

# Tenant-landlord code stirs debate

By BILL ROEMERMAN  
Staff Writer

A sharp division appeared between landlords and tenants, Wednesday, at a public meeting of the Iowa City Housing Commission over the need for a tenant-landlord code in Iowa City.

Most representatives of the landlords seemed to agree that the proposed code would be too restrictive to property owners, and would drive their profits down, but tenant representatives at the meeting contended that the code was the only means available to put tenants in an equal bargaining position with the landlords.

The proposed tenant-landlord code which is being backed by the Protective Association for Tenants (PAT) would create a "tenant bill of rights," establish a seven person board to deal with tenant-landlord problems and create the position of commissioner of rental housing.

The code also provides for the establishment of rent controls, procedures for the return of damage deposits to tenants and procedures to handle tenant grievances against landlords.

Attorney Philip Leff, representing the Iowa City Landlord's Association, said the measure is not necessary at the city level because similar legislation is due to come before the Iowa Legislature.

"We should wait and see if the state legislation passes before we take any action at the local level," he said.

Leff said if the state legislation does not pass during this session, the city should still take no action because "the bill will cause considerable debate and is sure to come up again next session if it doesn't pass this one."

Leff claimed the proposed code gives an unfair advantage to tenants in disputes with their landlords. "The ordinance is too strong," he said. "It swings the pendulum in favor of the tenants." The ordinance would work a "severe economic hardship" on landlords, he said, citing a clause which would allow tenants to break a lease on 30 day's notice, and the harsh penalties for violation of the code (fines up to \$5,000 a day).

Leff said many of the landlord-tenant problems in Iowa City could be solved by the use of better leases.

Jim Ryan, 442 Wales, co-ordinator of PAT, denied that progress could be made by "simply encouraging landlords to use a better lease."

He said PAT has two "model leases," and has contacted local organizations representing landlords offering the leases for their inspection with little success.

According to Ryan the code "offers tenants

and landlords a chance to establish trust...not fear one another. Tenants deserve more rights, Ryan said, and "can no longer be written off just because they are students. They are taxpayers, and voters and deserve full rights."

Ryan claims the taxes renters pay indirectly through high rents, support the schools and municipal programs in Iowa City.

Michael Pill, a local lawyer and ex-PAT staff member, strongly supports the proposed law. "Present landlord-tenant law is the most ancient and antiquated Anglo-American law," he said. "We've got to bring the law in touch with reality."

Pill said promoting more favorable leases will not solve the renter's problem as he sees it in Iowa City, nor will it solve the problem landlords have with "bad tenants."

"The problem is with a few bad apples, both landlords, and tenants," Pill said. "The bad landlords who don't want to run a good service aren't going to give tenants a good lease, and a bad tenant isn't going to want to sign one."

He said the code would be good for the "honest" people involved, both landlords and tenants.

Pill has represented many tenants in law suits against their landlords.

A spokesman for the Iowa City Building Contractors Association said the code was not

needed because the "supply is starting to meet the demand" in apartments.

"A choice of apartments is now available, and new apartments are being constructed... any adverse legislation would disrupt steady growth," he said.

A representative of the Iowa City Board of Realtors said rent controls would seriously discourage investment in rental housing in Iowa City.

He said the code is "not worthy of consideration" as a city ordinance.

Bob Crane, president of the Iowa City Apartment Association said he doesn't believe there is a "decent housing problem" in Iowa City.

He said the lease presently used by the apartments under his management, similar to most leases used in Iowa City, was declared in a court decision last year to be a satisfactory lease.

Kingsly Clark, an Iowa City attorney, said he had worked on the case referred to by Crane, and that the court had not commented on the quality of the lease, although it had declined to substantially change it.

The Iowa City Housing Commission, which conducted the hearings has no legislative power, but can make recommendations concerning the code to the city council.



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## Charter committee learns of large campaign costs

By GARY JONES  
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The Iowa City Charter Committee received information from two of its members Wednesday that at least four of the candidates in the 1971 city council election had spent more than \$3,000 during the campaign.

Committee member Penny Davidson said she had learned from informants that three candidates had spent between \$3,000 and \$4,000 during the campaign. Robert Corrigan, also a committee member, suggested that Davidson's information was a "little low based on knowledge" he had of another candidate in the election who had lost.

Davidson said contributions to the local candidates averaged \$5 to \$25, and the financing appeared to have a "broad base."

The committee also questioned City Manager Ray Wells in the continuing series of appearances by council members and city officials.

Wells defended the city staff, which has come under some public criticism lately, and guessed that the present situation in which the staff has publically become a council-serving body other than council-serving is the result of a communication or image problem.

For an example Wells said, "In 1966 the council decided Iowa City needed a parking ramp. The papers were signed, and the staff was directed to develop a plan for the best ramp. Later, somehow, someone came to say 'gee, someone on the staff decided we needed a ramp.'"

Wells said he views the role of the city manager "as that of coordinating knowledge of many things. He must know where to find expertise and how to direct it."

The city manager said that to improve his job, the participation of citizens must be increased. He said he is "within three votes of losing his job every Tuesday (when the city council meets) and he couldn't understand how anyone in his position could ignore his responsibilities."

Wells said if President Nixon's Better Communities Act is passed would get more citizens involved "by changing priorities from the Federal to the local level."

"In the past," Wells said, "priorities have become the money that was available. Under the Better Communities Act which is essentially special revenue sharing, the money comes back in block form and the city would submit

priorities." Wells also expressed the need for additional legal counsel due to the amount and complexity of day-to-day city matters.

In response to a question about the election of the mayor, Wells said that a strong or weak mayor must be defined. "A strong mayor would be one with appointive and budget powers, and a weak, only veto powers," he said.

where it's at

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## Could affect salaries, tuition, grad students

# Roads threaten Regents' budget

By PAUL DAVIES  
Associate News Editor

Budget requests for the State Board of Regents will probably be cut "in the neighborhood of \$3 million" if the Iowa House of Representatives refuses to divert money from the state's roads to its general budget, the chairman of the House appropriations committee warned Wednesday.

Rep. Charles Grassley, (R-New Hartford), told The Daily Iowan that his comments were a strategic move to warn other legislators that "they'd better change their mind" on the road funds.

The House voted 57-41 three weeks ago in rejecting a bill which would permanently shift \$30 million in state sales tax revenues from the road use fund to the general fund.

Grassley noted that the shift is a key part in Gov. Robert Ray's budget recommendations for the 1973-75 biennium.

"I don't want to take a meat axe approach to the Regents' budget, but they will have to stand their fair share of the cutting" if the fund shift is not

made. Grassley was quoted as saying in earlier reports.

Grassley told the DI he hopes to get the \$30 million moved from roads to the general budget where Ray has it slated for "people programs," but "as

of today, I don't think the job can be done."

He said the changes in the Regents' budget would probably be:

—Cuts in employes' salary raises.

—Reductions in graduate student programs.

—Increases in tuition for out-of-state students.

The employes' salary increases, now slated for about a five per cent rise, is "the major item" that would be affected in the Regents' budget, Grassley said.

"I don't want to be drastic," he said. "I'm cognizant of the

poor competitive position that Iowa University is in" when seeking faculty members.

"I'd like to keep the five per cent level," Grassley said. He said, however, that the pay raises could be cut to "4.5 or four per cent to save money."

Larger pay raises could be given to Regents employes if the number is reduced, he said. "Maybe efforts ought to be made to cut the staff."

"In some departments we're having a fantastic decline in students" at the same time that the number of faculty members in those departments is climbing, Grassley said. He said he is still researching those departments and would not name them now.

### Enrollment

Enrollment is continuing to drop in the University of Iowa as a whole, he noted. Applications from new students for next fall "are running behind" the levels of last year and the year before, Grassley said.

The largest cuts in faculty

would be in the number of teaching assistants (TAs), although he realizes they are "really a cheap form of instruction for the taxpayers of Iowa," he said.

The TA program is related to graduate education, and "we ought to be putting less emphasis in that area," Grassley asserted. He said cuts in graduate students should be "very selective," not "across the board."

### Ph.D. degrees

Grassley said 333 Ph.D. degrees were awarded at UI last year—close to the number of two years ago, when university administrators told him that figure would decline. "I haven't seen that," he said.

He said studies have shown that demand for students with graduate degrees has gone down, but graduate school enrollment has not "reacted to

the job market as it should."

Grassley noted that UI's tuition rates for out-of-state students is the lowest in the Big Ten, and said that the three state universities have 10,000 out-of-state students.

Increasing their tuition by \$200 per year would raise tuition income for the Regents by \$2 million, he said.

"I assume we wouldn't lose any students" if tuition was increased by that amount because UI rates would still be the lowest out-of-state tuition fee in the Big Ten, Grassley said.

"We very definitely don't want to increase in-state tuition," Grassley stressed.

He said Iowa students have probably "not yet recovered" from large tuition increases in 1969, when rates for all undergraduate students at UI rose \$250.

## Several parcels in 5 blocks

# UI awaits approval on urban renewal land

By MIKE SCHILLING  
Staff Writer

University of Iowa students may be in for a long wait before the "barren dustbowl" to the south of the UI Main Library has grass on it.

According to Richard Gibson, UI facilities planning and utilization director, the university cannot grade and seed the land until it owns it.

Gibson explained that the "library plot" is one of several parcels of land in a five-block area of the Urban Renewal Project intended for university acquisition.

Gibson also explained that the university cannot buy the parcels of land until they have first been acquired by the Urban

Renewal Authority.

According to an urban renewal source, a part of the "library plot," marked 95-1 on the map, is owned by the Urban Renewal Authority. The university is presently negotiating with the authority for purchase of the land according to the source.

A second part of the "library plot," marked 95-2 on the map, is partially owned by the authority, the source said. Still unpurchased is the land on which the Hawkeye Shell Service Station sits and one other parcel, which includes a house.

Not until all of the "library plot" is acquired by the authority will the university make final plans for the use of the land Gibson said.

Gibson mentioned also that the university intends to purchase parcels of land near the Lindquist Center for Measurement for construction of a College of Education Building.

Gibson said the building will be used to consolidate that part of the College of Education still located outside of the Lindquist Center.

George Chambers, UI vice provost, said the proposed education building is on the list of capital requests for the upcoming biennium. UI Pres. Willard Boyd will present that list to a legislative appropriations committee Monday at 3 p.m. Chambers added that construction costs for the building will be more than \$4

million.

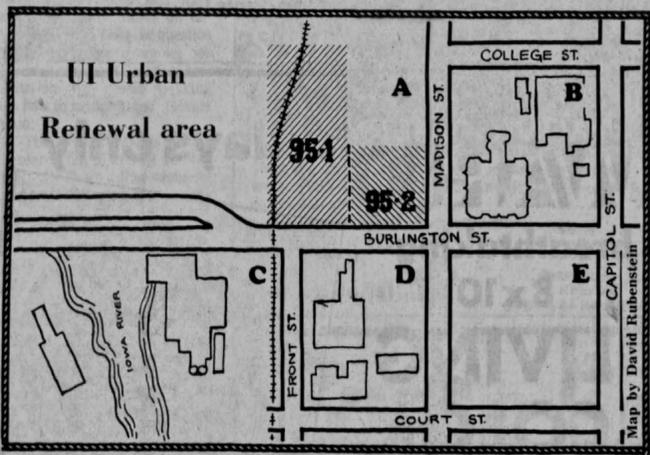
Even if funds for the new building are approved by the legislature and the Regents, actual construction may be held up according to one source, since neither the university nor the Urban Renewal Authority owns all the land on which the new building would stand. Six of the seven pieces of land on which the building would stand remain unpurchased, according to the source.

UI purchases of land in the five-block area will be concentrated on the "library plot" block and on land needed for the proposed education building, Gibson said, explaining that the university already owns 95 per cent of the land in blocks C and

D and block E has been unofficially reslated by the Urban Renewal Authority for commercial use of housing.

Gibson said that on the basis of reuse appraisals from 1967, the most the UI could spend in purchasing all the unowned lands in the four-block area (A thru D) would be \$376,200. However, he added, on the basis of present negotiations, he expects the university to spend less than that amount.

The five block urban renewal area intended for UI acquisition is bounded on the north by College Street, on the east by South Capitol, on the south by Court Street, and on the west by the Crandic Railroad and U.S. Highways 6 and 218.



Map by David Rubenstein

## in the news briefly

### Crime rate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Serious crime in the United States declined 3 per cent in 1972, the first such decrease in 17 years, the FBI said in its Uniform Crime Reports issued Wednesday.

However, it said, suburban area crime increased 2 per cent and forcible rape jumped 11 per cent.

### Rape

INDIANOLA, Iowa (AP) — Steve Patrick McKee, 25, of Des Moines was found guilty of rape and sentenced here Wednesday to 40 years in the men's reformatory in Anamosa.

### Vietnam

CAMP ALPHA, Vietnam (AP) — Nearly 2,000 American servicemen left Vietnam Wednesday without shouts, backslapping or cries of joy.

The soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who filed through Camp Alpha at Tan Son Nhut Air Base seemed blasé to the point of boredom about going home.

The final 2,500 are scheduled to leave Thursday, clearing Vietnam of the regular U.S. military establishment that has been here for more than a decade. But about 98,000 U.S. servicemen remain in Thailand, on Guam and at sea off Vietnam.

### Watergate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate's special Watergate investigating committee Wednesday reported it received a great deal of information

during 4½ hours of closed-door questioning of James W. McCord Jr. Sen. Howard H. Baker, Kr., R-Tenn., speaking for the committee, said that McCord had been cooperative but declined to disclose the substance of any of his testimony.

### NFO

CORNING, Iowa (AP) — A special emergency meeting of all Iowa farmers has been called by the National Farmers Organization (NFO) for Friday night in Des Moines.

W. W. Swain, public information officer for the NFO, said the purpose is to allow Iowa farmers to determine a course of action in light of the drastic price drops for hogs and cattle the last two days.

### Meat

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Cattle feeders and producers are reluctant to tie Wednesday's dip in beef prices directly to the threatened meat boycott by American housewives. A random sampling of some of the Midwest's

largest cattle producers placed more blame on the weather than next week's threatened boycott.

### Indians

WOUNDED KNEE, S.D. (AP) — Negotiations that looked hopeful for ending the siege at Wounded Knee apparently fell flat Wednesday amid a government claim of a power struggle among the occupying Indians and their attorney's statement that the report was a fabrication.

Meanwhile, Aaron DeSersa, an American Indian Movement member, said Marlon Brando was on his way here.

### Martha

NEW YORK (AP) — Martha Mitchell, wife of former U.S. Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell, says she believed someone was trying to make her husband "the goat" for the Watergate bugging scandal, the New York Times reported Wednesday.

The Times said Mrs. Mitchell telephoned the newspaper Tuesday, saying, "I fear for my

husband. I'm really scared. I have a definite reason. I can't tell you why.

"But they're not going to pin anything on him. I won't let them, and I don't give a damn who gets hurt. I can name names..."

"If you hear that I'm sick or can't talk, please, please, get your reporters out to find me," she said. "Somebody might try to shut me up."

### Cooler

Hare Krishna, newest Daily Iowan weather sage and second hand cousin of Merlin the Magician, descended to answer some serious metaphysical questions yesterday.

"How do you catch a chipmunk?" posed one disciple. "Climb tree and act like nut," mused the religious fanatic. "How do you make a frog talk?" inquired another. "Rub it, rub it," the Krishna testameted.

Realizing he was losing his audience quicker than a toad causes warts, Krishna left this sage advice: "Mad elephant, wading through the sea, leaves no tracks..." And a threat of showers today, with it getting cool (50s) today and tonight (30s). Probably cloudy Friday.

# postscripts

## School trip

A model elementary school in Cherry Creek, Colo., will be visited by 30 Iowa City parents, educators, and school children next week.

The group consists of 15 third through sixth graders, four principals, two mothers and nine teachers. The group will leave for Cherry Creek by car on April 2 and return to Iowa City on Apr. 7.

## Watts concert

Pianist Andre Watts will perform for a capacity audience at Hancher Auditorium April 6 in the final event of the opening Concert Series season.

The 8 p.m. concert, postponed from January, will honor all tickets sold prior to the January concert date with no exchanges required.

## Last day

Friday is the last day to drop courses this semester for Liberal Arts, Engineering, and Pharmacy students.

Students in these colleges must turn in their completed drop-add slips to the Registrar by 4:30 p.m. Friday. The Registrar's Office, B-1 Jessup Hall, is open 8:30 a.m. until noon, and 1 until 4:30 p.m.

## Free jazz

The University of Iowa's Jazz Bands have scheduled their annual spring concert for Friday at Clapp Recital Hall.

The free concert will feature the Stage Band, the Jazz Combo and the Jazz Lab Band.

## Refocus

Refocus, an exhibition of photographs made by students in 50 colleges and universities across the country, will be shown at the Iowa Memorial Union, with three schools presenting vignettes of the photography programs on their campuses.

Featured speakers will include Benno Friedman, a freelance photographer from Boston, and Jerry Stephany, who will speak on "How We Are Our Images," April 6 at 8 p.m. at the Union.

## Health care

Alumni of the College of Nursing graduate program in the nursing of children will join the present students of the program in presenting a clinical conference, March 30-31, pertaining to the health care of children.

Twenty-six of the 29 graduates of the program and 13 students currently enrolled will discuss their work with children and evaluate the graduate program.

## Chicanos

A conference designed to increase public awareness of the human needs of Chicanos in Iowa will be sponsored by University of Iowa Chicano Indian-American Student union, April 13 and 14.

Jose Angel, Gutierrez, national chairman of La Raza Unida—the national Chicano political party, is scheduled to deliver the keynote address, "The Chicano on the Eve of American Century III," at a luncheon April 14.

The speakers, workshops, films, music, cultural exhibits and a theater production will highlight activities for the "Chicano '73 in Iowa" conference.

Registration forms are available from the center for Conference and Institutes.

## Recycling

The University of Iowa recycling dumpster that had been located near Daum Hall has been permanently removed, according to UI recycling officials.

The officials Thursday asked persons who recycled newspapers in the Daum location to now place the paper in the N. Capitol St. dumpster, behind Burge Hall.

According to a recycling spokesperson, the Daum dumpster was "not easily accessible to being emptied" by personnel.

"Please don't leave papers where the Daum dumpster was," he cautioned.

## Bartel

Attorneys will meet Friday in an attempt to find a new way to take the challenge to the election of Supervisor Richard Bartel directly to district court.

Iowa law provides for the challenge to be heard by a special "contest court" composed of the chairman of the board of supervisors, a person appointed by the person challenged, and one appointed by the challenger.

The meeting was suggested by Bartel's Cedar Rapids attorneys after the Iowa Supreme Court denied Bartel's request that it consider overturning a Johnson County District Court refusal to stop the challenge proceedings.

Bartel's November election to the board of supervisors was challenged by defeated Republican candidate P. C. Walters, who contends Bartel's alleged criminal record disqualifies him from holding office.

## Campus notes

today, March 29

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE**—The Christian Science weekly reading and testimony will be held at 6:45 p.m. in Danforth Chapel. All are welcome.

**ALPHA KAPPA PSI**—AKP will meet at 7:30 p.m.; pledges in the IMU Northwestern Room, actives in Michigan Room.

**JESUS**—Discussion on "Jesus the Radical" for Internationals will meet at 8 p.m. in Rm. 5345, Currier.

For information, call Chris Fan at 337-2846.

tomorrow, March 30

**CIVIL SERVICE**—The Federal Service Entrance Exam will be given at 1 p.m. in the IMU Lucas Dodge Room. Pick up test booklet at the Post Office or IMU Placement Office before exam.

**INTERNATIONAL TEA**—The International Tea and Discussion will meet at 7 p.m. in the Wesley House Music Room. All are welcome. For more information, call Corwin Smidt at 338-5140.

# New manager of Hulk named

By DEB JONES  
Staff Writer

Present Iowa Student Agencies (ISA) general manager Dave Chard, B4, 702 20th Ave. No. 3, will replace Mark Rausch, 719½ 13th Ave., Coralville, as Hulk manager in two weeks.

Rausch's term as manager, which began in September, was plagued by problems which included a lawsuit filed against him by a former Hulk employee alleging he and the ISA board had slandered her.

### Resigns

According to ISA president Michael Tribby, A3 313 N. Dubuque, these problems culminated in Rausch tendering his resignation to the ISA board Wednesday.

ISA did not solicit applicants generally because the vacancy needed to be filled rapidly because of the volume of business the bar does at this time of year, Tribby said. He explained that it would have taken too long to interview a lot of applicants.

### Applications

The position of general manager of ISA is now open and applications are being accepted for it, Tribby said.

One other applicant, Scott Ivie, A3, 1424 Laurel St., was considered and interviewed for the position.

Present employees of the Hulk were not considered for the job because they must be students and students don't have enough time for the managerial job, Tribby said.

Chard said he was for all practical purposes finished with school at this time.

### Improve Hulk

Chard indicated at the ISA board meeting Wednesday that he wanted the job because he has worked on improving the Hulk all year in his position as general manager and he wants to prove that it can make a profit.

Chard outlined six major improvements he plans to make in the Hulk's operation for the ISA board.

He indicated that there will be a "new employee attitude" and job duties will be described and clarified for each position.

Second, he said, will be a thorough clean-up job in the Hulk.

Records will be kept completely and accurately and a mass advertising campaign to attract all types of clientele will be started.

Chard also said he would standardize—a word he said that was unfamiliar at the Hulk—the pizzas and improve delivery of them.

Finally, specials such as dime beer, free cheese and peanuts should be instituted, according to Chard.

### Commitment

Chard said he has a graduate school commitment and would have to leave the Hulk about Aug. 15. He indicated that this would be a good time since the lease on the Hulk building expires on that date.

Tribby said ISA was holding open the possibility of not renewing the lease at the time.

Ivie said he couldn't guarantee how long he would stay in the job. Chard said this time he plans to keep the present employees of the Hulk.

### Voted

Four board members voted in favor of Chard's hiring with his fiancée, Deb Freundl, A4, 522 N. Clinton, abstaining.

In other action Wednesday, the board voted to put ISA Lecture Notes manager Stu Cross, 1100 Arthur, back on an hourly wage of \$2.50 instead of his present monthly rate of \$150.

Cross said other work and personal problems had caused him to spend less than his average 11-13 hours a week on the job recently and he did not object to being put on a wage equal to that of his two assistant managers.

### Tour

Plans were also made for some members of the board to go to the Pickett's Brewery in Dubuque for a tour on Saturday. ISA was invited by Pickett's which hopes to get a contract for the Wheelroom.

# 'Business booms' for student legal services

By MARY WALLBAUM  
Student Affairs Writer

More than 400 students have contacted Student Legal Services (SLS) this academic year with legal problems ranging from consumer protection to possession of controlled substances, according to Sylvia Lewis, L2, SLS legal worker.

"More and more students are coming in each month with legal questions and problems. As we increase our services and have expanded office space, students have become aware of us and have increased utilizing our services," said Sherri Jenkins, L3, SLS director.

Although SLS has existed for two years, this is the first year legal workers have been permitted to handle court cases. Jenkins said she did not know the number of court actions in which SLS has represented students, but she said the number is growing.

Jenkins added that she hopes the number of actual court cases handled by SLS continues to increase because this type of activity not only helps students but is an educational experience

for the staff.

Presently SLS has seven legal workers, all law students. "We view ourselves as a service for students who have legal problems and nowhere else to go," Jenkins said.

Although legal aids service is free to students, they must show financial need to receive extended aid, Jenkins said.

SLS policy limits the scope of cases legal workers can handle, including trusts and estates, tax problems, felonies and indictable and simple misdemeanors when a court appointed attorney is not available.

If legal workers cannot take a case, students are referred to local attorneys, or university and community service organizations, Jenkins said.

In cases resulting in court action, Jenkins said SLS workers can represent the student if the court does not appoint an attorney. Attorney J. Eric Heintz supervises legal action undertaken by SLS workers in court, she said.

SLS offers students with three types of services, according to Jenkins.

A majority of the students

who contact the office request some type of legal advice. In these matters, we urge self-help, telling students where to find legal answers and reporting the results to legal workers who then can help students further on the matter if necessary, she said.

"This increases student knowledge of the law and helps them learn where to go to find out legal rights," she said.

In addition to on-going court cases, SLS provides preventative advice for persons who may be contemplating an action that is legal, she said.

Stressing all legal aid provided by SLS is confidential, Jenkins said they ask students not to phone in for advice, but rather come in and ask questions in person. Personal interaction provides more complete legal help, she said.

Although she said SLS workers have handled or advised every legal type of question and problem, most of the cases involve consumer protection, such as financing and loans, misrepresentation in contracts and contracts signed by minors.

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"You cannot challenge for a da It is a vocation, accept the fact t never win. Peac are not solely achi concluded Small.

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### Congestion

Pedestrians at the corner of Washington and Madison are quite often confronted with heavy traffic making their trek across the intersection, a hazardous one. Council members tentatively approved money for stop lights last summer, however, no lights have as yet been installed.

Photo by Tappy Phillips

## Mississippi floods farms; some forced to flee homes

The rising Mississippi River flooded thousands of acres of farmland and forced some people to flee their homes as the river crest moved slowly downstream Wednesday, posing a threat to levees and lowlands. The river crested and started to fall at Hannibal Wednesday, but the National Weather Service predicted a 37.5-foot crest at St. Louis Thursday and 40.5 feet at Cape Girardeau Tuesday — 7.5 feet above flood stage at St. Louis and 8.5 feet above at Cape Girardeau.

The Army Corps of Engineers said the most critical spot along the river in Missouri appeared to be at Old Monroe, where hundreds of volunteers worked through the day sandbagging a secondary levee along the Cuyvre River.

The primary levee broke early in the week, and the secondary levee was the only thing left between the river and 2,700 acres of farmland and about 600 residents near Old Monroe. With sandbags stacked two feet high atop the levee, water was lapping at the top Wednesday afternoon.

"We are having a record flood now. We're higher than the 1947 flood, which local people

remember as the biggest ever," said Richard Nieman, resident engineer for the Corps of Engineers.

"As of now, we're holding our own. Barring any further rain, we should be all right," Nieman said of the situation at Old Monroe.

The Mississippi topped the Elsberry annex levee, about 15 miles north of Old Monroe, Wednesday and flooded the 3,750-acre Clarence Cannon Wildlife Refuge. The Corps of Engineers said the main levee at Elsberry, however, was holding.

In southeastern Missouri, about 150 families in east Mississippi County were forced out of their homes in the area between Birds Point and New Madrid, south of Cairo, Ill.

Various sources estimated there were 70,000 acres of low-lying farmland under water in Mississippi County. The flooding occurred when rising river water backed through a 1,500-foot gap at the end of a levee near New Madrid.

The East Prairie Housing Authority opened 27 of its housing units to evacuated families.

Meanwhile, the Corps of Engineers moved its emergency flood watch office from Cairo to Wyatt, Mo., just southwest of Birds Point.

Board rejects teacher proposal

The Professional Negotiations Committee (PNC) of the Iowa City Education Association (ICEA) issued a formal statement Wednesday night after board of education officials refused the teacher group's latest proposal.

Carrie Shelton, president of ICEA, released the statement which says the school board's education management team (EMT) has recommended that the board of education approve a proposal unacceptable to the ICEA PNC.

The Iowa City Center for Peace and Justice, a community service organization, began operations Tuesday under the coordination of John D. Govert.

"We plan on acting as a catalyst, bringing professors, government officials and people together; people who are already convinced and have made up their minds on different issues. Take the question of amnesty for example; we could have a week of reconciliation with people speaking on how to bridge gaps," Govert said.

"The work is going to include research but it will not overlap ISPIRG. There will be studies of the draft and questions over the whole point of being, to get people to intelligently discuss and realize that peace is in them, not just Nixon," Govert said.

Proposed activities for the organization include: a consciousness raising on various issues relating to world peace, the development of a liaison with local and regional peace activities and projects, and the initiation of action projects on various issues relating to world peace.

Projects for the next six months include the Selective Service System, amnesty, POW and MIA concerns, defense spending and consumer education.

"The idea of peace and justice are not things you achieve, rather, they are goals that unfold. At the legislative standpoint it is a constant struggle and effort to work toward achieving peace and justice," Art Small, representative to the Iowa House of Representatives said.

"You cannot accept this challenge for a day or a month. It is a vocation. You have to accept the fact that you may never win. Peace and justice are not solely achieved by law," concluded Small.

The opening ceremonies for the center included religious readings by Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish pastors, followed by an activist for peace and justice.

### AIM supports Oscar refusal

# Brando going to Wounded Knee

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Marlon Brando, who spurned an Academy Award because of the movie world's treatment of American Indians, was reported to be en route to the embattled reservation village of Wounded Knee, S.D., Wednesday.

Brando sent a young woman to the Oscar ceremonies Tuesday night to reject his Academy Award for best actor in the movie "The Godfather."

Sacheen Littlefeather, who said she was president of the Native Americans Affirmative Image Committee, told the stunned audience in the Los Angeles Music Center that Brando was refusing the Oscar because of Hollywood's image of Indians in films and television "and because of recent happenings at Wounded Knee."

Brando nor Littlefeather could be located Wednesday. Nothing could be learned immediately about Littlefeather's organization.

Telephone calls to Brando's home were greeted with a recorded message: "This may sound silly, but I'm not here. Just leave your name and number..."

In Rapid City, S.D., Aaron DeSersa of the American Indian Movement said Wednesday that Brando was en route to Wounded Knee. DeSersa added the actor's refusal of the Oscar "certainly made me feel good. It couldn't have been a better show of support for American Indian conditions in this country."

Militant Indians have occupied Wounded Knee since Feb. 27. The village is surrounded by federal law enforcement officers, and gunfire between the Indians and the lawmen has been frequent and heavy. Negotiations among AIM, reserva-

tion Indians and the Departments of the Interior and Justice continue.

Littlefeather told a news conference after the awards presentation that she felt Brando's rejection of one of the film industry's highest honors was necessary because "they have made savages of the Indian and this is unjust."

The local Indian Center said Littlefeather lives in the San Francisco area and once was employed by a radio station. The center said her married name was Maria Rubio.

Many of the guests at the Board of Governors Ball after the Oscar ceremony Tuesday night criticized Brando's action. "It shows you don't have to be an intellectual to be a good actor," remarked Gregory Peck, an Oscar winner and former president of the Motion Picture Academy.

"I don't think he was very gracious, and I don't think it will do the Indians any good. If he wanted to make a gesture, he should have sent them a percentage of his profits from 'The Godfather' and 'Last Tango in Paris.'"

However, producer Al Ruddy, whose film "The Godfather" won the Oscar for best picture, said: "Marlon spoke his conscience, and I can't criticize him for that."

Brando's statement in part: "For 200 years we have said to the Indian people who are fighting for their land, their life, their families and their right to be free, 'Lay down your arms, my friends, and then we will remain together. Only if you lay down your arms, my friends, can we talk of peace and come to an agreement which will be good for you.'"

"When they laid down their arms, we murdered them. We

lied to them, we cheated them out of their lands..."

"Perhaps at this moment you are saying to yourselves, what the hell does all this have to do with the Academy Awards? ... I think the answer ... is that the

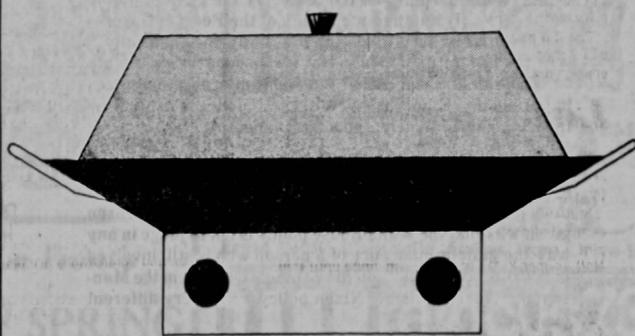
motion picture community has been as responsible as any for degrading the Indian and making a mockery of his character ..."

"It's hard enough for children to grow up in this world. When

Indian children watch television ... and see their race depicted as they are in films, their minds become injured in ways we can never know ..."

Brando won an Oscar in 1954 for "On the Waterfront."

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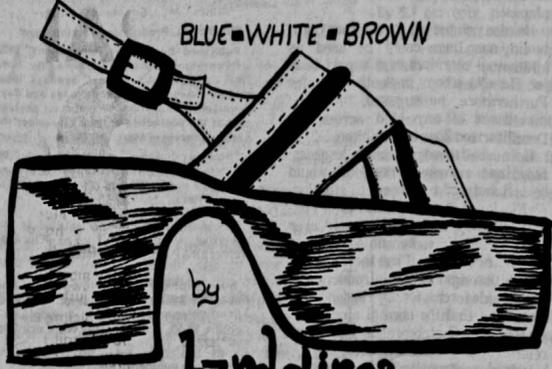
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