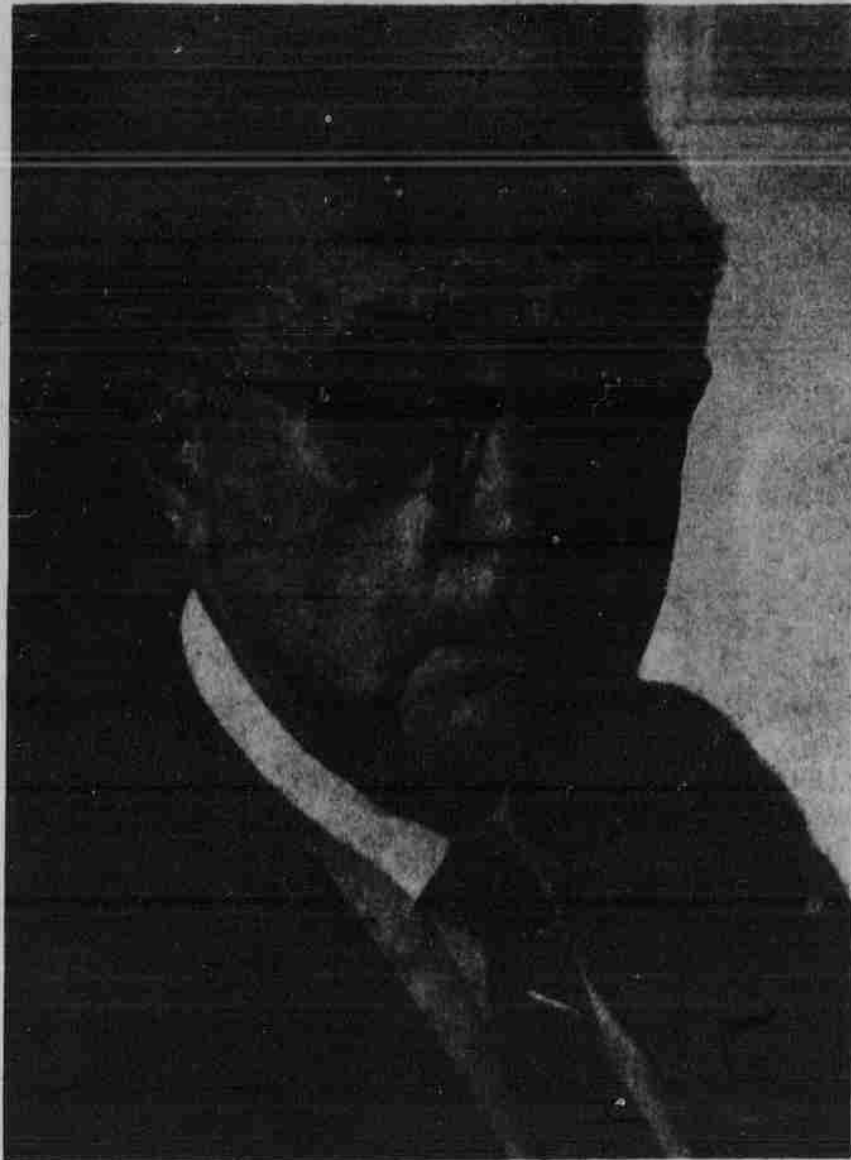


Memo urges campus split



by H.J. Cummins

A proposal to create a "Center for Agriculture and Home Economics" was circulated three and a half years ago by UNL Agriculture College Dean E.F. Frolik, according to office memos shown to the Daily Nebraskan Thursday.

Frolik's proposal is essentially the same as LB149, introduced Jan. 9 to the Legislature by Sen. Maurice Kremer of Aurora and Sen. Gerald Strömer of Kearney. The two plans call for separating the Agriculture College from the Lincoln campus and elevating it to the same level as the University's three major components—UNL, UNL and the Medical Center.

The June 23, 1969 memo differs only in its inclusion of the Home Economics College, since separated from the Agriculture College.

"Discussions have been opened with Acting Chancellor Merk Hobson and (Chancellor) Joseph Soshnik" concerning the separation, the memo read.

The memo also thanked department heads for the "constructive recommendations by the staff" offered at meetings held to solicit faculty opinion on an Agriculture College separation.

The memo cited the same reasons in favor of the separation as now being used for LB149: the importance of agriculture to Nebraska, the need for good agricultural representation in NU policy decisions and the Agriculture College's importance to NU.

Assistant Dean of the Agriculture College, David McGill, said agricultural groups have

been discussing "for 10 years or so" possible college reorganization.

He said, though, the first "specific suggestion" by a farm organization was outlined in a University Agriculture College Advisory Council resolution passed last October in a Scottsbluff meeting. He said the council's plan was a result of ideas by council members and other agricultural groups.

The resolution calls for an "Agricultural Center" as described in LB149. The Council is a group of state farmers who meet periodically with the Agriculture College dean.

Since the council resolution, was passed, virtually every state agricultural group has endorsed the plan.

Bert Evans, then an extension economist in the Agricultural Economics Department, recalls his department was the only one that advised against the new center.

Evans, now with the Economics Department, said he felt it would only add another layer of "bureaucratic fat. And I could see no benefit to an operating farmer in Nebraska."

UNL Chancellor James Zumberge said Thursday he had no knowledge of the earlier proposal.

"I've heard of it, but that was before my time," he said, "and I don't consider it germane to the current discussion."

Zumberge became UNL chancellor a year ago.

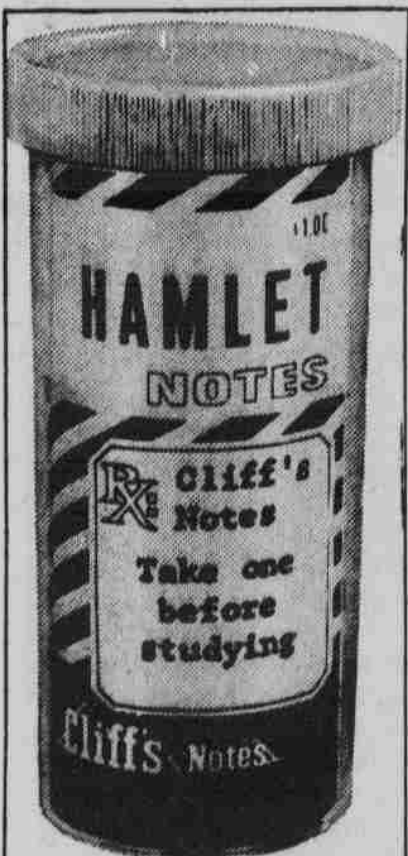
Dean Frolik is out of town on vacation.

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The Hill Foundation Meeting will be at 8 p.m. Sunday, at Sandoz Hall Lounge.

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