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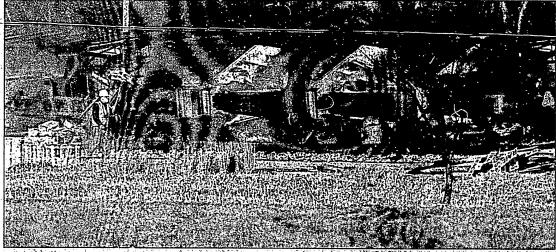
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rain derails north of Carbo



A railroad worker walks past six Canadian National freight train cars that derailed just north of Carbondale Su day. Mayor Brad Cole issued a statement saying the tra illed because of a faulty wheel and inused the accident Chesis district were not reality that for any one in the Stille T. Smith from the accident, Cule said:

Daix Formus
There is no threat to safety, there is

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A faulty wheel caused at Canadian-National freight train to derall in the north part of Carbondale at approxi-mately 1:35 p.m. Sunday, Mayor Brad Cole said.

The accident was on U.S. Route 51, t north of city limits.

Cole said six of the freight train's care

railed in the accident. He said five defauled in the account, rie said nee or, the cars were carrying corn or corn meal, while the sixth did carry ethanol.

"It poses no threat either for anything in the air or any chance of explosion."

Cole said a section of U.S. Route 51 was closed from the time of the derail-ment until about 8 p.m. and retroited. No injuries or health risks resulted

no threat for either vapor or explosions

Cole said.

A voluntary evacuation was offered to residents in the area of the derailment and they set up a location at the Carbondale Civic Center for the resi-dents to go to, Cole said. Cole said the derailment was an

Cole sate an accident.

A' bad wheel hit a switch and that the color of the color o

"Write taking every prefaution and that's why we also ordered the voluntary evacuation of the residents across the street just to go one step further than we probably need too, but just to air on the side of safety," Cole said.



U.S. Highway 51 north of Carbon

USG officials confident about spring semester

Erin Holcomb DALY EGYPTIAN EEDWAAANEDU

Undergraduate Student Government spent a lot of time this semester cleaning up the mess past administrators have made, and now senators say they're ready to continue serving students better than before.

The earlier administration over allocated money to Registered Student Organizations in the spring, leaving the fall administration to try and pick up the pieces.

USG President Pricillano Fabian said the

rocky start to the semester allowed the group to enhance communication between the exec-utive members and the senators. He said now that the financial situation has been addressed, the members in the future should not have to worsty about money

week.

We're going to make sure that what we have is the correct number so we don't go over that, Tabian said. We want to allow the near administration to have a safe, secure amount to work with.

Ghink now that (the senators) have that confidence, next semester is going to run a lot smoother; people are going to be working together more and more.

> - Priciliano Fabian . Undergraduate Student Government President

The senators started with \$16,000 to distribute to organizations this academic year, \$8,000 for each semester.

\$8,000 for each senester.

Rhonda Daugherty, chalrwoman of the Finance Committee, said all of the money for the fall gemester has been given out to orga-nizations, but the group gained an additional \$8,000 from transfers for the spring semester. from events that were funded but never held.

In addition to the now-fixed budget prob-lems, the senstors barely — and sometimes did not — meet quorum this semester. Quorum is met when at least two-thirds

of the members attend a meeting, allowing them to vote on various bills.

Fabian said he is confident meeting sporum will not be a problem in the spring semester thanks to the ambitious nature of the newly elected senators and the devotion

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of the veteran senators.
I can't walt to start working with them,
he said. I think now that (the senators) have that confidence, next semester is going to run a lot smoother; people are going to be work-ing together more and more.

John Kiwala, executive assistant, said he la

happy with the increase in senators, but does not think the group should stop its recruiting just yet.

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His hope is to fill every seat in the senate.

Kiwals said: a to That's my maint goal; that's what I'm ing to strive to do, he said. Kiwala said he encourages students to sit

in on the USG meetings so they know where

their money is going.

Next semester, we're going to do a push to get the word out and let students know a little bit about what we're doing, he said.

Ashley Epps, vice mesident, said she thinks the most important accomplishment the senators made this semester was getting the senators made this semester was getting the word out to students about the Monetary Award Program Grant

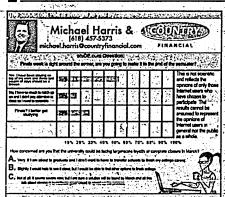
That was the most important thing to us and we accomplished that, Epps said. I felt like that was a big thing we did.

The fight for the grant is not over yet, she said, so the senators will try to get even more students together again in the spring semester for another ralls.

for another rally.

Fabian said he is positive another rally in the spring will continue the funding for the grant, and the help from the USG will be even better than this semester.

This semester was awesome: Fabian said. Next semester's just going to be great; it's just going to be better.



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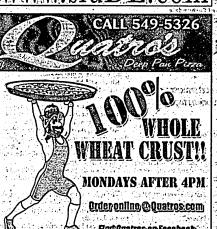
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CHRISTMAS CANDLETIME

Ethan Cock, 11, puts out Advent candles after Mass at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Murphysboro Saturday, in the Catholic Church, Advent wreaths are used to count the weeks leading up to the Christmas

holiday, stopping the Sunday before Christmas. Advent is a season in the church's liturgical calendar in which the congregation awaits the birth of Jesus on Christmas.

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Concert seeks to inspire students

nything is possible, but you must make it happen here.

— Cory Hopson junior from East St. Louis

Madeleine Leroux DANY EGYPTIAN MLEROUX STLEDU

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

back up and focus on finals, as well as the spring semester.

The '1 Just Wanna Be Successful' concert, which was held 'at 7 p.m. Friday in the Student Center Auditorium, was organized through Guide 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:

Airon Mallory, a senior from

Aaron Mallory, a senior from Flossmoor studying electrical engineering, said he began Guide Right Enterprise about one year ago to help others through inspi-rational and motivational speaking. Mallory said the business works with both the College of



Auditorium for the "I Just Wanna Be Successful" concert. The event provided inspirational music poems and skits for students.

Engineering and the Minority Engineering Program to help with retention in a more creative way.

"We do it in a way where it's cre-ntive," Mallory said. "Make it a little

more relatable ... so that students are hearing it and applying it so they can be successful in the future."

Mallory said the goal of the show was to make sure each stu-

dent in attendance comes back to nool in the spring and does well. "Retention is very low for fresh-

men, especially minority fresh-men," Mallory said. "We want to

each one of you to be inspired and think outside of the box.

Performers used music and poetry to encourage students to manage their time well, study hard and overcome obstacles to succeed

Cory Hopson, a junior from East St. Louis studying speech

East St. Louis studying speech communication, performed a rap, telling others to "go far."

"Anything is possible, but you must make it happen," Hopson sang, with audience members join-

ing in:
Vincent: Ewing, a sophomore Vincent: Eving, a sopionacie, from Chicago studying business management, said Speaking and Teaching is, a jositive student organization that brings people together with a focus on education.

"This group is geared to mostly the minority crowd who needs this kind of leadership and guidance,"

enno or reacessup 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 s is cool

Mallory said he hoped as many people as possible would get involved and inspire others to do well and proceed. well and succeed.

"When you inspire someone, it stays for a lifetime," Mallory said. "Our goal is to inspire as many people as possible."

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Jim Abrams THE ASSOCITED PRESS

WASHINGTON - The Senate passed a \$1.1 trillion spending bill Sunday with increased budgets for vast areas of the federal

government, including health, edu-cation, law enforcement and veterprograms.

ans programs.

The more-than-1,000-page package, one of the last essential chores of Congress this year, passed 57-35 and now goes to President Barack Obama for his signature.

The weekend action under-lined the legislative crush faced by Congress as it tries to wind up the year. After the vote, the Senate immediately returned to the debate on health care legislation that has care legislation that has consumed its time and energy for weeks. Senate Democrats hope to reach a consensus in the coming Jays on Obama's chief domestic

The spending bill combines six of the 12 annual appropriation bills for the 2010 budget year that began Oct. 1. Obama has signed into law five others.
The final one, a \$626 billion de-

fense bill, will be used as the base bill for another catch-all package of measures that Congress must deal my Rivers and his friends realized

that the Italian restaurant that they had

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.

— Harry Reid Senate Majority Leader

with in the coming days. Those in-clude action to raise the \$12.1 tril-

lion debt ceiling and proposals to stimulate the job market.

The spending bill passed Sunday includes \$447 billion for depart-ments operating budgets and about \$659 billion in mandatory pay-ments for federal benefit programs. ments for federal benefit programs such as Medicare and Medicald Those programs under immediate control of Congress would see increases of about 10 percent.

The FBI gets \$7.9 billion, a

\$680 million increase over 2009; the Veterans Health Administration budget goes from \$41 billion to \$45.1 billion; and the National Institutes of Health receives \$31. billion, a \$692 million increase.
All but three Democrats voted

for the bill, while all but three Republicans opposed it Democrats said the spending was critical to meet the needs of a recession-battered economy. Every bill that is

something. The waiter came o d talking in Italian! Um., for the group, what to do."

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passed, every project that is funded and every job that is created helps America take another step forward on the road of economic recovery, Senate. Majority Leader, Harry Reid, D-New, said after the vote. Republicans decried what they called out-of control senation and

called out-of control spending and pointed to an estimated \$3.9 billion in the bill for more than 5,000 local projects sought by individual law-makers from both parties.

The Citzens Against

The Citizens Against
Government Waste, said those
projects included construction of a county farmer's market in Kentucky, renovation of a historic means and New York and restoration of a mill tion of a historic theater

in Rhode Island.
Sen. John McCain, R'Ariz,
longtime critic of such projects, sidd it was 'shameful' that so many had found their way into the legislation. Most American, he said, were 'watching football and not the Senate debate, adding. 'If they

hacky-sack.
"They were freaking tailgating?"
Ben exclaimed furiously "Charcoal
grill, coozies, Chinese horseshees...
the whole *schang! They're supposed

to be helping ushere... not grilling botdogs and high-fiving." hotdogs and high-invas-The faculty did not deny the claim. In fact, Art History professor, the man spoke with great

The legislation also contains incrous items not directly related to spending. It provides help for auto dealers facing closure, ends a ban on funding by the District of a ban on funding by the District of Columbia government, for abor-tions and allows the district to permit medical marijuana, learn Amtrak passengers carry unloaded handguns in their checked bag-gage and permits detainees held at Guantanamo Bay to be transferred to the United States to stand trial, but not to be released

The bill also approves a 2 percert pay increase for federal workers. With the Senate concentrat-ing on health care, attention on the oming jobs plan shifts to the

The defense bill that will be the basis for the package normally en-joys wide bipartisan support, but Republicans, and some fiscally conservative Democrats, are un

servative Democrats, are unhappy with the prospect of another jolt of deficit-swelling spending. Congress must soon raise the debt ceiling, now at \$12.1 trillion, so the Treasury can continue to borrow, and Democratic leaders are eyeing a new figure close to \$14 trillion, pushing the issue past next November's election.



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Looking for something more authentic than local favorite Pizza Barn, the group had decided to venture out and try a new place.

RANT out and try a new place.

"I, swear it, was the seariest moment of my life," Karl Winsey, a sperience quickly turned into a scary friend of Danny's, recalled. "It was

"Did we eat too many Doritoes? MONEY on the la they re one's surprise a good day," ore Vacanti

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question frenzy? Apparently, tailgat-

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Apple's general counsel, regarding a countersuit filed by Apple Inc. against Noble for 13 alleged petent violations

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Postpone Saluki Way to keep campus operating

DEAR EDITOR:

According to SIU President Clenn Poshard, SIU may probably close in March or lay off large amounts of peo-ple, a scenario that will certainly increase ch needed enrollment. He is quoted as stating. This isn't a pank situation; nobody is panicking here.

This may be true for SIU's higher dministrators who will certainly not be laid off. But for the majority of faculty and staff in an already depressed economic region, this is a very wor-rying time. Should the worst happen, Cartondale would probably become a ghost town after keing its chief source

In the light of the recent high-salaried appointment of a new chancellor (who may not even have a job to go to in june) despite a supposed hiring freeze, er solution is possible.

What about temporarily transfe the \$35 million dollars allocated to the Sahiki Way sports project to alleviate, at this particular time.

e budget crisis?

This project is opposed by the majority of faculty and students on this opus, and in a time of econ recession, sports abould be the lowest item on the agenda.

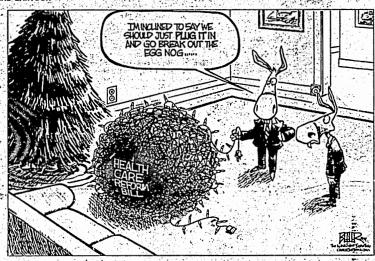
It would be one of a mu essary efficiencies Trustee Bill Bonan II has urged. Should the economy rec this project could then go shead. The mains whether sports or education is the main priority on this campus

It is something President Poshard should seriously consider. Otherwise he may go down in history as the president w the collapse of a univ Delyte Morris built up.

rely the eco people is far more important in a ti of economic depression rather than an irrelevant sports stadium that has notice ing to do with educational quality.

> , Tony Williams professor in the department of English

EDITORIAL CARTOON



WHAT THE HEALTH IS GOING ON

Nothing to do on the weekends?

The missing voices: Those who do not always drink

Ryan Cheperka GUEST COLUMNIST

Every year a new batch of collents 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 occurs at night 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 a bar or stay home. When 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 undesired, immediate and long-term consequences. approaches such as peer-to-peer

ce feelings of anxiety, sadness, or guilt during or after drinking. Often, these students aren't aware of how different patterns of drinking affect them in the long-term, or even in the short-term.

Students eventually begin to learn to avoid these co perhaps after personal experiences, or hearing about negative consequences from another source. Some don't ever learn, or wish they had

SIUC currently promotes a social norming campaign regarding drinking that educates students about drinking rates among college students and challenges perceptions about these rates.

According to http://jointogether. .org/ feedback from peers about how personal drinking compares to other students, helps with reducing levels of drinking among students. Schools that reduced college drinking used social-norms campalgn.

For example, studies show that

re alcohol weekly than they actu-

So, it is the goal of the Alcohol and other Drug Program through the SIUC Wellness Center to begin a peer-led student group otes a supportive campus community and fun, safer ways to experience life.

One way this group can provide support is by advocating alternatives to drinking. The Marin Institute suggests creating alcohol-free cul-tural athletic artistic and academic options for students.

Some universities have initiated this mission by providing events that demonstrate students do not need alcohol to have fun. For example, Stanford University's recreation cente, coffeehouses and gyms all stayed open until 2 a.m., and

University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill organized Fall Fest, phol-free street festival that included games, band performances,

massages and dancing / And, student-athletes from Pfeiffer University planned a "Dry Night," which Included a pageant and fundraiser.

Students were encouraged to mate the money they would usu-

ally spend on drinking.

Events such as these help display the commitment of students towards shaping the campus culture towards one of pride, and helping one another.

If you have ideas or are inter ested in promoting such a cause here at SIUC, please contact the Wellness Center to find out more

Cheperka is a graduate assistant in the Alcohol and Other Drug Program at the Wellness Cen

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'Invictus' incites emotion and drama

Eastwood's latest film an Oscar contender

Luke McCormick DALY EGYPTUM :

Rated: PG-13 Released:12/11

Directed by: Clint Eastwood Starring: Morgan Freeman, Matt Damon Matt Damon Runtime: 134 min. Rating: B-

Oscar awards season has arrived, so bring on

Oscar awards season has arrived, so bring on the yearly Clint Eastwood drama. This year, Eastwood brings the story of freshly minted South African President Nelson. Mandela, attempting to bring his country together during serious turmoil.

Instead of focusing on a nation in transition, the film looks at Mandela (Freeman) using the 1995 Rugby World Cup and his nation's team as a means of bringing his broken country together. Mart Damon plays the team's captain, Francois Pienaar, and Mandela's agent of unification. The film plays out like a basic sports drama,

agent of unification.

The film plays out like a basic sports drama, with the normal highs and lows of the genre. Placed in the steady hands of a director like Eastwood and a crack cast of actors, it's a bit Eastwood and a crack cast of actors, it's a bit more than the average fielg good sports tale. The film is the upfifting story the trailers make it out to be and another number Owner nomination for one of this decade's most prolifie directors.

Eastwood is not turning out brilliance each year, but it is admirable to see a man closing in on the end of his life making quality films every 12 months.



Even if his flicks tog at the same heartstrings and get heavy-handed at times ("Invictus" does both), they are always consuming and emotion-

saly resonant.

Freeman turns in one of his best perfor importance by Mandela.

The climax is one that shows up in most any through the is calculating and caring, making unpopular sports film, but Eastwood makes this one a real sit is asset.

decisions; all for the betterment of the nation he loves so much.

Damon delivers as usual, playing it cool as his character is thrust into a place of high

become things the viewer cares to see succeed.

become things the viewer cares to see succeed.

It is easy to poke fin at Eastwood seemingly get a pass each year around awards season for just making a film, but "Invictus" is solid throughout and deserves some the of the praise it is assuredly about to get lathered with.

'Princess and the Frog' hops to No. 1 with \$25M

David Germain
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES - The Princes and the Frog extend a big wet like from family axis-exces as the animated musical leaped to No.3 with \$25 million in its first weekend of nationwide release, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The Disney musical is the studio's first hand

release, according to yourself in the studies first him frawn animated tale in five years, a coverant the computer-animated films that now domina the curront world.

ment story rolling, then the format saide doesn't, sean sarything, then the format saide doesn't, sean sarything, said Chuck Viane, head of dis-thurion for Disney.

The movie also is a return to Disney's riso-netion of classic fairy tisk, offering a 1900-lew Orleans twist on the Brothers Grimm story.

The Pring Prince, following the adventures of a soling bromain turned into a first by a kins from an annalitiest.

Despite to No. I firms. The Princess and the Frog. drew modest knowns compared to

two or three times as much business. Those films spically open during the busy summer season, though, and Deiney is counting on the long shelf life that many films manage during the holidays. The Princers and the Frog* most over at No. 1 from the inspiring sports tale The Blind Side, which slipped to second-piace with \$15.5 million. Released by Warmer How. The Blind Side raised in total to \$150.2 million; *1.5.**

A surprise box-office sensition, The Blind Side is on its way to a domestic total of about

Side is on its way to a domestic total of about

\$230 million, said Dan Fellman, Warner Bross head of distribution.

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The Blind Side chronicles the real-life store of Baltimore Ravens rookie lineman Michael Oher, who had been a homeless teen taken in by a wealthy couple (Sandra Bullock and Tim McGrzw).

All the heartland that pulling the strings of the move, Fellman said. While it's performing

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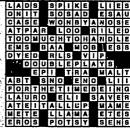
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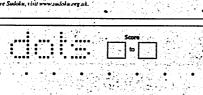
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By Linda C. Black

Horoscopes

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— Taking care of business could be your new marity. Don't be afraid to push the envelope. Sort it out later.

Taums (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7
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challenge, ou can't please everyone, but you can't show that you understand.

mini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a — Once again, opportunity knocks. Are a ready to open the door? Now's the le to test a new idea.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is an 8 — Remain open to suggestions. Each person has his of berown tasks to perform. Take care of your business first.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 — Brilliant new ideas pop up everywhere! Pick there to consider, and then choose one. Make notes for later.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an a feet document hits your desk today, it fits your thinking perfectly. Take advantage of the moment and move forward with creative plans.

Scorplo (Oct. 23—Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — Jump in with both feet. Get an early start on work today. Grasp any chances to meet new people and get new ideas.

ideas.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — Step onto the emotional memoro-or-ound, You can pass 'Go' and collect 5200, but only after hard work.

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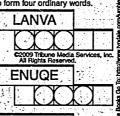
Capricom (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — Mentally, you move into private mode. Work alone as much as possible to accomplish more.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — You feel uplifted when the group finally arrives at a decision. Hard work now results in greater opportunity.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7.— You struggle with a mood shift foday. What felt upbeat before now seems like a problem. Work around the edges for the answer.



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Neptune, the team's leading re-bounder, ended the game tied for the game-high nine rebounds, and added eight points of her own, which was third most on the team.

Tiber said she was proud of her teams effort, but wants to see results.

"We just have to continue to We just have to continue to work as coaches and prepare our ldds, "Tiber said. /T. don't think snyone thinks they bust it for 40, minutes each game to loie. We are all working hard and eventually it will come."

The Salukis return to Carbondale on Dee, 19 to play against Murray State. It will be their first and only have game in December.

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— Missy Tiber women's basketball



NHE CARAKER | DAILY EGYPTIAN nore forward LaToya Hambrick tries to block a Western

Michigan player during the Nov. 25 home 82-77 loss. The Salukis traveled to Cookeville, Tenn. Saturday, where they lost against Tennessee Tech 59-56.

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 vere going to run away with their ifth straight win. Aaron Rodgers ure thought they would. Instead, they had to carn this one. Grant ran for 137 yards and two suchdows.

Grant ran for 137 yards and two touchdowns, and the Packers beat the Chicago Bears 21-14 Sunday after letting their lead slip away.

Grant broke off a season-long

yard touchdown on the Packer first play from scrimmage and scored the 'go-ahead touchdown in the fourth quarter after Nick Collins intercepted Jay Cutler.

we star d, I felt like we're going to go blow them out by two or three touchdowns," Rodgers

Instead, they wasted tou chances and settled for field goals, yet they did just enough to pull this one out and keep the momentum building as they prepare for a play-

off run.
"We're playing better football,"
Grant said. "I think we're getting
confidence. It's a legit confidence.
We're playing better football."
Rodgers threw for 180 yards,

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Jermichael Finley caught five passes for 70, and Charles Woodson added his 44th career interception for the Packers (9-4), who have won

The Bears (5-8) lost for the sev enth time in nine games and were eliminated from the playoff picture, according to STATS LLC. That makes It three straight postseason misses since the 2006 team's Super Bowl run.

Optimism soared after the big trade with Denver for Cutler, but the Bears plummeted after a 341

· Tied for the league lead entering the game, Cutler now has 22 in-terceptions after getting picked off twice. He did throw for 209 yards twice. He did throw for 209 yards and two touchdowns even though Devin Hester missed the game with a calf injury, but it's hard to win when a team racks up 13 penalties for 109 yards.

It's not easy, either, when it runs for just 59, yards and averages 3.5, per earry, as the Bears did. Turnovers, penalties, every time

y, as the Bears did, novers, penalties, every time ed like we got going some-ad happened," Cutler sald. it seemed like we got going some-thing bad happened," Cutler said.
"It's something that's happened all year to us. It's hard to be a good of-fensive team when that happens."
Cutler, who had four interceptions

Bay, threw a costly one with a 14-13 lead early in the fourth quarter. Collins picked off a pass to Johnny Knox and returned it 32 yards to Knox and returned it 32 yards to the Chicago 11, setting up a 1-yard scoring run by Grant. Rodgers hit Jennings for the 2-point conver-sion, making it 21-14 with 12:39 left in the game, and the Packers left in the game, and the Packers swept the Bears for the first time since 2003.

since 2003.

Grant got things off to a good start when he broke off that touchdown run, but they seriled for five field goals, after stalling deep in Chicago territory while building a 13-7 halftime lead. That quickly disappeared after Rodgers fumbled the ball away as he dropped back to pass at the Chicago 29 on the first drive of the third quarter — a play he called 'one of the more embaration's of his target. rassing of his career.

He first caught the ball af-

He first caught the ball af-ter it popped loose and tried to throw again, but it popped out. Anthony Adams recovered it, the Bears took over at their 44, and Devin Aromashodu spun for a 10-yard TD reception with Woodson draped on him to give Chicago a 14-13 lead with 9-35 left in the third — a surprising turn given the way this one started.



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Despite the Salukis shooting 52 reent from the field in the first half,

percent from the field in the first hilf, they only made 9-of-16 from the free throw line; something, head coach chut Lowery said was uncharacteristic of his squad. "We are a good free-throw shooting team," Lowery said. "We struggled there in the first half, but we usually make those. It was a result of our bigbeing shie to use their size down low and get to the free-throw line. They did great things fore us." SIU busted out of the locker room in the second half to squander any of, Albama Sturt hope. The Saids 32-7 rain in the first 8:18 of the half put them shad by 22 points. Unlike the first half, the Horsets never answered lock.

ahead by 22 points. Onlike the first har, the Homets never answered back. "We hit them with a big burst and some monster dunks," Lowery said. "We took control of the game." The Salukis have been on a tear

The Salukis have been on a tear since implementing a new starting lineup Wednesday, scoring a combined 168 points in two games, Senior guard Tony Freeman has been a large part of the new-look offense. After missing

the Salukis' Dec. 5 game against Saint Louis University with a calf injury, the lone senior has scored 26 and 12 points in his two games back.

in his toy games back.

Lowey as differents has actually upset him because he thinks the senior should shoot more. Freeman said he has a reason for passing up he shoe.

I don't like shooting wide-open, Freeman said. "It's not very fun. I like people coming at me, and running at me, because it's a thor! I can focus more on the thot. Sendifically where he havilyon the shot, Specifically, what he's talk-ing about, when I'm open, I need to shoot the ball, and I've got to get out of that mental funk."

that mental funk."
The Sahukis will have finals week off before traveling to Las Vegas on Dec. 19 for games against San Diego and San Francisco. Dillard said baskerball has served as a relief from the

if we come in and practice like we'v been doing, then we'll be fine."

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Southern Illinois	5-2	Crela	hton.		3-5

EVANS

"We knew we were going to have problems with their bigs around the basket," Jackson said. "They were able to score and take advantage of that size."

The size helped contribute to rebound differential. SIU had 36 total rebounds compared to 20 by

and also contributed to a 16-2 run that rted the second half.

Sophomore Kevin Dillard said the play of the big men helps open up the offense for the shooters.

Today, (Anthony) Booker played

they have to respect Carlton (Fay), Dillard said. When everybody syncs in like that, and with the great shooter that (Tony Freeman) is, that opens

up the perimeter."

Dillard finished with 19 points and
Freeman finished with nine. During
the 16-2 run to open the half, Freeman

shot two three-pointers and finished 4-for-6 from the three-point range. Dillard said the big men are creating an unselfish atmosphere on the

"We have a good chemistry right w," Dillard said. "You look for other people, and other people are going to look for you. That's the good thing about this team — nobody is selfish, and there's not a scoring bartle between

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Iome sweet home for Salukis

ANOMES STREET

The Salukis made the most of their first home game in two weeks, which will also be their last for an-

SIU proved to be too much for.
Alabama State in an 82-63 victory Saturday at SIU Arena. It was the Salukis' first home game since Nov. 28 — and the first of only two me games in December. Kevin Dillard, who led SIU with

19 points, said the team is starting me together.

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"We've got good chemistry right
now, so it's not hard," Dillard said.
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a scoring battle between any We're just out there to win.

- After the Hornett startes

game with a rare fort-point play, the Salukis responded with a 17-2 run, including a seven-mimute stretch where SIU's defense held

After back-to-back dunks by guard Justin Bocot and forward Anthony Booker, it looked as if the dealening crowd noise and de-fensive pressure was too much for fensive pressure was too much for Alabama State; but the Homets responded with their own 17-7 run, to make it a 24-23 game with 6 minutes, 47 seconds left. But a Dillard three-pointer ended the quick scare, and a late offensive surge put SIU up 40-31 entering the locker room.

Evans second half gives SIU edge

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Nick Evans helped lead the SIU mens baskerball team to a strong sec-ond half surge as it defeated Alabama State 82-63 Saturday at SIU Arena. The redshirt sophomore center had no points in the first half, but

14 points in the second half to help lead the Salukis.

The 14 points is the second-highest scoring game Evans has had this season. His highest total was 15 points against Southeast Missouri State University in an 86-65 victory Wednesday. SIU head basketball coach Chris

very said the difference for Evans in the second half was shot select

He was rushing, and he shot

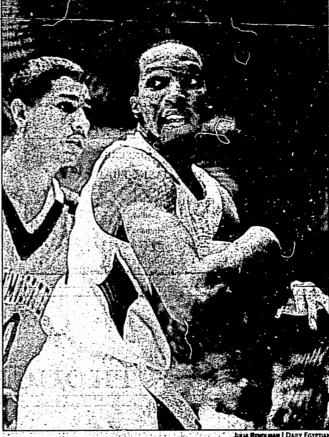
some jumpers that we didn't like, and we took him out immediately, Lowery said. "We told him, 'We don't need you shooting those,' and right away, he went inside and was dominant. We ran a couple of thing for him down around the im, and he scored on all of them. He made some

scored on all of them. He made some great moves in the post.

Evans played only eight minutes in the first half and went 0-for-3 from the field. The junior finished the game a perfect 7-for-7 in the scored half in 12 minutes of play. The 14 points against Alabama State was the biggest half of Evans season.

Alabama State's head coach Lewis Jackson said STUs size helped to one on the control of the control of

Please see EVANS | 10



re point guard Kevin Dillard pr ects the bask during the Salukis' 82-63 victory Saturday at SIU Arena. Dillard led the team with 19 points.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Salukis fall on road to Tennessee Tech

SIU only hit four three-point shots, going 2-for-7 in both halves. SIU had one lead the entire gaine, with an 11-8 advantage in the first half with 12-57 left in the period. And

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The Salukis' first win was just out

The SIU women's basketball team st on the road to Tennessee Tech on SIU was within one point of its first victory, trailing 57-56 with one sec-ond left.

SIU head coach Missy Tib

SIU head coach (Nissy Liber said go it was once again a matter of effort for a full 40 minutes.

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SIU trailed 31-22 in the first half, but outscored Tennessee Tech 34-28 in the second half. The first half saw the Salukis

thoot only 26.9 percent from the field, while the second half saw the team hit 39.3 percent of its sho

team hit 39.3 percent of its shots.

Tiber said it's hard to win with
the low shooting percentage the
Salukis posted in the first half.

You can't come into an arena and
shoot 26 percent in the first half and

give up six threes and think you an ing to be competitive, Tiber said.

All six of the three-point shots ere in the first half for Tennessee Tech, as it went 6-for-16 from there point range for 37.5 percent.
SIU improved in three point de-fense in the second half, prevent-ing Tennessee Tech from making a single three in the half. 40000021.11.

fe had that on-off switch going on tonight pidding and choosing when we were going to turn it off and turn i choosing when we were going to turn it off and turn it on. Unfortunately you can't do that, waiting until the last three minutes of the game to put that pressure on.

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— Missy Tiber women's basketball head coach

to put it all together, said senior guard Christine Presswood. Presswood led the Salukis with a

SIU had one lead the english gaine. Presswood led the Salukis with a said the team is improving with with an interesting 12 position and seven rethalf with 1257 left in the period. And bounds, while irreshman guard Teri
while it trailed most of the game, SIU Oliver was second on the team with
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rd but the differences in in the first and second half were inexcusable.

inexcusable. "We fought hard, but there was too much turning it on and taking it off, lackadataical playing. We just can't do that," These said.

The three-point defeat is the closest SIU has come to victory this season. The second closest was its 82-77 loss against Western Michigus on Nov. 22 in Carbondale.

nior guard Stephany Nepti said the team is improving with each game and has potential to win some games this season.