Reflections on Faculty

• General impression – faculty were welcoming and talented
• Courses -- well taught and topics stimulated an interest in applied economics.
• Only two female faculty members in 1970.
• Research -- policy oriented; empirical research on ag production /mktg, with some focus on resource issues.
• I worked most closely with faculty in resources and agricultural policy: Gerry Dean, Warren Johnston, Gordon King. They served as mentors on how to design, implement, and report applied research.
• Non-committee faculty also accessible; enjoyed interactions with Quirino Paris, Ben French, Hoy Carmen, among others.
Reflections on Graduate Student Life

• Cohort of students (admitted in 1970) consisted of about 20 students. None were female. Half were domestic.
• Interactions with foreign students a novel and enriching experience.
• First year students housed in library on first floor of Voorhies Hall. Moved “upstairs” second year
• Fellowship paid $200 per month; tuition was about $50 per quarter.
• I was ill-prepared mathematically when I entered; kept the Allen paperback and similar references close.
• Attrition rate of the 1970 class seemed high; over 50%
• Most graduates found academic positions
Graduate Student Life
Prior to Search Engines and the Internet

• Obtain your own data
  – Pro: Actually had to talk to people
  – Pro: Understand the linkages between the natural/physical world and economics
  – Pro/Con: Lot of miles up and down the valley

• Develop/program solution procedures
  – Not many canned software packages
  – World revolved around main frames, computer cards and hard copy (do not drop your box of cards!)
  – Word processing was slow; one draft, then final
Reflections on Social Life

• A high degree of collegiality among students and faculty....... an occasional kerfuffle among faculty
• The men from “down-under” taught us the art and science of partying....... many forgettable moments
• Davis was and is in the center of some great recreation........ occasionally too much temptation