Train details in Centralia

No injuries in second Amtrak accident in a week

Brad Brandsema
Daily Egyptian

An Amtrak train with 162 passengers on its way to Chicago derailed in Centralia early Monday morning, causing no injuries but leaving passengers confused for about 9 hours before the train started to move again.

The southbound passenger train had just departed Centralia en route to Chicago at about 1:20 a.m. when the two front engine cars derailed, turning the train on its side. The train then reversed itself to Cardome in a 17-hour ordeal.

A replacement locomotive did not arrive until about 8 a.m.

An Amtrak spokeswoman said the incident is under investigation and that no special details have been given to passengers traveling through that location in the future.

Conductors relayed news of the derailment to passengers two hours after the incident.

Motinis Clay, a junior in special education from Chicago, said she saw the way Amtrak staffers treated her and her 1-year-old son, Micah. Clay and her son were among the last people to board the train in Centralia before the derailment.

"They treated it like it was our fault," she said. "During the whole time we were in the train, they didn't offer us anything.

"We only had two bottles for my son."

Power was cut from the engine car to the coach car, causing toilets to overfill and air circulation to diminish. The warm air and bathroom stench made for an uncomfortable wait.

Drake Hickle, a junior in accounting from Chicago, said he hoped to run the train to Carbondale at approximately 1 p.m., but he is glad to be back home.

"This University and community are quite diverse, but we have a long way to go, and I think that is why I love the position I am in now," Jackson said.

Jackson, who is now an admissions counselor, began attending SIUC in the fall of 1983.

During her sophomore year, she became the first black woman to be crowned Miss Southern Illinois in the pageant's 50-year history.

That was significant for her and the community at large, she said. "And the fact that I was an SIU student, it's a great deal of pride."

Jackson was working a news reporter for WCLF-FM when the station owner gave her an opportunity to review the paperwork for entrance into the Miss Southern Illinois pageant. Jackson decided to enter WCLF sponsored her. Adidas, from representing southern Illinois in the Miss Illinois pageant, she also won a scholarship that allowed her to attend the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

"We've hired two teachers within the past 5 years who have come out of the SIU system," Hodges said. The Carbondale Community High School District No. 95 has not followed its director of teacher hiring practice of training applicants to the highest standards, according to the Chicago Tribune.

"We do not have a program such as this," said Hodges. "We are in the process of changing that and will be hiring some new teachers."
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NATIONAL NEWS

Millions march against war in protests around the world
SAN FRANCISCO - Thousands of anti-war demonstrators rallied in San Francisco on Sunday, part of a worldwide put down to possible U.S. and invasion of Iraq. A steady stream of chanting, signs waving participants stretched from the waterfront to City Hall. Police estimated the crowd at about 100,000 at 1:30 p.m., and prevent people from entering the area. The gathering added to the already substantial numbers of pro-war demonstrations in the U.S., an estimated 100,000 on Saturday alone—and around the world over the weekend. Early Sunday, more than 120,000 people marched through downtown Sydney, Australia. Tens of thousands rallied in other cities around the world in protest of war in Iraq and Korea. The other is Great Britain. Activists say if people, including in areas around the world the fight against social injustice in general, general crowd estimates were based on police witness to anti-war protests this weekend.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Japan, U.S. to test joint missile system
TOKYO — Japan and the United States will test a missile defense system that aims to repel a potential attack by North Korea, a top official said Wednesday. The system would be used to destroy missiles en route to Japan and to conduct training, the admiral said. The Japanese government said it would consult the U.S. on the missile defense system. The push to develop a new system began in 1999, a year after North Korea conducted a test of a medium-range missile. The total cost of the project was not immediately known, but the missile system would replace about $405 million of the development of the system, a senior Japanese official said. Japan and the United States are working on four parts of the new system: one near the easternmost island, another in the Pacific Ocean, another in the Pacific Ocean, and another in the Pacific Ocean. The search for the missing is ongoing.

Correction

"In Friday's issue of the Daily Egyptian, page 4, article "Dental student dean up to new challenge," incorrectly stated that the Heartland Dental Clinic serves Medicare patients. The clinic works with patients who qualify for Medicare."

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It will change your life...

POLICE REPORTS

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- Influn of boys 22, Carbondale, was arrested at 2:05 a.m. Friday after allegedly on a warrant for failure to appear on an original charge of resisting arrest. He posted $100 bond and was released.

- Police said an unknown man was seen removing a storm drain and writing through it. At 9:05 p.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and 12 noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m., 7 p.m., 8 p.m., 9 p.m., 10 p.m., 11 p.m., 12 midnight. An arrest was made for possession of a firearm.

- Linda Black, 12, Married, was arrested at 4:10 a.m. Friday at Boone Hall, 200, for failure to appear. Police said an original charge of possession of a firearm.

The Daily Egyptian, the student-run newspaper of SIUC, is committed to being a trusted source of information, commentary and public discussion while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.
Aviation to acquire new Cessnas
Katie Davis
Daily Egyptian
While the rest of the University is focused on hiring and managing the newly purchased airplanes, management and flight has found a little room in its busy schedule to purchase a new airplane.

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A crowded race in Carbondale

Eight candidates. One seat. You don’t have to do the math to see it’s a tight race for the lone two-year spot on the Carbondale City Council. The DAILY EAGLE Editorial Board created a set of questions to get to know the many candidates in the race in this two-part series.

Today's featured candidates are running for the two-year seat. Wednesday’s featured candidates are campaigning for the three open four-year seats.

**Today**
- Jeff Bissing
- Joel Fritzler
- Fat Kelly
- John Allen Taylor
- Andy White
- Chris Wissmann
- Michael Neil
- Sheila Simon
- Dan David
- Lance Jack
- Kent Syler
- John Allen Taylor
- Andy White
- Chris Wissmann

**Wednesday**
- John Allen Taylor
- Andy White
- Chris Wissmann
- Michael Neil

Jeff Bissing
- 2-year term
- 103 N. Carico Street

On consolidating schools to mitigate problems:
Bissing said he doesn’t know a lot about the issue, but said it doesn’t sound like a bad idea. “I’d support it if it would help lower the property taxes.”

On the Human Relations Commission:
Bissing supports the Human Relations Commission. He has mixed feelings on what role it should play. “I have mixed feelings on that because I understand the viewpoint of the local businesspeople and getting begged off of claims that might not be valid, but I also understand the need for something like that. There’s a problem. It’s not like this has disappeared,” he said. He feels it would function best with moderate powers. He said the current City Council has had problems with stalling and picking a side. As a city councilman, Bissing said he would keep discussion going but give it a deadline.

On the city manager:
“From what I’ve observed he’s done a pretty good job,” Bissing said. He said some of the problems he has heard from landlords and more with the decisions that the City Council made that were then put on the city manager.

On holding landlords accountable for their property:
Bissing said he thinks problems are set with both tenants and the city. He said there has been a lack of code enforcement in the past and a lack of communication between renters and the city. “I think we need to look back and see how the codes have been enforced in the past and how well complaints have been followed up on and also there does need to be more communication between renters and the city if there are problems,” Bissing said.

On lowering the speed limit to 25 on Grand Avenue near the Rec Center:
Bissing said he would support lowering the limit. “It’s not a long stretch of road. It’s not going to inconvenience anybody to go five miles under,” Bissing said.

A couple of issues Bissing says are important to this election:
- He said the Carbondale Times Rezoning initiative has been stuck on the back burner and that it does not need to be removed. He said there are several ways it could be dealt with such as better code enforcement and better police enforcement of litter laws and noise violations. Another issue is the current state of the Strip and its lack of businesses. He feels the city council should issue some sort of tax incentive to encourage businesses to locate to the central area of the Strip. He said the lack of SJUC’s slump in enrollment and the lack of businesses go hand in hand and by increasing business, any attempt will increase to help those businesses put.

Big 5 or little 5:
Big 5: “I was watching ABC in the middle of different stories and they referred to it as Southern Illinois, not just Carbondale. Ill. It felt specific enough to refer to specifically to Southern Illinois. Why not capitalize it?”

One thing about Bissing voters might not know:
“His birthday is on the day of the primary and he plays keyboard in the band Some Report.”

Joel Fritzler
- 2-year term
- 305 S. Dixon Ave.

On consolidating school districts to mitigate property taxes:
Fritzler said he would support consolidation if it would cut costs and put money toward students.

On the Human Relations Commission:
Fritzler supports the formation of a Human Relations Commission as an advisory council. He said adding legal powers to the commission would just add one more layer of bureaucracy. He said while it is a tough issue with many different points of view, the current City Council has dragged the issue on for about two years now and as a commission it would keep dialog going to further the progress.

On the city manager:
He said Jeff Doherty is doing a good job and is very responsible to his bosses, the City Council.

On holding landlords accountable for their property:
Fritzler said he doesn’t think the city needs to quit sending out warnings and start sending out fines. He said there are a lot of good landlords and unfortunately some bad, but everyone knows the fines and rules. “I think the city should stop wasting time and start sending out fines,” Fritzler said.

On lowering the speed limit on Grand Avenue to 25 near the Rec Center: He said he would not support lowering the speed limits. He said enforcement would be more beneficial because without enforcement, it doesn’t matter what the sign says.

A couple of issues Fritzler says are important:
- “I’d describe myself as a little center fiscally conservative moderate,” Fritzler said.
- “Without the University, we’d be a suburb of De Soto,” Kelly said.

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“Tell me myself as a left of center fiscally conservative moderate,” Fritzler said.

Fat Kelly
- 2-year term
- 500 W. Oak St.

On consolidating schools districts to mitigate property taxes:
Kelly said he would suggest implementing a program that requires property owners to pay a portion of the utilities. He said it would hurt property owners who don’t maintain their property and help those who do because the cost would be pared on to students in rent.

On lowering the speed limit on Grand Avenue to 25 near the Rec Center: Kelly said he would support anything that would make it safer for pedestrian traffic anywhere in town.

A couple of issues Kelly says are important in this election:
Kelly said one of his biggest issues is the prioritization of the city budget. He said the city spends too much on “brick and mortar” projects and not enough on civic organizations.

He said students need to get involved and vote because every new and then, the city signs a pact through that unfairly taxes students for things they will never benefit from. “Without the University, we’d be a suburb of De Soto,” Kelly said.

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John Allen Taylor
- 606 E. Park, Apt. T

On consolidating schools districts to mitigate property tax:
Taylor said he would not support school consolidation.

On the Human Relations Commission:
Taylor supports a Human Relations Commission with subpoena power. He said he couldn’t believe it’s taken this long for a commission and above all, the City Council needs to do whatever it takes to get it finalized. He said if the HRC is not in place by the time the new council takes over, then it wouldn’t be any worse for a while because the new council members would have to be brought up to speed on the issues.

On the city manager:
“Don’t consider a change in the top. Carbondale needs a kick in the butt. We’ve been lagging behind for years and the rest of the country experienced a boom in the 90’s. Carbondale has slowly slipped backwards. We need to treat many things to streamline the economy. If Jeff Doherty is not part of the solution, then he’s part of the problem.”

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The ins and outs of the Carbondale City Council: a full-time job

Brian Peach

Daily Egyptian

City Council members meet twice a month to discuss and make policy changes that affect the lives of all Carbondale residents — but that's just scratching the surface. For starters, the City Council position is a full-time job that calls for unlimited dedication from its members, who "Counsellorwoman Maggie Flanagan said are different from other Citizens commissions.

"The people on the City Council are residents, who voluntarily volunteer many hours of their time away from home and family to represent the people they love and their community and want to do the best they can," Flanagan said. Members of the commission are kept busy outside the office with families and other jobs, plus they belong to boards and commissions associated with the council.

According to City Attorney Paige Reed, the primary job of the council is to supervise the budget to make sure money is being properly spent, and to set policy and directives for the city. After that, there are numerous responsibilities the council members oversee.

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Our Word

Not at the table, but not forgotten

Many things good came out of the expensive, time-wasting, often repetitive, yearlong negotiation process between the Faculty Association and administration. It was our many campus problems were forced to the forefront.

Their request demanded everyone’s attention, and the union promised destruction—a walkout—if they were ignored.

The question to address now is where do the faculty rank who are not represented by a collective organization. There are many others who teach classes outside of faculty not covered by the bargaining unit faculty in the School of Law, School of Medicine, nursing and adjunct faculty and administrative/professional staff.

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They do not have the power of collective bargaining. They do not have a bully pulpit from which to preach about salary inequities and oversized classrooms. The teachers not covered by the bargaining unit, however, account for more than half of the people on campus who stand in front of the classrooms.

They are truly the silent majority and their working conditions deserve as much attention as the union.

Chancellor Wender, this is where you come in. The faculty union on this campus formed in 1996 because the distant that had begun spreading years earlier finally belated overt. Unions are not the problem; unless there have been reporting factions of this campus, but unions formed out of spite for ugly relationships.

Last week you said that all faculty should receive salary raises similar to those promised to the Faculty Association in the recently agreed upon four-year contract. And you should.

And as the Faculty Association continues to point out, there are other issues on the table besides salary, such as faculty-student ratio and workload. These issues also must be addressed in a manner appropriate to the various teaching groups on campus.

You have said that all faculty should receive comparable raises. We understand that you can’t promise the contract’s amount to those outside the bargaining unit.

Not all units are the same or deserve the same raises or policies. Every section of campus is unique. But raises for faculty outside the bargaining unit must be, at least, comparable to the raises given to the Faculty Association.

The state’s budget crisis will not work as an excuse this time.

We realize that numbers skidding down from the state budget office do not look promising. Illinois could be $5 billion in debt. And yes, we will all have to survive eating belt loops—tightening the belt one notch in so that leaping marks is less painful.

But the other hard-working teachers, who do not have a place at the bargaining table, should have at least a chance in our heart... the budget, long before anyone should hands on this deal. It was not the union’s responsibility to represent other teachers on this campus. It was your responsibility—and now it’s time to prove that you did just that.

Guest Columnist

Jackson cries for attention

Scott Barnett
Daily Lobo (Albuquerque)

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (UPI) — More than 20 million people watched Michael Jackson’s recent interview on ABC, it was a monstrous hit in England and the United States and such as event, attended around with an unusual person beg many questions, the most principle of which is why did Jackson publicize the interview in the first place?

It seems there are two possibilities for why Jackson would have agreed to such an intrusive interview. Either Jackson is a sad after-effect of fame, timelife, tragedy and a tough childhood and he did the interview to try his story, or he used the interview as a media stunt to spark recent records, in light of his last album stepping like a fish in a flying pan.

Early in the interview, Jackson asked the interviewer why he was asking such tough questions; he looked devastated, tried to cry and said, “Why do you do this to me?” Jackson could have ended the interview at any time, but it didn’t seem he wanted to. He needed to make people as possible to be looked onto what he was saying.

After the initial interview, Jackson’s Neverland home (on other ways, soon after Jackson was done declaring, “I am Peter Pan”), Jackson visited Las Vegas and admitted the gratification of the interest by asking the interviewer to meet him there. This is where it became evident that Jackson wanted his strange story heard in order to make himself back into the mainstream, so that people would be interested in his upcoming career once again, allowing him to live as extravagantly as he described.

Jackson emotionally emphasized that he was a 44-year-old kid who had clothing teens, riding go-carts etc. After the failure of his last album, however, this 44-year-old kid that should appropriately be called a temper tantrum was asked radical discription on the part of his record label; supposedly, the label didn’t promote his album well enough because he was, by all rights, dead.

So, Jackson is adult enough to allege racism in the workplace, but not adult enough to work with young children; he is adult enough to have his own children, but not adult enough to allow them to walk around without masks on their faces (preserving their identities). He complains of his tough childhood and of the abuse he suffered during it, of not being able to be a true child, shouldn’t he realize that many children are forced to parade around with masks on their faces, and that he is carrying out the quest divisor to his own children that was allegedly carried against him?

How about when he aughed his new-born baby from a hotel window over a large crowd of fans below? He said the baby enjoyed it, and began to cry. No, Michael—you’ve got it wrong—it’s not saying it’s okay (babies do that when they’re scared).

He is in denial when he says he is not making his children in an unorthodox manner, he is in denial of the fact that he has entirely reshaped his through plastic surgery (he admits to surgery on his nose, but insists that the rest of his facial developments are simply sign of evolving and flowering), he is in denial of his habit of sleeping with young children and insinuates his actions are all about “sharing love” and the parents that worry about and fear those action are supposedly “ignorant.”

The evidence on the interview speaks for itself. The American people aren’t ignorant. He has had plastic surgery—it’s no one likes that, thank heaven. He is rearing his children in a manner that will only cast them to be confused about the world around them and his sleeping with children can be fulfilled however he likes, but it is to be a strange, sad and horrifying figure.

Michael Jackson does not understand the power he wields as a celebrity. Whether he likes it or not, people listen on him, and same, no degree, try to emulate him. For example, Robin O’Meara, after Coldmoke,Detail her methods how all guns should be made illegal—ordinately, on ignorable statement, he has tried to replicate those words. But she has to realize that many that look up to her because of her success took these words at the gospel and unerringly believed them.

No, it is not right, as an adult, to sleep with young children for any reason. No, it’s not right, as an adult, to dangle babies from hotel windows. No, it’s not right, as an adult, to create an area of racial discrimination simply because you want your face down on the back. And, no, it’s not right to reproduce audiences with a well-rehearsed, melodramatic, disgustingly impractical way of life in order to save a dying career.

His views do not necessarily reflect those of the Daily Egyptian.
**COLUMNS**

### The preemptive threat

**On Sept. 20, 2001, nine days after the attacks on America, the United States, under the influence of some very influential brains in Washington, D.C., defined the final and ridiculous American way out of the supreme role of a Leviathan. The brand on the current and preponderance of a “Preemptive” metal had also been used in the cauli of his sword that he now firmly holds above the world, with his plans resolutely turned toward an incessant wrong land. The shield of containment, a policy expressed in the famous “A” article of George W. Bush, was full of false and unanswerable window although it successfully defended the Soviet Empire.**

The moral behind the charge, a policy very clear and evident. After the attacks of Sept. 11, the United States is facing a kind of situation that can attack at any time, cannot be restrained by international forces, could acquire nuclear weapons and be twisted by a billionaire thing in a case who in his own words plan to die this year in a mighty rising hole into the “eagle’s nest” (referring to the U.S.). In short, there is not any conclusion can be addressed with determinant and containment. So, pre-emption must suit the present and prevailing passions of the American people. There is one problem, though. May be even, one what is important? International law or the United Nations? This has not been able to define “preemption.” The word “preemptive” itself appeared for the first time at the beginning of international law in two years in December of 1997 and 1999 and it is not explained. Certainly, this is due to the necessity. The need necessary are difficult to draw a line between what is legal and what is not. John Pillsbury states, “No international law exists in this area. It is a jungle of competing interests, moody and weak.” This is the reason why the UN did not approve or recognize the act of preemptive war. The problem in preemption in principle does not recognize boundaries and it is not recognizing a viable alternative by International Law. A first step that is widely based upon American perceptions that presently have been situated near the edges of the international law system—itly enjoying the support of a substantial majority of the world.**

### Crickets are Cute; spiders are ugly

**On Saturday morning I did something a little peculiar. As I was walking into my bedroom my eyes caught some movement on the floor. Below me crawled a creepy, hairy and unusually plump spider. Let me give you a short history lesson about me. I have never had a whole lot of love for spiders. Indiana Jones (my secret hero) hates spiders—we’ve had it before—my brother.**

### LETTERS

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**City of Geopolitics**

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### LETTERS making life difficult by not printing schedules

**To the Editor:***

**BO Makers need the Faculty to write new columns to the Daily Egyptian.**

**Dear Editor,**

Why is SIU making academic life MORE difficult rather than LESS difficult? I am referring to the difficulty of not having a schedule of classes page on the Daily Egyptian website. I applied to find that there was a way to search your classes and could not do any cooperative studies of classmates. One thought in the back of my head is if you still have not found the website, it is located within the admissions office and—make one up to you? What’s a timetable to change this? Let me oppose and correct you?

The virtual schedule of classes was in the “readers registration process.” Why hide the premier product of this university — the diversity of our programs and the academic curiosity that has evolved? The cost of printing a schedule of classes is not the issue, but the fact that we have to mess with the social aspect of University life. The “see” that no more humanly possible to do is not available. Take grades, for example. Instead, my microbiology grade is to a secure server by email list ‘somewhere.’ I wrote each grade on each subject’s home page to administer and record, and then relied on someone over to enter the information into a computer. Are these more chance for error doing this way than if I entered the grades directly from my office computer? You bet.

Look good, it is not make students love any more difficult than we already have. Print a schedule of classes and be done with it. This is NOT the way to save money.

Michael Madigan,
Professor of microbiology

**Cooperation is the key to improving the University**

**By Jack Piatt**

**Plattology**

**Dear Editor,**

There are three areas where faculty and administration should cooperate. We, all have a role in creating legislating that hands-in- our campus will be well spent. Coordinating lobbying efforts will signal that we are focused on our mission and not single minded. Last year there was a debate where faculty members had toified. While uniquely unintended, the perception of a double threat is right. Hopefully, the IHME recommendation for increased funding will only go to those who have been doing it correctly.**

Do we have too much bureaucracy at SIU? We can be too open minded, but administration need to be open minded. Administrators tend to focus on an excellent and may overcomplicate the issue or create a problem that doesn’t exist. But, if we were left in the faculty alone even the most marginal programs would cut. One concern that my department, the administration that is our top tier of administration has little academic breadth, but has spent their time in situation and difficult, education, a field that while vital has had difficulty establishing rigorous and objective research methods and has thus been stereotyped in many cases. This is all the more reason to avoid a circle-the-wagon approach.

Mike Sullivan
Senior professor of microsciences

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SIUC students, faculty exhibit displayed in nation’s capital

Photos of black coal miners shown during Black History Month

Kristina Dailing
Daily Egyptian

William Olney, pastor of Harvest Deliverance Church in Harrisburg, worked as an evangelist for 31 years and was the first black man to be president for a local miners union.

He made enemies when he did not allow miners to go under ground if they were drunk or under the influence of drugs.

He dealt with racism toward him and racism among miners working in southern Illinois.

And he got to share his story in Washington, D.C. as part of an exhibit that has allowed people all over the nation to see the coal mining culture of southern Illinois.

Olney, along with other contributors to the exhibit, entitled "Working in the Seams: An Initial Photographic View Into the African American Coal Culture of Southern Illinois," attended an opening ceremony for the project at Sidney Yates Auditorium in Washington, D.C. Thursday.

The documentary features 26 large prints along with texts that tell the stories of the people in the photographs and was created by graduate students and a professor at SIUC.

Several of the photographers, writers and other people who contributed to the project, presented the exhibit to an audience of around 100 people.

Lee M. Buchsbaum, a master’s student in photography, Eric Robinson, an unclassified master’s student and Joshua Sanseri, a master’s student in art and design, attended the event with Carrie McDaniels, president of the African-American Museum in University Mall, Daniel Overturf, associate professor of cinema and photography and Olney Williams, a subject in one of the photographs.

Buchsbaum began the documentary on coal mining three years ago and received a $10,000 grant from Illinois Humanities Council to examine the coal culture of southern Illinois.

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Lee Buchsbaum, Eric Robinson, Daniel Overturf and Josh Sanseri recently traveled to the Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C. to present "Working in the Seams: An Initial Photographic View Into the African American Coal Culture of Southern Illinois." The traveling exhibition is a collaborative effort among the four photographers to document the history of black coal-miners in southern Illinois.

"We wanted these people to be represented in Washington, D.C.," Buchsbaum said. "They can have their stories out there so people can hear about us in southern Illinois and our people."

Report Kristina Dailing can be reached at kdailing@dailyEgyptian.com

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Lott joins Allen in funding push for historically black colleges

David Lerman

WASHINGTON (KRT) — Virginia Sen. George Allen said he'd serve the educational interest of historically black colleges when he introduced a spending bill for the current fiscal year. The bill would provide grants totaling $250 million per year to historically black colleges and universities.

Butts served a seven-year term as chancellor at Hampton University in Virginia, consulting with black students and faculty and administration to improve educational outcomes.

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Backpacks cause variety of injuries, study shows

Benny Beamam
Northern Star (Northern Illinois U.)

DEKALB — Backpacks may not only be a source of aggravating back pain, they may lead to other types of bodily injuries as well, according to a new study published in the January 2003 issue of Pediatrics.

The Cincinnati Children’s Hospital conducted the study to determine in what ways injuries to the back may be linked to the use of backpacks. Researchers examined the cases of 247 children taken to emergency rooms because of backpack related injuries.

The study found that 89 percent of the injuries were not to the back. In fact, the study stated backpacks most commonly caused injuries to the head or the extremities.

Also, the most common cause of injury was tripping over a backpack—unrelated to the pack itself.

Dennis C. Nink, a physical therapist at the Kishwaukee Regional Rehabilitation Center, said that while middle school children are usually the group most idealized about in relation to backpack injuries, college students can suffer too.

"College students usually go longer distances with their bags, so they can get pain with improperly sized backpacks and ones that are overloaded," he said.

Dennis E. Hill, a local chiropractic body specialist said an overloaded backpack is one that exceeds 20 percent of its carrier’s bodyweight.

However, Nink also warned that the amount of weight an individual can handle depends on his or her musculature. "It is recommended that people who are less muscular wear less weight in their bags, Nink said."

No matter where or how backpacks are causing injuries to their users, bags are causing about 5,000 injuries per year, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

A study done by Boston’s Simmons College stated that indicators of injury include tingling and/or numbness in the back, red marks on the back, a change in posture when the bag is on and having to struggle to pull the bag on and off.

Backpack users also can help prevent injuries to themselves by following backpack guidelines of the American Chiropractic Association. These guidelines state that individuals should wear bags with wide padded straps and that they should wear both straps together.

This implies that backpacks should also hang more than four inches below the waistline so it can aid to the weight on the shoulders.

Nink said using a bag in the wrong way can lead to injuries, including numbness and pain, improper posture and curvature of the spine and a greater possibility of falling because of instability caused by a too heavy bag.

Medical attention can include treating pain and "train injuries," with electrical stimulation, massage, exercise, instructing individuals on posture and body mechanics and helping them develop a conditioning program to continue once treatment is over, Nink said.

UC-Davis students lobby for unisex bathrooms

Lisa Feng
The California Aggie (UC Davis)

DAVIS, Calif. (U-WIRE) — University of California-Davis students are lobbying for the campus to convert all single-stall, gender-specific restrooms to unisex bathrooms, and at least one UC Davis administrator might sign onto the idea.

In November 2002, the ASUCD Senate passed a resolution supporting the conversion of one-stall gender-specific bathrooms to non-gender-specific — or unisex — bathrooms.

The topic of coed bathrooms became a major issue at UC Davis after the 2002 ASUCD President’s Ball, where two transgender students used the women’s bathroom in Freeborn Hall instead of the men’s bathroom that corresponded with their anatomical sex. Police responded to the scene and removed the students from the area.

In a letter to The California Aggie, ASUCD Gender and Sexuality Coordinator Christian Thomas — the author of the resolution — called the unique bathroom idea a "novel and innovative" one at UC Davis.

"It is very hard for Transgender persons to have to choose who they are and what binary bathroom system and a simple task we take for granted like going to the bathroom, suddenly becomes an introspective life decision," Thomas said in his letter.

The Chancellor of Student Affairs Judy S. Skaltz said she supports the conversion if there is a reasonable way to improve accessibility and accommodate people of diversity.

The concept of coed bathrooms is not unique at UC campuses. At UC Berkeley and UC Santa Cruz, the concept of single-stall unisex bathrooms has been expanded to "All-Meelf"-type multi-stall, non-gender-specific restrooms.

Nevertheless, in a bunny coed bathrooms in their residence halls for more than a decade.

Assistant Director for Student Life Ilyane Yang said that the unique bathroom system in the university’s high-rise residence halls needs a general concern for most students.

He said that some students may be worried at first, but that the concern comes from their parents.

"We explain to them that that's just the general policy and that there are precautions," Yang said. "We ask the students to try it out and if they still feel uncomfortable, then designated single-sex bathrooms within the coed dorms or in single-sex dorms."

The common practice of each resident hall is to designate the first stall as the "standing only" stall, a space where male students can isolate their "mists" and not have to remember to put the seat down.

In a letter to The California Aggie, Yang said that all shower stalls have doors instead of curtains. This means that the only area that can "show" is the bottom of the stall to each other in the bathroom when they wash their hands.

In a survey at UCSC, there are some coed roommates in the system where UCSC also has designed single-sex bathrooms.

However, both Cal and UCSC only have unisex bathrooms in their residence halls, not throughout their entire campus — a limitation that the ASUCD resolution supports.

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Over-exercising has become an unhealthy habit for students

Jeryl Chau
Daily Bruin (U. California-Los Angeles)

LOS ANGELES (U-W)--Last week, a fourth-year University of California-Los Angeles economics student works out up to three hours a day, during a week. His exercise regimen is divided between weightlifting, cardio and ab exercises.

Jessica Reid, a third-year political science and Spanish student, visits the gym up to five times a week.

Her workouts consist of resistance training, work on an exercise ball, and lam." него.

Lam refused to sacrifice his week-end social life for his health. During the week, he might still head out to 24-Hour Fitness for a late-night workout.

Meanwhile, Reid puts pressure on herself to stay fit because of her job as a physical trainer, and becomes depressed when she is unable to work out.

Are these fitness-minded college students models of dedication or becoming obsessive?

Over-exercising can be a result of an unhealthy obsession with fitness.

The factors which cause this condition are becoming increasingly popular.

According to the Student Nutrition Awareness Campaign Web site, 75 percent of college women and 43 percent of college men are dissatisfied with their bodies.

Some of the psychological issues added to this dissatisfaction may be just enough to push someone over the edge.

Under the shadow of Hollywood and fitness magazines, the images of young women and men are especially susceptible to these pressures. Los Angeles is in the hub of physical attraction," said Elita Terry, fitness instructor at the UCLA Recreation Center. "There's an emphasis on how you look here.

Over-exercising may also be a result of an inaccurate assessment of the body. The condition can be easily hidden by an emphasis on fitness or a desire to be healthy.

"If they don't know the effective way to exercise, it's like they're spinning their wheels," Terry said. "This could lead to an injury which could devastate the person even more."

The physical aspects of compulsive exercise is the ease with which it can be carried out.

The condition can be easily hidden by an emphasis on fitness or a desire to be healthy.

"We can disguise our obsessions under the guise of being fit because it is socially acceptable way to mange," said Sheri Barke, a registered diettian at the Arthur Ashe Center.

"Not everyone is ready to talk to a counselor to see what their motivations were for doing it."

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Professor wants to ban adult images from campus computers

Ryan Huff
Knight-Rider Newspapers

SAN LUIS ORIPE, Calif. (KCAL)- Academic freedom and workplace propriety are clashing at Cal Poly, as a professor is pushing for a campus-wide ban on viewing pornographic computer images.

Linda Vanasupa, a professor of fine arts at Santa Maria Fine Arts, is calling for a campus-wide ban against explicit images on the computer in order to prevent exposure to the possible dangers of computer pornography.

The 24-Hour Fitness for a late-night workout were common last week, according to a survey of about 25 students.

It is important to use exercise as an outlet to stress, but not to the point that you're using it to the extreme."

Over-exercising is placed in the same category as exercise bulimia, or eating binges and anorexia where individuals deny themselves adequate nutrition by restrictive eating behaviors.

For males, the term "bigorexia" is used in order to numb the body just gets rundown and indifferent to problems in other aspects of their lives."

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Act of intolerance prompts Stanford response

Sara Ines Calderon
The Stanford Daily (Stanford, U.)

STANFORD, Calif. (U-WIRE) -- Stanford University Dean of Students Marc Wais sent out an e-mail to root campus last Friday to the first week of February detailing his reported act of racism and intolerance. The e-mail described a Jan. 25 incident in which four female students were harassed by what they said could be as many as 10 individuals while rafting on Lake Lagunita. In the e-mail Wais called the incident "troubling due to the intimidating and intimidating circumstances, coupled with the racist comments."

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The students reported the incident to Vice Provost Gme Awaawir for a week last week. He called such behavior "unacceptable." He later referred to Wais.

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Daily Horoscope
by Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (Feb. 18). This is not a good year to take risks with your money or with your heart. Keep things as stable as you possibly can in spite of planned and unforeseeable changes. You can do it by juggling. It's a great skill to learn.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, O the most challenging. Today is a 6 - Don't assume that everything you learned is true, or that every thing you heard is false. Some smart, some work better now than book smarts.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) • Today is a 6. Don't assume that everything you learned is true, or that everything you heard is false. Some smart, some work better now than book smarts.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) • Today is a 7. The final outcome could be expensive if you're not careful. Don't try to bail out a loved one who's in a jam. You'd interfere with his or her education.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22) • Today is an 8. Are your conscious and subconscious intentions in alignment? If not, in this situation, there is.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) • Today is a 6 - A partner may be able to express your position better than you can. Meanwhile, don't waste money on toys or trinkets. Put a temporary hold on spending.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) • Today is a 6 - It may sometimes seem like you're taking a stand and standing there by yourself. That's not at all true; there's love on your side, and in this situation, there is.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) • Today is a 7 - Go over your budget with a critical eye. You may be wasting a lot more than you think. Pay close heed.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) • Today is a 7 - In order to expand your influence, revisions may be required. What was once a smaller space is inadequate now. However, you're sure of the outcome you want. Better...
**Travelin' Man**

Former Saluki star Ashraf Amaya has made a name for himself all over the world, but he'll never forget his roots at SIU.

*by TODD MERCHANT*

Editor's note: This is the second in a series of four stories that will run throughout the basketball season as SIU senior guard Kent Williams makes his way up the school's all-time scoring list.

It was 1993 and the SIU men's basketball team had not been to the NCAA tournament in 16 years. March 8, in St. Louis, the Salukis battled a tough Illinois State squad for the Missouri Valley Conference tournament title and a spot in the Big Dance.

Just before tip-off, senior forward Ashraf Amaya teased into the SIU huddle and guaranteed his teammate, senior guard Tyrone Bell, that the Salukis would be victorious.

"He told Tyrone, 'You take care of the guards and I'll take care of the post and we're gonna win this thing,'" said assistant coach Rodney Watson.

SIU went on to defeat the Redbirds 70-59 and advance to the NCAA tournament for four years in a row where it was blown out by perennial powerhouse Duke in the first round.

The season was, however, still a success for the Dawgs, especially for their star forward.

The NCAA berth was the culmination of a four-year odyssey in which SIU made it to the National Invitation Tournament three times and Amaya earned all-conference honors three times.

He was named Freshman of the Year in 1990, Valley Player of the Year in 1992 and Defensive Player of the Year in 1992 and 1993.

Amaya finished his career with 1,137 rebounds, which placed him second in the SIU record books.

He is also third all-time in scoring with 1,854 points, just two points ahead of current Saluki senior guard Kent Williams.

Amaya's career statistics are even more impressive considering that many of his numbers have been set aside as big threats of as him.

"He scored over 1,800 points and got over 1,200 rebounds at a time when he was playing with a team that could rebound and score," said former SIU star forward Shipley.

"It wasn't as if he was a one-man show for any team he played on, yet he was the only one to get up monster numbers."

Much of Amaya's high output can be attributed to his positive work ethic.

One of the first images that Shipley recalled when thinking about his former frontcourt mate was that of Amaya working out..."You'd see him in the weight room, and he was always there before you got there and he was always there after you left," Shipley said.

"He was one of the last guys to leave, but at that time, Amaya said he had a lot of good memories from his days at SIU, but the one that stuck out the most are those that are negative."

He regrets not earning a degree, but more than that, he wishes he had set his sights higher for himself. "I've been blessed with a tremendous amount of god-given talent," Amaya said. "I've only pushed myself to a certain point. Since I've become a professional, I realized how hard I should have been working."

Amaya was the most dominant player in the Valley for two years and also one of the top players in the nation. But he went undrafted and was forced to play in the Continental Basketball Association for a year and in Greece for another year before he scored a spot with the NBA with the Vancouver Grizzlies in 1995.

He bounced around the league for three seasons and played with five different teams including the Grizzlies, Los Angeles Lakers, Houston Rockets, Washington Bullets and Denver Nuggets.

"Any time you're undrafted, any time you don't have that protection of a team showing interest in you, it's hard," Amaya said. "So for myself, I pretty much had to go improve myself, so when I was fortunate enough to make a team, I pretty much had to knock heads and prove myself."

In 1998, Amaya, who did not have a contract at the time, earned a spot on the U.S. national team. The NBA Players Association was on strike and its members were replaced by unsigned players, which led to a lot of resentment toward Amaya and his teammates.

After serving a disappointing year and a half in Europe, Amaya returned to the States and could not find an NBA team that would take a chance on him.

Dissuaded by all that he had dealt with in the league, Amaya enrolled overseas to play in Europe.

"The change of scenery has done wonders for his game," said Amaya. "I've averaged more than 15 points and 7 rebounds per game in my five years in Italy and Greece. He has been named to several all-conference teams and earned a spot in an all-star game."

While his career is on the upswing, so is his personal life.

On Jan. 22, his wife of three years, Fayy, gave birth to the couple's first child, a girl they named Ariel.

"Amaya is currently in his native Chicago rehabbing an injury while supervising his real estate investment and property management businesses.

"He plans to return to Europe soon and sign on with another team."

Even though he has a good time overseas, Amaya knows it is incompable to succeeding in America, and he still wants another chance to prove himself in the NBA.

"(Europe) has been great and I've enjoyed it," Amaya said. "There's no comparison. It's a lot more business and I'm sure Europe would be, if you're in a good situation, a very comfortable hotel room."

"No matter whether Amaya makes it in the NBA ever again, his former teammates and coaches know that he has already accomplished something that few people ever get the chance to do," said former teammate Mike Glenn.

"It's a great honor, but for a guy to play in the NBA for two years, he's had a great career."

Report by Todd Merchant

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**SIU's all-time leading scorers**

- Charif Vaughan: 1957-61: 2,086
- Mike Glenn: 1973-77: 1,878
- Ashraf Amaya: 1989-93: 1,862
- Kent Williams: 1999-2003: 1,862
- Steve Middleton: 1984-88: 1,710

**SIU's all-time leading rebounders**

- Seymour Byrson: 1935-39: 2,086
- Ashraf Amaya: 1989-93: 1,862
- Joe C. Merchant: 1972-75: 1,864
- Marcus Tummons: 1991-95: 1,862
- Nick Shipley: 1970-74: 1,710
ESPN bails on SIU men's basketball

Wendell Barnhouse
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

(KRT) — A catchy, alliterative name plus ESPN telecasts might be enough to help some Little Guy teams move up in the rankings.

The concept behind Saturday's Bracket Buster event.

ESPN will not pull any programs that will be on ESPN or ESPN2.

"These games are important, but in the middle of the season we're not going to get a lot of respect," SIU basketball coach Tony McPhee said. "We've been playing a lot of mid-majors, and the mid-majors want to play at a higher level, too."
Saluki men are not fit with being tied

SIU knows it missed a golden opportunity this weekend at Bradley

Zack Greglow Daily Egyptian

Players from the SIU men’s basketball team

Toudt guard attempting to lead CCHS to Sweet 16 and maybe beyond

Ethan Erickson Daily Egyptian

You can’t keep Maurice Gibbs off the basketball court.

Carbondale Community High School’s student-teacher matchup was prized by his doctors that he could not play after sustaining a hip injury during his sophomore campaign, but it was not enough to keep him away.

I was still in the gym practicing,” Gibbs said.

His toughness, along with strong competition, has bolstered development. He has played on one of the nation’s best Amateur Athletic Union teams, the Illinois Warriors, in addition to the Recreation Center.

I’ve grown and realized how valuable it is to leave your heart on the floor.

That work ethic has propelled Gibbs, who averages 20 points per game for the Terriers, to be among the top scorers of southern Illinois’ best.

“When I came in from junior high, I was just a driver. I was shooting everywhere,” Gibbs said.

He’s gone from scoring 20 points per game in high school to scoring 20 points per game in college.

Carbondale Community High School senior Maurice Gibbs’ basketball career has been one of determination and hard work.

Gibbs, a standout athlete, has worked tirelessly to achieve his goals. He has been a leader on and off the court, setting an example for his teammates and younger players.

The Saluki play Evanville (10-12, 6-7) on Feb. 26 and are wary of the Aces’ three-point threat, which upset Creighton 74-66 back on Jan. 23, but a potent offensive attack that is led by junior forward Clinton DiCicco’s 17.2 points per game.

And then the big one -- a showdown with Creighton on March 1.

“Right now, I’ll love for Southwest Missouri to take care of Creighton before they come here, but that is wishful thinking,” Weber said.

We have talked for the last two weeks that you have to earn the tournament. No one is going to give it to you.”

When the NCAA tournament is in its second place in the MVC.

SIU has already had a Bear scare and was lucky to leave the game without another blowout on its record after Kent Williams tied the game into the lane to score the game-winning hop with just 1.4 ticks left on the game clock.

The Salukis narrowly escaped 76-75.

It does not end there, though. On Saturday, SIU will host Portland at the ESPN Bracket Buster show down with a strong Wisconsin-Milwaukee squad that carries a 22-1 overall record.

The game, which will be aired on ESPN2 at 205 p.m., provides a national audience for the Salukis’ hopes to rise in the nation as they try to return to the NCAA Tournament.

Weber said that if SIU wins out, the Salukis should finish around No. 68 in the Ratings Percentage Index. The RPI and the NCAA selection committee are two factors that go into choosing mid-major schools for the NCAA tournament.

Wesley C Recently could possibly find under the massive pressure the next four games with CCHA being the most important.

“This is the point we have been waiting for,” Williams said.

You can see when we are playing the Northern Iowa and Drake that it seems we can’t get up for those games, said senior guard Kent Williams.

“We have been through this type of games and want to get the big one. Now they see here.

Instead of being pressured about it, we are ready for it and ready for the challenge.”

And a return to the NCAA tournament is immensely imperative for the Salukis.

The team that was ranked between two nationally top five teams.

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