In the House:
Brown could represent 116th House District.

Bar check:
Police say they see little disruption with change in entry age.

Amtrak schedule en route to change

ALL ABOARD: Revised rail plan also to address problems of late or overcrowded trains.

KIRK MOTTRAM
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

After months of negotiations, revised changes to the Carbondale-Chicago Amtrak schedule will go into effect Aug. 1 for a four-month trial period, mayors of towns on the route say.

"Everything is subject to change, obviously, but yes, that is the plan now," Mayor Donald Green of Effingham said. "All the mayors agree (a new schedule is needed)."

"They agree because it is an absolute necessity to get the route and the schedule off the ground," Amtrak officials and Carbondale City Manager Jeff Dobhey have said there are no definite changes yet, but say negotiations will continue at the next corridor meeting, scheduled for July 16.

Corridor meetings involve negotiations among Illinois mayors and representatives from SIUC, the City of Carbondale, Amtrak and the Illinois Department of Transportation.

"It would be too premature to announce any sort of change at this time," Dobhey said. "But we are working to better serve the ridership."

Dobhey also said any revised changes would have to be approved by IDOT.

Negotiations began because Carbondale officials and SIUC representatives attempted to block schedule changes proposed by Amtrak and IDOT. The changes included early-morning departure times from Carbondale.

The trains now leave Carbondale at 4:05 p.m. daily. City and University officials thought the proposed changes would hurt SIUC students because they would have to miss classes on Fridays to ride the train home for the weekend.

Mayor Daniel McCollum of Herrin said the revised schedule proposal contains later Carbondale departure times on Fridays.

He could not specify the times.

The last corridor meeting was June 4. Mayor Bob Utz of Effingham said a lot of planning had been completed by then. "They didn't even have a full season because everything (schedule negotiations) seemed to be already worked out," Utz said.

Utz said a letter sent by George Weber, IDOT rail chief, stated that a joint marketing strategy for the new

Migrant worker turns student

MI CASA: Pedro Pomes now cares for children of migrant workers.

MIKAL J. HARIS
DE CARPENS LIFE BETTER

Trapped in the middle of a swarm of buzzing children, Pedro Pomes does not seem to mind the large, colorful ball they are bouncing to and fro over his head.

In fact, Pomes, a second-year graduate student in rehabilitation counseling from Murphysboro, is smiling as he looks around the day-care center he coordinates. He has big goals.

"My hope is that a lot of kids I see will take a step forward and go to college," he said. "If I can make it, why can't they?"

Pomes, a former migrant worker who came to Carbondale to pick apples in 1977, finished the spring semester with a 4.0 grade point average. This summer he is turning his attention to MI Casa, a free day-care center for children of area migrant farm workers.

MI Casa, which means "My House" in Spanish, is located in a Johnson County town about 50 miles southeast of Carbondale.

The center is far away, but MI Casa supervisor Karen Sperry said running MI Casa is a cause that is close to Pomes' heart.

"This is his first year here as a student," she said. "But he has been very helpful."

STORY TIMES: Pedro Pomes, second-year graduate student in rehabilitation counseling from Murphysboro, observes while Angel Roder, a preschool teacher from Ullin, shows a storybook with the children participating in MI Casa, a day-care center in Vienna for children of migrant workers.

modified accounting class reduces failing grades

UPGRADES: Students in Accounting 220 fare better in course's three-part format.

HEATHER YATES
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The director of the School of Accountancy expects all of the students taking the restructured Accounting 220 class to pass with a grade of C or better this summer.

Allan Karnes, director of the school and a professor of accounting, said the structural change implemented last fall has benefited students. The change in structure occurred because sometimes as many as 51 percent of the students failed or dropped the course.

"It's been successful. We plan to continue this way of teaching the course," Karnes said. "The department had to commit resources, so it has cost money, but I feel that it is our responsibility to create a quality educational experience for the students."

The class, which is divided into three parts, 220A, 220B and 220C, requires a grade of C or better to advance to the next section. Students do not obtain that grade or better, they must repeat their sections until they achieve passing grades.

Gus Bode

"Gus says: I'm soiling the school of accountancy."
Today's news includes a report on the weather, an update on the recycling program at Southern Illinois University, an article about the upcoming events, and a notice about a job stealer at Carbondale Memorial Hospital. The Daily Egyptian encourages its readers to help clean up the earth and lists various recycling options available on the campus. The newspaper's contact information is also provided.
Institute plans media critique

POLICY INSTITUTE:
Former press secretary links with Simon to look at media influence on government.

William Marshfield
DEPUTY EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Media effects on the development and implementation of state and federal legislation should be studied, said Gov. Jim Edgar's former press secretary who has joined the Public Policy Institute.

Mike Lawrence, who began his job as associate director of the institute Tuesday, said the media should be watchdogs for government, but sometimes they are too negative.

"If they don't point out things that are right in government, then public perception is that nothing is right and that is not excusable," he said. "There needs to be balance. I think there are some in the media who don't understand the impact they can have on public policy."

Institute officials said the media have a greater influence than they did 30 years ago, when he was a reporter.

"I can point to many overall worthwhile proposals that have been developed by the government, only to be blown out of the water after the first headline appears," he said.

Lawrence, who will teach a critical and per- spective-writing course at SIUC's School of Journalism this fall, reported on Illinois government for the Chicago Sun-Times and Lee Enterprises. In 1987, he became Edgar's press secretary and senior policy adviser.

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Main Street marauders sack 15 stores

BURGLARIES:
Thieves shop door to door on East Main.

KEVIN WALSH
DAILY EILEEN BUREAU

Carbondale Police are questioning several people in connection with 15 burglaries that occurred Tuesday and Wednesday, and one burglary that had occurred Tuesday, according to a news release.

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Bar-checking rituals mimic former policies

LOWERED ENTRY AGE:
Checks for underage drinkers still in effect.

JENNIFER CUMMINS
DEPUTY NEWS EDITOR

Tuesday's change in Carbondale's bar-entry age from 18 to 19, has caused little disruption for the Carbondale Police Department.

"We really haven't done anything different," said Jeff Vaugn, Carbondale Police community relations officer. "When the bar-entry age was 21, we were still making checks into bars."

But that routine changed Tuesday in accordance with the Carbondale City Council's vote in May to do so. Vaughn said there were no extra patrols through the night, though the entry age is 19, the drinking age is still 21.

Vaughn said some bars are using fingerprint systems to distinguish under-21 patrons from over-21 patrons.

"That's going to be helpful for the boss and help make our job easier," he said. "Hopefully, there won't be as many people in there drinking under-age.

For those who are arrested for underage consumption of alcohol or alcohol, Vaughn said the amount of evidence is fined is set by judges, within set limits. Fines for those under 18 who enter bars range from $50 to $500.

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Traveling on the road of life

"You know, Mike, there’s something above the opening bug that just puts things in perspective,“ I told my friend, "The wind blowing through the sunroof, the seemingly endless stretch that random encounters with fellow travelers. It just makes everything in Carbondale seem so small."

I had just blown into town after spending the weekend in Chicago to attend my uncle’s wedding. Really, I was probably more affected by the car show in Du Quoin.

I interviewed a classic car owner about his family and his son’s traveling with the classic car show in the United States, finding themselves and each other somewhere along the way. The fact that I listened to it while on the road makes the trip and the book inseparable; the experience can only be described in terms of my trip. "Oh, come on, Rob. You only went to Chicago and back. How enlightening could the trip have been?"

"Well, I’m leaving for South Dakota in a couple of days, and I didn’t make that decision until I got to Chicago. I guess you could say I was already on my way there as soon as I decided to go. I am already on the road. In a way, we are all on the road."

"Let me guess — the root of life, right? Very original."

"Look, man. I didn’t say it was an original thought, or even a profound one. I’m just saying that sometimes you have to get out of your pond and look at it from a distance to realize that it’s merely a fishbowl."

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Our Word

Teaching tool

Departments should examine restructuring tough courses

SOME SIUC CLASSES ACQUIRE REPUTATIONS FOR BEING KILLERS. Students put them off until the last semester of their senior years, or attend for a few weeks and withdraw in despair, unable to find tutors or friends who kept their lectures from the semester before.

Accounting 220, before last fall, fit that description. It had a failure and withdrawal rate that, at times, reached 51 percent.

BUT IN FALL 1996, THE SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTING began splitting it Accounting 220 class into three subsections per semester. Students who score C’s or better advance to the next sections, while those that do not get C’s repeat the sections in smaller classes with different instructors. This semester, the class has a failure and withdrawal rate of almost zero.

Tom Keon, dean of the College of Business and Administration, has said the class should be a model for the University. Indeed, the new pass rate of the accounting class is being noticed by the Mathematics Department. It plans to restructure one of its classes in a similar way for next year.

DEPARTMENTS WOULD DO WELL TO EXAMINE the system, to see if it would work for their problem classes. In the accounting class, students from advancing in the class before they become discouraged, before the instructors’ lectures become impossible to understand.

Students’ time and the University’s money are being wasted by courses that fail to teach.

However, a drawback in the possible expansion of the restructuring method is the system costs more money because more instructors are needed.

But perhaps the cost of hiring more instructors to coach students through subsections of a class is no higher than the cost of instructing, in subsequent semesters, all the students who fail that class. Furthermore, if the system is expanded to other courses, it should be done so with care.

If the worth of a class is measured by its pass/fail rate, rather than by the knowledge taught, SIUC would become known as the school where the “gentleman’s C” is guaranteed. If difficult material is not taught to save students’ report cards, then this manner of class restructuring is not worth pursuing. Classes would become so “dumbed down” that students would lose the chance to challenge themselves with difficult material.

But dividing classes into subsections, while keeping the same levels of material, only can serve to give more instruction to students who need it. Such innovative teaching methods improve students’ education and the entire University.

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Overheard

"This is real America. Beatrice Wagner, a Hungarian journalist visiting SIUC, experiencing last weekend’s Street Machine Nationals car show in Du Quoin.

"The loss of the main conduits of support (for the area) will be felt throughout the community and the town…of Carbondale." Pamela Miller, research project specialist in the SIUC Office of Research Development and Administration, on a Congressional committee’s vote last week that could reduce by 90 percent the budget for the National Endowment for the Arts.
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Brown in running for Deering's seat in House

SCRAMBLE: SIUC lecturer one of six vying for seat left vacant by Deering's death

ALICE JOHNSON
Daily Egyptian Reporter

Barbara Brown is one of about six candidates being considered for the Illinois House 116th District seat of state Rep. Tony Mayville, Democrat. She died June 26 in a single-car wreck.

Brown, a SIUC political science lecturer, and Don Reitz, Randolph County commissioner, have the most support, said Richard Dick, Democratic chairman of Randolph County.

The Democratic county chairman of St. Clair, Washington, Monroe and Randolph counties will appoint the new representative for Deering's district, who will serve until the November 1998 elections.

Cook said the Democratic county chairmen probably will vote sometime after July 16, but the seat must be filled within 30 days from the date it became vacant.

L.A. bans gas-powered leaf blowers

LOS ANGELES—Shifty rakes and rusty brooms made their grudging appearance in lawns and gardens throughout Los Angeles Tuesday, though some scofflaws fired up leaf-blowers despite a new citywide ban against the gas-powered machines.

Bummers, however, wore a broad grin while they worked away, even though homcomers loved the sight.

“I like to work in the shade,” said Jack McDonald, a gardener who was using a leaf-blower. “I work better in the shade.”

He was one of several thousand who turned out to support the leaf-blower ban.

The new law, which went into effect today, provides a $25 fine for anyone who uses a leaf-blower.

“It’s a good law,” said McDonald. “I think it’s a good law.”

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Chief raids office for smut

COP SHOP: Work areas in police department found littered with porn.

LOS ANGELES—Police Chief B mayor Wanda Ferguson of Mt. So non said, "We need to raid our LAPD. It's like a real office, no one is in it, not even the general manager."

"They want to get us together on the 16th, so they can begin next month," Ferguson said. Magliari, Amtrak media relations director, said a marketing study completed by Western Illinois University will be unveiled at the meeting. He would not comment on the study.

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"You have to be dedicated to caring for the workers and making sure that they are treated fairly."

Pome received his undergradu­ate from Southern Illinois and finished his graduate work at SIUC. He says many do not know how to handle their money and that is a problem.

"I told my wife, 'What is this place?' She said, 'A university.' I said, 'I'm going to go there one day.'" Sunday became a reality about nine or 10 years later. His wife said she'd support him if he wanted to do it, and he did.

"A lot of people stay on the same job for more than 30 minutes late. "In the past, they had impossibly poor service, which made it hard," Ferguson said.

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Mega-violence dazzles in ‘Face/Off’

In a summer full of feeble, worthy and over-budgeted action movies, “Face/OFF” comes off as an inspiring gem of mega-violence. John Travolta and Nicolas Cage lead a jolly cast in John Woo’s rendering of this good-guy-with-a-vendetta action thriller. Scan Archer (Travolta) is an FBI agent dead-set on capturing Caster Troy (Cage), a psychotic bombing terrorist who killed Archer’s son six years earlier. Archer will stop at nothing to kill Troy’s diabetic bombings and put him and his gang away for good, even if it means becoming Troy.

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Fireworks are illegal in Illinois, at least the ones worth shooting off. Local stores still are happy to sell putrid smoke bombs, sparklers and the incredibly useless "black snakes," but you have to break the law if you want to light something that explodes. The snakes and smoke bombs are not even "fireworks," according to technical definitions.

Anyone who has shot off fireworks on July 4 knows that enforcement of the laws banning bottle rockets is sometimes lax, but the risk of arrest still is there.

Even if there are no charges, your speech may be confiscated rendering your money and trip to Missouri (where fireworks are legal) useless.

Beyond the risk of arrest, however, the chance of getting a severe burn or even worse is always there when lighting fireworks. That risk grows exponentially when large quantities of alcohol heighten the bravery of those holding the lighter.

Fortunately, there are several fireworks displays for people who like colorful explosions, but don't really want to deal with police, possible blindness or goofy fireworks vendors in rural Missouri who call themselves "Crazy Ed."

These displays also have the advantage of using fireworks that either are unavailable (even in Missouri), or too expensive for a college student to buy.

And unlike many private displays, the person lighting the fireworks is not the same guy you saw chugging Wild Turkey moments before, the same person who thought lighting a Saturn X missile battery behind you is a funny prank.

The Carbondale Lion's Club is sponsoring its annual display again this year at Abe Martin Field on the SIUC campus. The group also is sponsoring a carnival with variety and talent shows at the bandshell in the park. Food will be available and the event will continue on Saturday with lawn mower races and a car show.

The Marion Knights of Columbus has a display, carnival and rodeo scheduled at its hall during afternoon. Information about the rodeo can be found at 997-9934.

Du Quoin will have its "Freedom Fest" at the State Fairgrounds beginning at 9 a.m. Friday. The fest features a craft fair, flea market and performance by Jackson Jenkins. Fireworks are scheduled to begin at 9 p.m.

The Kinkaid Lake Marina is having its show on Saturday to make the process of getting the thousands of spectators into the area easier. Admission is $2 per person after noon. Fireworks are scheduled to begin at dusk.

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**Fourth of July Celebrations**

**Friday**

*FIREWORKS*

**Carbondale:**
Abe Martin Field on the SIUC campus. Fireworks scheduled at dusk. Admission is free.

**Murphysboro:**
Riverside Park 7th Annual "Let Freedom Ring Festival." Starts Friday afternoon. Variety show at the bandshell starts at 5 p.m. Fireworks scheduled at dusk.

**Marion:**
Knights of Columbus Hall. Carnival and rodeo begin during afternoon. Fireworks begin at about 9 p.m.

**DuQuoin:**
Freedom Fest begins at 9 a.m. No charge before 3 p.m. After 3 p.m., admission is $2 per car.

**Saturday**

Murphysboro:
Carnival at Riverside Park continues.

*FIREWORKS*

**Kinkaid Lake:**
Fireworks scheduled at dusk. Admission is $2 per person after noon.

**DuQuoin:**
Freedom Fest continues at 9 a.m. No charge before 3 p.m. After 3 p.m., admission is $2 per car.

**MUSIC**

Bobby's Beergarden: Da Blooze Reunion featuring Tawl Paul

PK's: Albino Wine and the Cobalt Blues Band