

State files pollution suit against Columbia

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The state attorney general's office has filed suit against the City of Columbia seeking to forbid the city from violating state air pollution standards at the municipal power plant.

The suit also seeks the imposition of a \$5,000 fine — the maximum that can be assessed under state law — for every day since May 1 if the full fine were imposed, the total to date would be about \$270,000.

Boone County Circuit Court Clerk Janet Davis said her office received the

suit Tuesday morning and it probably will be served on city officials today.

The suit, filed on behalf of the Missouri Air Conservation Commission, seeks to force the city to cut back electricity generation at the municipal power plant on Business Loop 70 to a level at which pollution standards will not be exceeded.

City Manager Terry Novak said he was surprised by the suit, but refused to comment on specific charges in the suit until he has had a chance to read it.

City officials had hoped to save \$400,000 a year in fuel costs by burning a coal mixture that is 80 per cent Missouri coal and 20 per cent Illinois

coal. The mixture costs about \$10 less a ton than the all-Illinois coal previously burned in the power plant.

In July 1975, the Air Conservation Commission ordered the city to move toward compliance with air pollution standards at the power plant. But last December, the commission agreed to let the city test-burn the new coal mixture, in hopes of meeting the standards without installation of expensive emissions control equipment.

But that agreement also said the city had to be in compliance with air quality standards by May 1. The agreement also pledged the city to avoid any

violation of the standards, except during the tests, "by limiting generating loads as necessary."

Tests taken at the power plant in April by Midwest Research Institute showed the city was not in compliance.

Novak had said the tests were not accurate and sent the results to the city's engineering consultants, Black and Veatch of Kansas City, for analysis. Last week the consultants informed Novak the tests were accurate.

The state air quality division had already said the tests were valid.

Novak also has contended that Columbia Coal Co., the supplier of the

Missouri coal, had not been processing the coal properly to remove small coal particles that do not burn but are emitted into the air.

Jeff Smith, manager of Columbia Coal Co., said Novak was right, but the problem would be solved in September when new coal cleaning equipment is received by the company.

The suit contends the city is in violation of state standards for ash emissions and that the smoke from the plant is too black. The suit did not mention violations of sulfur emission standards.

Walter Nowotny, an assistant attorney general, said the suit against

the city is unusual. "Most air pollution problems are resolved without resort to a lawsuit. The commission asks for a lawsuit only when we feel we can't go any further and we've reached the bottom line," he said.

Nowotny said the state did not feel the city had been cooperative. "The commission felt they had no choice but to take the city to court," Nowotny said.

Novak said the city has been trying to cooperate with the Air Conservation Commission. "We've switched to a coal mixture that is 60 per cent Missouri coal and 40 per cent Illinois coal to try to clean up the stack."

Insight Young MDs health role uncertain

Some doctors
say residents
decrease care

By Jim Herweg
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The recently ended affiliation agreement between Boone County Hospital and the University Medical Center has focused attention on the role of resident physicians in hospital health care.

This issue appears to lie at the heart of the chain of events in which the Boone County Hospital Board of Trustees, acting on the recommendation of the medical staff, voted May 24 to end the affiliation agreement after approving it only two months earlier.

A resident physician is a medical school graduate pursuing a specialty which may require three to five years of additional training.

Dr. Charles Lobeck, dean of the University School of Medicine, says a resident physician provides service while he receives this additional training.

Dr. Roland Ladenson, a member of the Boone County Hospital medical staff who favored terminating the affiliation agreement, said University faculty practices residents are currently providing services in Boone County Hospital's emergency room.

However, Ladenson said, this is the exception rather than the rule. Most of the residents are involved in educational rather than service activities, he said.

Lobeck acknowledged that the education of residents is time-consuming for hospital physicians and puts additional people in the hospital, causing possible "clutter."

However, Lobeck says the major advantage of residents in the hospital setting is that they make a physician "deliver services in an atmosphere where he must discuss and defend his decisions." He said the presence of residents asking "embarrassing questions" makes physicians perform more carefully, thus improving patient care.

Ladenson disputes this conclusion. He maintains the level of patient care drops when resident physicians are present. He said there is a loss of patient privacy, harassment of patients by unnecessary examinations, a rise in the cost of medical care and crowded hospital conditions.

Under the affiliation agreement, no Boone County Hospital physician would have been required to accept the responsibility for University residents. A number of Boone County physicians, however, have chosen to work with residents.

The purpose of the agreement, (See SCHOOL, Page 18A)

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Campus View Apartments, a 67-year-old landmark, will be razed in July.

The last Campus View

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A man's home may indeed be his castle, but there's a castle in Columbia whose days as a home are numbered.

The sprawling stone mansion that houses the Campus View Apartments at Eighth and Elm streets is scheduled for demolition in mid-July.

Jack Hackethorn of the Missouri Farmers Association (MFA) which owns the 67-year-old building, said Tuesday that MFA has contracted with Oscar Roberts to raze the structure and dispose of its contents and fixtures.

Roberts said he plans a public sale of the building's contents and fixtures.

"I'm going to sell everything I can. First come, first served," Roberts said.

Built as a YMCA in 1909, the 120-room building served as a busy social center for University students and native Columbians. It once had the city's only swimming pool in its basement, as well as bowling lanes, pool tables, a huge banquet hall and meeting facilities.

Hackethorn described it as "an old building — it's in pretty bad shape."

Hackethorn said MFA has no immediate plans for the land. It may be used for a parking lot, or it may just be planted for the time being until the company has a use for it, he said.

What now may be an unsound

Its limestone rocks were hand hewn and hand laid. The mansion cost \$99,000 in 1909.

apartment building began its vigorous history as one of the first steel-structured buildings west of the Mississippi. Its limestone rocks were hand hewn and hand laid. The original cost was reported as \$99,000.

During the mid 1920s, the YMCA had financial trouble. The building stood unused and unoccupied for nine years.

Joseph Chorlton bought the building in 1936 for \$14,000 and renamed it the Chorlton Arms. The pool was repaired and opened to the public. Many former servicemen lived there after World War II, when Columbia experienced a severe housing shortage.

The late Marvin D. Jack Murphy bought the landmark structure in 1952 and renovated it into the Campus View Apartments. He added 35 bath rooms and subdivided the 76 by 60-foot (23 by 18-meter) banquet hall into apartments.

MFA bought the building from Murphy in 1974, but company officials declined to comment then on its long-term plans for the structure. The building was leased back to Murphy after the purchase.

Mrs. Murphy said MFA will take possession of the building July 1, which should give current tenants enough time to find other lodgings.

"I hate to see it destroyed," Mrs. Murphy said. "You don't work with something from 1952 until now without some emotional attachment. It is a community landmark, but we got to the point where we couldn't continue to support it, so we sold it."

County Court judges discuss jury criticisms

By Dave Sedgwick
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Even before he was officially on the job, newly appointed Northern District Judge Rodney Smith had a suggestion Tuesday. "We should put a list of grand jury criticisms on the wall, and as we take care of each problem, we can draw a line through that criticism."

But Smith, who was sworn in as Clarence Drew's successor Tuesday afternoon, asked the public to be patient. "Rome wasn't built in a day, you know."

The patience may be needed. Phone calls to Presiding Judge Bob Brown twice interrupted the County Court meeting, and all three judges spoke so softly that reporters had to ask them what they were talking about.

The grand jury last week criticized the County Court judges for interrupting their meetings to make phone calls and conduct "back-room discussions." The grand jury report also called for the court to provide agendas of its meetings in advance.

The report urged that the court hire an administrator to supervise the county's road and bridge operations, and generally criticized the court's conduct of county affairs.

The judges did not discuss the report during the meeting but afterward Southern District Judge Carolyn Lathrop said the court would try to draw up an agenda for upcoming meetings. Lathrop said she had not yet discussed the matter with Brown.

Brown said he wouldn't mind providing such an agenda, but said the County Court frequently does not know in advance which issues will be discussed at the meetings.

Brown said the interruptions for phone calls were unavoidable. "If we were a purely legislative body, it would be nice, but we have to do some administrative matters."

Mrs. Lathrop said the County Court has made no decision on the possibility of hiring a road and bridge administrator.

"We have discussed this. We have to look into the aspect of (requiring) an engineering background."

Mrs. Lathrop said hiring an engineer

would be costly, and it might be a good idea to appoint a county employee, possibly county Surveyor Walter Cross, to the job.

She said the County Court would not leave Road and Bridge Supervisor

Meyer comments on report
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Elmo Winterhalter in charge without a few changes."

Brown said the County Court would have trouble implementing the grand jury and city-county crime commission's proposals for crime-fighting cooperation because of the (See NO, Page 18A)

Group asks \$50,000 for housing

By Janet Ruegg
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The East Campus Neighborhood Association Tuesday night asked for \$50,000 in community development funds to buy and rehabilitate deteriorating residential properties in its neighborhood.

The plan was part of a proposal submitted to the Columbia Community Development Commission at the first of three neighborhood meetings.

The commission is determining its recommendations for spending \$870,000 in federal community development grants.

At the meeting, the association submitted several proposals for improvements to the area east of the University. The neighborhood group also requested money for land for a neighborhood park, housing rehabilitation, sidewalk improvements and a neighborhood newsletter.

The association wants \$50,000 for a proposed non-for-profit neighborhood corporation that would purchase, rehabilitate and resell run-down multi- (See NEIGHBORHOOD, Page 18A)



Three sunbathers soak up a little sunshine at Finger Lakes State Park Tuesday. The park, north of Columbia near Highway 63, is a favorite for sunbathers with or without their suits. (Missourian photo by Greg Dorsett)

Skinny-dippers stripped of swimming privileges

By Deborah McKinzie
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There'll be no more stripping for a bare-skinned dip in the old strip pits at Finger Lakes State Park, says the Missouri Division of Parks and Recreation.

A maintenance worker will move into the park next week to enforce the ban on nude swimming and other rules set up by the Missouri Parks and Recreation Commission.

The park, seven miles (11.2 kilometers) north of Columbia off U.S. 63, has been a favorite spot for skinny-dipping. It offers seclusion, warm water and mud baths, especially near the northern boundary.

Complaints about nude swimming have been made sporadically since 1974. Rules against nude swimming in state parks have been in effect for about six months, said Jim Colb, assistant director of the state Division of Parks and Recreation, who

announced that the rule would be enforced.

About 500 swimmers — most of them in suits — go to the park each weekend, Colb said. The number of nude swimmers has not increased as much

The park north of Columbia offers seclusion, warm water and mud baths and slides.

as the use of the park by the general public.

Don Wheeler, now at Washington State Park near DeSoto, Mo., will begin living in the park Tuesday. The rules will be posted upon Wheeler's arrival. The rules state that swimmers must

dress in "proper attire which conforms with commonly accepted social standards. No person shall dress or undress on any beach or other place in any state park except in bath houses or other structures provided for that purpose." However, Finger Lakes park has no bath houses or similar structures.

The park will not be closed to swimming. Colb said persons following the rules will be permitted to swim in the larger area of the park. In the future, however, swimming areas may have to be relocated, he said.

Parking will be restricted to areas which have been developed for such purposes. Colb said that as the park is properly developed, areas will be designated for parking, swimming and motorcycling.

Wheeler also will be involved in the construction of new facilities. An extension of a water line to the service area and expansion of day use services are planned soon.