Bush puts breaks on funds for Amtrak
Opposition against states' responsibility looks hopeful
Jackie Keane
Daily Egyptian

If a proposed plan by the Bush administration is passed through Congress, passing trains through Carbondale could go to a scrapping.

The proposed plan, which took more than a year to be presented to Congress, would result in states assuming responsibility for operating coal trains.

Although there is strong opposition, last month the administration suggested folding Amtrak, into three companies, privatizing much of the railroad and asking financially struggling states to pay the cost for routes in the state.

Illinois Department of Transportation spokesman Matt Monseur said if the proposal passes as it is, Illinois students and members of the state would feel negative effects.

"If the proposal is as it is, would be very bad for Illinois and students and smaller areas," Monseur said.

During last year's fiscal year, $54,842 people got on or off at the Carbondale service center. Carbondale ranked fourth in the most used stations in Illinois, falling shortly behind Bloomington/Normal. Carbondale is a stop on the Illini line and the New Orleans line.

"It's the second of America's great trains," Monseur said.

Contrary to popular assumptions Max Magliari said the five-year plan proposed by Amtrak needs to be funded. An order is needed to keep service running and safe passenger service.

- Students, faculty and businesses all benefit from the Amtrak service provided in Carbondale. Magliari considers the service very popular in the area because it can be used for business and academic and professional development reasons to go to Chicago.

Illinois benefits from the rail service with 52 trains running through it.

Sunset shimmy

Professional lumberjack Robert Saadi climbs to the top of a telephone pole during the Great Lumberjack Show & Chili Cook-Off at the Du Quoin State Fair Sunday evening. Saadi hails from the southwest corner of Washington and travels with his wife and three of his six children performing with a troupe of lumberjacks at fairs across the county.

Blagojevich approves 37 grants for purchase of equipment, services
Lindsey J. Mastis
Daily Egyptian

Gov. Rod Blagojevich approved 37 grants through the Coal Infrastructure program Tuesday.

The grants, totaling more than $17 million, were awarded through the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and will help coal companies stay competitive.

"Bill Hoback, bureau chief with the Office of Coal Development, said the grants provide funding for a number of coal-related needs such as assisting with equipment purchasing, mine rescue teams and a solid fuel conversion test facility."

"For the coal industry, it means that they're investing in themselves, " he said. "If an industry is not growing, it's dying. And this is one way to invest in themselves to keep themselves growing, so it's not the state doing all of it."

The DCEO Office of Coal Development puts out requests for proposals once a year, Hoback said.

Review of the proposals that will be funded is sent to the governor for approval.

"What happens is when you're mining coal, there are a lot of impurities in it," he said. "You can imagine if you're cleaving on a piece of gum and there's something hard in there you're going to and it can break your teeth or something. So the same thing with the crusher they had, we just helped upgrade the crusher so it would take the heavier materials and worked through it."

Hoback said one of the main goals for the Office of Coal Development is finding the funding projects that make coal safe for the environment.

"It also helps the environment by making sure that the equipment they need to do it keeps them moving forward and we also help by removing part of their cost with the grant," he said.

Coal industry receives $17.2 million

SoBig computer virus continues to invade campus computers
Updated software, e-mail precautions can prevent future infections
Katie Davis
Daily Egyptian

It has been more than a week since the SoBig virus spread through campus computers, and it is still going strong, according to Laura Moroney of the Information Technology customer service center.

The SoBig worm, a relative of an older virus, was released in the United States Aug. 18, spreading to Denmark, Norway, the U.K. and Asia within 24 hours. Information Technology Associate Director Charlie Campbell said the virus was first detected on the SIUC campus in the early morning hours of Aug. 19. The Chicago Tribune reported that the virus, the fastest spreading in history, had sent 1 million e-mails in the first 24 hours.

Last week, SoBig, which replicates through e-mail, was hopping bandwidths on the campus network along with LotusNotes and MSN, two viruses that hit campus a week earlier.

Moroney said that although LotusNotes and MSN are under control, SoBig is still infecting computers on campus and off.

"SoBig only propagates through e-mail," she said. "You can only get it through e-mail, but once you have it, you may not know it."

"Once the SoBig virus has infected a computer, it creates a new e-mail and sends infected files to the same e-mail addresses in the user's database."

"The best thing is to save an attachment to the desktop and use an updated scanner to search for viruses," she said. "Once it's open, it's unlocked."

"Campbell said he recently put together a team of about six individuals to go through the dormitories room-by-room, scanning computers for the virus. They have found a number of viruses and hope to eliminate the problem soon.

"Campbell said that Edward Jones, director of Information Technology, has promised an as-needed staff of about 20 people to aid with virus detection.

"Our concern right now is what will happen after next time," he said. "We need to try to encourage students to get the virus software and get it updated, which will prevent it.

"LotusNotes would not have been a problem if people had updated the virus."

Reported by Katie Davis can be reached at kdavis@dailyEgyptian.com.
**National News**

**Seven die in Chicago warehouse shooting**

- CHICAGO (CHICAGO) — A disgruntled worker killed six people and possibly himself during a shooting rampage at a Chicago warehouse Wednesday evening, authorities said.

- Police spokesman David Bayless confirmed the man died in the shootout but isn't sure who shot him.

- "It was either us or himself," Bayless said.

- Chicago police stormed the auto parts building several times and exchanged gunfire with the suspect before launching a "full assault" at about 8:45 p.m. and taking control of the building.

- "Shots were fired at and by police" in the sporadic gun battles leading up to the final shootout, he said.

- The shootings lasted at 8:45 a.m. in an industrial area near the former Comiskey Park on the city's southwest side.

- Four of the victims died at the scene, the other three, including a woman, were taken to hospitals, Bayless said.

- More details are expected at a 5 p.m. news conference.

**DNA frees man from prison after 17 years**

- ST. LOUIS (AP) — A man who served 17 years in prison for three lapes was freed Monday after DNA tests proved he didn't do it.

- Circuit Judge Jimmie Edwards apologized to Ronnie "Po" Shelton for the wrongful conviction, noting that the science of criminal investigation has improved since 1986.

- "It was either us or himself," Bayless said of the apology. "That was the one thing I was waiting for."

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- Bayless said the suspect was "on the brink of being terminated" from his job at the facility, which had once been a storehouse for auto parts.

**International News**

**Deadly stampede at festival**

- NEW DELHI, India — As many as 48 people are feared dead and 30 others injured after a stampede broke out at the Hindu festival of Kumbh Mela in western India.

- While Indian police have only confirmed 21 deaths so far, other officials said 40 bodies had been brought to hospitals in the area.

- The stampede happened during a car race between a dozen northern Nigerian states that have adopted Islamic law, or Shariah.

- Police say a barricade apparently gave way as tens of thousands of thousands of pilgrims pressed against it, on one of the festival's special days and festivals.

- The Kumbh Mela festival is timed in connection with the planet Jupiter and is considered very holy, with its original site located in Allahabad every 12 years.

- Hindus consider the Godavari sacred. They believe they can rid themselves of sin by bathing in its waters.

**Nigerian stoning appeal heard**

- KATSINA, Nigeria (AP) — Amid law enforcement of a 1,200-year-old Islamic law, a Nigerian single mother is a inmate appeal was heard Wednesday by lawyers pleased she be spared death by stoning for bearing out of wedlock.

- The Katsina stoning was freed Monday after DNA tests in a Chicago warehouse Wednesday morning. authorities de

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**Corrections**

In the Aug. 27 article "U.S. ambassador, senator to visit campus," Fort Leavenworth, Kan., was misspelled.

In the Aug. 27 article "SIUC receives $1.32 million for resources project," the name of the project was misidentified. The story should have read "The project promises to be the largest and the only in the world."

Readers who spot an error should contact the Daily Egyptian accuracy desk at 536-331 ext. 255.

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Family politics

Former Senators Howard and Nancy Baker laugh in response to a question asked by an audience member during their lecture at Lear Law Auditorium Wednesday evening. Howard Baker, former Senator from Tennessee, talked about his experience while serving as U.S. Ambassador to Japan since 2001, proclaiming how wonderful it is that Japan and the United States of America have become allies and friends in the short amount of time since World War II. Nancy Reisinger Baker, former Senator from Arizona, discussed conditions that she witnessed while working in Africa along with how important she thinks it is for young people to care about and understand issues going on in the world.

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A CROWD OF 250,000 GATHERED IN front of the Lincoln Memorial on Aug. 28, 1963, uniting in the largest demonstration the U.S. had ever seen at that time.

Today marks the 40th anniversary of the March on Washington, which was arguably the most influential and inspiring demonstration ever, attracting national and international media attention.

The large number of those in attendance paled in comparison to the millions who were watching at home.

Director and professor of Black American Studies Reverend Joseph A. Brown was unable to attend the march but wishes he could have. "It gave me hope," Brown said. "It was a beautiful thing to see. All those people going someplace where they were not wanted and changing the way the world looked at justice in America."

The March on Washington brought people of many different backgrounds together for one common goal. Civil rights, labor and religious groups from around the country united in an effort to persuade Congress to pass President Kennedy's civil rights legislation.

Among the demands made during the march were an end to segregation in public schools, the reduction of congressional representation of states where citizens were disenfranchised and the passing of a federal law prohibiting racial discrimination in the hiring of workers.

International President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters A. Philip Randolph conceived the idea of the march in 1941, convincing President Franklin D. Roosevelt to attend. organizer of the first Freedom Rides in 1947, Jones and Thelonious Monk. "It was a big fund-raiser at Harlem's Apollo Theater, featuring Quincy Jones and Thelonious Monk."

Dorothy Height, president of the National Council of Negro Women, and Bayard Rustin, organizer of the first Freedom Rides in 1947, were a couple of the major organizers.

Organizers were responsible for the planning of transportation, promotion and the marchers' health and safety.

Much time and effort went into the preparation for the march because it was believed that anything other than a peaceful, well-organized demonstration would diminish the cause of the march.

The march is often remembered for the last speaker of the day, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whose "I Have a Dream" speech soaked and inspired many.

Professor and Associate Chancellor Seymour Bryson said the March on Washington was the beginning of a new period for this country. Bryson was inspired by the March and Dr. King's speech, which he feels became the symbol for the march.

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Student Nonviolence Coordinating Committee President John Lewis, in the most controversial speech of the day, promised that without "meaningful legislation," blacks would "march through the South."

Founder and President of the Congress on Racia Equality James Farmer, who was imprisoned in Louisiana at the time, wrote a speech read by Floyd McKissick. McKissick would later replace Farmer as the National Director of CORE. In the speech, Farmer said the fight for legal and economic equality would not stop until the "races stop busing us in the South and the rats stop busing us in the North."

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According to most historians, the March on Washington was the high tide of that phase of the Civil Rights Movement.

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"We've got issues of education, crime and violence, and we have to face those problems," Brown said. "The criticism will be that we've not done enough and that we're living in the past. I'd rather be in the past if the past is unfinished."

"God spoke through Martin Luther King Jr., that day," Brown said. "For King to preach, what we preached through the threat of violence."

Due to the amount of focus on the "I Have a Dream" speech, Dr. King's address is the predominant event students at SIUC remember from the march.

When asked about the march, Latasha Woodworth, an elementary education major from Lumpkin, said she didn't know what it was, but was aware of the "I Have a Dream" speech.

Some people believe progress has been made in the 40 years since the march, but some believe there is still more to be done in order to change the present state of relationships between races.

"Public relations between whites and blacks is getting better but is nowhere near where it should be," said Ryan Harris, a senior in electronic systems technologies.

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SAVE looks to increase efforts to re-open Varsity Theater

Mr. X remains interested, anonymous

Burke Wasson
Daily Egyptian

A Carbondale group trying to re-open the Varsity Theater may not be certain of the theater's fate, but that isn't stopping its members from beefing up efforts to save the historic building.

Members of SAVE (Save the Arts and the Varsity for Everyone) are looking to plan fund-raising events in the Carbondale area during the coming months. The group intends to raise money as a way to keep any of the theater's potential buyers.

"Whether we like it or not, it's going to come down to money," SAVE Chairman Bob Streit said to the group at Wednesday night's meeting. "We need to raise some money and sit on it."

The group's members discussed plans to contact local artists, musicians and other social groups to help with the entertainment.

SAVE members are also discussing plans for new methods to better reach the Carbondale area. These include distributing brochures, letterheads and a calendar in coordination with other local groups and their events.

The group has been hard at work since the historic theater closed May 14. The community group SAVE is fighting to keep the building alive has been met with inclusion and uncertainty.

As a Springfield based theater chain that owns the Varsity, has yet to decide if it wants to sell the building it abandoned to open a new Showplace E at University Mall.

Mr. X, the anonymous Carbondale businessman, who has expressed interest in buying the Varsity from Kanawin, has yet to reveal his name or his intentions to the public.

Streit said although he does not know who the mystery player is, he has learned through a source close to Mr. X that he is still interested in purchasing the theater.

Streit said he is not aware of any other interested buyers, but he hopes that as "angel investors" choose to buy the Varsity it will soon. He said if the theater were closed for too long, the amount of wear and tear on the building would be very expensive to repair.

"It's a shame that it might be degraded over time while people kind of try to make up their minds what to do with it," Streit said.

"If it takes five years for people to decide if it's going to be a cultural center, then there's going to be five years of cleaning up to do with mildew and water in the basement.,

Besides blight to the building, SAVE members are also concerned about the condition of the downtown Carbondale's Varsity in the absence of the group.

"We'd have to see the downtown area of Carbondale suffer from the closing of the theater," said Robert Gallegly, SAVE vice chairman of public affairs.

"People have memories of that building, and now they can't go there."

The group's members do not have any specific intent for the building if and when it re-opens. SAVE would simply like to see the old theater in use as an entertainment center. This could include live theater or music, an art space, a conference or even a combination of various uses.

As far as the future of SAVE goes, Gallegly said the group's services might not be needed if and when someone buys the Varsity.

However, Streit said Mr. X has hinted through a source close to the group that he may be interested in members' participation if he buys the Varsity.

If Mr. X does not purchase the theater, Streit said SAVE would continue to get the word out to the public and try to persuade other people to buy it.

The group has also prepared itself for the possibility of disbanding, but only if it helps the Varsity's cause.

Most of the officers and the members of SAVE have agreed in the near or distant future that if it comes to a point where SAVE needs to disband to serve a greater good, then we'll be glad to," Gallegly said.

"Whether it be advisory or volunteer, we want to assist in whatever way possible."

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Keasotee, Illinois - employee Ryan Vancil picks up the marquee letters outside the Varsity Theater on the last night of business before the historic theater closed May 14. The community group SAVE is planning fund-raising events to assist any potential buyers of the historic theater.

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Football needs support, too

Tonight the SIU football team will kick off what could be one of the most memorable seasons in Saluki history. In head coach Jerry Kill’s first two seasons at SIU, the squad has improved from 1-10 to 4-8 and is now on track for their first winning season in 12 years as well as a conference title.

With so many promising credentials, it would seem like Saluki fans would be packing the stands this season. In past years, this has not been so. It has become a trend to pack the parking lot instead.

McAndrew Stadium seats more than 17,000, yet last year the average attendance was 7,984. Even the separate section reserved for students is half empty — and it is free to sit there with a student ID. The first 500 fans in the door tomorrow receive a free miniature football. It has become a trend to pack the stands to be empty in a stadium not far from Division I-AA National championship season. This has not been so. It has become a trend to pack the parking lot instead.

It may be known fact that fans can be an important factor in football victories. Sometimes a group of screaming fans may be the boost a player needs late in the game. Unfortunately, just last season, attendance began at 12,125 and dwindled to a minimum by the last game.

Attention all tailgaters: come in and watch the game for a while, it might actually be fun. If you still don’t like it, then you can leave and return to booing.

We understand that SIU is a basketball school. We know that Muhammad Abdulgaizad is not Kent Williams. But if SIU fans can help the basketball team to a 27-game winning streak, then surely decent fan support could give SIU football a boost a player needs late in the game. Unfortunately, just last season, attendance began at 12,125 and dwindled to a minimum by the last game.

Fan participation will be vital to attain a 6-0 start this season. The games against Quincy and St. Joseph’s should already be in the bag, but fans could be helpful. Southeast Missouri State and Murray State will be close decisions, and fans will be crucial. Since Indiana State is rebuilding and has a fairly young team, there is a good chance for a victory also.

Illinois State is always a tough foe, but with the added benefit of being homecoming, it should turn over a victory as well. While Western Illinois is the most formidable opponent in the Gateway Conference, if the team is 6-0 going into the game, there is a chance that we will come out victorious once again.

Road games need support, too. Although SIU football will not have a nationally televised home game this year, they will be taped while visiting SEMO, Cape Girardeau, Mo. SEMO is only a short 45-minute drive this year. It would be embarrassing for the visitor stands to be empty in a stadium not far from there. The Student Programming Council provides transportation to and from the game for a package price of $15. For more information, contact SPC offices.

Besides, it’s not like the team is awful. Muhammad Abdulgaizad and Tom Koutsos make up a backfield that is considered by many to be the best in the nation. Abdulgaizad is one of the frontrunners for the Walter Payton Award, which goes to the top player in Division I-AA, and Koutsos is approaching the league’s all-time rushing yardage record.

On defense, the Salukis have a safety that has the potential to dekapitate any unfortunate receivers coming over the middle. Junior Alexis Moreland has already been named a preseason All-American.

This season also marks the 20-year anniversary of the 1983 Division I-AA National championship season. This was the one and only time SIU has won a national championship.

So, drop the beer for a few minutes and give the game and the team a chance. If you stay outside and miss out on a great season of Saluki football, don’t say we didn’t warn you.
The Palestinian Wall

By Anna Velitchkova

On one side, there are the Israelis. They are powerful people who want to find a place to live. On the other side, there are the Palestinians. They want to live, too. In between them, there is the Wall.

This is not a metaphor. It is the literal end of a wall with wires holding it right now, but we ignore it.

The U.S.-supported Israeli military believes it will maintain the separation against Palestinians from the other side. The Israeli citizens are not allowed to go back there because of "safety reasons." In fact, it is most likely that they are not allowed to do so because of the fear of getting hurt. Women, in particular, are seen as dangerous.

After last week's suicide bomb — something very dangerous in the way of the West, but not for the body of a body, or the Palestinian for not taking up the place of the state.

Israelilites believe in themselves ever to pass that place, which is rather acceptable.

As long as we keep building walls of fear, the human dignity and create barriers of ignorance among us, we cannot reach peace.

The reason for the failure of the peace process and the rise of the separatist and nationalistic movements is due to the violence.

What did this mean? Nothing — the cycle of violence just perpetuated itself.

Why do the Palestinians not embrace peace? Some of the barriers against it are::

1. Israeli settlers have been using the wall to protect their settlements.
2. Palestinians are not allowed to pass the wall.
3. Palestinians are not allowed to work in Israel.

As I wrote last week, I felt the sense of despair. The Palestinian people are living in a cycle of violence and suffering. The only way to break this cycle is to talk and negotiate. This is the only way to achieve peace.

By Melissa Melwizer

The Pit News (U. Pittsburgh)

PIITTSBURGH (WRD) -- What would you do with several extra hours magically added to your day?

Imagine: You could speak more clearly with your family and friends. You could earn up on all that reading you've been meaning to do, team your mistakes and take up the udder. You could finally get into shape.

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Kill your television

This is the files. I would recommend this for anyone that a) can hardly exist without television and b) is not a Zen master.

As I wrote last week, television is a soul-sucking, time-wasting, soul-destroying thing. Television is a form of entertainment. Television is a form of escapism. Television is a form of distraction.

Therefore, in order to be heard, they needed something extreme and dramatic.

The advent of television means that for years, they tried, but no one paid attention. They would add the television to the wall of the prison, wanting to make the world see what they were going through.

I thought of the time the Wall was over.

I was wrong.

As we keep building walls of fear, the sense of despair and create barriers of ignorance among us, the cycle of violence and suffering.

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Money matters Mull over at GPSC meeting

Proposed 16-percent tuition increase may go into effect next year for grad students

Leah Williams
Daily Egyptian

Monetary issues topped the Graduate and Professional Student Council’s discussions Tuesday at the council’s first meeting of the fall semester.

Twenty-two GPSC members met in the Cambria Room in the Student Center to discuss a possible tuition raise and the organization of committees in charge of different activity fees.

A tuition plan was a highly debated topic amongst GPSC members.

The plan deals with the newly-signed “Truth-in-Tuition” law, which locks the cost for incoming freshmen during the four consecutive years they attend college. The law, which will not directly affect graduate students, is to go into effect during the 2004-2005 school year. The plan would call for a 16.3 percent increase in fees for all graduate students.

Graduate students would receive some benefits from the increase, including a stipend increase for assistantships, an increase in the number of assistantships and an increase for faculty hired.

GPSC was concerned about the abrupt notice of the plan and the doubling of the previously promised student, the council plans to work with USG and GPSC members to form a committee to discuss the plan at the next meeting after receiving more resources on the matter.

GPSC also considered the possibility of instituting committees to govern over two already imposed activity fees for students.

After extended research, GPSC discovered that every student on campus pays a revenue bond fee, but few know much about it. The fee mainly exists to replace funds previously obtained from tuition payments and to support the deficit operations of the Student Center and University Housing. The fund also covers maintenance fees.

The revenue bond fee is figured into the indebtedness rating of the university, Sielen said. So it is not a fee that is ever going to be lowered or go away because it would impact the university’s credit rating.

Seeing the fee as mostly on the student, the council decided to form a committee to oversee the amount of this fee and to make sure they will know what is happening with the fee and why.

Sleen said the only opinion with this fee was to keep the tax on it how is it used.

If we were paying off revenue bond indebtedness because that is what it is called, we need to make a committee to hold the board,” Sielen said.

Under the proposal, all voting would be by student representatives, along with the vice chancellor for student affairs and enrollment management or his designated representative, holding the only other vote in the room.

GPSC’s meeting was a work closely on this board with the Undergraduate Student Government.

The council passed the vote for this committee unanimously.

Another fee, which charges $5.50 per semester, is used to support the fine arts program at SIUC.

The activation for a student-sponsored committee to supervise this fee has been in development for over a year. Last year, both the faculty and student representatives agreed separately about the voting rights or the committee.

Ultimately, the advisory privileges were awarded to the students by the Board of Trustees. It was done primarily on the fact that faculty members would be able to vote on matters they benefit from the committee.

GPSC plans to work with USG with each having representatives for that term of service. A faculty member representing various area of focus may also serve but without voting rights. Funding would be used to benefit the cultural activities in the student center, applied and performing arts.

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Alphas plan Join Hands Day

Grant aids in project funding

Linsey Maughan
Daily Egyptian

Carbondale will receive community service funds compliments of SIUC Alpha Aphas.

The Mu Kappa Lambs, Alpha Aphas chapter, will meet Wednesday, Sept. 3, to discuss plans for Join Hands Day to take place this fall.

With the primary objective to develop relationships between youth and adults while addressing problems in the local community, Join Hands Day will offer a variety of free services and encounters youth to take the lead.

Corey Bradford, fraternity officer and vice president of financial affairs, said among the projects will be a free fruit basket delivery, filling baskets to home sick and hospitalized women and kids maintainance and gardening projects for single and widowed elderly women.

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AMTRAK

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the state. Daily. If the cost were passed to the states, service would suffer.
The lack of reliable passenger rail service is a major concern in southern Illinois, especially in rural areas, where many residents rely on this mode of transportation for access to jobs and services.

Th党委书记 said. "The federal government has been cutting back on highways and other transportation needs, leaving residents in rural areas without reliable transportation options.

Amtrak and the federal government have been working together to provide more funding for rail service in Illinois. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provided a significant boost to rail funding in 2009, but funding has been inconsistent since then.

"We need to keep working with Congress to ensure that rail service in Illinois is able to continue to serve our communities," Monscur said. "It is important for rural Illinois to have access to reliable transportation options.

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amtrak, the railroad service needs more money to operate efficiently.
The service may need more routes, but it will receive less if the president's budget is approved. The proposal is to give Amtrak half of its request for $13.8 billion to operate for the next fiscal year. The fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

"What the Bush administration is trying to do with Amtrak is limit the routes that are profitable and, frankly, very few routes are profitable," said Angarola. "There are only one or two in the northeast.

The federal government spends $33 billion per year on highways and $12 billion per year on airlines. "Other modes of transportation in the country including highways and air service much, much more than that," Magliari said.

Monscur said it is understandable that Amtrak reform is important, but a good solid plan that does not leave people in the cold is even more important. He also said that 100% is diligently working on a plan that it will propose to Illinois representatives that the federal funding is very important.

"Rail service is extremely important, Monscur said. "It is not only going to affect Illinois but also other states."

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five different goals aim them in a sin

gle instance. For Steve Stone, a seasoned
gambler, it was to break ahead in his betting. For

Audy Miller, a talented horse driver, it was to

continue a winning streak. For both of them, it
came down to one race.

The Gambler

by the sidelines stands a group of elderly men.

Some are stroking their beards, one has

stumped out a smoking cigarette.

They stand nodding, and another is pacing.

They are the anxiety-driven, living a race
to-race existence in which they seem positive of

their choices, choices that can cost.

Cost big.

Inside the momentous hall of the Du Quoin

racerack at the State Fair Grounds are the masses of
everyday people all hurriedly going about their
day-making choices. Monday, Aug. 25, was the

first day of races at the State Fair Grounds, start

ning the gates under the lights race ever at the

Filibuster Trotting Daily in Du Quoin. The

lights themselves cost $30,000.

But it was not there to view the

lights; they sought the thrill of the trotter, the

swiftness and grace of the pacer and, of course,

the prospect of winning cold, hard cash.

The people all seem to have a story or
talk or advice to give, but the real pros are quiet, calci

culated and follow no rules for success. They know

how to win, and win they must.

Some people pour the same looking for a
name to catch their eye — Kind of Smokey, Sugar

Donut or Mr. Whistlebutter. Steve Stone stands ag

and a pole, checking his

race listing, reading the abbreviations in fine

dozen, for "black," PU DNF for "pulled but didn't finish," all of this is old for Stone. He

is a man who needs no listing. He could read

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by simply smelling him.

Alongside him are numerable people who confide with themselves. They are not talking to one another, but are talking about themselves, in the most intense of dialogues, they seem odd but not out of place. There are many that believe the half is being rubbed and wiped clean, but Smith is not.

He eyes left, he eyes right and then turns his eyes on the screen. In one corner he sees a box and in the other his listing, a man that stands about 6-foot-2 and has an athletic build, clings to his shirttail. He does not refer to someone else or even talk to himself, he simply eyes the screen.

Poe is far from the favorite. A black, Cole, a color who is 4 years of age or possibly even older, is listed at $1,805. But Smith is playing to win. A Second race, $300 is the minimum bet. He glides up to the betting booth and places $20 on Poe to win. This is simply to get ahead, easier.

Smith is sure of himself. He has no look of a downtrodden gambler, and he looks upfront and almost bobs on the balls of his feet as he walks, exuding confidence. All around him are various degrees of betting slips from the novice to the tacit pro. But he has an upper hand.

"The first horse race I ever drove was in Springfield in a novice race. I had a young half-bred, and man, she was a good one," he said with the trumpet blowing signalling the beginning of a race. "I mean, I am always trying to get my pants out sitting in that paddock. I am just sitting there a nervous wreck, thinking about all the things that can go wrong.

First race I ever drove, I won. Second race I have had for about 10 years and was turned to the racing/gambling/handicapping business, oh, his friend, Tim Baber, when they bought their first horse, Dreamy Girl, 12 years ago.

He hasn't handled or ridden horses since, but he has become an avid horse race gambler, coming to the race in Du Quoin since the mid-1990s. Last year was the first year he started taking this business serious with a shrewd sense of money, if his horse is a minor, run his horse in the stakes at a restaurant named "Two Tony's," where he is the self-proclaimed head of the betting king, then he is making a killing.

Back at the betting booths where Smith's friends in the business are fixated on the live feed of the track watching the horses race by, he simply peers at the tube quietly and stays still. This is a coterie race. If a trotter breaks stride, the horse and driver are disqualified.

"I have these damn trotting races," Smith, drawing a pull of his cigarette, "I look at them and am not as confident betting on them as I am the pacing races.

Poe is going head-to-head with one of the finest pacing teams in the field, who has never seen a quarter-mile and their cool head on the other horses.

"Worried Miller for over 10 years," he said, "but I got to try and get ahead.

The race is a race racing Blake's Charger with 3-to-1 odds, running one out of the box. The second horse wins, the better wins $3. Poe has 4-to-1 odds — not the poorest of field. But he does have this musty odor.

Smith necessitate starting to own one's own horse. Two minutes later it's over, and Smith shakes his head.

"Got to go for the bigger horse, Black, the better horse," he says.

Going for the "chall" is betting on the sure-fire winner, and the next race will have to be a winner if Smith wants to climb out of the $20 hole he is in. Smith is a man who can be seen darting into the pockets of the mules in the race.

Change his luck, the eighth race. "Didn't get it," is all he said, shaking his head and rubbing his smoking cigarette into the ground with his foot.

Now is the time he puts money on the house favorite, Aries Conquest.

The Driver

Inside the paddock where the horses wait for their turn to run a standby and white striped awning. The drivers sit undressed and watch each race on a small television. Those who couldn't get a seat on the lawn chairs lean over the man in front of them to better their sights.

One driver, though, was not handicapped under the awning.

He was different. More calm, more laid back and without a dip of these tacit under his lip or cigarette dangling from it. Not to say that these drivers in the paddocks are all chains smoking; they just didn't have that same cool demeanor to them as Andy Miller did. He didn't need a stimulant to subsidize his nerves. There weren't any.

Horse racing was a big deal to him. And made it seem like it wasn't.

This could be explained in a multitude of ways. It could be due to the fact he has been driving for 16 years and is a eyewitness. It could be because he just won the crown at the state fair in Springfield, the first big race of the year for the standard horses.

Or could it be the way he was raised taught him to be more stoic and trained the awning Joe.

"I grew up around horses all the time," Miller said. "I grew up on Amish up in Amherst, Illinois. Where I was about 20 years old I got started in horse driving.

Like him, the horse is driving in the eighth race just as the race an unfulfilled record through eight races in her young career.

The horse stood in the same relaxed manner as her driver did, knowing that she is just that good.

Aries Conquest was the horse that Miller rode to the victory circle at the Springfield State Fair. This horse that has accumulated $44,000, and is the 4-to-5 odds-on favorite to take in another $5,000 purse in the pace race.

She is the talk of the horse racing enthusiasm at the Du Quoin Fair.

She is as good as any horse I've ever ridden. She's drove some really nice racing fillies, and she is very classy, very classy.

This is Miller's life. He competes in these harness races for a living.

He's not a construction worker, schoolteacher or farmer on the side; just a horse driver. That is his passion for moments. That means he has to do it to live his style of living at his home in Breeder.

He is a race every night during the summer," Miller said. "I do these a lot. It pays all right. I am making a living out of it."

On this laid night under the lights, Miller drives all of the horses of his brother Irving train. His brother trains a large number of these horses that one would've at a race fair.

With the constant bustle going on around the track, everyone would lose their minds in the madness of it all — the lights, the sounds, the excitement and the pressure. Tumultuous, he has got to time to think, or let his mind wander.

"I am going back out to race every 15 minutes," Miller said.

After the races, he hops off the horse and gives him a much-needed reminder through eight races.
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Racing

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Grant’s Charger, the two horses Miller rode, ten minutes with Aries Conquest do. They are fine horses in the winner stakes, but they don’t have that intense sense of when to kick it into a higher gear like Aries Conquest does. Aries Conquest knows he is special. He has hit the owner’s allowance after all of her victories. Of course, she is going to keep going.

Horses to win Miller said. “A horse knows when they are winning. They know how they have done something special. They have a lot of sense about them.”

In the eighth race, Miller plans to let Aries Conquest dictate how he runs. The horse is 8-for-8 in first-choice finishes, and he figures he should go with what got him here. Or, as the old saying goes, “Ride the horse that got you there.”

She can ride the fast end and she can run from behind,” Miller said. “I can only do what’s best for the horse. There is some planning going into the eighth race but you have to let the race unfold.”

The eighth race next up. His horses just joined up another horse in the seventh race, and Irvin is waiting for a horse to come into the paddock to get Aries Conquest. Irvin has invested a great amount of time into Aries. He knows how she moves, how she feels and what she is thinking as well as anyone.

“I am not the one,” said Irvin, a busy, quiet man with massive hands to go with his stature. “She’s a great horse.”

Andandy becomes noticeable in the winner walking back to the paddocks from the track. The silhouette of this man is larger than his natural height of 5-foot-8. He walks in slowly, his heart race worn, tired and dusty but willing to persist.

As Andy makes his way into the paddocks, he and his brother both share a smile. They know how any of the horses they have in training feel. How she feels and what she is thinking as well as anyone.

“I’m ready” Andy said, “I hope her streak doesn’t end but I don’t like making assumptions. I can be ready.”

Then over the loudspeakers, a tranquility plays a “CQ for the Post,” and Miller races Aries Conquest into the voluminous dark blue skyline that sits above the track.

The Eighth Race

Stone stood in the stands, eyes on the track.

He had emerged from the confines of the sidelines to view the game, bringing his knowledge only when it seemed needed. Miller was lining up the horses for the right time.

There were seven horses in a row. Stone had done this before racing his horses, and he knew just when the adequate could scare anyone off the starting line.

“You are behind the horse and you can feel the pull,” he said. “They are going and missing. You can feel the power.”

In a blink of an eye they were off, with Aries Conquest out to win, while Aries Conquest and a $2 exacta, a bet that would Conquest first and Fox Valley Mickala named, Stone’s second. The exacta.

Clapping in unison with the claps and drum and the horse’s hooves in a rhythmic pace, Stone worked his bets on with his yelling. “Come on, Come on,” he screamed in the break of a clapping with his lip pressed tight.

Around the first bend Conquest took an early lead, and following behind was Apple Betty, who had their adequate could scare anyone off the starting line.

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“I don’t lose,” said Miller, “I am not going to lose because she is not that much on her own. They want to see our horses.”
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by Brian E. Holloway

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by Buddy Hickerson

"I'll bet if I drove a wooden stake through your heart, the souls of your former girlfriends would be returned to their rightful owners."

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Sense when add up a political cartoon. It's important to stop being made all these political statements. As long as keeping up with political events, it's important to be making all these political statements.

STONER

DAILY HOROSCOPE

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (Aug. 29). You're awesome this year. You don't know your own strength. Be gentle this year. The changes you'll make will affect others, too, so make sure your answers are right.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating. If the easiest day is the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 4. Don't pull yourself too hard. Stick with an old routine. There's plenty of startling revelations without you trying anything up.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 9. Don't be distracted. If you concentrate, you'll have incredible luck. It's not all luck. It's also because you're prepared.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 5. There's a lot confusion and a lot of distractions. Concentrate. Your first priority is still to clear up your personal space.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is an 8. Feel free to get angry at work, but keep your passion set for your personal space.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 5. Subtle changes are going on. Try to be as careful as you can. The money for the next few weeks can be awkward, but it can turn into the finest time of your life, and all will go well.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 12. If you can wait just a little longer, a change will turn up by itself.

continue to push for the outcome you want - gently. Then, quickly jump out of your way.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 4. The point at which everything will be made is the right standard. You may have to drop some old habits to do it, but being able to accept the effects will be to your advantage.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 9. Something you've been worried about is child's play to your friends. You're being tried to do it alone. It won't be too long before you realize that you're being taken.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 8. You may have the feeling that everyone disagrees with whatever you say. That may be the case, but do your part. You'll eventually get things to change.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 5. You should have built up a pretty good base up to now. Start to move right away and put the best possible plans right now. Don't make it easier to just pass the list major hurdles. Go for it!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 5. You should focus on activities that hold for a little while. Focus your attention to building a strong self image.

Please (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is an 8. A partnership with just amounts without a friend, it's not really for the other person. Well, maybe friendship is a big part of the mix.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

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**Crossword**

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**Parking Lots Closed**

Intercollegiate Athletics and the Parking Division announce that in preparation for the Saluki football team's first night game of the season, lots 13/13A, located across the street from the Student Center, will be closed at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 28, 2003. The lots will reopen at 4:00 p.m. for Priority 1 and 2 ticket holders only. Please make alternative parking arrangements if you normally park in this area. We apologize for any inconvenience that may occur.
Before being considered the frontrunners for the Payson Award. Before breaking his thumb last season, before setting numerous school and conference records. Well before coming to SIU, Muhammad Abdulqaadir was just another school senior with an uncertain future.

He had rushed for more than 4,000 yards and 60 touchdowns during his time at Eureka High School in St. Louis and earned All-American honors as a senior. But none of that matters now. He tallied 1,977 yards and 33 scores as a senior, and all the major colleges were vying for his services, including Washington, Tennessee, Wisconsin and Missouri. But none of that matters now.

Not after they saw his transcript.

One by one, schools looked at his academic performance, or perhaps lack thereof, and decided to pass on the promising running back.

They would send a coach in and I would sit down and talk to them," Abdulqaadir said. "Then they would go over to the main office and look at my transcript and I would never hear from them again."

Abdulqaadir said he graduated "by the skin of his teeth," and because of his poor grades he was forced to look at other schools — and he had never heard back.

His high school coach had connections to Highland (Kan.) Community College, and through those ties he helped his star player land a spot on the team at Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College.

Abdulqaadir didn't know it at the time, but he was about to become the newest star in a conference renowned for producing Division I-caliber talent. The Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference is widely considered the top junior college football conference in the United States.

The KJCCC has spawned more than 70 future NFL players in its history, and some of college football's stars, including 1980 Heisman Award winner Mike Rozier, some current playas include football's stars, including 1980 Heisman Award winner Mike Rozier, and conference's winningest playas.

That changed once again playing Fort Scott; Abdulqaadir knocked his knees.

"It was a devastation," he said. "I didn't go to practice for two weeks. I was sitting in the cold with the Ravens, feeling like I couldn't be here."

He broke several of more than 50 yards, which made up a big chunk of those yards. But it wasn't until the final run of the game that he broke the record — a record that he didn't even want to break.

"I'm not a selfish kind of a guy, I really didn't care, I really didn't like feeling like, Abdulqaadir said, "I wanted [my backup] to get some playing time."

He broke the record, and they were ahead by two scores when Abdulqaadir was pushed for the first time. He was quickly thrust back into action after his replacement fumbled the ball twice.

"One more time," he said. "I was done playing.

On the next play, Abdulqaadir knocked knees.
**FOOTBALL**

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"Everyone's hungry, hungry, literally," Abdulaqadir said.

"This game is going to be sort of like putting food in everybody's belly," Abdulaqadir said.

"I would imagine from the type of things I've seen on them as far as goes long before they're not going to be a team that we're going to come out and run the score on," Abdulaqadir said.

They're going to be some competition for us.

Last season, the Salukis dominated their two division II opponents by a combined score of 149-21, beating Kentucky Wesleyan 78-0 on opening night and Saint West Virginia Tech 76-21.

Unfortunately, the Salukis last two games in the season, in between the Dixie State in Southeast Mississippi State 21-14 and to Murray State 42-24.

Abdulaqadir said that might be in part due to the little competition Kentucky Wesleyan provided the Salukis and said he looks forward to rectifying a deficit test from Quincy.

"For the most part, I don't think that's very good because it gets everyone a big head coming into the season," Abdulaqadir said.

"I think the Hawkins had last year a few fans expected a similar performance, opening night. But the players are not worried about having to score so many points again in order to meet fans expectations."

"As long as you're winning, it doesn't matter," Abdulaqadir said. "A Win's a W, and an L's an L, so if we beat them 10-0, it's shouldn't matter as it's we're winning."
Saluki football ready to shine under the lights

Salukis not topping their hand to opponents

Coach Kill keeps his game plan secret

Zack Creglow
Daily Egyptian

Tom Kousous won’t have to suffer anymore. He won’t have to watch his running back’s career in which he isn’t a part of. But most likely, the senior running back will still have to start the game on the sidelines.

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