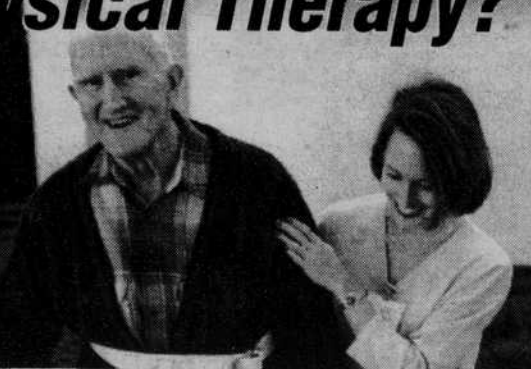


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transfer copyrighted materials. For students caught up in this, it is their responsibility to keep it from happening by disabling the software," Moseley said in an interview. "This is against the University's policy, but it is also a violation of the law."

The University's Network Services has investigated 391 cases of violations of the federal copyright infringement law this school year. As a result, 136 students were disconnected from the network from Oct. 19 through 25. And Network Services then referred 73 cases of acceptable use violations to Student Judicial Affairs.

Sluggish network performance gave the network personnel reason to investigate the misuse of bandwidth. Network Services checked its database for the top 50 bandwidth users and reviewed those files for illegal material. When illegal material was found, those users were disconnected from the network, and staff informed them to contact the Office of Student Conduct on the status on their connection. Once the case was closed by

the Office of Student Conduct, the connection was reactivated. Officials said this investigative process will continue in the future.

Moseley's e-mail said the applications, such as Kazaa and Morpheus, are not illegal, but the uploading of files and sharing copyrighted material is illegal.

"These programs are not illegal themselves, but they may be misused in the illegal downloading and distribution of copyrighted music and other copyrighted material, such as movies, images or software," the e-mail said.

Students have complained they were not officially warned before their network connections were turned off.

"Now the warning is out there," said Norm Myers, Computing Services coordinator for the residence halls. "Students who are found in violation from now on will be severely dealt with and could lose their computer privileges indefinitely."

However, Mike Eyster, director of University Housing, said his department is implementing a process so that students don't have to wait as long for reactivation. Pre-

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viously, students had to wait to regain service until their case with the Office of Student Conduct was resolved. Now, prior to closure of their case, students can regain service by signing a form affirming that they will not download copyrighted material on the University's network and that they will remove any such material.

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Ballot measure funding for groups at public universities came into question in March 2000. That month, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in Board of Regents v. Southworth that groups can receive student incidental fee money only if it is dispersed in a way that is "viewpoint neutral."

According to the Supreme Court, the ballot is not viewpoint neutral because the opinion of the majority determines whether the measure passes.

Because of possible legal implications for the University, University General Counsel Melinda Grier told members of ASUO they needed to put a measure on the ballot to change the current system for groups to receive funding, Brooklyn said.

Chief justice of the Constitution Court Sara Pirk, who wrote the opinion of the court, said the three-page measure was too long and complex to be understood by the average student voter.

Justice Michael Harris added in a concurring opinion that "it seems as though the drafters purposefully

threw a great deal of incongruous details together in the hopes that something will appear attractive to the casual reader."

Brooklyn said the length and complexity of the measure was not intended "to sway the voters in any way."

"We were dealing with a really complex issue," she said.

Although the measure won't go on the ballot, Brooklyn said groups are aware of the legal uncertainty of ballot measure funding. She said she does not know of any group that plans to request funding by ballot this year.

The other measure denied by the Constitution Court would have established a process for groups to "realign" themselves within another budget.

The measure would have potentially allowed a group included in the EMU budget to move into the ASUO Programs Finance Committee budget, which includes student unions and ASUO sponsored programs.

Student Sen. Mary Elizabeth Madden, who helped write the measure, said controversy arose last year over whether some student-run groups included in the

EMU budget, such as the Cultural Forum, would be more appropriately placed in the PFC budget.

The Clark Document does not provide any guidelines for the realignment process or what criteria would have to be met before a group could move into another budget, she said.

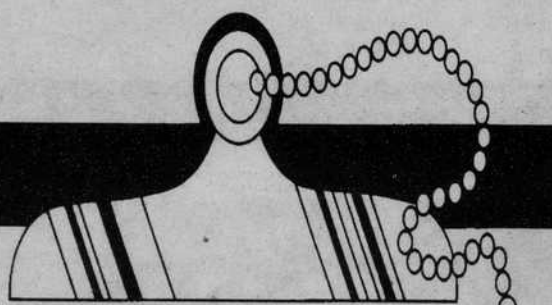
Pirk, who delivered the opinion of the court, said the measure was denied because it did not specify what requirements would have to be met for the realignment process.

Brooklyn said members of student government may revise the rejected measures for the spring election.

The Constitution Court did approve a measure that, if it passed, will allow the PFC to increase its budget by as much as 80 percent to include programs no longer going to the ballot for funding.

The court also accepted a measure that would require approval of the ASUO Student Senate for the EMU Board to spend more than 20 percent of EMU reserve funds. Both measures will be voted on in the special election next week.

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