Student senator to undergo surgery

Loehman may have to resign from post on ASUA senate

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Center to help decompress his spinal cord to return his dexterity.

Sen. Ryan Montanita Erickson said Loehman is dedicated to his position and is dependable.

“He’s able to bridge the gap to bring contrasting views together in order to find some sort of compromise,” said Erickson, a junior majoring in public policy and management. “Matt never lets personal emotion dictate what the objective is. He’s very rational, and we as senators recognize that sincere approach.”

ASUA will continue working without Loehman starting today. Loehman will not have his decision-making powers to carry out projects he is overseeing or his say in matters conducted during the weekly senatorial meetings.

No replacement has been named for Loehman, but he may be forced to resign from his position if he’s unable to return to school to finish the semester and carry out his duties as a senator, said Hertzog, a journalism major.

In case Loehman cannot return to his senatorial position, the 10 member senatorial group be-"mean there is a hole in the policy line. Democrats pointed to Alito’s rulings that sought to restrict a woman’s right to abortion. Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Arlen Specter, a Repub-lican who supports abortion rights, said that Alito’s views on the hot-button is-sue” will be among one of the first items Judge Alito and I will discuss.”

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Drawing an unspoken contrast to failed nominee Harriet Miers, Bush declared that the appeals court judge “has more prior judicial ex-perience than any Supreme Court nominee in more than 70 years.”

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