Dear OK,

It was a pleasure to have you as a member last semester. We hope you have found your activities in the Badger Amateur Radio Society useful, and if you return in the fall, we hope you will again join us.

Whether you are returning or not, we are interested in your suggestions for improving the club. First, let us give you a preview of what is in store for this semester.

As you know, the club has been somewhat restricted in its activities because of the necessity to check out the one and only key during daytime hours, at times when it was inconvenient for some members to get to the EE Building. With this in mind, we are working on a new agreement whereby the key will be available at all hours, including weekends. We regret that keys cannot be issued to each member. Army regulations make this impossible. Until we can find a room of our own, we have no choice but to put up with this inconvenience. Until such time, we shall try to make the inconvenience as minimal as possible.

There are two changes in the Signal Corps staff for this year. Sgt. Hedrick has been replaced by a Sgt. Killker, and Maj. Winthrop has been replaced by a Capt. Selleck. Lt. Gassaway will return, and has been promoted. The new men have arrived, and appear to be most enthusiastic about the club.

We are planning to join Army MARS this semester. We have found that we stand an excellent chance of obtaining building materials for a proposed club rig in this way. For most of you, participation in MARS will not be necessary. This is only an attempt to get components for a transmitter which will be the club's own property. Besides being a necessary first step to getting our own room, this will afford those of you who are primarily interested in construction a chance to build up a KW transmitter with every imaginable refinement. Start dreaming up designs now! VHF men—Technician class licensees are being given two meters starting August 21. With this in mind, we have obtained several of the low-noise 417A amplifier tubes for use in VHF converters. A two meter converter is planned. We also have a 5-over-5 element 2 meter beam ready to go up. Also tentatively in the works are a half gallon and bigger beam for 6 meters, and a remote antenna switch to enable us to use low loss spaced feeders on the VHF antennas.

Other changes—Dues will probably be up to 41 per semester. At 50% we were running too close to the red. Some meetings will be held in the Union, to enable people living East of Park St. to get to meetings more easily. We are anticipating having a Traffic Mgr., a Contest Mgr., and an Awards Mgr. Anyone interested?

Now we want your ideas. Please note the attached questionnaire.