

Hobson: new no. 2 man

Former University Chancellor Merk Hobson and his successor, Durward B. Varner, are not strangers to each other.

The two first met at a three-month Army training program during the summer of 1946. Through the years, they have maintained their friendship.

"I COULDN'T really say if I would have liked to keep the job myself," said Hobson, who served as acting chancellor between the terms of Clifford M. Hardin and Varner. However he said he was well pleased with the choice of Varner as the permanent NU chancellor.

"The year as chancellor was a valuable experience," Hobson continued. However there were some aspects of the job that didn't appeal to him.

Problems confronting Hobson during his chancellorship were developing the University budget and conducting a major administrative reorganization. There were also problems concerning the merger with the University of Omaha, he added.



Merk Hobson

SINCE THE Unicameral was in session, it was necessary to explain the needs of the University to the legislators and the people in general, he said. Emphasis on University financing continued until the legislature adjourned in September.

Concerning the merger, Hobson said, "it isn't easy to weld together two institutions with different backgrounds and structures. We have made a good start though."

Shortly before Hobson took office there were major administrative reorganizations in the University system. Many jobs on the Lincoln campus that had been the Chancellor's

were given to the newly created campus president.

"WE IN the Chancellors office were faced with redefining our roles," Hobson said. "This process began just about the time Chancellor Hardin went to Washington."

"Problems of financing will increasingly face the University in coming years," Hobson predicted. "But, these problems will be overcome."

"In past years Universities have become more and more dependent on the Federal government. What is done in Washington will be important to us here."

STUDENTS, FACULTY and administration alike were helpful during the year, Hobson said. "I feel that what could have been a very traumatic transition period went remarkably well, he said.

Hobson added that he is happy with his new job as vice-chancellor for academic affairs. His position was created by the Regents when Varner took over as chancellor.

Hobson assumed the duties of the chancellor in December 1968. From then on, the vice-chancellor for academic affairs position was not filled.

"Primarily I will be concerned with coordinating and unifying academic activity on all three of the University's campuses," Hobson said.

Degree requests due by March 1st

All University of Nebraska students who expect to receive bachelors, masters or doctoral degrees, two-year or six-year certificates at the close of this semester must make application by March 1, 1970, according to Irma Laase, assistant director of registration.

Application may be made at the Registrar's Office, Room 208 Window 3, Administration Building, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Saturday.



Engagements:

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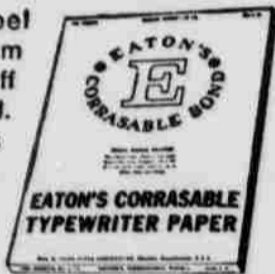
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World in Revolution—Planning ASUN

5:30 p.m.

Engineering Toastmasters
French Club

6 p.m.

AWS Congress
NHRRF—Childs Project

6:15 p.m.

UNSEA—Big Sister-Little Sister Project

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