Train derails north of Carbondale

A railroad worker walks past six Canadian National freight train cars that derailed just north of Carbondale Sunday. Mayor Brad Cole issued a statement saying the train was carrying no threat from flammable vapor or explosion, Cole said.

A railroad worker photographs a Canadian National freight train that derailed Sunday in U.S. Highway 81 north of Carbondale.

USG officials confident about spring semester

Undergraduate Student Government plans a lot of time this semester despite the mass past phosphate administrations have made, and new semester can they are working towards making students better than before.

The earlier administration over allocated money to different students and programs in the spring, leaving the full administration to take and pick up the pieces.

USG President Prathar Khalsa said the rocky start to the semester allowed the group to enhance communication between the executive members and the senate.

He said now that the issue has been addressed, the members in the future should not have to worry about money issues.

"We're going to make sure that we have a lot of time this semester and that we don't have to worry about money issues," Khalsa said. "We want to show the students that they can come to us and we will work together to make their lives easier."
Concert seeks to inspire students

"Anything is possible, but you must make it happen here."
— Cory Hopson, junior from East St. Louis

Madeleine Leroux
DAILY EGYPTIAN
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2009

Students looking to celebrate the end of the semester Friday were encouraged to pick the books back up and focus on finals, as well as the spring semester.

The "I Just Wanna Be Successful" concert, which was held at 7 p.m. Friday in the Student Center Auditorium, was organized through Guided Right Enterprise and its Registered Student Organization, Speaking and Teaching. The event featured students performing original songs and poetry meant to inspire others to reach their potential and finish school.

Aaron Mallory, a senior from Piasa studying electrical engineering, said he began Guided Right Enterprise about one year ago to help others through inspirational and motivational speaking. Mallory said the business works with both the College of Engineering and the Ministry Engineering Program to help with retention in a more creative way.

"We do it in a way where it's creative," Malloy said. "Make it a little more enjoyable, so that students are hearing it and applying it so they can be successful in the future." Malloy said the goal of the show was to make sure each student, "attendee, moves back to school in the spring and does well." Retention is very low for freshmen, especially minority freshmen," Malloy said. "We want to make sure each student is successful in the future." Malloy said the group planned to inspire the minority crowd who needs this kind of leadership and guidance.

Vincent Ewing, a sophomore from Chicago studying business management, said Speaking and Teaching is a positive student organization that brings people together with a focus on education.

"This group is needed by the minority crowd who needs this kind of leadership and guidance," Ewing said.

Ewing, who also performed songs encouraging students to be successful in life, said the show was designed to make students think success is cool.

Mallory said he hoped an event like this would get people to get involved and inspire others to do well and succeed.

"When you inspire someone, it stays for a lifetime," Mallory said. "I think it's no inspirers as many people as possible."
WASHINGTON — The Senate passed a $1.1 trillion spending bill Sunday with increased budgets for vast areas of the federal government, including health, education, law enforcement and veterans' programs. The more-than-1,000-page package, one of the last essential pieces of Congress this year passed 57-35 and now goes to President Barack Obama for his signature. The weekend action underlined the legislative crush faced by Congress as it tries to wind up this year. After the vote, the Senate immediately returned to the debate on health care legislation that has consumed its time and energy for weeks. Senate Democrats hope to reach a consensus in the coming days on Obama's chief domestic priority. The spending bill combines six last-minute spending packages for the 2010 budget year that began Oct. 1. The bill has $45.1 billion in mandatory payments for federal benefit programs such as Medicare and Medicaid. Those programs under immediate immediate control of Congress would see increases of about 10 percent. The bill gets $7.9 billion, a $45 billion increase over 2009, the Veterans Health Administration budget goes from $41 billion to $45.1 billion, and the National Institutes of Health, $3.5 billion, a $925 million increase. All 13 Senate Democrats voted for the bill, while all but three Republicans opposed it. Demand for the bill, which the nation was critical to meet the needs of a recession-battered economy, is growing in the coming days. "Every bill that is passed, every project that is funded and every job that is created helps America take another step forward on the road of economic recovery," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said after the vote. "Today's decision that they called out of control spending and turned to an estimated $1.3 trillion to the bill for more than 5,000 local projects sought by individual lawmakers from both parties." The senators Against Government Waste, said those projects included construction of a county fearing a market in Kentucky, renovation of a historic theater in New York and restoration of a mill in Rhode Island. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., both up for re-election, said it was "mindboggling" that so many had found their way into the legislation. Most Americans, he said, were watching football and not the Senate debate, adding, "If they know what we want to pass..."

The legislation also contains numerous items not directly related to spending. It provides help for auto dealers facing closure, ends Federal Housing Authority lending to the District of Columbia government for abortions and allows the district to permit medical marijuana, lets Amtrak passengers carry unloaded handguns in their checked luggage and permits detainees held at Guantánamo Bay to be transferred to the United States to stand trial, but not to be released. The bill also approves a 2 percent pay increase for federal workers. With the Senate concentrating on health care, attention on the upcoming jobs plan shifts to the House. The defense bill that will be the basis for the package now enjoys wide bipartisan support, but Republicans, and seem finally conservative Democrats, are unhappy with the prospect of another jolt of deficit-spending proposals. Congress must soon raise the limit on how much it can borrow, and Democratic leaders are urging that the bill not include a three-month extension, pushing the issue past November's elections.
Dear Editor,

According to SIU President Glenn Peabody, SIU may close down in March or lay off large amounts of people, a scenario that will certainly cause much localized concern. He is quoted as saying, “This isn’t a panic situation; nobody is panicked yet.”

This may be true for SIU higher administration who will certainly not be laid off. But for the majority of faculty and staff it is already depressed.

Postpone Saluki Way to keep campus operating

VOICES

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Other companies must compete with us by inventing their own technologies, not just by stealing ours." - Bruce Lowell, Apple's general counsel.

EDITORIAL CARTOON

IMPLIRED THEY WE SHOULD JUST PLUG IT IN AND GO BREAK OUT THE BEE NOSE...

Nothing to do on the weekends?

The missing voices: Those who do not always drink

Ryan Chaparek
Guest Columnist

Every year a new batch of college students enter Southern Illinois University. The transition into a new way of living often leaves students having a great deal of unstructured time.

This is the case for many college students, not just freshmen. And it particularly seems tight when there is nothing to do.

Few activities are available to students late at night. So students often believe they only have a couple of options, either go to a party or stay home. It seems like drinking is what everyone does, and parties are the only place to go. It can be hard to get creative and find other things to do.

Also, for a number of reasons, some students who choose to drink engage in levels of drinking that put them at risk for unintended, immediate and long-term consequences.

For example, one could experience feelings of anxiety, sadness, or guilt during or after drinking. Often, these students aren’t aware of the different patterns of drinking affect them in the longer term, or even in the short term.

Students eventually begin to learn to avoid these consequences, perhaps after personal experiences, or hearing about negative consequences from other sources. Some don’t ever learn, or wish they had told sooner.

SIUC currently promotes a social norms campaign regarding drinking that educates students about drinking norms among college students and challenges misconceptions about these norms.

According to the Illinois Speakeasy, there is a feedback loop for personal drinking concepts in other students, helps with reducing levels of drinking among students.

Schools that reduced college drinking used approaches such as peer-to-peer education sessions to complement a social norms campaign.

For example, studies show that most students want to avoid others drinking more alcohol weakly than they actually do.

So, it is the goal of the Alcohol and Other Drug Program through the SUIC Wellness Center to begin a peer-led student group that promotes a supportive campus community and tips on safer ways to experience life.

One way this group can provide support is by advocating alternatives to drinking. The Main Institute suggests creating alcohol-free cultural events, artistic, academic options for students.

Some universities have initiated this relation by providing events that are accessible to students who do not need alcohol to have fun. For example, Stanford University’s recreation center offers zero alcohol events that all stayed open until 2 a.m., and libraries and computer centers were opened for 24 hours a day.

University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill designated "Dilly Days," an alcohol-free street festival that included games, hand performances, managers and dancing.

And, "student-athletes" from Pfeiffer University planned a "Dry Night," which included a pagant and five dollars.

Students were encouraged to choose the story they would usually spend on drinking.

Events such as these help displace the commitment of students towards altering the campus culture towards one of pride and helping another.

If you have ideas or are interested in promoting such an event here at SUIC, please contact the Wellness Center to find out more information.

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**Grant leads Packers over Bears, 21-14**

**Andrew Seligman**

the Associated Press

CHICAGO — The way this one started, Ryan Grant and the Green Bay Packers looked as if they were going to run away with their fifth straight win. Aaron Rodgers sure thought they would.

Instead, they had to earn this one. Grant ran for 137 yards and two touchdowns, and the Packers beat the Chicago Bears 21-14 Sunday after letting their lead drop away.

Grant broke off a season-long 42-yard touchdown on the Packers first play from scrimmage and scored the go-ahead touchdown in the fourth quarter after Nick Collins intercepted Jay Cutler.

"I think we were kind of off the first quarter of the game," Rodgers said. "I think we were kind of off the first half of the game, but then we really got going in the second half."

Grant, who ended the game with 139 yards on 23 carries, said the Packers "got loose" in the second half.

"We've been playing better football," Grant said. "We've got our confidence. It's a confidence game. We're playing better football."

Jermichael Finley caught five passes, 76, and Charles Woodson added his 44th career interception for the Packers (6-4), who won their fifth straight.

The Bears (4-6) lost for the second time in eight games and went eliminated from the playoff picture, according to STATS LLC. That makes it three straight postseason losses since the 2016-17 season.

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**Men's Basketball**

**Home sweet home for Salukis**

Ryan Voyles

The Salukis had their second half routing, taking advantage of Alabama State's second half ebb.

The Salukis improved to 9-6 overall and 2-1 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

SIU 67; Alabama State 43

**Evans second half gives SIU edge**

Derek Robbins

Nick Evans helped lead the Salukis with 12 points in the second half, which was key to the victory over Alabama State.

Evans was 4-of-11 from the field in the second half and 2-of-5 from the free-throw line.

The Salukis outscored Alabama State 24-11 in the second half.

**Women's Basketball**

**Salukis fall on road to Tennessee Tech**

Derek Robbins

The Salukis lost to Tennessee Tech on the road, falling to 5-9 overall and 2-4 in the Missouri Valley Conference.

SIU 76; Tennessee Tech 67

**We had that on-off switch going on tonight.**

Tibor said the team played well, but the difference was in the first and second half scores.

"We fought hard, but there was too much coming in on us and taking it off, including late. We just can't do that," Tibor said.

The three-point deficit is a big part of the Salukis' 20-point lead at halftime.

Stevie guard Stevpin'b' Nymphs said the team is improving with each game and has had a great season so far.

"All we can do is keep on practic- ing and trying hard," Nymphs said.