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## 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 come to a screeching halt.

The proposed plan, which took more than a year to be presented to Congress, would require states to assume responsibility for operating costs nationwide.

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

Illinois Department of Transportation Spokesperson Mike Monseur said if the proposal passes as is, Illinois students and members of small communities would feel negative effects.

"We feel the proposal, as 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 station. 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.

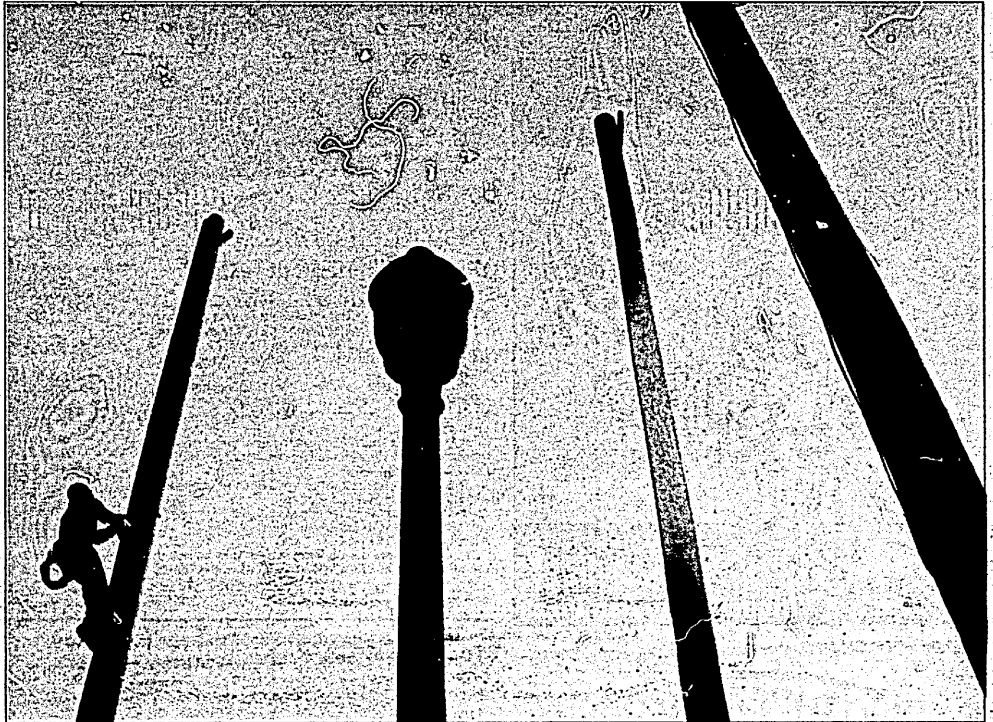
Manager of Amtrak's media relations Marc Magliari said the five-year plan proposed by Amtrak needs to be funded in order to provide ongoing and safe passenger service.

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

Illinois benefits from the rail service with 52 trains running through:

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## Sunset shimmy



DEREK ANDERSON - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Professional lumberjack Robert Saari climbs to the top of a telephone pole during the Great Lumberjack Show & Chainsaw Carving at the Du Quoin State Fair Sunday evening. Saari 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 fairgrounds across the country.

## Coal industry receives \$17.2 million

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 to keep themselves competitive," he said. "If an industry is not growing, it's dying. And this one is willing 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. After review, a list of the proposals that will be funded is sent to the governor for approval.

Knight Hawk Coal in Jackson County received three grants to help

purchase equipment. Steve Carter, co-owner, said although the grants will not revitalize the coal industry overnight, they help companies invest in the future.

"We're just strongly supportive of the coal industry whether it's for our business or our competitors," Carter said. "The coal industry is going to take a long time to revitalize, and this is just a drop in the bucket compared to what's really needed, but obviously it's an important step to initiate things."

Hoback said one grant would help Knight Hawk Coal purchase a heavy-duty crusher that will crush through harder material when mining.

"What happens is when you're mining coal, there are a lot of impuri-

ties in it," he said. "You can imagine if you're chewing on a piece of gum and there's something hard in there you're going along and it can break your tooth or something. So the same thing with the crusher they had, and 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 assisting the funding of 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

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## 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 began sweeping its way through campus computers, and it is still going strong, according to Laura Morrissey of the Information Technology customer service center.

The SoBig worm, a remake 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 hogging bandwidth on the campus network along with LoveSan and MiMail, two viruses that hit campus a week earlier.

Morrissey said that although LoveSan and MiMail are under control, SoBig is still infesting 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 infested a computer, it invades the address book, sending infected emails to the listed e-mail addresses in the user's database. The virus chose a random address from the user's

book as the sender. The virus is unleashed when someone opens the attachment sent with the emails. The subject is often headed with common spam subjects, such as Re: Your Details, Re: Wicked Screensaver and Re: Application.

"We have no way of knowing if the computer is affected without running a virus scan," Morrissey said. "A lot of people don't think they are infected, so they don't scan."

Morrissey also said that removing the virus and patching the system does not guarantee the computer will not be infected again. She said users need to take the time to update their virus-scanning software as soon as one is available. Users should also avoid opening attachments from addresses they do not recognize.

"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 opened,

it's unleashed."

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. He said they have found a number of viruses so far and hope to eliminate the problem soon.

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

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

"LoveSan would not have been a problem if users had applied the update."

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### NATIONAL NEWS

#### Seven die in Chicago warehouse shooting

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

Police spokesman David Bayless confirmed the gunman 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 10 a.m. and taking control of the building.

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

The shootings started 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 the gunman, were taken to hospitals, Bayless said.

More details are expected at a 3 p.m. news conference. 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.

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

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

Circuit Judge Jimmie Edwards apologized to Lonnie Erby for the wrongful conviction, noting that the science of criminal investigation has improved since 1986.

Erby said of the apology: "That was the one thing I was waiting for."

Erby, 49, was sentenced to 115 years for the 1985 attacks on three girls. He was released after genetic testing found that the semen taken from the victims was not his. Immediately after being freed, Erby hugged the son he had seen just once since his incarceration.

Erby was the second inmate convicted of a St. Louis rape to be freed after DNA testing sought by the Innocence Project, headed by Barry Scheck, who gained fame as part of the O.J. Simpson defense team.

In July 2002, Larry Johnson was released after spending 18 years in prison for the 1984 rape of a Saint Louis University student.

Nationally, more than 300 men and women have been exonerated of crimes and released from prison as the result of DNA testing, the Innocence Project said. Testing has confirmed the guilt of some other inmates.

### INTERNATIONAL NEWS

#### Deadly stamped at festival

NEW DELHI, India — As many as 40 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 29 deaths so far, other officials said 40 bodies had been brought to hospitals in the area.

The stampede Wednesday came as an estimated 4 million Hindus crowded to bathe in the Godavari River at Nasik, about 95 miles northeast of India's financial capital of Mumbai.

Police say a barricade apparently gave way as tens of thousands of pilgrims pressed against it, on one of the holiest days of the festival.

The Kumbh Mela festival is timed in connection with alignments of the Sun and Jupiter.

It is shared between four Indian cities every three years, with the main festival held near the city of Allahabad every 12 years.

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

special days and festivals. About 60 million people are estimated to take part during the month-long festival, which started on July 30 and will end on Sept. 1.

#### Nigerian stoning appeal heard

KATSINA, Nigeria (AP) — Amina Lawal, a 32-year-old Nigerian single mother at in an Islamic appeals court Wednesday as lawyers pleaded she be spared death by stoning for bearing a child out of wedlock.

She appeared overwhelmed by the crush of riot police, journalists and rights workers as she arrived for a case that has sparked international campaigns on her behalf.

"I've never been this afraid," Lawal said, tears rolling down her downcast face as she made her way past riot police lining the courthouse in northern Nigeria's Katsina state. "I'm tired of all this."

Lawal is the best known of three people awaiting stoning sentences in a dozen northern Nigerian states that have adopted Islamic law, or Shariah.

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### CALENDAR

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Kinkaid Lake Trailhead

### POLICE REPORTS

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A domestic battery occurred at 2:20 p.m. Sunday at Evergreen Terrace Cutoff Road. The case was referred to the State's Attorney's Office.

A theft of a bicycle valued at \$350 occurred between 11:10 a.m. and 11:25 a.m. Tuesday at Faner Hall.

A firewire exterior hard drive valued at \$257 was reported stolen at 2:45 p.m. from the Communications News Media Center.

Carbondale  
An auto burglary occurred between 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday outside J.C. Penney in the University Mall parking lot at 1201 E. Main St. A green bag containing a tan Chinese passport was discovered missing from the unlocked vehicle. There are no suspects at this time.

### 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 \$1.73 million for research," Prue Rice was identified as male. The story should have read "She believes the grant will not only help the School of Medicine."

The Daily Egyptian regrets the errors.

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# Family politics



ANNIE DENTAMARO - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Former Senators Howard and Nancy Baker laugh in response to a question asked by an audience member during their lecture at Lesa' 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 Kassebaum Baker, former Senator from Kansas, 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 Dream worth working toward

Forty years of progress since March on Washington, but more work needs done

story by DREW STEVENS

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 watched at home.

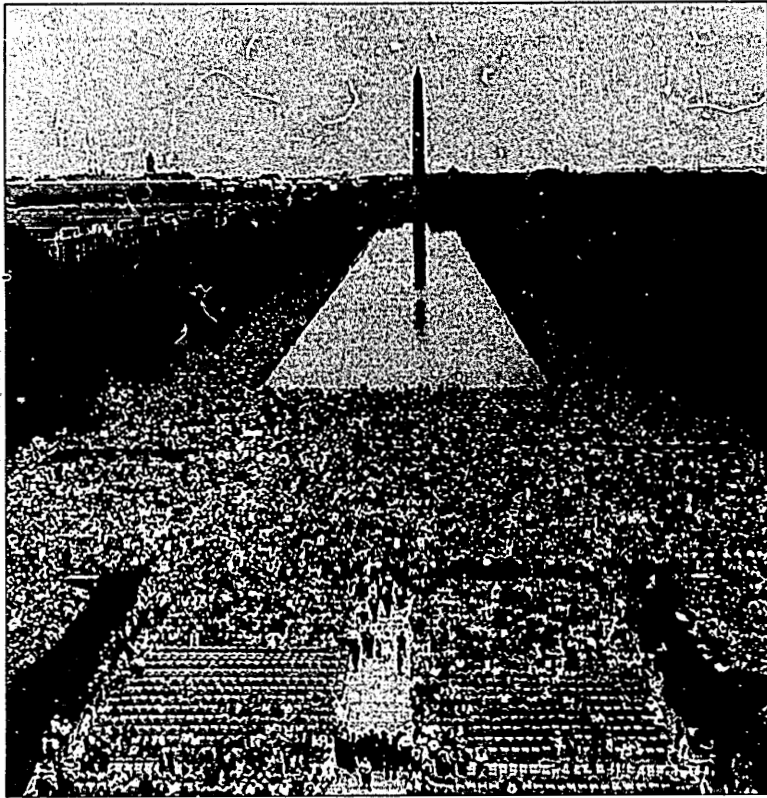
Director and professor of Black American Studies Reverend Joseph A. Brown was unable to attend the march but wishes he could have.

"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 women.

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 sign an executive order banning



A crowd of an estimated 250,000 people gathered around the Lincoln Memorial for a peace march in Washington Aug. 28, 1963.

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discrimination in the defense industries and creating the Fair Employment Practices Committee.

Many learned of the March on Washington through their local civil rights and church groups. "Freedom buses" and "freedom trains" provided transportation for many who wanted to attend.

"A lot of people who were active and angry came together, and they shared each other's energy and strength and went home stronger," Brown said.

The budget for the march was set at \$120,000, and money for this massive demonstration was raised by the sale of buttons for

the march at 25 cents apiece and thousands of cash contributions.

There was also a big fund-raiser at Harlem's Apollo Theatre, featuring Quincy Jones and Thelonus 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 touched 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.

The media has reminded us on numerous occasions of the significance of Dr. King's speech, but there were other prominent figures who spoke and performed that day who are often forgotten.

"[Dr. King] inspired me, but so did everybody else," Brown said. "Mahalia Jackson inspired me, A. Philip Randolph inspired me, John Lewis."

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 Racial 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 dogs stop biting us in the South and the rats stop biting us in the North."

Whitney Young, president of the National Urban League, and Roy Wilkins, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, also spoke. And finally, after a day filled

with speeches, song and prayer, it was Dr. King's time.

King's "I Have a Dream" speech would become famous instantly and recognized as a defining moment in American history.

"God spoke through Martin Luther King, Jr., that day," Brown said. "For King to preach what he preached cut through the thread 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 Woodson, an elementary education major from Tammis, 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.

Brown said after 40 years, we should not be struggling to have black representation in positions of authority.

"Do we have to wait for someone to get up and give a speech for us to do what's right?" Brown asked.

Pamela A. Smoot, assistant professor of Black American Studies, said although we have made progress, there are issues that need to be addressed.

"I think we've come a long way with regard to civil rights for black Americans, but at this juncture, I think we're going backwards," Smoot said.

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

African Americans, as well as the entire country, were reminded of the harsh realities of discrimination and prejudice in America when three weeks after the march, four young black girls were killed in a church bombing in Birmingham, Ala.

It is true that African Americans have made tremendous strides in regard to civil rights, but there are more issues that need to be tackled, according to Brown.

"We've got issues of education, crime and voting, and we're not addressing that," Brown said. "The criticism will be that we're not happy and that we're living in the past. I'd rather live in the past if the past is unfinished."

Reporter Drew Stevens can be reached at dstevens@dailyegyptian.com

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The program from the historic 'March on Washington' as it appeared in 1963.

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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's not stopping its members from beefing up efforts to save it.

Members of SAVE [Save 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 use that money as a way to assist 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 63-year-old Illinois Avenue movie theater closed in May. SAVE's fight to keep the building alive has been met with indecision and uncertainty.

Kerasotes Theaters, the 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 8 at University Mall.

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

Streit said although he does not know whom the mystery man 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 an "angel investor" chooses to buy the Varsity — and 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 damage to downtown Carbondale in the Varsity's absence.

"We'd hate to see the downtown area of Carbondale suffer from the closing of the theater," said Robert Gallegly, SAVE's 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 center, a coffeehouse 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 theater.

However, Streit said Mr. X has hinted through a source close to the group that he may be interested in his 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'd be glad to," Gallegly said.

However, Gallegly said that is not the group's ideal wish.

"What we'd love to see happen, no matter who owns the Varsity, is to have the members of SAVE somehow still related to the project," Gallegly said. "Whether it be advisory or volunteer, we want to assist in whatever way possible."

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### OUR WORD

## 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 the brink of the 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 7,914. 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 is a 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 minuscule 3,203 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 boozing.

We understand that SIU is a basketball school. We know that Muhammad Abdulqadir is not Kent Williams. But if SIU fans can help the basketball team to a 27-home-game winning streak, then surely decent fan support could give SIU football a few extra wins.

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 support would 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 it 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, in Cape Girardeau, Mo. SEMO is only a short 45-minute drive this year.

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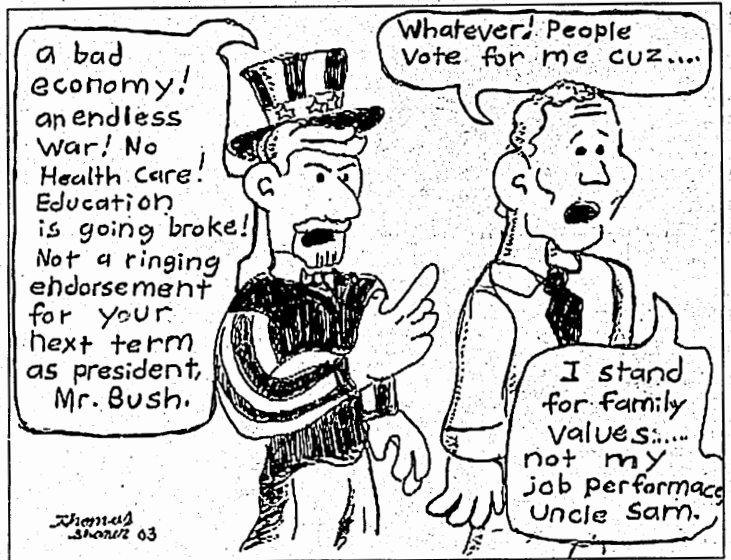
It would be embarrassing for the visitor stands to be empty in a stadium not far from here. The Student Programming Council provides transportation to and from the game for a package price of \$15. For more information, contact SPC offices.

Besides, it's not like the team is awful. Muhammad Abdulqadir and Tom Koutsos make up a backfield that is considered by many to be the best in the nation. Abdulqadir 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 decapitate 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.



### GUEST COLUMNIST

## Despite editorial, gay high school is a must

Patrick Dilley, Ph. D.  
Assistant Professor of Higher Education

*Editor's note: The DAILY EGYPTIAN is reprinting the following column that originally ran on Tuesday, Aug. 26. That version contained errors that occurred during the layout and editing process. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets the error.*

I take issue with the DE's Aug. 25 editorial concerning the inappropriateness of a high school for non-heterosexual students.

The issue is not as simple as the editorial presented. The Harvey Milk School in New York City is an established alternative to negative scholastic experiences for non-heterosexual youth and a cost effective preventative for the NYC school district.

The school is not new; it was established in 1984 as an alternative school for students who were at risk for dropping out due to harassment and assault in "regular" high schools.

This year is the first year the Harvey Milk School moved beyond two rooms, to become a fully accredited public high school. The school plans on enrolling around 100 students, which is roughly one out of every 11,000 students in the NYC school system.

Some people might feel that such a school is a waste of money or a misguided educational reform; they are wrong.

Harassment is a real problem for many non-heterosexual students. In a 2001 survey, the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network documented that 83.2 percent of non-heterosexual students reported being verbally harassed because of their sexual orientation; 65.4 percent reported being sexually harassed (that figure for girls is 74.2 percent); 41.9 percent reported being physically harassed (pushed or shoved); and 21.1 percent reported being physically assaulted (punched, kicked, injured with a weapon) because of their sexual orientation. That

is two out of every 10 gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) youth being physically harmed because of who they are.

Certainly, not all gay students have such experiences, but the climates in our schools too often foster discrimination that leads to physical manifestations. But school districts are learning, after costly court cases, that they must provide safe educational spaces for non-heterosexual students.

A Little Rock, Ark., school district had to pay \$25,000 to a student in July for allowing harassment to go unchecked against him. Last year, a Nevada school district had to pay \$451,000. The reality is this: if schools allow harassment and discrimination of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students, the costs will be very high — both in money and in human experience.

The DE opined that non-heterosexual students need to learn that the world "is tough, harsh and many times unaccepting and forgiving." That is a lesson LGBT students have already learned, the hard way; they do not need further reinforcement. Moreover, I believe one of the prime aims of education should be to ameliorate, if not outright eliminate, such harshness for all students.

The DE also implied that the non-heterosexual students should stay to help teach the straight students tolerance and diversity. This is what theorist Maïa E. Singer refers to as the "Pocahontas Paradigm," making the non-majority responsible for the education and enlightenment of the majority.

Why should these 100 students be responsible for teaching 11,000 other students this, at the risk of their own education and safety? The majority should be required to learn these lessons — as well as why not to bash and batter others — but not at the expense of those most vulnerable to attack.

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

Martin Luther King, Jr.  
August 28, 1963

### WORDS OVERHEARD

"It puts it on the backs of the keggers, and that's the reality."

Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro on the new legislation to prosecute alcohol providers to minors.

COLUMNISTS

# The Palestine Wall

On one side, there are the Israelis. They are persecuted people who want to find a place to live in security.

On the other side, there are the Palestinians. They, too, want to live in peace.

In between, there is the Wall.

This is not a metaphor.

A real wall of stones and wires is being built right now, but we ignore it.

The U.S.-supported Israeli military believes it will create protection against terrorism from the other side. The Israeli citizens are not allowed to go there because of "security reasons." In fact, it is more so that they are not distracted from following the dream of creating a wonderful country. Yet, they are far from being secure. Why?

After last week's suicidal bombs — something very specific triggered them, by the way — everybody oooh-ed and blamed the Palestinians for not upholding the peace process.

Israeli helicopters threw other bombs over them to punish the felony, which was silently accepted as justified vengeance.

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

Why do the Palestinians not embrace this wonderful idea of a road map, which will give them a state of their own and bring peace? Are they barbarian terrorists who refuse any rationality? Yes, they are, if you are shortsighted and want to imagine witches to scare your children with.

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

The true reason for the failure of the peace process so far is that none of the crucial controversial issues, such as settlements, land, borders, houses demolition, return of refugees, resources and infrastructure control, and Jerusalem, have been addressed.

On the Palestinian side, the occupied territories of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, people feel as if they are trapped in a prison.

The West Bank is divided into several enclaves. Around all of them, even over and under them, as well as around Gaza, there are Israeli settlements, roads and fences. The prisoners occupy most of the space in the prison: they have their cells, yards and workshops. However, they do not have authority over the walls of the prison. Israeli checkpoints control the flow of people and goods.

Passing is not easy, and villages under curfew abound. This is the status quo Israel wants to maintain, and construction of settlements and fences continues, accompanied by occupation of more land and demolition of Palestinian houses.

During the several waves of Israeli occupation, lots of Palestinians were forced to leave their homes.

Today, more than 5 million live away from



Eye on Earth

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their homeland and do not have the right to return. Often they are "Men Without State," for they neither have passports, nor the right to settle down anywhere.

Most of them are eager to go back, but this is a danger for Israel.

Another couple of million live in refugee camps on their own land. All the while, they are surrounded by the rich settlements in Gaza, where, although a minority, they control 88 percent of the water resources. Still, they lack water, work and any kind of infrastructure.

Those who do have houses fear the army will come to destroy them in order to build inaccessible roads or settlements protected by fences or walls.

Children grow up with the images of tanks and military wearing machine guns, of fences and checkpoints, of destruction, death and humiliation. They play with bullet shells next to garbage. They are left only with the dignity of not accepting this. They grow up angry.

Their anger turns into violence. Finally, the cycle repeats. What was the cause?

I asked a Palestinian why they do not follow Gandhi's example of non-violent resistance.

The answer was that for years they tried, but nobody paid attention to their suffering. The world and the media have tendency to notice only the extreme and the dramatic.

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

The adepts of conventional warfare despise such acts of despair and call them terrorism. Logically, no matter whether we like it or not, they appear to be the only accessible means of retaliation for the powerless.

I oppose these means. I feel even stronger against the causes provoking the usage of these means.

I thought the time of the Walls was over. It was wrong.

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

My hope is that all walls eventually fall. How much suffering they bring, though, before this happens?

Ask those who cried or died for 40 years because of the Berlin Wall.

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# Improve life; Kill your television

By Melissa Meinzer  
The Pitt News (U. Pittsburgh)

PITTSBURGH (U-WIRE)

— What would you do with several extra hours magically added to your day?

Imagine: You could spend more time with your family and friends. You could catch up on all that reading you've been meaning to do, learn fusion cuisine and take up the ukulele.

You could finally get into shape. You could take time to appreciate the blissful Zen art of doing nothing. Your health would improve, not to mention your brain power, social skills and eyesight.

With more time on your hands, you'll have more of the earth's most valuable commodity to do with as you please.

What would you pay for such a miracle? \$100? \$200? One zillion dollars?

Well, here I got an offer for you. Send no money, not now, and not ever, not even \$19.95. This offer is good anytime, there is no payment plan, and I'll never send you any further installments for you to peruse at your leisure. It's so simple, even a child could do it.

Kill your television. Throw it out the damn window, take a sledgehammer to the screen, unplug it and endDumpsulate your idiot box.

Television is a soul-sucking, time-wasting, humanity-erasing demon that serves no valuable purpose. It's a scourge. It's been dumping you down for years.

I dare you just to turn it off for a week. One week.

If you allow yourself to stop bemoaning the loss of your daily "Three's Company" rerun allotment and simply adjust, you will be amazed at what the lack of psychic pollution can do for you. You might even have a thought or two.

Once you stop the flow of drivel bombarding your mind, you'll wonder how you ever lived with all that noise. Yep, noise. That's all it is — visual static, intellectual fuzz.

When's the last time you learned anything useful from the boob tube?

When were you ever uplifted from something you saw?

And by uplifted, I don't mean manipulated into some maudlin morass of emotion over a sad puppy getting rescued from a mean of cumudgeon by some heroic cop. I don't mean having a false emotional response ripped from you by a laugh track or swelling major chords. I don't mean learning about Pam Anderson's struggles as a single mom.

When has television ever changed your life? When has a show ever caused you to rethink your worldview?

I don't own a television, and I won't. I've been television-free for about 18 months now, and I'm

I dare you just to turn it off for a week. One week.

horrified every time I have the misfortune of encountering it. I've been in groups of friends — intelligent, fascinating folks — and watched them all disconnect, disengage and gape at a damn box for hours at a time and consider this quality time spent together.

I've had the unbelievably disheartening experience of visiting my family when some far-flung and seldom-seen member was around. All we did was sit in the same room, occupy the same space, breathe the same air and maybe eat the same popcorn and laugh at the same indicated spots in the laugh track — then the relative packs up and drives off and isn't seen again for a year or more, when the same hollow ritual is repeated.

Television is killing us all in half-hour increments. Our children are raised by a soulless box and don't know how to jump rope or ride a bike.

Take my advice — eradicate the stultifying influence of television from your life, and the beginning of this column could have been the last informational you ever endure.

And that alone is worth a slew of easy payments of \$19.95.

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## GUEST COLUMN

# The best of Napster's successors

By Jon Obert  
UIC Today (University of Illinois-Chicago)

CHICAGO (U-WIRE) — Ever since the plug was pulled on Napster, people have been forced to search for a different way to connect with others and swap files. Luckily, we have people out there that will never give up when it comes to disobeying the Record Industry Association of America. This is the best of their efforts.

1. Emule — If you need to find anything on a file-sharing network this is where you go. This program gives you access to over one hundred networks that have upwards of seven million files. You don't even have to be there when it is downloading because it takes bits of the file from many different users automatically. It also

features file resume if the connection is severed. The graphics on the user interface aren't the prettiest but it doesn't take away from it's amazing power. Go to the Emule homepage: [www.emule-project.net](http://www.emule-project.net)

2. WinMx — WinMx has just about any song a person would want to search for and that is it's major strong point even though it can also be used to search for other types of files. I would recommend this for anyone that used something like Napster previously. Not to hard to use and the color scheme is pleasing to the eye. Go to the WinMx homepage: [www.winmx.com](http://www.winmx.com)

3. Morphueus — This program has improved over time and now includes no spyware. But that doesn't mean that it doesn't have pop up ads. It allows bands to publish their

music on the web for people to search and listen to. One of the major pluses of this program is that it includes a virus-scanner. It is also one of the most popular programs and has many users and even more files. Go to the Morphueus homepage: [www.morphueus.com](http://www.morphueus.com)

4. Imesh — This program would be number one if it weren't for the all of the pop-up ads and spyware which if left unattended will mess up your computer. There are over 40 million users and a cornucopia of files. Downloads are fast during the off-peak hours but other than that who knows. The controls are simple and the front-end looks better than many others. Go to the Imesh homepage: [www.imesh.com](http://www.imesh.com)

5. Bearshare — Quite possibly one of the easiest peer-to-peer network interfaces, but

it lacks in the reliability department. It stops working every so often and it will make your computer come to a halt. There are a many files and it takes no more than a double click to download a file. It offers a preview theater that lets you test the files to make sure they are what you want while you are in mid-download. Make sure to use the professional version otherwise you get pop-up ads. Go to the Bearshare homepage: [www.bearshare.com](http://www.bearshare.com)

There are many file sharing programs but these five make up the most useful and have the most content. Just make sure to use a virus scan before downloading anything; it will save a lot of headaches.

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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 two 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 set to go into effect during the 2004-2005 school year. The plan would call for a 16.2 percent increase for all graduate students.

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

GPSC was concerned about the short notice of the plan and the doubling of the previously promised tuition raise of seven or eight percent.

"There needs to be enough time for students to figure out how much

money they are going to need and put together the amount they are going to need to take care of their education," said GPSC President Amy Sileven, a graduate student in English. "When you slap on increases unexpectedly without students having time to prepare, you inhibit their ability to complete their education."

The council approved motions to encourage the Administration and the Board of Trustees to maintain the normal process in approving increases and not to change projections in 2005-2006.

With the general consensus of the group, the council decided to build a resolution to express its concerns for the plan at the next meeting after receiving more resources on the matter.

GPSC's next meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 7 p.m. in the Cambria Room in the Student Center.

GPSC also considered the possibility of instating 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's main purpose is to replace funds previously obtained from tuition payments and to support the funded debt 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's system," Sileven said. "So it is not a fee that is ever going to get lowered or go away because it would impact the university's credit."

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

Sileven said the only option with this fee would be to have input on how it is used.

"If we wanted it paying off revenue bond indebtedness because that is what it is called, we need to make a commitment to make that heard," Sileven said.

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

GPSC committee members would 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-governed committee to supervise this fee has been in development for over a year. Last year, both the faculty and student representatives argued repeatedly about the voting rights on the committee.

Ultimately, the advisory privileges were awarded to the students by the Board of Trustees based primarily on the fact that faculty members would have been able to vote on matters they brought to the committee.

GPSC plans to work with USG with each having representatives for that term of service. A faculty member representing various areas of fine arts may also serve but without voting rights. Funding would be used to benefit the cultural activities in the visual, literacy, 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 this fall compliments of SIUC's Alpha Phi Alphas.

The Mu Kappa Lambdas, Alpha

Phi Alpha's graduate 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 encourage youth to take the lead.

Corey Bradford, fraternity officer and vice president of financial affairs, said among the projects will be a free car wash, delivery of fruit baskets to homeless and hospitalized women and lawn maintenance and gardening service for single and widowed elderly women.

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**SIU senior Logan Clendenin (left) and sophomore Shannon Novak (right) take their dogs Jaguar and Viper for a swim at the spillway Wednesday afternoon. Viper has had her ears taped for 16 weeks to maintain the classic doberman appearance, and she will get the tape off next week.**



AMBER ARNOLD  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

**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 would be very much felt uncertain in Carbondale and elsewhere on the line to and from Chicago," Magliari said.

While the battle between Amtrak and the federal government has been ongoing for many years, the railroad is the only means of transportation for most rural areas.

"Rural areas and mid-America who don't have other means of transportation other than automobiles would lose out," Monsieur said.

The unveiled six-year plan is the administration's effort to solve Amtrak's continuous budget problem. The U.S. Congress voted in 1997 to give the Amtrak railroad service five years to wean itself of federal support, but Amtrak continues to struggle.

According to Christina Angarola, spokeswoman for Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., the problem right now is that it is difficult to have a profit line going through rural areas because if the cost is raised too much, people will not ride the line.

"That is a decision this country needs to make -- do we want to subsidize our rail systems like other countries do?" Angarola said.

Amtrak is currently dependent on more than \$1 billion

in subsidies, but according to Magliari, the railroad service needs more money to operate efficiently.

The service may need more money, but it will receive less if the president's budget is approved. The proposal is to give Amtrak half of its request for \$1.6 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 to 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 aviation.

"Other modes of transportation in this country including highway and air receive much, much, much more than that," Magliari said.

Monsieur 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 IDOT is diligently working on a plan that it will propose to Illinois representatives because federal funding is very important.

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

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**COAL**

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said. "But at the same time if we have projects that will begin to commercialize things that help generate use of Illinois coal in an environmentally manner, we work hard at trying to promote that also."

During his Southern Illinois bus tour, Blagojevich addressed the needs of the coal industry and talked about clean coal.

"We provided tax incentives to access the technology that's available to clean the high sulfur content out of the Illinois coal," he said. "[It] gives us more energy resources, it's fine and healthy for the environment and puts more people to work in central and Southern Illinois."

Carter said he appreciates that the governor is working to help the coal industry but that the industry needs help from the federal government.

"Obviously, the things the governor does and we all do now is going to have an impact on what's going to happen in 10 to 15 years," he said. "It's an important industry to Southern Illinois and to the people here, and we all want to see it come back around."

The Office of Coal Development has awarded more than \$81 million since the program was launched in 1996.

"The history of coal mining is well documented in Southern Illinois, and it's had ups and downs," Hoback said. "You can go through these small towns, and you can see the businesses shuttered and the homes are deserted, but Governor Blagojevich is doing everything he can to turn that around so we have good-paying coal jobs."

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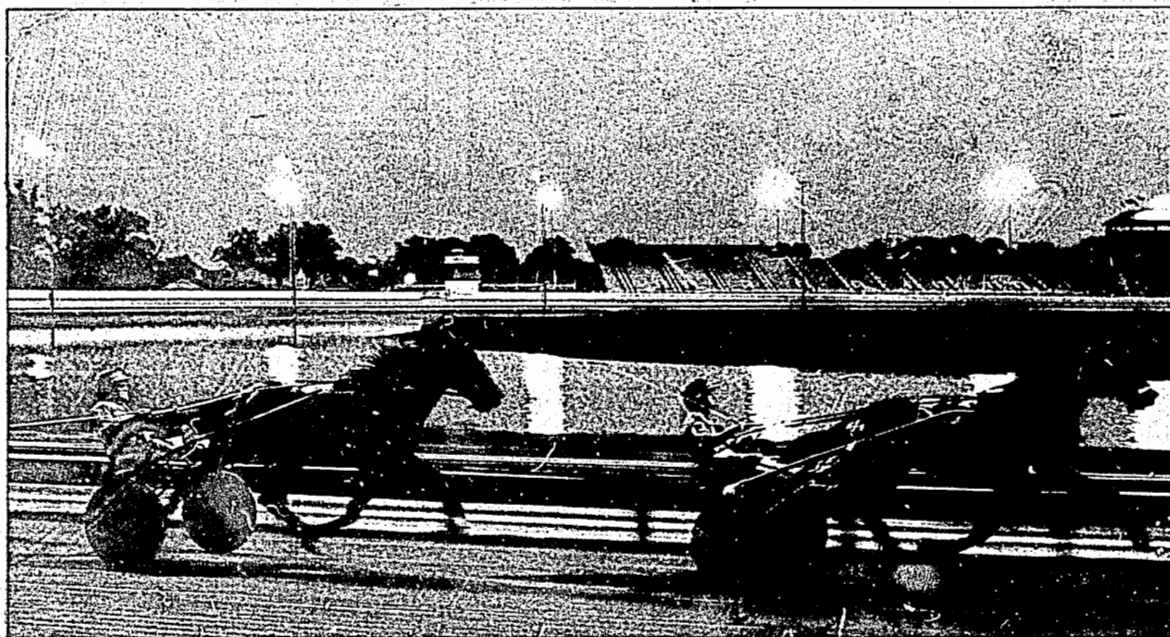
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Al's Scooter leads Miss Downtown going into the 900 backstretch of the historic magic mile during the first ever night of racing under the lights at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds Monday night.

## Breaking AHEAD

The Du Quoin State Fair brings all sorts of people together, but Monday night it reunited two old acquaintances at the horse track

story by MOUSTAFA AYAD AND ZACK CREGLOW

There are few times when two men with two different goals attain them in a single instance. For Steve Stone, a seasoned gambler, it was to break ahead in his betting. For Andy 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 stomped out a smoldering 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 racetrack at the State Fair Grounds are the masses of everyday people all humbly going about their day-making choices. Monday, Aug. 25, was the

first day of races at the State Fair Grounds, starting off the first under-the-lights race ever of the Filly World Trotting Derby in Du Quoin. The lights themselves cost \$300,000.

But the people were not there to view the lights; they sought the thrill of the trotters, the swiftness and grace of the pacers and, of course, the prospect of winning cold, hard cash.

The people all seem to have a story to tell or advice to give, but the real pros are quiet, calculated and follow no rules for success. They know how to win, and win they must.

Some people pass the screens searching for a name to catch their eye — Kind of Smokey, Sugar Donut or Mr. Whistlebritches. Steve Stone stands against a pole idly. Checking his race listing, reading the abbreviations in fine print, b 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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(Top) Veteran gambler Steve Stone cheers on his pick Sing with Me during the final stretch of a one-mile trot harness race around the magic mile at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds. Stone has a background in horse racing, having raced for ten years. Stone understands more about the complicated world of trotters and pacers than average gambler.

Fans shuffle through the lobby of the Du Quoin State Fairground's grandstand Monday afternoon.

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by simply smelling him.

Alongside him are mumbler, people who confer with themselves. Speaking and conversing with themselves in the most intense of dialogues, they seem odd but not out of place. There are many brows within the hall being rubbed and wiped of sweat, but Stone is cool.

He eyes left, he eyes right and then fixes his sight on the screen. In one hand is a beer and in the other his listing. Stone, a man that stands about 6-foot-2 and has an athletic build, circles a horse in the booklet. He does not refer to someone else or even talk to himself; he simply eyes the name: Poe.

Poe is far from the favorite. A black Colt, a male who is 4 years of age or younger, he has only won a lifetime of \$1,805. But Stone is playing to win. And the first bet must be the smart bet. He glides up to the betting booth and places \$20 on Poe to win. This is an attempt to get ahead early.

Stone is sure of himself. He has no look of a downtrodden gambler, and he walks upright and almost bounces on the balls of his feet as he walks, exuding confidence. All around him are various degrees of betters 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 preview race. I had a 3-year-old filly, and man, she was a good one," he said with the trumpets blowing signaling the beginning of the race. "I mean, I am about to puke my guts out sitting there 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." Stone raced horses for 10 years and was turned on to the gambling and handling side of the event by his friend, Tim Barbe, when they bought their first horse, Dreamy Girl, 12 years ago.

He hasn't handled or ridden horses since, but he's become an avid horse race gambler, coming to the race in Du Quoin since the mid 1980s. Last year was the first year he skipped out. Stone is a businessman with a shrewd sense of money; if his betting is a mirror of how he runs his business in Carmi at a restaurant named "Two Tony's," where he is the self-proclaimed fried chicken king, then he is making a killing.

Back at the betting booths where Stone stands in front of the screen, fixated on the live feed of the track watching the horses race by, he simply peers at the tube quietly and stays stoic. This is a trotter race. If a trotter breaks stride, the horse and driver are disqualified. Stone detests these races.

"I hate these damn trotting races," Stone said, drawing a pull off his cigarette. "I bet on them, but I am not as confident betting on them as I am the pacing races."

Poe is going head-to-head with one of the finest racing teams the fair has ever seen: the Miller brothers and their cavalry of well-handled and driven horses.

"I've known Miller for over 15 years," he said. "But I got to try and get ahead."

This race they are racing Blake's Charger with 3-to-1 odds, meaning for every \$1 a better invests, given the horse wins, the better wins \$3. Poe has 4-to-1 odds — not the poorest of chances, but enough to provide Stone a necessary start to an evening of gambling.

Two minutes later it's over, and Stone shakes his head.

"Got to go for the big-time chalk," he said, sporting a broad smile.

Going for the "chalk" is betting on the sure-fire winner, and the next race will have to be a winner if Stone wants to climb out of the \$20 hole he is in.

Seven races later, \$350 is distributed into the pockets of the rollers in the booths. Stone is 3-for-7 and \$20



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A stable hand tightens the reins of Aries Conquest minutes before the two-year-old filly would win the second one-mile pace race of the night. Aries Conquest has won eight straight races and is a sure bet for even the most novice gambler.

change his luck, the eighth race.

"Didn't get it," is all he said, shaking his head and rubbing a smoldering 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 horse drivers wait for their turn to race stands a yellow and white striped awning. The drivers sit underneath 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 huddled under the awning.

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

Horse racing was a big deal to him. He just 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 C-guy veteran. 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 it could be the way he was raised taught him to be more stoic than the average Joe.

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

Like him, the horse he is driving in the eighth race is not like the rest

an unblemished 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 is the horse that has accumulated \$44,058 and is the 4-to-5 odds-on favorite to rake in another \$5,000 purse in the pacer race.

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

"She is as good as any horse I've ever raced," Miller said. "I've drove some really nice racing fillies, and she is as good as any of them."

This is Miller's life. He competes in these harness races for a living. He's not a construction worker, schoolteacher or fireman on the side; just a horse driver. That is his means for money. That means he has to do it a lot to maintain his style of living at his home in Beecher.

"It seems I race every night during the summer," Miller said. "I do these fairs a lot. It pays all right. I am making a living on it."

On this lucid night under the lights, Miller drives all of the horses that his brother Irvin trains. His brother trains a large number of these equines that one would see at a state fair.

With the constant bustle going on around the paddocks, most people would lose their minds in the madness of it all — the lights, the sounds, the carries begging for attention and the pressure.

Thankfully, he has no time to think or let his mind wander.

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

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ness he rides and walks back into the paddock. He is always loose and easy-going. He should be with the way he is performing on this night.

With five races in the books, Miller has a second and a third-place finish to his name.

After his third-place finish, one fellow driver asks how the horse ran for him.

Miller looks at the driver with a half-smile and replies, "She doesn't know what she wants to do. We could have had second there." He then motions his hands like he is beating a drum to signify that the horse was running in an offbeat gallop.

But neither Sing with Me nor

Grant's Charger, the two horses Miller drove, can compare with Aries Conquest. They are fine horses in the trotter races, but they don't have that innate sense of when to kick it to a higher gear like Aries Conquest does.

Aries Conquest knows she is special. She has felt the crowd's applause after all of her victories. Of course, she is going to thirst for more.

"Horses like to win," Miller said. "A horse knows when they are winning. They know 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 should race. The horse is 8-for-8 in first-place 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 race on the front end and she can race from behind," Miller said. "I can only do what's best for the horse. There is some planning going into the race, but you also have to let the race unfold."

The eighth race is next up. His brother just picked up another third in the seventh race, and Irvin is waiting for his brother to stroll back 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.

"That is a fine filly there," said Irvin, a burly, quiet man with massive hands to go with his stature. "She's a good one."

Andy becomes noticeable in the distance 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 from his last race worn, tired and dusty but willing to persevere.

As Andy makes his way into the paddocks, he and his brother both share a smirk. They know what kind of horse they got racing in a few minutes.

"I'm ready," Andy said. "I hope her streak doesn't end here. I don't like making assumptions. It can be bad karma."

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**The Eighth Race**

Stone stood in the stands, eyeing the track.

He had emerged from the confines of the hall to view the races, dispensing his knowledge only when it befitted him. Miller was lining up the horses for the start of the eighth race.

There were seven horses in a row. Stone had done this before racing in his younger days, and the sheer adrenaline could scare anyone off the starting line.

"You sit there behind the horse and you can feel the pull," he said. "They are grunting and snorting. You can feel the power."

In a blink of an eye they were off, with \$110 riding on Aries Conquest and a \$20 exacta, a bet that would land Conquest first and Fox Valley Mickala second. Stone stands peering intently.

Clapping in unison with the clops and trots of the horse's hooves in a rhythmic pace, Stone edged his bets on with his yelling. "Come on. Come on," he screamed in the breaks of his clapping with his lips pressed tight.

Around the first bend Conquest took an early lead, and following behind was Apple Betty, who at one point took the lead. They rounded the first corner, and the dirt came off their hooves in a spray of earth. Apple Betty and Fox Valley Mickala were neck and neck.

And then a horse made a break. Apple Betty overtook Fox Valley Mickala, but not Aries Conquest.

The race was over. Stone was not shaken. The \$120 in the race is not gone. He has lost \$10 but is now \$50 ahead. Aries Conquest has won, but the exacta could have led to a \$210 lead.

This was not the night where Aries Conquest would lose her streak, but the moderate drama should come as no surprise. Miller wisely chose not to push Aries Conquest. She needs to be fresh for Saturday's pacer race final. And the \$60,000 purse that goes to the winner.

"That horse came up on me a little at the end," Miller said. "But I wasn't urging her too much. She did it pretty much on her own. They are taught to be race horses."

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STEVE THE CAR DOCTOR Mobile Mechanic, he makes house calls, 457-7984 or mobile 525-8393.

**Motorcycles**

1976 HONDA CB300T, new tires & battery, ment cond, 4,200 mi, \$1200, call 942-6218.

**Bicycles**

MENS 3 SPEED Schwinn, new tires and tubes, excellent condition, \$75, 998-8222.

**Mobile Homes**

14X70 Windsor, 6X12 p/w, w/d, o/a, must sell, \$5,000 obo, 529-5331.

**Furniture**

B & K USED FURNITURE 4 miles west of Marion on old 13 at 148, next door to Hyve Supply, one of the largest used furniture stores in the area, 993-9008.

BUYING & SELLING USED furniture, antiques, & collectibles call 529-0015, 428 Warren Rd.

COUCH, LOVESEAT & Coffee table for \$275, Entertainment Center \$55 call 351-9315

**FOR RENT**

NICE, \$170 or \$180 + util & \$800 sec dep, use of house & yard, Ref, req, 509 N Oakland, 914-844-4649.

PRIVATE DORM, 1/2 mi from SIU, kitchen, laundry, tv lounge, heat & a/c, only \$210/mo, 549-2631.

SALURU HALL, CLEAN rooms, util incl, \$210/mo, across from SIU, sem lease, call 529-3833 or 529-3815.

**Roommates**

1-2 ROOMMATES NEEDED to share 4 bdrm house ask for Andy 618-201-5666.

1-2 ROOMMATES NEEDED to share 3 bdrm house, near SIU, w/d, o/a, 2 baths, call 303-0468.

FEMALE NON-SMOKER to share fun spacious home w/d/o/a, some util incl, \$200/mo, 687-1774.

ROOMMATE WANTED, w/d, a/c, clean, quiet neighborhood, 3 bdrm 2 bath, 203-1725 leave a message.

**Appliances**

!!!!!! AIR CONDITIONERS !!!!! 5000 BTU-\$45, 10000 - \$125, 18000 - \$185, 28000 - \$265, call 529-5290.

\$100 EACH WASHER, dryer, refrigerator, stove & freezer (90 day warranty) Able Appliances 457-7787.

ACS-WINDOW-small-\$45, medium-\$125, large-\$190, 90 day warranty, Able Appliances, 457-7787

**Small DORM SIZE refrigerator**, in good condition, \$60, call 893-4545

**STACKABLE WASHER/DRYER** 2YR old excellent condition, \$400 obo call 351-9315.

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**WASHER /DRYER** 2yr \$379, Refrigerator 4yr \$175, Stove \$85, Computer \$125 call 457-6372

**Musical**

GUITAR LESSONS CALL Bryan for more info, 924-4899 lv mess.

**Computers**

COMPUTER PROBLEMS? I can help you, 8 years exp in computer skills, A+ & N+ certified, cheap prices, exc references, call Brian 351-0351.

SIU APPLE SALES Center, call 453-8987, macstore@siu.edu, educational discounts avail, apple@siu.edu

**Pets & Supplies**

AKC BOXER PUPPIES, brindle w/black mask, all shots, tails & dew claws done, \$150+, call 303-1412.

GENTLE RIDING HORSE, suitable for trail riding, hunting, and dressage, 2 mi s of SIU, 618-457-6167.

**Miscellaneous**

2KEG BEER COOLER w/ hopper, 8ft standard size pool table w/ accessories \$1200 call 687-2466.

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1 & 2 BDRM HOUSES & APTS, central heating & air, no pets, carpeted, w/d hook-up, 457-7337.

1 & 2 BDRM, avail Sep 1st & Jan 1st, \$315-\$375, 618-697-1774.

1 BDRM \$400, water, trash, & sewer incl, 613 S Washington behind rec & SIUPD, discount on prepaid lease, 684-4626.

1 BDRM APT, near GrandWall C'dale, sublet, swimming pool, call Lauren 618-549-1663.

1 BDRM APTS, furn or unfurn, trdw/d frs, a/c, close to SIU, must be neat and clean, no pets, 457-7782.

1 BDRM EFFICIENCY for \$300/mo or 2 bdrm efficiency for \$400/mo, newly remodeled, 815-229-8748.

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26 YR OLD MALE STUDENT TO SHARE JUST BUILT 3 BDRM house, M'boro all new appl, w/d, d/w, c/a, \$215/mo, 1/3 util, fuel water & trash call Joe (636)938-6599.

3 & 4 BDRM, large rooms, 2 baths, c/a, w/d, no pets, 549-4808 (9am-7pm), rental list-306 W College #4.

3 BDRM HOUSE, 6228 Country Club Rd, w/d, carpet, a/c, lg yard, shaded & private, \$650/mo, 534-7559.

3 BDRM, A/C, \$650/mo, w/d, water & trash incl, lg yard, 517 N Oakland, 525-2531.

4 BDRM HOUSE 1 1/2 bath, west College, hardwoods, no pets, call 549-8100.

APT, HOUSES, & trailers Fall '03 listing avail, 104 N Almond or call 201-6191.

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CDALE 2 BDRM farmhouse, country setting, carport, basement, no pets, no parties, fishing privileges, ref req, \$625/mo, 457-3534.

CDALE JUST AVAIL, 3 mi south near Cedar Lake, 3 bdrm, out building on acreage, great location avail immediately, 549-7867 or 967-7867.

CDALE, 2 BDRM, 1 1/2 bath, garage, no pets, 1st & 2nd dep, \$650/mo, 549-3733.

CDALE, 3 BDRM, c/a, w/d hookups, basement, no dogs, water, trash incl, 204 E College, \$675/mo, 687-2475.

COUNTRY SETTING, 2 bdrm, carpet, gas appl, c/a, pets ok, \$350/mo, wheel chair access, \$375 & \$475, after 5pm call 684-5214 or 521-0258 avail now.

NICE 3 BDRM, 300 S Union, close to SIU, ref, no pets, first, last + dep req, n-457-7108 or c-534-1794.

NICE, UNFURN, 2 bdrm, 2 bath, den, w/d hook-up, big yard, \$590/mo + dep, yr lease, 529-2535.

NOW RENTING 4, 3, 2, & 1 bdrms, 549-4808 (9am-7pm) no pets, rental list at 306 W College #4.

PET FRIENDLY RENTALS: reasonable 1 & 2 bdrm apts & houses in M'boro, 6 mi from SIU, \$225-\$400, 687-2787.

PRIVATE COUNTRY SETTING, 3 bdrm, extra nice, c/a/r, 2 baths, w/d, 2 decks, no pets 549-4808 (9am-7pm)

TOWNE-SIDE WEST APARTMENTS AND HOUSES Paul Bryant Rentals 457-5684 Cheryl K. Paul, Dave .....We have you covered!.....

1 & 2 BDRM MOBILE HOMES, on SIU bus route, \$235-\$305/mo, water & trash incl, no pets, 549-4471.

1, 2, & 3 bdrm mobile homes on big shady lot, 2 mi of SIU, students welcome, 618-457-6167.

2 & 3 bdrms, nicely decorated & furn, w/d, 3 locations, \$330-\$540/mo, avail May or Aug, no pets, 457-3321.

2 BDRM 1 bath, c/a, w/d, partially furn, 2 blocks from campus, no pets, \$350, 529-1422.

2 BDRM 2 bath, HUGE living room, furn, c/a, w/d, great location on SIU bus route, no pets, 549-0491 or 457-0609.

2 BDRM, CLEAN, on SIU bus route, \$230-\$300, absolutely no pets, incl water, trash, w/d maint call 549-1600.

2 BDRM, UNFURN trailer, \$285/mo, pets ok, no a/c, 457-5631.

CARBONDALE, 2 BDRM, located in quiet park, \$185-\$550/mo, call 529-2432 or 684-2663.

CDALE, \$235/MO, NEWLY REMODELED, VERY CLEAN, 1 bdrm duplex, between Logan/SIU, water, trash, lawn care incl, no pets, 529-3674 or 534-4795, rentapartmentsincarbonadale.com

CDALE, 2 BDRM, \$250/mo, 2 bdrm \$250 & up/mo, water, gas, lawn & trash incl, no pets, 618-924-1900.

NEW 10X60, 2 full bath, 2 bdrm, c/a, w/d hook-up, walk-in closet, \$450/mo, 201-6191.

NEW 2 BDRM 1 bath, super efficient, furn, c/a, d/w, w/d, 2 blocks from campus, no pets, \$475, 529-1422.

NEW 2 BDRM, 2 full bath, super efficient, furn, c/a, d/w, w/d, 2 blocks from campus, no pets \$550, 529-1422.

NICE 1 BDRM, for 1 person, furn, shaded lot, near rec center, ref no pets, call 457-7639.

**Quiet and Affordable**  
2 bdrm starting at \$280  
Recently remodeled, quiet, safe, private laundry, yard maint provided.  
lg shaded yd, some pets allowed  
Schilling Property Management  
635 E Walnut  
618-549-0895

VERY NICE LG 3 bdrm, 2 bath, ideal for 2 students, furn, c/a, small quiet park near campus, no pets, 549-0491 or 457-0609.

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WEDGEWOOD HILLS 2 & 3 bdrm, furn, c/a, storage, \$380-\$480, no pets, 549-5596.

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GYMNASTIC INSTRUCTORS NEEDED, Ultimate Gymnastics Center, call 351-6296.

HOSTESS, SOME LUNCH hours needed, PT, apply in person, Quatro's Pizza, 218 W Freeman.

M'BORO DAIRY QUEEN, 1700 Walnut, if you worked at Dairy Queen at home, come work for us OR any mature, interested person welcome.

MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL Adapt of Illinois provides psychiatric rehabilitation services to persons w/ chronic mental illness. Position open in Nursing Home -based program in C'dale, IL. MS or BS Health Human Services and related responsibilities include coordinating individual / group services, advocacy work, vocational training, and case management, mail/fax resume to: Adapt of Illinois, Attn: Samantha, 400 S. Front St., Cobden IL 62920, Fax:618-893-2971 or email to: illinois.opportunities@adaptusa.com no phone calls please, EOIE.

MIGRANT WORKERS NEED volunteers to teach English at the migrant camps, 549-5672.

MOVIE EXTRAS/MODELS NEEDED, no exp. required, earn up to \$500-\$1000 per day, 1-888-820-0167, ext. 0166.

PERSONAL ASSISTANTS & TUTORS needed on a referral basis to assist students w/ disabilities, apply at DSS, Woody Hall B-150.

PHOTOGRAPHERS/ASSISTANTS, mainly Saturdays, exp good but not necessary, must be good w/children, start immed, send resume to The Sports Section, PO Box 111, Marion IL, 62959 or email at cheche@midamer.net

PIZZA COOKS, EXP, neat appearance, apply in person, Quatro's Pizza, 218 W Freeman.

PIZZA DELIVERY DRIVER, neat appearance, PT, some lunch hours needed, apply in person, Quatros Pizza, 218 W Freeman.

PRESCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED mornings C'dale school schedule OCF's qualified Presbyterian Preschool call 529-1264

PROMOTIONS DIRECTOR, EVENT Coordinator, top pay, commissions, class credit, internships available, 618-457-5641.

SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS needed, C'dale & M'boro area, good PT work, we train, call 549-3913 or 684-6911 or apply in person at West Bus Service, 700 New Era Rd C'dale, across from A&D.

SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS pt. & transit drivers pt, must be 21 years of age, clean driving record, able to pass physical drug test, & criminal background test, Beck Bus, 549-2877.

TRY US, BARTENDERS, FEMALE, PT, WILL TRAIN, uniform will consist of shorts, exp pay, Johnston City, call 982-8402.

**Services Offered**

CHEAP PRIVATE LSAT tutoring call Cameron, call 618 203-1668

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TOP SOIL AVAIL, get your top soil in place for fall planting, drive-way rock also avail, call 687-3578, 528-0707.

**Wanted**

FORD ESCORTS & Ford Taurus w/ mechanical prob's/m, 1993-present date, 217-534-6069.

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**Free Pets**

KITTENS OR PUPPIES to give away? 3 lines for 3 days FREE in the Daily Egyptian Classifieds!

LAB/POUND PUPS, MALES, to responsible homes, Spay/Neuter required, 618-351-6135 for more info.

**Lost**

MISSING KITTEN All gray faint tiger stripes on face, yellow eyes, 4 mo old, lost in west elm at area reward offered, call 549-3988

**Found**

FOUND ADS 3 lines, 3 days FREE! 539-3311

SMALL BRED BROWN and white dog, please call 618-351-6135 to ID.

**Tired of dancing alone?**

**Find someone to dance with at Dawg Dates.**



**Free Membership • No Spam**  
[www.DawgDates.com](http://www.DawgDates.com)

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**One Bedroom**

- 507 S. Ash #13
- 509 S. Ash #21
- 208 W. Hospital #1

**Two Bedroom**

- 512 S. Beveridge #4
- 405 W. Cherry Court
- 310 W. College #2
- 113 S. Forest
- 208 W. Hospital #1
- 400 W. Oak #1
- 511 N. Oakland

**Three Bedroom**

- 514 S. Ash #4
- 507 S. Beveridge #1
- 508 S. Beveridge
- 509 S. Beveridge #3
- 405 W. Cherry Court

**Three Bedroom cont.**

- 300 E. College
- 409 W. College #3
- 503 W. College #3
- 113 S. Forest
- 511 S. Hays
- 402 E. Hester
- 614 S. Logan
- 400 W. Oak #1
- 511 N. Oakland
- 509 S. Rawlings #6

**Four Bedroom**

- 508 S. Ash #1
- 508 S. Beveridge
- 300 E. College
- 113 S. Forest
- 402 E. Hester

**Five Bedroom**

- 300 E. College

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**Spring Break**  
 #1 SPRING BREAK Company in Acapulco is now offering 3 destinations. Go Loco in Acapulco, Party in Vallarta, or get Crazy in Cabo- all with BIANCHI-ROSSI Tours Book by Oct 31 - get FREE MEALS! Organize a group and travel for Free. Call for details 800-875-4525 or www.bianchi-rossi.com

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**\$5 Internet Classifieds**



Connect Your Ad To The Rest Of The World With The Daily Egyptian

**HELP WANTED**  
**Circulation Driver**  
 • Night Shift  
 • Must be enrolled at SIUC for at least 6 credit hours  
 • Must be enrolled for fall semester 2003  
 • Good driving record a must

Complete a DE employment application available at the DE customer service desk in room 1259, Comm. Bldg.

**The Inter-Greek Council**  
 Welcomes you back for the 2003-2004 school year.  
**Go Greek!**  
 453-2633  
 AKA ZΦB IΦG EAB ΣΦE KΑΨ EAT

**21st Annual National Championships**  
**Amateur**  
 Support Sahli Football during the 20th Anniversary of the 1983 National Championship

Run Dates:  
 Thursday, September 11, 2003  
 Friday, September 12, 2003  
 Advertising Deadlines:  
 Tuesday, September 9, 2003

Contact: Daily Egyptian Advertising (618) 536-3311 • dadvirt@daily.com

Running Thursday, September 11th this special advertising section will be promoting the SIUC home game against Murray State (Sat. Sept. 13, at 6 p.m.). Contact your Daily Egyptian Advertising Representative today and let the Carbondale community know that your organization bleeds Sahli Maroon.

**Daily Egyptian • 536-3311**

Destroying frowns around town.

Call today

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Smile Ads, because you care!

**The Daily Egyptian**

**THE DAWG HOUSE**  
 Your Guide to finding the best place to live  
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Inter-Greek Council wants to congratulate the Incoming and thank the Outgoing Officers of **2003-2004!**

	Incoming	Outgoing
President	Andrew Hudgens BΘΠ	Kell Belonges ΞΚ
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Secretary	Karl Stark ΞΚ	Melanie Hankins ΔΖ
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Theta Xi Director	Jayne Swanke ΑΓΑ	Sarah McMillin ΞΚ
Academics	Nicole Khaladkar ΔΖ	Nicole Khaladkar ΔΖ
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NPC President	Jenny Shaughnessy ΓΧ	
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**Daily Egyptian Classified Advertising Order Form**

20 Auto	100 Appliances	180 Auctions/Sales	270 Mobile Homes	345 Free	445 Travel
25 Parts & Service	110 Stereo Equip	185 Yard Sales	280 Mobile Home lot	346 Free Pets	450 Personals
30 Motorcycles	115 Musical	FOR RENT	290 Comm Property	350 Lost	460 "900" Numbers
40 Bicycles	120 Electronics	200 Rooms	300 Want to Rent	360 Found	480 Web Sites
50 Rec Vehicles	125 Computers	210 Roommates	310 HELP WANTED	370 Rides Needed	
60 Homes	130 Cameras	220 Sublease	315 Bus. Opport.	380 Riders Needed	
70 Mobile Homes	135 Books	230 Apartments	320 Employ. Wanted	430 Entertainment	
80 Real Estate	140 Sport Goods	240 Townhouses	330 Serv. Offered	432 Food	
90 Antiques	160 Pets & Supply	250 Duplexes	335 Religious Serv.	435 Announcements	
95 Furniture	170 Miscellaneous	260 Houses	340 Wanted	440 Spring Break	

**Classified Advertising Rates**

1 Day....(3 line minimum)....\$1.40 per line  
 3 Days.....\$1.19 per line  
 5 Days.....\$1.02 per line  
 10 Days.....\$.87 per line  
 20 Days.....\$.73 per line

**Directions**

- \* Complete all 6 steps.
- \* One letter or number per space.
- \* Periods and commas use one space.
- \* Skip one space between words.
- \* Count any part of a line as a full line.

1 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

2 Classification # \_\_\_\_\_

3 Run Ad  
 1 Day  
 3 Days  
 5 Days  
 10 Days  
 20 Days

4 Calculating Payment  
 Multiply total number of lines times cost per line as indicated under rates. For example if you run a five line ad for 5 days, total cost is \$25.50 (\$1.02x5linesx5 days). Add 15¢ per word/per day for bold words and 15¢ per line/day for centering.

5 \_\_\_\_\_

6 Method of Payment  
 Check or money order enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:  
 Daily Egyptian  
 SIUC  
 Mailcode 6887  
 Carbondale, IL 62901

**2003 CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING POLICY**  
 Please Be Sure To Check  
 Your Classified Advertisement For Errors On The First Day Of Publication

The Daily Egyptian cannot be responsible for more than ONE day's incorrect insertion (no exceptions). Advertisers are responsible for checking their ads for errors on the FIRST day they appear. Advertisers stopping insertions are responsible for checking their ads on the FIRST day they are to cease appearing. The Daily Egyptian will not be responsible for more than one day's insertion for a classified ad that is to be stopped. Errors not the fault of the advertiser which lessen the value of the advertisement will be adjusted.

Classified advertising running with the Daily Egyptian will not be automatically renewed. A callback will be given on the day of expiration. If customer is not at the phone number listed on their account it is the responsibility of the customer to contact the Daily Egyptian for ad renewal.

All classified advertising must be processed before 2 p.m. to appear in the next day's publication. Anything processed after 2 p.m. will go in the following day's publication.

Classified advertising must be paid in advance except for those accounts with established credit. A service charge of \$25.00 will be added to the advertiser's account for every check returned to the Daily Egyptian unpaid by the advertiser's bank. Early cancellations of classified advertisement will be charged a \$2.50 service fee. Any refund under \$2.50 will be forfeited due to the cost of processing.

All advertising submitted to the Daily Egyptian is subject to approval and may be revised, rejected, or cancelled at any time.

The Daily Egyptian assumes no liability if for any reason it becomes necessary to omit any advertisement.

A sample of all mail-order items must be submitted and approved prior to deadline for publication.

No ads will be mis-classified.

Place your ad by phone at 618-536-3311 Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or visit our office in the Communications Building, room 1259.

Advertising-only Fax # 618-453-3248



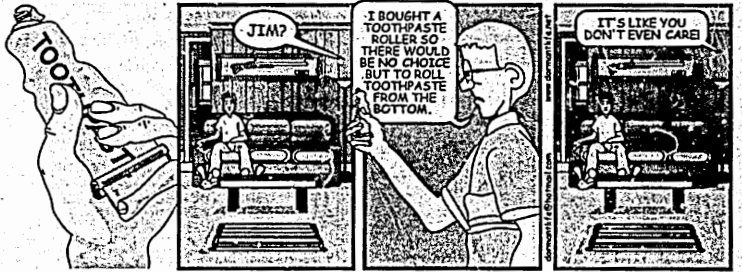


### Deadline To Apply For A Student Medical Benefit Extended Care Fee Refund 's Friday, August 29, 2003!

The **DEADLINE** to apply for a Student Medical Benefit Extended Care Fee refund is *Friday, August 29, 2003*. To apply for a refund, a student must present his/her insurance policy booklet or the schedule of benefits along with the insurance wallet I.D. card to Student Health Programs, Student Medical Benefit (Insurance) office, Kesnar Hall, Room 118. All students, including those who have applied for a Cancellation Waiver and whose fees are not yet paid, must apply for the refund before the deadline. Students 17 and under need a parent's signature.



### Dormant Life



### NO APPARENT REASON

by

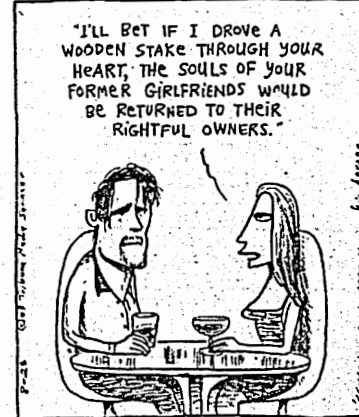
BRIAN E. HOLLOWAY



### STICKMAN AND JACKAL



### The Quigmans by Buddy Hickerson



### Daily Horoscope

By Linda C. Black

**Today's Birthday (Aug. 28).** You're awesome this year. You don't know your own strength. Be gentle yet strong. 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:** 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

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

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

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

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** - Today is an 8 - Far from getting you stuck in a rut, repetition can set you free. As your skills improve, you'll naturally move up to a whole new level.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Today is a 5 - Subtle changes are going on. You'll need to be more careful with your money for the next few weeks, but romance could be a lot more fun. Tell the truth in both areas of your life, and all will go well.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - Today is a 10 - If you can wait just a bit longer, a logjam will break up by itself. Continue to push for the outcome you want - gently. Then, quickly jump out of the way.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** - Today is a 4 - The point of checking every detail is to rise to the highest standard. You may have to drop some old habits to do it, but perfection is worth the effort.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - Today is a 9 - Something you've been worried about at home is child's play to your friends. You've been trying to do it alone. No wonder it looked so big.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - Today is a 5 - You may have the feeling that everyone disagrees with whatever you say. That may be the case, so don't push. You'll convince them more easily tomorrow.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Today is an 8 - You should have built up a pretty good head of steam-by now. That'll make it easier to get past the last major barrier. Go for it!

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - Today is a 5 - Put your activities on hold for a little while. Focus your attention to holding onto what you have.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - Today is an 8 - A partnership is more than just hanging out with a friend. It's looking out for the other person. Well, maybe friendship is a big part of the mix. Enjoy.

**Coupon**  
\$2.50 Off Used CD's or DVD's  
\$5.99 Value or Higher  
expires September 15<sup>th</sup>

No Stamps given for this Sale  
**Buy Sell Trade**



Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.  
**1 MORE WEEK DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND**

**LARGE CHEESE PIZZA**  
**\$4.99**

\$1.00 EACH ADDITIONAL TOPPING

**549-1111**

Valid only at Carbondale Location. Other fees may apply. Additional toppings extra.

Expires Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> 03

### JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

RYTUL

NOROH

LINOCU

TRYGEN

Answers: "RYTUL" "NOROH" "LINOCU" "TRYGEN"

Answers tomorrow

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### THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Arington

Just two grams of hot

High in heat, low in fat

Practiced by the dieting couple.

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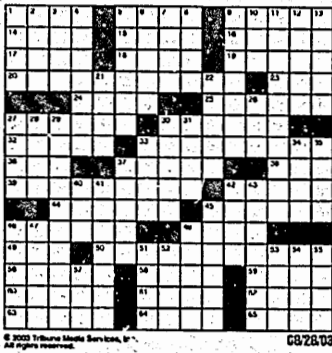
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Yesterday's Jumble: ABIDE MANLY TYRANT COUPLE Answer: What she hoped to meet on the sing-a-cruise - A DREAMSOAT

# Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Continues
  - 5 Cyrillic USSR
  - 9 Market passage
  - 14 Kind of side
  - 15 Stew pot
  - 16 Streamlet
  - 17 TV award
  - 18 Chestnut-and-gray horse
  - 19 Video-game name
  - 20 Relative of the Trevi fountain?
  - 21 Writing tool
  - 24 Fortas and
  - 25 Chinese tea
  - 27 Spain and Portugal
  - 30 Hang in there!
  - 32 Hang in the balance
  - 33 Bout at the top of the card
  - 36 Pose-Jon's domain
  - 37 Paint's warts
  - 38 Cavalry w/ a
  - 39 In respo-ns to an order



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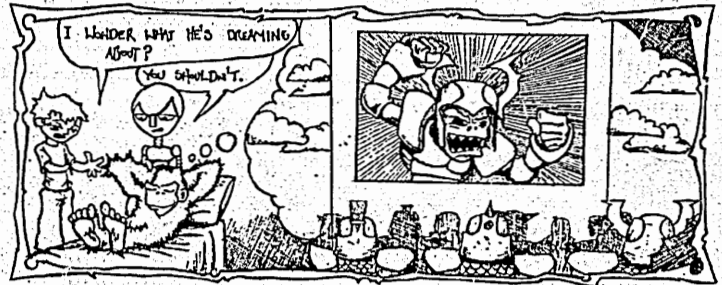
- 42 Drain cover
- 44 Sylvester's tormentor
- 45 Dried grape
- 46 Monks of Nikon
- 48 Space starter?
- 49 AAA info
- 50 Cold War division
- 56 Surrealist painter Max
- 58 Glob of paint
- 59 Exon nval
- 60 100-length donation
- 61 Italian art patron
- 62 Blockhead
- 63 Revoked
- 64 Arms of 'Nana'
- 65 Lot's and lots

- Solutions**
- 6 Obstructs
  - 7 Talon
  - 8 Oriental unit
  - 9 Ear shell
  - 10 NYC subway line
  - 11 Afternoon dramas
  - 12 Actress Sophia
  - 13 by (just managing)
  - 21 Heron relative
  - 22 Pork cuts
  - 26 1967 Jack
  - 27 Afternoon moving
  - 28 there, done that
  - 29 Performances
  - 30 Sideshow barker, e.g.
  - 31 Hurred a song
  - 32 Cassia dish
  - 34 Reply to the Little Red Hen
  - 35 Ager of parents?
  - 37 Vain
  - 40 Be indebted

- 41 Earned
- 42 Tilt of 'footsie'
- 43 Read the
- 45 Hot sandwich
- 46 Greek island
- 47 Courtyards
- 48 Perceptive
- 51 Sappho works
- 52 Boss Tweed caricaturist
- 53 Singer Guthrie
- 54 Desktop image
- 55 Stent assents
- 57 Ship's pronoun

Adam

by J. Tierney



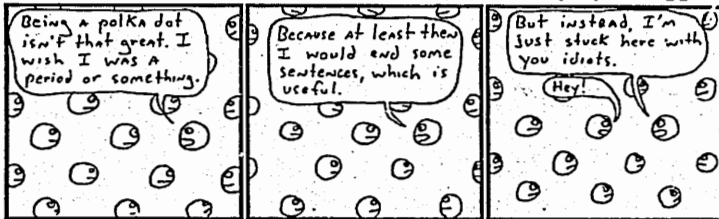
## Weapon of mass destruction.

By Alex Ayala



## Sherbert

by Ryan Wiggins



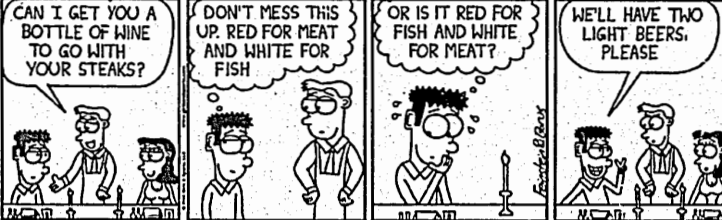
## Rouge Agent

Thomas Shaner



## Girls and Sports

by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



## Duckbumps

Zhen Xu



## 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 2:00p.m. on Thursday August 28, 2003. The lots will reopen at 4:00p.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.

## Mancow's Morning Madhouse.

# INSIDE THE DAWGHOUSE

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DAILY EGYPTIAN

AUGUST 28, 2003



DAILY EGYPTIAN FILE PHOTOS



(Above) SIU senior running back Muhammad Abdulqadir saw his first action with the Salukis in last season's opener against Kentucky Wesleyan. He went on to become one of the top backs in the nation as he rushed for 1,331 yards and 20 touchdowns. Before coming to SIU, Abdulqadir earned All-America honors at Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College. After injuring his knee during his sophomore season, Division I-A schools lost interest in him.

No phrase sums up the three years that Saluki star running back Muhammad Abdulqadir spent in Kansas better than that state's slogan ...

## to the stars through difficulties

story by TODD MERCHANT

Before being considered the frontrunner for the Payton Award. Before breaking his thumb last season. Before setting numerous school and conference records.

Well before coming to SIU, Muhammad Abdulqadir was just another high 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," Abdulqadir said. "Then they would go over to the main office and look at my transcript and I would never hear from them again."

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

His high school

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

Abdulqadir 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 players include Cincinnati Bengals running back Corey Dillon and Tennessee Titans back Chris Brown, who finished eighth in Heisman voting last year while playing for the University of Colorado.

Abdulqadir viewed Coffeyville as a new beginning. He had left the Gateway City, the place he'd called home for 18 years, and headed west to a place that was in the middle of nowhere.

"It was like a rebirth," he said.

It wasn't an easy transition for the compact speedster. His coach thought he was too small to play during his first year with the Ravens, fearing he wouldn't be able to keep a hold on the ball.

His coach decided to redshirt him.

"It was a devastation," he said. "I didn't go to practice for two weeks. I was used to being 'the man.'"

"It was a learning process."

Abdulqadir waited for his chance. He knew it would only be a matter of time before he would show his coach that he deserved a spot in the starting backfield.

But waiting for one's turn was nothing new at Coffeyville or in the KJCCC.

A conference with seven national titles to its credit, the KJCCC always had a horde of the country's top juco-level players flocking to the eight-team league, which often created logjams on the teams' depth charts.

"The talent is unbelievable," said Saluki wide receiver Courtney Abbott, who played with Abdulqadir at Coffeyville. "We would bring in 110 guys into fall camp, and if somebody gets hurt,

somebody wasn't playing well, they would just put you to the side and the next one was just as good."

"Physically, you had to be at the top of your game."

In the fall of 2000, Abdulqadir finally proved he belonged: He beat out the top two players for the starting tailback spot. And he didn't disappoint.

He totaled 1,130 rushing yards and 15 touchdowns, which earned him All-America honors. While the entire season was a success for Abdulqadir, it was the seventh game of the season that helped seal his fate as one of the Coffeyville greats.

That game was a microcosm of his career in football — coming back from adversity en route to glory.

Abdulqadir had been sick that night and was drowsy from medication. He was not ready to play football. However, none of this hindered his performance as he ran for a conference record 381 yards that night on only 22 carries.

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, so I really didn't care; I didn't really feel like playing," Abdulqadir said. "I wanted [my backup] to get some playing time. I was telling my coach, but they insisted on me to break the record."

Heading into the next season, he gained some weight and didn't feel as athletic, but that didn't stop him from continuing to put up big numbers. He was well on his way to another All-America season before going down in the seventh game of the season with a knee injury.

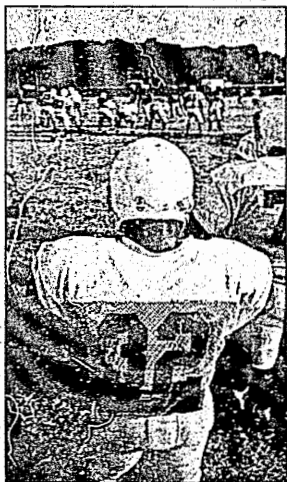
The Ravens were once again playing Fort Scott and they were ahead by more than two scores when Abdulqadir was pulled from the game in the fourth quarter. He was quickly forced back into action after his replacement fumbled the ball twice.

"My emotion level had come down, my pads were unstrapped and my mind was out of the game," he said. "I was done playing."

On the next play, Abdulqadir knocked knees

"It was a devastation. I didn't go to practice for two weeks. I was used to being 'the man.'"

— Muhammad Abdulqadir, senior running back, SIU football



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Abdulqadir is likely to draw plenty of attention from NFL scouts this season. But if he doesn't succeed in the pros, he plans to become an entrepreneur.

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# Williams returns to the States

Former Saluki star may return to SIU Arena for exhibition

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According to Kent Williams, he will probably make one final appearance on the court at SIU Arena. After deciding against staying in Turkey to play professionally, Williams has been offered a spot playing for Athletes in Action, a team that faces SIU Nov. 6 in the Salukis' exhibition opener.

While the potential matchup would be interesting to fans, head coach Matt Painter isn't looking forward to it.



Williams

"Come on, Kent," Painter said when first informed of the possibility. "Why's he trying to do that to us?" "It would be interesting for him to come back and be on the other side. I hope not because we had him for so long on our side and he helped us win so many games. I'd rather not coach against him because I know how competitive he is and I know how fired up he gets to play, especially in this arena."

Just a few days ago, though, Williams was thousands of miles from the Arena, trying out with a Turkish professional team before ultimately deciding against it.

"The basketball, the level wasn't really as high as I thought it was gonna be, and the facilities weren't very nice," Williams said. "I know that you gotta expect that when you go over there, but I just didn't really like that part of it. And the language barrier there in Turkey, they really don't speak very good English. It's different from other European countries, but there they didn't speak very good English, and it's just hard to communicate."

Williams stayed at a hotel about 20 minutes from his team's training facility, but he would have had to go through the troublesome tasks of finding more permanent housing and transportation in Istanbul, a city of about 10 million where Williams said walking the streets is not safe.

"I'm more of a small-town guy, not really a city person, so it was a little difficult," Williams said.

"I know I didn't give it a long chance, but I just knew right away that I wasn't gonna like it."

Though he was extremely unfamiliar with Turkey, Williams is much more comfortable with Athletes in Action. He played for an AIA team on a tour of Poland prior to his senior season at SIU.

Athletes in Action is tentatively scheduled to start its college exhibition tour in early November with Saint Louis, SIU and Indiana and finish with Iowa and Alabama.

Williams is going to use AIA's

month-long schedule against college teams to get in shape for the winter basketball season, which it when he hopes to find a home with either a Continental Basketball Association team or one in the National Basketball Development League team.

Both the CBA and NBDL are developmental leagues where players can be called up by NBA teams at any point during the season. Former Saluki Troy Hudson was called up from a CBA team in 1999, and he's been in the NBA ever since.

Williams won't be the first former Saluki to return to the court on an opposing exhibition team. Aminu Timberlake did the same in 1997 after his three-year Saluki career ended in 1996. Ian Stewart, who played with the Dawgs from 1991 to 1995, also returned to Carbondale with an exhibition team.

Though he's not the first, he's certainly the most accomplished and adored in the community. Williams finished his career as a four-year starter and fan favorite with 2,012 points, 76 shy of Charles "Chico" Vaughn's career scoring record.

But until he joins the AIA team, Williams will have his hands full with preparation for his next possible endeavor into professional basketball.

"I'll be in Mt. Vernon, Carbondale, probably both, just any place I can work out but just really try to get myself in the best shape possible before I go into it all," Williams said.

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## BRENNER

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McAndrew Stadium is in worse shape than the Parthenon, and the SIU Arena is likely on its last legs. If the department loses funding now, all the progress of the last few years could amount to nothing.

The basketball program does an amazing job luring players despite the SIU Arena's 1960s Cold War "we're all going to die" vibe, and the fact that any player wants to play at McAndrew should be considered an act of divine intervention.

When Kowalczyk was courting a high-ranking official in the Athletic Department, he managed to avoid showing that person the football stadium despite several requests.

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with a teammate, which caused him to tear his anterior cruciate ligament, effectively ending his career at Coffeyville and any hopes of ever playing Division I-A football.

He had committed to play at Washington State, but after seeing his medical charts, the Cougars opted instead to sign a back from Butler County Community College, which is also in the KJCCC.

"At this point I was down and out because my ultimate dream was to play on Saturday on ESPN," Abdulqadir said. "I never really had a dream. I still don't have a dream to play in the NFL. I just wanted to play college football."

The first school to come calling was Idaho State, which had strong ties to the Washington State program. Abdulqadir instead decided he wanted to remain close to his home in St. Louis and chose to sign with SIU.

Another key to his signing with the Salukis was the fact that two of the assistant coaches — Brian Anderson and Tom Matukewicz

The reason? One look at McAndrew could have blown the hire because it is the football stadium equivalent of an 800-pound bearded lady with severe body odor and leprosy.

These things cannot be remedied without money, and much of it is not likely to come from private donors. Last spring's \$4.5 million donation from an ex-football player was an aberration. For a school its size, SIU's private athletic support — not that kind of support — is poor at best.

Some would argue Saluki Athletics is one of the most expendable programs in the university during this time, and they make a valid point. Athletics, despite what idealistic athletes and coaches say, is not an essential part of the educational process.

— had coached at Coffeyville during Abdulqadir's first two seasons with the Ravens.

This was no coincidence. One of SIU head coach Jerry Kill's first moves after taking over the Salukis was to form a pipeline to the Jayhawk Conference. A native of Cheney, Kan., Kill is well aware of the prowess of the KJCCC and has stocked his squad with at least six players from the league during each of his three seasons at SIU.

"It's probably the top junior college conference in the country as far as football goes," Kill said. "Usually when there's a football player that somebody's trying to place, they go to Jayhawk. We've picked up several players that are good players."

Although Abdulqadir had some ties to SIU, he actually knew very little about his future school. He had only heard of it before when he was in seventh grade and his father came to the university to give speeches.

"I didn't even know they had a football team," he said.

Since then, Abdulqadir had put Saluki football on the map. Rushing for 1,331 yards and 20 touchdowns last year, he is considered one of the top players in the nation and a frontrunner for the Payton Award,

But this is irrelevant. SIU Athletics has been giving to the university for the past three years and likely played a pivotal role in keeping enrollment numbers steady after the tuition blitz and the Halloween riots.

Of course, none of this is final. The task force only recommends the changes to the chancellor, and it is up to him if he wants to bankrupt one of his finest-oiled departmental machines.

Walter Wendler is free to make the decision at any time, and if he does, he may as well adopt the task force's plaid-sky recommendation as well.

And if the sky turns plaid, the bottom of the Missouri Valley Conference standings may soon turn maroon.

which is given to the best player in Division I-AA.

Depending on how well he does this year, Abdulqadir will garner the attention of professional scouts. Although he would jump at the opportunity to play in the NFL someday, he is not going to, as he puts it, "put all of his rocks into one bag."

A university studies major, Abdulqadir is looking toward a career as an entrepreneur if football doesn't pan out. His only real goal in life is to not end up on the streets as some washed-up athlete.

"When I was young, back in those days, I had told myself that I'm never going back to St. Louis," Abdulqadir said. "So I did all I could to stay away."

"I've seen a lot of people just fall to the wayside, people that had talent, people that could have done something with themselves. Some of them chose the wrong path and some of them just got caught up. I'm one of a very small percentage of people that have a chance to make it out of that type of stuff."

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

"This game is going to be sort of like putting food in our belly."

Running back LaVar Ammons is the unquestioned star for Quincy. He ran for 1,650 yards and scored 13 touchdowns a year ago. Ammons also caught 30 passes for 227 yards providing Quincy with a double threat.

Other key cogs of the offense that return are wide receivers Adrian Dixon, who caught 39 passes for 448 yards, and Keith Koopmann, who caught 38 passes for 373 yards.

At quarterback, Quincy's spread, no-huddle offense will be led by red-shirt freshman Matt Wehrle.

The Saluki defense thinks it can take advantage of Wehrle's inexperience, but since it has no tape on him, they are not sure what Wehrle is capable of doing.

"We don't know that much about him and his talent," Kill said.

"I know that's a fun offense to be in and we've done a little bit of that before, but again, there's an unknown factor in a first game. We just need to be ready to play."

Quincy's defense is also an unknown as the Hawks have a new defensive coordinator and are expected to run a different scheme than they did a year ago.

When asked about Quincy, Abdulqadir said he did not even know where Quincy was, but he is not going to overlook the lower division team just because he is unfamiliar with it.

"I would imagine from the types of things I've seen on them as far as film goes that they're not going to be a team that we're going to come out and power-drive," Abdulqadir said.

"They're going to be some competition."

Last season, the Salukis dominated their two Division II opponents by a combined score of 154-21, beating Kentucky Wesleyan 78-0 on opening night and later West Virginia Tech 76-21.

Unfortunately, the Salukis lost the two games in between the D-II's to Southeast Missouri State 21-14 and to Murray State 42-24.

Abdulqadir said that might be in part due to the little competition Kentucky Wesleyan

provided the Salukis and said he looks forward to receiving a stiffer test from Quincy.

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

"A lot of times it has the potential to catch you not ready when you play a respectable team."

Those two blowouts a year ago have left fans expecting a similar outcome on opening night. But the players are not worried about having to score so many points against Quincy in order to meet fans' expectations.

"As long as you're winning, it doesn't matter," Moreland said.

"A W's a W, and an L's an L, so if we beat them 10-6, it shouldn't matter as long as we're winning."

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# SIU football ready to shine under the lights



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The SIU football team will be returning to McAndrew Stadium tonight to play under the lights against Quincy University at 7:05 p.m.

## Salukis not tipping their hand to opponents

Coach Kill keeps his game plan secret

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 Daily Egyptian

Tom Koutsos won't have to suffer anymore. He won't have to watch his teammates from the sideline and know he can't do anything to help.

But most likely, the senior running back will still have to start the game on the sidelines.

Tonight's game against Quincy will be the first time in the decorated running back's career in which he isn't the starting tailback for the Salukis. Muhammad Abdulqadir is starting in that role.

Koutsos, though, isn't bothered by it. He gets to lower his shoulder tonight against a non-Saluki for the first time since he broke his hand against Murray

State last season.

"Everyone is getting sick and tired of hitting each other," Koutsos said. "It's going to feel awesome. It's time to go and hit someone else."

Since the time Koutsos announced he would return to SIU back in January, fans and the media alike have been wondering just how Saluki head coach Jerry Kill is going to utilize his backfield talent.

After two seasons with Kill at the helm, fans have learned to expect nothing. Kill has been an unconventional tactician.

With the situation he has now, not even Koutsos knows just what Kill plans to do.

"I think we are going to work out good, but I am pretty anxious," Koutsos said.

At practices, Kill has been toying with a Maryland-I formation that lines up three running backs behind one

another. This backfield is normally utilized during short-yardage and goal line situations. One could see Abdulqadir, Koutsos and hybrid fullback Brandon Robinson lined up together if Kill goes to this offense against the Hawks.

Robinson, who actually is the third returning rusher in the Gateway Conference, is the reason it could be difficult to finding ways to play Koutsos and Abdulqadir. Robinson is too good at receiving and other intricacies to just play Koutsos, who is 230 pounds, at fullback.

"We have two true tailbacks in [Abdulqadir and Koutsos], not a tailback and a fullback," Kill said.

The thing that should give Kill options is that Koutsos and Abdulqadir have different strengths. Abdulqadir is a blazing runner who is a threat to score every time he touches the ball. Koutsos is more of a power back who gets the grunt yards between the tackles.

Salukis welcome Division II Quincy to McAndrew for opening night

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At Monday night's practice, under the glare of the inviting lights and a handful of fans at McAndrew Stadium, SIU head coach Jerry Kill's intensity was obvious.

During a series of passing drills, backup quarterback Curtis Holley ran for his life on consecutive plays right into the waiting arms of a defensive lineman.

Kill's eyes glared as he walked toward the redshirt freshman.

"Stay in the damn pocket!" Kill bellowed.

That intensity has trickled down to the players and appears ready to explode tonight when the Salukis open the 2003 season by welcoming Division II Quincy to McAndrew Stadium.

"It's going to be kind of nice to hit somebody in a different uniform," SIU junior safety Alexis Moreland said with a smile.

At 7 p.m., the Salukis will begin the third season of the Kill regime and enter with more promise and higher expectations than in any season in recent memory.

The Salukis have two All-America quality running backs in Muhammad Abdulqadir and Tom Koutsos. Handing them the ball is quarterback Joel Sambursky, who was the Gateway Conference freshman of the year last season.

On the other side of the ball, the defense is loaded with young playmakers in Moreland, Royal Whitaker and Lionel Williams.

"We came to spring ball and saw the type of talent that we have, and you can ask any of the seniors here, it's probably the best talented team that they've ever seen," Abdulqadir said.

But with as much talent as he has at his disposal, Kill has said throughout fall practice that he will not know just how good his team is until the Salukis take the field against an opposing team.

And his players are ready for that challenge.

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### COMMENTARY



Waterloo and other great losses

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## Saluki progress in danger

Two straight NCAA appearances for men's basketball.

A Black Coaches Association female coach of the year.

A cumulative grade point average higher than the normal student body.

A reduction of its debt from \$800,000 to \$490,000 in a period of about three years.

A baseball team that nearly won the conference tournament, a volleyball team who was just as close and a softball team that made it to the Sweet 16.

National exposure from Bruce Weber's accolades, including his jump to Illinois.

After all these accomplishments, the university, in the form of its new budget task force, has sent a loud message to the Athletic Department — Paul Kowalczyk and company are doing a horrible job and do not deserve the full support of this university.

In the report released Aug. 7, the task force also discovered the sky is plaid, the Pope is Jewish, Gary Coleman is a legitimate gubernatorial candidate and George W. Bush cares about poor people.

Shortly after decreeing the sun revolves around the earth, the task force recommended SIU Athletics become self-sufficient, which is a slap in the face after the progress Saluki Athletics has made. It is also a lack of appreciation for the money, new students and high academic standards the department has produced during the past few years.

With the exception of a few sports, SIU has gone from a laughingstock to causing incontinence in its opponents. It has recent facilities now and is securing recruits the school could not have imagined a few years ago.

But more importantly, Saluki Athletics has generated a great deal of interest in this university. I know people who came here simply for the basketball team, and I doubt the GPAs that teams such as volleyball, softball and a few others put up hurt the school's academic reputation, either.

The University has benefited from the labors of the Athletic Department, and now they want to cut it off.

This is like giving a child a lobotomy after bringing home straight A's for three years.

Should the cuts become reality, the timing could not be worse. SIU Athletics is about to turn the corner and become a solid sports school, but it needs money — and it needs it now more than any other time.

SIU's facilities are still poor and have deserved attention for years.

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