

# 'Little Encouragement' Given Mitchell: Economist Refutes Statement

A University agricultural economist has offered refutation to the reasons given by Dean W. V. Lambert's official statement recommending the demotion of Dr. C. Clyde Mitchell from his chairmanship position.

This staff member, in a specially arranged interview with the Nebraskan, said he preferred to remain unnamed.

The first reason was that "Professor Mitchell's leadership has not resulted in acceptable progress toward the offering of the Ph. D. degree."

"The illegitimacy of this reason is proved by the following three facts," said the economist.

"1. The growing graduate program of the Ag Ec department, the increased demand for their graduates by employment agencies who specify that they wanted 'Nebraska M.A.'s' — proves that the graduate program of the department had improved both in quantity and quality over the almost invisible level it stood at in 1949.

"2. A Ph. D. program must be built on a strong M. A. program, both good selection of students, and for insuring that a good strong staff is prepared to conduct the much more difficult Ph. D. research. Such a student group and such a staff take time to build.

"Mitchell's staff was small at first, and has been increased in size and in quality. The department finally has been able to staff a large number of graduate courses.

"However, the undergraduate teaching and the non-teaching research work take a lot of time. All present staff members are overworked, must 'short' their research time and do much overtime work.

"The staff considered Dean Lambert's request for immediate installation of a Ph. D. program, agreed with considerable reluctance to give a 'narrow' degree, (see below), but went on record as stating that at least two more full-time staff members were absolutely necessary.

"Little encouragement by the administration was given to this very important question of where the money was coming from for two new staff members and additional graduate assistantships.

"3. The staff nevertheless planned a Ph. D. program and submitted it tentatively to the Graduate College. It is before that College for a lengthy analysis.

"However, the staff of the Department did this reluctantly, bowing to Dean Lambert's stated desires, on the following grounds: A degree in the relatively narrow field of Agricultural Economics is not the broad philosophic degree that a Doctor of Philosophy degree should be.

"While some nearby colleges give this narrow degree, it is considered a 'cheap' degree in the Economics profession. Some colleges give highly-regarded Ph. D. degrees in Ag. Economics, but these colleges either have large staffs (30 to 40 professors) or have joint working agreements with other social science departments which in turn have large graduate staffs.

"The staff of the Ag. Ec. Department felt that the Ph. D. degree at this University should not be 'cheapened' and that several years of close consultation with other social science departments still lay ahead, to alter, expand, and add courses in various departments to allow a broad joint degree.

"To blame Mitchell for not desiring to sell a cheap Ph. D. degree is a mistake. Either the Dean simply grasped at this as a conveniently abstract 'reason' to penalize Mitchell, or he wants his college to be able to advertise Ph. D. degrees in as many departments as possible, without much regard to their quality."

The next reason given by Lambert was: "Dr. Mitchell has not been productive as a research worker."

The economist stated: "This is obviously nonsense. Mitchell has produced tremendous quantities of research material on the most basic economic issues in the world — the theoretical basis for modern agricultural economic problems.

"The scholarly character and challenging nature of this work

have been widely recognized. In addition, his research time at the University has been necessarily spent in planning, administering, and reviewing the research work of the entire department.

"Few department chairmen in the nation have put out the amount of research work Mitchell has, administration of a department with large research budgets is a full-time job."

The final reason given by Lambert was: "His efforts to qualify for the Graduate Faculty have been unsuccessful."

The economist believed here that "This point raises serious questions both as to the ability of the selection committee of the Graduate Faculty to recognize important research when they see it, and also as to the legitimacy of the Administration's use of Graduate Faculty membership as grounds for any action.

"Denial of membership by this 'inner club' of the faculty has been widely used as an excuse by Deans to deny reward to some one of their subordinates, but always heretofore on a sub-rosa basis.

"Now that the administration has given this as an official reason for demotion, I think that the over-all faculty should consider the following courses:

"1. Either abolish this inner club, and consider that all members of the faculty who are qualified to teach graduate courses are members automatically of the Graduate College. Mitchell, of course, has taught graduate courses and directed theses during his entire time at Nebraska.

"2. Or make the selection process of this inner club subject to appeal. Otherwise, we find that the few members of the selection committee can penalize applicants with whose views they disagree by denying them the membership that will determine their professional advancement.

"Obviously, in the Mitchell case, the membership selection group convinced themselves that Mitchell's work was not 'adequate research.' A large number of social scientists, of a stature certainly equal to that of the selection committee of Nebraska's inner club, have testified that Mitchell's work is not only excellent social sci-

ence research, but completely fundamental to some of the more mechanical and statistical material that the Graduate Faculty has often in the past accepted as research."

# Mary Huston, Bill Spilker Named

Mary Huston is a member of AUF board, Coed Counselors, secretary of AWS and Kappa Alpha Theta. Spilker is a member of Builders, Student Union and Ag Exec Boards, Corncobs, vice president of Agronomy Club, and rush chairman of Farm House.

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Student Council also voted to hold another orientation during new student week.

**Cosmopolitan Club**  
The Cosmopolitan Club will hold its annual spring picnic Sunday, at Pioneer Park. Members are to meet in the Union at 12:30 p.m.

# Facts About Selling Books!

The other day a student came into our store to sell a book he didn't need any more. Now it so happened, unfortunately, that this particular book was of a dying race . . . that is, one no longer used at the University of Nebraska. And the price we offered him for the book was considerably less than what he had paid for it.

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We're also concerned about what we feel must be the many hundreds of others who don't attempt to sell their books at the end of the school year because they feel it just "isn't worth it." So we have composed this bit of copy in an effort to help students understand the problems of the used-book business and what determines the prices they receive. Through such understanding, we feel that both we and the students will benefit.

You, the student, are interested in getting the best price possible at the end of each semester for the books you no longer need. Also, almost every student we know insists that he be treated fairly. A little reflection by our student customers will convince them that these interests of the student are also important to us. For if our student customers feel that they can't get the best prices or the fairest treatment from us, they'll go elsewhere.

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2. Books which may or may not be used again, pending instructors' decision.
3. Books that will no longer be used at this campus, but which may or may not have demand at other schools.

Books in the first category are, of course, worth the most money. With the exception of a few cases where there are more books in circulation than will be sold to later classes, these books are repurchased from the students for 50% of the retail price.

Books in the second category are purchased for varying prices depending on the intrinsic value of the books and what evidence exists to show that they may or may not be used again. Since the instructors at the University of Nebraska are usually prompt and considerate in selecting their books for succeeding terms, there are not many books in the "undecided" class when the time for buying books comes around. The problem of "undecided" books arises between semesters. Incidentally, we do buy books at all times during the year.

Books that are being discontinued at this school vary in price depending on: the age of the book, the popularity of the subject, the general supply and demand situation throughout the country, etc.

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We are hampered in presenting this message more extensively due to the fact that the Daily Nebraskan charges money for this space. However, we invite you to come in and sell us the books you no longer need. We will always give the most we possibly can for books sold to us simply because we are in business to buy and sell books. And the more money we can pay for a title, the more copies of that book we are going to buy.

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## Davison Resigns:

# Bob Handy Named Director Of Union

By SARA JONES  
Nebraskan Staff Writer

Bob Handy, at present the Union program consultant, has been appointed Union activities director to replace Judy Davison. Mrs. Davison resigned the post in order to join her husband in Seattle.

Handy has held the post of program consultant since November of 1955. In an interview with the Nebraskan, Handy explained that he had come to the University campus as a graduate student in Educational Psychology.

In November Duane Forrest, Director of the Union, asked Handy to accept the job of program consultant. He left the Graduate College after completing a few hours in order to devote his full time to his job.

Handy graduated from Doane College in 1953 with a major in

economics and business. Upon graduation he became Admissions Counselor at Doane and worked there for three years.

"At this time," Handy stated, "I decided that in order to get ahead I needed some more schooling, so I came to the University."

Handy, who appeared enthusiastic and interested in his new position, stated that the major challenge in the Union program at the present time was the new Union building and the expanded program which it will entail.

"We are attempting to bring the other campus organizations closer to the Union," he said. "We are hoping for closer co-sponsorship of some of their activities."

One of the new features which Handy hopes to introduce next year is a "For Men Only" program. This might include a smoker, a meeting in which a well-known chef might explain how to cook a steak or other such activities.

Handy said that he hoped to hold an expanded Activities Mart with the Associated Women Students Organization which would include more groups than the present AWS Mart is able to do.

The Union is also hoping to sponsor more major attractions next year, such as a musical comedy from Broadway.

"I want to be able to interest more students in Union," Handy said. "I'm especially interested in seeing more fellows join."

"The Union is a college within itself," Handy remarked. "In an activity such as the Union, a student learns almost as much as in his classes, in matters such as working with others, getting along with people, giving up time to work that could be used in leisure."

"Nebraska is bigger and far more friendly than I expected it would be," Handy said. "The students with which I have been working have wonderful. I want to continue to maintain close ties with them in my new capacity."

## Red Cross Gives Awards To Workers

Awards were presented to outstanding Red Cross workers at a dessert luncheon Tuesday evening by Ginny Hudson, Red Cross president.

Workers honored and their activities included Judy Chapman, Builders, Cornhusker, Alpha Phi; Helen Fosse; Judy Combs, NUCWA YWCA, Coed Counselors, Alpha Omicron Pi; Lowell Niebaum, Kappa Sigma; Susan Gritzmacher, Union, YWCA, Coed Counselors, Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Ann Hale, Builders, Union, Alpha Phi; Dorothy Beechner, Coed Counselors, Union, Alpha Chi Omega; Val Snyder, Union, Alpha Omicron Pi; Jane Anderson, Kappa Alpha Theta.

Nancy Campbell, Builders, Pi Beta Phi; Connie Schuck, Pi Beta Phi; Maryanna Gould, Builders, AUF, Alpha Phi; Deanna Thomas, YWCA, Kappa Delta.

Gloria Severn, YWCA, Delta Delta Delta; Karen Flaherty, Union, Alpha Chi Omega; Helen Cook, Builders, Coed Counselors, Sigma Delta Tau; Carol McPherson, YW Tassels, Pi Beta Phi, and Billie Howell, AUF, Kappa Alpha Theta.

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