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## Walsh wins peers' support

By George Mazurak and Douglas Arnold  
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Area law enforcement officials reaffirmed their confidence in Police Chief David Walsh after a Columbia Daily Tribune newspaper article said Friday "peers" of the Columbia chief "neither respected nor trusted" him. The copyrighted Tribune story alleged that a "private survey" by Mayor Les Proctor indicated Walsh "doesn't carry the confidence of his peer group in the criminal justice system throughout the county, the

University and so on."

But Columbia Missourian reporters found — to the contrary — that other police leaders in central Missouri were generally supportive of Chief Walsh.

"I have found nothing wrong with Walsh," Boone County Sheriff Charlie Foster said. "I have confidence in Walsh and I hope he has confidence in me."

Foster said the Tribune likes to print front-page stories critical of Walsh and himself.

University Police Chief Ron Mason said he and the Columbia police chief work well together. "We've had a

reasonably good relationship since Walsh took over," he said.

Sgt. Bill D. Smith of the Missouri State Highway Patrol said, "I haven't any reason to doubt Chief Walsh's integrity." Smith commands a seven-man patrol force stationed in Columbia.

Al Lubker, superintendent of the highway patrol, said of Walsh, "I have no negative knowledge of him at all." Lubker said he knows of neither malfeasance nor mismanagement of the Columbia police that could be related to Walsh.

When asked about cooperation between Columbia police and the highway

patrol, Lubker replied, "We've had very good cooperation." Lubker added he knew nothing negative about Walsh and "all has been positive."

Lubker said he knows of no other law enforcement officers or agencies that have voiced negative opinions of Walsh.

The Tribune's attack of the chief of police occupied about half of the newspaper's front page Friday. It consisted of unspecified charges from anonymous sources.

Mayor Proctor, after reading the article, told reporters from the

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### Insight

## Water and light employees keep a low profile

By Jim Drinkard  
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Not many people know it exists, and the Water and Light Employees Association seems to like it that way. The group is one of four employe organizations that negotiate annually with the city about wages and working conditions.

Thursday and Friday the Columbia Missourian reported on the fire fighters and public service employes unions. The four-part series concludes Sunday with a look at the Columbia Police Officers' Association.

Representing more than 100 employees in the water and electric distribution and meter reading departments and the city water plant, the loosely organized group is the most low-key of bargaining groups in the city arena.

"We're not in this for publicity," says a spokesman for the group, Gary Anderson. "We're just trying to work out

salary level boosts.

Anderson favors using the Personnel Advisory Board as a mediator in negotiation impasses. "At least it'd be better than what we have now," he says. "But the City Council will still have the final say."

Smeed calls the association "the most responsible group we deal with." But he adds, "If they really wanted to show their muscle, they could literally turn off the city."

Smeed's relationship with the association is cordial, partly because it causes him few problems. "They are not at all caustic, pugnacious or nasty," he says. "They are pretty responsible about their demands. They take into consideration the total city situation."

Smeed says the water and light employes are "more altruistic" than those represented by other bargaining groups. The difference in negotiating stance makes little difference in the outcome of salary bargaining. Last year water and light employes got a six per cent pay increase, the same as policemen, firemen, and other city employes.

The association was formed four years ago with an "ad hoc" board of representatives elected from each of the Water and Light Department's divisions, Anderson says. The group has no formal head, although Anderson is chief spokesman in negotiating with the city.

Employe members have been assessed for dues only once in the group's history, he says, when an attorney was hired three years ago for advice and representation during a bargaining session.

Former Columbia Personnel Director James Moore now serves as the associations' outside spokesman before the City Council, Anderson says.

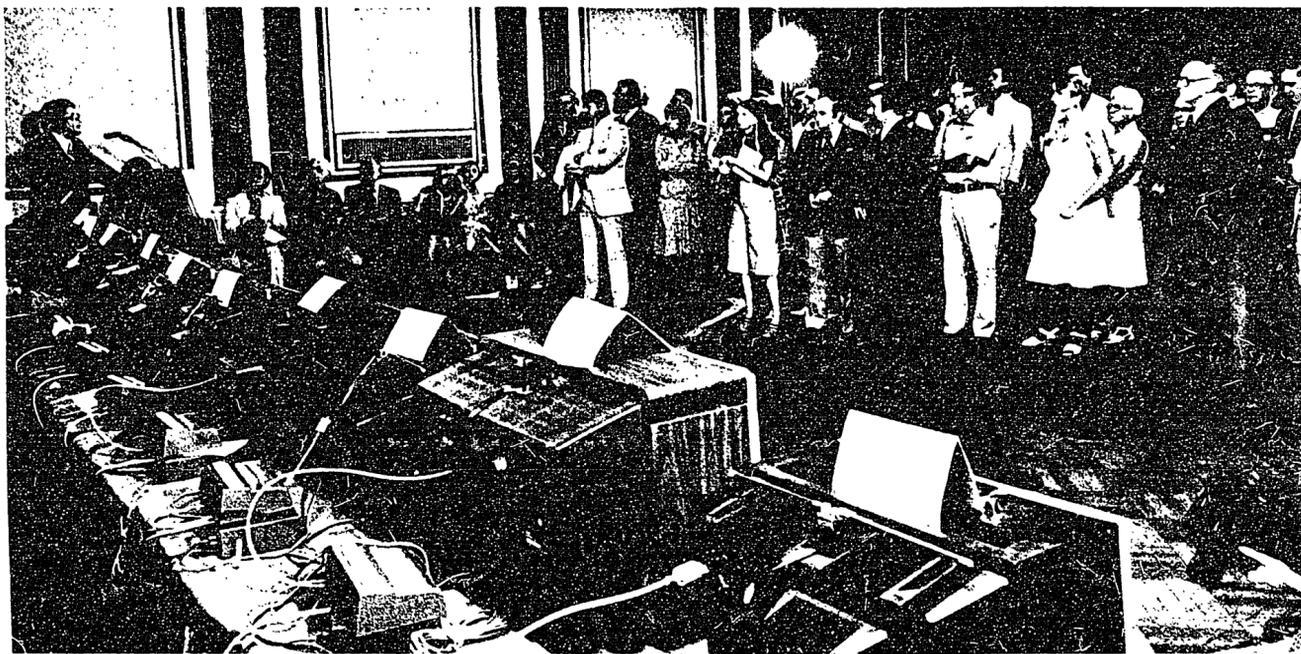
"It's a lot better if you have an outside spokesman," says Anderson. "He can get up and tell them you're good guys, but it's hard to do that for yourself."

About 10 years ago some of the linemen in the department belonged to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, but left the union after a year because it was of little value, one association member says.

"Our employes don't want a union," Anderson says. "When you're dealing with a municipality, you can't strike anyway. The only power you have is to say you'll be an unhappy employe, and the city knows unhappy employes aren't productive."

One reason unions aren't welcome, Anderson says, is that water and light workers don't need any help in

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Cable television finally became a reality in Columbia Friday as former Mayor Bob Pugh tripped the switch to turn on the Columbia

Cablevision system. Pugh spoke to those attending the ceremony at the Tiger Hotel ballroom.

## Cable television becomes reality

By Tom Jones  
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"How do I do this? ... There we go." With that, former Mayor Robert Pugh brought Columbia "kicking and screaming into the 20th Century of television."

Pugh, Mayor Les Proctor, State Sen. Warren Welliver, D-Boone County, James Allen, general manager of Columbia Cablevision and about 100 other persons were present Friday at the Tiger Motor Hotel for the opening ceremonies for cable television service

in Columbia.

Pugh flipped the switch which activated a bank of television monitors in the ballroom of the hotel. The monitors were tuned to the 11 networks stations which cable television will bring to Columbia.

Pugh said the controversy surrounding cable television in Columbia had spanned a generation. He could think of no other issue with such a long life.

He praised the Columbia Cable Television Commission, the men who built the system and the people of

Columbia who approved cable television in a referendum.

In a short speech, Proctor said, "This is a great day for Columbia." He said he first looked forward to cable television 20 years ago when he was a junior in high school. Proctor said he does not watch much television but plans to watch "old movies and sporting events" on the cable system.

Proctor also turned on perhaps the most unusual service offered by Columbia Cablevision, Home Box Office, a station providing recently released motion pictures for home

viewing.

When Proctor turned on the monitor, a list of movies scheduled for Friday night appeared on the screen.

Another man was present who perhaps had a greater interest in cable television than any of the luminaries. Lenex Ham, 603 Hunt Ave., had come to the opening with his nephews after reading about it in the newspaper.

His area of the city is scheduled to receive service in the early fall. Asked if he would like it earlier, Ham replied, "You bet! There's a lot of good programs."



our differences with the city administration. The only use I can see for publicity is to twist the administration's arm."

There was no arm-twisting Wednesday when the association's six negotiators sat down with city officials for their first bargaining session. The group proposed a wage increase schedule tied to the cost of living, but Columbia Employee Relations Director Nick Smeed told them they'd better start thinking of alternatives.

The employes also asked for an additional holiday, increased vacation leave and city takeover of health insurance premiums. A list of 11 positions was submitted to be considered for

### In town today

1 p.m. Model rocket demonstration, Teen Center, Cosmos Park.

4 p.m. Missouri Youth Concert Band, Nifong Park.

7-30 p.m. KOPN Science Fiction Film Series, "Mothra!," "Radio Ranch," "Earth vs Flying Saucers," \$2, Newman Center, 701 Maryland Ave.

7-30 p.m. "Dial 'M' for Murder," adults \$1, Maplewood Barn Theatre, Nifong Park.

8 p.m. Missouri Students Association Coffeehouse, Bengal Lair Deck, Memorial Union.

8 p.m. "Carnival!," adults \$3, University Fine Arts Building.

Exhibits  
See Sunday's Vibrations magazine for continuing exhibit schedules.

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## Nation's sweet tooth grew bigger in 1976

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Americans in 1976 chewed their way through more chocolate bars, caramels, peanut brittle, licorice and other types of candy than they have since 1968, a Commerce Department report said Friday.

They did it, the report said, at a time when inflation had taken a serious toll on the five-cent candy bar, soon expected to join the nickel cigar and the five-cent cup of coffee as a thing of the past.

The report said 78 per cent of all candy bars now sold cost the consumer between 11 and 15 cents apiece.

Each man, woman and child ate an average of 16.7 pounds (7.5 kilograms) of candy last year. The peak year was 1968 when per

capita consumption averaged 20.3 pounds (9.2 kilograms). Sales had been sagging until last year.

Overall, confectioners increased their shipments 3.3 per cent last year to 3.5 billion pounds (1.5 billion kilograms), the report said.

Of the total, just 1.2 million pounds (.5 million kilograms) were candy bars that sold for a nickel, compared with 16.7 million pounds (7.5 kilograms) in 1971.

The industry is in the midst of a promotional campaign centered on a slogan that may increase business in dentist offices and produce frowns on the faces of mothers trying to protect their children's teeth. It reads:

"Candy is delicious food — enjoy some every day."

## Boone County Hospital selects administrator

By Jerry Mayfield  
Missourian staff writer

The assistant director of a Kansas City hospital has been hired as administrator of Boone County Hospital.

Max H. Poll of Kansas City, Mo., will begin work Aug. 15, said Jack Estes, hospital board chairman. He said Poll's salary will be \$35,000.

The administrator post became vacant June 30 when James L. Dack resigned. Dack had served as administrator for almost 13 years.

Poll, 30, has been an assistant director of St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City for three years.

Estes said the hospital board met Sunday night and decided to offer the job to Poll. The board and members of the hospital staff interviewed Poll July 14 in Columbia.

Poll was one of two candidates interviewed by the board, Estes said. He said 54 persons applied for the position. A selection process involving a Chicago hospital consulting firm and a local screening committee was used to thin the list of applicants to four finalists for the board to consider.

Poll received a graduate degree in hospital administration in 1974 from the University of Minnesota.

Poll, a native of Michigan, is married and has two daughters.



Max H. Poll  
To direct hospital

## Panel seeks hike in state funding for education

By Jim Stern and David Kohn  
Missourian staff writers

The Master Planning Committee of the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education Friday approved recommendations in its preliminary master plan for increased state funding of higher education and standardization of student fees.

Other recommendations in the preliminary draft of the plan are:

- Considerations to limit the number of tenured faculty members.
- An increase in construction and general education funds for community colleges.
- Full funding of the Missouri Student Grant Program.
- Licensing and regulation by the board of proprietary schools in the state.

The committee's recommendations are used to formulate higher education procedure and funding policies for the state. This is the third master plan proposed in 10 years.

The preliminary plan will go to a meeting of the six technical committees and the master planning committee in September. A preliminary document from that meeting will be reviewed in seven regional public hearings and be returned to the coordinating board for final revision in December, said Virginia Young, chairman of the board.

The committee recommended the state increase its percentage of higher education funding to national funding

levels. Missouri currently allocates \$255 million, or 18.05 per cent, of state income to higher education.

Committee members did not determine how much of an increase the state would need to gain parity with national averages.

A report by the board's technical finance committee states that a substantial change in Missouri's tax policies would be needed to finance an increase. Low state taxes, it states, correspond with low support for post-secondary education.

The planning committee also recommended uniform student fees for students enrolled in the University of Missouri system, Lincoln University and the five state universities.

Minimum resident fees for undergraduate students should be based on a percentage of the average educational cost per student in those universities, Mrs. Young said.

While some discrepancies would occur among fees at different universities, she said the cost of educating students in different disciplines would offset discrepancies.

The committee recommended that community college fees be lower than those of the universities.

Another committee recommendation would raise funding of community colleges by the state from 25 per cent to 50 per cent of the colleges' budget, said Bruce Robertson, commissioner of higher education.

The committee also proposed that (See LIMITS, page 11)