-it would be unseemly around this

school - so they denied the Stu-

dent Council the right to demand

a 5.7 average for activity officers.

Council has done this year, it

leaves them about as helpless as

This is, my many spies tell me,

a jellyfish on a basketball court.

an important victory for Ellen

Smith Hall. They having been

worming against the Council au-

thority for several weeks now, tilt-

ing gallantly by insulting several

girls and generally proving that

chivalry had died of an excess of

It seems a little odd to me that

the IFC is interested in putting

themselves directly under a fac-

ulty committee which has been

notoriously hostile to fraternities.

It may be advisable to avert stu-

dent politicking by avoiding the

Student Council, but it's a step into the fire to put the IFC under

Further, I imagine that the Uni-

versity will have to be nicer to

the Council now, since any campus

without a Student Council looks like

one in which there is no effective

And that, of course, is not at all

It Happened At NU

The editor of the Lincoln Journal

devoted his column Thursday to

refuting a Nebraska letterip writ-

ten by a former University agri-

However, he talked about a poul-

try specialist who left the Univer-

sity because he was told "... the

University didn't have funds

enough to have one man in agri-

cultural economics exclusively on

The editor refers here not to Dr.

Clayton Libeau, former associate

extension specialist in marketing

organization and author of the let-

ter, but to Dr. Paul Clayton, as-

sistant extension economist and

poultry specialist, who lest the

Obviously, the poultry specialist

-Paul Clayton-"made none of

the accusations he makes now."

He didn't write the letter.

University at the same time.

poultry."

-Nebraskan Letterip-

cultural extension economist.

faculty politicians.

student government.

the case here. I think.

Since that is practically all the

Nebraskan Editorials:

The Proposition: Either/Or

discuss the recent demotion of C. Clyde Mitchell as chairman of the department of agricultural

Usual procedure is that such an administrative action is officially approved with little or no discussion-and no questions asked.

However, the consideration of Mitchell's replacement should be another matter.

First of all, the eventual announcement of his demotion was one of the most shamefully mishandled "administrative matters" in sometime. After deftly playing off reporters for two weeks with a variety of half-truths and manicured press releases, the administration finally announced—to the surprise of no one—that they were "seeking a replacement for Mitchell."

Secondly, Mitchell's reputation and performance as a professor and as an administrator has been top rate—as attested to in letterips by his own colleagues Kris Kristianson, Ernie Feder and Clayton Libeau; physics professor Herbert Jehle, and such men as Lauren Soth, editorial page editor of the Des Moines Register; Leon Keyserling, former chairman of President Truman's Council of Economic Advisers, and Don

"Wallace's Farmer."

Moreover, Mitchell is a nationally recognized authority on agricultural economics, having

written in nationally circulated publications, testified before several Congressional committees on farm policy and related subjects and now lecturing to a select group of agricultural experts in a United Nations program in Rome,

Certainly, Mitchell can return as a professor, but the effect of his demotion is an official discouragement of his actions and his views and will in turn encourage him-as it will other fine professors of his caliber-to look for a job else-

Further, it adds to the ever-growing argument that the University is weakening to the pressures of conservative political elements in the state.

In the interests of the students, faculty and people who support this institution, in the interests of academic freedom, fair play and common decency, in the interests of responsible University administration, the Board of Regents cannot overlook the student petition which has been submitted to them in the cause of Mitchell.

An All-Student Decision

possible future of a student tribunal and an bonor system at this University.

No matter how much research went into the endorsement of the tribunal by the Student Council, nor how many editorials have been run on the subject in The Nebraskan, the final decision has been put into the hands of the student body. A tribunal and/or an honor system would most directly affect the students; thus they are given the right to decide if anything further

Only two possible results can come out of the election Monday-either the student body votes in favor of a tribunal, thus giving the Council the right to draw up a plan to be offered to the Administration, or the whole idea will be voted down and dropped.

For the last three weeks The Nebraskan has run a series of editorials explaining the tribunal system, and the honor system. These editorials include the functions, purpose and administra-

The all-student election Monday will decide the tion of such systems, according to information received from other schools.

> Essentially this information boiled down to a student tribunal authorized by the school to try cases of encroachment of school regulations by students. All decisions of punishment can be appealed to the school administration. The main purposes of tribunal systems, and honor systems, are to give students a bigger hand in their own affairs, and a greater sense of pride in their school and its rules.

> For these reasons, The Nebraskan would like to see next year's Council have the opportunity to draw up plans for a student tribunal for this University. It would mean an expansion of student government, and a healthy one. When students have more of a hand in their affairs, they are less likely to object to how they are

This election would not definitely establish a tribunal on the campus, it would only allow further steps to be taken toward what looks to be a good thing.-F.T.D.

First Time For Everything

"All University" weekend-Spring Day and Ivy Day.

Although Ivy Day has been a tradition on the campus for more than half a century, this year is the first time its scope has been widened to the point where every member of the University community can be involved, if he wishes.

The coming of the carnival to the Union parking lot Thursday was the first tangible evidence to students that there would be a Spring Day. With a ferris wheel and other points of st rising above the campus landscr there could hardly be any student that didn't know what was happening.

The bleachers have already been erected on

The University embarks today on its first women's choruses are in the last stages of practicing their songs. Ivy Day is pending. As a sign in the Crib says, "It's later than you think.

The athletic events have been organized by the N Club and the championship trophies have been on display in the Union lobby all week. Campus organizations footed the bill on the trophies and ribbons, thus saving the Student

The Union has scheduled its annual Birthday Party Dance, and prices will be lowered in the Crib. A barbeque will be held on the Mall at

The stage is set. The props are all in place. The only thing remaining to make the weekend successful is the cast-the University. The Unithe hallowed Ivy Day grounds, and men's and versity, in this case, is the student body.-F.T.D.

'Administrative Suppression'



Challenge Faces **Nebraska Faculty**

By BRUCE BRUGMANN Editor
Edmund Burke once said

that he was confronted with a situation "upon which it was difficult to speak and impossible to remain silent."

Such is the situation in which many University department chairmen, former department chairmen and professors find themselves.

In talking with close to 50 professors - representing a erosa-section of 15 departments at the University-The Nebraskan has learned that the Mitchell case is not an isolated instance but part of a definite pattern which seems to discourage the liberal, indesendent professors, especially hose who hold administrative positions, from discussing is-

sues of a controversial nature. These faculty members have told us that; (1) the morale of the Arts and Science College has never been lower; (2) the spirit of academin freedom and the right of free expression has been gravely endangered in many son; (3) the professional nce of many fine promora has been purposely slandered; (4) many excellent testructors have left and will be leaving the University for more freedom; (5) Nebraska is rapidly gaining the reputa-tion in professional circles as a conservative institution which not only fails to encourage its more liberal professors but does not stand behind them when their views or positions are under attack.

These are serious accusa-

tions, but they are all the more serious when they come from so many directions, when they can be applied to so many individual cases. when they are attested to by nearly 50 individual faculty members-all of whom point to specific cases where tenure privileges have been manipulated, where certain salaries have failed to increase, where departmental appropriations have been cut back, where impossible work loads have been assessed, where qualified candidates have been denied admittance to the graduate faculty, where speeches and articles have been specially edited, where a certain professor is called "difficult; hard to get along

with; radical," etc. The problem which remains before us is: "What can be

The answer is simple. When Dr. David Riesman visited the campus, he told me that this kind of situation had developed in many other universities, which he had visited. "There's only one way to beat it," he said.

"When a chancellor is faced on one side by outstate pressures and on the other by mass retaliation of the faculty, there is but one way he can turn."

And he's right. The strength of a University lies in its faculty; and if it cannot be kept strong, alert and active the lifeblood of its curriculum slowly ebbs away.

One faculty member told me recently that even though he had several job offers from other schools-at twice the pay-he had stayed at Nebraska because he thought he would have freedom.

"Now that that's gone," he said, "there's nothing left here for me."

This chilling remark typifies the toughest challenge with which the faculty at the University has been faced in recent years.

The future and integrity of the University of Nebraska depends on how it is met.

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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"LWISH HE COULD BE LIKE OTHER PROPS AN JUST LAUGH AT THE WRONG ANSWERS"



Loger Hahl

Ellen Smith Wins War With Council ing high standards in scholarship

I've been walking under the shadow of the gibbet all week since my last column "sniping at the big boys." I have worked up a public statement saying it was all "ridiculous"; it's a lie; I never said nothin'; the paper put me up

Then I found out that I didn't need those things, since everybody I've talked to - the downtrodden

My Bootless Cries

students in the sewers-has agreed that the Administration deserves

I have been doing a lot of research since last week, as I always do for these columns, and it has come to my attention that the Student Council was recently gelded by some faculty organization.

The "older boys" decided that there was no sense in encourag-



endorsed by the party - every

one was interviewed and every

one agreed that the Fusionist party

is a long-needed addition to the

Agriculture: Robert Dannert,

Benton House, and Norma Wolf.

Arts and Sciences: Larry Smal-

ley, Boucher House; Janice

Krause, Women's Residence

Halls, and Anne Pickett, Kappa

Business Administration: Wayne

Engineering and Architecture:

Teachers: Garry Beery, Gustav-

son II House; Sally Laase, Alpha

Bob Young, Burnett House, and

Gordon Warner, Delta Upsilon.

Cole, Gustavson II House, and Don

campus. Vote for them!

Women's Residence Halls.

Alpha Theta.

Stokes, independent,

Lowell Vistal **Vestal Endorses**

Fusionist Party

Monday is the day. Monday is 1 Student Council Election Day. On Monday you will go to the polls (I hope) and vote for one, two or three persons to represent your

college on the Council. In years past it has been done this way: If you belong to a Greek organization you will vote or be fined if you do not. If you are independent you will not vote and then complain all year that you are being persecuted, discriminsted against, etc.

Will it be done that way this year? It is up to you. The usual independent excuse has always been: "My vote won't make any difference since the independent vote is hopelessly split."

You cannot use that one anymore. With the coming of the Fusionist party there is now a selected group of candidates which represents the best persons regardless of affiliation.

The Fusionist party is not an independent party; nor is it a Greek party. It was founded by a group of independent leaders who feel that Council members should be elected on personal qualifications and issues instead of IFC backing.

For several years the IFC has presented a slate, assumedly made up from the best that Greekdom has to offer. The Fusionist party feels that Greekdom's best is not good enough for the University.

The Fusionists do not say that all IFC candidates are bad choices; if they felt this way they would not have endorsed two men already on the IFC slate.

But a good slate is not enough. The best slate is worthless without pendent or "independent independent," it is your duty to vote for the best candidate.

If you are tired of a "do-nothing" Council, the Fusionist party invites you to give it a try; the results may much better.

In case you have forgotten, here

not enforce it, as Korea's refusal

to trade cheaply with Japan rather

than expensively with us will indi-

More important, however, was

the bit of policy which we are still

to this day following with Japan.

want you to be strong; we realize

you must do this by trade; we

don't want you to trade with Com-

munist nations; you can't trade

with us; and we will not relin-

quish our small Asian markets to

This contradictory policy certain-

ly has not made Japan a friend.

They dislike us for what they may

rightly consider a stab in the back

and distrust us for our grandiose

Now, is it in the national inter-

est to alienate a country by one

policy as you court it with anoth-

Is it in our interest to refuse

trade to Japan - trade that can

save her from economic chaos-

because of the bickering of a few

American businessmen who are

afraid to meet competition, par-

ticularly when the loss of this

country to the East could be a

stepping stone to our own defeat.

impossible - would be the end

of these same businessmen.

Such a defeat - which is never

It would appear that the makers

of policy in the United States

are more interested in the petty de-

sires of internal pressure groups

than they are in the overall na-

tional interest or the salvation of

a potentially powerful ally, Per-

haps these men take the Japanese

for granted. They are in error if

Japan does not favor being a

military agent of the United States,

and the presence of our service

men does not make them love us

more. The Japanese have been

atomic bombed and beaten in

war; they quite naturally don't ap-

preciate that. Furthermore, they

are war weary and will probably

remain so for some time to come.

evil in Russian trade that we do

and will take it as a last resort.

same time following policies that

serve to alienate her from us.

The confusion in the national inter-

est is apparent in the lack of abil-

ity to discern or correct the error.

The Japanese can't see the same

Also, there are very strong so-

they do.

words and ineffectual actions.

you. But lets be friends.

In affect this policy says: We

-Japan Example-

Shows Paradoxes

ledge of Foreign Affairs, one may, and contradictions in American Foreign Policy.

It is general procedure in For-

eign Affairs to seek the so called "national interest" first, and the United States is no exception to this procedure. However, there seems to be a great deal of confusion in our policies as to just what the national interest is.

of both the contradiction and the confusion, we need only turn to the case of Japan.

Shortly after WW II it became painfully apparent to the United States that to reduce Japan's industrial might in the face of the

Communist threat would be not only fool-hardy but disastrous. Japan stood as a lone guardian of our western frontier in the Pacific against any encroachment

from the Asian mainland. It became necessary for the Unitto turn to the Japanese peoples as friends and allies instead of a con-

Now, how did the United States

approach this problem? industrial country such as Britmillions, it was esential that she be given trade - an adequate amount, not only to keep her peogive them a degree of prosperity.

had tremendous war grievances against her, to buy from the US in our interest to make them buy from Japan.

By comparison, Japan's prices are far more compatible to the Far Eastern purse than those of the US, except for our fabulous give away items.

Even when we requested coun-

enthusiastic voters to support it. That's where you come in. Whether you are Greek, organized inde-

U.S. Foreign Policy

Without a great deal of knowafter a bit of investigation, come up with some glaring paradoxes

These seem to be the outgrowth of the American system of leaving the formulation of this policy primarily in the hands of those who have little or no experience or knowledge in this most important phase of modern government,

To cite a very apparent example

The Portfolio

ed States not only to allow Japan to keep her industrial system as we found it but for us to aid in improving it as much as possible as a potential force for the West. It also became a necessity for us

quered race.

As Japan is almost entirely an ain and depends on imports and exports of first raw materials and then finished manufactured articles in order to supply a living to her ple at the subsistance level but to

The United States answered the cialist and communist groups in Jacall first by inducing the neighbors pan and each move, major or miof Japan, who naturally enough nor, that we make against her interests drives more into these groups. They can, if dissatisfaction grows, gain the predominance. when it would have been far more In general, the contradiction is in desiring strength for Japan and her friendship for us and at the

Xi Delta, and Helen Gourlay, Delta Gamma.

C. Clyde Mitchell is being replaced as head of the department of agricultural economics at the University of Nebraska. You have asked for my opinion of Dr. Mitchell's professional stature, I consider Dr. Mitchell ex-

ceptionally well qualified professionally. I have known him and his work for a number of years and have a great deal of respect for his ability, integrity and understanding of his fields. I htink Dr. Mitchell has brought a challenging and stimulating point

of view to the field of agricultural economics in the Midwest. Though I do not agree with Dr. Mitchell on many issues of economic policy, I respect his point

Challenging Point Of View I was surprised to learn that Dr. | of view and the scholarly basks

You also asked me to comment on the effect of the University administration bowing to outside pressure in this case, I know nothing of that and so am not com-

petent to comment. I know nothing of the reasons which the university administration may have had for removing Dr. Mitchell from the chairmanship of the department of agri-

cultural economics. However, if this action should result in Dr. Mitchell leaving the University, I think it would be a serious loss to the University and to the state of Nebraska.

Lauren Soth Editor of the editorial pages Des Moines Register.

No Qualified Comment

To the editor:

I have been closely associated with Professor Clyde Mitchell for a number of years in the agriculture committee of the National Planning Association.

In that group, Mitchell has been notable for his stimulating ideas and for the remarkable volume of work he has turned out in his particular field.

It has seemed to me that Nebraska has been fortunate in having a man like Mitchell to keep farmers and college people aware of new problems and of the need of new methods to deal with these problems.

In economics, a man who has new ideas is always bound to get into trouble. Unless an economist is careful to lag behind the average attitudes of his state, there

will be some who will be offended by suggestions which may be orthodox and respectable in 10 years time but are not so now.

Some groups are always likely to say: "This man doesn't agree with us. Therefore, he should be demoted or fired."

My own feeling is that there will always be an oversupply of conservative economists. We need to cherish the independent spirits who look for new ideas and who aren't afraid to go against the current.

Incidentally, the bitter joke in this situation is that probably Clyde has more support out in the country for his ideas now than in any time since he came to No-

you have sent me, if they are cor-

rect, that the current issue does not

involve Dr. Mitchell's tenure as a

member of the faculty or his inde-

Personally, as a friend and ad-mirer of Clyde Mitchell, I hope

that he is retained as chairman of

pendence as a teacher.

Donald R. Murphy. Associate Editor of

Wallace's Farmer Independent Spirit

To the Editor:

I have received your letter of April 23rd. While I have the very highest regard for Clyde Mitchell, both as an economist and as a person, and while I would not like to see him removed from the splendid contribution that he is making as a teacher to the better under-

standing of agricultural economics, I do not feel that I am in a position where I can participate in the discussion of whether or not he should be chairman of a particular department at a particular univer-

I note from the materials which

Although Wednesday's Rag made

Months of effort in several fields, including the building of a downtown window display, sales of banquet tickets, E-Week ribbons and athletic competition contributed towards the winning of this plaque.

The ME's carned the most prized award of Engineers' Week and they deserve recognition for it

in our campus news sheet. The winners of fellowships and

the department, but I would not feel qualified to participate in a controversy on this particular

Leon Keyserling President Truman's Council of Economia

Former Chairman of Advisers

ME's Win E-Week

To the Editor:

no mention of the fact, the mechanical engineering students won the overall Engineers' Week competition last Friday.

scholarships which were announced in the same story had no connection with Engineer's Week or the Engineering College. It was not fair either to the scholarship winners or to the E-Week participants for these two stories to be combined into one. However, The Nebraskan seems

so preoccupied with the fate of a convicted murderer and a demoted professor that it is no longer able to report campus news accurately or thoroughly.

Crusades are a fine thing, but how about squeezing some news

space in between them.

A Disgruntled Engineering Student