MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Regents
From: Board Office
Subject: Demolition of Buildings
Date: March 4, 2002

Recommended Action:

Approve the demolition of four houses on the University properties located at 127 Grand Avenue Court, 129 Grand Avenue Court, 141 Grand Avenue Court, and 322 Melrose Avenue, if they are not relocated for another use. (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Executive Summary:

The University wishes to demolish four houses located at 127, 129, and 141 Grand Avenue Court, and 322 Melrose Avenue. The properties are located west of the Boyd Law Building and north of Melrose Avenue on the University's west campus. (See Attachment A for map.)

The properties are located on the proposed construction site for the Athletic Learning Center, which is one component of the West Campus Residence Hall and Student Life Facilities project.

- The University plans to demolish the four houses, unless they are relocated for another use.

Background and Analysis:

General Description

The two houses located at 127 and 141 Grand Avenue Court are residential properties which are rented by the University.

The house located at 129 Grand Avenue Court is occupied by student radio station KRUI.

The house at 322 Melrose Avenue is occupied by Parents Care Collective, a University child care organization.

The houses are approximately 75 years in age and are in good condition.
Reason for Demolition

The University plans to either relocate or raze the houses to clear the site for construction of the Athletic Learning Center.

- The University has offered the houses to the cities of Iowa City and Coralville; however, if neither city wishes to relocate the houses for their use, they would be demolished.

The University is finalizing arrangements to relocate the current occupants of the houses.

Board Procedures

Approval of the demolitions is requested in accordance with Policy Manual §7.11 which requires the Board to approve disposal of buildings with an estimated value of $1,000 or more.

Sheila Lodge

Approved: G. S. Nichols