

Fordham selects Mitchell as Educator of the Year

BY MARK HENNICKE
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Dr. Louis B. Mitchell, professor of English, has been named "Educator of the Year" by the Fordham University Alumni Association. He will be honored with a reception Nov. 10 at the Sheraton Center in New York.

Mitchell, originally from Columbus County, North Carolina, where he can trace family roots back to 1750, said he was surprised by the award.

"I was absolutely taken aback," Mitchell said. The award is given annually to a Fordham graduate who has excelled "to such an extent and in such a manner to set him apart from and above other members of his field."

Mitchell said he is thankful for the award for two reasons.

"First, it verifies the faith that my mother had in me," Mitchell said. His mother convinced him to attend the New York Institute for the Blind, he said. He graduated from the institute in 1948.

Mitchell said he is also proud to receive the award because it demonstrates the influence of the late Mark Van Doren, Pulitzer-prize winning poet and scholar, who taught Mitchell at Columbia University.

"He taught me to use whatever I learned," said Mitchell, who earned his doctorate in literature from Columbia.

Mitchell reflected on the differences between students today and students when he went to college.

"You good people are far more sophisticated than we were," he said. "You have



Dr. Louis B. Mitchell... Photo by Keith Lane
...blindness has helped and hindered

many more advantages. You approach school much more sophisticatedly. We were provincial."

One thing that might have caused today's academic sophistication is the 1960's, according to Mitchell.

We should learn from the deaths of Martin Luther King and John and Robert Kennedy, Mitchell said.

"Isn't it ironic, though," Mitchell said, "that we are like the Israelites in that we kill our prophets too."

Mitchell's accomplishments include research articles on the theater that have been published in the magazines "Theatre Notebook" and "18th Century Studies."

He has also composed music and written lyrics for

the plays "Ballad of the Winter Soldier" and "Star of the Morning," which were authored by his brother, Lofton Mitchell.

All of Mitchell's accomplishments have been achieved without the benefit of sight.

"Blindness has helped and it has hindered," Mitchell said. "It has made me work at being a better scholar and, I hope, a better person. But it has also made mechanics twice as difficult."

If there was a chance of gaining sight, Mitchell said he would take it.

"Objectively speaking, sight is a loss. Getting it back would block out that loss," he added.

Not having sight is not something he dwells on, Mitchell said.

"It is a living reality," he said. "The only way to adjust is to learn to live with it. Both the sighted and blind are given talents, and it is our responsibility to use them for the greater good of humanity."

Freshman elections end in two-way tie

BY ROY WHITMAN

Freshman class elections ended in a tie last Thursday. Tickets two and three will be vying for positions as class officers in a run-off election today.

Associate Dean of Students Karen Pennington said that this is the first time she can recall any election ending in a tie.

Initially, ticket three—Stephanie Mergel, Annmarie McManus and Nick Hanchak—was declared the winner by one vote.

John Littell, Michael Masiowski and Elizabeth Maddi, ticket two, asked for a recount. Liz Altemus, Election Committee chairman, said that the request for a recount was not unusual considering the closeness of the race.

Altemus said the Election Committee met Friday morning. This time the results showed ballot two to be victorious by two votes. After this announcement, Mergel, presidential candidate on ballot three, asked for another recount; this one found the two tickets tied at 191 votes.

Altemus explained that paper ballots, as opposed to voting machines, were the real source of the problem. The city's voting machines are unavailable at this time of the year, she explained.

Campaigning for the run-off election began at midnight on Sunday. The guidelines used in the first election remain for the run-off. The only exceptions were the campaign budget, reduced from \$75 to \$40, lack of petitions, as were required for ballot position in the initial election, and lack of a freshman forum normally held the eve before the election.

Today's voting will begin at 9 a.m. in the Trophy Room of the Gunster Memorial Student Center and will continue until 4:30 p.m. All freshman are eligible to vote.

Classifieds

LOWER QUAD MALE R.A. wanted to replace the old one gone to "Florida." Pink bandana, S.J.L.A., and duck odd jobs. Flying hats required. Blue rug not included.

SO LONG GARY, can't wait until January. Have a nice trip, and don't worry; Brendon has got everything under control...The purple and whites.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: We'll never give up! Eat your hearts out, punks! Gary and Judy.

FROM ONE RETIRED M.C. to another... Do I have to show you how to do everything?!!

MOES: Park Avenue South open for business — females welcome. Always open.

WALLY, GEE WILICKERS !! Wait till dad gets home!...Great!!!Beaver.

LORI: Do you really believe in fate? You're making a believer out of me! Please believe it so you can be mine.

THE COACH OF JERRY'S KIDS: Bet you forgot all about us. But we found out you live oh so close now. — Crosstown admirers.

BABY POOL All bets in by Friday. (Contact Judy, 969-9213)

BABY POOL RULES: Guess date, weight and sex. Closest weight without going overs. If all go over, lowest weight wins.

JAN: What a wonderful way to say you love him. Hope everything goes great. Patron's of Pace's Place.

BOB: Your turn to welcome me home. Four days are twice as long as two! I promise we won't spend the entire weekend shopping. Love you, Kath.

CTHULHU SAVES!!!

S.B.: even if I didn't 86 the red and green, there was no white. Doody.

WHY DOES this always happen to me. I'm such a sweetheart of a guy. The muppet.

J414: Better not crank tunes before noon.

TOB: You devil, you.

K: 74 days. B.

D FOR diploma.

INDEEDISM lives, indeed.

LITTLE KID: Pass the popcorn. Little kid.

I HAVE pickshas of faw of my neighbas in my dakroom.

HOW ABOUT Tioga hot house? on the back? Keep the heat down! Thank! First floor sauna.

FLASH!!!You better come!!!!!!

NADIA: Now appearing in the kitchen of third floor Luzerne.

BEV: Valentino has nothing on you!! F.H. and S.G.

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY Prairie Dog!!!G.K.J.P.

WANTED: Kissing bandit. Last seen in the four hundred block of Madison. She is believed to be armed and dangerous. Approach with caution. Reward \$25,000.

HOLLY HOLLY HOLLY Holly Holly Holly Holly Holly Holly Holly Holly Holly Holly Holly Holly Holly Holly Holly

BOX 436— Your handwriting intrigues me. Let's get together and talk about it. Box 375

LOST: One third floor R.A., answers to the name Earle. If found, please return to Casey Hall.

ANDY: Nothing ventured, nothing gained!! Good Luck!! Love ya, Judy & Zita

MR. AND MRS. A. would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lois, to her doctor-to-be, Robert.

LOIS I hear they're having a sale at BOCCARDO'S. You better tell him what kind you want.

HEY FRANK: this old lady died yesterday. It seems the boy scout helping her across the street tripped. Don't you think that's funny?

PROF B: Geez, the summary is longer than the Republic. No time to read the Times. A couple of over-worked and ticked-off democratic men.

NANCE: Beat me! Beat me! A Lonely Shrubbery

NANCY: When my alien parents come to return me to my home planet. I'll have them give Gerry Cooney two more toes. Jack.

MARCUS HENNICKDOODIUS: Just you wait, dood. Just you wait...The Wonderful One

SWITCHPLATES: Had a great time, see you soon.

BEARD: Do the dishes.

SAM'S hanging tough and taking command of the situation.

"Well, yes and no." With answers like that, Dr. Baillie, how are we ever going to get out of the cave?!



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