

For AWS, A Plan

The Candidates Speak

Is AWS the plaything of a few people at the top of that organization? Is it a competitor in activities with the YW and WRA? Is it the perpetrator of "busy work" activities?

We're not in a position to say, with any particular authority, that it is one or more of the above. But we're very interested in a plan set forth by twenty senior women, based on the idea that it is to some extent all of these things—and shouldn't be.

The girls, who've been hashing over the problems of AWS for some time, presented their conclusions to AWS top brass Monday night (though there's some overlapping here for some members of the AWS executive council are among the twenty). The idea is this.

They want to make AWS a coordinator for all women's activities instead of just one competing facet of them. They want the exec council to be a body that finds the needs of the University's women and furnishes the solutions, rather than a group which sanctions needless "activity point" ventures for no purpose other than the activity itself.

(They insist that such cooperation and coordination would CUT DOWN the amount of activities. Example: the AWS congress which, they say, doesn't do a thing.)

The twenty who've had a hand in this plan are the same ones who not so long ago petitioned the ASUO senate to investigate the original AWS nominations.

The first slate was picked by the president and vice president of the organization. The constitution says it's the job of all the senior members on the exec council (a total of six girls who, incidentally, met a few days after the first selection and did it over again).

Young ladies are usually very polite individuals and, in this case, the petition requesting an investigation was certainly not vicious in the wording. But it was plain enough what they were talking about: they were objecting to a "closed shop" selection of candidates who would represent the whole female population here.

This is no particular condemnation of AWS president Sarah Turnbull, vice president Elaine Hartung or AWS advisor, Dean of Women Golda Wickham (although there is little question in anybody's mind that they did know about the constitution and knowingly ignored it for some reason or other). Naturally, the three of them want AWS to run as smoothly as possible, and if that can be accomplished by going around a few rules, more power to them.

For in one sense, the three were only following precedent established during the past several years—that AWS, on occasion, is run by the few and not by the membership. And it's this precedent, not the individual officers, that this group of twenty is no after.

They say, and we'll certainly agree with them, that more women should have a bigger hand in running the affairs of their own organization—and they're suggesting that if their plan were followed, it would make for a happier situation, a more useful and more independent AWS.

Certainly there's more than one example of this running-from-the-top business. The twenty cite the example of the recent demise of the Mortar Board ball, discontinued (after this year) by the student affairs committee. They suggest that the parties concerned didn't have much to say about the situation. And they think that was wrong.

Again, as we understand them, they are not suggesting that any activity be reinstated that has been proven unprofitable money-wise or time-wise. They're suggesting, very much to the contrary, that even more activities are ripe for the ax (amen). They would, however, appreciate the chance to help make the decision which affect the women—especially with a stronger, more representative body to speak for all.

To us, this proposed strengthening seems realistic and could, if sincerely applied, be very profitable. There is some indication that a strong, student-run coordinating body for women's activities is needed. (And what better organization than one to which every female in this University belongs?)

We hope, therefore, that these proposals will be given serious consideration when the old and new exec councils of AWS get together to hash over the situation. It seems to us a promising solution to some of the problems that the University woman faces today.

We asked the presidential candidates for each major women's organization to outline their policies. The statements they submit here are not campaign promises for today's elections. They are ideas and suggestions. Each candidate should stand on her record as well as her policy.

Barbara Keelen - yw president

The YWCA has definitely proved itself as a vital part of campus life. It has developed a sound and beneficial program which has improved from year to year. For next year my recommendations would be:

1. Cooperate with plans to cut down on student activities. Go over the Y program and see where there is a duplication of effort and cut down on those things which are superfluous.
2. Improve the upper class program. Develop one specific plan or program to present to the upper class women.
3. Strengthen the group internally by integrating the membership and also provide a place for off-campus women in the Y program.
4. Continue the effective freshman program and develop a plan which gives them continuing interest in the Y program.

Mary Wilson - wra president

If I am elected president of WRA, it would be my desire to promote a better understanding and participation in a campus sports program.

I feel that it is important that the program be extended to include all women-students. I would like to see this accomplished by having open cabinet meetings and a keener sense of competition developed among the women's organizations toward the WRA intramural program.

I would like to promote more interest in the separate WRA clubs. I feel that one possible solution to this problem would be to form a fifth club whose purpose would be to engage in various sports activities depending upon the members' interests.

I feel that it is the duty of the WRA president to act solely in the interests of the women students of the university.

Cathy Tribe - yw president

I doubt if there are words to express how happy I am to run for the YWCA presidency. During the past three years the Y has become very important to me, not only as a place to meet and work with people, but as a place where we, in some small way, could help others.

Although the Y has accomplished a great deal, I hope it will do even more next year by providing a stronger Duckling Counseling and Freshman program, offering more service to the community, and by giving every girl who is interested an opportunity to participate in its program. I feel very fortunate to be running with Barbara, and I'm looking forward to working with her next year, regardless of the position I hold.

Mary Jordan - wra president

Basic to what I consider to be the Women's Recreational Association's purpose is that word 'recreation.' WRA has chosen the field of athletic activities—meaning anything from softball to square dancing to jacks—to center its recreation program upon. This program should be such that those participating became aware of the ideals of sportsmanship, etc., and even more important be administered so that all those participating get a maximum of satisfaction and enjoyment.

I feel plans for the coming year should begin with consideration and perhaps reorganization of both the freshman program and WRA house representatives system.

Judy McLoughlin - aws president

Jean Mauro - aws president

As president and vice president of the Associated Women Students we would work together to carry out a program designed to meet the needs and interests of the women of the University of Oregon. During the past year many purposeful projects were inaugurated which we would continue, along with the annual program of AWS.

Lastly, as a representative body of all the women on campus, the AWS cabinet should endeavor to achieve greater participation in activities and more efficient coordination of those activities as planned by the various women's organizations.

Political Wisdom



"Now, if this was spring term when fella's could vote, I wouldn't tell this silly Emerald a thing. I'd just give them my picture to run."

Petitions Wanted For Mothers' Day

Petitions for general chairman of Mother's Day to be held in conjunction with Junior Week-end late in spring term have been called for by Pat Dignan, ASUO president.

Deadline for the petitions is 5 p.m. next Tuesday, according to Dignan. They are to be handed in to the office of the ASUO president, Student Union 304.

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Selective Service Exams Scheduled

The Selective Service College Qualification test will be given April 23, selective service headquarters has announced. Application deadline for the test is March 9.

Applications and information about the test may be obtained at local board 13 in the Eugene Armory building. Results of the test will be reported to the student's local board for use in considering his deferment as a student, according to the education testing service, which prepares and administers the test.

Students planning to take the test must pick up the applica-

tion blanks in person from the Eugene board, according to the selective service headquarters.

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