth his semester of time.

Ron Whitten transferred to Stillman, a teachers' college with about 700 students enrolled, in the spring of 1970.

Whitten didn't have to go through much red tape to get into the program. "I filled out one form," he said. "The attitude was 'if you want to go you can go.' I don't think they had too many applicants that semester."

Whitten noted that when he arrived at Stillman College "they weren't expecting me. They knew somebody was coming, but they didn't have my name."

According to Whitten, Stillman's orientation program for white students like himself was rather incomplete. "They just tossed me right into general registration," he said.

Stillman is "run like a high school," continued Whitten.

"Their relevancy classes, like Black History and Black Literature, are all mickey-mouse. I got all A's, and the three students who were there the semester before me got all A's. None of us are A students here."

Whitten added that NU gives credit for work done at Stillman, but not grades.

The curriculum also left something to be desired, according to Whitten. "The whole thing was covered in three mimeographed pages," he said.

Roger Rinne is co-chairman of the ASUN committee in charge of the Stillman exchange program. Rinne has participated in the program himself.

"I agree that Stillman is run like a high school," he said. "If you are after an academic education you might as well stay here."

According to Rinne the program is designed to enable white students to work with, relate to and live with black students in their own environment.

"It was very successful in my case," Rinne added.

Whitten is not sure if it worked in his case. "Some of the students there went out of their way to be friendly, and some of them went out of their way to antagonize me," he said.

Whitten found that most of the discussion of current issues on the campus involved a minority of students, most of them from the north. On the whole "there was no academic atmosphere" at Stillman, he said.

"If most of them were involved it wasn't apparent," said Whitten. "All that went on was fun and games."

Whitten thinks an exchange program with a black school more up to NU's academic standards, such as Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, would provide a more fruitful experience for exchange students.

"That is definitely something we should consider," commented committee co-chairman Rinne.

ASUN can pick committees

The appointment of student members to Faculty Senate Committees which have student representation is now the sole function of ASUN because of action by the Faculty Senate Tuesday.

In the past, student government suggested two names for every student vacancy on such committees, ASUN President Steve Tiwald said. Campus administrators then selected the actual nominee.

"It got down to the question of who was picking student members of these com-

mittees," Tiwald said. "Do students pick them or administration?"

Generally, but not always the administrators appointed the person ASUN considered to be the top nominee, Tiwald continued.

So, with the approval of Tiwald, the Faculty Senate recommended the change in appointment policy.

New, student representatives on Faculty Senate committees need only to be full-time students in good academic standing who have been approved by the ASUN Senate.

In other action, the Senate:

—Announced that the 1971 Summer Sessions will begin June 7 and July 15, slightly earlier than last year. Final registration for the summer sessions will take place during

the last two days of the final exam period.

—Re-elected by acclamation Robert Narveson, associate professor of English, to a second one year term as secretary of the Senate. It is traditional that the secretary, who handles the Senate's voluminous paper work, be elected for two successive terms.

—Heard that the Report of the Committee on Commencement is "continuing a study in an attempt to arrive at a reasonable compromise in the matter of graduation exercises predicated on the changing environment of the University community."

The next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 3, at the Nebraska Center.

Regents' action

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\$9.6 million. The Regents' original strategy was to separate the \$9.6 million from the regular capital construction budget since the funds represent projects already approved by the Legislature.

However, Gov. Norbert T. Tiemann told the University that it must put all its construction projects in a single budget.

In other action Monday the Regents:

—Approved \$155,000 for remodeling and equipment replacement in the residence halls. Most of the funds will be used to renovate the main lounges of the residence halls.

—Directed all University campuses to report at the December Regents meeting what is being done to improve the quality of teaching.

—Approved Edwin B. Stear as professor and chairman of

electrical engineering, effective July 1, 1971. Stear is currently an associate professor of electrical engineering at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

—Endorsed a constitutional amendment on the Nov. 3 general election ballot which would make revenue bond financing for dormitories and other student facilities clearly legal.

Agronomy club trips out

Three Agronomy Club members are attending the National Future Farmers of America convention in Kansas City, Oct. 13-15. President Charlie Havlicek, Jim Reeder and Ken Brums will present a slide show and the Agronomy Careers Display.

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