

City finances need planning

By MARIA LAWLER

Staff Writer

The city must encourage new construction to increase its tax base or pursue a financial austerity program until urban renewal buildings can be put on the tax rolls, the chairman of the local Board of Review for assessments said Thursday.

Board Chairman Noel Willis pointed out that some buildings constructed under urban renewal will be in the tax base as early as 1977, but that the major construction project, the two-square block enclosed shopping mall, will not be added to the tax base until 1982.

In his annual report to the City Council, Willis warned that if the city wants to increase spending it cannot, as it has in the past, depend on increasing assessments of homes and apartment buildings.

"Residential assessments will make up

three fourths of the city's tax base by the end of this calendar year," he said.

Willis is the executive partner of Willis, Power and Associates, a major Iowa City architectural firm.

The city could have substantially added to its tax base two years ago, Willis said, by approving a request to rezone 32 acres for a \$10 million shopping center near the Sycamore Street Mall. The rezoning was unanimously turned down by the City Council.

The city lost a million dollars off its tax roll this year, Willis said, because of the demolition of buildings in the downtown business district due to urban renewal.

The four categories upon which the tax base rests — residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural property are all being taxed to their limit, Willis said.

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Because of the lack of development of commercial buildings, Willis said, the major burden for the city's tax base falls disproportionately on owners of homes and apartment buildings.

"You are not going to be able to expect residents to carry more of the share in the future for the city's tax base because people owning homes in this city are up against their limit to maintain them," Willis said.

The average split level home in this city was assessed at \$27,500 in 1973, Willis said. The same home now is assessed at between \$38,000 and \$41,000, he said. The assessments rose in 1973 and 1974 to keep pace with rising market values of Iowa City homes.

The tax bill for such a home has risen from \$935 a year for 1973 to \$1,254 by the end of this year, Willis said.

"People who are on a tight budget already because of the current economic conditions of this country are not going to be able to afford this \$300 increase," Willis said. He added that if the tax base does not increase by the next city assessment, in 1978, the city will again have to raise the homeowners assessments.

Assessments on Iowa City homes and apartment buildings have gone up 35 to 36 per cent since 1973, Willis said. Landlords have raised rents to compensate for the higher property assessments, Willis said. "They will continue to raise rental rates as long as assessments go up in this city," he added. Five hundred people protested their assessments last year.

People just didn't realize the values of their homes, particularly those owning homes ten years or older," Willis said.

Weather

The weekend forecast calls for clear to slightly cloudy skies during the day, continued very warm temperatures, more humid conditions, widely scattered afternoon and evening showers, and highs in the low 90s. Whew!

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In selecting jury . . .

Race attitudes probed

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — The judge hearing the trial of Joan Little, the black woman accused of murdering white jailer, allowed defense attorneys to probe racial attitudes as jury selection continued Thursday in Superior Court.

Judge Hamilton Hobgood also permitted questions about personal beliefs on such matters as interracial marriage.

After four days the trial panel included two young white women, a black woman in her 40s, two young white men and a 57-year-old black janitor.

Miss Little, 21, from Washington, N.C., is charged with first-degree murder in the icepick stabbing of Clarence Alligood, 62, a white part-time jailer at the Beaufort County jail. Conviction of murder carries a mandatory death sentence in North Carolina.

Miss Little contends she stabbed Alligood while he was attempting to rape her. Alligood's pants were about his ankles when the body was found in the jail cell.

The prosecution used the fifth of its nine peremptory challenges Thursday to excuse another black from the panel. De-

fense attorney Jerry Paul rose to note that the state had used all such challenges to remove blacks.

Hobgood excused a white male at defense request after the man said fear that his family might be harassed could make him less than fair to Ms. Little. He

said he was disturbed by statements by a Black Panther leader that the group would take the law in its hands if Miss Little was convicted.

Racial attitudes and personal feelings about capital punishment have been major issues in the selection of jurors.



Lunch recess

Karen Galloway leaves the Wake County Courthouse for a bite to eat.

During the lunch recess of her murder trial, Joan Little (right) and her attorney

jail no woman in America should feel comfortable."

McGinnis and Kelly said racism in North Carolina would prevent Little from receiving a fair trial (Little is black and Alligood was white).

"I think the case exemplifies the faults of Ameri.ca," McGinnis said, citing the possible sexist and racist elements of the trial.

He added, "She won't get a fair case unless she's tried by her peers." The trial was moved from Beaufort County to Raleigh, in Wake County, but a request to move the trial to another state was denied.

So far, two white women, one white man and one black woman have been selected for the jury. The state has already rejected five other prospective black jurors and at least one prospective white juror.

Kelly said the controversy that Little's case has generated in North Carolina is creating a dangerous climate for her trial.

"It isn't safe for Joan Little to be incarcerated," while on trial, Kelly said.

Kelly feels the case challenges the "racist and sexist" penal and judicial systems of North Carolina and the rest of the country. This she said, has set up a tense climate in which to hold the trial.

According to Kelly this atmosphere of tension is responsible for "goof-ups" in the case. She mentioned misplacement of evidence, such as Alligood's clothing, as an example of possible "sabotage."

The Little case, according to Kelly, also brings into question the basic form and content of rape laws in the country. Rape laws are so general, she said, that they are interpreted on many different levels, making them ineffective. She labeled present rape legislation "homemade law."

Although neither WRAC nor the BSU are currently planning any specific activities to support Little's case, both organizations have been trying to inform people of the case through newsletters and speeches. Both have encouraged people to contribute to Little's defense fund, sponsored locally by the BSU and other black organizations.

Many help in rescue

By JOAN TITONE
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The Coralville Police Department, the Iowa City Police Department and the Johnson County Sheriff's Office effected a search and rescue operation on the Iowa River bank near the old Coralville power dam at approximately 6 p.m. Thursday.

Earlier in the evening a 24-year-old woman had been found by her teen-age brother on the banks of the river not far from the dam. The woman had apparently taken an overdose of drugs.

Her brother found her unconscious on a sandy stretch of beach not far from the edge of the river. When his efforts to revive her proved unsuccessful, he went across the river to telephone for help. When he returned five minutes later, his sister was gone.

She had left a message written in the sand saying that her brother could have her car. There were footprints found leading into the water, but none leading out.

In an initial check of the area, Coralville Police Officer Charles Stubbs found a prescription bottle belonging to the woman. The prescription, dated July 17, was for 50 Elavil pills. Elavil is often used to treat depression. Stubbs said he found 33 pills and estimated that the woman had taken 17 of them.

Local law enforcement units were gathered at the scene ready to search the area, but a report was received saying that the woman had been sighted walking on the riverbank about a mile upstream from where her brother had left her.

The woman was found by her brother

and sister and three Coralville policemen. A policeman in off-duty clothes with a love emblem on his denim jacket asked her how she was doing. The woman looked at the policeman and then at her brother.

"Don't buy any white crosses (speed) off of these guys," she wisecracked.

Two women sitting on the riverbank offered to take her and the policemen across the river in their rowboat to the waiting ambulance. The policemen said no, they'd wait for the rescue boat from the Coralville Fire Department.

The Fire Department's motorboat arrived about five minutes later.

The policemen took her down the riverbank to the waiting rescue boat, reasoning with her.

"We'll have a party tonight," her brother said, to no one in particular.

Suit filed against Epstein

By MARY SCHNACK
Staff Writer

Iowa City Police Officer Daniel F. Moore Thursday filed a \$100,000 lawsuit in Johnson County District Court against Public Safety Director David Epstein. Epstein was charged both as a public official and as an individual.

In the petition, filed for Moore by his attorney, R. Fred Dumbaugh of Cedar Rapids, Moore charges that Epstein's conduct — including his failure to prevent a one-day suspension of Moore and his transferring of Moore to a different shift — caused him to suffer mental and emotional pain, anguish, grief and humiliation as well as actual damages.

Moore contends that Epstein also caused damage to his reputation as a police officer and injury to his esteem, respect, good will and confidence he is entitled to as a police officer.

The background for Moore's charges comes from what he has referred to as the "great bicycle caper," which occurred Nov. 6, 1974. On or before Nov. 5, 1974, the petition states, Epstein alleged that Moore "publicly criticized or defied the Iowa City Police Department's rules and regulations pertaining to the enforcement of the bicycle laws and regulations of the city..."

At that time Moore was assigned to the intersection of Iowa and Gilbert streets to enforce bicycle rules and regulations. Moore said in his suit that Epstein made this assignment "directly or proximately" because of Moore's public criticism or defiance of the department.

On Nov. 6, 1974 Moore apprehended a 12-year-old girl for operating an unregistered bicycle. Moore was told by the police

department's radio dispatcher to bring the offender to the station. The petition states the order was originally given by Epstein.

The petition then goes on to state that because of apprehending and delivering the 12-year-old, Moore was suspended and relieved of all duties by Emmet E. Evans, who was then the police chief, for a period of one day without pay effective Nov. 11, 1974. The petition alleges that Epstein "maliciously failed to rescind or prevent the suspension . . . from taking effect."

On Nov. 7, 1974, Moore alleges in the petition, he was threatened by Epstein with a transfer and loss of job if he continued to criticize and defy the rules and regulations of the police department.

On Jan. 8, 1975 the Iowa City Civil Service Commission upheld Moore's suspension. But Jan. 13, Epstein rescinded the suspension stating that new evidence "presents a reasonable doubt in your (Moore's) favor."

Moore contends in the petition that the rescission was caused by his announced intention to appeal the Civil Service Commission's decision to district court.

On June 11, Moore and two other Iowa City police officers, Danny K. Sellers and Leonard A. Brandrup Jr., lost their case for a temporary injunction against their June 3 shift transfers. Moore was transferred from the 3-11 p.m. shift to the 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift.

The shift transfer was again mentioned in Moore's suit Thursday. The petition stated the "said shift change was directly caused by Moore's alleged criticism and defiance of the rules and regulations . . . as

well as continued altercations with Epstein."

The petition concludes by stating that the actions of Epstein "were conducted arbitrarily, capriciously, willfully and maliciously, while under pretense of acting in his official capacity, with the express purpose of punishing and oppressing" Moore. It further states that Epstein's conduct was "outrageous, unreasonable, intentional and malicious."

Moore is asking for special and exemplary damages in the amount of \$100,000 with interest from the date of filing (Thursday) at 7 per cent per annum, together with reasonable attorney fees and the costs of the action.

Moore said he had no comment on the case. Epstein could not be reached for comment.

Weekend jubilee

in Coralville Park

By VANCE HORNE

Staff Writer

The Coralville Jubilee — a combination carnival and town fair — will take place this Saturday and Sunday, with most of the events occurring at Morrison Park on 5th St., near the Coralville City Hall.

The Coralville Chamber of Commerce has arranged for the Coralville Transit System to operate all its buses free of charge Saturday to encourage people to go to the Jubilee.

The main attraction will be the hot air balloon races 7-10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, with more than 20 balloons

scheduled to compete. From 5-7 p.m. on both days the balloonists will also perform free-flying exercises.

At 2 p.m. Sunday there will be a 50 car demolition derby, with a purse of \$1,000. Free buses will run from Morrison Park to the derby site.

Other Jubilee events will include midway rides, an antique show, an auction of merchandise donated by Coralville merchants, a talent contest, a kiddy parade, auto and farm machine exhibits, Scottish caber tossing, free watermelon at 7 p.m. Sunday, and fireworks and displays on both Saturday and Sunday nights.

Caber, anyone? At right UI student Steve Russell, E3, launches a 20 ft., 100-plus lbs. wooden pole as he trains for a caber toss exhibition he and three of his "pupils" will be participating in Saturday and Sunday at the Coralville Jubilee.

The caber toss is a Scottish feat-of-

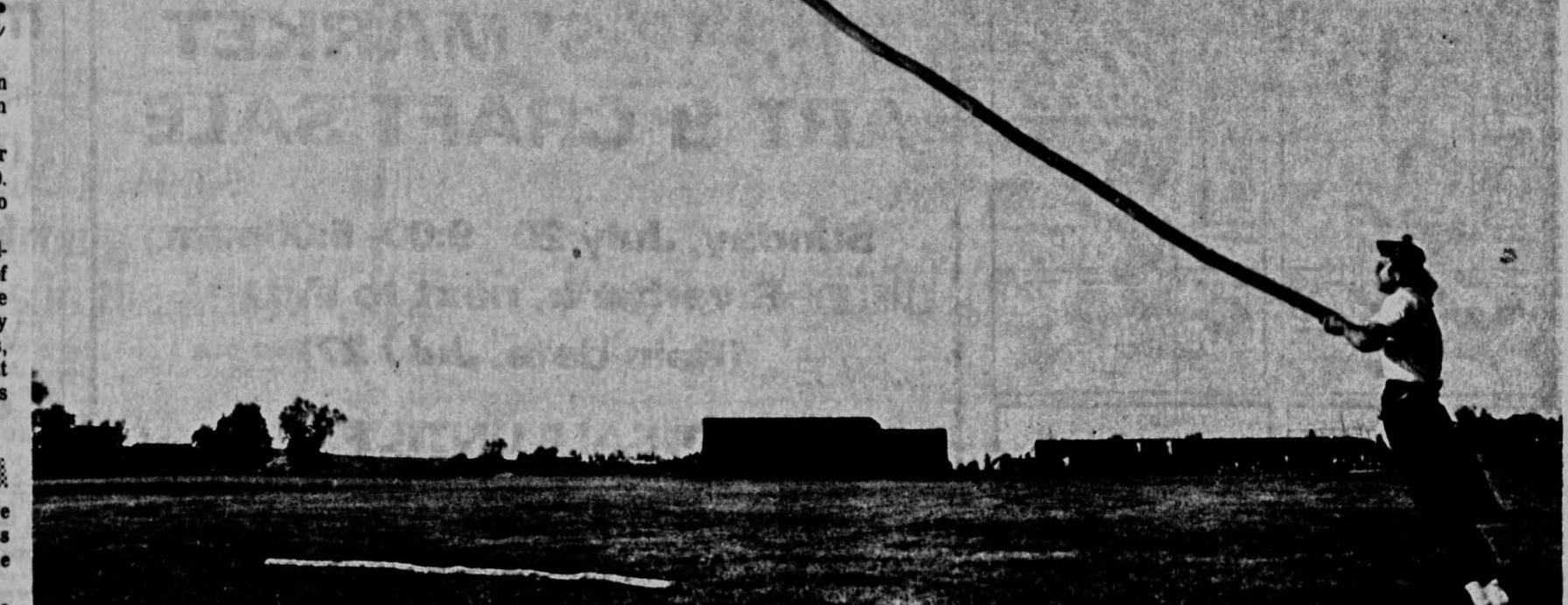


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Daily Digest

Soviets buy more wheat

The Agriculture Department confirmed another U.S.-Soviet wheat deal on Thursday and there were rumors of additional sales of millions of tons of grain.

The transactions would involve only a small fraction of the expected 1975 American harvests and government officials say they would not cause any sharp increase in food prices. The sales drew support from farm groups and scattered opposition in Congress.

The USDA announcement of the completion of the sale of 1.2 million metric tons of wheat — about 44½ million bushels — came as Canada announced its own deal with the Russians.

There are unconfirmed rumors of negotiations for the sale by another U.S. company of 5 million tons of corn and barley.

Opposition to the deals came from U.S. Rep. James Weaver, D-Ore., who circulated a letter saying, "We should not give the Russians — who are monopoly buyers — first crack at our food supply." He said the Soviet buy could double or triple the price of wheat and corn.

It was not known how much the Russians paid, but the 3.2 million tons of wheat would be worth about \$475 million at current prices.

No males for sale



Despite charges of prostitution brought against Frederick E. Doane Sr. of Brockton, Mass., the alleged criminal was acquitted Wednesday. His case was dropped on the basis of sex.

The crime of prostitution can be committed only by women, the judge said.

Congress' veto fails

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Democratic-controlled Senate Interior Committee took the first step Thursday to block the heart of President Ford's plan for higher energy prices.

On a 9-5 party-line vote, the committee approved and sent to the full Senate a resolution rejecting Ford's proposal to increase the controlled price of domestic oil over the next 30 months.

In other energy developments:

— The House prepared to pass and send a bill to Ford, who will probably veto it, that would roll back the price of 40 per cent of U.S.-produced oil by about \$1 a barrel, to \$11.28.

— Executives of seven giant oil companies denied in testimony before two Senate subcommittees that they had created a gasoline shortage to force up prices.

In a sometimes acrimonious session, the oil executives said there is no shortage of gasoline. Most indicated their companies are actually absorbing, at least for the time being, cost increases that in normal times would be passed along to the consumer.

To a man, the oil executives urged Congress to eliminate federal controls that have held down the price of most U.S. oil. Some urged controls be removed immediately; others endorsed Ford's decontrol plan.

Nixon ordered to testify

WASHINGTON (AP) — Richard M. Nixon was ordered Thursday to give testimony before lawyers seeking access to White House papers and tapes accumulated while he was president.

A special three-judge court said lawyers for columnist Jack Anderson have the right to take an oral deposition from Nixon at or near his home in San Clemente, Calif., within the next 10 days.

"Such a deposition is appropriate and necessary in the circumstances of this case," the brief order said.

Nixon testified before two Watergate grand jurors for 11 hours more than three weeks ago.

While that testimony involved criminal investigations by the Special Watergate Prosecutor's Office, Thursday's order involves a tangled court fight over millions of White House documents and thousands of hours from the Oval Office taping system.

Rail talks hit impasse

WASHINGTON (AP) — Railroad labor talks broke down Thursday on the verge of a settlement, but the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks agreed to postpone its strike deadline one week to July 28.

The union had threatened to walk out at 12:01 a.m. Monday but agreed to the postponement at the request of W.J. Usery Jr., President Ford's top labor troubleshooter, who tried during a 19-hour bargaining session to bridge the relatively narrow differences separating union and industry negotiators from a contract agreement.

DOONESBURY

by Garry Trudeau



Supervisors refuse answers

Citizen questions Embree issue

By LARRY PERL
Staff Writer

The question came up again Thursday of why Johnson County Supervisors Robert Burns and Lorada Cilek have refused to approve the hiring of Caroline Embree as county deputy auditor.

The source of this query, however, was not Richard Bartel. He is taking a break from board duty to allow the other two supervisors to resolve the Caroline Embree issue "responsibly, on their own, without me there agitating them."

Burns and Cilek didn't raise the question. Neither one wants to say much, in case the matter should go to court. They say only that Embree puts too much unnecessary material in the board's minutes.

Now was it Embree's curiosity. She says simply that her minutes provide a good record of what goes on in board sessions, and that it is a waste of the taxpayers' money for the supervisors to hire separate legal counsel to take the issue to court.

It wasn't County Auditor Dolores Rogers either. Embree was hired by Rogers in the first place and then kept on as temporary help when Burns and Cilek refused her appointment. Rogers is currently on vacation.

And it wasn't Assistant County Attorney Patrick White, the board's usual legal counsel. Burns and Cilek say White shouldn't be involved in the Embree issue because it hampers the accomplishment of his other county business.

This time it was the fresher voice of Ann Mutchler, a beautician who owns a shop in her home at 1219 Kirkwood Ave. and who is not a public official.

"I have access to people's comments," she said Thursday. "I hear all this stuff on the news about the board not approving Caroline Embree. Then my customers come in and say that something should be done one way or another, and that some ex-

planations should be given. That's why I came before the board today."

Mutchler didn't have much luck in wringing reasons from Burns and Cilek Thursday, but she gave it quite a try.

"Why do you object to hiring Caroline Embree, especially after a county attorney's opinion that you give substantial reason for disapproval?" Mutchler asked.

"The county attorney's office doesn't make our decisions for us," Cilek snapped. "We gave our reasons a long time ago. It was in the news. I don't feel that I should go through it all again. And I most certainly will not be blackmailed into a vote."

"I don't want to say anything in case this matter should appear in the courts," Burns said. "I'll disclose my objections at the appropriate time."

"Well, what good does all this money for hiring separate legal counsel do for the taxpayers?" Mutchler said.

"What difference does it make if the county attorney hires outside legal help, or if we hire our own attorneys? It's all the same price," Cilek said.

"I think you're attempting to prejudice a future court case, Mrs. Mutchler," Burns said.

"How long will this hassling continue?" Mutchler said.

"Do you see any hassling?" Cilek asked. "This is a regular meeting."

"Well, what started the whole thing?" Mutchler wanted to know.

"The appointment of Mrs. Embree," Burns said. "You should talk to Dolores Rogers. She hired Mrs. Embree."

"Well, I can see I'm not going to get anywhere," Mutchler said. "Thank you." Having stood for 15 minutes, she sat down.

There being no further discussion from the public, Cilek adjourned the session.

Multi-media electrifies riverbank

By LARRY PERL
Staff Writer

At 10:30 on Tuesday night two men lugged a large multi-indented sculpture, covered with what looked like ultra-shiny aluminum foil, out a side door of the Music Building and set it down on the grass, about 20 yards from the Iowa River.

They went back inside and came out again five minutes later, this time carrying a piano stool, an ample roll of extension cord and a movie projector. They set the projector on the

piano stool facing the sculpture and disappeared inside the building with the extension cord, presumably to plug it in somewhere.

One man appeared again and turned on the projector. White light bounced off the sculpture and cast weird shapes onto the building.

Appearing dissatisfied, the man walked over to the sculpture and shook it, gazing at the building. The shapes on the building began to flicker and dance. The man stopped

shaking the sculpture. The shapes stopped dancing. "Too bad there's no wind tonight," the man said.

The other man returned holding a small amplifier of sorts and set it down behind a small bush at the base of the building. He plugged it in and flipped a switch. Electronic bleeps cut through the air while the patterns of light jumped around on the side of the building.

The two men are Eric Jensen, professor of electronic music, and one of his students. The spectacle was simply a trial test for one of the numerous sound and light exhibits to be experienced at 9:30 p.m. Saturday at an electronic music-intermedia art class sponsored program on the riverbank by the Music Building at 9:30 p.m. Saturday.

As the dark of night sets in, people will be free to mill around, hearing and seeing everything from colored lights on the waters of the Iowa River to an electronic rendition of Elvis Presley's "Heartbreak Hotel."

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Interpretations

One Way or The Other

The fact that students comprise about 20,000 of this city's 48,000 population means nothing. They are supposed to be content living in the new "cracker box" housing developments or the old wooden fire traps. If there is a shortage of those they can always sleep in the streets. Obviously, there is little power in numbers.

Presently there are two proposed rezoning ordinances pending approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission. If they pass there will be higher rents and less housing, and if the ordinances are defeated it means more "cracker boxes." For students there appears to be no acceptable alternative.

The objection stated herein does not intend to ridicule those residents who would prefer to see their neighborhood remain single dwelling establishments. In fact, many students would prefer living in houses rather than apartment complexes. Unfortunately, many of the houses that are rented to students have been neglected by landlords over the years, to the point of excessive deterioration.

The so called permanent residents of Iowa City have no objection to taking student money in local business establishments, or in salaries mailed out in paychecks by the university. Most of these "good citizens" are aware that the financial status of the city would be minimal without student income. In fact, many of them would be out of a job were it not for the students. Yet, they don't really give a damn that students are relegated to living in condemned buildings. Landlords continue renting cockroach traps to students, when one knows that they would never permit their own children to live in such filth.

The "permanent residents" of this city have slapped the title of second class citizen on the student populace. A warning to price gouging landlords; turnabout is fair play. Students can fight back in the way of initiating a move for rent controls and demanding the enforcement of the housing code. The great "ripoff" has gone on long enough.

Debra Cagan



Busting an Old Gang?

TO THE EDITOR:

All the people being arrested in the "massive drug bust in Cedar Rapids" probably deserve whatever they have coming because their prices were too high in the first place.

The standard joke among reporters covering the story was that their "sources" had dried up. Indeed many people in the city were jokingly asking each other following the raid if they knew where they could find a reefer. The inevitable reply was, "Try the county jail," or something to that effect.

Yes, the raid was massive by Cedar Rapids standards and it received heavy coverage by the media both locally and statewide. My question is whether the raid was really worth the effort.

The Linn County clerk of court has files on 43 persons sought in the ongoing bust — 27 of whom had been arrested as of this writing. The charges supposedly stem from more than eight months and \$6,500 worth of activity by undercover agents, according to a press release.

That sounds impressive, but consider the charges. There were six counts involving cocaine, six involving heroin, two LSD, one each on speed and morphine and 80 involving marijuana (in many cases more than one count was filed against the same person).

Cedar Rapids Safety Commissioner James Steinbeck admitted that drug traffic had not been eliminated in the city but added that the raid "sure put a damper on it."

C'mon.

Granted if only considering hard drugs, then "damper" could be the correct terminology. Some of the heroin addicts in the area may be hurting. The County Attorney said his informants have led him to believe there are no more than 50 heroin users in the Cedar Rapids area. Knock out three supplies and you've made an impact.

But either the marijuana busts were just

thrown in for good measure or city officials have been deluded into thinking that arresting about 35 people on marijuana-related charges can put a "damper" on the trade.

Of the 43 people either charged or with charges pending, 33 face charges involving only marijuana. Seven pounds were confiscated in the crackdown. That sounds like a pretty negligible "damper."

My point is that the marijuana busts were window dressing. At a time when legislatures such as California's are reducing penalties for the drug, Cedar Rapids officials take it upon themselves to initiate a crackdown. The action was poor evidence of enlightenment.

All the marijuana busts beefed up the total number of those arrested. It sounds better to arrest 43 on charges of drugs "ranging from marijuana to heroin" than to arrest 10 on charges involving hard drugs.

Marijuana usage and sale does remain a criminal offense in this state and law officers are certainly entitled to enforce the law. But one does wish they could practice some "selective enforcement."

Steve Helle

Correction

TO THE EDITOR:

There was a technical error in my article on Monday's editorial page (Nuclear Power vs. Solar Power, July 14). I incorrectly referred to fast-breeder nuclear power facilities as fusion reactors. In actuality, fast-breeders, like standard nuclear reactors, are fission reactors, collecting energy from the breakdown of radioactive atoms.

The difference between standard plants and breeders is that breeders are supposed to produce new nuclear fuel as a by-product of the reaction. This new fuel could be used to run other nuclear plants. Breeders have not been developed for commercial operation. In a recent report,

Steve Freedkin

the Energy Research and Development Administration recommended abandoning breeders and increasing solar energy research.

My technical error does not change my argument that nuclear power is unsafe. I cited the same safety problems in standard reactors and in breeders. Breeders also increase the traffic in deadly radioactive materials by producing more fuel in their operation. The facts used in these arguments are correct as I stated them on Monday.

Steve Freedkin

Not All Power

TO THE EDITOR:

Before jumping on the bandwagon to ban all nuclear power reactors, (Backfire, DI, July 14) additional facts should be considered. The sponsors of the petition calling for the development of "cost-competitive solar electricity" lead one to believe there is only one alternative to nuclear fission reactors, i.e. solar power. Take a quick look at nuclear fusion by laser implosion.

Nuclear fusion is virtually pollution free, radiation safe, burns an almost unlimited supply of fuel and the possibility of an explosion is remote. Scheduled for com-

pletion in 1977 at the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory will be a facility demonstrating the feasibility of laser induced fusion. The facility will burn deuterium and tritium which are heavy hydrogen atoms. The resulting products will be helium, neutrons, plus heat. The heat can be used to generate steam for a turbine driven power generator. A facility that triggers 100 microexplosions per second could generate between 100 and 1000 megawatts of electricity.

At this time not enough is known about laser technology to generate the extremely high temperatures required (approximately 40,000,000 degrees centigrade) to trigger a microexplosion. As this technology advances, provided funds are still available, nuclear fusion plants could solve the energy crisis economically.

In regard to solar energy, the surface which will absorb the sun's energy must be too large (7 miles on each side) to produce a sizeable electric current of 1000 megawatts. Compounded with this are electrical converting systems with efficiencies of only 10 per cent, which operate only 12 hours per day. If the funds allocated for solar energy development could be rechanneled into laser technology research, then a cheap, continuous power source could be achieved.

Robert Bloomquist, A4

In defense of Rossi's

TO THE EDITOR:

In all fairness we think your two page article, "River City Restaurant Roulette" (DI, July 9) was more or less accurate; however, we were quite disgruntled to see that Rossi's Cafe got three hogs heads while the Burger Palace only got two. We don't think Rossi's deserves any at all, and we feel that your snide comments about the restaurant were quite unfair because for many years we have eaten breakfast, lunch, and dinner in Rossi's Cafe, starting with the time it was on Iowa Avenue up to

its present residence on Gilbert Street. We really wonder how many times Mr. Desmond or whoever compiled the list with him ate at Rossi's Cafe.

Here are a few of the observations we have made. First of all, the clientele is hardly limited to the "geriatric set" but if you wish to call truckdrivers, students, and families the geriatric set so be it. Rossi's is about the only restaurant in town, besides the Quadrangle Cafeteria that serves vegetables with their meals. Their plate lunches give one a fairly well balanced meal unless of course, your diet is limited to the ever present River City diet of hamburger and pizza.

Their coffee doesn't taste like the iodine flavored laxative they call coffee in the Burger Palace or the Cafe au Water you drink in the Taco Grande. You don't have to wait ten or so minutes for a King Burger without onion only to have the person behind the counter give you a burger with onion. Besides that, the service is good, prompt and the people who wait on you are always pleasant and nice to you.

We would like to remark in closing that when Rossi's Cafe was on Iowa Avenue, it was packed every day during the lunch hour so you could hardly get a seat and nobody we ever knew said anything bad about the restaurant, its food or service. I dare say they will still be in business long after your Burger Palaces or Taco Grandes and other Heartburn Institutions have left Iowa City.

B. Dallinger
G. Harris

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Transcriptions

jim fleming



July 15, 1975

Dear Diary,

Well, here I am down in sunny old Florida, where it's really sunny and everything just like they always say on the tube and in the ads in Vogue and stuff, and now I'm finally here and just at this very moment right out in the good old Florida sun.

All I can say, Diary, is that it sure is a Big Relief to be here, out here on the beach in the sun and all, and finally away from that God-awful Topeka, which is, let me tell you, The Shit Capital of the entire world. (Except for maybe of course Grand Rapids, but we've been all through that before, haven't we?)

But Topeka! Boing! I mean, Jeezez!, how can people actually live there, I mean for their whole lives and everything. It just sort of, you know, makes my skin get kind of crawlly, sort of. I mean, most of those people look like they've never even been out of Topeka in their whole lives (sound like old G.R.?), much less been anywhere really important like to Sheboygan or Detroit or Washington or to a Stones concert. Yup, Diary, I'm afraid once again old Suse is stuck in Small Town, U.S.A., where the locals wear their jeans and overalls for real, ya' know? And the guys my age and a little older — wanna know what they do with their lives? Drag racing!

I mean Jee-sus! It's like being on the set of American Graffiti or something. Just so incredibly passe, if you catch my drift. Well, thanks be to God and little green apples that my job at the Capital-Journal only lasts a couple of more weeks, and then at last I can finally get down to something a little more closer to reality. Like another concert at the old WH, or maybe a reception in the Blue Room for poor Gregg Allman, who just might be re-thinking my latest letter by now.

Say! Last Friday I forgot to mention that I had my very first front page photo right on the front of the Journal. Yep, and on my first assignment, too! Rich, my "editor," (kinda back but as it turns out a real loser when it comes to boss music) told me point blank that I had a "real natural potential" for photography, and that they'd probably have used my photo even if Daddy hadn't called. Well, all I can say to all those "liberal" "journalists" who tried to twist my landing this job into something other than what it really was is — "So There!"

Anyway, about my shot they used. They sent me to this dingy old office where a bunch of poor people (really honest-to-goodness poor people, not those welfare crooks Daddy talks about at breakfast) were tryin' to, well, get jobs or something I guess. Anyway, I got a shot of these poor people, including a couple of young black dudes (in the background) and this really neat

colorful old Indian man with a lot of wrinkles and all. I mean, he was just a little slice of the Old West mixed right in with a true image of now-Americanica, if you know what I mean. (Remind me to ask Daddy about entry forms for that Pulitzer contest those guys in the newsroom



AP Wirephoto

Susan's Diary

were kidding Rich about.)

Whew! This sun is getting to be murder, and I'm starting to look more like that old Indian than anybody I've ever seen in Vogue. Wish there was something else to do around here.

Well, anyway, to get back to the start, the reason I'm here in the old Sunshine state in the first place is because the Journal sent me (nobody else was even considered, I just might add) to get some nifty shots of this Apollo-Soyuz thing down here at Cape Canaveral.

There just wasn't too much to see, of course, just another rocket like everybody's already seen literally millions of, so Rich didn't seem too upset when I told him I'd overslept. He said in this case he figured maybe the AP could get a shot about as good as mine would have been, so no worry. He said he'd have to ask the managing editor about my stopping off in Dallas on the way home, though. (Bee Gees play there Friday night.)

Well, think I'd probably better wrap it up for right now. Darn sun is just frying me to a crisp, and I know Daddy'd never forgive me if I left without taking at least a bit of a dip in the Big Blue. (Taking my camera with me of course. Think what a keen shot it would make if I managed to "snap" one of my stuffy old Secret Service guards with his nasty leg comin' out of some "Jaws.") All I can say is, "Move over, Candy Bergen!"

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The Daily Iowan SPORTS

Cincinnati's Joe Morgan wins acclaim and games

By CHUCK HICKMAN
Special to the Daily Iowan

MILWAUKEE — Talk about power. Think of Greg Luzinski. Talk about batting average. Think of Bill Madlock. Talk about fielding. Think of Larry Bowa. And don't forget speed. Think of Lou Brock. Think about them all, then talk about Joe Morgan.

The chorus is building for Morgan, and when Cincinnati teammates Johnny Bench and Pete Rose (who both know something about what makes a National League Most Valuable Player) spend a good piece of two All-Star batting practices this week telling listeners about their favorite second baseman, it's time for the baseball world to be quiet and listen. Not bad for a 32-year-old man who weighs 155 pounds and stands only 5'7".

"The best compliment I can get is to be called a complete ballplayer," he said. Morgan noted his soaring RBI totals have eliminated the former tag of being a good glove man with speed, to be used only in setting the table for established sluggers.

Most players would settle for just one of Morgan's stats. At the mid-summer break, it's hard to find many guys with either a .345 batting average, 60 RBI's, 13 home runs, or 40 stolen bases. But it's easy to find Morgan's Cincinnati teammates 61-29 record standings, 12½ games ahead of the Los Angeles Dodgers in the National League's Western Division.

"I really don't expect to win the MVP," Morgan said, "it would be a big surprise if I did. I'll know when I did a good job, and I don't need a plaque to prove it."

But MVP or not, Morgan has been a big factor in a Cincinnati surge that has taken 41 of the last 50 games, and made shambles of what was expected to be another season long cliff-hanger between the Reds and Dodgers.

In an April shake-up, Cincy manager Sparky Anderson dropped Morgan one spot from his accustomed second position in the batting order. Though fans don't see many 5'7" players batting third, National League pitchers haven't seen any 5'7" players averaging 22 home runs a year, either. The new arrangement has given Morgan more opportunity to use his power to drive in runs. The wins and acclaim have followed close behind.

"I've always had power, but no one knew until I was out of the Domes," where he logged seven

seasons in the heavy air of the Houston Astros' indoor playpen.

The 1972 swap that sent Morgan to the friendlier fences and winning atmosphere in Cincinnati was a new chance to prove himself as an all-around star. It was also the downfall of Houston general manager Spec Richardson, who was fired last week for the results of such trading activity.

Morgan, a three-time Golden Glove winner, pointed to his small stature as a major reason for success. "Small people have to be highly motivated to succeed. A lot of scouts wouldn't sign me because I weighed only 140 pounds. They said I was a great 'little' player. I signed with Houston because their scout was the only one who didn't say 'little'."

The fact that Morgan is playing for pennant winning Cincinnati clubs instead of the hapless Astros doesn't hurt the image either. But even by Reds standards a winning streak of 41 of 50 games takes some explaining. This time, Morgan was quick with the answers.

"The Reds' rise is not just because we moved Rose to third base," Morgan said of the shift which allowed young belters Ken Griffy and George Foster more time in the outfield. He cited the shrewd use of Cincinnati pitchers by Skipper Anderson as a big reason for the runaway.

"People underestimate his talent as a manager because the club is so good. But the Reds haven't had a 20-game winner in four years. We haven't had a complete game since June 11, and we're still on the winning streak. That shows Anderson uses his relief pitchers well. He wouldn't want just one relief ace because we're not that kind of team. We're one unit pointed toward one goal."

For the Reds, winning has been one thing, but championships are another story. The depth that built the majors' best team percentage in the last five years hasn't helped in short playoffs. Morgan remains confident that Cincy now has the necessary individual aces in hurlers Gary Nolan, Don Gullett and Jack Billingham to prove the difference in another post-season joust, especially with Oakland.

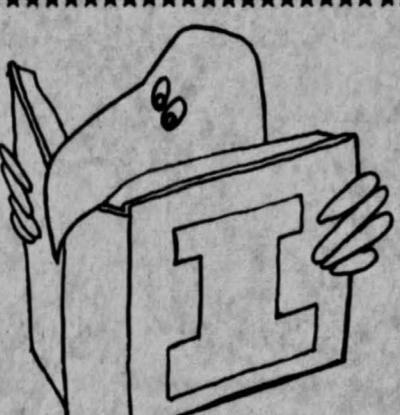
Time will tell if Morgan's prognosis is at last correct. But National League players will tell you there is no need to wait in discussing individual excellence. And they know the second basemen for Cincinnati is no ordinary Joe.

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Sportscripts

Weekend

The National Junior Olympic gymnastics training program will be held at the UI Field House today and Saturday. The 12-14 age group will compete at 10 a.m. each day, and the 15-18 year-olds at 2 p.m.

The First Annual Coralville Jubilee Hot Air Balloon Rally will be held Saturday and Sunday at Morrison Park on W. Fifth St. in Coralville. Competitive flying will take place at 7 a.m. each day, conditions permitting, with free flying getting off the ground at 5 p.m.

A Demolition Derby will also take place Sunday at 2 p.m. as part of the Coralville Jubilee. Bus service to the Derby site on Holiday Road will be provided from Morrison Park, as no parking facilities will be available at the Derby.

The Johnson County Tennis Tournament, sponsored jointly by the UI and the Iowa City Dept. of Parks and Recreation, will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Kinnick Stadium and City Park tennis courts. Registration was closed Thursday.

Gymnastics

Forty-eight of the nation's best young gymnasts will compete in the U.S. Junior Olympics training program at the UI Field House today and Saturday.

Twenty-three athletes in the 12-14 age group and 25 between the ages of 15-18 have qualified for the meet in seven regional U.S. Gymnastics Federation (USGF) meets. Some of the nation's top gymnastics coaches, including Masayuki Watanabe of the University of California, Paul Zerts of Oklahoma, Bill Meade of Southern Illinois, Francis Allen of Nebraska and high-ranking officials are expected to be here to work with the youngsters in the program.

"It's a very co-operative thing," said Dick Holzaepfel, Iowa gymnastics coach and program director. "Recruiting is the least of our interests in holding this thing," he said.

The purpose of the program, being held for only the second year, Holzaepfel said, is to "recognize some of the more promising junior gymnasts in the country and give them a focal point."

After Friday's compulsory meet and Saturday's optional competition, 10 gymnasts from the older age group and five from the younger will remain in Iowa City to work with the coaches. The competitors are paying their own expenses to attend the program, with the exception of room and board, which is being paid for by the USGF.

The younger age bracket will begin competition at 10 a.m. each day, while the older group will start at 2 p.m.

Collegiates

The Iowa City Collegiates' last chance for a satisfying year comes this weekend, according to co-manager Bill Heckroth.

"Our only chance of getting somewhere is in the NBC District tournament this weekend," said Heckroth after the Collegiates split their last two games with Davenport Saturday. "If we can get by Quad Cities, we should be able to play good ball in the state tourney," he added.

The Collegiates are now 12-14-1 as they head into the district National Baseball Conference (NBC) tournament at Moline Saturday and Sunday.

Should the Collegiates win the tournament, they will host Norway here at 6 p.m. Tuesday and then advance to the state four-team NBC tournament in Clarinda July 26, 27, but should the Collegiates lose, the team will be disbanded and the season will officially be ended.

Ali-Frazier

NEW YORK (AP) — The purpose of a news conference in a midtown skyscraper Thursday was to formally announce a Muhammad Ali-Joe Frazier fight Oct. 1 in Manila. The news was that a fight between the winner and George Foreman already is in the talking stage for New York next July.

Kenneth Sherwood of the New York State Athletic Commission announced that Don King, who has promoted Ali's last five fights, including the upcoming defense in Manila, has been granted a promoter's license in New York.

King then said that both Ali and Frazier agreed to fight Foreman in New York next July in what he called "the next big fight (after Manila)."

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Finley upset Politicking saves Kuhn's job

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Bowie Kuhn, saved from being fired on Wednesday night by a parliamentary maneuver, was re-elected to another seven-year term as commissioner of baseball Thursday and promptly booted his chief adversary, Charles O. Finley, out of a news conference.

On the final vote, only Oakland and Baltimore opposed Kuhn.

The beneficiary of late-night backroom politicking that reversed two critical votes which would have cost him his job, Kuhn won a 22-2 vote of the major league baseball owners to continue his \$150,000-a-year job.

Finley, controversial owner of the Oakland A's, and Jerold Hoffberger, owner of the Baltimore Orioles, had led the American League move to oust Kuhn, and for a few harrowing hours they had the other two votes needed to bring down the man they oppose.

But Walter O'Malley, powerful owner of the Los Angeles Dodgers, led a move to table a

formal vote Wednesday night and then set about leading the successful task of convincing the New York Yankees and Texas Rangers to reverse their opposition to Kuhn.

On the final vote, only Oakland and Baltimore opposed Kuhn.

The day before, the American League owners had voted 8-4 to renew Kuhn's contract. Since nine votes are required in each league for approval, Kuhn would have been fired if that had been a formal vote during a combined meeting of the leagues. That was averted by the backroom dealings during the night.

At his news conference Thursday, Kuhn, 48, said he would have resigned, for "the more comfortable and pleasant life" of practicing law after the vote on his future. And that was what had been planned for Thursday if O'Malley and his supporters had been unable to

change someone's mind.

Calling the behind-the-scenes maneuvering to fire him "obscene," Kuhn exchanged words with Finley at the windup of his news conference when the Oakland owner entered the room.

"You may leave my room, Charlie," Kuhn said firmly. While walking out, Finley shot back, "Thank you Mr. Commissioner. Just shows me more class."

Finley later explained that he was unhappy with a remark made by Kuhn earlier.

"We all congratulated him, gave him a round of applause, including the A's and Baltimore," Finley said. Finley quoted Kuhn as saying to the owners, "Thank you, especially those of you who voted for me. It's too bad it took so long, but I'm not surprised considering the quality of the opposition."

Finley said he stood up and said, "What a joke."

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Thursday's Games

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Detroit at Chicago, 2, (t-n)
Minnesota at Baltimore, (n)
Kansas City at Boston, (n)
Oakland at Cleveland, (n)
New York at Texas, (n)

Friday's Games

California at Milwaukee, (n)
Texas 7, New York 2
Oakland 6, Cleveland 3
Boston 8, Kansas City 3
Detroit 9, Chicago 1
Baltimore 6, Minnesota 3

Thursday's Games

Houston 6, Houston 5
Montreal 3, Cincinnati 0
New York 4, Atlanta 3
Chicago at San Diego, (n)
Pittsburgh at Los Angeles

St. Louis at San Francisco

Friday's Games

Houston at Philadelphia, (n)
Cincinnati at Montreal, (n)
Atlanta at New York, (n)
Chicago at San Diego, (n)
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California at Milwaukee, (n)
Texas 7, New York 2
Oakland 6, Cleveland 3
Boston 8, Kansas City 3
Detroit 9, Chicago 1
Baltimore 6, Minnesota 3

Friday's Games

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