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Minimum wage going up

BRUCE F. KLOSTERMANN
NEWS STRINGER

Illinois legislators recently voted to increase the state's minimum wage from \$5.15 an hour to \$6.50 over the next 16 months.

The federal minimum wage was set at \$5.15 an hour by the federal government in 1997, and 11 states have since raised their minimum wage levels above the federal level.

Illinois' minimum wage will go up 35 cents Jan. 1, then up another \$1 in January 2005. The law also carries a provision that employers can pay 50 cents less to workers under 18.

At SIUE, where a large percentage of student jobs start at the minimum wage level, workers university-wide will benefit from the wage increase.

"The university has decided to give an across the board 35 cent increase in January," Student Financial Aid Assistant Director Sally Mullen said.

According to Mullen, the pay increase was designed with all of SIUE's student workers in mind. Student workers at SIUE are given 10-cent raises for every 500 hours of work, and Mullen said students "won't lose that money."

Mullen said the university has not yet decided how to

handle the second wage increase.

The minimum wage increase comes amid growing concerns that workers in Illinois cannot afford to pay their bills and keep their families together at the current rate of \$5.15 an hour.

The wage increase was a key part of Gov. Rod Blagojevich's fall election campaign and has come under fire from opponents who are concerned that companies will be forced to lay off workers or freeze hiring as a result of the legislation.

There is also concern that jobs and businesses will be driven to neighboring states that will keep the \$5.15 minimum wage rate.

Craft Fair is coming to town

JEWELS KUENSTLER
NEWS STRINGER

The 33rd Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair is set for Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 3 and 4, in the Morris University Center, just in time for some early Christmas bargain hunting.

"We give students an opportunity to relax and do some holiday shopping," fair coordinator Tom Ostresh said.

Planning for the fair, which is sponsored by the Print and Design Shop, has been in the works for quite some time.

"We started planning at the beginning of the fall semester," Ostresh said.

At least 20 regional artists and crafters will feature their handmade goods.

Some of the items are pieces made from clay, weaving, fabric, wood, paper, metal, glass, leather,

graphics, painting, photography and other materials that could serve as holiday gifts.

Open from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. both days, the fair is free of charge and open to the public.

The deadline for those interested in setting up a booth is Monday, Dec. 1. For more information on obtaining booth space or about the fair, call Ostresh in the Print and Design Shop at 650-2178.

Sharing secrets of the deep

NICOLE GAUDREULT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Underwater explorer, researcher, professor and father, Robert Ballard, spoke to more than 800 men, women and children Tuesday night in the Meridian Ballroom in the Morris University Center.

Ballard spoke about his many explorations, including the discovery of the R.M.S Titanic, President John F. Kennedy's World War II boat, PT109, and the 1977 discovery of the whole new life system of an underwater mountain range off the Galapagos Islands, which Ballard said was "heralded as the greatest discovery on earth."

Ballard has been on more than 100 expeditions and has discovered a number of shipwrecks, three of them being the German battleship Denmark, the lost fleet of the Guadalcanal and the American aircraft carrier

Yorktown, which sunk in the Battle of Midway during World War II.

Born in Wichita, Kan., where Ballard jokingly said all oceanographers come from, he said he has been discovering things since day one.

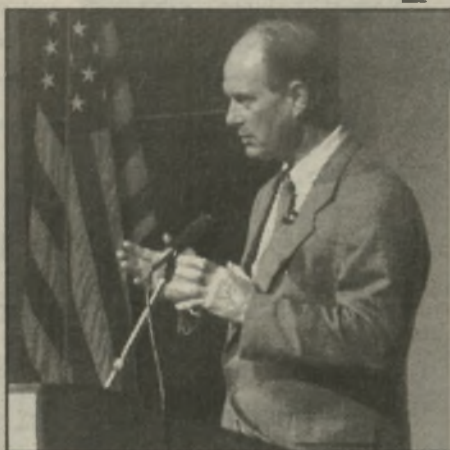
"I'm extremely curious," Ballard said. "I fell in love with the adventure."

Ballard said all kids are born scientists, and he is one that just never grew up.

"You learn in life there is no direct path. The epic journey (life) begins with a vision. It has to be a strong passion," Ballard said.

Ballard also mentioned the need for failure in one's life in order to achieve greatness. He said if people don't fail, they don't learn.

"Life is not a failure



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Robert Ballard

avoidance. Failure is what you're supposed to do because you only learn from it. Failure is critical," he said.

Among his other jobs, Ballard is a father and said today's middle school children will explore more in their lifetimes than we ever have before. Ballard said students must be interested in learning at a

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Decorate your face



KWAME ROSS/ALESTLE

Sophomore Nikki Grashoff paints the cheek of senior Brianna Morgan Wednesday in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge. The face painting was sponsored by the School Spirit and Pride Committee of the student government.

Ten Commandments spark debate at SIUE

KRISTEN REBER
NEWS REPORTER

After placing a monument depicting the Ten Commandments in the Alabama State Courthouse in Montgomery, Ala., Chief Justice Roy S. Moore was delivered a federal court order to remove the monument.

By refusing to do so, Moore was voted out of office by the Alabama Court of the Judiciary, a panel of legal experts ranging from judges to lawyers.

Throughout the country, the event spurred controversy on the issue of the separation of church

and state. Five panelists discussed this Monday night at SIUE in a forum titled "The Ten Commandments and the Alabama Supreme Court: A Panel Discussion."

"I tried to select panelists who represented a broad range of perspectives on the issue of the Ten Commandments monument, specifically on the relation of church and state, in general," Shurtleff Baptist Campus Minister the Rev. Paul Burden said. "I wanted to get panelists who represented different professional and scholarly fields

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Projects get funding

JOSH STOCKINGER
NEWS REPORTER

Chancellor David Werner said Wednesday that an extra, unexpected \$1.8 million in university income would fund several SIUE projects as well as cushion possible midyear budget cuts.

The monetary excess was a result of a 4.8 percent enrollment increase and an effort by the university to spend less money over the last year, Werner said.

The chancellor addressed 25 members of faculty and staff at an informal coffee.

"We're in pretty good shape," Werner said.

The projects include work to the SIUE School of Dental Medicine in Alton and Alumni, Founders and Peck halls.

Werner said a central air conditioning system will replace window units at the dental school, and Alumni and Founders halls will have temperature-

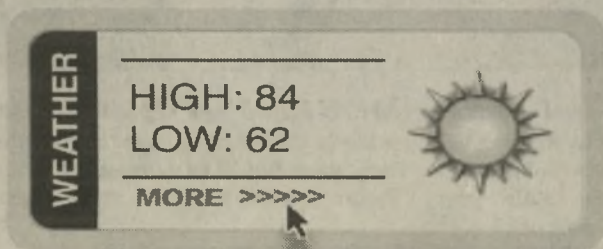
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Managing SIUE's money is tough

BRUCE F. KLOSTERMANN
NEWS STRINGER

Dan Corbett's office in the Chancellor's suite in Rendleman Hall virtually overflows with papers. There is little room for anything else on his desk, but as the budget director for SIUE, it's all just part of the job, one that Corbett's been involved with for more than 30 years.

Corbett has been involved with Southern Illinois University for more than 40 years, since he transferred to the university's

Alton campus as a freshman in 1962.

As a senior, Corbett's class was the first to attend classes and graduate from the Edwardsville campus.

"It's been a womb to tomb experience for me," Corbett said of his time at the university. "There was no sense back then that there'd ever be an Edwardsville campus, especially one of this size."

Corbett immediately began working for SIU after graduation and has spent more than 20 years

in budget planning for the university, first as an assistant and then as director for the last 12 years.

The last two years as budget director have perhaps been the most difficult for Corbett, as the university has undergone massive cuts, losing more than \$10 million in state funding. It has been Corbett's job to help find ways for SIUE to endure the cuts without its academics suffering.

During the crunch, Corbett
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stabilizing films placed on windows.

The university also plans to upgrade the heating and ventilating system in Peck Hall to correct drastic temperature fluctuations.

Werner also said the first floor of Lovejoy Library will be re-carpeted.

The chancellor said the

university plans to remove and seal asbestos recently found in the heating and refrigerating plant on campus.

Following the projects, the remainder of the money will function as a reserve to cover the midyear budget cuts Werner expects.

Also at the coffee, the chancellor said the university has

contacted 14 nominees for the Chancellor Search Advisory Committee.

The official committee members will be announced once nominees accept or decline the positions.

The committee will head the search for Werner's replacement, who is expected to take over in July 2004.

Campus Scanner

Meditation: A Buddhist meditation session will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday in the Religious Center. Everyone is welcome to come meditate.

Brown Bag: Kimmel Leadership Center is sponsoring a brown bag lecture on Transitioning Officers from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday in the Kimmel Leadership Center Conference Room. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring a lunch.

Volunteer Project: Volunteers are needed from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday to help package and carry food out to customers' vehicles. Advanced registration is in the Kimmel

Leadership Center. Volunteers can meet in Lot B by 8 a.m. for transportation. For more information, call 650-2686.

Blood Drives: The Red Cross is holding blood drives from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 132 Butcher St., in Bethalto, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 820 W. Homer M Adams Parkway, in Godfrey, and 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Alton Wood River Sportsman's Club, 3109 Godfrey Road, in Godfrey.

Donors must be 16 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds, not have donated blood within the last 56 days, not be taking

blood thinners or antibiotics and not have had a tattoo within the last year.

Tobacco Counseling: The American Lung Association of Illinois is providing the Illinois Tobacco Quitline. Registered nurses, respiratory therapists and addiction counselors staff the toll-free line. Counseling is free to residents of Illinois. Those interested should call (866) QUIT-YES. Hot line hours are from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Shooter faces felony charge

STEVE M. BRITT
NEWS REPORTER

A Florissant man arrested Sunday for firing shots on campus is now facing a felony charge.

James Harrison IV, 21, has been charged with aggravated unlawful use of a weapon.

He was arrested by SIUE police about 5 a.m. near Bluff Road and South University Drive.

"My officers overheard the shots, responded to the area and did a traffic stop," Capt. Gina Hays said Wednesday.

Hays said police found a 9 mm semiautomatic pistol tucked into Harrison's waistband.

"The fact that he had it on his person, rather than in a case, is where the aggravated (charge) comes from," Hays said.

According to the police report, Harrison did not intend to hurt anyone by discharging the weapon and only fired into the air.

"I stuck my gun out and shot it three times," Harrison told officers, according to the report.

Hays said that responding officers heard five shots.

"It was just harmless fun,"

Harrison reportedly said.

Hays said the vehicle was leaving a party at Cougar Village, but the police report does not indicate whether alcohol was involved.

Neal E. Cross, an SIUE student and driver of the Missouri-registered vehicle, was issued a citation for failing to stop at a stop sign on South University Drive.

Harrison is not an SIUE student. He was incorrectly identified as a student in a story in Tuesday's edition of the Alestle. The Alestle regrets the error.

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that sometimes have to deal with these kinds of issues."

The panelists presented their perspectives before discussing the issue in an interactive question-and-answer session.

"This certainly is not a new debate," panelist the Rev. Jim Coode said. "This debate has raged throughout the years ... I think every legal court decision is to see where these laws stand against our constitution."

Coode, pastor of Eden United Church of Christ in Edwardsville, and St. Louis attorney Cynthia Holmes spoke in favor of the separation of church and state. SIUE history professor Rowena McClinton also served on the panel.

"We need to keep church and state separate. It protects all of our religion and all of our freedom," said Holmes, who serves on the board of directors for the Baptist Joint Committee of Public Affairs. "Basically as a person sworn to do justice, Judge Moore has obligation to not play favoritism."

Also speaking was Bill Federer, author of "Ten Commandments and Their Influence on American Law."

Sharing many quotations from the nation's history, Federer brought to light another view on the issue.

"The Ten Commandments is a religious document, but, at the same time, also a legal document," Federer said.

Representing the student's voice, Student Senate member and political science junior Rene Lewis presented her perspective on the issue.

"I believe separation of church and state removes state from the religious sector, but I do not believe religion should be limited by government," Lewis said. "I think government officials should feel open to sharing of religious beliefs."

The program, sponsored by the Shurtleff Baptist Campus Ministry, allowed audience members and panelists to gain new views on the controversy.

"I was very pleased with the panel," Burden said. "I think they each brought helpful insight and helped the audience reflect on that issue from a variety of standpoints. So I was very happy and very pleased with how the panelists presented and responded to each other."

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worked with his assistants and Chancellor David Werner to establish a set of guidelines stating what had to be protected and what had to be sacrificed in order to keep SIUE's academics in tact. Corbett then took his plans to the university's vice chancellors, who had to find ways to make the necessary cuts.

"They're the quiet heroes in this whole process," Corbett said of the vice chancellors. "They really had to do some digging to make this possible."

In the past two years, SIUE has been forced to lay off 40 workers to get through the budget

crunch. Corbett said the university has managed to make the cuts without laying off any faculty members. Every faculty member who retired during the crunch was replaced, something Corbett is quite proud of.

"We were able to protect the academic endeavor here," Corbett said.

Last year, the faculty at SIUE worked for no pay raises without complaining, even while educators statewide were receiving significant pay increases, for which Corbett is extremely grateful.

"Everyone here made sacrifices," Corbett said.


"Unfortunately, the people that lost their jobs had to make the ultimate sacrifice."

Corbett is set to retire from SIUE at the end of the calendar year, and even though his last few years at the university have been trying, he still reflects on his time at SIUE positively.

"I was able to help the university get through a really tough time," Corbett said. "We did it as a team and with some pain, but we did it."

Werner recently announced that Corbett's assistant of eight years, Bill Winter, will be taking over the job as budget director Jan. 1.

The Alestle will not publish during the week of November 24 because of Thanksgiving.



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December 20 – Christmas Warmth & Share Food, Granite City, IL
December 25 – Christmas Dinner, E. St. Louis, IL

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The difference one person can make

Tuesday I went to my first Arts & Issues event and heard Robert Ballard talk about his various discoveries and what we have learned about the past through exploration.

First of all, I have to say when I saw the schedule for Arts & Issues this year, Robert Ballard was the one who caught my eye.

I have always been fascinated with the story of the Titanic, and to meet the man who discovered it, to me, was amazing.

I know he is just like any other person, but when I met him, it was great to see how inspiring one person can be and just how much of a difference one person can make.

Many people, including myself, often think they cannot

make a difference because they are just one person.

You might say, if I do something good or have a dream

“... nothing worthwhile comes without hard work and if something is going to be worth doing, it isn't going to be easy ...”

to do something with my life, how will it benefit me or anyone else? Well, Ballard is just one person and look at all he has done.

He is a professor, an explorer, a father and has discovered many things that have given new meaning to our history and taught thousands of people that if you try hard enough and

put your mind to something, you really can do it.

By talking to Ballard and listening to him speak about his discoveries, I learned that nothing worthwhile comes without hard work and if something is going to be worth doing, it isn't going to be easy.

Ballard said when he was a little boy he wrote a letter expressing his interest in exploration, and the one person who answered his letter was an inspiration to him.

One person. Just imagine if everyone chose something and did their best at it or tried to make a difference in someone else's life.

Those people would add up over time, and who knows what



kind of lives would be touched or differences would be made?

I guess my point is that Ballard, one man, was such an inspiration, and anyone can be the same with a little work and perseverance.

Nicole Gaudreault
Editor in Chief

Letter to the Editor Professor finds turkey play unethical

Dear Editor,

I would like to point out some critical contradictions inherent in the Campus Activities Board's recent sponsoring of Turkey Palooza Nov. 12 in the Morris University Center.

I presume all activities of Kimmel Leadership and CAB should be in keeping with the university's mission, vision and value statements.

But I don't see how an event that involves bowling with frozen turkeys and having students fish

around inside turkey body cavities for prizes could possibly be considered ethically acceptable or, for that matter, “fun.”

Turkey Palooza invited students to degrade the carcasses of animals who had already suffered enough in life, having been raised in the deplorable conditions of commercial poultry farms.

And I'm not arguing the birds should have been cooked and eaten after their “entertainment value” had been

exhausted – no doubt they were filthy and unfit for consumption. But any university body that condones the wasting of food, while it sponsors student volunteer opportunities such as “Share Food,” is suffering from a pathetic ethical crisis.

And I hardly think the practice of wasting food upholds this university's mission. I'm prepared to be labeled a bleeding-heart vegetarian, leftist, animal rights activist and too uptight to have a little fun.

I own up to those labels with

glee, and if “fun” means throwing meat, I'm glad I don't have any.

I only hope these egregious contradictions resonate with the right people.

Maybe next year CAB can sponsor a Thanksgiving food drive instead of throwing food away. Those who want to bowl can do so in the basement of the MUC.

Dr. Ivy Cooper
Associate Professor and Chair
Art and Design Department

Alestle Poll Question

Are you ready for the holidays?

- I was born ready.
- Heck yeah, anything to get out of school.
- No, they are coming too fast.
- No, there is still too much holiday shopping to do.

Should partners in same-sex domestic relationships receive insurance benefits?

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- No, it would be wrong. – 38%
- No, it would be too expensive. – 0%
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~Albert Einstein

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young age, and to help them learn more about underwater exploration, he started the JASON Foundation for Education.

This foundation helps give students the passion to pursue lifelong learning in science, math and technology through exploration and discovery.

Every year, Ballard sends a team of scientists, students and teachers on a two-week trip to study at different locations.

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Ballard said there are more than 1.7 million children in the program this year.

"It has been a very successful project," he said.

For more information, go to www.jasonproject.org.

Ballard said his work is more than just a job and feels like he really makes a difference.

"It's very rewarding (exploration). It's venturous and gives me a sense of

achievement," he said.

Ballard also said new discoveries are very important to today's society because they "rewrite history."

"We have so much to learn," he said. "The educational process prepares you for attaining a dream."

When it comes to where is he now and how he feels about life, Ballard said he knows what he has and has always been more than grateful.

"I'm extremely fortunate to have what I have," Ballard said. "It's hard to get me down."

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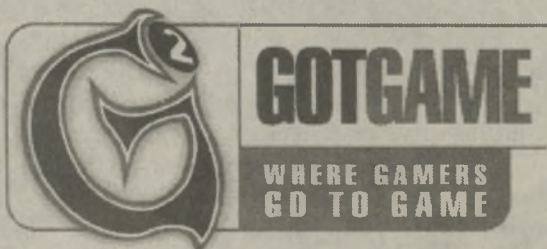
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Macy's Parade, football and giving all part of Thanksgiving traditions

BRIAN CRAMER
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

America has developed many traditions for its Thanksgiving Day rituals during the last century.

Every Thanksgiving Day morning, there is the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

This year will mark the 77th year of the parade.

According to the official Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade Web site, www.macyparade.com, the parade has occurred every year since 1924, except from 1942 to 1944 because of World War II.

The tradition began when Macy's workers held a small parade they originally called the Macy's Christmas Parade.

The event was a relatively small parade consisting of a few floats and zoo animals.

Over the years balloons were added, Walt Disney associated himself with the parade, and extravagant floats became the norm.



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the parade of humongous helium-filled balloons, theatrical floats, marching bands, clowns and much more draws more than 2.5 million spectators every year.

Also according to the Web site, more than 44 million viewers faithfully tune in to NBC each year to watch the two-and-a-half-mile march from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The parade first hit the national audience in 1945 with its first broadcast.

Turkey, pumpkin pie and cranberry

sauce are all but synonymous with Thanksgiving Day feasts.

Along with those foods, one can expect a great variety of other foods to be served.

After stomachs have been filled to the point of exploding, many people sit back and watch football.

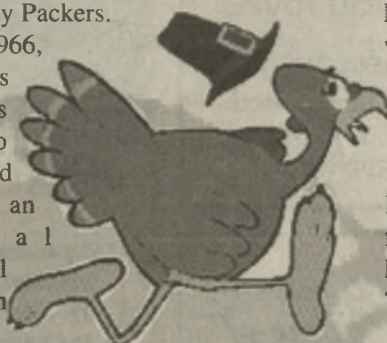
"The whole family goes to my grandma's to eat, and then we relax after eating by watching football and playing card and board games," senior John Dietiker said.

The Detroit Lions began hosting games every Thanksgiving Day since 1934 with the exception of World War II.

According to www.detroitlions.com, these games quickly became favorites for the team's fans and then became ritual for many Americans when the games began being broadcast in 1962.

This year the Lions, in their 64th holiday game, will compete against the Green Bay Packers.

In 1966, the Dallas Cowboys also started hosting an annual football game on



Thanksgiving Day, according to the Cowboys' Web site, www.dallascowboys.com.

The Cowboys, in their 37th holiday match, play the Denver Broncos.

Many people consider the time between Thanksgiving and the New Year to be the holiday season.

One of the positives of the holiday season is it's a time often filled with giving.

Usually one or two weeks before Thanksgiving Day, many churches, schools and organizations establish food and money drives to help the less fortunate.

The Salvation Army is one of the

largest organizations seeking to provide items for people living in poverty.

Much of the money the organization collects comes from the Red Kettle Campaign held during the holiday season.

Volunteers for this campaign endure the weather to stand in front of stores and collect money.

Organizations like the St. Louis Blues also set up annual food drives.

For one game a year, Blues fans can bring a non-perishable food item and get the opportunity to go on the ice after the game and take a shot with the possibility of winning a prize.

This year the game will be Saturday, Nov. 22, against the Dallas Stars.

The food goes to Operation Food Search, which in turn supplies the food to more than 300 area community organizations.

At SIUE, the Student Leadership Development Program sponsors a chance for students to volunteer their time by helping local organizations put on Thanksgiving dinners for the needy.

Students need to register ahead of time at the Kimmel Leadership Center or by contacting Assistant Director of Kimmel Leadership Center Suzanne Kutterer-Siburt at 650-2686 or skutter@siue.edu.

The day after Thanksgiving is the start of the holiday shopping season with big sales as crowds go crazy to get the hot new items of the year.

No other day of the year generates more revenue for retailers as people burn off the calories from the day before by hustling from store to store to take advantage of the once-a-year sales.

Besides national traditions, many families implement their own holiday practices.

Senior Stephanie Deloney's family starts Thanksgiving the night before, or what they call Pie Night.

"My dad decided many years ago that everyone was always too full on Thanksgiving Day to truly enjoy all of my grandma's yummy pies, so he started the tradition of eating pies on Wednesday night," Deloney said. "We just have appetizers for dinner that night. We always still have plenty of pie to eat on Thanksgiving anyway."

Deloney said her family then continues the holidays by packing her grandmother's house with family and having a good time.

They then go shopping as a family and trim the Christmas tree that Friday.

Deloney and her siblings receive a Christmas ornament from their parents and then play board games and watch football Saturday.

"Our Thanksgiving goes from Wednesday night to Sunday," Deloney said.

However, in this age where families are more distant than ever before, some people do not have the time or capability to partake in Thanksgiving Day traditions to such an extent as others.

"We really don't have any Thanksgiving traditions," junior Clinton Jones said. "Our family is scattered all over the country, so we don't have the stereotypical family get-together."

Thanksgiving has changed over the years, but the holiday still delivers many of the positive attributes it was created for in its beginning, such as giving thanks and sharing time with family and friends.

Thanksgiving Day came before the pilgrims landed

BRIAN CRAMER
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

A plethora of food, most notably pumpkin pie and turkey, a parade, football and family have become the staples of the American Thanksgiving.

Modern Thanksgiving traditions have evolved since their original creation; however, the creation of the holiday itself is not quite clear.

The harvest feast shared between the pilgrims and

the Native Americans in 1621 in Plymouth, Mass., is probably most responsible for what we now consider Thanksgiving.

However, according to www.thanksgiving.org, the first actual Americanized Thanksgiving Day was in Texas in 1541 when the Spanish explorer Coronado and the Teya Indians had Eucharistic Thanksgiving.

The Thanksgiving feast in 1621 did not become tradition at the time, though it is

the model for our current traditions.

The pilgrims and Native Americans never repeated the feast.

According to the Web site, the religiously dedicated pilgrims would have considered a day of feasting and prayer a Thanksgiving day, not a day of only feasting, as is the common Thanksgiving Day.

Also according to the Web site, the American

Thanksgiving Day has links to all the major world religions that have rituals and ceremonies expressing thanks, such as the Jewish fall celebration of Sukkot.

Research done by The Center for World Thanksgiving at Thanks-Giving Square asserts that Seneca Indians and other Native Americans also had rituals expressing thanks.

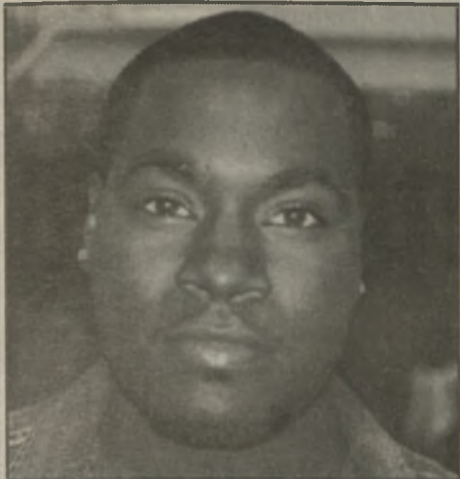
After the United States declared independence, it held its first Thanksgiving Day in

1777.

On Nov. 26, 1789, President George Washington acknowledged the day as the national day for thanksgiving and prayer.

SIUE history professor Stephen Hansen said President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November as the national holiday of Thanksgiving in 1863, after urging from Sarah Josepha Hale, the editor of Godey's Lady Book.

MEET THE WINNERS OF THE CELEBRITY SIGHTINGS CONTEST



KWAME ROSS/ALESTLE

The first-place male celebrity look-a-like is junior Erik Jefferson. Jefferson resembles Morris Chestnut who has starred in "The Brothers" and "Two Can Play That Game."



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The first-place female celebrity look-a-like is freshman Katharine Martin. Martin resembles Natalie Portman who has starred in "Star Wars: Episode I" and "Star Wars: Episode II."



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Runner-up male celebrity look-a-like is freshman Matthew Dellamano. Dellamano resembles Chris Farley who starred in "Tommy Boy."



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Runner-up female celebrity look-a-like is junior Shannon Long. Long resembles Julia Stiles who starred in "Save the Last Dance."



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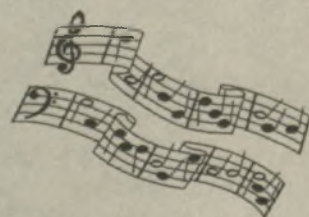
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AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

Volleyball falls in GLVC semifinals

Gober named Coach of the Year, Majernick, Voss named All-GLVC

TRAVIS ROSS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The volleyball season came to a screeching stop for the Cougars who fell to the University of Indianapolis Greyhounds in the quarterfinal round of the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament.

The Cougars came into the conference tournament seeded No. 2 behind Northern Kentucky University, who played one more game in the conference than the Cougars.

SIUE defeated the Lewis University Flyers in the first round but fell to Indianapolis 3-1.

Senior middle hitter Andrea Voss led the charge past Lewis, chalking up 15 kills. Sophomore outside hitter Kindra

Westendorf chipped in with 12. Sophomore setter Krystal Majernick dealt 52 assists in the contest.

Westendorf led the attack with 14 kills against Indianapolis. She was followed by sophomore middle hitter Tina Talsma with 13 and sophomore outside hitter Heather Bonde with 12.

"It feels like we ran smack into a brick wall and all of a sudden it's over," head coach Todd Gober said. "We went into the tournament controlling our fate. I felt we had a very good shot if we made it into the

championship round that we would get the at-large bid."

Bonde said the contest with Indianapolis was a tough one.

"Looking back on it, I know we played some really tough matches and Indianapolis came out on top," Bonde said. "It felt like things just stopped because we were ready to go to the tournament this weekend."

*~Heather Bonde
Sophomore outside hitter*

Bonde said the team was prepared for the GLVC tourney.

"We all pushed hard in practice," Bonde said. "We all did what we needed to do. We were a well-knit team and stuff, but

in the end, teams like Indianapolis came out on top. It's not what we didn't do, it's what the other teams did do."

The Cougars had shut down the Greyhounds 3-0 in a contest at SIUE earlier this season.

Gober said despite the abrupt exit, his players fought until the end.

"Our girls played hard," Gober said. "There was no choking and no crying. They exposed a couple of our weaknesses, and they got a couple of bounces here and there and that's how the game is. Volleyball is a momentum sport and they had the momentum, but we played until the end."

Gober said Indianapolis came into the game with a very strong game plan and

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Wrestling wins first dual meet, downs McKendree

HEATHER KLOTZ
SPORTS EDITOR

The SIUE men's wrestling team opened the 2003-2004 season with a win against McKendree College Nov. 12.

The Cougars capitalized on a forfeit by McKendree in the 184-pound weight class and strong

performances by redshirt freshman Joe Rujawitz, sophomore Matt Warren, freshman Sean Tyus and freshman Pat Healy to defeat McKendree 21-18.

"Winning the first dual meet gives the team a boost of confidence," sophomore Alec Lininger said. "Hopefully we can

continue winning."

McKendree took the first two matches of the meet.

In the 125-pound match, Nick Vogt defeated SIUE freshman Steve Chico 17-0 with a technical fall.

In the 133-pound match, Chad Willard defeated SIUE

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Women's golf signs Connaway

HEATHER KLOTZ
SPORTS EDITOR

SIUE women's golf coach Larry Bennett has announced that Natalie Connaway has signed a national letter of intent to attend SIUE and play golf for the Cougars next fall.

"She is a very accomplished

player," Bennett said. "Obviously, we are very excited to have her. It was nice to get her signed early and all the paperwork out of the way."

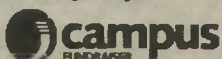
Connaway played for Hamilton County High School for the boy's team because her school did not field a girl's team.

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executed it well.

"If teams serve really aggressively, then they can get us out of rhythm and beat us, Gober said. "We didn't get the aces that we needed to. They were also really on in terms of passing. They had a couple of girls that were passing really well."

In spite of the loss, the Cougars did walk away from the tournament with a few positives.

Voss and Majernik were named First-Team All-GLVC while Gober was tabbed GLVC Coach of the Year.

Voss finished the season leading the conference with 1.71 blocks per game and second in the GLVC with a .370 hitting percentage.

Voss also stands atop the

statistic categories for players who played all four years at SIUE. She is tops with a .310 hitting percentage and also No. 1 with 468 block assists. The 6-



Andrea Voss

foot-3 senior is second in total blocks with 607, third in kills

with 1,338 and fourth in kills per game with 3.11.

Majernik piled up 1,286 assists in her sophomore outing as a Cougar, a number good enough for the fourth best all-time in a single season.

According to Gober, this team is still very young, with the only graduating seniors being Voss and outside hitter Sarah Watts. And with outside hitter Amanda Wulfe being the lone junior, next year's team has plenty to build on.

"We are trying to build this into an outstanding program," Gober said. "It's going to take time, but we are on the way to building this into a very respectable program on a national level."

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Bennett said he believes this will help Connaway in her collegiate career because she is already accustomed to the longer yardages used in college.

Connaway was named the No. 1 girl's golfer in the Tri-state Area by the Evansville Courier.

She tied for second at the

regional tournament with an 84 and placed third in the sectional behind the eventual state champion. Connaway also tied for 58th at the 2003 Illinois High School Association tournament.

"I think she will be very successful in her golf career," Bennett said.

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sophomore Steve Peach 23-5, also on a technical fall.

Rujawitz started a surge for the Cougars by defeating Josh Blackburn 8-2.

Warren picked up where Rujawitz left off, pinning Matt Grogan at the 6:33 mark.

In the 165-pound weight class, junior Matt Oliva fell to McKendree's Danny Williams 16-6, but Healy defeated Kyle Flood 8-1 in the 174-pound match to cut McKendree's momentum short.

After the forfeit by McKendree in the 184-pound weight class, Tyus defeated Ben Laux 8-4 to give the Cougars the match.

In the heavyweight division, McKendree's Trevor Maloch defeated freshman Chris Moore 14-5, making the final score SIUE 21, McKendree 18.

The Cougars will hit the mats again this weekend. The team will travel to Columbia, Mo., Sunday for the University of Missouri Open.

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