

# Arlyss Brown . . .

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"When I had to have a picture done by a certain time, in a certain way, it ruined all the interest I had in wanting to do this as a profession. It took the joy out of it," Brown said.

She began taking other classes and discovered a natural interest in law and speech, Brown said. She did not know what to do with her degrees after graduation until one of the deans suggested she apply for law scholarships.

### Few women in law

Both Creighton University and the University of Nebraska offered her scholarships and Brown decided to go with NU. She noted that few women were in law school at that time.

"Our freshman class had the largest enrollment ever at that time (1950s) and that was six," she recalled.

The group tried to keep a legal sorority, counterpart to the men's fraternity, active on campus. Lack of numbers and meetings made it hard to do.

"Every time we met we had to stop and think what the name of the chapter was—no one could remember it," Brown said, smiling.

She married between her junior and senior year in law school, but the marriage lasted only two years.

### Traumatic realization

"It was traumatic," Brown remembered. "I had always said there was no reason two people can't work out a relationship. The failure of knowing that I couldn't live up to my ideal hurt badly."

Brown graduated in 1959 and practiced law in Minnesota for a year. After returning to Omaha, she took a refresher course at Creighton and found a job with the Army Corps of Engineers in Omaha.

After three years, a change in management cut down the promotion rate and Brown began looking for another job.

"I really felt when I was told that promotion would be forthcoming, I should have gotten it," Brown explained. "I told them I'd be looking around."

### Resume gets job

Ralph Nelson, then Lincoln city attorney, discovered Brown was looking for work and offered her a job "simply on the basis of my resume," Brown noted.

She worked for the city three years. During that time

she discovered a co-worker was an old classmate and friend, Vince Brown, now executive director of the Nebraska Petroleum Council. They were married in 1965.

Brown said she never really considered her husband as more than a friend in school because she was engaged at the time.

"He always teases me now that I was too stuck up and I tell him he was scared of me," Brown said, laughing. "I think the truth of the matter was that we were both so busy in law school we didn't have time to fool around."

### Switches jobs

Brown then switched to Woodmen Accident and Life Co. where she stayed for nearly 11 years. Much of the time she worked with Bob Sim, vice president of real estate.

Sim said Brown did an excellent job at Woodmen Accident and Life.

"She did her homework well and was not rigid in her thoughts," he said. "She knows that there is more than one way to skin a cat."

"In the past, several people (attorneys) haven't always been fully informed. They shot from the hip," he continued. "You won't find Arlyss doing that."

Brown resigned from Woodmen Accident and Life last June to spend more time with her children, Jeff, 10, and Julie, 7. She noted that although the council job will take time, she still will have enough time at home.

### Neighborhood group organized

Brown said she participated in many civic activities. She organized the Old Cheney Road Homeowners Association, a neighborhood group which monitors zoning changes in the area. The group formed to prevent large shopping malls and other non-residential buildings from going up in the area.

"We try to oppose things which are not good for the area," Brown said. "All we needed was organization and I'm good at that."

"Arlyss has always been willing to help," said John Ragsdale, association president. "I respect and admire her—she has a good, quick mind."

Ragsdale said he first met Brown at Woodmen Accident and Life where they were both employed. They worked together for about a year.

"I feel Lincoln is very fortunate to have her serve," Ragsdale said. "I think Arlyss will devote a lot of attention to the issues and put a lot of thought into her deliberations and decisions."

Brown also has been active in the First Evangelical Covenant Church. Minister Ralph Sturdy said she has been involved with Sunday and nursery school, as well as being secretary of the church board for two years.

"She's an excellent communicator, well prepared and does a fine job leading discussion," Sturdy said. "She speaks her convictions although they're not always the most popular with all present."

Much of Brown's faith stems from her experiences with rheumatic fever and her divorce, she said.

### Prays for guidance

"I really believe we all have a purpose in life," she said. "God gives us a purpose. I pray about it and ask for guidance because I believe He'll lead me where I should go."

She added that she prayed often to decide what to do. Accepting the nomination to city councilwoman was one of those decisions.

"I was reluctant and didn't know if I should do that. I'd just quit my job to be home with the children," Brown said. "After more people kept asking me, though, I began to wonder if maybe it wasn't God leading me."

Brown's goals on the City Council reflect problems she has already been fighting. She said she hoped to straighten out zoning problems, aid in making a comprehensive building plan and improve transportation.

### Homeowners should know

"It seems to be to be a very elementary thing to plan for it (zoning and streets) so that when people start moving in they know where that major highway is going to be," Brown said.

Although she is still "doing her homework" for this year's council seat, which she assumed Nov. 20, Brown intends to run for re-election next spring.

"I decided it wouldn't really be fair to accept the appointment if I weren't willing to run," Brown explained. "It should be someone who's going to take advantage of the opportunity to gain experience and then use it."

# Schwartzkopf . . .

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His business partner is David Breslow. Breslow, Schwartzkopf and their wives each own one-quarter of S & B Corporation.

Schwartzkopf owns 191 acres of land zoned for agriculture near NW 12th Street and Old Cheney Road. He owns 17 acres of light industrial land near 1st and South streets, and 110 acres of industrial land along the railroad tracks near West A Street. Seventy acres of his A Street land are zoned for agriculture. These were the only land sure statement.

### Stockholder

Schwartzkopf said his land holdings and his effort to have land near railroad property all zoned industrial were questioned when he, his brother, former Lincoln Mayor Sam Schwartzkopf and Breslow all held official positions.

But, he said, the land was purchased in 1965, before he was elected regent, and was zoned before his brother was mayor.

Schwartzkopf holds stocks in First National Bank of Lincoln, Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph, the Westgate Bank of Lincoln, Citicorp of New York, American General Insurance Co., Beatrice Foods Co., Caterpillar Tractor, Conagra and Gulf Oil, according to the disclosure statement.

Schwartzkopf said that one thing seldom brought out in reports about the regents is the fact that the regents are individuals who act and decide individually and not as a body.

He is troubled by statements that the board is a rubber stamp body, he said.

### No booze

He has been described as the regent who is most responsive to students and he concedes that he has more student constituents than other regents.

He has also been described as "pro-administration," but he says he only gives his support to administration members who are doing their job and are working with the regents.


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