

Libbers Huff, Puff But Bar Still Stands

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Women's Lib hit another large male bastion in Columbia Friday — the neighborhood bar.

The Columbia Police Department reported that some 33 women converged on the Rosewood Lounge at 2719 Rosewood Dr. Friday night asking to be admitted for drinks.

The catch? The lounge has a policy of not admitting unescorted women, a rule with which the Libbers took umbrage.

According to police reports, lounge owner L.G. Ellisor reportedly refused to admit the women, something the women said had occurred before, and then told the women the bar was closing.

When police officers arrived at the request of the women they found the front door closed, but the bar was packed with men and more were arriving through the lounge's back door, according to reports.

The women also complained that several of their number had been doused with water thrown by someone on top of the building.

When officers questioned Ellisor he said the club was public and was advised by police that as long as the club was open to the public he could not refuse service to the women. Ellisor said he planned to inquire as to the procedure for making the lounge a private club.

The women were advised to leave by officers and told to check with a lawyer.