Faculty to vote on last offer

Leadership to allow members to vote Thursday, Friday on contract proposal

Ben Bethin
Daily Egyptian

The Faculty Association's threat of a strike at SIUC awakened after the union announced Tuesday that it is sending the administration's latest contract proposal to members for a vote later this week.

"Although no strike is planned for this week, there is no guarantee that there won't be a walkout until members of the union were on the contract proposal Thursday and Friday, said Mortez Daneshdoost, the association president, in a Tuesday press conference. Rejection of the proposal means a strike could take place Monday.

The decision for members to vote came after the union's Departmental Representative Council, which consists of about 46 elected leaders, conducted a straw poll Monday and Tuesday, gathering feedback from faculty about the contract offer. The council had the choice of sending the proposal to members for a vote or rejecting it, which could have led to a strike.

The poll showed that members supported the contract proposal 200 to 90, and the union leadership decided to have faculty vote on the offer. The members will represent a bargaining unit of about 660 tenured and tenure-track faculty, with roughly 200 of them being dues-paying members with the right to vote on the proposal.

"The decision is not without reservations," Daneshdoost said. "We have gained much, such as a fixed faculty-student ratio, job security, and non-contingent salary increments.

"But the members are not all happy. They have failed to consider what option to take," he said. "As the administration continues the negotiations, the faculty members will hold the decision of what option to take in their hands."
NATIONAL NEWS

NASA investigating debris in Arizona, California

NASA has dispatched teams to Arizona and California to look at possible debris from the space shuttle Columbia. The initial reports of the debris were called "credible" by Assistant Manager Michael Kostelnik. The reports concern "debris further west that might eventually shed light on what the cause was," Kostelnik said Tuesday. "It's not clear what the material is, but it could be that (space) junk, it could be old rocket parts.

But he confirmed that NASA has not definitively linked the debris to Columbia yet.

"It's easy to speculate, it's easy to be confused. There is a lot of stuff being brought up by the newspapers," Kostelnik said.

The discovery Monday on one of the biggest and most controversial pieces of possible debris - the nose cone - underscored how hard it is likely to be to find the thousands of small debris pieces. The nose cone - about a 4 feet across - was discovered drifted into the ground in a deep enough crevice likely to be covered by snow any time the remaining snow in the area melted.

Some 1,000 recovered remains, many as small as nickels, have created a growing mound of evidence that could take months or years to pick through.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Saddam demands link with al-Qaeda

LONDON - In a rare interview broadcast on British television Tuesday, Premier Saddam Hussein denied possessing weapons of mass destruction and said there is no link between Iraq and al-Qaeda.

"If we had a relationship with al-Qaeda we wouldn't be ashamed to admit it," Saddam told Tony Benn, the memorial socialist politician filmed the hour-long interview Sunday while he was in Baghdad on what he described as a prayer mission. He was shown in front of Britain Channel Four TV station.

Saddam, who has granted an interview to the Western media 12 years ago, also denied his country has weapons of mass destruction. "These weapons do not exist in small piles that you can hide in your pocket. These weapons are mass destruction weapons. They were designed to kill and it is easy to work out if they have been or not," he said.

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Faculty Association, administration agree on faculty/student ratios

Placement of new faculty remains an issue

Valerie N. Donnals  
Daily Egyptian

The administration lowered faculty/student ratios in its final proposal Thursday to meet the requests of the Faculty Association, which has been a long-time sticking point in the negotiations process. The administration handed down its final contract proposal Thursday for the Faculty Association in hopes the union would accept and choose to walk out.

The Faculty Association originally asked for a ratio of 28 students to every member of the bargaining unit, which is made up of about 680 tenured and tenure-track professors.

The proposal from the administration said that they will make an effort to ensure that the ratio is not more than 26 to 1. However, instead of total student head count, the administration used the full-time equivalency (FTE) of students. The FTE is a figure used as an industry standard across the nation, according to Sue Davis, spokesperson for the administration.

"They're the same numbers we have asked for, just in two different languages," Daneshdoost said. Davis said the current ratio using the FTE is about 26.2 to 1. The ratio cannot be accurately compared to peer institutions, however, because it represents the full-time equivalent of students to number of faculty in the bargaining unit. None of the faculty at SIUC's peer institutions have a bargaining unit.

The administration's proposal said that beginning Oct. 1, 2003, the board "shall initiate and coordinate the hiring of faculty necessary to achieve the 26 to 1 ratio as approved for the bargaining unit."

He said that the new hires may not mean anything if they are not placed in positions where there is a need for more faculty. The last action announcemnt from the administration is that the University will hire 28 new faculty members to areas selected by the provost and the vice chancellor for academic affairs.

"The faculty feel that their voice was not being heard with the last action of the administration. They want to make sure that it will be in the future," Daneshdoost said. He said the ADJF has provided the administration's request to have a say in the placement of new hires as part of the contract, Daneshdoost said.

Despite the continued debate about how much say the faculty should have in determining what departments receive faculty line, Daneshdoost said the union is pleased with the administration's support of the request.

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Wanda Duncan, a radio-television major from Marion, said she has been in huge lecture classes and was glad to hear that the administration plans to hire more faculty, which would potentially reduce class sizes.

"It is all about the quality of teaching," Duncan said. "I don't think a lot of students do well in those classes, and if they want to concentrate on reaching the students, it's definitely a good idea."

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Jeanine Wagner and Margaret Simmons have been performing music together for 25 years.

Wagner, a vocalist and Simmons, a pianist, share a love for spirituals and art songs.

After one performance, a woman approached the SIUC music professors and said she appreciated that two white women were performing art songs composed by black composers since black performers had been performing done songs by white composers for so long.

"Comments really intrigued us," Wagner said. "We started to look for songs done by African Americans."

The two took a sabbatical last year and collected unpublished works of black composers for an anthology that will be available in the fall.

The anthology that is being published by Southern Illinois University Press will contain about 40 unpublished works by black composers.

"Black performers have been ignored in this area," Wagner said. "We want to make available a body of literature that has not been available."

In honor of Black History Month, the two will perform for students and other community members some of the works they have collected from black composers.

The performance will be Thursday at the Epiphany Lutheran Church of All Saints.

Wagner said they enjoyed performing art songs and they tried to find as many pieces by black composers but there were not many published. She said they also had students approach them wanting music by black composers they could perform.

Wagner and Simmons could only find one anthology on black composers, and it was published in 1975.

They primarily focused on art songs, which is poetry set to music, written by black musicians.

"With art songs, the fusion of poetry and music is paramount," Simmons said. "It is just as much about the poetry as it is about the music."

Torey Snyder, vice president of Programs for American Association of University Women, said that the performance is a great way to commemorate Black History Month and is relevant to the focus of the AAWU.

These women are part of our faculty, have this wonderful research and are well-known performers," Snyder said.

The duo also has plans to put together another anthology of music by black composers as the response from the composers they have published and others with unpublished work.

"We did it because of our love of the genre, and we saw a hole in the repertoire that was available," Wagner said. "It has been amazing to see the positive feedback after the performance," Wagner said.

"It was a beautiful evening."
Mayoral candidate optimistic about life after losing job

Colé, others lose jobs on Gov. Blagojevich's first day in office

Sara Hooker
Daily Egyptian

City Councilman Brad Colé said he plans to concentrate on the April 1 mayoral election before moving on to other activities.

"I am focusing 100 percent of my time on running for mayor, and that's what I intend to do," said Colé, who was appointed to the city council last February. "I've already made a choice on the election, hopefully I can focus on being mayor and anything else that goes on after that."

Colé, who was appointed to a property ownership position by Governor George Ryan, was fired along with 34 others by Gov. Rod Blagojevich during his first day in office.

Despite the loss of an $83,000 salary, Colé said he was pleased with funding his mayoral campaign.

"We've had very positive response and I've put in money, I've put in money myself," Colé said. "I'm not happy about that."

And win or lose, Colé plans to continue to call Carbondale his home and reside in the city for at least 14 years, Colé said.

"While Colé hasn't given much thought as future employment, some of the other 34 fired, or those who said they would, Colé said. "We don't deliver the kinds of visualization that people wanted."
As her 1-year old son, Rowley, according to Beck's husband, Paul. The historic boardwalk in Makanda is filled with various shops, particularly candles located inside of Clear Creek Candles on the boardwalk in Makanda. Beck dips her candles in a multitude of colors so that when she begins to carve out different shapes each layer of color creates a unique design. So unique in fact, that some people avoid lighting the candle and melting the creation.

At a public hearing tonight, the Carbondale Planning Commission will discuss the possibility of revising parking regulations for greek housing, a matter that has not been addressed since 1974.

The hearing will take place at 7 p.m. at the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Ave., at which time a discussion of section 15-2F of the Carbondale Revised Code will take place. The section presents the question of whether there are efficient amount of spaces given to off-campus greek housing.

According to a memorandum stating the issue and background of the matter, the issue was brought to the attention of the council last fall. At this meeting in late October, the Planning Commission voted to initiate research into concerns about the efficiency of parking for greek housing.

As it stands, the current parking regulations allot an automatic two spaces for each house, with an addition space given for every two occupants. The proposal recognizes that insufficient parking conditions will result in parking overflow. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss whether this is adequate space for these houses.

"I looked at several other colleges and university towns and found out we're right down the middle as far as parking is concerned," said Lisa Reine, the senior planner in the Planning and Service Division. "It seems right now that there will not be a recommendation for a change. That's not to say that the numbers won't entertain the request though."

Because the regulations do not apply to fraternity and sometimes to organizations that reside in Greek Row, there are only five organizations, all fraternities, to which the proposed regulations will apply.

"I heard about it last week at an Inter-fraternity meeting," said Chris Calmes, a junior in advertising from Decatur residing in the Pi Kappa Alpha. "They're a lot of chapters with limited parking spaces but our landlord has been pretty good about giving us space. I know there are a lot of other people living in houses that are scrambling for space though."

Although Calmes, as well as a few other greeks, said they are having little problem with parking, the Planning Commission has done its best to inform the necessary individuals of the possible change in regulations.

Reine said she has sent out 28 letters to residents of greek housing in hopes that they will attend the meeting.

Reine emphasized that while the discussion will not result in an immediate decision concerning the matter, it will help to determine whether further research into the matter is necessary.

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Sex and sports: why the difference?

Sex makes all the difference.

Walking into the SIU Arena on women's game day is similar to exploring a vast, empty cave. Your voice will echo through all the empty seats.

Yet even when Saluki football was looking ugly, people still showed up in the thousands to support them. So why is it different for the women's side of things?

As the Bush administration takes a peek at Title IX to improve it, we need to display our interest in seeing those changes take place. And frankly, our teams need it, with basketball currently standing at 0-9 in the Missouri Valley Conference.

But we're going to this swim meet to dance.

We're talking about things that do not offer scholarships, meaning things will get a lot tougher. But we're going to this swim meet to dance.

We already knew the MVC doesn't change the fact that they're still Salukis.

And a few hundred seats of get your butt to the game" and we'd be all set.

In fact, swimming is going belly up as the MVC for swimming splits apart, leaving SIU high and dry. The final MVC tournament in the history of swimming will take place later this month, Feb. 20 to 22, and the Egyptian newsroom will be there.

It was a staring contest and both the union and the administration blinked is union.

Today, we all owe it to ourselves to breathe a little easier for we have taken a step back from the ledge that overlooked a very pitfall.

In a bold act of bravery, the Faculty Association put its pride in on the backburner and stood up for the future of this area, this University and the students who will walk the halls today and 10 years from now. The union leadership voted to send the administration's final proposal to an entire membership vote with the recommendation they approve it.

They did it even while dizzied on some of the issues in the contract language.

We await the final Thursday and Friday vote, but it appears as if normality will soon be the education of SIUC. The way we mend tattered friendships and bruised egos in the coming days, weeks, months and years will be the education of SIUC. The way we mend tattered friendships and bruised egos in the coming days, weeks, months and years will be the education of SIUC.

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The days ahead will not be easy ones. It will be the education of SIUC. The way we mend the tattered friendships and bruised egos in the coming days, weeks, months and years will define who we are as a University community.

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Internet Saint: man or mouse?

Hey, kids! Are you sick of waiting on slow Internet connections? Chanting by busy servers and "Page Not Found" messages while you stew! Well, for the Catholic reading today, your prayers really may be answered.

According to recent CNN coverage, the Catholic Church has begun a search for the man, woman or angel who can help us through our online一头雾水。And they're not talking about a Bill Gates hotline, either.

"They're looking at the pattern in the Kingdom of Heaven, and perhaps the Internet as a very young child needs the intervention of adult angels," said CNN prophet expert Monsignor James P. Moroney.

Hmmm. On one hand, it is important to remember times I've had to tell my professors that my connection crashed or my printer failed or one of my document files got deleted. Halves of other quasi-divine "the dog ate my homework" excuses. And there was even one time that some of that stuff actually happened. I suppose if I could've used some help during that day, but I was too busy casting the demons out of my word processor with a whim to call upon God's messengers for help.

I don't really know how to explain this whole Catholicism v2.0 is quite user-friendly, frankly. I'd be too busy working on my next article to update my profile on God, and when I'm just being a obedient servant of my church, I have much better use of my time than to spend in interpersonal or bibliical study each day. For me, there and always has been a clear distinction between what is important and what isn't. Because that's the total amount of time that it takes me to accidentally curse a religion article or see one of my news websites, scan it and decide I'm really not interested in reading it after all. This is about as close to being bored as something-—then I'm scrounging down the HP columns do not necessarily reflect the views of the Daily Egyptian.

Not Just Another Priddy Face

BY GRACE PRIDDY

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Like a friend.

So the rest of the time, can I still call upon Saints to guide my spiritual journey through cyber space? Since the beginning of time, men have possessed the whole "Don't bother with God" thing. But things have got so de-approachable to religion. Well, look at tame saints. They're not even deities, yet and all their whole white tunics perpetuates around the friars the way we don't want to bother with God. I feel kind of bad for them. They've spent their entire life helping people on earth and marrying themselves for God, and when they finally get to heaven, they don't even get to rest. That's a downer.

In the meantime, I guess I have to keep building St. Jude, Patron Saint of Hopelessness. Please, sir, help me in my time of need. There's a vintage Darth Vader helmet I've been watching for weeks, and, well, if you're listening too, God... I'll just die if it get out.

"Just Not Another Priddy Face" appears Wednesday, and it is a senior in architecture.

Letters do not necessarily reflect the views of the Daily Egyptian.

What is the state of the nation?

Last Tuesday, President Bush gave the official State of the Union speech. He gave the speech and many of his comments regarding the economy were at best naive and he really had no clue as to how to deal with systemic poverty. He seemed to be obtained with giving those with stock dividends a tax break. I wish he had the same enthusiasm and about helping poor working families, who is estimations will be followed numerically by the Bush plan. What is the state of the nation at this time? First, let us look at the economy.

In the last two years, millions of jobs have been lost. There has been a huge decrease in the minimum wage, the gap between rich and poor has gotten wider, not because poor people do not work hard, (they do). Most companies do not share the wealth; they steal and hoard the wealth. Furthermore, once they have stolen it all, the company declares bankruptcy and the CEOs cry on TV in front of their 120-room mansion that they have suffered too. Meanwhile, the worker has truly lost everything. Additionally, the government, especially the Bush-Cheney White House, has become not only an ally of corporate America but the government has become the worse, meanest and best friend of big business promising to love, honor and obey business with its back to us.

This is the state of the nation.

During the last two years there have been millions of unemployed Americans, whose companies chose to cut insurance. National health insurance is held in contempt. Any candidate who genuinely wants to see health insurance experiment be explored is deemed a lunatic and ultimately ignored.

In terms of state governments, the situation is catastrophic. All the states are facing huge budget deficits and essential services are going to be cut off. Governors across the country are scrambling to decide which budget programs should be cut, the dilemma they face is that all the programs are essential.

Levine Adolphson

Having my Say

Therefore, some governors have released prisoners early. Some governors are discussing closing schools one day a week. All of the suggestions are tough but that is the state of the nation.

The criminal justice system has been forced to take in more people because of the funding crisis and help people, however, if we were to enact the three-day law it might be too much like the dreaded S word (socialism).

In terms of race relations there are still huge problems of racism. There are communities that blacks and Hispanics are unfriendly. We are known for our policy of self-interest and not to give a damn about the world. Regardless of whether we want to admit it or not we are divided and hated by many countries because of our excessive consumption and our arrogance. We are now on the verge of taking the unprecedented step to attack a nation that has attacked us, based on what we have done, and we are no longer asked to support it. Moreover, our policies are obviously wrong and we should be funding all that has committed the same acts and has proudly proclaimed that they have these weapons in their arsenal.

Now that we have our own weapons, I don't think that we should support the Ku Klux Klan, which programs to cut; the dilemma they face is that all the programs are essential.

"Having my Say" appears on Wednesdays. Leina is a junior in history. Her views do not necessarily reflect the views of the Daily Egyptian.

Contempt for America after shuttle tragedy

Dear Editor:

I was watching the news and was surprised to hear about the shuttle. What a greedy!!! This to NASA and the federal government! This is also a setback to America and the world as well for the hopes and dreams of generation's future. Also on C-SPAN, they were expecting that there are countries saying that "God was getting back at America. No one can judge that." If countries around the world today don't decide defend our country after what trade with America? And countries that do not like America, they say "we're pointing the globe." But understand that troops are in places in the world for America and not because they love America. We still work, Americans would not have the choice of a comfortable life. Other countries governments should do what they do that it is not America's responsibility to give world wealth to the country of the world. We should stop just helping people to get a tramp. Stop trying to help the other countries to get up and we should just help them do it, but if we want to, just like what children do when they are young before adult's negative interfer- ence. With patience and time, things will the future be better off than the world is now. If we, not then, what?

David Bean

Another vote for Southern

Dear Editor:

I am a native of Western New York. Western has always been capitalized in that area and residents are not perception challenged. We choose to express our regional pride with a little "bubsey" flavor. I cast my vote for Southern Illinois.

Julie Kennedy

Vernon University leader asked to settle

Dear Editor:

This letter is addressed to the Faculty Association and deals with the situation of a conflict at Illinois University. Is this the image you want to show at the state the Illinois is now, the long-standing effort to give your demands come to childish behavior? It appears so. Making fun of the leader of the university is our jobs with is probably not a logical or wiser step to take. You are supposed to be the reason of the University, but you have no idea what is worth to teach the future leaders at UIUC.

Bryan Carr

UIUC student

Binding arbitration the right answer for settlement

Dear Editor:

Vernon's governor et al issued a statement saying that they were not opposed to binding arbitration. This is significant for the students of SIUC. The Board of Trustees of this University are agents of the governor, endowed with their power by law, and are now subject to binding arbitration. The BOG has never in the past the argument that binding arbitration would forbid the governor to power them to interfere by the announced BOG's procedures for settling grievances. The BOG view is that the time has come for persons to deal with this program.

As yet, however, they remain convinced that the program is a benefit to all the parties. The BOG believes that binding arbitration is a better solution than a strike, and, in the BOG's view, the BOG gets the better of the argument. The BOG believes that binding arbitration is a solution. Otherwise it is the governors' responsibility to begin to make the retirement system to those individuals with whom it will commit to binding arbitration and do so before a strike occurs at this University.

The Daily Egyptian has sided with the BOG in their right in contract to binding arbitration specifications that it would instead, they get sent right back down here to fix all of my problems, too.

Of course, I'm just a kid and even if I could put myself one at a time, I don't know how it all works. Not a clue. At least these bishops and Vatican officials are better equipped to handle things, but stuff a bit before they assign an official c-termination. Maybe they'll find us a guardian angels like that, I would use one. In the meantime, I guess I have to keep building St. Jude, Patron Saint of Hopelessness. Please, sir, help me in my time of need. There's a vintage Darth Vader helmet I've been watching for weeks, and, well, if you're listening too, God... I'll just die if it get out.

"Just Not Another Priddy Face" appears Wednesday, and it is a senior in architecture. Her views do not necessarily reflect the views of the Daily Egyptian.

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Joel R. Landry

union in political science department

In the last two years, millions of unemployed Americans, whose companies chose to cut insurance. National health insurance is held in contempt. Any candidate who genuinely wants to see health insurance experiment be explored is deemed a lunatic and ultimately ignored.

In terms of state governments, the situation is catastrophic. All the states are facing huge budget deficits and essential services are going to be cut off. Governors across the country are scrambling to decide which budget programs should be cut, the dilemma they face is that all the programs are essential.

Another vote for Southern

Dear Editor:

I am a native of Western New York. Western has always been capitalized in that area and residents are not perception challenged. We choose to express our regional pride with a little "bubsey" flavor. I cast my vote for Southern Illinois.

Julie Kennedy

Maryville

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Bush requests increase in Pell Grants

Increase could compensate for state shortfalls

Samantha Robinson
Daily Egyptian

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U. Michigan meal program may find home at Northwestern

Maren Dougherty
Daily Northwestern
(Northwestern U.)

Evanston, Ill. (U-WIRE) — Instead of protesting military action in Iraq through rallies and anti-war rhetoric, a group of students at the University of Michigan is looking at a more-dire ignores and misleads.

Michigan's Muslim Students' Association is giving students the opportunity to aid Iraqi civilians through the university dining plan. On Feb. 16, students can sacrifice one meal credit at any university dining hall. The funds from the donated meal will go to Life for Relief and Development, a nongovernmental charity based in Southfield, Mich.

"The students give up a meal, and the university sends raw food costs — between $6 and $7.50 of the amount that would have been spent on the meal — to the organization," said Omar Khalil, vice president of the Michigan students group.

Life for Relief and Development plans to use the donations to buy supplies for Iraqi and Syrian civilians suffering from economic sanctions and later will give the university a full report of how the money was spent. Khalil said 800 to 900 Michigan students have signed up for the drive, allowing the university to donate more than $6,200 to the organization.

The group chose Life for Relief and Development to be the beneficiary because of its proximity to the campus and its reputation for providing aid to Iraqi civilians, said Khalil.

Life for Relief and Development also is working to start charitable drives for Iraq and other universities. While Northwestern University's Muslim Cultural Students Association fund raises regularly for the Middle Eastern region, leaders said the group has not attempted similar meal allocations drives.

If the group did decide to start a drive, Shabir Abadin, NU public relations vice president, said he is confident NU students would participate, emphasizing the ethical response to last week's Islam Awareness Week.

"Just from talking to people, they're really interested," said Abadin, a Weinberg senior. "If that was an option, a lot of people would do it.

"NU students have donated money from their meal plans to Chicago soup kitchens in the past. Some students group members said they would be open to the possibility of using meal points to help Iraqi relief efforts.

Jake Werner, a member of Northwestern Opposing War and Racism, said his group would want to make sure students are aware of the Iraqi situation before participating.

"There's not a widespread understanding of conditions in Iraq," said Werner, an NU library employee. "But if we got information out to them, [students] would respond favorably."

Kazaa strikes back at music labels

Dawn C. Chmielowski
Knight Ridder Newspapers

(Austin) The Australian company behind the world's most popular online music swapping site accuses the music and movie industries of conspiring against it to crush competition.

Sharman Networks, the corporation that distributes the Kazaa Media Desktop software, is trying to turn the legal tables on 27 entertainment corporations using it for contributing to online piracy.

The arguments filed last week in federal court in Los Angeles echo those once raised by music-swapping pioneer Napster.

Sharman accuses the record labels and film studios of abusing their copyrights to improperly extend their monopolies into the emerging realm of internet distribution.

Sharman calls business partners, Bright Digital Entertainment, developed a way to secretly distribute copyrighted works in the file-sharing environment, and ensure artists get paid. Bright Digital's Albert technology has been designed to distribute up to 13 million downloaded licenses of video games, independent music content and software each month, Sharman claims.

But despite "important" meetings with senior executives at the major labels — including Universal Music Group, Sony Music, Warner Music Group and EMI — the labels refused to license content for distribution to Kazaa users. Rather than incorporate Kazaa, the industry accepted to kill it, Sharman Networks claims in its counter suit.

"Today is a watershed for Sharman Networks," said Nikki Hamming, Sharman's chief executive, in a prepared statement. "In submitting one count-
est claim we are placing our side of the story on the record and demonstrating our effort to find a win-win solution for consumers, the entertainment industry and the small companies.

Napster used similar claims of collaboration and abuse of copyright in seeking to defend itself against the major labels. Federal District Court Judge Kevin Thomas Duffy, who heard repet-

tedly ruled against Napster, allowed it to explore anti-trust issues in its defense. But the Redwood City company went bankrupt before it could make its argu-

ments in court. The wounding industry distanced Sharman's charges as "laughable."
Bush says space program 'will go on'

Ron Hutchinson
Knight Ridder Newspapers

HOUSTON (KR) - Standing before the weeping relatives of the lost shuttle astronauts, President Bush on Tuesday invoked their memory with a vow that 'America's space program will go on.'

Bush made the commitment to an emotional audience of more than 10,000 NASA workers and contractors who gathered at the space agency's headquarters for a somber memorial to the seven astronauts of space shuttle Columbia. Despite the scale of the crowd, the sentiment felt more like a private chapel service as NASA workers shared ideals about their co-workers who died Saturday morning when their ship broke up over Texas.

Bush said the seven astronauts fulfilled "an ancient dream of mankind by leaving behind earth and air and gravity" in pursuit of knowledge.

"This cause of exploration and discovery is not an option we pursue, it is a divine writting in the human heart," he said. "It is part of creation which seeks to understand all creation.

His eulogy of support for the space program was a comforting message to a crowd with an intensely personal interest in Saturday's disaster. Bush and his wife, Laura, among more than two dozen relatives of the fallen astronauts.

"Other wealth, members" members laughed knowingly when they saw Bush's enraged mission chief, the chief of the astronaut corps, offered a series of anecdotes about all seven astronauts. He recalled the shuttlers' high-spirited antics at the last NASA holiday party, when they "stayed up late and played pranks.

"We love our astronauts here just as they love their firemen in New York," said Katherine Lott, a Clear Lake resident who came on horseback.

People folded their hands in prayer at a makeshift memorial service for Columbia's crew.

"We have our astronauts here just as they love their firemen in New York," said Katherine Lott, a Clear Lake resident who came on horseback.

"We will always smile when we think of you." Bush recalled that Commander Rick Husband, the mission commander, was fond of the hymn "How Great Thou Art," which includes the lines, "I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder. Thy power throughout the universe is displayed in all creation."

In the front row, Husband's wife, Emily, wept while her daughter leaned against her shoulder.

After the ceremony, Bush met privately with family members and told them that he struggled to maintain his composure and fought tears during the brief remarks, according to an administration official, who was in the room.

"Yet, some explorers do not return. And the loss leaves scars on our hearts. It is for the children who miss their Mom or Dad so much today, you need to know, they love you, and that love will always be with you," Bush said.

"We lost seven heroes. We lost seven family members," Rick Husband promised.

"In 1990, seven years ago, NASA hosted a similar remembrance for the crew of the space shuttle Challenger, which exploded over Florida shortly after takeoff. NASA administrators Sear O'Keefe promised a thorough investigation of the most recent accident "to make sure it never happens again."
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by Linda C. Black

Today’s Birthday (Feb. 5). You’re smart, and getting smarter. Exercise your body as well as your brain, and end up with more energy than when you started. Begin by signing up with a good coach or guru. To gel the advantage, check the day’s rating; 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) • Today is a 9 • You’re learning quickly, but don’t get cocky. You’re not ready to challenge the champion yet, so don’t tick off him or her. Be cool.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) • Today is a 5 • You’re slow to anger, and sometimes slow to take action, which is perfect for you. But if there’s been a burr under your saddle for a while, let somebody know.

Cemin (May 21-June 21) • Today is a 6 • A friend from far away can help you make money, so don’t spend the whole time gossiping. Ask what he or she is doing effectively, and apply it to your situation.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) • Today is a 5 • Review your assets and liabilities, and reassess your net worth. Odds are good it’s greater than you thought, and it could soon gel even greater. More is better.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) • Today is a 5 • You like to keep up with the latest styles, and that can get expensive. You may have to moonlight to make it happen. But hey, that’s doable.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) • Today is a 5 - Don’t cry if something at home gets broken or bent beyond repair. It could be the opportunity to get that new one you’ve been wanting.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) • Today is a 9 - Your creativity is boundless today. You’re good, and you’re also inspired. Accept the encouragement, and get started on your greatest achievement to date.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) • Today is a 6 • Don’t let yourself become enraged by a co-worker’s insensitivity. Instead, use the energy to plow through a tough job.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) • Today is a 9 • You’re ready to take action, and the time is finally right. Blast ahead, using what you’ve recently learned. You can win!

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) • Today is a 5 - Something you’ve been putting up with at home could be getting to be too much trouble. Can you fix it yourself? Maybe, if that’s what you like to do. Otherwise, pay a friend’s advice.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) • Today is an 8 - A friend’s crazy idea, plus your technical skill, could lead to a brilliant advancement. There’s strength in diversity.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) • Today is a 5 - You’ve done the work, so you should get the pay. Don’t be shy. Ask for what you have coming. The check-signer is in a generous mood.

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NOW THAT'S GOOD NEWS!
A wrestler responds

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In a commentary about Title IX (1/30/02), Michael Brenner rightfully dictates the sexist language that has been used by some to refer to women's sports. He then goes on to belittle wrestlers and the sport of wrestling in the same mocking tone.

In this and other instances (e.g., writers who blather on about how they don't like soccer because of the low-scoring games, or how they feel themselves to not be advocates for sports, but rather advocates for those sports they find enjoyable) of this sort of writing, their opinion is, of course, their birthright. However, I hope that readers demonstrate much more interest in some of the problems and recognize that the greatness of sports is not overgridlock, but rather the ability to participate in the events they love or fans, and also the character it stands to build among those who participate, and the people who support the athletes, regardless of their sex.

A popular sports writer can't stand to watch wrestling? So what. In a recent SI article, 17 women's basketball players remarked that fans find women's basketball less entertaining than men's football. She even went so far as to make the ridiculous statement that she would welcome parking restrictions for women's basketball, less entertaining than men's football. The difficult fact is that in conjunction, the NCAA guidelines currently dictate that the dictates of Title IX make it necessary to have both a strong football program and a rich program of Olympic sports for men. But just why isn't this dilemma addressed in sports writers' columns? Perhaps because they think this is what fans want to watch? I am, however, still unsure of the rules to be subjected to scrutiny.

Finally, Michael Brenner's commentary also states that he doesn't lose a scholarship for writing a column. Still, in my mind, the current system where female sports are not as essential as male sports is not as acceptable as male sports. (Regardless of gender or sport) I get through elite performers like Malorie and Lonnie, and that's how it goes for all levels of sports at SIU. But recently I've seen a LOT more women taking in the stands. This is one of the most successful TV programs I watch.

Dr. Foster is a former NCAA Division I women's basketball player. He is also a former employee of the Women's Athletic Department at the University of Illinois, where he was a member of the Women's Basketball team. Among other offices, he coaches sport in Contemporary American Society, and women's basketball in Afrikan American Life. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the Daily Egyptian.

Support the women's basketball team

DEAR SPORTS EDITOR:

As a Daily Egyptian sports desk or bring attention to the grave injustice close to home that is Title IX at SIU. People in this university and community should be ashamed of themselves for not supporting the women's basketball team.

During the last basketball home game versus Illinois State, over 200 fans were in attendance, and I think the players and coaches were more than satisfied.

These women deserve much more than this. It is only one out of every 100 students who would have gone. The record would have pleased them.

There is no doubt in my mind that the women would not have scored a fraction of their actual worth, and they have never been interested in the sport. They have always been seen as just one more on the list of athletes who don't participate in football or men's basketball. In all of the controversy about sports for women and the desire to have women's basketball, we need to face the truth of the problem.

If we are truly concerned about eliminating gender inequities, we should be interested in the comparison between the work that women do to support their families and the work that men do to support their families, regardless of gender or sport.

This is the ultimate goal. I am a woman, and I believe that we need to support our sports teams, regardless of whether they are men's or women's. We need to keep feeding them the ball.

Finally, I would like to see the women's basketball team come to the Daily Egyptian and talk about their experiences. Sometimes I get more shots than others, sometimes my other teammates are hot and we need to keep feeding them the ball. That's how it goes in college basketball, and that's how it goes for all levels of sports at SIU. But recently I've seen a LOT more women taking in the stands.

One night I scored 26 points against Western Illinois, and it's pretty exciting to watch me play. For example, Stevan Hickson and the outside shooting are good, and the defense is good, but they have to be better. We have to get more shots, especially if they aren't going in.

One of the things that I've noticed about women's basketball is that it's not as intense as men's basketball, but it's still a sport. It's still a game, and I think that it's important to support the women's basketball team at SIU.

LETTERS

A call for co-ed sports

DEAR SPORTS EDITOR:

As a male and a great lover of the game of basketball, I have often thought about what it would be like to play on a co-ed team. I have always admired the women's basketball team and I think that the women's basketball team would be one of the most intelligent leagues in the history of sports. And I am just one of the many people who think that women's basketball is a great sport.

This is yet another example of how a basketball's love of the game of basketball, because when we see others who play the game in full of potential, especially if they happen to be on the girls on my school's team. It is sad that they don't get the support that they deserve, especially after all that they do.

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Girls are just as exciting to watch as the guys. Especially if you're a fan of SIU basketball, you would have loved to see the women's basketball team perform.

The problem leading to the elimination of girls' sports on college campuses is not simply a matter of Title IX, but rather a matter of the current system where female sports are not as essential as male sports. (Regardless of gender or sport) I get through elite performers like Malorie and Lonnie, and that's how it goes for all levels of sports at SIU. But recently I've seen a LOT more women taking in the stands.

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LETTERS

Dee thoughts from...

BY JERMAINE DEARMAN

Do they really think they know? Well, they don't.

I have never been one to get upset at all in the media attention or let it affect my play in over my three years at SIU. But recently I've seen some things written about me that I really must respond to.

"Big Game Jermaine," and "Erratic Play by Darman." These are two quotes that definitely stuck in my mind.

I try to help that women's are around my teammates and I believe that the biggest games of the season are played on live TV. My time has been doing a documentary on this year. In that case, every game will be big anyway.

When I try my best and my help make my team win with my aggressive play or impressive numbers, I'm scored in my face. I've never been one to be camera shy.

I hope I'm interesting with the camera and the people interviewing me. Thus, I've earned the nickname, "Big Game Jermaine." This doesn't mean that I think that the games that are not on television likely.

When big games come, the automatic rush helps me stay calm while I go to another level. I approach each game with the same mindset.

This is the ultimate goal. I'm a warrior, I do whatever my coach sends me to do in order to help them win.

Each game is different, I'm just in different situations where I have no choice but to stay calm. If it's called being a smart basketball player. Sometimes I get more shots than others, sometimes my other teammates are hot and we need to keep feeding them the ball. That's how it goes in college basketball, and that's how it goes for all levels of sports at SIU. But recently I've seen a LOT more women taking in the stands.

One night I scored 26 points against Western Illinois, and it's pretty exciting to watch me play. For example, Stevan Hickson and the outside shooting are good, and the defense is good, but they have to be better. We have to get more shots, especially if they aren't going in.

One of the things that I've noticed about women's basketball is that it's not as intense as men's basketball, but it's still a sport. It's still a game, and I think that it's important to support the women's basketball team at SIU.
Life and basketball

Even with a 17-55 career record as SIU women's basketball coach, Lori Opp and administrators think she can still turn the program around.

story by Zack Cregłow

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Opp was diagnosed with a rare liver condition known as sarcoidosis. She thinks the disease, which has no known cure, could be in remission right now.

Then her shot came after Beck resigned in August of 2000, leaving Opp to run the helm at SIU.

Her first season was what most would expect from an interim head coach with a young coaching staff at the Salukis finished 7-20 overall, 4-14 in the Missouri Valley Conference.

With the 2001-02 season, a renewed vigor surrounded the team before Opp, feeling a bit run down and sick, underwent some checks at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale on Oct. 14, 2001. She was then sent to Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis on Oct. 19 for further tests.

“I just honestly thought I had the flu when I went to the hospital,” Opp said. “I realized something was wrong after the tests. It was indicative something was not good.”

The doctors found that Opp had a rare liver condition called sarcoidosis, which has no known cure. She was released on Oct. 24, 2001.

The news was not only disheartening for her players, it proved to be terrible timing as the team was gearing up for the upcoming season.

“That was something that hurt us, not having someone in charge,” senior guard Maddy McDowney said. “We had two very new assistants there and one that had only been there a year. Of course they are going to have conflicting styles and conflicting opinions.

“But not having someone there to tell us. This is how we are going to do this. It is how it is going to be done.”

The Salukis went on to post a 21-16 record in the 2001-02 campaign.

Since the progostication, Opp has been taking a second known as Prednisone, which is produced normally in a human body, once a day.

And she believes her outlook, in terms of health, is bright.

“The disease can do a couple different things,” Opp said. “It can go into remission, where I feel like it is now. Or it can attack your lungs and not your liver. I feel the disease is in remission.”

If the disease does spread to her lungs, the condition is fatal 5 percent of the time.

Opp has had a solid concern for her health being complicated by her work, since stress is something that she tries to avoid.

This season has not helped alleviate any worries.

The Salukis are currently 4-14 and still remain winless in the Missouri Valley Conference at 0-9. Opp’s record as a head coach currently stands at 17-55.

“Of course the season has caused me concern, if it didn’t I wouldn’t need to get a different job,” Opp said.

With her record as lopsided as it is, her job is something she has had to ponder.

Any job is going to worry about job security,” Opp said. “You have to win ball games. But [the players] are getting good grades, they are good people. We are doing a lot of things good.

“I know I will give the best shot that I can and if SIU and the administration want to go a different direction, I’ll do my best to change their mind.”

The administration has no plans to take any action at this point in time, and their confidence in Opp as a coach has not changed since the day she was hired.

Her contract is scheduled to run out in March 13-15 in Des Moines, Iowa. SIU is currently three games behind Evansville for the eighth and final spot in the tournament.

“No question I will have basketball in my life, in some capacity, basketball will always be in my life,” Opp said.

“[She is] struggling through a difficult season.” Athletic director Pat Kowalcyzk said “I want to give her every opportunity to succeed here. She is a good person and a good teacher. I want to see her get her recruiting in here and rebuild this thing. I have every bit of confidence in her.”

The losing isn’t helping recruiting.

But if incoming recruits would take notice of how close-knit the Saluki team is, they might make their decision differently.

Opp, well known as a player’s coach, is one of the main reasons some players may have not bolted from SIU after Beck’s resignation.

“I think if a new coach was hired when coach [Opp] was coming off her interim year, I think transferring would have been a more serious thought in my mind,” said McDowell, who currently trains SIU with 12.6 points per game. “You learn stuff from losing. I hope I will be taking something more from here than the wins and losses.”

In this season where SIU has not experienced the enjoyment of a win in over a month, Opp said she has been proud of how her players have handled it by not placing blame where it does not belong.

She does not feel anyone is to blame solely, but everyone has to look at their own performances collectively and how she can improve upon them.

That must be done for the Dawgs to play their way into the MVC Conference tournament, which will take place March 12-15 in Des Moines, Iowa. SIU is currently third games behind Evansville for the eighth and final spot in the tournament.

“No question in my mind we can make a run,” Opp said. “We have not been hitting on all cylinders. If we can get that accomplished in the next nine games, we will get on a roll.”

A key will be for the Salukis to play a full 40 minutes strong during games and not try to do too much when they are in the lead.

The safe bet is that Opp will conjure up something when she is in her crouch that will turn around the SIU program, as she is not ready to say goodbye to the sport she has known for almost 30 years.

“There is no question I will have basketball in my life,” Opp said. “In some capacity, basketball will always be in my life.”

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At the midpoint of the Missouri Valley Conference season, the Salukis women's basketball team sits at 4-10 overall and 0-9 in the league. The Saluki are in the middle of an eight-day layoff before they begin the second half of the conference season, giving everyone including the players and head coach Lori Opp an opportunity to reflect on their performances so far.

Molly McDowell, senior guard

McDowell's evaluation: "It was about individual play right now. Everybody on the team has strengths and weaknesses and they go into a larger scheme of our wins and losses. Right now it's a matter of putting all of our strengths together and that will correspond into more wins."

Opp's evaluation: "The thing we want to do the most for her is keep her out of foul trouble, and then, of course, from the scoring standpoint, we really need her to put it all together."

Bottom line: As the only consistent scorer on her team, McDowell has done everything possible given the opponent's defensive focus on her. She leads her team in numerous statistical categories, but she just needs to avoid the fouls that have sent her to the bench at very opportune times lately.

Dana Pickston, junior guard

Opp's evaluation: "Dana is coming off a great game at Northern Iowa where she scored 15 points and pushed the ball and attacked the basket and made great decisions. She needs to continue doing that. Early on she was struggling with turnovers, but that's something she's improved. That's what we need from her is to do a nice job, distributing the ball and scoring."

Bottom line: After a tough start to the season, Pickston seems to be adapting to the Division I level. She committed only seven turnovers combined on last weekend's two-game road trip. With her amazing quickness, she'll be a force if she can limit her turnovers and take better shots.

Joel Heiden, junior forward

Opp's evaluation: "Joel Heiden is capable of playing inside-outside and we need to get some consistent scoring from Joel. That would really help our team."

Bottom line: While she can hit the outside shot, Hilden, like many of her teammates, seems reluctant to shoot it. She is making her three-pointers at a 40 percent clip, but has shot less than one a game.

Katie Berwanger, junior forward

Berwanger's evaluation: "I'm doing a pretty good job of rebounding and hustling. My scoring is something that I definitely need to work more on."

Opp's evaluation: "Katie needs to just slow down defensively. She does a great job on the boards. She hustles. She's in non-stop hustle. We just need her to slow down defensively and knock down her inside shots."

Bottom line: She's hyper all the time, which is a good thing when it comes to rebounding. But high energy can be a weakness when it comes to making easy shots. She just needs to calm down.

Tiffany Crutcher, junior forward

Crutcher's evaluation: "I think I need to take my time on my shots and play better defense. My foot's been injured, but it's getting better. As my foot gets better, I think my game will improve."

Opp's evaluation: "Tiff has done a good job and been fairly consistent for us inside from a scoring standpoint. We just need her to continue stepping up her defensive effort to stop the other team's post players."

Bottom line: More confidence inside and a stronger defensive focus would help her team greatly. SIU's post defense has been horrid at times, and she could help improve that as her foot injury improves. She seems to be coming around and her continued improvement is key if her team is to make a last-season run.

Dannette Jones, sophomore guard

Jones' evaluation: "Honestly we need to focus more on what we're doing as a team. We just need to work on our execution and keep working hard every day. I know we're down right now, but that doesn't mean that we can't turn it around in the second half of the conference season, do something special."

Opp's evaluation: "Dannette needs to continue looking to score. She does a great job shooting the ball from outside and now we need her to just continue to get better putting the ball on the floor and attacking the basket."

Bottom line: With the lack of scoring on this team, there's no excuse for a proficient shooter not to take more shots. She isn't put into the game for her defensive prowess, so she should look to score more often.

Hilary Phillips, senior guard

Phillips' evaluation: "Killey's been outstanding defensively and on the boards but we need her to look to do more is score for us. She's got a great shot. It goes in most of the time and the MVC just would like her to take it more."

Bottom line: She brings everything that a senior should bring: defense, rebounding and leadership. You can't ask for much more from a player who is not known as a big-time scorer at the college level.

The rest

Bottom line: Eliminating unnecessary fouls and turnovers and getting with defensive intensity are critical for the Salukis. Nothing bad will come of a three-game climb out of the MVC basement.

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11 green, which was said to be in the worst shape of all. Grant said the sod was removed to put in a sand mixture. Vermillion said in his report that such a replacement would only be temporary.

Brown alleged the move was made without approval of the board, which he said was required because it was a capital improvement and needed the approval. The replacement, Brown said, cost about $900. Grant agreed with that figure.

In the May 14, 2001, minutes for the Carbondale Park District, Grant defined the capital improvement as any improvement or equipment costing more than $3,500 and will last more than five years. It could cost $3,500 to complete including a pump, according to Brown, who said he got that information from Vermillion.

"It was a maintenance item that the board does not need to approve," Grant said.

"The board does not approve all capital improvements. The board must approve all expenditures over $10,000."

Despite these problems, SIU woman's golf coach Dan Daugherty said she will not change her plans of having the Salukis host East Texas.

"They've been very good to us," she said. "We're not going to dump them in rough times. We'll stick behind them because they've stuck by us."

The Park District will meet Monday at 7 p.m. in the Carbondale Civic Center to discuss the course.

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They might be GIANTS
Jermaine Dearman and Brad Korn find upside and downside to being statuesque

story by CHRISTOPHER MORRICAL

They are not giants in the mythical sense, but that might as well be. Brad Korn and Jermaine Dearman, the tallest players on the SIU basketball team, tower over their opponents and their teammates as well.

Neither Korn, 6-foot-9, nor Dearman, 6-foot-8, were tall as they were growing up — but both have a different perspective than most on what defines tall.

"In grade school and middle school, I really wasn't that tall," Korn said. "I was only 5-foot-10. It isn't like any of the other kids. My parents didn't have a lot to spend on clothes, so I had to grow a lot taller before they could buy me anything."

Dearman found himself in a similar situation, but he said he might have been slightly taller than some of the other kids.

"I think I may have hit a growth spurt around 12," Dearman said. "It came around the time I started playing basketball. It came at a good time. I was a lot bigger than the other kids. I was developing my skills a lot earlier."

Dearman jokingly attributed his growth to drinking a lot of milk.

Growing so quickly had its problems for Dearman. He said his mom kept getting angry with him because she had to keep buying new shoes. Along with the shoes, the men have had trouble just keeping clothes in general.

Korn said he cannot buy clothes that will fit him in stores. He has to order them out of catalogues.

"You have to pay for shipping," Korn said. "It's a money manger for bigger sizes. They just punish us bigger people."

Despite the men's clothing problems, being as tall as they are brings a lot of attention from everyone.

Sometimes the attention is good, like when Dearman is seen above everyone else in a crowd. He did say that is a disadvantage sometimes.

="i always get the question, 'What sport do you play?'" Korn said. "It gets a little old after a while. I guess they're curious. Not too many people see 6-foot-9 people walking around. People ask. I just hope they would have their own question sooner and just think that I play basketball and not ask."

For these two giants, traveling on the road is more of a hindrance than it is for the rest of the team. Both Dearman and Korn said there isn't nearly enough room leg room on planes and the baggage compartments are too low.

They also have problems with cars. At least, other people in the car with them have problems.

 Beds in hotels are almost always too short as well. Dearman said he sometimes has to sleep diagonally.

There are also the obvious difficulties being tall brings, such as doorways and shower heads.

"Sometimes I want to be short, that's for sure," Korn said.

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Local golf course embroiled in controversy

Allegations abound as park district takes the easy route to fix and funds Hickory Ridge

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Controversial interests surround Hickory Ridge Golf Course, the home of SIU women's golf, which has been losing money as the number of players on the course has decreased.

According to the Hickory Ridge Rounds of Golf Month/Yearly Comparison, the course most played month is August. The number of rounds played since 2000 in that month are 4,176, 2,918, 3,102 and 2,946.

The course has been losing as much as $25,000 to $50,000 a month since February 2003 compared to 2000, according to Linz Brown of the Hickory Ridge Golf Course Advisory Committee.

The committee is appointed by the Carbondale Park District board to make recommendations about the course.

Richard Grant, director of the park district, said he disputes Brown's numbers. He does acknowledge that the course has spent $66,637 more than it earned, excluding debt service, which was $32,917. The figures were from the 2003 fiscal year, Grant said.

Brown was using numbers listed in the Hickory Ridge Revenue/Expenditure Comparisons. The table is public knowledge and is available to anyone who requests a copy.

In fiscal year 2003, the course has been losing between $13,000 and $40,000 per month. This doesn't include a $221,899 loss in December. Since 1999, the course lost money every December.

Paul Y. Vermenlen, a United States Golf Association consultant, came in to evaluate the greens of Hickory Ridge, which had been severely deteriorated during the summer.

"The conclusion that I have come to," Vermenlen said, "is that this pattern of deterioration during the summer months is really related to the greens were constructed and not necessarily how they are managed on a day-to-day schedule. And that is very important because in order to make progress in the future, I think we have to think about rebuilding some of the greens."

Vermenlen also took core samples of the No. 4 green that showed a sand variation, the depth of sand under the grassy, of 13 to 27 inches. The normal standard is five to three inches. Sand variation in large numbers causes surface water to drain unevenly. This, along with the drought, and summer heat, is what has been causing the greens to dry out.

The advisory committee submitted a proposal to the Park District that suggested the board set immediately to cure the problem of the greens and to stop the "spiraling financial losses due to this condition."

All but one member of the advisory board signed the proposal. The non-signer was Chuck Vaughn, the chair for the advisory committee. He said that he simply decided not to do, choosing not to comment further.

Since Vermenlen made his presentation, these inches of topsoil have been removed from the No. 4 green.

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