



**Kathryn Vegso: Dean of Women**

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While the University provided financial assistance for students in the greater Akron area who didn't have the resources to attend college, we needed support and guidance. Luckily for women students, we had Kathryn Vegso.

What an excellent role model. I don't recall how I first met her, but I remember her positive outlook and expressive smile. Whether it was an academic or a personal problem, her door was always open. She advocated for female students. As advisor to Women's League, she made certain that the president of that organization was at the table whenever the president of Student Council (usually a male student) was

invited to meet with administration on an issue. As her interests shifted to adult education in the 1980s, she founded the University's Adult Resource Center, offering programs primarily for women entering or returning to the workforce. Her influence didn't stop with the University, though. She was co-founder of the Akron Women's Network, and among her many awards, she was named the 1983 Woman of the Year by the Akron Women's History Project.