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Courts still damaged

Pershing's water-damaged racquetball courts will not be repaired any time soon

BY ANDREA HEWITT
Staff Reporter

Students might have to find different walls on which to bounce their racquet balls.

Physical Plant director Karl Schneider said July flooding damaged both the basketball and racquetball courts, but only the basketball floor has been replaced.

"I know there was a little bit of damage on the [basketball] arena end of a couple of the courts," Schneider said.

The decision was made not to repair the racquetball courts because they will be removed if the proposed renovations of Pershing are finalized.

"We looked into the costs of repairing, and we didn't think it was worthwhile repairing them for the little use they would get between now and when the building is going to be renovated," Schneider said.

Junior Gerardo Delgado said he was disappointed with the disappearance of the courts.

"They renovated the basketball

court, which is used, percentage wise, by a much [smaller number] of the students," Delgado said. "It's only really the basketball team that plays on the basketball court, but all students can use the racquetball court."

Delgado said he was shocked when he found out the courts were not going to be renovated because he knew numerous people who frequented the two racquetball courts —including himself.

"They're damaged now, and it's a big problem playing," Delgado said. "Because ... after you see so many balls hitting the walls and the ground, you get this second nature about where it's going to bounce ... But with these courts, it hits the ground, and it goes in [a] 45 degree angle the other way. It totally throws you off."

Sam Minner, dean of the school of health science and education, said the renovations to Pershing are necessary.

"It's in a terrible state of repair," Min-

ner said. "It's really a substandard learning space for our students and our faculty and staff that work in this building."

Minner said that at this point he does not know where the funding for the project is going to come from.

"There could be a positive impact for us on Obama's stimulus package because part of that had to do with infrastructure improvements on K-12 schools and higher education," Minner said. "It's conceivable that we could get some funding there."

A meeting with the architectural firm is scheduled for next week to finalize plans for Pershing renovations, Minner said. Interim University President Darrell Krueger and the Board of Governors then will decide when the Pershing renovations will take place. After that, the racquetball courts will be history.

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Local governments may face stronger open record law

BY KELSEY LANDHUIS
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The sun will shine a little brighter on Missouri's government bodies if House Bill 316 passes.

The bill proposes several changes to Missouri's Open Meetings and Records Law, commonly known as the Sunshine Law. It focuses on clarifying when government meetings should be open to the public and increasing the notification period for public meetings concerning certain issues.

The bill's sponsor is State Rep. Tim Jones, R-Eureka, who said the bill's intent is to make government proceedings more transparent to the public.

"What we're looking to do is make sure that all levels of government from the smallest municipality up to the state levels of government are properly accountable to the people and that the people have access to what government is doing at all those different levels," Jones said.

He said it is important for government bodies at the city and county level to be as

open as the government at the state level.

"I used to serve on a city council, and there's a lot of differences between serving on a city council and serving in the state," Jones said. "At the state government level there's definitely a lot of public input and a lot of public scrutiny, and everything we do is out in the open. I don't know that we really have closed meetings. Everything is in a hearing format. I think that ... all levels of government should operate that way."

One of the bill's provisions increases the notification period from 24 hours to five days for public meetings regarding fee or tax increases, eminent domain, zoning, transportation development districts or tax increment financing.

Jones said the change was proposed because taxes, zoning laws and other "hot-button issues" have a large effect on the public.

The bill also would change the policy regarding who is allowed to attend closed meetings, permitting only members of the governmental body, their attorneys and assistants

and any necessary witnesses to participate in closed sessions.

"Only those involved that should properly be in the closed meeting should be in the closed meeting," Jones said. "Otherwise, the governmental body could be discussing business that should be in the public but they're only discussing it to certain members of the public that they may hand-select."

Adair County Clerk Sandra Collop said closed meetings of the County Commission don't occur very often.

"There are around ... 21 different reasons a commission can close a meeting to the public," Collop said. "And if the matter falls under those guidelines then the meeting will be closed, but that's very rarely that that happens."

Collop said the County Commission is in open session Monday through Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., other than the rare occasions when a matter falls under Sunshine Law guidelines for closed meetings.

"Of course, the public is welcome to come

in at any time and discuss matters," Collop said. "We do have people who make appointments ahead of time so the commission will be sure to set that time aside for that."

Collop said typically she sends out a notification Wednesday or Thursday afternoon of the commission's agenda for the next week.

Kirkville City Clerk Vickie Brumbaugh said she notifies the public 24 hours in advance of City Council meetings in accordance with the current Sunshine Law, and that the Council takes the 24-hour notice rule into consideration when scheduling special sessions.

"At their study session on Monday, the Council decided to hold a special meeting on Tuesday, and taking into consideration the 24 hours' notice, they scheduled it so I had time to get that notice out," Brumbaugh said.

HB 316 states that if the notification period for matters requiring five days' notice is not adhered to, discussion of the issue must be postponed and the government body cannot vote on it for at least 30 days.

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