

UNL law students figure in jail release plan

By Jane Owens

City jail employees would have to serve as "bellhops," if a proposed change in pre-trial release procedures is adopted, according to the Lincoln police chief.

Commenting Wednesday on a proposal to release persons charged with misdemeanors on their own recognition, Chief Joe Carroll said the proposal would "definitely not improve our present (pre-trial release) procedures."

Under the proposal, which was prepared by Lincoln attorney Paul Galter, UNL law students would be hired to interview persons brought into jail on misdemeanor charges.

Using a point system, the law students would determine which persons, if released, probably would return for trial. Points would be given

for such things as length of residence, marital status and occupation, according to Carroll. Persons qualifying under the point system would then be eligible for release, he said.

"Why, we'd have to hire extra jail employees just to usher those arrested in and out of their interviews," the police chief said.

Under present release procedure, persons charged with misdemeanors are released to an attorney. Minors are released to their parents.

Because attorneys are officers of the court, they are responsible for the appearance in court of persons released to them, Carroll said.

Persons who qualify for release but cannot afford an attorney are released to the public defender's office, he added. The office then accepts

responsibility for the person's court appearance.

Under the new proposal, no one would be responsible for returning the arrested person to court, Carroll said. If he failed to appear, the court would have to issue a warrant for him.

Because Lincoln courtrooms are closed at night, law students could not always obtain court records on a person to determine whether he qualified for release, according to Carroll.

Holding a night court could solve the problem, he added.

Carroll also said that courts cannot delegate to law students the authority to release arrested persons. Students could only make recommendations to a judge, who then could order the release.

"Most judges simply don't want to

be bothered by phone calls at all hours of the night," Carroll said.

Sponsored by the Lancaster County Bar Association and recommended by the Region 2 Crime Commission and the state Grant Review Committee, the request for \$12,000 to fund the proposal was presented to the State Crime Commission in August.

The commission, of which Carroll is a member, sent the plan back for more study and noted objections "almost identical to my own," Carroll said.

The bar association is planning to redraft their proposal to meet Carroll's objections, according to Galter. One change will include a request for funds to hire additional police officers.

The bar association plans to resubmit its proposal to the Region 2 Crime Commission at its September meeting, he said.

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began working with Muddy Waters' band with whom he stayed for several years. He sings in a rough, gruff fashion when he isn't letting loose on the harmonica.

Of his mobility on stage, he said, "If the music's good, then it moves you around."

Wells has quite a sense of humor. On a tour of Africa in the sixties, he was asked what he thought of black power. "I told them black power is me making it with Aretha Franklin," he said.

Although only a few years ago blues men catered to a basically non-white audience, blues seems to be enjoying a popularity never dreamed of earlier. But Wells and Guy will be playing the blues for a long time whether the public demand for blues music remains or not.

Guy said, "I hope I'll still be playing the blues when I'm an old man."

For Wells, singing and playing the blues is inevitable. "When I was starting, everyone said, 'A young man like you ought to be playing jazz.' But the blues is my life and I'm stuck with it," he said.

The band backing up Guy and Wells will be comprised of Guy's brother Phil on rhythm guitar, Herman Applewhite on bass and Roosevelt Shaw on drums.

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