Christian Angles, a senior studying political science, played basketball on the courts on Mill Street July 8. According to Weather.com, temperatures in Carbondale reached a high of 93 degrees that day.

Stephanie Robbins, a junior studying dentistry, participated in the slip and slide event April 21 at Campus Lake. This was the first of several events for Greek Week.

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Exactly 40 years after Martin Luther King Jr. was shot while standing on a Memphis hotel balcony, some students said they are still determined to honor his dream by renaming a Carbondale street.

Though the Ambassadors of a Legacy Committee originally planned to work with city officials to change Mill Street to King Street by the 40th anniversary of King’s death, the process has taken longer than expected, said Kouri Marshall, co-chair of the group.

The proposal did not appear before the City Council until May, but Marshall and other group members were not disheartened. They find inspiration, he said, in King’s perseverance toward his dream.

“(King) had goals he set publicly and he had private goals as well, and whenever he did not reach those goals, he lifted himself up for the community and he kept moving,” said Marshall, a graduate student from Peoria studying public administration.

Doherty said the city mailed surveys to businesses and residents of Mill Street to determine whether the public supports the renaming. He said city officials would also consider the economic and historical implications of the change.

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Students who crave Subway between classes may be out of luck this fall, but they can comfort themselves with a meal from Chick-fil-A.

A change from Subway and Taco Bell to Blimpee Subs and Salads and Chick-fil-A looms on the horizon as a new Student Center dining contract nears completion, said Lori Stettler, director of the facility.

The Student Center’s decade-long contract with Chartwells, the company currently handling most of its dining options, expired June 1. Stettler said the Dining Services Review Committee decided to resign with the company for another 10 years.

“We are working hard to listen to what (students) would like to have in the dining concepts, and we will be working to modernize and be more efficient in the services that we offer,” Stettler said.

Most of the facility’s new features, including a convenience store, are scheduled to appear by the beginning of the fall semester, but Stettler said the construction would not be completed until 2009.

While McDonald’s has a separate agreement, Starbucks is the only other Chartwells’ venue scheduled to remain unchanged, Stettler said.

Students offered opinions through surveys and participation on the committee, though only one student representative appeared at all meetings, she said. Those surveyed differed most evenly on the subject of subs, she said, and the team considered options such as Quiznos and Jimmy John’s before settling on Blimpie.

“We really tried to be very cognizant of price points for students, knowing that they want a good quality sandwich at a good price,” Stettler said.

Stettler said the Marketplace would undergo renovations to add a new salad bar and hot food area, which she called “more upscale” than the current serving line. Students would be able to find pizza at Toro Head Red, Mexican cuisine at Rio Fronter and Asian fare at Chef Yan Can Cook, she said.

Paige Drane, a junior from Ridgway studying Spanish, said she didn’t mind the changes but thought some of the venues’ names were “a little weird.” She said she was happy about the addition of a larger salad bar.

“As long as they have something I can eat and not feel like I’m going to have a heart attack, I’m fine,” she said.

Larry Diets, vice chancellor for student affairs, said he would not talk about the new restaurants until the contract is final.

“The bottom line is it hasn’t been approved,” Diets said. “I’m not at all disputing what may be on a wall, but also, you don’t know who put it up there.”

Stettler said the university’s legal counsel approved the contract and was waiting for word from Chartwells’ lawyers before closing the deal. She would not discuss exact figures, but said the company made a very competitive offer.

“You can say that it’s financially beneficial to the institution and to the Student Center,” she said.
Members of Facebook group “Save the Illini and Saluki: Illinois War on Amtrak” were a small portion of protesters who influenced legislators to halt measures to eliminate two popular train lines through Carbondale.

After Gov. Rod Blagojevich and other state officials pledged to continue funding for Amtrak and several other programs set to be put on the chopping block, legislators are looking for other ways to deal with the state’s $2 billion budget deficit. But for now, the more than 200,000 passengers to use the lines in the past year are pleased the Saluki and Illini trains are staying on track.

Bureau of Railroads Chief George Weber said there has been a lot of effort from interest groups and others in voicing their concern for the two lines being taken away.

Weber said the public outcry is one of the main reasons Blagojevich decided to reverse his decision.

Raymer said he knows many people travel using those two lines and wondered how the government could cut something that would affect so many.

“I came down here last August and in the past year I’ve used the train eight out of the 12 months,” Raymer said.

Before jumping to conclusions and creating the group, Raymer said he researched several articles to make sure the cut was really on the state’s agenda.

Raymer said every time he has taken the train there is always an incredible amount of students on board. If he made the group, there would be a lot of people from the university and others that would speak out about this problem.

As of April 4 the group had more than 360 members, and email posts and discussion topics have been made. Communication among the group ranged from students wondering how they will get home to how the amount of cars on the road may increase, which would negatively affect the environment.

Katie Ridgway, spokeswoman for the governor’s office, said Blagojevich’s decision to keep the funding for Amtrak intact was based on several factors. People speaking out, data proving how many people use the lines and higher prices of certain commodities were just a few, Ridgway said.

“We saw that ridership had increased and with rising gas prices, we knew funding for these two lines was important,” Ridgway said.

Weber said Illinois rail fans are some of the lowest in the Midwest and that is why it is used the most frequently.

“It’s important the lines continue to stay in service because it has become the main form of travel for a lot of people,” he said.

The House met several times to act on different measures they could take to figure out the how to fix the state’s budget.

As of April 4, Amtrak was in the clear of not being part of the cut.

Those like Raymer can put their mind at ease knowing that the Saluki and Illini service will not be affected as the state tries to dig itself out of the hole of debt.

Raymer said no matter what the future outcome of Amtrak would be, he plans to keep the group. He said it would be a reminder that if there is a threat to cut the lines again, everyone will know how to voice their opinion and to whom they need to voice it.

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