



Obituary

AWS, aged 59, died Wednesday evening.

An unopposed vote by the Associated Women Students Congress Wednesday abolished the stalwart organization which has ruled the lives of University women since its inception in 1911.

The organization really legislated itself out of business when all women's hours were abolished in February, according to Jane Sitorius, president of the defunct organization.

A formal letter of resignation from Smith Hall on March 17 prompted Congress's vote to dissolve AWS, Miss Sitorius said.

Chris Hanus, a former Smith Hall AWS Congresswoman, said interest in AWS had been dying all year.

"It was really funny," Miss Hanus said, "because on the day we presented our resignation there wasn't even a quorum — in fact the president and both vice presidents were absent, so the parliamentarian and secretary conducted the meeting."

The Congresswomen present at that meeting had an initial reaction of "Can they do that?" Miss Hanus said. "No dorm or sorority had ever tried to resign before."

Miss Hanus recalled that a

petition circulated in Smith Hall confirmed that most Smith Hall members agreed the dorm could be better represented through a strong residence association (the nine-member Smith Hall Senate) and by working through LDA and CSL.

"We felt that AWS had been groping for a purpose since the abolition of women's hours," she said. Even though AWS had been considering dissolving itself since the beginning of the year, everyone assumed that it would continue," Miss Hanus remarked.

Congress wanted to be a pressure group for all women, she said, "but we felt there was no way they could co-ordinate the many diversified interest groups of off-campus women, dormitory women and sorority women."

Another justification for Smith Hall's withdrawal was the dorm's consensus that "it would be better to have women working in all organizations than to segregate women in one organization," Miss Hanus commented.

There was not a bitter reaction from other Congress members after Smith Hall withdrew, Miss Hanus said. "Most of the girls had simply never thought about it," she said.

Debbie Cushman, another

Congresswoman of the now defunct organization, said "really there was nothing else we could do but dissolve the organization. It was obvious that other dorms would follow Smith Hall's withdrawal."

She said that most members had no reservations about dissolving AWS — particularly since one of the major programs, Coed Follies, is now merged with the Kosmet Klub Fall Show.

Miss Sitorius noted that other traditionally AWS programs have been delegated to other campus organizations. The AWS Style Show is now under Nebraska Union jurisdiction.

Remaining funds of the organization's treasury are being divided among various campus organizations for women's scholarships, Miss Cushman said. One thousand dollars has been donated to the University Foundation for scholarship purposes, Miss Cushman noted, while Mortar Board will be awarding \$500 worth of women's scholarships with former AWS money.

Another fund has been allocated to the Student Activities Fund in the event that another future women's organization is formed, she said.

Rest in peace.

Look out jet—here comes the kite!

Gusty winds and the grassy expanse of Pioneers Park made superb kite-flying weather this week. However the flight of one 6-foot by 4-foot kite was short lived.

Eleven University of Nebraska students were flying the gigantic kite Wednesday —

unknowingly right in the flight pattern for aircraft landing at the Lincoln Municipal Airport.

One 737 jet moved over to avoid the kite, according to Jay Benson, one of the eleven students. But then a twin-engine Cessna private airplane had to dodge the kite.

The pilot notified the airport control tower, tower officials notified Lincoln police and the police notified the students that the kite flight was over.

"We had 1,800 feet of string," Benson said. "And because of the loop in the string it was 1500 feet high."



Joint effort features Maggie Mackichan's photographs on page 6 and 7.

Proposals consider use of P-F, A plus

Proposals abolishing the A plus and returning to a 4.0 grading system while retaining the B plus, C plus and D plus and expanding the pass-fail system will be introduced in the Faculty Senate Tuesday.

A plusses are so uncommon that they hurt the best students by putting their grade averages below what the grading system says is possible, according to Don Stenberg. He is chairman of the ASUN education committee and one of two student members on the Faculty Senate grading committee.

Stenberg, sponsor of the proposals, said abolishing the A plus would also bring the University in line with other state universities, most of whom have a straight 4.0 scale.

A second proposal scheduled to be introduced would expand the pass-fail system from a limit of 12 hours to 24 hours and allow sophomores to participate along with juniors and seniors.

Currently, Stenberg said, no pass-fail hours can be used to satisfy college requirements, but the proposal would allow the colleges to decide how many p-f hours could be applied to requirements. It is still up to the individual department to say which courses can be offered p-f, Stenberg continued.

Although an instructor can refuse to offer his course p-f, he usually follows department policy, Stenberg added.

Wally suggests urban bank

Omaha — U.S. Senate candidate Wallace Peterson suggested Thursday afternoon that an Urban Bank System be established as a means of pumping money into financially starved American urban areas.

Peterson, chairman of the University's economics department, said the primary objective of his proposed Urban Bank System would be to make long-term loans at low interest rates to cities.

The Democratic candidate said the Urban Bank System would be similar to the current Federal Reserve System. Ownership of the Urban Bank in each region would be vested in the cities and municipalities of the region.

"The Urban Bank System would be able to raise money

by issuing and selling its own obligations in the private bond market," Peterson said. "Such sales would supply it with the necessary financial resources to make long-term loans to the cities."

But Peterson added that the federal government would have to subsidize the difference between the rate the Urban Bank System would pay on its obligations and the lower rate at which it would make loans to municipal governments.

Peterson proposed the novel banking system in a speech at St. Mary's College in Omaha.

The candidate noted that his proposed banking system could also develop and offer specialized knowledge and technical assistance to the areas of urban management and reconstruction.

Morrison tells motives

Frank B. Morrison "met" both his detours on the way to the United States Senate — Wallace C. Peterson and Roman Hruska in a far-ranging question and answer session Thursday night.

Speaking to a Young Democrats meeting, the former Nebraska governor touched on issues ranging from the generation gap to environmental pollution, and he enumerated his motives for entering the Democratic primary against Peterson, a University economics professor.

"First the campaign was getting boring," he said, "and by my entering the race, this will broaden the base of public involvement in the political campaign."

Criticizing Hruska for his inaction during his lengthy terms in the Senate, he said that both he and Peterson have enough imagination to defeat Hruska in a traditionally Republican state.

Claiming that he agrees on more issues with Peterson than he does with staunch conservative Hruska, Morrison spoke out against present American policy in the Middle East and Vietnam.

"While Nixon believes in the present balance of power I feel there are only two courses to take," he said. "Either have

Russia and the United States leave and let the Arabs and Israelis settle the dispute or have a major summit meeting between Russia and the United States."

Nixon should initiate immediate action on a cease fire — not by indirect methods — but by a direct talk with the heads of state from North Vietnam and the Viet Cong, he said.

"The war must be stopped now — and Nixon must take the steps to end it," he explained. "I think a coalition government in South Vietnam is inevitable."

Admitting that he did not enter the Senatorial race to boost his ego, Morrison said that running as a Democrat in Nebraska is an uphill struggle. He added that as the deadline for filing approached his conscience prevented him from not expressing his views.

"If Wally Peterson wins," he said, "Frank Morrison will be one of his most enthusiast supporters. But I think we need to create imaginative programs and two candidates can do this better than one."

Morrison also predicted that if Peterson defeats him on May 14 the economics professor "will become a national political figure."