

After purchase, Kuhlman Court would contain one private lot

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Curators to vote on land purchase

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The Board of Curators will decide today on a recommendation by its physical facilities committee that the University purchase three of the four remaining privately owned Kuhlman Court properties for the Columbia campus.

The committee recommended the \$173,625 purchase without objection at its meeting Thursday. The units sought for purchase by the business office are: 603 Kuhlman Court (\$64,125), 614 Kuhlman Court (\$57,500), and 615 Kuhlman Court (\$52,000).

"There is only one remaining piece of property left to consolidate the whole area," Dale Bowling, University vice

president for business management told the committee. "We're working towards wrapping it up."

Kuhlman Court, located in the middle of the campus, is landlocked by the Arts and Science Building, Conley Avenue and the University's visitors parking lot.

The nine of the court's 13 lots already owned by the University are used primarily as storage buildings and teaching assistants' offices. Residents of the remaining privately-owned buildings have in the past expressed concern over the University's poor maintenance of the structures.

Ken Whitt, associate director of University information, said Thursday the purchases are part of a long-range

plan to buy properties as they become available. He said plans for construction of a library storage area in Kuhlman Court had been considered, but the legislature has withheld appropriations for that purpose.

Whitt said construction of the library storage area "is not going to happen soon."

In other action Thursday, the committee recommended approval of:

Raising the limits of a self-funded medical professional liability plan and the selection of Alexis Division of Alexander and Alexander of St. Louis as the service company to administer the plan. The University's self-funded malpractice insurance plan, scheduled to go into effect July 1, is a response to skyrocketing premiums of commercial

insurance. The curators decided in June, 1977, to try to establish the self-funded plan.

Extending accidental death and disbursement insurance coverage to retired employees.

Employing JRB Associates, Inc., St. Louis, as the architect of new intensive care units for the University Health Center, for a fee of eight percent of the construction contract. The General Assembly has appropriated \$1.1 million for construction.

Employing Peckham Guyton, Inc., Kansas City, as the architect of an addition to the Animal Science Building in Columbia. The firm's fee will come from the \$35,200 appropriated by the General Assembly for planning.