

Regents study ASUN Davis report

After studying an ASUN report critical of its handling of the Michael Davis case, the Board of Regents have reaffirmed its decision not to hire the bearded teaching fellow from Michigan.

Board of Regents President Robert L. Raun, in a letter to ASUN President Steve Tiwald, said the Regents had reviewed the report carefully and assured Tiwald and ASUN that it "has not been ignored."

"I feel this difference of opinion with the ASUN Committee," Raun continued, "is an instance where reasonable and sincere people following study of the same information have reached different conclusions."

Calling Davis "intellectually arrogant and lacking in tact, objectivity and judgment," the Regents refused to hire him for a 1970-71 teaching post. The Board said their decision was based on several incidents of misconduct by Davis while he was a teaching fellow at the University of Michigan.

An ASUN student investigating committee, after interviewing people in Michigan, determined that much of the Regent's information was incomplete and two of the charges totally false.

The seven-member committee, under the leadership of junior Dave

Ratliff, made two recommendations to the Board:

That they give Davis the philosophy instructor's job which he had been denied.

That the Regents, in cooperation with the rest of the University community, set up an explicit policy for the hiring of teachers including criteria on the qualifications and standards expected.

When Ratliff presented his committee's 35-page report to the December Regents meeting the Board members unanimously commended the students' effort.

Both Ratliff and Tiwald agreed that further action on the Davis case should be suspended until the Board makes a decision on the Steven Rozman matter. They also repeated the recommendation that a specific policy be

developed concerning the hiring and firing of teachers.

After the Rozman decision, Tiwald stated, "students will have to sit back and decide what climate for free speech exists on this campus and what action to take."

Tiwald said he would have liked more detail in Raun's letter. After the Rozman case is decided Ratliff plans to ask the Regents what the basis of their decision on Davis was.

ASUN Sen. Bill Arfman, a member of Ratliff's committee, was more outspoken about the decision. "We asked for a substantive reply to our report," he exclaimed, but got "a totally inadequate response."

Oceanographer to speak

An internationally known oceanographer, James Snodgrass, will present a program on oceanography in Love Library at 7 p.m. Thursday.

The program is being sponsored by the student branch and the Nebraska section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE).

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Anyone interested in the above projects can phone Zoya Zeman at Student Activities 472-2484.



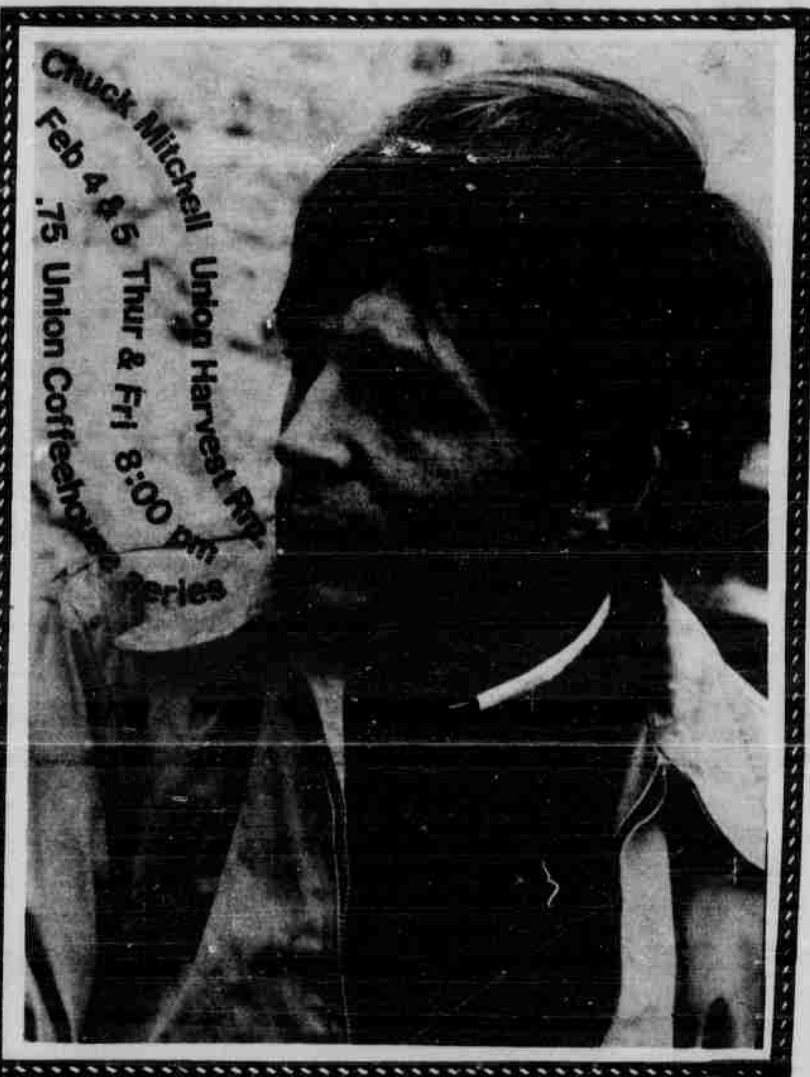
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