

The Next AWS President

In a letter to the editor, Jan Whitney Hibbs, president of AWS, wrote:

"I'm sure all will agree that this has been a revolutionary year for AWS at the University. For the first time in years women have taken an active interest and have participated in the proceedings of their governing body — disagreeing as well as agreeing with the actions and decisions of the AWS Board.

"The Daily Nebraskan, viewing this student interest as a cue, has printed the AWS slate and qualifications of each candidate. The same information has been made available in book form and distributed to all women's living units.

"Ignorance of the candidates' qualifications can no longer be an excuse for failing to vote in the AWS elections. Applicable to the upcoming elections is what Plato said centuries ago—"The punishment suffered by the wise who refuse to take part in government, is to live under the government of bad men."

"Take part in your government. Vote on Wednesday!"

"We can add very little to what Mrs. Hibbs wrote. AWS has made great strides this semester—but there are even greater steps that need to be taken, such as keys for all women who are 21, liberalization of the demerit system, greater communication between students and AWS, etc.

The women who will be elected Wednesday will determine if steps such

as these are accomplished. They will be taken only if the women who are chosen Wednesday are not only experienced in AWS government, but also (and this is more important) desire these steps to be taken.

Three girls have been slated for president of AWS. All three, Barbara Beckmann, Pam Hedgecock and Diane Smith, have had extensive experience in AWS.

One of the three, Pam Hedgecock, has ideas and plans for AWS which we feel are definite steps which must be taken. Miss Hedgecock greatly desires keys for junior women who are 21. She further feels that the demerit system must be reviewed and liberalized. One way in which she would work for revision of the demerit system is through the standards boards of houses which would deal with minor infractions of AWS rules.

The fact that Miss Hedgecock has well thought-out and constructive plans for AWS is manifested by her ideas for Coed Follies next year. Miss Hedgecock has already suggested a Centennial theme—to promote the state Centennial as well as AWS.

We predicate our support for Miss Hedgecock, however, not only on her ideas and plans for AWS. She has the desire, the drive and the leadership absolutely requisite to getting these plans and ideas become reality.

Miss Hedgecock would make an ideal AWS president.

Lost Cool

By LIZ AITKEN

After absolutely zero response to my questions of last week, this time I decided to go to my trusty ouija board to find the answers to my ponderings.

Despite some margin of error, this soothsaying instrument is pretty reliable; so, placing my hands on the directional arrow I descend into a trance, and whispering to it in a soft, cajoling voice I asked the board THE question that everyone wants to know the answer to—Who will run for ASUN offices this year?

Slowly, my hands being guided by supernatural forces, the ouija arrow spelled out a name, T-A-U-B-E. You can imagine my astonishment that such a name should appear first on the list, but my ouija never lies.

After a short sputtering fit, my ouija board started in again to spell out the future. The letters S-C-H-A-A-F appeared and once more I was amazed. I was sure that, although this likely candidate could certainly pull the madras-collar workers, he'd never get Union support.

But once again the ouija started its mysterious route and spelled out the name D-O-E-R-R. My faith in the infallible ouija was again severely shaken as I understood that there was danger of the Law getting this candidate.

All of a sudden the ouija

jumped and started racing around, swiftly pointing out the letters, J-O-H-N-S-O-N. Despite the ouija's obvious enthusiasm, I wondered about the effect of such a name on Nebraska voters.

Then came a double message from the spirits in the form of S-C-H-L-A-C-H-T-E-R—B-O-A-R-D-M-A-N. It took me a few moments to realize just what this communication meant until finally I recalled two stars that shown brightly last year but have since disappeared. The ouija next spelled H-A-N-S-M-I-R-E and I was impressed with how deep the ouija had gone.

The ouija perked up a bit and whipped out with the

name S-N-Y-D-E-R. But I didn't give that one a chance; too many people got parking tickets this year.

Finally, my hands guided by powers from the beyond, the ouija next spelled truly amazing message. It was transmitted something like this: S-A-M-U-E-L-S-O-N—F-R-M—G-R-A-D. With this before my eyes, I threw down my ouija board, never again to have confidence in it.

So here I am again, no answers to my questions. Will I have to appeal again to my reading public? No chance. I'd rather trust a crazy ouija board than the interest of Nebraska students.

A Man's View

Many University coeds, especially those who will be juniors and 21 next year, have called the AWS seniors "old fashioned" because of the "senior" clause in the new key system.

Well, here's one man student who will be a 21-year-old junior next year and thinks the AWS seniors were right.

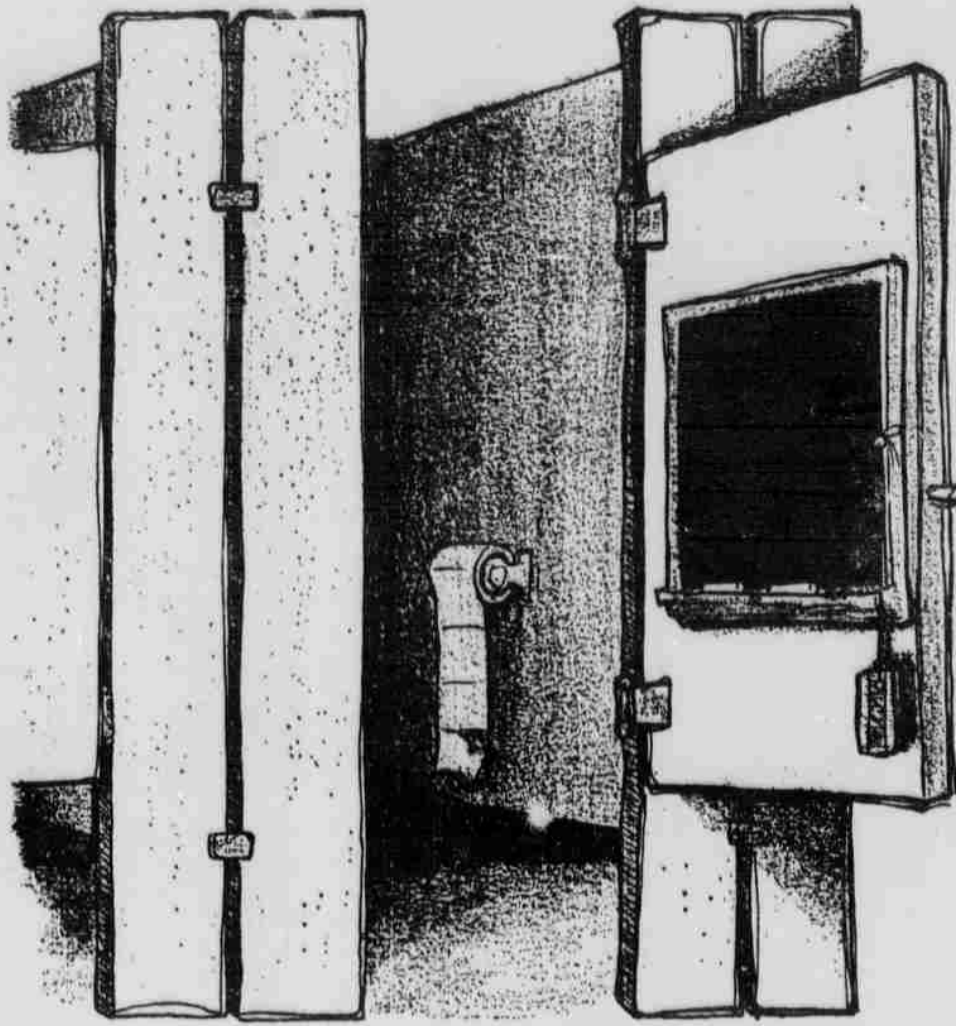
Extra time does make a difference, especially for the junior man who doesn't plan on getting married next year.

Furthermore it would not work for half or a portion of the junior class to come in at 1 a.m. and for the rest to stay out all night long.

Before long no junior man would ask a junior woman out until he knew her age—and no woman who has been in the pledge class or started school or lived with another group of women in her own class is suddenly going to like coming in before the others do.

If AWS wants to extend women's hours later in the future they must first do two things: (1) Ask the health center to distribute birth control pills. (2) Do it by class and not by age.

Clean Young Man



Sorry About That!

Being a compendium of farce, absurdity and humor, selected arbitrarily by the Editor . . .

Would you believe . . . 14,999 students out 15,000 at the University have four hour exams this week?

Today began as a bad day preceded by a worse weekend. Inspiration did not spark my nimble fingers when I sat down to my trusty typewriter. I could think of lots of things to write about, but none of them seemed worth two paragraphs.

Trivia bespeaks a bad weekend . . .

Then there was the AWS Board member who as seen coming out of an apartment this weekend. Why bother to change the rule that University women cannot be in apartments without a 25-year-old chaperone? It's easier to ignore it, as probably most AWS members do, regularly.

The editor of the Daily Iowan has a new slant on meeting student apathy. He announced his write-in candidacy for the student government elections, with apathy as part of his platform:

"Student apathy must be met firmly and strongly. All students must be made to take pep pills daily in order to reverse this deadly trend. This should be done in an organized effort — preferably accompanied by questionnaires to be returned periodically to the Senate for profitable discussion."

(The questionnaires could be filed in Drawer A. Then some gunner could give

a report on them just before elections to honoraries.)

Seems the latest "in" fashion is the green beret. Interest in the hat was prompted, no doubt, by the "Ballad of the Green Beret."

I don't object (conscientiously of course) to the song on socio-economic-political grounds . . . just that it's a bunch of schlock: bad singing, sentimental garp, the Department of the Army's Public Relations Division contribution to the Teen Scene.

"Ballad" was bad enough. Now there's "Widow of the Green Beret." The opportunities seem endless. ("Son of the Green Beret, "Mother-in-law, Father", etc.)

We would like to add the congratulations of the Daily Nebraskan staff to Coach Joe Cipriano upon his selection of Big Eight Coach of the Year by the Associated Press. He greatly deserved the award . . . the NU basketball team has become as big a threat to other teams as the NU football team.

Nebraska Union Rule of the Day: "As a center of college community life, the Union serves as a laboratory of citizenship, training students in social responsibility and for leadership in our democracy."

(It takes a real leader to make it through the lunch lines.)

For Nebraska's loss to the Colorado Buffaloes Saturday, we're Sorry About That!

CAMPUS OPINION

Students' Spirit Appreciated

Dear Editor,

I'd like to thank the students who turned out for the rally Friday noon. The adverse weather wrecked our original plans, but the rally that we did hold in the Coliseum was greatly appreciated by the team and the coach. I hope to see this spirit continue. Thank you.

Steph Tinan
Tassels Rally Chairman

Blow to Equality

Dear Editor,

Yet another blow for women's equality has been struck by the bold hammer of AWS. It's nice to see that senior women are on almost as high a level as freshmen men.

An onlooker

AWS in 'Real Context'

Dear Editor,

I find it difficult to believe that the majority of women students at the University assent to the sort of program proposed for them by Miss Dowling and her fellow administrators. Granted that her plea of administrative convenience is childish, is the real issue whether age or class standing should govern the issue of senior "keys"?

Surely the intelligent and proper position to take is that women have the same rights as men, and that admission to the University community endows them with the moral responsibility for their own actions. Though the legal responsibility still belongs to the parents, surely there is no reason to encourage the University, much less the directors of AWS, to function as no mature parent would.

Men can govern (within broad limits) their actions and hours at eighteen; so can women—perhaps more competently. The "key" system is no honor, but a reminder to those who have them that they are simply the trustees in the dormitory jail.

An intelligent parent allows his son or daughter, at this age, to exercise his or her own reason and judgment about the hours to be kept, and about the limitations on his or her behavior. A boy or girl thus made responsible, in my experience, is much less likely to exceed the limits than one whose parents adopt the totalitarian roles of policeman, judge, and executioner.

Yet here we have the Association of Women Students apparently approving an absurd set of restrictions which don't even apply to three fourths of its members. It seems to me that the AWS would spend its time better if it joined with the Office of Student Affairs in a program designed to educate those parents who object to self-determination—in a program designed to show how, in a free society, citizens learn to be independent and responsible.

In short, Miss Dowling and her associates ought to operate in a real context, and give up playing silly games in imitation of the worst features of "adult" society.

Frederick M. Link

Team Congratulated

Dear Editor,

I am a University of Nebraska student presently studying at El Colegio de Mexico in Mexico City on a one-year exchange program. I am writing this letter out of my interest in the University of Nebraska basketball team.

I have always been a great fan and sit in the first row at all home games. Now I have to be content with the newspaper clippings that my parents and friends send me of the games. Although, I like many N.U. followers, was disappointed with the showing we made against K.U. last Saturday. I still think we can win the conference.

The K.U. game to me demonstrates only the great factor that the home town fans play in the outcome of a game. I just hope that N.U. boosters will pack the coliseum for the rest of our games and give the team the support it deserves. Even if we don't win the championship, I would like to congratulate the team and the coach on the finest season we've had in many years.

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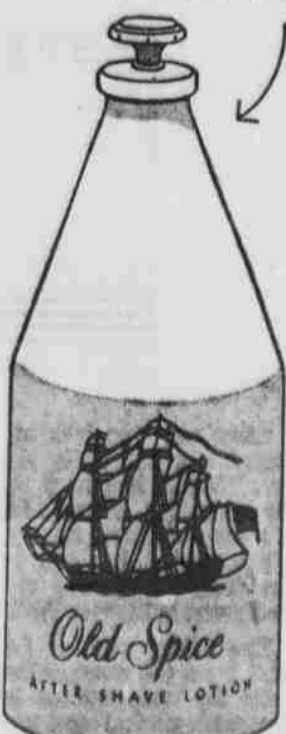
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