

Candidates Agree . . .

# AWS Communication Is Major Factor

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Communication between the AWS Board and women students constitutes the major factor in the success of AWS, according to the three candidates for AWS president.

The candidates are Barbara Beckmann, Pam Hedgecock and Diane Smith.

Miss Beckmann has served on the AWS Junior Board as communications chairman and program chairman for Coed Follies. She has a 3.9 average.

Miss Hedgecock was publicity chairman and representative to the Intercollegiate Association of Women's Students while serving on the AWS Junior Board. She has a 3.6 average.

Miss Smith has a 3.2 average. Her AWS experience includes being an AWS worker, assistant chairman for publicity on the AWS Sophomore Board and chairman of the 1966 Coed Follies as a member of the AWS Junior Board.

**ARCHIVES** An all-women's election Wednesday will decide which of the three will serve as AWS president for the next year. The two other candidates will serve as vice presidents in charge of the judicial and programming areas of AWS.

**Communication**

"Now we have to cultivate the communication since many questions have been coming to light," she said.

AWS should be a coordinating body between the administration and the women students, stated all three of the candidates.

"As I see our role as the governing body," Miss Hedgecock said, "I believe more emphasis should be placed on coordination. We have the responsibility of being a regulating body yet a major part of that responsibility includes listening to what the women want to say—that is our purpose."

"Along with that responsibility, however, comes coordinating all sides of a particular question and coming up with the best solution," she continued. "We are responsible to students, parents



Miss Smith



Miss Hedgecock



Miss Beckman

and the administration, but the emphasis should be placed on the students."

Miss Hedgecock added, "AWS has never been dictated to. One reason the op-

posite may seem true is because the type of Board members who have served in the past felt a large sense of responsibility to the Administration and somehow slipped

up in communications with the women students."

"A great deal of consideration should be given to the women students and what they themselves want."

Miss Beckmann stated, "The role of AWS is more than making the rules and regulations — it should be to encourage University women to develop all aspects of college life."

Where Administration and the women students are concerned she said, "although AWS must consider the feelings of Administration and parents, our main responsibility is to represent the women on campus."

"Any governing body must take all facets into account," she noted, "and that is where Administration comes in. My feeling is that students can be taken into account through polls. AWS should definitely be a representative body yet should take the concerns of Administration into consideration."

**"Arm of Administration"**

"I realize it is said that we are an arm of administration," said Miss Smith, "and it is hard to decide where our responsibility really lies—with Administration or the students. We should be representative and spend most of our time listening to what the students want of the regulations."

"Our final authority lies, however, with the Administration," she added. "One cannot escape the fact that Administration does have the final sanctions, but it is not true that they dictate to us. The students bring proposals to AWS which then discusses them with Dean Helen Snyder, reaches a decision and then our decisions go to Administration for the final say-so."

"It isn't that we represent one or the other," she continued, "but that we compromise and balance the two. AWS is for the women students and does lean that way, but must work things out to be acceptable to both Administration and the students."

**Accomplishments**

All three agreed that the past year has been a busy one for AWS and that many accomplishments have been made.

"The biggest over-all accomplishment was the interest created in AWS and the increased degree of communication with the women students," stressed Miss Smith. "This year a liberalizing force arose throughout the campus and the student interest began picking up and students began to want to make changes."

"The biggest move," she continued, "is that women stopped sitting around and griping, but instead organized and presented ideas. As a result the AWS image greatly improved. All this resulted in changes in hours, visiting hours and ultimately the senior key system."

Miss Hedgecock listed major accomplishments of this year's AWS Board as "liberalization of hours, the senior key system, the expansion of Standards Week, a Coed Follies of fine quality and an excellent, excellent system of representation for future AWS Boards."

"The most significant thing was a successful exchange of ideas between the Board and the women students," she stressed. "The proposals were presented to us for consideration and all the changes were the consequence of the proposals."

Any accomplishments that the Board makes next year, according to the candidates, will come as a result of expanding those which were begun this year.

"First we have to do a thorough study of the key system to do it right so we can move on to expand it," noted Miss Hedgecock.

"Also we need better communication with the members of individual living units," she added. "This can be accomplished through the greater utilization of the AWS House of Representatives. It should be an important part of AWS where ideas can be originated and discussed."

**House of Representatives**

"One part of this would be to have an AWS representative in a prestige position, one who would have an integral part in a living unit meeting," she said. "Interaction between the Board and the women students could be accomplished through a more effective House of Representatives."

Miss Hedgecock added that she would like to see a revision take place in the merit system that would "take away the rigidity." Rather than having demerits, a system of major and minor infringements could be set up.

"Minor infringements like not signing in, not signing out or having someone in the house during visiting hours could be dealt with within the living unit," she explained. "More serious things like many late minutes or an illegal overnight would constitute a call to AWS court."

"Another thing I'd like to see done is to adjust the campuses more realistically," she noted. "This could be done by revising the merit system."

**Election Procedures**

Miss Hedgecock added that she would like to see improvements in the election procedures.

"Ideally I'd like a petition primary because it would increase communication," she said. "Only two of about 100 women who went through interviews wanted such a thing, which did surprise me, so perhaps we should run a poll to see what the women really want."

"Perhaps a combination of an AWS slate and a method of letting other people run if they wish can be worked out," she said. "If a woman wants to run, she should be able to."

Improvements could also be made in the program area, Miss Hedgecock noted.

**Standards Week**

"Standards Week could be greatly expanded," she said. "The cultural program we had this year at the Sheldon Art Gallery could be enlarged and a Best Dressed Women contest could be incorporated. Maybe even the name could be changed."

"Since next year is a centennial year, I'd like to see Coed Follies follow the centennial line," he continued. "Not only would it be a good show, but it would be some. Also maybe men could be incorporated into the acts."

She added that perhaps more emphasis could be placed on the Upperclass Activities Mart through more publicity.

Miss Beckmann proposes a series of seminars and open hearings to increase communication between the Board and the women students. The seminars would consist of groups of women students simply exchanging ideas with individual AWS Board members.

**Open Hearings**

"An open hearing on the other hand," she added, "would be a place for women students to submit concrete proposals to the AWS Board. We would just sit and listen."

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### Joern Elected YR National Committeeman

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An administrative assistant at the University was elected state Young Republican national committeeman at a Young Republicans convention in Beatrice this weekend.

Bill Joern, administrative assistant to John Aronson, director of admissions, won a close race for the national position. As national committeeman, Joern will be a liaison between the Nebraska Federation of Young Republicans and the national Republican Party.

In addition, he will be responsible for a large part of the planning and work of the National Young Republican convention in Omaha during 1967.

Joern, a graduate of Holy Cross College in Worcester,

Mass., did graduate work in political science here and taught at Nebraska Wesleyan University last year.

He was a football quarterback at Holy Cross and did missionary work in Baghdad, Iraq, for a year. Joern is a member of the Lancaster County Young Republicans. He was active in the University group while a graduate student.

#### Position Now Elective

The Young Republicans also voted in favor of a constitutional amendment making the position of college director an elective, rather than appointive one. Jerry Abbott of Creighton University was elected college director.

The college director is responsible for the organizational details and cooperation between college clubs in the

state and acts as a liaison between the state federation and the college clubs.

The college directors have previously been appointed by the state Young Republican chairman, Cathie Shattuck, vice president of the University YR's commented.

#### 12 NU Delegates

There were seven state colleges present, representing a total delegate strength of about 40.

The University delegation of 12 voting members was one of the largest present. Delegate allowances were based on membership of the individual clubs.

Addressing the convention were Norbert Tiemann and Val Peterson, Republican candidates for governor. The delegates also held a birthday party for U.S. Senator Carl Curtis. The University delegation held a 23rd anniversary celebration for Secretary of State Frank Marsh and his wife.

Peterson, a former University Regent, told the delegates at a noon luncheon Saturday that the greatest problem facing Nebraska is the creation of a better balance between industry and agriculture in the state.

Peterson declared that steps must be taken to draw industry to the state, or Nebraska will remain a "pastoral state," and that the export of the "best brains" in the state will continue at an ever-increasing rate.

### China Is Forum Topic Tuesday

China — Its historical background and present political and economic aspects, will be discussed at the forum on Southeast Asia at 4:30 Tuesday in the Nebraska Union.

Dr. Soon Sung Cho, visiting professor of political science, will speak at the third series on Southeast Asia sponsored by University church groups.

He will also discuss China's role in the world, especially the effects of Chinese communism in Viet Nam.

He proposed the creation of a "think tank," possibly at the University, to develop research capacity that would draw industry. Peterson said the "brains in science and engineering must be drawn to the state because their presence and activity in training and research will draw students and industry."

### Abel To Vote On Dance Support

The Abel Hall executive council will vote Monday night on whether to reverse their decision not to support an interdorm dance May 6.

"Our decision will be reached Monday night," said Tom Holeman, Abel president, "but the vote will probably come out the same."

He explained that last week Abel Hall refused to appropriate \$150 to the interdorm social committee for a dance on May 6, because "\$150 is too much money for this one dance."

The interdorm social committee has been planning the dance which was to have included two combos costing \$500.

"We would not object to supporting another dance on that same night with combos that were not as expensive," Holeman added.

He continued that the representative from Abel on the social committee had voted to approve the concept of the dance and the proposed budget, but had no power to promise \$150 from Abel to help pay for it.

"An appropriation or pledge from Abel requires the signatures of the president, resident director and social director," he added, "and the social director was the only one who signed anything."

Holeman cited six reasons for Abel's refusal to contribute:

"Industry knows where all these men are located; industry is interested in them," Peterson said, referring to outstanding scientists who must be brought into the state.

Peterson urged the Young Republicans to set up committees to research the problem and to be ready to present answers when the 1966 campaign begins in earnest.

—it was outside the authority of the committee to make a contract without receiving permission.

—no pledge from Abel had been made.

—the representative from Abel had no power to make a pledge.

—the resident directors were not informed of the plans.

—poor judgment was shown in offering a sum of money to the combos rather than bargaining with them.

—and while Abel's leadership does not wish to destroy or weaken interdorm organization, it does believe new and different controls on powers are needed.

Holeman said that since the contracts could be broken 45 days before the dance, the Abel executive council thought other plans should be made to hire less expensive combos.

At last Tuesday's meeting of the interdorm coordinating committee, Abel's representatives were asked to reconsider the action, according to Marv Almy, president of the interdorm coordinating council.

"If Abel still refuses to pay its share," Almy said, "we can either break the contracts and plan something else or the other dorms can cover Abel's share of the cost and plans can continue as they are now."

### Students To Attend French University

Three University coeds have been selected to spend nine months in France next year studying at the University of Bordeaux.

They will be the first NU students to participate in the study abroad program which originated at the University of Colorado in 1961 and now includes the Universities of Kansas and Nebraska.

The three women are Kathy Nicoll, Martha Hedge and Sheryl Ehlers.

"Students are chosen for the program on the basis of fluency in French, maturity and ability to adapt to a different environment," said Dr. Roberto Esquenazi-Mayo, chairman of the Romance Languages Department.

He noted that 19 Nebraska students have studied in Mexico under a similar foreign study program.

Mrs. Jean Dien, assistant professor of romance lan-

guages, will coordinate the Bordeaux study program. The women will leave New York City in September and participate in a cultural orientation program in Paris.

From the middle of September to the end of October they will take part in an extensive language refresher course.

Classes at the University of Bordeaux will begin Nov. 1 and continue until June 1, 1967, with the exception of Christmas and Easter vacations. They will receive credit for a full year of study.

The students will take classes in French, literature and civilization along with history, philosophy, political science and letters. All classes will be conducted in French.

All three Nebraska coeds are majoring in French and plan to teach at either the high school or college level when they graduate.

### March: Lion Or Lamb?

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The earth is approaching the vernal equinox, the transition between the stable cold conditions of winter and the unstable warmer conditions of spring and summer.

This is the explanation of present weather condition according to a meteorological technician at the Municipal Airport Weather Bureau.

However, University students also have a word for the alternating warm and cold spells that March is heir to.

"Awful," stated freshman Sally Russell. "It's that kind of weather that lowers your morale. You never know what to expect when you get up in the morning."

The unexpected character of the weather seemed especially evident last weekend as the snow from Friday's storm

melted into a clear, spring-like Sunday. Students no sooner got their galoshes on and braced for the cold spell, than March outwitted them again with early indications of spring.

A freshman, Ray Thompson, said, "What bothers me is at night. I set my electric blanket and I wake up every morning being either too hot or too cold."

Lynne Saunders, freshman, said that she thought this weather really provides problems with knowing what to wear in the morning. "Half the time I try to push the season with summer clothes and end up freezing before the day is over," she said.

According to Harry Spohn of the weather bureau, last Friday's storm was "typical of March." He noted that it is characteristic of Nebraska,

and Lincoln especially, that there is a period of inclement weather during the first few weeks of March. Spohn stated that March is the most unstable month as far as weather is concerned.

"Any way you look at it," stated one University professor, "March is a hard month for attending classes. Either it's too cold and stormy, or it's a spring day and just the time for cutting classes and going to Pioneer Park."

The 30-day weather forecast from the weather bureau calls for temperatures below seasonal normal and normal precipitation. This means that the thermometer might read from 23 to 33 degrees throughout the rest of the month. Precipitation indicates for a cold, wet month with approximately 1.7 inches of rain or snow.



FROM OVERCAST, snowflake-filled skies and winter's icy blasts . . .



... TO BRIGHT SUNSHINE with March's perpetual winds still blowing.