

# DAILY STRIKER

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## STUDENTS DEMAND ACTION

Over 300 students and several faculty members met last night at 9:30 in ARH auditorium to hear President Glenn Leggett and union negotiator Paul Neil outline their respective positions on contract negotiations and the continuing S & G strike.

Leggett told the students, "I see no immediate resolution... I think we're in it for a while. The President also attempted to dispel rumors that had been circulating during the strike. "When the strike is over," he said, "those people who participated in the strike will not be penalized either by being fired or by being demoted."

"The notion that the college is anti-union is absolutely wrong," Leggett added. He told the crowd that he hoped negotiations could resume on Monday.

Paul Neil read a statement that the union had released to the press a short time earlier, stating that the union was ready to negotiate "anywhere, anytime." The statement indicated the union felt the college was not, at the present time, making serious attempts to arrive at a settlement.

After Leggett and Neil left, debate continued for about 30 minutes. C. Edgar Gilmour, of the political science dept. told the group he felt the college was in a "crisis situation" and that the administration was not moving quickly enough to alleviate that condition. He called for around the clock meetings

until an agreement was reached. The proposal was greeted with applause and cheers. Many present felt that Leggett had indicated a far too casual attitude thus far. "The college lawyer has no business being in Pochahantas, Iowa while men and women are walking picket lines, receiving no pay, and trying to pay their bills at the same time," said one student.

Many of those present were in favor of marching to Leggett's home to press the demand for immediate and continuous negotiations until a settlement is reached. "If the college lawyer doesn't want to negotiate now, then we should get a new lawyer," said Gilmour.

Greg Vranicar, Student Coordinator, contacted President Leggett and urged him to return to the meeting. Leggett returned at about 11:15 and students and faculty repeated their demands.

After another 45 minutes of debate, C. of HP President Bill Thomas asked, "What we want to know, simply, is if you will promise to do everything you can to begin negotiations immediately?" Leggett responded that although he could make no promises as to what would actually happen, he would do his utmost to see that meetings began as soon as possible. He added that he had already started trying to contact the college representative to arrange a meeting for Friday.

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## MEET TONITE - YUNKER

# STEAKS FOR STRIKERS

Students supporting the B&G strike are planning to turn their Saturday night steaks over to the striking workers. The Student Strike Coordinating Committee is collecting meal tickets at the Forum Coordinating center.

Meal tickets must be turned in by 3:00 Saturday afternoon. Meal tickets will be returned in the campus mail.

# COLLEGE CONTACTS ROGERS

The college contacted Jim Rogers, city representative in the union negotiations, early this morning. Rogers was expected to be in Des Moines shortly after noon.

Dean Wall told the Daily Striker that he and President Leggett will meet with Rogers early this afternoon in Des Moines and attempt to initiate negotiations as soon as possible.

# FACULTY SUPPORT LETTER

At least 55 faculty members have signed a letter to President Leggett aimed at bringing about a quick and fair settlement of the B&G strike.

The letter states that although the signers feel an obligation to continue the educational process, that decision should not be construed as support of the college's position in negotiations.

The letter said that the College "should strive to set a model of good labor relations." The faculty members feel that the present situation are evidence of "unsatisfactory labor relations" at the College and of "inattention" of those in the administration responsible. A change in "policies and priorities" was called for.

The letter further demanded that the college immediately take initiative in continuing the negotiation with the President and the Dean serving as their chief representatives.

JOIN THE PICKETS

## AVERAGE WAGE STATISTICS FOR GRINNELL

I. Total (380 wage earners)		
Average	Skilled	Unskilled
Mean	2.52	1.79
Median	2.30	2.00

  

II. Detail (122 wage earners)		
Average	Skilled	Unskilled
Mean	2.70	1.12
Median	2.00	1.28

## III. Industry (farm, mfg., telephone) (594 wage earners)

Average	Skilled	Unskilled
Mean	3.36	2.04
Median	3.30	2.00

## SCHOOL SYSTEM CUSTODIAL WAGE (Grinnell Public Schools)

1st year	- 2.25
2nd year	- 2.10
3rd year	- 2.55
4th year	- 2.65

men and women receive the same wage

## YEARLY INCOME FROM PROPOSED WAGES

\$2.00/hr	- \$160/year (10 hrs/week)
\$2.70/hr	- \$567/year (52 weeks)
\$3.19/hr	- \$661.8/year

## U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS (Figures for 1969, family of 4)

Poverty Level (US)	\$360
Non-metropolitan	\$460
Lower Standard	\$620
Moderate	\$936

\* defined as adequate but non-luxury diet, health care, restricted clothing, restricted entertainment, lowest level of standard housing.

## Meeting (cont.)

The remainder of the meeting spent in a discussion of tactics for supporting the strike. All agreed that this weekend will be particularly important in determining the relative positions of the parties for negotiation.

Students called for an intensification of support tactics already in effect and encouraged those students already supporting the union to urge others to talk with B&G pickets and inform students of the factual situation.

Plans were made for a letter writing campaign to college officials and one student proposed turning over Sat. steaks to the striking workers. Many students emphasized that pressure must be put on the administration to begin