

Enjoying all the Good Stuff Downloaded Through our Network?

Read This!!

Downloading and/or distributing files owned by corporations such as Sony Music Entertainment, Universal City Studios, and Microsoft is in direct violation of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act enacted by Congress in 1998, which extends broad copyright protections to digital works.

It is therefore an ILLEGAL and PUNISHABLE offense to access and make use of these files!

Companies are now tracking IP addresses of machines on which this copyright protection is being abused and are forwarding them to Internet service providers (in this case, URI) with the directive that the IP addresses be disconnected from the Internet.

In compliance with this, the networking staff in the *Office of Information Services* WILL DISCONNECT any IP address identified as a source of illegal activities. So if you've been taking advantage of your computing privileges and suddenly can't access the Internet, you'll know why. You got caught!

To get re-connected the first time this happens, you will have to go to the OIS Help Desk in the URI Library, LL 19, with your University ID. After they confirm that your IP address has been submitted for disconnection, you will be asked to sign the "*URI Music and Video Copyright Infringement Assurance Form*" certifying that you will not use the URI network to distribute copyrighted material and that you will abide by state and federal law and applicable University policies.

Should your IP address be submitted for disconnection a second time, your case will be handed over to the *Office of Student Affairs*.

So be smart!

Don't jeopardize your education and your future for a song.

