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Tricky thieves haunt students' Halloween

STEVE M. BRITT
NEWS REPORTER

Halloween proved to be full of tricks for three people on campus as thieves treated themselves.

A 1989 Buick Century was stolen from Cougar Village sometime between Thursday and Friday.

"The vehicle was parked in 4C at 10:30 p.m., the car was missing and there was glass on the ground," SIUE police Capt.

Gina Hays said.

The Century was found more than 15 miles away in Madison, where the driver struck a utility pole and fled the scene. The car was damaged in the theft and accident, Hays said.

In the same Cougar Village lot, a 1994 Ford Taurus was reported broken into Thursday. Hays said the steering column was damaged, but the car was not moved.

Across campus in the Woodland Hall parking lot, a

vehicle was broken into sometime between Oct. 27 and Friday.

Hays indicated the incidents may be related because they happened in such close proximity and succession.

In 2002, there were three motor vehicle thefts, according to the annual security report issued by SIUE police. The number of thefts from motor vehicles was 89, up from prior years.

Hays said police have no leads in the cases.

Grill may soon be smokin'

JOSH STOCKINGER
NEWS REPORTER

SIUE officials said they hope to find out this week when repairs to an air-exchange system in Center Court will be complete.

The malfunctioning system in the grill area has kept workers from charbroil grilling since January when Center Court renovations were finished.

The air-exchanger was designed to pull smoke from the grill area, but Morris University Center Director Mary Robinson said the system has done just the opposite.

"The smoke was going into the faces of staff and into the servery," Robinson said. "The charbroiler had not been used because we didn't want our customers to have that bad experience."

Robinson said repeated attempts to fix the system have failed. Architect Don Fisher was on campus last week to advise the university in correcting the

problem. The consultant is president of Fisher Nickel, an architectural firm in California.

Fisher met with a group of

Robinson said she expects the work to happen during Thanksgiving break, Nov. 24 through 30.

Grill customers will be able to buy chargrilled hamburgers again once the system is fixed, Robinson said. Only regular griddle burgers have been available because of the complications. Construction Coordinator Mike Guerra said the air-exchanger

repairs are first on a "punch list" of tasks yet to complete the \$20 million renovation to the MUC.

Guerra said other small projects include the completion of an upstairs patio, work to the walls of the Meridian Ballroom, the addition of draperies to the Conference Center and touch-up painting. Robinson said the final projects should be completed over Christmas break.

"When the general contractor leaves, we want to make sure everything is up to our expectations," Robinson said.

"The smoke was going into the faces of staff and into the servery."

~ Mary Robinson

the university's mechanical engineers and food service consultants to address the issue.

"The meeting was very positive," Fisher said Friday. "We came to an agreement with what the solution is."

Fisher said large amounts of exhaust from the broiler, combined with design flaws in the air-exchange system, were the cause of the system's malfunctions.

The original renovation designers will work with the university to repair the system at no cost, Fisher said.

SIUE holds hospice conference

ALEXIS GROSCH
NEWS STRINGER

With a growing population of older adults, there are many concerns about the options they have. SIUE will host the 21st Annual Hospice Conference of Southwestern Illinois Thursday.

The conference is designed for professionals, paraprofessionals, volunteers and others who work with the chronically ill, terminally ill or grieving people of all ages.

"Hospices are a place that offers physical, psychological and spiritual help for the patients

and their families," said Nancy Kaprelian, volunteer bereavement coordinator at Gateway Regional Medical Center.

The conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Meridian Ballroom on the first floor of the
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Grim visitation



KWAME ROSS/ALESTLE

Brent Goete shows off the costume he made for Halloween in the Goshen Lounge Friday, Oct. 31.

Poet encourages, motivates students

NICOLE GAUDREULT
EDITOR IN CHIEF



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Quincy Troupe, renowned poet, editor and professor had a poetry reading with about 130 students, faculty and staff at 12:30 p.m. Thursday in the Morris University Center.

Troupe read poems relating to everything from his mother and father, to sports, meat processing plants and death. Some students who attended the event said Troupe was inspiring and really caught their attention.

"I think this should have been a community-wide event. He gives hope to amateur poets and inspires me to take the struggles and make art," junior Cristina Baines said.

Senior Adam Letterly said Troupe is one of a kind.

"He is just amazing. He reads with so much enthusiasm. I've never heard anybody read poetry like that," Letterly said.

Troupe is a St. Louis native and now resides in New York City with his wife Margaret, who travels with him all over the world.

Troupe said poetry is something people should really take in and learn to have a respect for.

"Everybody should have poetry in a society that is so materialistic," Troupe said.

"Poetry is one of the most great ancient art forms and we should appreciate it. We really need to listen to it."

Senior Jennifer Ratliff said Troupe is a "dynamic speaker" who reminds her of Allen Ginsberg.

Troupe is working on a children's book, and novel/memoir and a screenplay in which he said the negotiations should be finished next year.

Troupe said he thought the reading at SIUE was wonderful, but he wishes he could have had more time to share his work.

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E'ville hosts town ghosts



SHARA REYNOLDS/ALESTLE

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Donations needed for drive

TYLER BENNETT
NEWS REPORTER

Dress for Success is holding its fall accessory drive through Friday, Nov. 14.

"It's something we've been doing for about five years," Manager of University Services to East St. Louis Kay Werner said. "We want to extend ourselves to our community."

Dress for Success is an organization that provides

clothing and accessories for women in poverty who have a job interview. Women are given hair and makeup assistance and provided with a mentor to help them through the interview process. If the woman is hired after the interview, she is also given another complete outfit.

Donations should be interview-dress appropriate.

The donation can consist of shoes, costume jewelry, scarves, new packaged hosiery, handbags

and belts. Dress for Success also accepts clothing. The clothing must be clean, on hangers and in dry cleaning bags.

For cash donations, checks should be made payable to Dress for Success Midwest and sent to Dress for Success Midwest, 523 S. Fifth St., St. Charles, MO, 63301.

For more information, such as drop-off times and locations, contact Dress for Success at (618)398-3305 or visit www.dressforsuccess.org.

Police Incidents

Traffic

10-28-03

Police issued a citation to David J. Flerra on North University Drive for failing to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

10-29-03

Police issued a citation to Crystal L. Smith for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Lauren A. Hudson for speeding on University Drive.

10-30-03

Police issued a citation to Justin Donaldson for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Matthew K. Collier for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Dane H. Loch for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Jennifer M. Carter on Bluff Road for operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

10-31-03

Police issued a citation to Danielle La Point for driving on the sidewalk in Cougar Village.

Police issued a citation to Stefanie J. Rosenkoetter for driving on the sidewalk in Cougar Village. Police issued a citation to Lauren N. Henderson for a stop sign violation on Cougar Lake Drive.

Alcohol and Drugs

10-26-03

Police arrested Gabriel X. Michael for illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor. Michael was processed, given a notice to appear and released.

Police arrested Lillie K. Laird for illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor. Laird was processed, given a notice to appear and released.

Other Offenses

Police arrested Christopher Walters for battery in Woodland Hall. Walters posted \$100 bond and was released.

Guest speaker will give talk on post-9/11 world

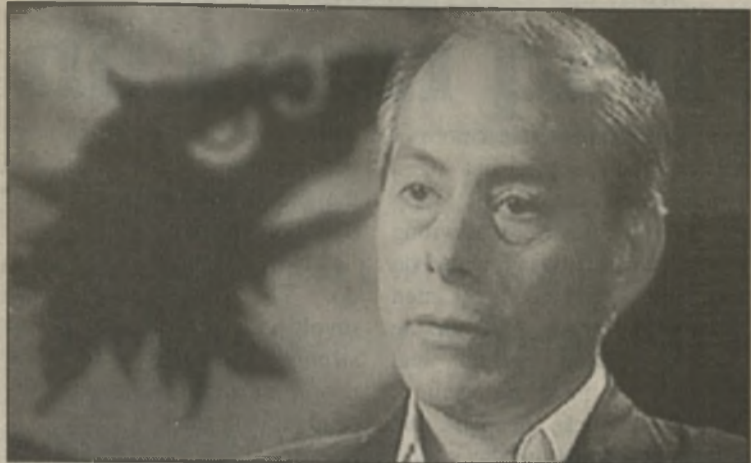


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BRUCE F. KLOSTERMANN
NEWS STRINGER

Security and Loss of Civil Rights: The Post 9/11 Dilemma" from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Religious Center. The event is free and open to the public.

Civil rights of immigrant workers in the United States will be the featured topic when Baldemar Velasquez, president of the Farm Labor Organizing Committee, will speak at SIUE Tuesday, Nov. 11.

In 1967, Velasquez established the Farm Labor Organizing Committee, a division of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations when he was only 19 years old. The FLOC has been

Velasquez will present a speech titled "Walking a Fine Line Between Homeland

a long-time advocate of immigrant workers' rights in the United States, organizing boycotts and playing an important role in negotiations on their behalf.

The FLOC led a seven-year boycott against the Campbell's Soup Co. and won the first three-party collective bargaining agreements in U.S. history in 1986.

In addition to his beliefs in the preservation of immigrant workers' civil rights, Velasquez will be outlining his plans for the reform of immigration laws in the United States "to include legalization of hard-working immigrants and the development of a system that documents each person and ensures full labor and civil rights."

For more information on Velasquez, his upcoming visit and the FLOC, visit www.floc.com or call (314) 458-3156.

Award given for conservation

BRUCE F. KLOSTERMANN
NEWS STRINGER

organization whose goal is nature preservation.

Emeritus professor Robert Williams was awarded the Illinois River Valley Conservancy Award last month in recognition of his contributions to conservation awareness in Illinois.

A member of SIUE's faculty for nearly 30 years before retiring in 2002, Williams has spent the last 15 years working to bring conservation awareness to students in Illinois through programs like the Rivers Project, the Illinois Middle School Groundwater Project, Zebra Mussel Mania, the Gateway Storm Sewer Stenciling Project and the annual Clean Water Celebration.

Williams received the award at a meeting of the Illinois River Coordinating Council from the Nature Conservancy, an international, nonprofit

These programs are designed to promote awareness of conservation issues facing Illinois rivers and to educate the state's young people on what can be done to preserve the rivers for future generations.

The award is given to those who demonstrate outstanding individual accomplishments in river conservation.

More information on Williams' projects can be found on the Rivers Project's Web site at www.siue.edu/OSME/river/.

Sirens to sound, no cause for alarm

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

The university will be conducting tests of the civil defense and fire alarm systems at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

The sirens will sound for approximately one to two minutes, and the fire alarms will sound for 30 seconds to one minute.

As usual, no evacuation of the buildings will be necessary.

The university asks that anyone unable to hear either of the systems e-mail their name, building address and phone number to Facilities Management at fmserv@siue.edu.

HOSPICE

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Morris University Center.

"The theme is going to be Hospice Care Across the Life Span," SIUE Gerontology Program Director Anthony Traxler said. "Not only is hospice care for older people and cancer patients, but also kids."

The keynote speaker will be William Gingold, a clinical assistant professor and director of Family Medicine Research and Aging Services at the University of Illinois College of Medicine. Gingold's lecture will begin at 9:15 a.m.

individuals with life a chance to grow until they die," Traxler said. "Hospices understand that people have a lot to deal with before death."

The conferences that will be presented are, "Was, Is, Will Be: Functional Interventions", "Pain and Symptom Management", "Value of Music Therapy in Hospice Care and Alzheimer's Disease — The Final Journey."

"People go to hospices for comfort instead of a cure," Kaprelian said.

The conference will end at 3:30 p.m. and include lunch. The

conference is being sponsored by the School of Education and seven area hospices.

"There are 3,100 hospices in the U.S. as of 2001, and there are 18 hospices located in the St. Louis area," Traxler said.

The cost for the conference is \$40 for the public, \$25 for students and hospice volunteers, \$45 for social work and nursing home administrators and \$40 for funeral home directors and embalmers. Registration forms are available online at www.siue.edu/GERONTOLOGY/Hospice2003.html.

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Opinions & Editorial viewpoints & commentary

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And the war in Iraq rages on



During the weekend, 16 more American soldiers died in Iraq.

CNN showed clips of Iraqis shouting anti-American slogans as they walked jubilantly around the wreckage of the downed helicopter.

There was no regret in those Iraqi faces. No sympathy for the families of the dead soldiers was evident. No sorrowful tears flowed for the soldiers who "saved" them from Saddam Hussein and brought them "democracy."

In fact, there was a very real look of pride in their faces. Their gleeful celebration seemed a mockery as they gloated in a

place of extensive death as the underdog rejoiced in a small victory over the giant undefeatable Americans.

What's wrong with this picture? According to President George W. Bush, the United States is the savior of the Iraqi people. We saved them from the horrible dictator Saddam Hussein. Shouldn't there be some sort of appreciation? Where is the gratefulness?

Maybe the problem is we also saved the Iraqis from secure jobs and ready health care. We have reduced their freedoms, taken their arms and pummeled their country to pieces. It was all for their own good, of course.

Bush promised an Iraqi-led government, but it's been too long in coming, so the people grow impatient. Months have passed since the beginning of the U.S. occupation, and Iraq is still hobbling along on the bare necessities.

The United States did not free the Iraqi people – it conquered Iraq. The Iraqis didn't ask for American help. They didn't want any help. Even now,

their actions are not the actions of a liberated people, but of a conquered people.

Morally, this war was wrong from the start. It was founded on lies and spurred on by men hungry for money. Oh, but the "official" reason was Iraq had weapons of mass destruction. You know, those weapons that remain evasive to this day.

How many times does a country's leader have to say "we don't have weapons of mass destruction" before Bush believes him? This sad page in history is a black mark on the integrity of America.

The whole world, including the United Nations, simply turned their heads as the big, bad bully stepped onto the proverbial international playground and beat up a small country for some lunch money it never had in the first place.

But it seems these people refuse to be assimilated by their conquerors. They aren't buying into the "American dream." They actually seem to like their lifestyles, their religion, their food and their form of

government – all of which have been around centuries longer than the proud and arrogant United States of America.

Now no one knows what to do. The Iraqi people are revolting, resistance grows stronger each day, and more people are added to the list of the dead on both sides.

How many more people will die to quench the insatiable thirst of American capitalism? Maybe it's time to give Iraq back to its own people. An apology might be nice too, but it's not really necessary. It may be too much to expect Bush to acknowledge his sin and admit it to the world.

A simple bow of the head and a graceful departure would be the first step America could take to right this wrong and in the process save the lives of many. Or is the "home of the brave" too afraid to look weak by retreating into our prayer closets where we should be asking for forgiveness and humility? American pride, isn't it a grand thing?

Stella Ramsaroop
Columnist

Letters to the Editor

Misquoting seems to be a popular thing

Dear Editor,

As I was reading Christopher Swingler's letter to the editor in Thursday's edition of the Alestle, I was a little annoyed.

I noticed he likes to point out other's misquotes. I would like to point out just one of his.

It appears to me he needs a long lesson in history because I too hate to see my Founding Fathers misquoted with the intent to mislead others. In his closing statement, Swingler quotes the Treaty of Tripoli with the line, "The Government of the United

States of America is not, in any sense, founded on the Christian religion."

This quote is traced back to President George Washington in a statement to the Muslim nations of Tunis, Morocco, Algiers, Tripoli and Turkey. These nations, also known as the Barbary Powers, were preying on U.S. merchant ships at sea shortly after the Revolutionary War.

President Washington made this quote trying to reassure them the United States was in no way trying to declare a holy war against these countries.

The Barbary Powers knew the United States was a new Christian nation and felt threatened by its presence in the new world.

Some will look at Washington's quote and say there's no way it's true then. But if read in context, it is true because the U.S. federal government is not based on Christianity.

The state governments are, but the federal government is not because it cannot establish a federal religion, as stated in the first amendment.

In closing, I shall quote President John Adams in a letter to Thomas Jefferson. "The general principles on which the Founding Fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity. I will avow that I then believed and now believe, that those general principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence and attributes of God."

Josh Dickey
Sophomore
Political Science

Writer strikes back, but for the last time

Dear Editor,

I am writing for the second (and last) time to defend what I wrote Oct. 23 in regards to the "Under God" issue.

It seems once again Christopher P. Swingler has been offended. I know this comes as a shock to all of us. The real issue here is Swingler was so desperate to find something to cry about for the week that he made some very careless assumptions about what I wrote.

I listed two quotes by James Madison in my letter: "Religion

is the basis and foundation of government" and "Religion gives us the capacity to govern ourselves; control ourselves; and to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."

These quotes were taken from "Liberty! Cry Liberty!," a 1939 publication by Harold Lane. Believe it or not, I am not the only person who has used these quotes from this book.

As just one example, U.S. Rep. Joe Pitts of Pennsylvania also used them for the basis of his March 12, 2002, argument concerning the same topic.

Use the almighty Google search.

Swingler quotes Madison's "Memorial and Remonstrance," a document that strongly supports the separation of church and state and, according to Swingler, "denounces religion being mixed with government in any form."

In 1787, Benjamin Franklin told the Constitutional Convention each of their sessions should be opened with prayers. Is this suggesting religion might have been mixed with government? Is it possible some of our Founding Fathers had

faith? Is it possible this faith influenced their work?

The separation of church and state exists to protect us from government.

Our Founding Fathers sought to avoid religious oppression of any kind. I do not believe they wanted to see our country be a godless one. Saying the Pledge of Allegiance or setting aside a few minutes for optional prayer is not religious oppression. It is your right to free exercise of your religion.

After all, it is not being
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Alestle Poll Question

Do you keep up with the news in Iraq on a regular basis or would you rather not think about it?

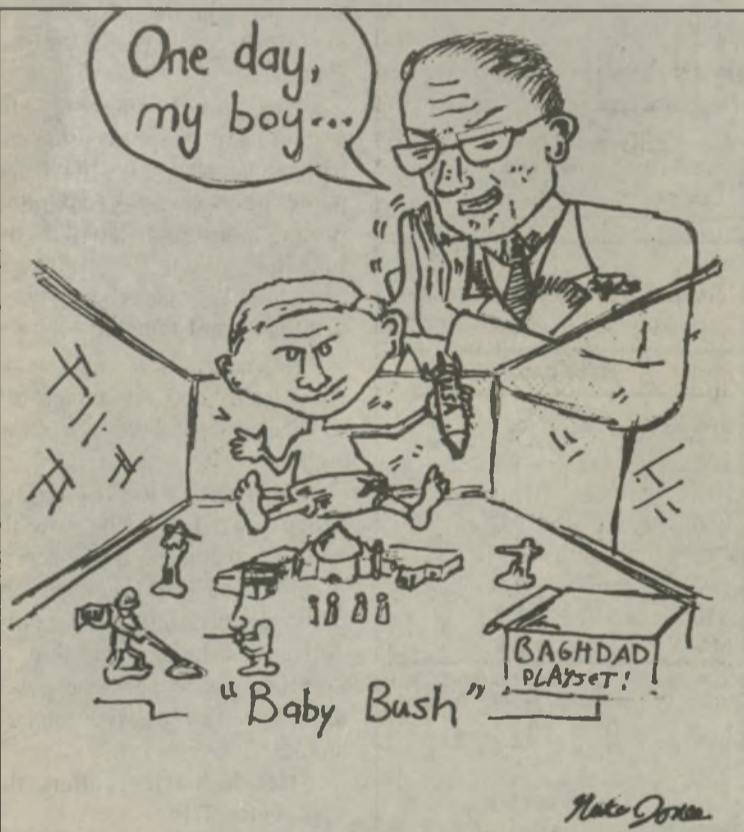
- I keep up with it consistently.
- I really don't care to watch any more of it than I have to.
- I don't watch it unless it just happens to be on television.
- Every now and then I will see what's going on.

Are you dressing up for Halloween?

- Yes. – 30%
- No, I'm too old for that. – 59%
- Maybe, I haven't decided yet. – 11%

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Political Cartoon



Quote of the Day

“Mankind must put an end to war, or war will put an end to mankind.”

~John Fitzgerald Kennedy

HENDRICK

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established you have to pray or participate.

It is not state-established religion. But what do I know? People like myself spread corrupt values throughout society, according to Swingler.

Corrupt values such as honor your father and mother, you shall not murder, you shall not steal - these are extremely corrupt values. Only one who lacks a proper upbringing would agree to such garbage.

As far as getting my research from some fundamentalist

Christian organization, that is not true.

I am not a crusader. I am a conservative American who understands my country's history and heritage. Go to the Library of Congress Web page and take the link under federal government and religion. Beware, you might be offended.

Unlike Swingler, I do not have to twist the content of something to suit my needs. Take a good look, people, at what Swingler writes.

Only a left-wing rat could

misconstrue our Constitution and heritage that much.

In closing, I shall leave you with a quote by Thomas Jefferson, which he wrote during the Revolution.

“Can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that their liberties are the gift of God?”

Adam Dale Hendrick
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Political Science

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College students are at risk for meningitis

*According to the Center for Disease Control, college students are more prone to infection
Students need to be aware of their physical condition and know the warning signs of meningitis*

CALLIE STILWELL
LIFESTYLES REPORTER

As college students continue the grind of homework and tests, they should keep in mind poor nutrition, little sleep and certain risky behaviors can put them at risk for serious illnesses, including meningitis.

Studies from the American College Health Association indicate college freshmen who reside in residential housing have a six times greater risk of infection.

The ACHA reports about 2,500 Americans are infected each year, with death resulting in 10 to 15 percent of cases.

College students account for 100 to 125 cases annually, with five to 15 deaths.

Caused by neisseria meningitidis, meningococcal disease is the leading cause of bacterial meningitis in the United States.

The Centers for Disease Control describes meningitis as "an infection of the fluid of a person's spinal cord and the fluid that surrounds the brain."

There are two types of meningitis. According to the CDC, the viral form is usually "less severe and resolves without specific treatment," while the bacterial form "can be quite severe."

SIUE Health Service's head nurse Sue Grimes said the most important symptoms to watch for are the sudden onset of a severe headache, high fever and neck stiffness.

She also said some people experience a developing rash and photophobia, which is sensitivity to light.

Other symptoms that can occur are nausea, vomiting, confusion and sleepiness.

FIGURE 1. Serogroup distribution of meningococcal disease cases, by age group—United States, 1994–1998

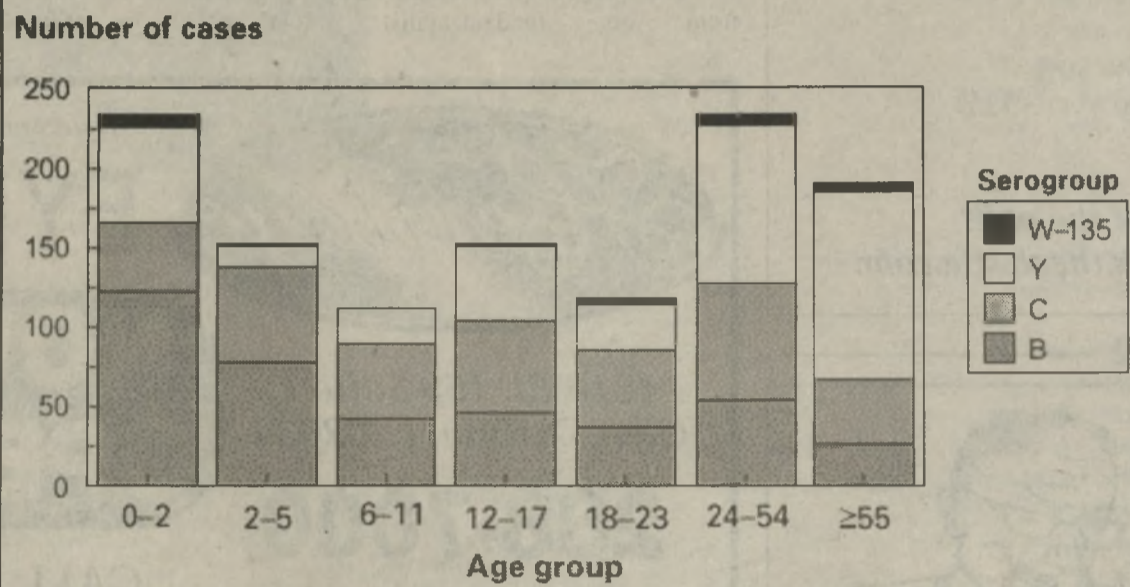


Table 2. Rates of meningococcal disease, by risk group—United States, September 1998–August 1999*

Risk group	Number of cases	Population	Rate per 100,000
Children aged 2–5 years	255	14,886,569 [†]	1.7
Persons aged 18–23 years	304	22,070,535 [†]	1.4
Non-college students aged 18–23 years	216	14,579,322 [‡]	1.5
College students	90	14,897,268 [§]	0.6
Undergraduates	87	12,771,228 [§]	0.7
Freshmen [¶]	40	2,285,001 [§]	1.8
Dormitory residents	45	2,085,618 ^{**}	2.2
Freshmen [¶] living in dormitories	27	591,587 ^{**}	4.6

* Bruce M, Rosenstein NE, Capparella J, Perkins BA, Collins MJ. Meningococcal disease in college students. In: Abstracts of the 39th Annual Meeting of the Infectious Diseases Society of America, Philadelphia, PA, November 18–21, 1999:63.
[†] 1998 census data.
[‡] NCES, U.S. Dept of Education, 1996–1997.
[§] Students enrolled in any postsecondary education for the first time.
^{**} National College Health Risk Behavior Survey (NCHRBBS)—United States, 1995.

Grimes said it is important to have early detection of the infection.

"They need to get treated immediately," Grimes said. She added if Health Services is not open at the time, students should seek treatment at a hospital.

The diagnosis can be made from a sample of spinal fluid. The

bacteria are then grown to determine the strain of bacterial infection, so the correct antibiotics can be chosen.

According to the CDC, appropriate early treatment of the common types of bacterial meningitis can reduce the risk of death to less than 15 percent.

The ACHA cited "close

contacts of persons infected with meningococcal disease are at greatest risk of contracting the disease." It reported cases of the disease have increased in 15- to 24-year-olds since 1991.

Grimes said college students who live in residential housing are at an increased risk for contracting the disease because

it's closer living quarters than they're used to and they have increased exposure to different people with different germs.

The CDC reported being exposed to radiator heat and upper respiratory infections also increases the risk of infection.

Because the disease is contagious, bacteria can be passed through respiratory and throat secretions but not through simply breathing air where a person with meningitis has been.

Grimes said risky behaviors such as sharing drinks and cigarettes can pass on the bacteria.

She added smoking and second-hand smoke exposure can irritate the respiratory tract and nasal passageways, making a person more susceptible to the infection.

Close personal contact such as kissing can also pass it on.

Grimes said it is important to eat properly and get enough rest to keep up the body's immune response.

According to the CDC, groups at risk who should consider the meningitis vaccine include household contacts of case patients, military recruits, college freshmen who live in dormitories and people exposed to active and passive tobacco smoke.

Health Services offers the vaccine for \$71.

The vaccine is available against four of the five predominant strains. The ACHA reports the vaccine is more than 85 percent effective in preventing disease and "up to 80 percent of college cases are vaccine preventable."

Revaccination is needed as antibody levels decline over two to three years, according to the CDC.

Alpha Kappa Alpha names Mr. Miaka winner

THOMAS C. PHILLIPS III
LIFESTYLES REPORTER

Thursday, six men strutted their stuff on stage in front of dozens of students, friends and family during the Mr. Miaka Pageant 2003.

Starting at 8 p.m., nearly an hour behind schedule, the event, sponsored by the Epsilon Iota chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., was a success.

Designed to raise funds for charity and present the pageant

winner with a scholarship for SIUE, the theme of the pageant, "The Epitome of Intelligence," was stressed throughout the evening by sorority members and contestants alike.

Junior Victoria Hansen, president of Alpha Kappa Alpha's Epsilon Iota chapter and co-mistress of ceremonies for the event, spoke about the evening's purpose.

"As AKAs, we believe education is very important in our community, which is why we



APRIL BUEL/ALESTLE
Senior Jacob Jenkins takes home the title of Mr. Miaka.

are donating this evening's proceeds to several different charitable organizations," Hansen said. "These include the United Negro College Fund and breast cancer and sickle-cell research."

The six contestants were James Orr, a junior from Chicago; Rontrell Robinson, a senior from East St. Louis; Antwon McDonald, a senior from Glen Carbon; Marvin Mitchell, a freshman from St. Louis; Mark Ingram, a freshman from Chicago; and

Jacob Jenkins, a senior from East St. Louis.

Contestants were required to model sleep wear, business wear and casual wear during the competition.

However, the highlight of the evening came in the talent competition, during which several contestants played to a raucous crowd and the judges with varying degrees of success.

Highlights included
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Halloween events draw bigger crowd than expected

NICOLE SHORT
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

Amid hot dogs and students playing Britney Spears acoustically on the guitar, residents of Woodland, Prairie and Bluff halls and Cougar Village roasted marshmallows over Woodland's second annual bonfire Wednesday night.

Costume contests were held in a competition between wings in Woodland Hall.

Some costumes were a sight to be seen. Gentleman dressed as ladies, and some were just plain crazy.

The bonfire offered not only free food, but also a chance for residents who might not interact

with students from other residence halls to meet new people and have fun.

Senior Woodland Hall resident assistant Sarah McQuarrie said she saw the bonfire as a way to hang out and meet new people.

"I really think this is a great chance for friends to get together and hang out," McQuarrie said. "I am enjoying meeting new people, and it's a great chance to meet people from other residence halls."

Junior Dustin French came out to Woodland from Cougar Village to spend his evening around the fire.

"Most of all, I'm enjoying this acoustic stoner rock and the

free hot dogs," French said. "My friend Kevin made me come, but I'm glad I did."

Woodland resident assistant Rebecca Drokopf said she thought the event served as a prelude to the Prairie Hall Haunted House that evening.

"I think students are enjoying this pre-party before the Prairie Haunted House," Drokopf said.

Turnout for the event was better than expected and better than the first time the event was held.

The bonfire was resident assistant Jeff Zettler's project, and he said he was extremely happy to see it turn out so well.

"This is my project, so I may

be a little biased, but I really think everyone is enjoying themselves and having a lot of fun," Zettler said. "We had this two years ago, and I don't think there were half as many people as there are out here now. Basically, you light a fire and man will come. We long to be by a fire, cooking."

Woodland resident assistant Mo Summers also commented on the bonfire's success.

"There's a good turnout," Summers said, "I'm glad we had it this year since we didn't have it last year."

The bonfire even served as a reminder of home for some residents.

Chelsey Meinkoth, a

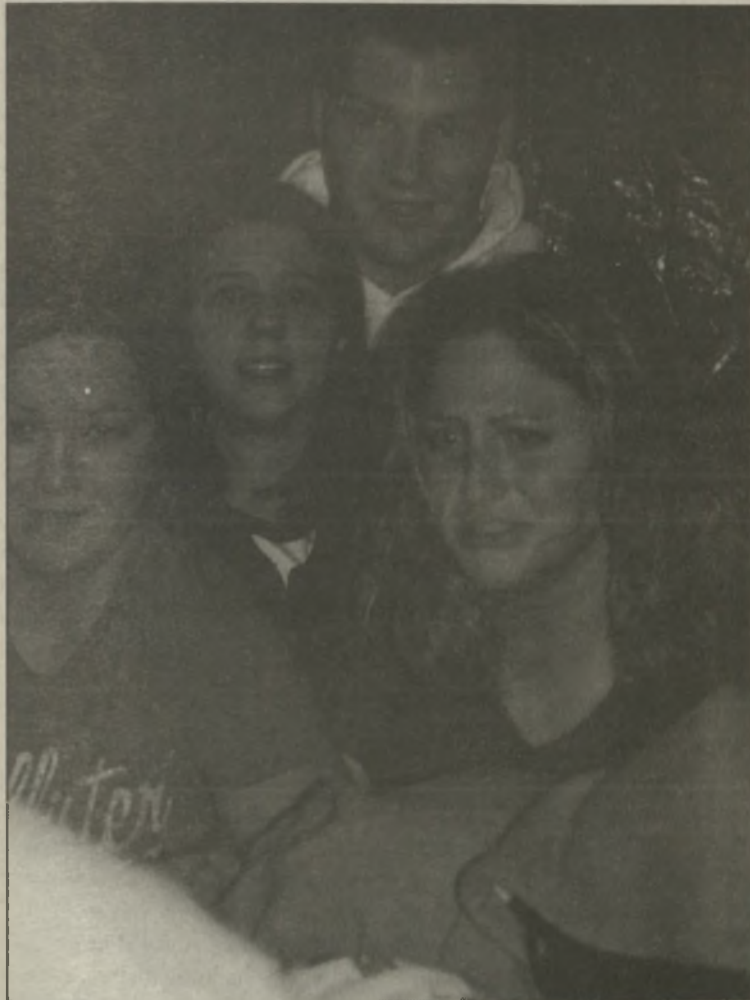
freshman resident of Woodland, is used to sitting around the campfire or bonfire back home.

"This is a kind of party that I'm used to," Meinkoth said. "Where I come from, we always have bonfires and sit around and chat."

Even if they were not reminded of home, other residents said they were fascinated with the fire.

"Nothing says I love you like starting a fire," freshman Brian Howard said. "I'm having a great time."

Woodland Hall resident assistants said they hope to continue the bonfire and the fellowship it brings to students.



KEVIN HILL/ALESTLE

A BIGGER-THAN-EXPECTED CROWD ATTENDS THE BONFIRE AT WOODLAND HALL AND THE HAUNTED HOUSE AT PRAIRIE HALL. STUDENTS ENJOY FREE HOT DOGS AND SMORES BY THE BONFIRE. SOME STUDENTS ALSO PARTICIPATE IN A COSTUME CONTEST. EXTENSIVE PLANNING AND PREPARATION MAKE THE HAUNTED HOUSE A SUCCESS. AN ESTIMATED 350 STUDENTS COME TO TAKE A TOUR THROUGH THE INSANE ASYLUM. THE UNEXPECTED TURNOUT CAUSES SOME STUDENTS TO BE TURNED AWAY AT THE DOOR. THE HAUNTED HOUSE CLEARLY TERRIFIES STUDENTS.



NICOLE SHORT
LIFESTYLES REPORTER

As the clock prepared to strike 8 p.m., students came out in droves to wait in line for the annual Prairie Hall Haunted House Wednesday.

With a budget of about \$500 spent on making the haunted attraction bigger, better and more realistic than ever, guests of the house received the fright of their lives.

With the entire activity wing being used, victims found their way through 10 rooms full of their worst nightmares.

Chainsaws, coffins, disorderly orderlies and fog presented them with a difficult journey around every

corner. This was not a haunted house for the faint of heart.

Freshman Brandon Tolson said he received quite a scare from the friendly scarecrow.

"The haunted house was really fun and creative," Tolson said. "The scarecrow was very frightening and also very funny. The house was a total success."

Prairie Hall resident, freshman Tracy Ross, gave kudos to the actors in the haunted house as well.

"I have to give a lot of credit to the actors for the work and creativity they put into it," Ross said. "It was both scary and funny."

Freshman Marianne Smith said she did not find the haunted house particularly scary but still

enjoyed it.

"It wasn't really that scary," Smith said. "But the students did a good job putting it on."

At the end of the three hours, participants in the house were exhausted and hoarse, but they said they were pleased with their efforts.

Freshman Ryan Raica spent several hours preparing for the haunted house.

"Spending two and a half hours on my makeup is something I normally wouldn't do but seeing the looks of fear on people's faces when I popped out made it all worthwhile," Raica said. "I wished it could have been longer, but I still think that everyone who went through had a good time and I can't wait until next year."

Freshman Ashley Williams said she felt the pain of her hard work the next day but still thought it was worth it.

"Although popping out of a cabinet made me terribly bruised, scaring the hell out of unsuspecting victims was great," Williams said.

Tour guide, freshman James Hellrung, did not have to do much to scare his victims.

"It was really fun leading the groups who were in such a scared state that I could have said 'boo' and they would have ran," Hellrung said.

Hall Director Scott Shields also said he knew the haunted house was a success.

"Everyone was coming out telling us how awesome it was," Shields said. "And at the end of

the night, everyone (the participants) knew that we had done a good job."

The guest total for the evening came close to setting a record at 367 people.

Since the maze was longer this year, it took more time for guests to come through, and the line backed up.

"Halfway through the night, the crowd was getting too large, and we had to shut down the line until we could get it under control," Shields said. "It was frustrating for me to have to turn Prairie Hall residents away. In the past we haven't used all the rooms, and so we were able to get as many people in without having to turn anyone away. Each year we learn something to improve on."

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Turkey is more than food at CAB activity

NICOLE SHORT
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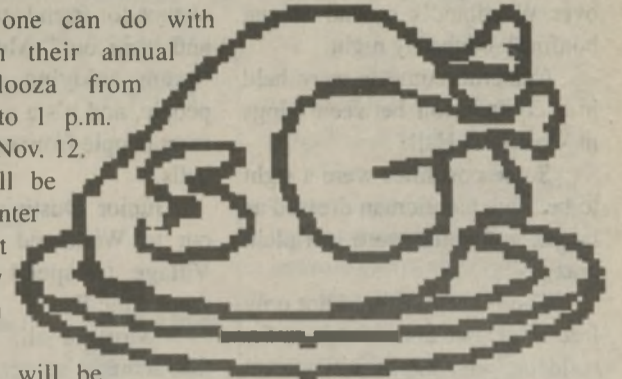
The Turkey Palooza promises to be a guilt-free holiday event.

How many things can one think of to do with a turkey?

Entertainment member Wesley Cooper assures students the event will be less harmful than overindulgence on Thanksgiving.

Members of the Campus Activities Board will demonstrate to students the multitude of fun things one can do with a turkey in their annual Turkey Palooza from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12.

This will be the only Center Stage event sponsored by CAB in November.



Students will be able to bowl with real, stuffing-filled turkeys.

"This turkey won't make you sleepy," Cooper said.

There will also be pin the hat on the turkey and free food.

And for those a little apprehensive about sticking their hand in a turkey to bowl, committee member Keith Brown has some advice.

Prizes will be given to winners, and participants will receive free T-shirts.

CAB will also donate one dollar to a food pantry for every dollar spent on the event.

"Mama said, 'Life is like a turkey. You never know what you're going to pull out,'" Brown said.

Entertainment chair, sophomore Lise Suliman, said she is looking forward to the event and hoping for a big turnout.

No matter what one comes out to participate in, CAB promises they will enjoy themselves.

"We want everyone to come out, get fun prizes, get free T-shirts for participating and spend their lunch hour with a turkey," Suliman said.

"Just come out to Turkey Palooza. It'll be more fun than you ever thought you could have with a turkey," Suliman said.

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Ingram's heartfelt poem about coming of age in the South Side of Chicago, Jenkins' spoken poetics and interpretive dance performance to gospel music, Robinson's impromptu stand-up comedy antics and McDonald's preparation of a full-course meal for judges and one volunteer from the audience.

Ingram took home the title of "Mr. 1908," second place.

At the end of the evening, the winners were announced, with the runners-up receiving free admission to Alpha Kappa Alpha events for the duration of one calendar year and gift certificates to Applebee's restaurant.

"I'd like to thank everyone who supported me, and everyone else for coming out tonight," Ingram said. "And I'd just like to let everyone know there's a lot of pressure on us when we're up [here] doing this show."

Orr was named "Mr. Pink and Green," third place.

However, it was Jenkins who took home the title of "Mr. Miaka," along with a scholarship for an undisclosed amount.

"I love you all, and I love the organization as a whole," Orr said during his acceptance speech. "Thank you."

The women of AKA have served SIUE and surrounding areas since the activation of the Epsilon Iota chapter in 1969, with programs including breast and testicular cancer awareness and "Buckle Up For Safety."

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Cougars fall to No. 1 seed, end rough season

TRAVIS ROSS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The SIUE women's soccer team season ended in a bad way Sunday with a 3-0 defeat at the hands of Northern Kentucky University. The game pitted the first-seeded Norse and the eighth-seeded Cougars against each other in the first round of the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament.

The Cougars were not able to get anything done on the

offensive side of the ball, having only one shot on goal the entire game.

In the first half, the Norse made six shots on goal, three of which were shots on senior goalkeeper Kristin Covalt who was able to make the saves.

In the second half, the Norse dominated the flow of the game again. In the 60th minute, Norse player Amy Law was able to take a shot from 20 yards out and get it past Covalt. The Cougars lone shot on goal came in the 70th

minute when junior midfielder Angela Light was able to put her shot on

goal.

The Cougar defense kept the game close until late in the game. In the 84th minute, Norse player Laurel Chalk scored an unassisted goal, and then in the 89th minute, Samantha Riley scored the third goal of the game for the Norse.

The Norse improved their record to 15-2-2 while the Cougars ended the season with a record of 10-7-0. After starting the season with an 8-1 record, the Cougars had a tough time with GLVC play, losing five straight and then winning the final three games of the season to make the GLVC Tournament.

With the loss, the Cougars will be losing four key members see *WOMEN'S SOCCER*, page 11



AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

Top, seniors Becky Baker, front, and Sara Decker fight for the ball, while junior midfielder Jackie Thomann runs across the field in the background. Right, Baker, who finished the season with two goals and four assists, controls the ball against Southern Indiana. On the season, the Cougars outshot their opponents 292 - 182 and outscored their opponents 39-22, but still finished with a 10-7 record overall.



AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

Junior midfielder Christen Carducci winds up during the Cougars' match against Kentucky Wesleyan earlier in the season. The Cougars won the match 11-0. Carducci finished the season with three goals and four assists. She was fourth overall in points with 10, and scored one game winner for the Cougars.

Volleyball turns in mixed results

Falls to Southern Indiana, rebounds against Kentucky Wesleyan.

TRAVIS ROSS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The SIUE volleyball team won a match and lost a match over the weekend.

The Cougars pounded the Kentucky Wesleyan College Panthers in straight sets, 30-8, 30-18 and 30-14.

Sophomore middle hitter Heather Bonde led the Cougars with 10 kills while sophomore setter Krystal Majernik did her part, serving up 36 assists.

Bonde continued her recent surge, connecting for 15 kills against the University of Southern Indiana Screaming Eagles, in the Cougars' straight

set loss, 29-31, 26-30, 25-30.

According to Gober, Bonde's contributions this season have been just what the team needed.



Heather Bonde

"She has moved up to among the league leaders in

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Season officially under way for Cougar wrestling

Rujawitz, Scholle start strong, finishing in top five of their divisions

TRAVIS ROSS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The SIUE wrestling season officially kicked off with team members competing in the Lindenwood University Open.

Freshman Joe Rujawitz finished in the top five in the 149-pound weight class while 165-pound red shirt freshman Eric Scholle finished fourth in his

weight class for the Cougars.

"Those two wrestled really good and beat a lot of the top wrestlers in the country," head coach Booker Benford said. "We had a few guys that didn't wrestle too well and might have been trying to get used to wrestling at a certain weight class."

But, Benford said there are still problems that need to be addressed before the next match.

"We are still having problems with hand control and getting our escapes," Benford said. "A lot of them have forgotten that we want to try and pile up the most points in the final period. Some of the guys didn't execute that way, and they ended up kind of hanging out instead of scoring points."

Benford said he wanted a lot see *WRESTLING*, page 10

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more hardware than his team walked out with.

"I really wanted more champions than the guys that just placed in the tournament," Benford said. "One year we had four champions out of this, and the last couple of years we have had one or two champions. Sometimes teams bring a lot of studs and sometimes they don't; this year there was a lot of tough competition."

While it was not the best way to start off the season, Benford said it definitely establishes some smaller areas that need to be addressed.

"Sometimes a tournament will hit you over the head, and maybe now some of them will

realize that this is not high school," Benford said. "This will hopefully get people to work toward a college type of wrestling rather than reverting back to high school."

Benford said there are some advantages to having a strong team.

"It's a challenge because these guys could lay the foundation for us to have some strong teams in the future," Benford said. "You get a lot of these sophomores and juniors and you have to try and mold them. Sometimes it takes tons of losses or tons of matches before you learn you have to listen to what the coach is telling you. And what it boils down to is a lot

of patience on my part."

Another big stepping stone for Benford this season is being free of recruits brought in by former head coach Larry Kristoff.

"I have been a recipient of guys like Titus Taylor and Zach Stephens," Benford said. "It's time for me to start proving what I can do with my recruits. I did the work with them in the room, but you feel better when you pull a kid in by yourself."

The Cougars will spend the next couple of weeks working the kinks out before the team's next match at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, at Belleville West High School against McKendree College.

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hitting percentage," Gober said. "Heather's (Bonde) game relies on quickness and a good vertical. When we get her the ball, she wins the battles."

Sophomore outside hitter Kindra Westendorf and senior middle hitter Andrea Voss also contributed with 12 kills apiece.

Majernik tallied 39 assists in the loss.

"They (Southern Indiana) were definitely fired up for that game," head coach Todd Gober

said. "They were celebrating every point like they had won the national championship. There was a lot of emotion in that game. Last year they were in first place in the conference going into the last game of the season, and we beat them, knocking them out of first."

Gober said the biggest problem for the Cougars was passing.

"I think we had a pretty good game plan," Gober said. "They

were hitting some balls over the top of our blocks, and their outsides, when they did get their kills, were straight down hammer kills."

The Cougars squared off against Central Missouri State University Monday night.

Due to the game's late start time the Alestle will report on the contest in Thursday's edition.

The Cougars' next game will be at 7 p.m. Friday against Lewis University.

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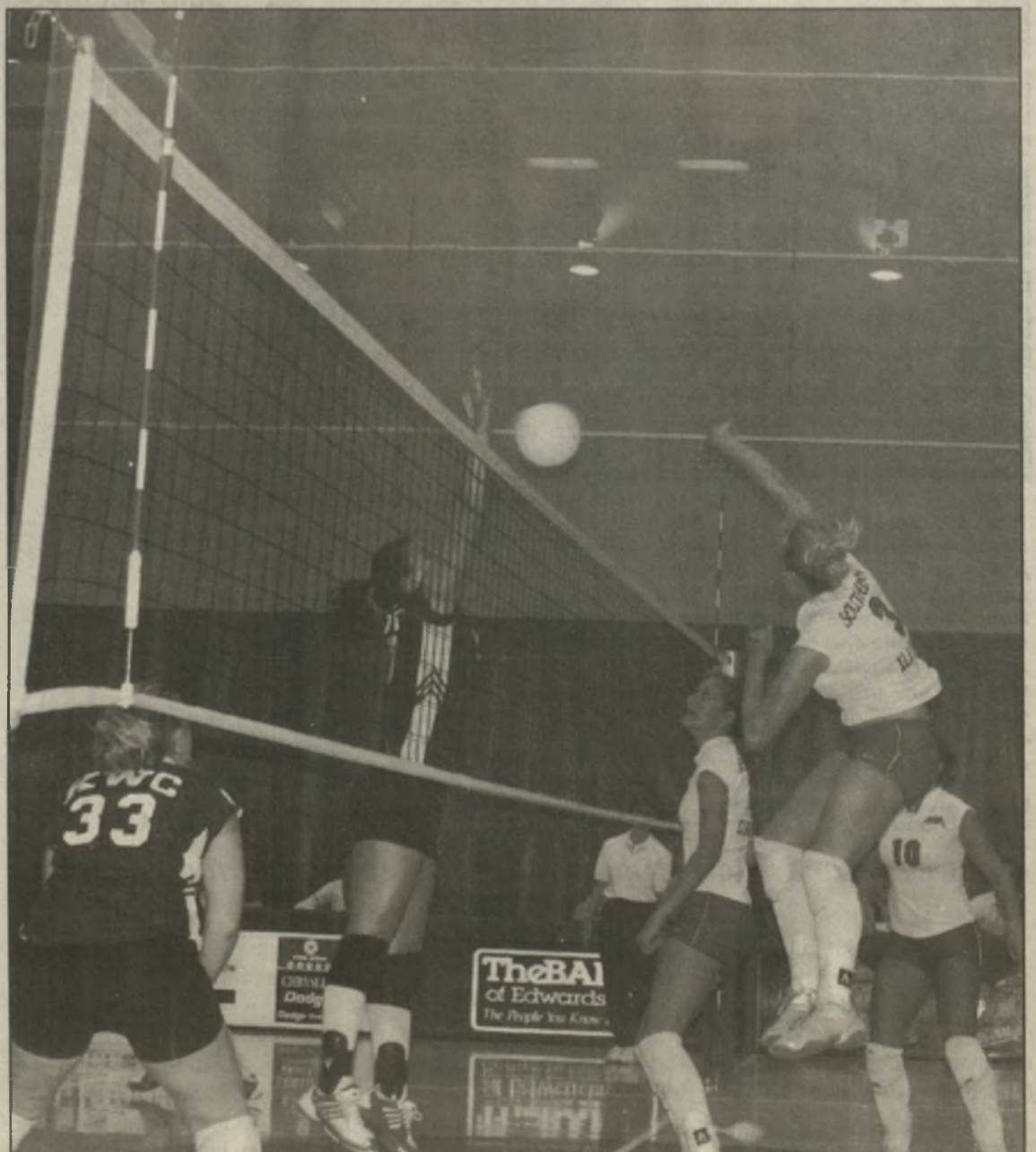
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AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE
Sophomore Heather Bonde goes up for a kill. Bonde collected 25 kills during the weekend.



AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

Juniors Ann Crawford, front, and Angela Light attack during the Cougars' match against Southern Indiana earlier this season. Crawford scored six goals and added four assists for the Cougars. Light chipped in three goals and two assists.

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of the team.

The Cougars will be losing Covalt, who was 3-5 this season with 46 saves.

Senior forward Becky Baker and senior midfielder Erin Gusewelle will also be leaving the team. The Cougars will also

miss senior midfielder Sara Decker, who will leave the team as the sixth all-time leader in scoring with 74 points.

Decker also ends her career as 10th all-time leader in goals with 25 and fourth all-time leader in assists with 24.



AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

Freshman back Whitney Hanson and sophomore midfielder Sheena Baylon in action against Southern Indiana earlier this season. The Cougars eventually dropped the match in double overtime, 1-2.

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