City Council denies funding for tourism bureau

SHARON WITTKIE Daily Egyptian

Carbondale City Council voted to deny a resolution to disburse $267,500 to the Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau and approved the disbursement of more than $245,000 to various organizations during its regular meeting Tuesday.

In a 6-1 vote, with Councilwoman Corene McDaniel dissenting, the council voted to allocate money in its fiscal year 2013 budget that had been set aside for the bureau to be used by other agencies.

Councilman Chris Wissmann made the motion to deny the resolution and to let other organizations submit requests for proposals for the portions of the services currently being provided by the bureau.

Wissmann said the requests for proposals could be as broad or specific as needed, and the council could accept as many as necessary.

McDaniel disagreed sharply with the motion to deny funding to the bureau.

She said on several occasions, council members had worked until 11 p.m. submitting suggestions to the city manager about what they wanted the bureau to accomplish.

McDaniel said since February, the bureau came under close scrutiny by council members because the bureau's director, Debbie Moore, "helped write grant proposals for a tourism office where her daughter worked.

The bureau also came under scrutiny because of a lack of a functional website. The plan the council members worked on was to outline what they expected of the bureau and to give it an opportunity to make improvements.

I think this is appalling, and I would like the council to reconsider," she said during the discussion period.

Councilman Don Mony said he had heard more comments from citizens on this issue than on any other, and almost all of the comments were against funding the bureau.

McDaniel said she also heard negative comments about the bureau, but in many cases, the only time people mobilize is when they are against an issue.

She said she had to see the council move in such a drastic manner, and other agencies already had requests for proposals ready, since they were anticipating the council's move to deny funding.

"I feel like this was the plan all along," Mony said.

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Financial aid will no longer apply to previous semester

TARA KULASH Daily Egyptian

Students may need to spend their refund checks more wisely.

As part of an experimental program, SIU had previously been given a waiver by the U.S. Department of Education to apply future financial aid awards to past debt. For students, Chancellor Rita Cheng said: SIU President Glenn Poshard could not confirm how long the experimental program has existed at SIU.

However, the department has taken away the waiver. Effective fall 2012, if students have a hold on their bursar account, their future aid award will not be applied to it.

The financial aid office sent an email to students notifying them of the change Monday.

Cheng said this is how most universities function, and the intention is to get students to be more responsible with paying their bills on time.

"It puts more requirements on the individual student," she said.

The university had no say in the decision, nor did the Illinois House of Representatives. It was a decision of the department. As a result, Cheng said students can't enroll for classes if they have a hold of more than $500 on their account.

Some seek more options from Student Center businesses

MATT DARAY Daily Egyptian

The Student Center is the central hub of campus that provides food, activities and stores used by students to accommodate their everyday lives.

However, some students are upset about the lack of choice the center provides, considering what local businesses could provide.

Lori Stettler, director of the Student Center, said up to 18,737 of 374,752 square feet of usable space in the building is allowed to be privately used. She said this space includes locations such as McDonald’s, the bookstore, ATMs and the arcade area.

"We have a very small window of what’s left available to be used for private business," Stettler said.

She said because of contracts with businesses such as McDonald’s and Chick-fil-A, the Student Center is not allowed to have other businesses that sell burgers or chicken sandwiches in the center as competition.

Soon, students will be able to voice their opinions on what businesses they want in the Student Center.

Stettler said the center plans to send out surveys in the fall 2012 semester to find a business students would be interested in such as a bank — an option she said students have been requesting.

Stettler said there is always a possibility for local restaurants and stores to run in the Student Center. She said she does not think businesses such as McDonald’s and Chick-fil-A limit the potential for other businesses, and the university requested competitive bids on fast food options.

However, there is no available space for other restaurants Stettler said, and any businesses seeking to become a part of the center would have to pay a significant renovation fee. She said a restaurant could open in the Roman Room if space is needed.

The renovation would have to allow the restaurant to meet all local codes and health standards, along with proper ventilation and electrical usage.

Stettler said Chartwells, a business that provides SIU and other school cafeterias with food, invested $1.8 million to upgrade the operational side of food services at the Student Center and pay the franchise fees for all the restaurants except McDonald’s. This contract gives exclusive rights to Chartwells and McDonald’s in the Student Center, preventing the setup of food stands and other restaurants not authorized by both companies.

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McDaniel said, “I have one vote, and the majority rules, but the majority may not necessarily be right.”

Council members voted 6-1, with McDaniel voting “present” on a resolution allowing the city manager to enter into contracts with the following groups:
Carbondale Community Arts — $48,000
Senior Adult Services — $33,750
Boys and Girls Club — $30,000

In separate resolutions, the City Council voted to split the $50,000 for earmarks as follows: $35,000 to Carbondale Main Street for landscaping and smart phone applications; $10,000 to Chamber of Commerce for web technologies, advertising and marketing banners; $5,000 to Carbondale Community Arts for concerts; $10,000 grant match for the R. Buckminster Fuller Dome; and a $10,000 grant match for the Carbondale Park District’s Aquatic Center.

Each resolution passed by a 6-1 vote, with McDaniel voting no.

Other community and economic development organizations did not need to have their contracts approved by City Council because the amounts were less than $30,000. They are as follows: “I Can Read” of Southern Illinois, $9,900; SIUC Student Programming Council – Sunset Concert, $7,000; Jackson County Mass Transit, $5,000; and Spirit of Attacks, $1,000.

Council members voted unanimously to spend $60,000 to purchase three parcels of unused right-of-way from Canadian National Railway to be used for a bike and pedestrian path to link the Town Square to the Southern Illinois University Carbondale campus.”

The council also voted unanimously to approve a budget adjustment establishing a healthcare reimbursement fund.

With a 6-1 vote, the council voted to approve a resolution declaring “Fair Days” for the Park District’s Sunset Concert series at Turley Park, so people can consume alcohol. Councilwoman McDaniel cast the lone dissenting vote.

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Stetler said in exchange for exclusivity, the Student Center receives commission on sales for both retail outlets and catering.

The contracts have made it difficult for local business owners to get into the center.

Sang Lee, who has owned Chicago Hotdogs and Shrimp on the Strip for 15 years, said he thinks it is important for students to have diversity when it comes to food in the Student Center.

Lee said if given the opportunity, he would like to open a shop in the Student Center, and he is aware of the cost. He said he would open in the center if he could afford to without lowering the quality of food ingredients he purchases. Lee said he makes sure his food is as healthy as possible.

Lee said his business is doing well, but he has seen a drop in dedicated customers over the years. Some people used to drive three to four hours to eat at his restaurant and thinks if he moves into the Student Center, he said, he would see a rise in sales, because it would be more convenient for students. Limited choices have caused some students to spend their money elsewhere.

Joshua Harper, a junior from Ashton studying marketing, said he used to buy food from the Student Center frequently but has slowed down because of a lack of choices.

Harper said he would like to see the Student Center provide healthier food options and provide more food from local farmers. He said he would also like to see restaurant options put into dining halls.

David Jeong, a senior from Naperville studying accounting, said his class schedule causes him to skip the Student Center and use the dining halls unless they are closed. Jeong said he would like the center to provide healthier options.

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Letter to the Editor

Letter to editor ignores tragedy, makes up excuses to attacks Israel

DEAR EDITOR: Where to start…

I wish to respond to David Christensen’s April 26 letter to the editor. The professor starts by linking between historical and current events and forgetting that Holocaust Memorial Day is about the 11 million people, 6 million of whom were Jews who were murdered by the Nazis. It’s not an excuse to talk about Israel positively or negatively.

As for Christensen’s accusations on Israel’s action, I must reject them under the claim that they are wrong and preposterous.

The “United States-dominated United Nations” offered a partition plan for two states — a Jewish one and an Arab one. The Soviet Union, a country that could not be accused of being “controlled” by the United States, approved the plan.

So did the Jewish Agency, which was the active government for the Jewish community — even though 60 percent of the new Jewish state was composed of desert land. The Arab leadership rejected the plan, mainly because it refused to allow a Jewish state to exist.

As for the “food and travel blockade” Christensen refers to in his letter, hundreds of tons of food, medicine and other humanitarian aid are entering Gaza in trucks every day. I know this not because I’ve read it in the New York Times or watched it on CNN; I’ve been there and seen the trucks with my own eyes.

What happens to that food once it falls into the hands of Hamas is a different question, reminding everyone that Hamas has used every chance it had to bring rockets and explosives into the Gaza Strip to be used against Israeli civilians.

For some reason, it’s easy to ignore the importance of a tragedy such as 1 million and a half children killed in the Holocaust to make up excuses to attack Israel. Israelis don’t need to use their history of oppression to justify their actions; they have the truth behind them to do just that.

Assal Grumberg  
Editorial Board

Thompson Woods article fails to report community’s concerns

DEAR EDITOR: The cover story on Thompson Woods in the Daily Egyptian’s April 25 issue failed to report the true extent of concern among many biologists at SIUC concerning how Thompson Woods and other campus natural areas should best be managed to reap the maximum benefits for the entire university community.

In addition to offering a delightful respite to all at SIUC from manicured lawns and imposing buildings, these areas are used as easily accessible outdoor laboratories by many life science classes.

Input from more biologists into the overall management plans for these areas would contribute substantially to the long-term health of Thompson Woods. In particular, more attention needs to be focused on subcanopy trees and shrubs, understory herbaceous plants and the fauna of the woods, as these contribute heavily to the diversity and stability of forests.

While I was delighted to see that at least one box turtle has survived the recent onslaught of heavy equipment and soil compaction, this alone is not sufficient indication that Thompson Woods supports a healthy fauna.

I do agree that there is a severe problem with invasive plants. High densities of invasive plants reduce populations of native plants and lower the abundance of herbivorous insects, with cascading effects up the food chain to native birds, lizards, turtles and mammals. Wider circulation of existing management plans and solicitation of input from more of the highly qualified biological community at SIUC on how to improve them would foster broader understanding and support for the plans and help preserve these unique multi-use natural areas on our campus in the long term.

Nancy Garwood  
adjunct professor of plant biology

Art, design students deserve space; move from Barracks long overdue

DEAR EDITOR: I am deeply disappointed with some members of the SIUC community, specifically in their outcry against the Pulliam pool rennovation.

While I understand the pool is a special place for many students and faculty, I have to point out how deserving are the students of the School of Art and Design are when it comes to needing new space. As a department, we are spread throughout several buildings, often making networking difficult, time-consuming or altogether nonexistent. Art History is housed in the Allen Building, along with our printmaking facilities and a few rooms in which 2D studios take place. It is also one of the oldest buildings on campus.

The Glove Factory is off campus, located behind Stix, and is home to the Sculpture department, along with more classroom space and a few professors’ and students’ studios. I can assure you this building could use many repairs, not limited to a leaking roof that has been known to damage art and severely shorten available work time. Pulliam is currently the base of the ceramics, glass and metals studios; these are some of our most prestigious and renowned programs at SIUC.

Our Industrial Design department (which would be moving into the revamped Pulliam space) has been relegated to the Blue Barracks; the “temporary” metal buildings near the dorms that were supposed to be a short-term solution while a new building for Industrial Design was built. That was more than a decade ago.

It should also be mentioned that a team of designers recently took home the Fusion Exhibition Bragging Rights Cup, which included beating a team from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

I am aware that losing the pool is a sad moment for many members of our community, but it is a long overdue change needed for a deserving department filled with award-winning, highly talented individuals. Pulliam is already home to some of our most gifted members, and it is an apt place to house a group of students whose needs have been overlooked for far too long.

Kat Mannel  
senior from Beaver Dam, Wis., studying art

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Petitte recalls Clemens conversation about HGH

JOSEPH WHITE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Andy Pettitte and Roger Clemens sat some 20 feet apart, Pettitte on the witness stand and Clemens at the defense table trying to avoid going to jail. The topic: a remark about human growth hormone Pettitte recalled hearing from his longtime teammate, mentor and workout partner a dozen years ago.

“Roger had mentioned to me that he had taken HGH,” Pettitte testified. “And that it could help with recovery, and that’s really all I remember about the conversation.”

The rest of the details are fuzzy. Pettitte went on to acknowledge that the words were said in passing during an intense workout.

“It’s a conversation that Clemens has famously claimed that Pettitte ‘misremembers.’”

The right-hander on trial who won 354 major league games and the lefty on the stand with 240 wins had an awkward reunion Tuesday, Day 8 in the retrial of charges that Clemens lied when he told Congress in 2008 that he never used steroids or HGH.

Pettitte’s appearance enlivened the proceedings and came without warning. The government interrupted testimony from the trial’s first witness to call Pettitte just before noon. Wearing a gray suit, he walked into court a day after allowing six runs and 10 hits with eight strikeouts over 5 2-3 innings in an extended spring training game in Clearwater, Fla., as part his comeback attempt at age 39 with the New York Yankees.

Pettitte testified mostly with his hands clasped in front of him and rarely looked at Clemens, even during the lengthy delays when lawyers held conferences at the judge’s bench. Clemens frequently took notes. The two haven’t spoken recently because of the trial, but Pettitte nevertheless said he found it difficult to testify because he still considers Clemens a good friend.

Pettitte is crucial to a government case that will otherwise rely heavily on the testimony of Brian McNamee, who worked as a strength coach for both Clemens and Pettitte and has said he injected both men with performance-enhancing substances.

The government showed the jury photos of the three working out together in Texas during happier times — “Mac, Roger and me,” as Pettitte put it.

Pettitte has acknowledged he received HGH from McNamee; Clemens has not. Pettitte told the jury about the time he used HGH in 2002 while recovering from an injury, but he wasn’t allowed to say he was injected by McNamee because the judge ruled that information inadmissible.

Pettitte said he used HGH one other time, in 2004. He said he regretted it both times he tried it, that he doesn’t think it helped him physically and that it tarnished his name.

“I wish I never would’ve taken HGH, he said. “If I hadn’t done it, I wouldn’t be here today.’’

Asked to recall the conversation in which Clemens supposedly admitted to using HGH, Pettitte remembered it taking place during a workout at Clemens’ house in Texas during the 1999-2000 offseason. Maybe inside the gym. Maybe outside.
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Riley became a four-time All- American and two-time National Champion in the weight throw and an Olympic alternate for the 2008 Beijing Games.

When Riley first arrived at SIU, Smith said he did not know how good she could be until about her third week of practice, when he and former thrower Mark Milliague were watching Riley throw.

"I remember her throwing a 25-pound weight, and it just took off," Smith said. "Mark looked at me and said, 'You know she's going to be really, really good.'"

Riley said Price-Smith was a great mentor during her time at SIU. Price-Smith said it was Riley's willingness to accept mentorship that made her easy to work with.

"She was and still is the type of person who was (and is) easy to help guide. She comes and talks and asks questions," Price-Smith said. "Sport is bigger than just sport. It teaches you a lot of lessons along the way on what you need to do when you're done with sports."

Riley did not come to SIU as highly decorated as Riley, and she turned down more scholarship money from smaller schools to attend SIU, she said.

Coach Andre Scott recruited Riley to be a jumper on the track team out of high school. She said Scott saw potential in her as a jumper and decided to take a chance on her.

"She could jump 36 feet, and she also did sprints," Scott said. "I watched her run the 4x100 where she ran the anchor leg and was pretty explosive and fast. It made for good ingredients to turn her into whatever we feel she needed to be."

Smith said he would often tease Scott about allowing Riley to become a thrower. During Riley's first year on the team, she competed in the triple jump in addition to throwing events.

Later in her career, Scott said he experimented with switching her to a heptathlon athlete. She would compete in the 100-meter hurdles, high jump, shot put, 200-meter dash, long jump, javelin and 800-meter run. After subpar performances in the 800-meter run and an ankle injury while handling, Riley switched to throwing full-time heading into spring 2010, her junior year. Berry said she had to adjust to a learning curve during the early stages of her throwing career.

"The transition was slow at first, because I was still throwing and jumping at the same until my junior year outdoor season," Berry said. "It was pretty hard; I'm still transitioning now."

During her final year at SIU, Berry excelled as both a thrower and a student. She earned second team All-American honors in the shot put and weight throw, and she was named to the Missouri Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete Team. As they prepare for the Olympic Trials, Smith described his throwers as three types: the sports car, the monster truck and the tractor. Each type has their strengths and weaknesses when it comes to technique and training, he said.

Berry and Riley both said their training for the Olympics is not much different from what they received at SIU.

Smith's program mandates that athletes lift twice a week, which is less than most programs, Riley said. Smith said most throwers train to compete in the upcoming meet for that week, but throwers such as Berry, Riley and current SIU senior thrower McCord can put up top numbers while not at full strength during the season.

Riley said being an alternate on the 2008 Olympic Team motivates her as she trains for this year's games. She said she didn't want to discredit other athletes but that she deserved a spot on the team.

"I felt like I should have been on the team, and I didn't perform at my best," Riley said. "There were people that made the team that I would have been at my best, I would have made it (over)."

As the pair trains for the Olympic Trials in June, they realize the legacies they leave for other future Saluki athletes.

Price-Smith, a former Olympic thrower, said she gives them advice about the Olympics when she can.

"I just try to help guide them on do's and don'ts and what they need to look for and be aware of," Price-Smith said. "How not everything is perfect and to learn how to deal with different situations mentally and physically."

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SUU alumna Brittany Riley pauses during a workout Tuesday at the Saluki Track and Field Complex. While attending SIU, Riley was a two- time NCAA champion in the weight throw. She holds the school record for weight throw as well as top 10 rankings in shot put and discuss.

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Salukis set sights on London Olympics
Former SIU throwers prepare for Olympic trials

A WEEKEND SERVICE TO WHATITHEK

Preparation for the 2012 Olympic games in London presents a different set of challenges for former SIU track and field throwers Gwen Berry and Brittany Riley.

Berry and Riley are SIU alumnus who are training to compete in the Olympic Trials in Eugene, Ore., from June 21 to July 1. Riley graduated in 2008 and returns to training for the first time in three and a half years. Berry graduated from SIU in 2011.

Riley must regain the form she had in 2007, when she became a world record holder in the weight throw, and Berry looks to continue her growth as a thrower after beginning her career as a jumper on the track team. Both also juggle their day jobs while training toward their ultimate goal of a spot on the Olympic team.

During their time together at SIU, Berry and Riley became close friends. The two spend time outside of training hanging out, watching music videos and listening to music, while they compete against each other for a spot in the U.S. Olympic team.

The two, along with Jeneva McCull, a senior thrower and also a candidate to qualify for the Olympics, know that it is possible some of them are not going for the team. They said their relationship will not allow for animosity toward whoever makes the team.

“We have a good relationship. When we’re competing, we still cheer each other on,” Riley said. “If anybody were to beat me, I’m fine with it being her or anyone”.

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A WEEKEND SERVICE TO WHATITHEK

Wolfe’s Olympic trial run to shock to coaching staff

Swimming and diving coach Rick Walker and assistant coach Scott Olson said they weren’t surprised when they found our junior swimmer Justin Wolfe will travel to the Olympic Trials June 23 in Omaha, Neb.

“I was pleased, but not surprised,” Walker said. “This might be a little nerve-wracking for someone who doesn’t know what they’re doing, but Justin knows exactly what he’s doing, why he’s doing it and he knows the Olympic trials is the big show.”

After the regular swim season’s end March 3, Olson said jumping right back into two-a-day practices and a switch to long-course swimming for summer meets have yet to slow Wolfe down.

“We are kind of treading on new grounds for Justin. He’s figured out how the college season goes, but this will be a lot different for him with his next big meet coming up in late June,” he said.

After Wolfe made first team all conference March 3, he said the Salukis’ third place finish at the Missouri Valley Conference Championships didn’t sit well. As a junior, he said his ultimate goal as a senior will be to help secure the Salukis an MAC Championship.

Though Wolfe is the first SIU swimmer to make it to the Olympic trials in 12 years, he said the USA swimming meet April 19 in which he qualified didn’t exactly have him competing against his normal age group.

“I didn’t have a time yet going in to the meet,” Wolfe said. “And there were only a few of us, so they put me in the first heat with the slowest kids, so I was swimming with the nine- and ten-year-olds.”

With Wolfe’s qualification time a 55.01 in the 100-meter butterfly, Walker and Olson both said his qualification for the Olympic trials stems from his work ethic, focus and ability to swim fast no matter what the circumstance.

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