

No trial this week, over the Brothers Bar in Madison.

The Fortney family, owners of Brothers taverns in Madison, La Crosse, and other cities, have accepted a two-million dollar offer for their site near the UW campus. The Fortneys and the university were supposed to go to trial starting today, on whether the UW could take over the bar under laws of eminent domain. The UW wants to put a music building on the tavern site, and claimed that the Fortneys were just holding out for a better price. The Fortneys had filed the lawsuit in October, after they couldn't get the Board of Regents to help them move the bar to another location in Madison.