

Dogwood Downs Protest
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Video

An aerial view of the triangular area in 1949

Cut to view of BioMed Laboratories.

Cut back to aerial view of the triangular area back in 1949 with the bottom part of the triangle shaded in red and with the words "BioMed Labs" over the shading. A second later, the top half of the triangle is shaded in blue.

Cut to an aerial view of Dogwood Downs

Cut to long shot of about five women carrying placards saying, "Gambling is a sin," and "Ball U Downs."

Cut to Alecia Wilburton, head of Christians Against Gambling, who is talking to the reporter, with a graphic that says "Alecia Wilburton, Christians Against Gambling" on the bottom third of the screen.

Cut to view of Cleve VanDeever who is working at his desk.

Cut to Cleve VanDeever with "Cleve VanDeever, VP Business Affairs Ball State University" at the bottom third of the

Audio

David: This is what Ball State's triangular area looked like in 1949.

Then back in 1998, Ball State leased the triangle to this group, BioMed Laboratories, on a sub lease contract.

Then BioMed sold the other part of the triangle to Indiana Recreational Development, out of Anderson, Indiana, who has turned it into...

...this, Dogwood Downs. Dogwood Downs is Muncie's Newest pari-mutuel greyhound racing track. It is scheduled to open this weekend.

Dogwood Downs may not even start their first race, due to protesting by the Christians Against Gambling, or the C. A. G.

Alecia: We in the group Christians Against Gambling think gambling is a sin. The university has no business dealing with this low-life sort of people.

David: Cleve VanDeever, Vice President of Business Affairs at Ball State University, explains this situation in a little more detail.

Cleve: Ball State does own the land the dog track sits on. However, it has nothing to do with the dog track.

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That came about because of a sub-leaser and our hands are legally tied. We can't do anything about it.

Cut to reporter, who is standing outside the dog track with "David Lightfoot" at the bottom third of the screen.

David: A sublease means that the land was leased to BioMed Laboratory, so they can lease their land to whoever they please. The C. A. G. promises to continue their protest on opening day of the track, which is this weekend. The owners of the land behind me were not available for comment, but has called for a press release tomorrow afternoon. We will have continuing coverage of this story, but for now David Lightfoot, NewsCenter 43, Muncie.