

## Board reviews remodeling plans

By Larry Tanner  
Gazette correspondent

IOWA CITY — Johnson County officials hope the remodeling of the Fisher Building for the new headquarters of the county Ambulance Department can be completed by Feb. 1. Plans for the remodeling were reviewed Tuesday by the Board of Supervisors at its informal meeting.

The county recently bought, for \$115,000, the Fisher Building, three blocks from the present ambulance garage. County workers will assist in remodeling the building, but the supervisors did not make a decision on how to pay the estimated \$35,000 remodeling costs.

David Cole, ambulance service head, said emergency employees will do some remodeling work. "We will work with Pat Langenberg and the county maintenance department on some of the renovation," Cole told the board.

"My immediate goal is to fix a door in the building (estimated at \$1,500) so we can house our \$50,000 ambulance," Cole said.

The present ambulance facility located near the county Sheriff's Office and jail on South Capitol street lacks room to house the new emergency unit, prompting the purchase of the new building.

The supervisors set Dec. 22 as a tentative date for a public hearing on plans, specifications and form of contract. The final decision on the hearing date will be at the Dec. 10 meeting.

Cole said a local architect has volunteered to help prepare plans and specifications and form of contract.

Supervisors did not decide how to fund the renovation project, but Supervisor Bob Burns said the money should not come out of Cole's operating budget.

## Shelter for homeless men opens in southeast C.R.

By Rick Smith  
Gazette staff writer

Homeless men in Cedar Rapids will be able to spend nights at a newly opening emergency shelter at 512-514 McKinley St. SE.

The Willis Dady Emergency Shelter is slated to begin operation this week and will offer overnight shelter to 15 to 20 men.

The house will open each day at dark and close at 9 the next morning. Men will fend for themselves during the day and be able to return again at dark.

The Dady house was open last winter as a drop-in center to give homeless men a place to stay during the daytime. It closed a few months after it opened due to a lack of volunteer staff to help run the center.

A committee of local people, including the Rev. Jerry Springston, pastor of First Baptist Church and Church of the Brethren, members of the Catholic Worker community, has worked for the last six weeks to come up with a plan to open a

shelter for homeless men.

Jim Welborn, a committee member, said Tuesday the house still needs beds, toiletries and blankets. Bob Ballantyne, director of the Job Training Partnership Act program in Cedar Rapids and a committee member, said the house also needs donations to help fund the operation of the house and volunteers who are willing to staff the shelter.

The Dady house is the second shelter option available this winter for homeless men in Cedar Rapids.

The Salvation Army also is running an emergency shelter at its Rehabilitation Center, 2920 First Ave. NE.

## Livengood wins runoff in Walker

Competition was keen in several of the runoff elections around Eastern Iowa Tuesday.

Vincent Livengood was elected to the Walker City Council, while council positions were decided by one vote at Hills and by six votes at La Porte City.

All results are unofficial. Winners are listed in bold type:

**Hills** — For two council seats, **Richard Heitzman 34**, **Robert Ver-cande 21**, Ronald Wolfe 20 and Dan Voynovich 2. **Elkader** — For mayor, **Pat H. Miele 338**, incumbent Edward W. Olson 321.

**Blairstown** — For mayor, **Elmer Eichorn 123**; Darrell W. Delle-muth 89.

**La Porte City** — Unexpired council term, **Rick Lubben 124**, Kathleen Norris 118.

**Walker** — For council, **Vincent Livengood 42**, Rolland Burkart 10.

The runoffs are required because the candidates failed to get the percentage of votes needed in the Nov. 3 general election. Most cities require only a plurality of votes to be elected, but a handful still require a majority vote.

In Walker, Livengood received 24 write-in votes in the Nov. 3 election, but he needed 35 percent of the votes to win the third seat available on the council, according to Linn Elections Commissioner Linda Langenberg. James Meisheid and Donald Neumeyer were elected to the council in November.

The 15 people who received write-in votes in the November 3 election received affidavits which they were to send to the auditor's office if they wanted to be on the run-off ballot. Livengood and Burkart were the only ones who responded, Langenberg said.

## THE LOG

### FIRE CALLS

Monday — 6:15 p.m., defective fuel pump, 2528 M Ave. NW; 8:27 p.m., defective light ballast, 216 Third St. SE, Room 223. Tuesday — 5:07 a.m., unknown to dumpster, 2251 C St. SW; 6:09 a.m., medical emergency, 132 20th Ave. SW, Apt. W-3; 1:49 p.m., medical emergency, 141 Kenmore St. NE; 2:02 p.m., medical emergency, 4347 First Ave. SE; 2:36 p.m., malfunction of alarm, 3700 Sixth St. SW; 2:38 p.m., malfunction of alarm, 950 Shaver Rd. NE; 4:22 p.m., overheated paper dryer, 2121 North Towne Lane NE; 5:35 p.m. mistaken alarm, 1135 Blairs Ferry Rd. NE.

### ASSAULT

Richard Tomkins, 40, 303 Rogers Grove Rd., Ely; arrested and charged with assault causing bodily injury; accused of punching Douglas Penrod, 26, 1103 19th Ave. SW, in the face, causing a cut lip that required stitches; police said the two fought twice at the Playtime Tap, 933 14th Ave. SW, Monday afternoon; Tomkins released after posting bond.

# Iowa City, university locked on sewer bill

By Lonnie Zingula  
Gazette correspondent

IOWA CITY — With both sides of a sewer rate dispute refusing to budge, relations between city administrators and officials at the University of Iowa appear to be headed down the drain.

In an attempt to encourage the U of I to pay the remaining balance on November's sewer bill, the City Council here passed first consideration of an ordinance last night formalizing Iowa City's policy for dealing with delinquent sewer and water bills.

Under the ordinance, the city is allowed to shut off all service to users with multiple accounts if any single account is left unpaid. This

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would allow the city to stop sewer service at all university buildings if the U of I continues to pay only part of its bills.

Iowa City Manager Stephen Atkins said the ordinance is no different than the city's current policy.

"We've pretty much always had that ability," said Atkins. "The only difference is now it is a matter of law."

The dispute began in October when the U of I refused to pay all of its \$110,000 sewer bill because of a disagreement over sewer rate in-

creases imposed by the city in September 1986 and in July 1987.

The city has since received partial payment for the U of I's November bill, some of which was applied to the unpaid October balance.

Atkins said the U of I's October bill has now been paid in full but approximately \$76,000 remains unpaid out of the \$99,000 November bill.

The city currently applies a standard rate to all sewage and water service customers. That rate, city officials say, is non-negotiable.

The university has maintained that it should be allowed to pay a special rate since it is a large multi-account customer.

City officials disagree and have

threatened to shut off U of I sewer service if the bills are not paid.

No date has been set for sending shut off notices. Atkins said that will happen only after all other options have been explored.

"We will take them through the routine process," said Atkins. "We try to work with the customer."

Though the current semester will not end until Dec. 19, Atkins said he doubts students will be affected by a shut off.

City officials have been meeting with U of I Business Manager Michael Finnegan in an attempt to resolve the conflict, but Atkins said no progress has been made.

The ordinance must pass two more readings before it is adopted.

## Thursday forum on Central America

Gazette Johnson County Bureau

IOWA CITY — A community forum to debate American policy on Central America is planned at the University of Iowa International Center from 7:30 to 10 p.m., Thursday. It is sponsored locally by the League of Women Voters of Johnson County, the Iowa City Chapter of the United Nations Association and the U of I Division of Continuing Education.

The forum is one of several to be held across the state as part of a non-partisan voter education project called "U.S. 88: A New Road to the White House."

The project is co-sponsored by 33 Iowa civic, education, church, public interest, business and labor organizations, as well as the Roosevelt Center for American Policy Studies.

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