Wendler proposes final offer

Union still reviewing proposal, but leaders cite disappointment

Ben Botkin
Daily Egyptian

SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler extended what he says is a final offer to the Faculty Association on Thursday—a proposal that union officials were still reviewing with only three days remaining before a possible walkout. But with a strike deadline of Monday rapidly approaching and no further negotiations scheduled, a faculty week stoppage next week remains uncertain.

Rejecting the association's request for binding arbitration, Wendler urged the union's leadership to send the contract to its members for a decision. The contract proposal offers no salary increases for this year but raises for the next three years, starting with at least 3 percent, and rising to 3 percent during the final year. Added to that is a 2 percent merit raise, or 1 percent more than state appropriations provide for salaries, a figure that is still unknown.

"The University submits that this is fair to all faculty," Wendler said. "The Faculty Association should allow its members to decide if they agree by submitting it to them for a ratification vote.

"I will assure you that this is the best offer that faculty at any public university in the state of Illinois are receiving at this time."

But the union's leadership is still reviewing the proposal, which also includes maintaining a student-faculty ratio of 26 to 1 and filling any new positions resulting from enrollment growth with tenure-track faculty. The proposal also guarantees that faculty will not be laid off during a financial exigency and rejects fair share, which is included in the bargaining unit treaty union proposal.

Monteza Daneshdoost, president of the association, said the union still needs to consider whether the terms of the proposal and fully understand its implications before making a decision. He said he won't be shocked by the administration's rejection of binding arbitration, which brings into question the process's legality.

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Right, Chancellor Walter Wendler announced Thursday the final proposal offered to the faculty association hoping to avoid a strike. The Faculty Association is threatening to strike Monday if no agreement is reached.

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Daily Egyptian Staff

Faculty members in the bargaining unit are divided about whether they will hit the picket line or stay in the classrooms in the event of a faculty strike, according to a recent DAILY EAGLE telephone poll.

The poll was conducted over the course of five days, with a sample of 600 faculty members. The poll found that 36.5 percent said they would strike, 35.3 percent said they would continue teaching classes, 25.1 percent said they would not strike, and 23.1 percent refused to comment. Other members of the bargaining unit could not be reached despite attempts.

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Gov. Rod Blagojevich has informed the SIUC administration and the Faculty Association that, although he supports the collective bargaining process, he is not opposed to binding arbitration to resolve this contract. Union member Lenore Langsdorf said at the information meeting.

Repeated attempts to reach the governor's office were unsuccessful and no one has been willing or able to cite the origins of the statement. The administration rejected binding arbitration Thursday and said it would like to negotiate a new contract.

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National News

Judge to bomber: 'You're no big deal'

BOSTON — An angry federal judge sentenced defen-
sant "home bomber" Richard Reid to life in prison Thursday, telling the self-avowed al-Qaeda terrorist, "You're no big deal.

Reid was dragged from court shouting, "You will be judged by Allah."

"We are not afraid of any of you or any of your terror-
ists in the same way we have been afraid of you, and we have seen
through the lies before," U.S. District Judge William Young said Reid. The judge sentenced Reid 45 years in prison and $2 million in fines to the three life terms.

"I am at war with your country," he told the court in a

Stepfather of abandoned child charged

BROOKLYN — A man was charged Thursday with child abuse for allegedly leaving his 3-year-old stepson at a Brooklyn store and police said he was a possible suspect in the disappearance of the boy's mother.

Lyle Montgomery, 47, was questioned Wednesday in the disappearance case of 3-year-old Jonathan Corpuz, right. Police said they fear for her safety based partly on evidence recovered from the home she shared with her "revived hus-

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Statement.
Dietz, Lamb attend USG meeting Wednesday

Valerie N. Donnals

Despite an unexpected visit by representatives of the administration and the Faculty Association, the Undergraduate Student Government passed a resolution Wednesday in support of binding arbitration.

"Neither side wants to strike," said Neil Young, vice president of USG. "At this point they're just waiting for one another to finish, and they need an arbitrator to step in to avoid a strike."

The legislation came after Larry Dietz, the vice chancellor of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, and Mary Ellen Lamb, a representative of the Faculty Association, spent two hours fielding questions from senators about the possible strike.

Dietz said the administration is optimistic that a settlement will be reached, but they are considering contingency plans to have in place to minimize any inconvenience to students.

If a settlement would ultimately decide if the original petition would take over for the substitutes when the strike ends.

When asked if assignments issued by replacement faculty would be counted, Lamb, a professor in the Department of English, said that it would be a conscience judgment made by individual teachers.

"If the substitute gave an assignment that I don't agree with and that the students did badly on, I wouldn't penalize them for poor teaching," Lamb said.

Senators Rob Hobson questioned Dietz about the quality of education students would expect to receive if substitute professors were brought into the class.

Dietz clarified that ultimately the deans of the schools would decide who is hired to fill vacancies, but assured the senators that many people within the full-time faculty still hold a passion for higher education.

Mary Walls, a representative from the College of Liberal Arts, urged the administration to take the students into consideration.

"For a lot of us, our futures are on the line," Walls said. She encouraged the administration to reach the issue and minimize the effects on students. Between the tuition increases, a possible war in Iraq, a sluggish economy and other downtowns, "we've had a tough year," Walls said.

Dietz agreed and still holds the hope of resolving the issue.

"I'm the external optimist," Dietz said. "There is a lot that can come between now and Monday." Dec 13, 1999, a University Park senator, asked Lamb if she saw this ending in the near future. She said that anything can happen, but their team has been very pessimistic on reaching an agreement before the strike.

On the issue of financial aid, Dietz said that work study is one of many federal programs that will be adversely affected by the strike. In the case of canceled classes, all refunds would return to the account that issued the aid.

Dietz said students will be allowed to remain in University Housing if their credits drop below 12 hours. However, dropping below the hours required for many financial-aid packages could be a serious problem.

"The stark reality of it is that some students may have to drop out," Dietz said.

Lamb said there has been a trend going on at the University to decrease the quality of education since she was hired 25 years ago. The lecture classes have gotten progressively larger, and fewer faculty members know the names of their students.

The Faculty Association is working very hard to counter a wave of misinformation," Lamb said. "The most blatant misinformation is that the faculty aren't putting the students first. The students are the beneficiaries here, not the pawns."

She also said that the replacement of faculty has come to a point where it almost does not happen at all. She said they are lucky to have professor brought in to replace four who retire.

A sense of deflation keeps taking faculty from an area where students want to go, that area will die," Lamb warned.

Though the majority of the senators voted support for the Faculty Association, senator Peter Robinson was disgusted with their actions. Though he thought he reported the faculty's right to bargain and ultimately agrees with what they're doing, he draws a line when thousands of students will be adversely affected by their actions.

"Why didn't this happen two years ago when times were better?" Robinson asked. "Or why didn't this come up during the summer, when 20,000 students won't be affected." Lamb said that the timing is definitely difficult, but it was chosen because of the conclusion of their contracts.

The faculty is also making sacrifices," Lamb said. "We will be losing money, our time, and possibly even our health insurance, but we need to think of future students who will have to attend large lectures taught by fewer faculty who don't know their names."

She said she realized the need to make a stand on the quality of education at this University now.

She holds hope that the administration will agree to binding arbitrations, which would bring in a third party to review the proposals and hand down the final term of an agreement.

Young said that if the administration does not accept the faculty's proposal for arbitration, he considers them to be 100 percent at fault. He said failing to come together to avoid a strike could have horrible repercussions for the University. I could possibly deter faculty and future students from coming to the campus.

"On the other hand, if the strike is successful it could be fantastic for the students," Young said. "Our lecture classes could be cut in half and the students would really benefit."
Murphysboro man sentenced for role in death of SIUC student

Alleged shooter still at large in last year's murder

GREG CIMA
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A Murphysboro man was sentenced to four years in prison Thursday for armed robbery in conjunction with the shooting death of a former SIUC student.

Mariner DeShay Carter, 21, was sentenced for his role in the death of Shames S. Thomas, 21, at a Carbondale housing project in March 2003.

Police said Thomas, a junior in psychology from Matteson, was shot in the back at his home at 300 E. College St, in what was reportedly a "tag-up-off point bad." He died of blood loss on the living room floor of 215-B S. Murfin St. after running from his assailants.

Residents living in houses in the block between Thomas' home and the location he died reported being woken about 2 a.m. by gunfire. A figure was reportedly seen running south down the road yelling "help me." There was a trail of blood from the door of his house to 100 feet south down the road.

Terence C. Price, 22, of Tamms, was convicted on charges of murder and armed robbery in the death. Police allege Price was the gunman that killed Thomas. Jackson County State's Attorney Michael Wepmle said Carter knew about the robbery and was a lookout for the shooter.

He will get credit for 182 days time served in the Jackson County Jail.

Carbondale Police Chief R.T. Finney said the department does not have any information about Price's whereabouts. He said police are continuing to search for him around Tamms and Carbondy in their arrest for unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.

Finney said the officers are concentrating on locating Price, and keeping families and friends from who know him.

"The only thing we can say is he was in the campus area," Carter was cooperative with police and will testify against Price if he is brought to trial.

"We said it is confidential there will be a lave in Price's judgment and secrecy, and he will be found and brought to trial in Jackson County," Finney added.

"Like most people, he will be caught," Wepmle said.

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NEWS/BRIEFS

ON COMING

Creative writing grad student wins award

Mary Stepp, a three-year graduate student in creative writing at SIUC was recently awarded a first place scholarship in an annual writing contest sponsored by the Perot Foundation.

Stepp's poem, "Why Dorothy Wakes at Dawn" she said was "what I think will last longest" read by judges and published in the journal's spring issue.

Free video workshop presented Feb. 11

"Degrees" is a free video workshop that looks at the way the culture encourages students to think about their role in death of Poet and Horses winning poem will be published much the spring issue.

The program will be presented by Suzanne Doig from Speech Communication for more information and registration, contact Women's Services at 453-5635.

Boomer bummer

Jim Fricke, employed with the Physical Plant, fixes a broken window in the end-lounge of Boomer I. SIUC Police confirm that the window was broken at approximately 2 a.m. as the result of student horseplay. The Physical Plant gave no estimate as to the replacement costs. Fricke said it takes him two hours to fix a broken window. Police would not release the names of the students involved in the incident.

Loss of accreditation a concern

Departments worry about possibility in event of strike

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DAILY EGYPTIAN

As the possibility of a strike looms over the University, many department chairs and deans are concerned about losing accreditation if an extended strike forces selected classes to be canceled.

Chancellor Walter Wendt has promised all seniors, past academic standing in their last semester that they will graduate, no matter what happens in the event of a strike. That could require schedules and course accommodations on behalf of the academic unit.

If the University graduates students in accredited programs without these students fulfilling necessary requirements because of a prolonged family situation, the University can remove the programs' accreditation.

Determining whether the strike will be justifiable under an organization to allow students to graduate without necessary requirements is up to the accreditation teams upon review of student requirements.

If the team notes that students were graduated without the proper requirements, that could result in a program losing its accreditation. Having recently for accreditation is not easy or a program may lose the necessary course requirements, the program could face a dire situation.

Faculty who prefer to teach at accredited universities could turn to other institutions and students could lose some internship and competition opportunities that would be offered to accredited programs.

Dan Welrell, dean of the College of Business Administration refused to comment about the possibility of his school losing in status. The college of Business Administration is accredited in all of its programs by The Association for the Advancement of Colleges of Business Education.

The loss of the accreditation does not, however, affect every program, on campus. The College of Science, for instance, is certified in chemistry and biochemistry. This accounts for only one-fifth of their programs.

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Students react in face of strike

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By now, many students have received an e-mail from the administration outlining what should be done in the event of a strike. Monday.

Two points of the e-mail were to inform students that in the event of a strike, classes will not be canceled and all work completed under the guidance of the substitute professor will be counted toward final grades, no matter what professors say.

A statement out in the Daily Egyptian stated, "Work assigned by substitute teachers will be required and will count toward your final grade. The University decides this, not the faculty."

Students are confused because their professors have been saying that no matter what the instructor assigns, they will not accept grades from substitute professors without the proper wuircmics, that could result in the programs' accreditation.

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On Thursday, Jan. 30, University negotiators presented their last, best offer to the SIUC Faculty Association. We believe it is important to let everyone know where the University stands on some key issues. Here are the details:

Summary of Board Proposal

The SIUC Administration has been conducting contract negotiations with the SIUC Faculty Association (IEA/NEA) since February of 2002. We have now reached the point in these negotiations where it is necessary for us to communicate directly with you, the faculty covered by collective bargaining, in order to explain what we have proposed in a new contract.

Tentative agreements have been reached for much of the proposed new contract and these agreements will not be explained as part of this communication. In areas where tentative agreements have not been reached the Board has made substantial proposals. The Board's proposed changes to the existing contract or the continuation of existing language are outlined briefly below. The Board is of the opinion that the new contract it proposes is fair and will strengthen the bargaining unit at this university.

Length of Contract: From July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2006 (FY'03, FY'04, FY'05, and FY'06).

The Faculty Association has stated that agreement on six issues must be achieved for a new contract. Make no mistake, the Board's contract proposal addresses each of these issues fairly:

Non-Contingent Salary and Benefits: The Board proposes no raise for FY'03. Raises proposed for FY'04, '05, and '06 are based on state appropriations plus guaranteed substantial additional dollars (2% in FY'04, 2.5% in FY'05, and 3% in FY'06). Promotional raises will be in addition to base salary raises.

Example: If the State-appropriated raise for base salaries for FY'04 is 2%, with an additional 1% if the Board matches with 1%, then the total amount available for base salary adjustments would be 5% (3% State-appropriated plus 2% from the University). In FY'04, the 2% provided by the University is guaranteed, independent of any State-appropriated raise, as is the 2.5% in FY'05 and the 3% in FY'06. The Board guaranteed raises are non-contingent and recession proof.

The Board also proposes an early retirement incentive in accordance with Public Act 92-0599. The Board will allow conversion of one-half of accrued sick leave to salary credit during the final two years of service.

These guaranteed raises demonstrate the Board's willingness and its commitment to reaching parity with its peer institutions.

Job Security During Financial Exigency: In return for ratifying the new contract without a strike the Board guarantees no layoffs of bargaining unit faculty for reasons of financial exigency for the term of the contract.

Program Changes: The Board proposes to maintain a full-time equivalent (FTE) student to bargaining unit faculty (head count basis) ratio of 26 to 1 or less for the term of the new contract (this is the approximate current student/bargaining unit faculty ratio).

This ratio protects bargaining unit faculty lines and guarantees no reduction in force as long as enrollment is stable. If enrollment increases the number of bargaining unit faculty will also increase.

Workload: Workload is currently based on the equivalent of twenty-four (24) credit hours of teaching per academic year. The Board believes that this contract provision has worked well and is consistent with the norm for major comprehensive research universities. The Board believes that workload decisions must be made on a department-by-department basis, taking into account the particular needs of each department.

Tenure and Promotion: The Board proposes to retain the current contract language with a few minor modifications. The current system of faculty and administrative review works and is not in need of substantial revision.

Fair Share: The Board opposes this. The Board's proposed student/faculty ratio of 26 to 1 guarantees bargaining unit legitimacy.

One additional issue will also be covered by the proposed contract.

Intellectual Property Rights and Distance Learning: Negotiating teams have been formed to negotiate these issues pursuant to a tentative agreement reached on December 12, 2002. These teams will begin work shortly and negotiated policies will become part of the new contract.

Signed,
The SIUC Bargaining Team
OUR WORD

Cool, academic heads will prevail during strike

Monday is the day. It is the day we as a University can prove that we are strong enough to stand in the face of adversity — despite the apparent chaos that may be present.

Keep your cool and respect other people's opinions.

Students: Keep your cool. Attend your classes, for that is the only way to find out what is going on and whether your professor has gone on strike. That person may be replaced by the second or third class period, so attend every day just to check. In addition, this isn't junior high. If you see faculty marching, do not hurl insults at them. As an institution of higher learning, we must remember that diversity and diverse opinions are what makes this country what it is.

Non-union faculty: Keep your cool. This University has been split on the issue of faculty. Not only is it divided between the students, faculty and administration, but the faculty form two groups. As the strike approaches, things have been getting a bit ugly, dem- onstrated through vehement letters on these very editorial pages. This is a university where academic freedom reigns. Freedom in general is the name of America.

Union faculty: Keep your cool. March and picket and demonstrate your views. It is just as American as the freedom of choice for non-union faculty. Do what you must, but keep your cool. You can disagree with others respectfully.

Administration: Keep your cool. This whole thing is tough on everyone. If there is a strike, you and the union faculty need to hammer an agreement out soon. We get sick of thinking about SIUC's negative image, but it must be said that ugly picketing with students and non-union faculty throwing insults and other objects could be reminiscent of the Halloween nightmares we so recently discarded.

Even Gus Bode will be keeping his cool this week. So, Gus says: Remember we're educated adults. And act like it.

FUZZY ISSUE OF ARBITRATION REVISITED

The DAILY EGYPTIAN has received numerous phone calls and letters regarding our Wednesday editorial, "Arbitration not the answer to avoid strike." Most of the response has been about the definition we printed for arbitration. Yes, there are many different forms of arbitration. According to a spokesman for the Illinois Labor Relations Board, the type of arbitration used in any given situation depends on the type agreed upon by the two involved parties.

And according to Mark Brittingham, University lawyer, and Peter Roger, University Counsel, the type to be used in the faculty and administration situation would be the type explained in our editorial, in which each party submits a proposal and the arbitrator selects one.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN apologizes for the confusion, but we stand by our aforementioned opinion, if the arbitration used is to be the type mentioned in our editorial. The administration officially rejected the faculty association's invitation for arbitration during a press conference Thursday. We agree with the decision. As we've said, we do not support a faculty walkout, but arbitration in this manner is too simplistic and will only cause more confusion and more trouble in the end.

STRIKE BALLOT

The Question: Should the faculty strike?

The results of the DAILY EGYPTIAN Strike Ballot are in. Though the poll is completely unscientific, we hope it provides a glimpse at the way those who responded feel about a strike. These results only include the paper ballots that were turned in or mailed to the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

We had received over 15,000 votes at dailyegyptian.com this week, but we have chosen not to print those results because of the ease of manipulating the vote online. We are aware of at least one person who voted 700 times.

Below are some of the comments we received with the ballots:

• Yes if an agreement is not reached. I've been at SIUC for the last 27 years watching the highest administrators raise their own salaries by huge percentages each year to get further and further out of touch with the realities of student and faculty needs.

• Yes, I believe Chancellor Wendler has made this a power struggle. I think this could be solved if he was not at the University.

• Yes. The administration has grown and prospered while demanding that academic units cut spending. The University is not the administration. It is the students and faculty. Teaching is the main business of SIUC.

• Yes. Why doesn't the administration agree to binding arbitration? Where is President Walker? I am tired of the administration raising their salaries and not listening to others. I am AP.

• No. The radicals have taken over the FA and their desire to cast the administration in a bad light is making progress difficult. A strike will be highly destructive both to the campus and to faculty relationships with one another. Most FA proposals will cost money, and there simply is no extra money available locally or from the state.

• Yes. Administration is accountable for the money that is spent. Faculty receives a very small amount of the total "pie," which is easier to earn.

• No. I think the faculty union is being unreasonable in their demands and greedy. Civil service employees didn't get any kind of raise this year due to the economy and I feel the faculty union needs to tone down their demands drastically. They're being very selfish.

• Yes. It seems to be only the solution to help make classes smaller and to keep and hire great professors. Professors need an incentive to come to Carbondale and not go to other Universities.

• No. If you do strike there will be a reduction of student population in the future, which will then require fewer instructors and so-called union professors, and their result is the laying off of said people, and thereof be ruin in the great damage of the economy of Carbondale and all of Southern Illinois. Is that what you want?

• No. Students should come first. Faculty should not abandon students who are enrolled in their courses.

• No. A strike will be very destructive and will create divisions that will preserve for decades. It isn't worth it.

• No. In these economic times the union is asking for too much. Civil service gets paid a lot less and you don't hear unreasonable demands from them. The good of the University should come before the ungrateful.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A pint of sweat saves a gallon of blood."

Gen. George S. Patton

WORDS OVERHEARD

"We're right now basically sitting in the southbound lane. This will be the lane and the ditch will be in the kitchen."

Russell Winter Pickaway resident on his displacement if Highway 127 is built.
Dave, it's me again and you haven't called.

Editor's note: Jack Platt's column "Piattology" normally runs Saturday. Because of the high volume of letters we've been receiving, this column was pushed back to today's issue. The Daily Egyptian regrets any inconvenience.

Last semester when I was editor of the Pulse, I wrote a column addressed to David Letterman. It was my top 10 reasons why he should invite me on his show. I followed the list with a short paragraph explaining to Dave that Southern Illinois University would not rest until I received a plane ticket to New York. Then I sent him a copy of the column.

First of all, I would like to apologize for assuming on your behalf that you the reader would want me to go on his show. I also realize Dave didn't even know me or SIU, for that matter. I wonder what it feels like to be underpaid.

As a SIU student, I have felt underpaid.

My depression, and my family and my fiancé and I had decided that adoption was our second choice. But I also realized later that adoption was our first choice.

When I was pregnant I was 21. I had just left the man, then my husband, and my daughter, who had been born the year before severely disabled. I found out I was pregnant two weeks after leaving my husband, I had no job and no way to get one as I had a disabled child that never would take care of. I was living at a friend's house and my family was out of the picture. I chose to have the baby.

My daughter died July 21, 1999, finally free from her pain and suffering. My son was 9 months old and I decided to marry the man who is now my husband. I was back in school, on medication for my depression, and my family and friends provided me with a great support system. My fiancé and I had just bought a house and decided that after we were married, we would try to get pregnant. Six months after the wedding we were, and my second daughter, Emily, was born on Dec. 11, 2001. I chose to have the baby.

The first two times I got pregnant, three people would have been able to stand in judgment if I had chosen to have abortions. My life would have been very different.

I don't think for the better. It was hard work, but I am eternally grateful that I did it, for myself and for my family. I made the choice, each time, to have the baby. I sat down, by myself and thought it through. I weighed the options, prayed, looked ahead and considered possibilities. I went forward with the pregnancies knowing that I had made a choice. If I hadn't had a choice, if being pregnant in those horrible conditions meant that I had to have a baby, I wouldn't have had the baby. I wouldn't have had a reason to consider parenthood or any other reality. I would have bitterly resented myself to the task at hand and either done it, or given the child(ren) up for adoption.

I think that after having been forced to give birth twice, I wouldn't have done it again.

Except for one, all the girls whom I know have been pregnant at one time or another. All of them have made choices, and some of them regret what they chose to do.

Pregnancy is affecting, no matter what way we look at it. I think that even the pro-choice movement lost sight of that at times. Abortion is something that can't be taken lightly, and should never be taken lightly.

Neither is adoption, or childbirth. If you should find yourself pregnant, don't despair. Go and celebrate the freedom you have by making a choice.

"Feckless Pondering" appears every other Friday. Abigail is a sophomore in English. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the Daily Egyptian.

I might not have been a high-profile guest for Letterman's hot seat, but Bruce Weber most certainly is.

I would not get up for our University to be featured on the Late Show, other than anything to do with late October nastiness. One of my top 10 list of reasons for getting on the show was to talk Saluki basketball. I thought Dave, being a neighbor Hoosier and all, would appreciate good solid basketball from the Midwest. I actually still have hope that he does.

Yet now I am really on to something. It might not have been a high-profile guest for Letterman's hot seat, but Bruce Weber most certainly is. Come on, think about it. He is perfect. He isn't Harrison Ford, he has gathered much attention in the past you wouldn't even give a guest appearance on the Late Show. Let us not forget Weber used to coach at Purdue and where is Purdue? You guessed it - Indiana, so it really is perfect. Now this isn't going to be as simple as making a phone call, but it isn't impossible. I may have just been fooling around the last time I sent a request to Dave (even though in the back of my mind I hoped he would bring me on the show just for the joke). It is different.

I am serious about this attempt. I might need a little help from anyone who thinks this a good idea, so any suggestions would be more than welcome.

Please limit any suggestions involving my resignation as a columnist to a mini-essay. I don't want to end up crying in the shower again. In all seriousness, I am going to send this request to Dave, and anyone willing to help out who can write to Letterman: Late Show with David Letterman, The Ed Sullivan Theater, 1697 Broadway, New York, NY, 10019, or email him at: WWWW.cbs.com/lateshow/.

Oh, and I hope this is all okay with coach Weber. If not just give me a call here at The Daily Egyptian and I won't send it. If you don't call Monday it will be in the mail first thing Tuesday morning.

"Piattology" runs on Tuesdays. Jack is a senior in advertising. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the Daily Egyptian.
Faculty Association members react to Monday letter from non-union faculty

Mark Patinkin: Associate Professor of Psychology

The latest made the news last week when President Bush weighed in against the Michigan storm system point.

It's a form of affirmative action.

The affirmative action has long been allowed in many ways. When accepting students, almost an additional special consideration if you offer geographical diversity. Or sufficient tolerance. You get a leg up if your parents are alumni.

And here's an interesting one. I told that admission faculty from "out of town" must address a crowd of about 30 people at an informational meeting.

"I know that it was a little bit of a stretch for me," Langsford said, adding that she could not remember what she was focused on addressing the cameras.

"If someone wanted to withdraw from this program, I would have handed it to me if I wouldn't have accepted it."

At a Thursday press conference, Faculty Association President Mark Krenik said the information came from a "reliable source in Springfield" and would not confirm. University spokesman Jim Brown said it was "conjecture" and "difficult to evaluate," but "I know what was going on." Langsford said.

Despite the union's insistence that the statement is "fact" and "startling," the statement was not released by the governor's office.

"It's a suit by some white students who say the University of Michigan discriminated against them. They didn't get in because Michigan State uses racial preferences when it accepts students. The school has admitted that it goes extra "points" to applicants who are minority.

The issue is not surprising that non-university, and even anti-affirmative action groups would not be a good source of information about Faculty Association. The suggestion that the Illinois Education Association is a non-affirmative action system is based on the idea that minority admissions are too slow.

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New underground mine approved for Saline County

Blasting for new mine to begin in February

Jackie Keane

The Illinois Board of Mines approved Tuesday the Illinois Fuel Company’s safety plan to open a new underground mine in Saline County.

The new mine will allow for new jobs as well as an increase in coal production. Sixty-five new jobs and a possibility of even more will open once the construction is finished.

"As far as industry, [the coal mine] provides a new source of energy, as well as coal, but the economy in the region is what we’re more excited about," said Larry D. Woolard, D-Carterville, said.

"We’re going to see the new additions. It is one of those first steps and we’re proud to have it located in our district in southern Illinois and to have it employed new jobs in the region."

Illinois Fuel Co. hired KB Coal to operate the new mine. The mine will be located adjacent to a surface mine, though its operation will not be slowed. Construction, which will begin Jan. February, will coincide with the normal day-to-day operations of the surface mine. The safety criteria the Illinois Fuel Co. has agreed for operation worked to stay 300 feet away from the mine. This will ensure no one will be hurt during the blasts.

It expects to yield 7.5 million tons of coal at a rate of about 1 million tons per year. Forrest Yunker, the manager of engineering for Illinois Fuel Co., said the Southern Illinoisan. The new mine will allow for a more efficient operation, with different surface ratios.

According to the board, Illinois Fuel Co. had five accidents last year with an accident frequency rate of 2.9. The rate average for the mine was 1.7.

"They haven’t had any safety problems that would be considered abnormal. They are above the statewide average, but nothing we are concerned about," said Don McBride, member of the Division of Mine and Safety Training.

The mine will yield coal that is high in both breasting capability and sulfur. High-sulfur coal can be blended with lower-sulfur varieties to meet clean air standards, Yunker said.

A third of the more than 30 million tons of coal mined annually in Illinois comes from Saline County.

As the details of the operation remain complete and mining equipment begins to arrive for the breaking of earth, locally-established mines keep their ground in the industry.

Paul Smock, manager director of Liberty Coal Company, said he does not believe his company will be affected by the increase in the mining.

"It shouldn't have too much effect on Liberty. Liberty has contracts and we have customers. An error that has little effect on anything in the industry," said Smock.

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SIU—Alumni Association

To: Dr. Mortaza Daneshdoost, President, SIU Faculty Association

Dr. Walter Wendler, Chancellor, SIU Carbondale

As president of the SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors, I have been asked by numerous alumni to voice our serious concern about the future of our alma mater. It appears that the SIU Faculty Association and the SIUC administration have not yet found enough common ground to prevent any SIUC faculty from striking on February 3.

I do not pretend to understand the many complex issues which apparently justify this unprecedented action, nor do the following comments reflect the opinion of all 200,000 SIUC graduates about this matter. But for the numerous alumni who have contacted me, the realization that our alma mater is only a few days away from a strike is disturbing and very, very painful.

I’m sure alumni empathize with those dedicated and deserving faculty who are underpaid and those faculty who strive for a more accommodating environment in which to do their work. We also understand and respect the responsibility of those campus administrators charged to allocate resources within the parameters dictated by the current state and university budget.

It is clear that if a strike occurs, no one can anticipate the outcome. All might agree, however, that SIUC’s proud 134 year history of education will be forever tarnished. Serious, if not irreparable, damage will be done to Southern Illinois University.

• Its reputation of providing a first rate education in a safe and friendly academic environment will be jeopardized.

• Its new emerging stature as a major research university will be undermined.

• Its history of inclusion and equal opportunity for all will be compromised.

• Its hallowed position as “the university of choice” where loyal alumni send our most precious possessions... our sons, daughters, and grandchildren... will suffer greatly. It may become a university that alumni no longer recognize—with prevailing attitudes and purposes that we no longer understand or trust.

• The many SIUC and community friends forged by a mutual commitment to our alma mater’s common values and purpose will immediately deteriorate. The “we” that once characterized all those who dedicated themselves to that purpose will never become “us” vs. “them”... an attitude and position that once takes may never be reversed.

Be assured that the fervent wish of the overwhelming majority of SIU alumni is that the leadership of the Faculty Association, even in the absence of a contract, will cancel the February 3 strike.

If a strike is not averted, then next Monday morning I hope that all university employees will consider first and foremost their responsibility to our students. They and their families are trusting SIUC to fulfill its obligation to provide a quality education in a conducive learning environment. Alumni ask you not to betrays the confidence that these students have been shown by attending Southern.

Remember the decision you make Monday morning will not only impact your future, but the future of all associated with our great institution. We have a proud and rich heritage; let’s not lose sight of its history, tradition, and purpose.

Sincerely,

Donald F. Magee ’63
President
SIU Alumni Association

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At the Abundant Health Resource Clinic (from left to right) Karissa Howell, Jennee Rommel, Erin O’Sullivan and Atesh Clemons gladly volunteer their time Thursday to help citizens of Carbondale in medical need.

Abundant Health Resource Clinic of Carbondale provides free health care services to people without insurance.

A wall of the gray waiting room is covered in cutout hearts of blue, red, purple, pink, yellow and gold. Each heart has a name printed neatly across it in thick black letters. The names are those of the 180 people who volunteer at the Abundant Health Resource Clinic, a free clinic in Carbondale.

Becky Johnson, a Murphysboro resident, walked by the hearts covering the wall to the desk where two volunteers greeted her. She had an appointment at 6:15 p.m. She is being seen for a medica problem, but picking up medication for another health ailment. Although her husband works, his income is not enough to cover the costs of her medicine.

"It's really a struggle when you're trying to get by," Johnson said. "I don't know what I would do without this place."

Johnson is one of the many Jackson County residents who appreciates the free services the Abundant Health Resource Clinic provides.

Karissa Howell, executive director of the clinic, has been working at the clinic since it opened in December of 2000. She is originally from New Mexico, but heard about the clinic and the open position from her husband who was a Ph.D student at SIUC.

Dr. BJ. Reach carefully takes the stitches out of one of his patients Thursday night at the Abundant Health Resource Clinic.

SIUC alumni Dr. BJ. Reach assists patient Marshall Paher with his dial Thursday. Reach has been volunteering with the clinic for the past two years.

Mrs. Pohlmann, a physician who volunteers at the clinic, has been helping with the clinic since the planning stages. But until her retirement from SIU Health Services in February, she did not have the time to volunteer at the clinic.

Now she spends many of her evenings treating patients who cannot afford to go anywhere else.

"There is such a need for this type of clinic," Pohlmann said. "I am a proponent for health care for everyone. I think it is a crime that everyone doesn't have it."

Other volunteers are members of local churches, SIU students, nurses, retired persons and other members of the community.

Howell said that at any given time more than 50 SIUC students work in the clinic and there are about 80 working there now.
SIU dental student Renee Lipe checks the blood pressure of patient Ionia Dickerson Thursday night at the Abundant Health Resource Clinic. This was Lipe’s first night of volunteering at the clinic, and she said that she would be volunteering in the near future.

“In other clinics they don’t give you respect like they do here. They have hearts of gold here.”

- Becky Johnson
Murphysboro

Anne Nickel of Carbondale graduated from SIUC in 1999 with a degree in journalism. She will begin the physician assistant program in June and has been working at the clinic for more than a year.

“There is a lot more hands on experience and hands on contact,” Nickel said. “And you get to work in every field. In a hospital you might be stuck in one position.”

With the limited amount of physicians and funds, the clinic can have about right to 12 appointments if one physician is working and 12 to 20 appointments if there are two physicians working.

Besides doctors and nurses, other volunteers answer phones, screen patients, check supplies, fundraise and do other odd jobs around the clinic.

Erin O’Sullivan, a first-year medical student at SIU from St. Louis, has been working at the clinic since it opened two years ago. She enjoys the experience of working closely with patients and with other people wanting to give back to the community.

“It is such a good atmosphere to work in because everyone is a volunteer,” O’Sullivan said. “We are all there because we want to be there.”

She said that it is good to become a part of the community and that she does not see volunteering once or twice a month as too much to ask.

Howell said that they try to make the experience fun for volunteers because both patients and the volunteers respond better in the atmosphere.

“I love working with the students and volunteers to hopefully help them see what clinical medical care is,” Howell said. “We want them to see the whole patient and not just the medical problem.”

The clinic’s budget is about $280,000, which includes costs of donated medicine and volunteers’ time. Most of the money is donated or provided through grants. The cash need for the clinic is $91,000 and must be raised through fund raising.

Carbondale Memorial and St. Joseph Memorial hospitals allow the clinic to use their labs for tests and other procedures.

Physicians and pharmaceutical representatives donate most of the medication for the clinic. It has bought almost $5,000 worth of medication since it opened, but it has given out nearly $100,000 worth to patients.

Jagan Ailinani, a doctor and president of the Jackson County Medical Society, Southern Illinois Healthcare and other community members came up with the idea for a free clinic after they noticed more and more people in the area without health insurance.

A study done by the steering committee for the project showed that there was a need for the clinic in southern Illinois and that people would be willing to come to Carbondale for the services.

Howell said they hope the clinic will continue to grow as more people volunteer and donate to the clinic.

Johnson said she loves the clinic and the people who are there for her. And the free services help her get the care that she needs but cannot afford.

“It’s nice to be treated with respect,” Johnson said. “In other clinics they don’t give you respect like they do here. They have hearts of gold here.”

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SIUC senior Jenee Rommel volunteers her help to patient Marshall Paller while he leaves the clinic Thursday night. Rommel has been volunteering her time since spring 2001.

Erin O’Sullivan (left) and Dr. B.J. Reach (right) at the pharmacy of Abundant Health Resource Clinic Thursday and discuss medicine for a patient. O’Sullivan is a first-year medical student and has volunteered for the clinic for the past two years.
Art student displays blown glass pieces
Burke Wasson  Daily Egyptian

A gas line can painted red with window-shaped holes overhead carrying tiny glass vials just showed a few tiny droplets of water on the second floor of the Student Center. A small glass bottle painted silver, speckled with gold, has tiny inscriptions on it made some eyes squint. Some notice signs hung on the wall filled with glass bottles and sand has made more than a few students look up from their books wondering what they’re looking at and why.

They were looking at the art of SIUC student Tracy Michele Bochnak. The senior art student was selected to be the Student Programming Council’s first featured artist of the spring semester. Her works in glass blowing were displayed at the Art Alley of the Student Center from Jan. 10 to Jan. 30.

Bochnak, 21, had nine pieces in her display. They ranged from the starkly demure maroon glass bottle to the “Termite of Austerity/Libertation” to “Clouded Vision,” a small, stout bottle painted with silver clouds made from SIUC student Tracy Michelle Bochnak. Some students look up from their books and wonder what they’re looking at.

“I came down here and I knew she was a glass program,” Bochnak said. “Something I’d been interested in for a while. My first day of classes, here was this thing I’d been looking for. I’d done a lot of other mediums before, but this just felt right.”

Bochnak facetiously referred to glass as a “glass art form in terms of articulating her personal experiences.” She said she believed glass art truly produces the best finished product and also provides a method that gives her the time and energy to research her thoughts into a week of work.

“We seek to translate our experiences into objects through glass,” Bochnak said. “Glass blowing is very laborious. The extensive work that goes into each of my pieces gives me time to meditate on my experience.”

Bochnak based each of her pieces on personal experiences. The vases filled with bottles and sand, titled “Landscape,” complete a piece that covers all of her as a whole. “I feel like I have all these experiences that burdened me and made who I am,” Bochnak said. “This is like my baggage. I feel it’s a metaphor for things I carry around with me, whether they’re good or bad, that define me.”

However, she is careful to avoid letting too much of her personal experience into her art. Bochnak wants to give her audience room for interpretation.

“Each one of these pieces has a significant meaning to me. But I like to have open-ended and chooseable people look at it and kind of get their own meaning,” Bochnak said. “Like with the baggage, I hope that people look at it and don’t really know what is at first. I hope they’re curious.”

Bochnak attributes much of her ability to her past and present instructors. Her lessons in glass blowing have taken her to many places. She has studied in places as diverse as Boston, Mo., Anchorage, Seattle, and Amsterdam.

“I’m really lucky to have all these professional glass people who are willing to help me take my stuff to another level,” Bochnak said. “The Douglass School in Memphis has been great. Jan Thomas and Carolyn Smith helped me so much. The Rhodes is my professor here at SIUC and he’s done a lot for me as well.”

Bochnak knew Bochnak’s work was right for the Art Alley and was providing future for her.

“I really like her work because it’s original and it adds a new experience to glass blowing.” Phillips said. “It’s just one style, it’s several different styles. They can’t really explore other avenues and her work will mature over the years.”

Phillips said that students or professors at SIUC art venue to apply for their work to be shown in the Art Alley. Prospective artists can pick up an application in the SPC office on the third floor of the Student Center.

A photograph of an artist’s work also required, and SPC will not accept anything that includes nudity or vulgar language. Each exhibit is displayed for three weeks.

Bochnak’s favorite thing about the Art Alley is the focus of the Art Alley. “It was the first time last year that he had the entire focus of an exhibit.”

“Having people come into the Student Center is especially rewarding,” Bochnak said. “I wanted to have my work here because it’s a place where people can actually see my work. I want people to be able to see it,” Bochnak said. “I think art is for everyone and it’s just not about having your work in a gallery.”

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Get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the enviable day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 9 - Express how you feel through your actions, not words. You're less likely to be embarrassed by being too blunt. Don't tell friends of your loyalty. Pique it.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 5 - Ask that old debt be repaid, and that you get what you paid for. This includes looking for a better job, start scanning the want ads, it never hurts to know what's out there. Cancered (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 5 - Your partner may have a lot of good reasons, but don't forget the bottom line. Can you afford to waste money? Don't be money.

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Students have mixed reactions to Bush's State of the Union

Variety of opinions on war stance, economic problems face Americans

Carrie Roderick
Daily Egyptian

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they get pretty rowdy and do a good job of getting into the other teams' heads. He particularly remembers the crowd yelling at Weber and the assistant coaches last season and telling them "to sit down and shut up."

But DiCcco said that his team learned an important lesson in the two losses. "We need to make our kids understand how important preparation is and we can't take anything for granted," DiCcco said. His Panthers (8-8, 3-4 MVC) are led by a strong inside-outside combination of Alex Cook and Katie Miller. Cook, a 6-foot forward who has started five straight double doubles, scored a career-high 22 points in her last outing and is the conference's second-best rebounder at more than 11 a game. Miller, who leads her team in scoring, is averaging more than 10 points per game, good enough for second-best in the MVC.

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Wins won't be Driesell's only legacy

Former Maryland basketball coach Lefty Driesell left his mark on the game, life

Brendan Glaccum

This is a good time to celebrate Lefty Driesell. COLLEGE PARK, MD (UPI) - He says he has few regrets, mostly just food memories. He coached because he loved it and he retired because it was the right time.

He's had a stotro for all the years of coaching, a mouth that couldn't be taught to countless players. It goes, "The harder you work, the luckier you get."

Few coaches ever worked harder.

Now, as he looks back on a career that spanned four decades, Charles "Lefty" Driesell is content but not the wittiest his resume. He's on his feet, his walking, exquisitely fortunate. And not just for the wins he accumulate at the Terrapins program he's carried, but for the bridge he builds to help others achieve their goals.

"I'm excited with my life and the career I've had," he said. "I've been very blessed with coaching a lot of great athletes and a few great people."

He left the university under a cloud of circumstances in the late 1980s. But more than 30 years after the Off Lensharder was hired by the Terrapins athletic department — more than 30 years after he began raising the hopes and dreams of Terrapins fans — the 71-year-old Driesell, who recently retired after 41 years of coaching, will be honored by the athletic department at half-time of Thursday night's ACC game.

He's been back on the campus a few times for high school games, but he hasn't seen the new Comcast Center and he certainly hasn't been hounded. It will be very emotional for him.

"I'm sure it will be," Driesell said. "I can handle that."

For the past six years, Driesell could be found coaching the team on the bench at Georgia State. There, he led the Bengals to a 39-33 record in 2004-05.

But his legend was made as the Terrapins' general. Before the Gary Williams era, the school's men's basketball program was a national powerhouse, Driesell's Terrapins pretty exciting in their own right.

He dreamed of the Terrapins men's basketball program becoming the "UCLA of the East" when he took the head coaching position in 1969. He took it to those near-mythical highs. But in trying, he achieved his dream and turned the nation on to the Terrapins.

Driesell was known for his key roles in molding Cole Field House into the electric atmosphere it became. The Terrapins played their seats closer to the floor at Cole his first year and inventing Midnight Madness was his idea. But he also had a sense of family and how to spread it.

It was not only his basketball savvy, but his genuine feeling for people that help build the Terrapins into more than a team.

He brought excitement to Maryland, nationwide. Driesell is a three-time All-American for the Terrapins, appearing in the 1970s. "Cole Field House was not anywhere near the excitement level it became when he started. He put the seats on the floor at Cole. He made that a real tough place for opponents to play."

"He's the only basketball coach I've encountered, the only basketball coach I've ever known," said Driesell's son Chuck, now a coach at Marymount University in Arlington, Va. "That's why I coach, because of the relationships and impact he's created. I saw that in him."

In addition to that personal impact, Driesell also racked up more than a few wins in his 17 wins.

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The half-time festivities will include the presentation of a number of letters to Driesell. The Terps will wear a special jersey with his name on it.

Driesell took over a struggling program and turned the nation on to Terrapins basketball. "Something I've learned about basketball is that you just try your best. You don't just try to win," said Driesell. "You just try to make people feel good about the game."

He was part of the team that won the NCAA championship in 1974-75 season and was a part of the Terrapins' Elite Eight in 1972-73. In 1974, the Terps finished ranked No. 4 nationally, but didn't make the NCAA tournament. Only the conference tournament champion was eligible, and that was No. 5 N.C. State. The Wolfpack defeated the Terps, 103-101, in a classic overtime ACC tournament final.

"It was different rules back then," said McMillen. "Opportunities to go on and win a national title were limited, but we had a spectacular team. I was really the time Maryland basketball came into its own."

The Terps continued their success for the next decade, never finishing with a losing record during that span, winning 20 or more games seven times. Three more times the Terps finished in the top 10 nationally and, in 1984, won their first and only ACC tournament title with a three-peat. Driesell coached that talented group of players to a future two-time conference player of the year, Len Bias.

"I'm proud of what we did as a team and the people that were part of it," he said. "I'm proud of our national championship game in 1982."

But he was a player you want to coach, being a good person. If you're a player that then I think you're a coach.

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SIU women's tennis team faces Western Michigan, will host Missouri Valley Conference tourney

Zack Creglow
Daily Egyptian

The Salukis women's tennis team will face Western Michigan today and then host the Missouri Valley Conference tournament this weekend.

"I think we're ready, we're excited," said coach Jeffery Suggs. "We've been working hard, and we're ready to play.

SIU returns to action at 2 p.m. today. The Salukis will face Western Michigan, who are 1-3 in MVC play.

The MVC Tournament will be held at SIU on Sunday. The Salukis will face the winner of the Western Michigan-SIU game in the final.

"We're excited to host the tourney," said Suggs. "It's a big deal for us.

The Salukis are 6-2 in MVC play, but they have lost their last two matches.

"We need to get back on track," said Suggs. "We've been struggling a bit, but we're ready to turn it around.

"We're playing well in practice," said Suggs. "We're ready to go.

The MVC Tournament will be a big test for the Salukis.

"We want to be a team that can compete," said Suggs. "We want to be a contender.

The Salukis have a tough road ahead, but they're ready to face the challenge.

"We're excited to be here," said Suggs. "We're ready to play.

The Salukis women's tennis team is ready for the spring season.

Zack Creglow
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Dawgs prepare for WSU

Saluki men's basketball team hits the road for tough test in Wichita

Jens Deju
Daily Egyptian

Going into Saturday's game against Wichita State, the SIU men’s basketball team has received mixed boost from an unlikely source. That source? The University of Evansville.

A week after blowing out No. 10 ranked Creighton at home to put SIU into a first place tie in the Missouri Valley Conference, the Purple Aces rolled off another upset, beating Wichita State Wednesday-night 75-74.

The Shockers went into the game just a half-game behind SIU, Creighton and Southwest Missouri State. With a 6-1 league mark and might have caught looking past Evansville and toward another matchup with the Salukis. The two teams will tip-off at 1:00 p.m. Saturday at the Kana Center in Wichita, Kan.

Facing losing in the Salukis’ 81-80 Jan. 15, the Shockers routed off straight wins against Illinois State, Drake and Bradley before the unexpected last Wednesday.

SIU head coach Bruce Weber said he isn’t sure if the Shockers (11-6, 2-1 MVC) will be able to bounce back for a three-game stretch against weaker teams such as Northern Iowa, Indiana State and Bradley.

SIU senior forward Jermaine Deanman said he expects the Shockers to come out of the Evergreen Valley to win and also be seeking a little payback for the earlier loss to the Salukis.

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Saluki women head north

SIU faces Bradley, UNI in search of a Valley win

Ethan Erickson
Daily Egyptian

In the midst of a nine-game losing streak, the SIU women’s basketball team will attempt to put the pieces together and come up with its first Missouri Valley Conference victory when it travels to Bradley and Northern Iowa for a weekend mid-week.

It has multiple problems to solve, though, including an inability to play smart, team basketball.

“We are not a cohesive unit right now on the court,” said head coach Lori Opp. “They have good chemistry off of the field, but it seems like we’re not clicking on the court.”

That has been a common theme for the Salukis lately.

Coach Tony DiCecco was surprised at the ups and downs the Salukis have experienced in the Valley.

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For more on the SIU-Wichita game See story, page 23

MEN'S HOOPS

SIU senior forward Jermaine Deanman is bowed over by a Bradley player during the Salukas’ 77-72 win over the Braves Wednesday night. The Dawgs face Wichita State Saturday, a team the Salukis’ beat at home earlier this year.

“Next week we have games away from home, we need to win both of those,” Weber said. “Eventually we need to have strong road wins.”

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Commission suggests Title IX alterations

Christopher Morris
Daily Egyptian

A Bush administration advisory commission voted Thursday for modest changes to the Title IX rules, failing to pass many proposed radical changes to the legislation.

The Commission on Opportunity in Athletics was not able to agree on the recommendation that the ratio of men and female athletes at colleges and universities be roughly the same as in the overall student body. The vote was 7-7, with two ties.

Several more proposed changes that would have stirred the 1972 law giving more sports and scholarships to women athletes failed to pass, including attempts to eliminate the requirement that the percentage of female athletic scholarships given by a school be tied to its endowment.

The Commission, however, did decide to change the standard and recommended changes that would have required men’s and women’s athletes to be measured on the same scale.

In 1979, the law was clarified with the intention of making the three changes. The proposed changes included - a school’s female athletic ratio must be closely equivalent to its overall ratio; a school must show an ongoing history of broadening opportunities for women; and a school must show good faith in promoting opportunities for women in athletics.

The commission recommended several changes to the first part. The changes involved a school establishing a predetermined number of spots for women on each team that would count toward Title IX, instead of the actual number of athletes.

Another change included making male athletes or non-traditional students as a part of a school’s male total.

“By far the most discussed change was the one that would have required a certain sport have certain numbers, we try to do that right now, but it’s hard to do,” said SIU soft head coach Ken Blybrock.

“Not going to affect us.”

What it does allow the women’s sports to carry a call be better than 40 percent of athletes.

Vice versa, the male sports might have to cut back their numbers to further be female sports.

I think that is a given and it has to be done,

Blybrock said the changes don’t mean anything drastic and expressed that he feels very supported by the SIU administration.

Kristie Keiter, a senior who is scheduled to graduate after four years on the SIU volleyball team, said the idea of Title IX done for women, but isn’t sure it is completely fair.

“If you want my honest opinion, I don’t understand why baseball and track and field as far as for men go, why they can’t have the same scholarships,” Keiter asked.

“I think that is a given and it has to be done, a lot of schools, I don’t think any of them are on a full ride. On our team, we always have a couple girls who are on a full ride, I don’t understand why we can’t think of us in any number,” Kristie said.

Other proposals were voted on, but failed.

One called for the elimination of the proportional representation. The bill died 11-4.

Another proposal that called for interest surveys on campus, if things were used as a standard for financial support, was also supported. The SIU survey was not recommended surveys be used as a tool to demonstrate compliances.

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SIU junior forward Tiffany Cutchster goes for a rebound in Tuesday’s game against Middle Tennessee State. Cutchster returned to the starting lineup and posted a double-double versus the Lady Raiders. The Salukis will count on her to do well when they travel to Bradley and Northern Iowa this weekend.

SIU senior forward Jermaine Deanman is bowed over by a Bradley player during the Salukas’ 77-72 win over the Braves Wednesday night. The Dawgs face Wichita State Saturday, a team the Salukis’ beat at home earlier this year.

“Anytime you lose to a team that you are expected to beat, you’re going to play the next game with a little extra determination,” Deanman said.

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