Union negotiations get back on track

THREATS & ACCUSATIONS:
Both sides return to table despite Friday's breakdown.

Faculty and administrative negotiators disagree on the events surrounding Friday's faculty contract negotiating session that culminated when administrators walked out of negotiations and threatened to file an unfair labor practice charge.

However, after negotiating for about 10 hours Monday and Tuesday, both sides agree that Friday's session is in the past, and that it is time to move on to further negotiations. Administrators claimed in a news release, distributed widely Friday through University News Service, and in a Monday Daily Egyptian advertisement that the administration rescinded the bargaining session at 10:15 a.m. Friday "upon the determination that no progress was being made."

The press release accused the faculty negotiating team of "regressive bargaining," and presented an unlawful proposal concerning arbitration for the second-straight bargaining session.

"The board team was ready to respond to a proposal presented by the association near the close of last session. However, the association immediately presented another proposal on the same subject which stemmed from its last proposal," the press release states.

The administration's statement also accuses a faculty negotiator of making a "personal attack" against the administrators. The statement said the administration intends to file an unfair labor practice charge against the faculty with regressive bargaining.

Margaret Winters, associate vice chancellor for Academic Affairs and spokeswoman for the administration, said the unfair labor practice charge is not being filed just yet.

"For the moment we are leaving it pending, but we are not waiving our right to file an unfair labor practice, just as the faculty association has that right," she said.

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McNall stresses previous experience

SEARCH: Chancellor candidate says his work at other schools will benefit SIUC.

TRAVIS DEELEY
DEPUTY EDITOR

SIUC chancellor candidate Scott McNall brought his cut-and-try administrative philosophy to campus in an open forum for students in the University Museum auditorium Wednesday.

McNall, provost and vice president for academic affairs at California State University-Chico, spoke of plans to provide more computers for students and faculty and classes to explain how the computers worked.

University-Chico, he said, its experience in improving the quality of undergraduate education at other universities will be applied to SIUC if he is named chancellor.

A key part of improving undergraduate education is better technology, he said. CSU-Chico is the leading campus in the California state school system, partly because of advances McNall has made, he said.

Beginning in 1994, he said, his university planned ways to provide more computers for students and faculty and classes to explain how the computers worked.

CSU-Chico's active student body balked at the idea of a student fee to pay for the improvements, so McNall developed a budget proposal, which brought a $600,000 grant from the chancellor's office that paid for the project.

McNall also has experience with union negotiations, McCarthy, noted the university's experience with student voting fraud from 1996 until 1999, when he took over the chancellor's job.

Election board removes Severns from ballot

NARROWING THE FIELD: Decatur senator dropped due to bad nominating petitions.

HAROLD G. DOWNS
AND TRAVIS DEELEY
DEPUTY EDITOR

The Democratic field for Secretary of State, the board ruled, finding the law for ballot access and recognizes that signatures because thousands of names had been forged or mistakenly included.

Following a recommendation from hearing officer Carl Draper, who suggested Severns did not have enough signatures to win the State Board of Elections, the board wrestled with the decision for hours and ultimately concluded that about 3,000 of the 8,800 signatures submitted were either forgeries, unregistered voters, or haphazardly compiled.

In a statement released after the decision, McCarthy said: "I believe that the board's unanimous decision vindicates my position that petition fraud must not be tolerated in our election process. I am pleased that the State Board of Elections has upheld the law for ballot access and recognizes that all candidates must play by the same rules."

Kitty Kurth, a spokesman for McCarthy, said Severns' campaign workers violated the law and that caused her ouster.

"They were just bad petitions," Kurth said, "They didn't even look at the signatures because thousands of names had been forged or mistakenly included."

For more on the story, see PAGE 7.
Faculty just as lazy as students

Recently SIUC students have come under fire by the Daily Egyptian Editorial Board for not getting involved with important campus issues. But students are not the only ones guilty of being grossly apathetic. This also goes for SIUC faculty, who have not bothered to get involved in the process either.

The last of the four candidate finalist forums spoke Wednesday, and now all that is left to do is compile the input from students and faculty about the candidate each group thinks is best.

Apparemtly the taxes are low on an easy one for Steve Scheiner and the rest of the search committee. According to Scheiner, only 12 to 15 faculty members have returned response forms to the committee. It appears that SIUC faculty members are as lazy as those they teach.

There are 1,992 full-time faculty and administrators at SIUC. It's ridiculous that only a tiny percentage of that group has taken the time to turn in their comments.

Like students, faculty members have complained about a lack of voice with the University. They felt so strongly they unionized in November 1996.

Now, where contract negotiations continue between the faculty union and the administration, faculty members have not taken the opportunity to aid in the selection of the person who ultimately will preside over campus issues.

Faculty members, however, are not the only group at fault. Students also have consistently failed to provide input to the search committee.

Faculty just as lazy as student members are as lazy as those they teach, Scheiner explained about a lack of voice with the University.

The only group to provide a substantial amount of input so far is the administration.

APPEALS COURT

Margaret Winters' open letter to the SIUC Board of Trustees on Thursday, will come back to campus. It's ridiculous that only a tiny percentage of that group has taken the time to...
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an excuse to cancel the meeting and they found one."

The release also states the faculty did not provide a regressive bargaining because the association had presented language to clarify a complex set of issues relating to faculty appointment and dismissal. This clarification is necessary to ensure the statutory rights of our members.

Despite Friday’s disruption, both Sullivan and Winters agreed that negotiations are back on track. "As far as we’re concerned that the unfair labor practice charge is water under the bridge and is in the hands of the attorneys if that’s where it ends up," Sullivan said.

"We are meeting more now, but this is still too important to let huge blocks of time disappear," he said. "Progress is agonizingly slow." Winters said progress is expected to be slow, "It’s slow not because we are trying to cause trouble," she said. "It’s slow because the development of a first contract is slow."

"At this point negotiations are back on track. We had slow, careful sessions [Monday and Tuesday]."

Although Sullivan agreed negotiations are back on track, he said progress is too slow and association negotiators are willing to do whatever necessary to reach a tentative agreement by March. Winters said the March goal is not feasible.

"I don’t think we can meet that now," she said. "The more we talk the clearer it is that we still have a lot of issues to talk through." Sullivan said negotiations should meet more often for longer blocks of time to reach the target date.

"Right now we are going too slow," he said. "We are not meeting enough." "We know a contract could be arrived at in a few weeks if the Board is willing to," Burl Malik, vice president of the faculty association, announced Tuesday at the Faculty Senate meeting that faculty negotiators are willing to negotiate 24 hours a day if necessary to meet the March target.

Winters, however, said such long blocks are not feasible. "At such a time that we decide that would get a contract faster then we will entertain those proposals," she said. "But at this point we do not believe that sessions like that would be productive."

The next bargaining session is scheduled for the March 19. Sessions will follow March 24 and 25.

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"We just want a contract that works for both sides."
On Friday Jean Crisman will be making numerous trips between the Old Main Restaurant’s kitchen and its main seating area as she stocks the restaurant’s salad bar with fresh vegetables and condiments.

A week ago Crisman was one of five managers overseeing everyone in the restaurant — including the salad bar andutars. This is not a bad thing — both positions are for academic credit. Crisman, a senior in Hotel, Restaurant and Travel Administration from Metropolis, did not get demoted but was merely assigned another position by her instructor.

Crisman is one of about 20 students enrolled in Food and Nutrition 460, a food service management course that allows students to handle everything from restaurant management skills to taking garbage out of the kitchen.

"There are a number of jobs that we do and they’re pretty well-rotated so that we experience a number of positions," she said. "I find it to be an extremely good preparation."

Crisman wants to return to her alma mater, Shawnee Community College, and teach in the school’s food service technology program. She is pleased that the "Fabulous Friday" Valentine’s Day lunch she and her Food and Nutrition 460 classmates have planned for Friday will be helping her to reach that goal.

Fridays, Food and Nutrition 460 students are responsible for planning Old Main Restaurant themes and coordinating menus and decorations. Last week’s first "Fabulous Friday" of the semester had a Tex-Mex theme.

Students also are responsible for the restaurant’s financial operations, preparing and serving food, as well as cleaning up and performing closing procedures.

The class is broken into teams which take turns managing the restaurant while other teams make up the workforce. The workforce includes hosts, dishwasher operators and waitstaff, bus staff and cooks.

The student cooks often prepare quickly dishes to match each "Fabulous Friday" theme. Friday’s lunch for lovers will feature items such as French Kiss Soup, Heart Warming Veggie Stew, and a mystery concoction called Cupid’s Love Potion. Sweetheart’s Delight will be offered for dessert, and the entire meal is $5.75 — a deal for financially struggling college students. They need only to swipe their SIUC IDs to have the meal deducted from their accounts.

It’s Welch’s original goal for the course gets accomplished. "It (the class) definitely gets them ready for what they’ll see in the classroom experience. You have to know every aspect of your operation, or otherwise you’re not going to get any respect from your employees," she said. "Experience is everything in the field," she said. "You could have a stellar GPA, but if you don’t have enough experience you may not get a job."

"It would suck for me to walk into my restaurant as a fresh-faced, inexperienced manager with nothing else but classroom experience. You have to know every aspect of your operation, otherwise you’re not going to get any respect from your employers."

And although Food and Nutrition 460 students are just shy of getting their own degrees to show expertise in their respective areas of study, Welch said customers are not apt to shy away from seeing what students have to offer. Fridays at Old Main Restaurant.

"Actually we get just the opposite," she said. "People want to come out of curiosity."
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negotiations. He was president of a faculty union at Arizona State University and negotiated with a faculty union at The University of Toledo. He said a chancellor should play an active part in union dealings at the University.
“A chancellor should have a leadership role in helping implement and helping negotiate a contract,” he said.
McNall also sees athletics as an important part of an institution’s image. He told a story about honoring high-grade-point-average students at CSU-Chico with a banquet. When he asked the students why they came to the university, many said it was the school’s athletic program.
“These students would not have come to Chico if they would have been without the opportunity to play sports,” he said. “They were not planning on becoming professional athletes. Playing sports simply was a part of their lives.”
McNall said all improvements he has made at previous schools and all problems he would tackle at SIUC reflect his attitude toward problem-solving.
“My motto is, we can do it,” he said.

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follow the spirit of the law.
“This neither hurts nor helps our campaign, but everyone should follow the rules of ballot access.”

With Severns out of the race, McCarthy will battle Jesse White, Cook County Recorder of Deeds, for her support base. Since Severns received only 200 signatures from Decatur, Kurth said she doubted Severns ever had a base.

Severns could not be reached for comment.

Barb Brown, an SIUC lecturer in political science and a candidate for state Senate, called Severns’ exit from the race “a real disappointment.”

“I hold her in such high regard as a person of great integrity,” Barb Brown, a candidate for state Senate, said.

“It’s extremely unfortunate but, ultimately, candidates have to assume responsibility for the people who work for them. But in a situation like this it’s really difficult. That’s one of the reasons people go out and get more signatures because some of your signatures will always be thrown off.”

Brown and Severns attended SIUC at the same time. Brown said Severns was her mentor and a major force behind her political aspirations.

“Her was the Resident Assistant on my floor when I lived in Mac Smith.” Brown said. “We’ve been friends ever since. I really attribute my involvement in politics to her.”
Play covers intense topics

ACT: “Dapples and Grays” spans issues of religion, sex, forgiveness, lifetime changes.

LAWRENCE WILLIAMS
Daily Egyptian reporter

The topics of religion, sexuality and forgiveness are all rolled into one when the dramatic play “Dapples and Grays” begins at 8 p.m. tonight at the Greylight Theatre in Murphysboro.

Director Brian Belzer, whose talent was seen in McCloud’s production of “Gone” in “Provincetown Plays,” makes the transition from directing a story of integrity and discipline to tackling the heavy subjects involved with “Dapples and Grays.”

This is a challenging play because it deals with the issues of change,” Belzer, a graduate student in directing, said. “Change is something that most people don’t deal with well, especially when the change has to do with religious and sexual disparity.”

Emmy-award winning playwright and head of playwriting at SIUC David Rush said “Dapples and Grays” is a story about a priest that was called to the bedside of a man who attempted to commit suicide by swallowing a whole load of drugs.

In the week that it takes the man to recover, the priest and young man fall in love. In the end they help each other complete their own individual spiritual journeys.

The time of the play is taken from a point in the performance when one of the characters recalls a nursery rhyme about wild horses running away.

“Dapples and Grays are wild horses. The priest and the other man are those wild horses coming together,” Rush said.

The story idea came from a friend of Rush’s who told him of a similar situation that happened in Chicago. Rush’s curiosity led him to explore the relationship of two individuals in similar circumstances.

His exploration led him to write the play “Dapples and Grays” five years ago. Rush’s work laid dormant until Belzer’s directing accomplishments caught his eye.

“I saw some of his work and asked him if he wanted to do a play that has a heavy subject matter,” Rush said. “He agreed and we could do the play at his space. I turned the production over to Brandon, and he’s been handling it ever since.”

With both the actors and Belzer carrying heavy course loads and being active participants in other activities, the work Belzer uses to describe the production is “challenging.”

“It’s a challenge. Both of the actors and I are busy with full school loads. This makes it tough to give the energy to make it through rehearsals,” Belzer said.

But Belzer said the talent of the actors are the driving force that keeps the play rolling.

“Randy [Nulnerhouse] and Jason [Hedrick] are really talented actors,” he said. “We have a real good working relationship. Their talent wakes my job easier.”

Hedrick, who plays the role of the priest, has performed in a number of plays. Hedrick has been attending rehearsal for three different plays at the same time.

Although he admits he is tired, his desire to perform at the Greylight Theatre, respect for the playwright and attachment to the piece keeps him going.

“The play is an interesting blend of wonderful comedy in a really tragic situation,” Hedrick said. “It’s a fantastic piece of writing. Religion, sexuality and forgiveness are all the things that make us human.”

Furthermore, I see the Greylight Theatre as one of the few true community theaters in the area. I would love to do some work there.”

Belzer hopes the hard work he and the actors put into the play cause the audience to reflect on the lives they lead.

“I want the play to be a cathartic event,” he said. “I want the audience to leave the theater thinking about how honestly they’re living their lives.”

Tough test?

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on college campuses coincides with the lifestyles of college students. It is important that students relieve stress outside of school work. "Students live very stressful lives. They may find it as a release or entertainment," he said.

"It is easier to establish relationships over the Internet. It is easier than the stressful environment of college. With the Internet, you can just get in your own little corner and start a relationship."

However, Schill said the Internet should not be the only place people interact with others. Students who are socially challenged should be more aware of the importance of person-to-person contact. "If a person is more plugged into the outside world and is more social," he said, "they are less likely to get hooked on something like this."

Thibeault said the Internet is low, Scheiner said he was satisfied with the more than 30 responses received from administrative and staff members. He did not know the total number of students who had provided input but said that there were "very few" responses. Scheiner, however, said his true disappointment lies with the faculty. Steve Jensen, president of the Faculty Senate, said he could not explain why more faculty did not attend and add their input. "Besides faculty having to teach classes on early morning Tuesdays (the faculty forum time), it didn't seem that the faculty were as interested as they should be," Jensen said. "I don't know why they didn't come. We announced it, and the faculty was still apathetic. I can't explain it."
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Ex-coordinator leaves lasting impression on SIUC Athletics

PRIORITIES: Bartolini believes tailoring athletes needs No. 1 task.

TRAVIS AKIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Brian Bartolini believes the best way to assist student-athletes is to tailor the program to fit the individual needs of the athletes. Bartolini will take that philosophy with him as he leaves SIUC’s academic coordinator’s program to become the director of Academic Services at Providence College.

“THERE IS NO expectation for everyone to be on the dean’s list. We want students to maximize their potential academically. Not everyone can lead the conference in scoring or rebounding. It is the same in academics.”

Bartolini has made it a point to get to know student-athletes, and he is already missed by a senior basketball player Brandi Anderson, even though he has been here a few years and is familiar with what we are doing, and two grad assistants, Bandy said. “So they will be helping, but it is going to be a burden, and she will do the best she can under the circumstances. But when you lose somebody like Brian, who puts in the hours that he does, it is going to be extremely difficult to replace.”

“The good relationship Bartolini had with the baseball program in particular, and the academic coordinator’s program to become the director of Academic Services at Providence College.”

Callahan said Bartolini’s absence for the baseball program. In particular. “As a baseball program, I think we’ve had a great rapport with him,” Callahan said. “He’s gone out of his way to help.”

Written comments assessing the candidates should be sent to the Assistant Athletic Director Nancy Bandy said losing Bartolini will be difficult for the office because of his dedication to his job. “We do have Kristina, who’s been here a few years and is familiar with what we are doing, and two grad assistants, Bandy said. “So they will be helping, but it is going to be a burden, and she will do the best she can under the circumstances. But when you lose somebody like Brian, who puts in the hours that he does, it is going to be extremely difficult to replace.”

The Athletic Department is in the process of a search to find a replacement, but in the meantime Kristina Therriault, an academic coordinator for SIUC athletes, will primarily be handling the day-to-day operation of the office.

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most of the opportunities they have.

"Grades are not a pressing issue," Bartolini said. "When it comes down to it, we don't assign grades, but we can count them over effort.

The academic coordinators want to set reasonable goals for students that are attainable, because not everyone is capable of huge successes in the academic arena.

"Grade point average is a result — not a goal," Bartolini said. "Goals are a need to hand in my assignment on time, or I will need to ask for help when I need it." The analogy I use is when you look at softball or baseball — they have a goal to win the conference championship. But comes down to it, we don't need to hand in my assignment on time, or I will need to ask for help when I need it.

"I think we have an advantage," Card said. "We always have help on which classes to take and which teachers to take. That is definitely an advantage." But even with the help, the services do not take the place of lost class time.

Senior tennis player Helen Johnson is an accounting major, but that doesn't take the place of the 3.0 range in either term or cumulative GPA. It is not just the athlete coordinator's office that is responsible for that. It also is the effort of students who try to help themselves complete their course work.

"Overall, they are excellent students," Bandy said. "They're great time managers. They're dedicated to academics, and most of them do truly want the degree. Most of them know they are not going to become professionals [athletes] when they leave here."
**Shandee Richardson**

*Daily Egyptian Reporter*

Duke University used an injury to a teammate for motivation in the second half, but the Salukis answered the call Wednesday night.

With SUIC ahead by 11, Bulldog sophomores forward Myron Richardson was fouled hard on an attempted dunk with :06 remaining in the game. Richardson landed on the hardwood on his back after his feet were taken out from under him in mid-air. Richardson's injury delayed the game nearly 15 minutes before being taken out on a stretcher. Richardson was taken to Memorial Hospital of Carbondale. His status as of press time was unknown.

When play resumed, Drake scored five straight points to cut the deficit to 60-54. But the Bulldogs got no closer, as junior guard Monte Jenkins, sophomore forwards Chris Tennell and Derrick Tilmon scored 24 of the Salukis' final 25 points down the stretch in a 85-72 victory at the SIU Arena.

SUIC coach Rich Herrin said the delay was a key factor, but Jenkins stepped up to the occasion.

"After that young man was injured, they cut it to six," Herrin said. "They missed a layup and Monte hit a three and that made it nine. That was big bucket we got there."

"If super-fresh Larry Hughes had half the game he had against SUIC, the Billikens win. It's too bad he's not a Nugget, Razor or Warrior next year."

**Paul Wiekinski**

*DE Sports Writer*

Record: 31-9

South Carolina

Massachusetts

Kentucky

UCLA

Michigan St.

Prediction: If super-fresh Larry Hughes has half the game he had against SUIC, the Billikens win. It's too bad he's not a Nugget, Razor or Warrior next year.

Student athletes do more than just play

**HARD WORK:** Besides sports, student athletes must work out, practice and keep a good grade point average.

- **TRAVIS AKIN**
- **DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER**

Being a student-athlete involves more than just steady practice and taking five classes here and five there. It is a grueling process of early morning conditioning and late afternoon practices. It involves missing valuable class time and trying to comply with the complicated rules of the NCAA.

Student-athletes have to reschedule tests that conflict with road trips to games and meets. Virtually every minute of the day is spoken for the minute they wake up in the morning.

From time to time, student-athletes also have to listen to complaints as some students fight athletic fee increases.

"We sometimes have practice three different times a day," senior tennis player Molly Card said. "You can’t understand it until you do it yourself. They can have their own opinions, I guess. But I would like to see them try to walk a mile in our shoes."

But through all of the difficulties, SUIC student-athletes do have the support of the school’s athletic department. Staff members such as academic coordinator Brian Barstol assist student-athletes in sorting out what classes to take and who the best teachers are.

The program offers student-athletes services such as tutors, study tables and assistance in time management. The goal of the program is not to make every student an "A" student. It is to help student-athletes make the best of their abilities. **SEE ATHLETES, PAGE 15**

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**Travis Akin**

*DE Sports Writer*

Record: 32-8

Arkansas

Massachusetts

Kentucky

UCLA

Michigan St.

Prediction: About the only thing Stanford is good at is losing. These guys don't deserve teams, they get slaughtered, and this week will be no exception.

**Ryan Keith**

*DE Sports Editor*

Record: 31-9

South Carolina

Massachusetts

Kentucky

UCLA

Michigan St.

Prediction: Larry Hughes and the Billikens give Bobby Huggins a big scare at the Kiel Center, but the Bearcats have too much muscle.

**Paul Wiekinski**

*DE Sports Writer*

Record: 31-9

South Carolina

Massachusetts

Kentucky

UCLA

Michigan St.

Prediction: The Billikens win. It’s 100 bad he’ll be a Nugget, Razor or Warrior next year.