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Students get fired up for Spirit Week at SIUE

FROM SIUE NEWS SERVICE

Students will be seeing red, and a lot of it, as Cougar Spirit Week continues through Friday.

Wearing the school colors of red and white will be all but mandatory for the highlight of the week,"Pack the Gym Night" on Thursday in the Vadalabene Center. This night will not only be a great time to see the women's and men's basketball teams play, but it will be a great chance for several people to start the Christmas season early.

Halftime entertainment for the games is likely to be as spirited as the games themselves. Sinking a 60-foot putt will win a lucky contestant a 1999 Dodge Intrepid. Scoring two of three half-court shots will bring two competitors a jackpot of \$25,000 each. One lucky student could win a spring tuition waiver.

Both the men's and women's SIUE basketball teams will have their home openers in their Great Lakes Valley Conference that

evening against the University of Indianapolis Greyhounds. The women's game begins at 5:30 p.m. and the men's game starts at 7:30 p.m.

"This will be a week that will really draw the university community together," Chancellor David Werner said. "For five days students – both commuter and residential, full and part-time, graduate and undergraduate – and faculty and staff will join together to show their spirit and their pride in SIUE. We invite the community and alumni to come help us pack the gym too."

see SPIRIT, page 2

Fifteen minutes of fame

BY KIM O'BRECHT NEWS STRINGER

Move over Garth! SIUE students, faculty and staff are ready to strut their stuff!

The Kimmel Leadership Center and Vice Chancellor's Office for Student Affairs are hosting a talent show for those who wish to experience their 15 minutes of fame. The event will be from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday in the Cougar Den in the Morris University Center.

Assistant Director for Campus Life Lisa Ramsey said the stage is open to any faculty, staff, or student who is serious about talent and would like to enter.

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Free service for good health

BY MICHAEL W. RODGERS FOR THE ALESTLE

Just inside the main entrance of the Vadalabene Center, students can find the Wellness Center. The center offers students a wide variety of services and for the best price in town: nothing.

Wellness Coordinator Mary Byron and Fitness Coordinator Aimee Knitter encourage all students to stop in for fitness and nutrition evaluations.

"Students should realize that

what we offer here can be quite expensive in the real world," Knitter said.

Byron, who was raised in Edwardsville, returned home after receiving her master's degree in physical health from California State University-Long Beach and serving seven years as the health educator for the campus.

"We should all take responsibility for our own health," Byron said.

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Jill Stevens/Alestle

Students, falculity, and friends take part in the Turkey Feast pre-Thanksgiving meal on Thursday November 19 in the Art Building.

SIUE police warn students of phone scam

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

On Friday, Nov. 13, 1998 several phone calls were received on campus from an individual identifying himself as an AT&T technician.

The individual advises the person answering the telephone that there is a problem with the phone lines and that he is checking the line. The caller then asks the person to enter some numbers and then transfer the

caller (technician) so that he can check the line.

This is a phone scam. Please do not transfer any calls off campus, or give anyone your authorization code. Anyone who believes that they are receiving a suspicious call should forward that call to Telecommunications at 650-3373 or to the SIUE Police Department at 650-3324.

Anyone who receives a suspicious call should note or log

the source of the call as displayed on their Caller ID and contact the University Police Department to make a report.

If anyone believes that they may have received one of these phone calls, please contact the University Police Department at 650-3324.

Although the university has systems in place to prevent this and other scams, it is important that all suspicious activity be reported.



Bob Fehringer/Alestle

Mary Byron and Aimee Knitter take a moment from their busy schedules to pose for the Alestie.

Boosters seek to revive Red Zone

FROM SIUE NEWS SERVICE

You might say SIUE's Vadalabene Center used to be in the red. In a special place called the Red Zone, that is.

Ruth Murray, president of the Cougar Basketball Boosters Association, and adviser in Instructional Services recalls the "very vocal" Red Zone of Cougar basketball fans.

"It was several years ago, in 1994, with a group of kids who came to home basketball games regularly," Murray "Athletics set aside bleachers for them so they had their own place. It went over very well."

The Red Zone went over so well, it became a staple of basketball games for two years. "Those students were loud and cheered, they whooped and hollered," Murray said. "It was a marvelous, fun experience. I hope it can happen again."

Well, it can happen again. Mark Thursday on your calendar - with a red marker, naturally. That's the night of the "Pack the Gym" basketball extravaganza. The women's team takes the court at 5:30 p.m., the men at

"You shouldn't just go to a Cougar basketball game, you should go to be part of it," according to Dan Corbett, a season-ticket holder, as well as the budget director for the Office of the Chancellor. "You should leave the game hoarse."

Since before 1966, when Corbett received his first degree

from SIUE, he has been a Cougar basketball fan. But Corbett's interest in basketball "was really rekindled with the arrival of Jack Margenthaler."

Corbett noted that there are "several levels" to a Cougar basketball game. Margenthaler brings a different level of coaching to the games. He will be the Division II coach who makes it to the cover of

Watching the coach, . in addition to "even the players who don't have the ball," Corbett said, is very important.

Listening, too, is pivotal. "Margenthaler wears leather shoes with leather soles that make a popping sound all over the gym when he taps them on the floor. So, when he is excited, whether for a positive or negative reason, you hear a loud slapping all over the gym.'

"Something else everybody needs to know about the athletics program," Corbett said, "is that the graduation rate of athletes is higher than the graduation rate of the general population. At SIUE, to be a competing athlete, you have to be tough.'

Longtime season ticket holder Frank Akers also hopes everyone embraces "Pack the Gym." "Students and others may believe Division II basketball isn't exciting. If we can get them to the game, we'll show them right away that that isn't true," Akers, director of WSIE (88.7) FM, said, "Also, fans who focus on only the men's team will be missing some very exciting

And, as if seeing a good

game weren't enough, prizes as grand as a 1999 Dodge Intrepid are being given away. Twentyfive thousand dollars may go home with a lucky fan, too. And, for the budget-minded student, the possibility of free spring tuition hangs in the balance.

Akers, Murray, and Corbett have been season ticket holders for "at least" a combined 25-plus

"It's important," Akers commented, "to show pride in your institution. It's important, also, to show support for those who participate in co-curricular activities-whether it be athletic, cultural, or academic.'

Akers owes, in part, his college degree to Cougar basketball. An SIUE alumnus, he supplemented his income as a broadcaster by announcing Cougar basketball games, which, he said, "helped put me through college." Basketball clearly is a family affair for the Akers'. Joe Akers, the eldest son, has announced games for the last two

But what about the Red Zone? According to Akers, "I still wear my Red Zone T-shirt sometimes." The idea behind the Red Zone, Akers said, "was to get students to wear the T-shirts, sit in a specific section, and cheer on the team."

Bringing the surrounding community, as well as the campus community, into the mix is just one of the many ways "we let them know what SIUE is like and who we are," Murray said.

'It would be a sensation for a GLVC opener to pack the gym," Corbett said.

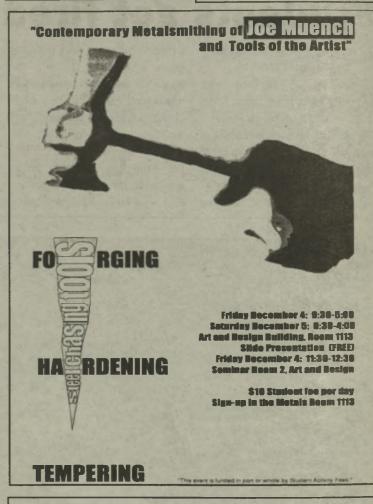
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Morris UC to hold holiday craft fair

The 28th annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair is set for Wednesday and Thursday in the Morris University Center.

The fair features original

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Volunteering friends to perform is also welcome, Ramsey said.

"We want to have some kind of event to break the tension and stress during finals week," Ramsey said. She added that the talent show is more like an exhibition because there will be no judges or winners. It is just a fun event to allow those who have a talent to

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Admission to Thursday's basketball games is free for anyone with a valid SIUE ID and their guests. General admission tickets are \$5.

University Housing is throwing a party as part of "Pack the Gym Night." The free "After Set" party will take place immediately after the men's basketball game in the Dance

works of art and crafts done by artisans from artists and the Midwest. throughout Handcrafted media including clay, weaving, fiber, fabric, display it on stage.

The acts will be followed with karaoke for those who want to finish off the night with some down home fun. Also, Ramsey said, there will be complimentary cookies and specialty coffee drinks served to spotlight the reopening of Cafe Java.

'So far, there are nine acts that will include rapping, singing, and baton twirling, with many more acts to come," Ramsey

Studio in the Vadalabene Center.

The party offers free food, sub sandwiches, chips and soda, and music by DJ Clint Flowers, an SIUE mass comm major.

As part of the festivities during Spirit Week, players from the SIUE women's and men's basketball teams will appear in a "Meet the Cougars" lunchtime program on Wednesday and Thursday at Morris University Center's Cougar Den.

Other activities during spirit

wood, metal, glass, leather, graphics, photography painting are available for purchase at the holiday fair.

said. However, as of Monday, no faculty or staff members have come forward to share their talents with the world.

So what are you waiting for? The stage is wide open for you to be discovered. To enter, e-mail or phone Lisa Ramsey at lpillsb@siue.edu or 650-2686 by Friday. Leave your name, address, phone number, talent, and length of act. There's no charge to perform or watch, so come join in the fun.

week include "Dress Down Day" Wednesday in which the entire university community encouraged to show their support for the teams by wearing SIUE's traditional colors.

"A good number of people already have their SIUE apparel," said Mary Robinson, director of the Morris University Center. "I don't think we'll see a big rush on the SIUE clothing shelves in the Center's bookstore that week. But, if there is, we'll be ready."

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Here today, gone tomorrow



During my first semester as editor in chief I was constantly stressed out. I was still learning that I could not make everyone happy and I had to learn how to take criticism whether it was warranted or not. During this time when I needed guidance, I would visit the office of my African-American literature teacher, Dr. Yvonne Fonteneau.

When I first came to her class, I was apprehensive because I had been told she was a bit crazy. I had heard nightmare stories about her openly chastising students in class and randomly

But once in her class, I realized her "craziness" was only her passion for her work, and all the nightmare stories were just because she was professor who liked to push her students to do their best and became frustrated when they failed. She reminded me of my mother who always says what's on her mind whether it is of popular opinion or not, and gives you the truth no matter how harsh or ugly. I enjoyed being in her class because I felt that she had once been someone like me, young, lost and confused. I desired the insight and perspective she had gained and sought her advice in hope that I too would someday have the same insight. She was one of the few people I knew who acknowledged the fact that I was only a year out of high school and was bound to make plenty of mistakes in my first year as editor. She felt that she needed to guide me because she, like my mother, had already traveled this road.

Toward the end of the semester, Dr. Fonteneau became ill, and when she didn't return this semester, I was worried. It wasn't until yesterday that I learned she had fully recovered. Thank goodness. But I also learned her contract here had run out and was not renewed. Another professor has taken over her African-American fiction classes and she

is the one who told me what had happened.

This is the second time in my three years at SIUE that a good professor has been laid off or not offered another contract. I was once told that a doctorate nearly guaranteed tenure for professors at this institution. Perhaps it doesn't work that way for all professors. I was also told that this university wanted to hire more minority professors, not remove them. Yet here is a black woman, whom I admire and who is a wonderful teacher, but she lost her job.

When I was in elementary school, every time a good teacher arrived whom students loved, but other teachers abhorred, they were usually fired within two years. Afterward, no one would ever explain to us why they were gone. We were left to make up our own fanciful scenarios of why our beloved teachers had disappeared. I thought I could avoid losses like this in college, and I thought this school's concern was for education. Yet, why is it when I find teachers I really like, they fire them? Horrible professors stick around to haunt and ruin another crop of potential scholars. Incompetent professors somehow always seem to find a way into staying an extra year when they were supposed to be fired, or magically making tenure so they can ruin students into infinity.

But good teachers? Their paperwork is lost, their contracts are

overlooked or they just can't seem to make tenure.

I am by no means saying that all professors who make tenure are bad professors. I am a lover of teachers. My mother was a teacher and I once wanted to be one. I realize how hard their job is and how people treat them in a thankless way. I realize how little they are paid and how much they do. And so far, I have had a good relationship with nearly all of my professors at this institution. I just don't want to see any more of my nontenured professors losing their jobs.

I am ending this semester missing Dr. Fonteneau. I wanted her to see how I have grown. There are many questions I still want to ask her. I really appreciated the advice she gave me during that first semester and I enjoyed being in her class. I hope that someday she can come back to this university and teach again. Although she may not want to.

> **Danielle Belton** Editor In Chief

Guest column

Motivation in the eyes of a child

experience that I would like to share. Saturday morning, Nov. 7, was cold and miserable, particularly at 6 a.m. I thought very seriously about rolling over and going back to sleep, but I had the van and there were people waiting for me to take them to Alton. Damn Suzanne and her volunteer projects anyway. So, I shuffled off to the shower, made the coffee and woke two of my sons who were to accompany me on this project.

Let me interject a thought here; I'm a year or two older than most students on this campus and I've been around — a lot, so I'm not easily impressed, but I was

The project that I refer to is an "Action Day," sponsored by Student Leadership Development Program through the Kimmel Leadership Center, and this Saturday our destination was a Habitat For Humanity project in Alton. We arrived safely, said the customary prayer, and went to work. My sons, Steve and Mike, and I were in the basement of a house that is being rehabbed for a man named Robert and his family. We were building a bedroom and a closet, about his new room and "those

This past weekend I had an a job that we have done many times before in the course of my business. I've been a carpenter for the last 30 years but this room was soon to take on a new meaning for us.

> I turned around and there was a boy about 4 or 5 years old. He just stood there with his mouth open and his eyes must have been as big as saucers. I said, "Hi sport, what can I do for you?" I took his hand and showed him his new room and his closet and I showed him the doors that we were going to hang and the hardware for them. This was old hat to me, but it sure wasn't to him, he kept looking around the room and then up at me. The only thing that he said during all of this was, "thank you," as he walked back up the steps. About every third step, he'd stop and look back with those great big eyes and then he went outside.

Mike said, "Wow" and went back to work. Hoss (Steve), a man of very few words, looked at me, shook his head and picked up his saw. Somehow I had gotten sawdust in my eyes and ... well, you know. At lunch, I heard this little bitty kid telling his dad

great big guys" who were building it just for him.

Over the course of the past couple of months, Robert has shaken my hand and thanked me at least 50 times and until Saturday, I really thought that once would have sufficed - but now I understood why, it's amazing the kind of motivation you can derive from the look on a little kid's face.

After all of this, I have a challenge for you as you read this, volunteer for a project, any project, there are lots of them around. If you need some help selecting one, stop by the Kimmel and we'll fix you right up. But before you do, paint a picture in your mind of the look on that little boy's face, then go and help someone. You'll have a great time, get to eat cold pizza and make some new friends. You don't have to be a carpenter or anything else, just a person with a little time to give and the desire to make someone else's life a little better.

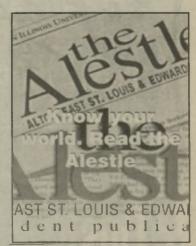
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> Julia Cox Sociology



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Theft under \$300

On Nov. 18 a faculty member at the East St. Louis campus reported that someone stole her wallet out of her purse which she contained several credit cards and a small amount of cash. There are no suspects or witnesses.

On Nov. 18 at 3:45 p.m., a SIUE employee reported his

three credit cards out of her wallet while she was in the Science Building. There are no suspects or witnesses.

On Nov. 20 at 7:09 p.m., a male reported he placed his belongings in a locker in the men's locker room at the Vadalabene Center and secured the locker with a combination lock. When he returned an hour later, the lock was missing off kept in a desk drawer. The wallet his locker and his wallet had been stolen. Police are continuing their investigation.

Theft over \$ 300

On Nov. 21 at 6:42 p.m., an

student reported someone stole \$500 Motorola flip phone had been stolen out of his truck. The last time he saw the phone was at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 20. There are no suspects or witnesses.

Traffic accidents

On Nov. 23 at 1:13 p.m., police investigated a traffic accident at the intersection of University Drive and Cougar Lake Drive. Messina Partridge, 24, of Jerseyville was driving south on University Drive through the intersection when Shawn Roundtree, 29, of Chicago turned left onto Cougar Drive in front of her. Partridge sustained damage to the left front fender and grill of her car. Roundtree was issued a state citation for failure to yield turning left. There were no injuries.

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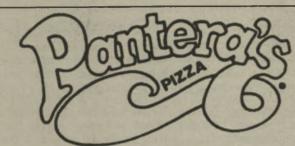
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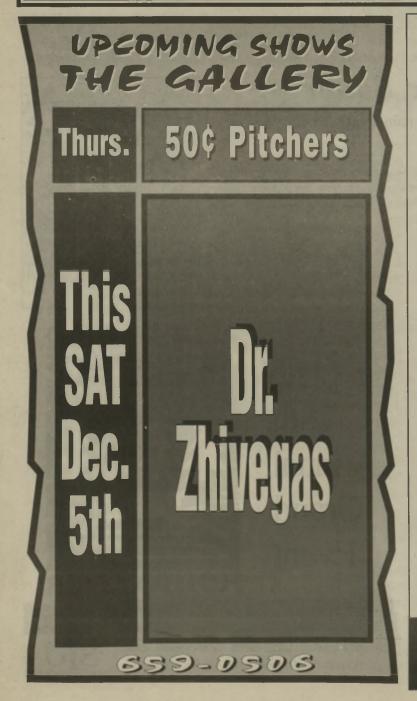
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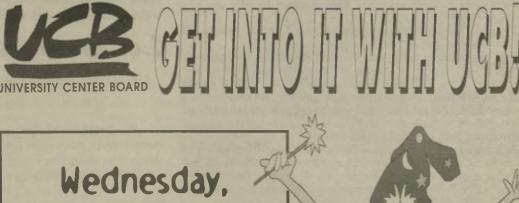
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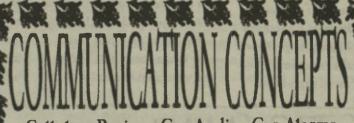
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NO NEW TRICKS FOR DIRTY OF DOGS

BY TRAVIS NUCKOLLS LIFESTYLE STRINGER

For those who think getting older means slowing down, I recommend going to see an Aerosmith concert. The band satisfied every craving a diehard fan of the band could have, and put on a show worth watching for anyone who attended. In a sold-out concert recently in Evansville, Ind., everything from old to new was played with energy and vigor.

The opening band (Seven Mary Three), the younger more contemporary band responsible for such hits as "The Waters Edge" and "Cumbersome," played with all the feeling and youthful exuberance of a slug. Don't take this the wrong way, I like Seven Mary Three and I think the members are fairly talented. However, I also think that some of their songs deserve a little motion, or even a little change of facial expression.



Their entire set consisted of just standing in front of the microphone. Granted they were not the headlining band, but that is no excuse to slouch. I say, if you come to play, play hard.

While some of their show did seem a bit routine (it's hard

to do something for 20 years and not get just a little repetitive),
Aerosmith was all over the stage and really playing enthusiastically for an excited crowd. The stage was set up so that the band (particularly Steven Tyler and Joe Perry)

could move around it on all sides, with catwalks that lead right up to an arm's length from the crowd. Even the stand that the drummer was on rotated.

Simple ideas in set design like

everyone, including those who

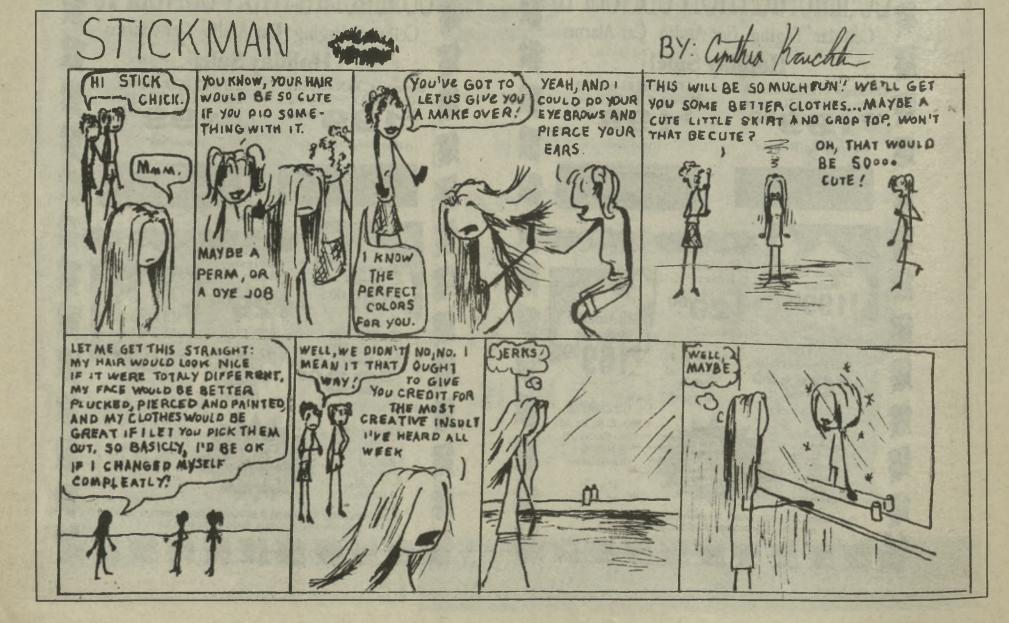
these made it possible for

sat behind the stage, to enjoy the show.

One fan in particular got an unexpected close-up when
Steven ran up one of the walk-ways and began to sing right in her face. When she pulled out a camera to snap a picture (a real "no-no" at most concerts) he did not even flinch. When the flash went off, however, Joe Perry ran right up beside Steven and posed for a second shot. This was the kind of concert atmosphere that was in effect the entire night.

Just one of the many reasons (along with music, lights and pyrotechnics) why Aerosmith concerts are so damned fun to go to.

They are playing another show in the very near future at our sister school in Carbondale on Dec. 5. If you are going to be around that area or just really like Aerosmith and want to see them in concert again or for the first time, tickets are still available through Ticket-Master.



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If you could rename The Alestle, what would you call it?



"Pooh Corner."
-Jill Pisarek, Freshman
Unknown



"Student's Point of View." -Andy Schumann, Freshman, Unknown



"The Horizon." -De Marcus Miller, Senior, History



"I wouldn't rename it." -Marci Kincade, Senior Music



"The Dale Stearn Paper." -Dale Stearn, Freshman Computer Science

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Will Smith stars in "Enemy of the State."

BY TRAVIS NUCKOLLS
LIFESTYLE STRINGER

Just before Thanksgiving break, "Enemy of the State," directed by Toni Scott, was released in theaters nationwide. This conspiracy thriller stars Will Smith ("Independence Day" and "Men In Black"), Gene Hackman (Oscar winner for the film "Unforgiven"), Jon Voight ("Mission Impossible") and several other notable actors.

The plot centers around Robert Clayton Dean, a successful lawyer with a family, played by Will Smith. Robert Dean is passed sensitive information by an old college acquaintance played by Jason Lee ("Chasing Amy"). The material he is given is so

sensitive that powerful men, led by a National Security Agency official, played by Jon Voight, are willing to kill for it

to kill for it.

Because he is unknowing of the information he possesses, Smith's character stumbles around blindly in a state of confusion and mounting anger. He makes inquiries and contacts his sources, not really knowing who is after him. That is until he comes into contact with a man called Brill, a private detective that he uses on some of the cases he undertakes as a lawyer.

Gene Hackman plays this former employee of the NSA who gets drawn into Dean's chaotic fight to get his life back. Because of his former job and expertise he becomes the only one who can help Dean.

The movie delivers evil bad guys and the gadgets that the government thugs use to track down Robert Clayton Dean, which are scary in themselves. No stone remains unturned in their relentless search for him and no personal item remains unbugged.

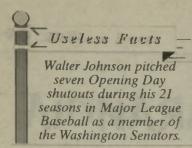
Watching Will Smith on the big screen is always a pleasure and in this movie he is able to act a little more aggressive and dramatic. With this movie, director Toni Scott makes an excellent contribution to the "government conspiracy" genre of films. It looks to be another box office success for Will Smith as well, this time with no aliens.



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News from the foul

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By Todd Spann

Hello

Moses was mentioned in

Rookie Moses Moreno started as quarterback Sunday

conversation a little more than

for the Chicago Bears hoping to bring a little excitement to a

boring lifeless offense and lead his team to the promise land or

Chicago's Moses didn't part any seas or Tampa Bays

But, unfortunately, nobody

Nice going

The Cougar volleyball team

fell in the NCAA Division II

Regional final game to

Northern Kentucky, which

ended a remarkable season for

deserve a lot of credit for

attaining such a milestone so

stands. That would have been

early in a program's life.

All the players and coaches

If only we had people in the

knows what that feels like.

defense for that matter, but this Chicago loss was much more exciting than a Steve

end zone in his case.

Stenstrom win.

usual Sunday.

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Coming UPNext Thursday

Women's basketball hosts Indianapolis at 5:30 p.m. Men's basketball plays Indianapolis at 7:30 p.m. Both games in the VC.

Tuesday, December 1, 1998

NCAA Division II Volleyball Toarnament

Cougars win one, lose one in tourney

BY JERROLD SHARP **SPORTS WRITER**

upset No. 7 Northern Michigan University (30-6) but fell in its first Regional finals of NCAA Division II in the program's four-year history.

Great Lakes Valley Conference Player of the Year, Michelle Gilman, and sophomore Lindsay Rust each recorded 21 kills and senior Christy Scheller passed out 51 assists as the Cougars defeated Northern Michigan in five games.

The Cougars won the first game, 15-

SIUE falls in Regional final to Northern Kentucky after beating The women's volleyball team No. 7 Northern Michigan in first round

> 12, but Northern Michigan answered the next game, 15-4. The Cougars battled back to take game three, 15-10, while Northern Michigan returned the favor in the fourth stanza, 15-10. The Cougars finished them off in the final game, 15-8.

> "This is the best we played this season," head coach Sandy Montgomery said. "They played all-around great

volleyball. Christy did an outstanding job, especially setting to the right side of our attack."

In the NCAA Division II Regional final, despite the efforts of Rust and Gilman, the Cougars concluded the season as they were defeated by Northern Kentucky University (29-3) in

Rust dropped 16 kills and 17 digs, while Gilman added 12 kills of her own. The Cougars recorded a season-high 19 team blocks. The Cougars finished the season with a remarkable 29-7 record.

Weekend Cougar Basketball

Solid shooting propels men's team; Lowe and Clark take charge in women's victory BY BRETT LICATA **SPORTS WRITER** The SIUE men's basketball team's biggest concern going into its game against the University of Wisconsin-Parkside on Saturday was its shooting accuracy from the field. The Cougars nearly doubled their shooting percentage for the season in a 74-69 victory in their Great Lakes Valley

Conference opener. After averaging only 35.3 percent from the field in its first two games, SIUE managed to shoot 60 percent to down

Wisconsin-Parkside. The Cougars couldn't distance themselves from Wisconsin-Parkside in the first half, but took a two point advantage into the

locker room at halftime. In the second half, SIUE shot 70 percent knocking down 14

of 20 shots to pull away for the five-point win. Junior Travis Wallbaum led the Cougars with 19 points and seven rebounds to up his season average to 11 points per game.

Antonio McKenzie and Ben Wierzba each poured in 15 points in more than 30 minutes of court time. McKenzie leads the

team with a 13.7 points-per-game average. Ty Moss dished out four assists and contributed seven points in the win that gives SIUE a 2-1 record this season.

The SIUE women's basketball team remains undefeated after rolling over Wisconsin-Parkside 68-56 Saturday.

Sophomore Misi Clark, who is one of the top five scorers in the conference, led the Cougars with 23 points.

Senior Kim Lowe tallied 18 points and grabbed five boards in the winning effort.

Erica Cory and Jill Johnson had eight and seven points respectively. Johnson also had a team-high seven rebounds.

The Cougars remain one of three undefeated teams in the GLVC as Northern Kentucky University and Kentucky Wesleyan College also hold perfect marks.

Amy Wisneski/Alestle

Junior guard James Minshall drives to the basket Nov. 21 in the Vadalabene Center against Eureka College.

=Cougar Notes ====

Stenger named to District 5 All-Academic volleyball team

Jill Stenger, a health education major from Decatur, has been named to the 1998 GTE College Division District 5 All-Academic women's volleyball second team.

Stenger helped the Cougars to a 29-7 record and an NCAA Division II tournament berth this season. The senior was the only NCAA Division II player among the top 12 vote-getters in District 5, which includes Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota. The other 11 on the first or second team came from NAIA or NCAA Division II schools.

Cougar basketball, Pack the Gym Night, gaining steam

Cougar basketball has set Thursday, Dec. 3, as its Pack the Gym Night when Indianapolis invades the Vadalabene Center. The women's game begins at 5:30 p.m. with the men's game to follow at 7:30 p.m.

Numerous events are planned on campus including a dressdown day on Dec. 3 when faculty, staff and students are being asked to wear the school colors of red and white. Coaches Jack Margenthaler and Wendy Hedberg will introduce their team Wednesday in the Morris University Center's Cougar Den.

something. NFL week 13 Sunday's games Denver 31, San Diego 16 Baltimore 38, Indianapolis 31 Jacksonville 34, Cincinnati 17

Tampa Bay 31, Chicago 17 Seattle 20, Tennessee 18

New England 25, Buffalo 21

Miami 30, New Orleans 10

Green Bay 24, Philadelphia 16

Washington 29, Oakland 19

Kansas City 34, Arizona 24 New York Jets 48, Carolina 21

Atlanta 21, St. Louis 10

Minnesota 46, Dallas 36

Thursday's games Detroit 19, Pittsburgh 16, OT

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Who's Bowling Where

AP college football writer Richard Rosenblatt offers his view of the bowl picture based on the top three teams winning Saturday. Bowl Championship Series

Fiesta Bowl (Jan. 4)

Tennessee (11-0) vs. UCLA (10-0)

Orange Bowl (Jan 2)

Florida St. (11-1) vs. Syracuse (8-3)

Rose Bowl (Jan. 1)

Arizona (11-1) vs. Wisconsin (10-1)

Sugar Bowl (Jan. 1)

Kansas St. (11-0) vs Ohio St. (10-1)

Other Bowls

Citrus (Jan. 1)

Florida (9-2) vs. Michigan (8-3)

Cotton (Jan 1)

Arkansas. (9-2) vs. Texas (8-3)

Gator (Jan. 1)

Georgia Tech (9-2) vs. Notre Dame (9-2)

Outback (Jan. 1)

Georgia (8-3) vs Penn State (8-3)

Independence (Dec.31)

Mississippi St.(8-3) vs. Texas Tech (7-4)

Liberty (Dec. 31)

Tulane (11-0) vs. Brigham Young (9-3)

Peach (Dec. 31)

Kentucky (7-4) vs. Virginia (9-2)

Sun (Dec. 31)

So. California. (8-4) vs Virginia Tech (8-3)

Holiday (Dec. 30)

Nebraska (9-3) vs. Oregon (8-3)

Alamo (Dec. 29)

Purdue (8-4) vs Texas A&M (10-2)

AP top 25

tea	m	record	Pts
1	Tennessee	11-0	1,669
2	Kansas St.	11-0	1,638
3	UCLA	10-0	1,579
4	Florida St.	11-1	1,501
5	Ohio St.	10-1	1,427
6	Arizona	11-1	1,358
7	Florida	9-2	1,280
8	Wisconsin	10-1	1,173
9	Tulane	11-0	1,043
10	Texas A&M	10-2	1,014
11	Arkansas	9-2	941
12	Georgia Tech	9-2	843
13	Nebraska	9-3	831
14	Virginia	9-2	811
15	Michigan	9-3	809
16	Notre Dame	9-2	667
17	Air Force	10-1	617
18	Syracuse	8-3	576
19	Georgia	8-3	490
20	Texas	8-3	402
21	Oregon	8-3	324
	Penn State	8-3	315
23	Mississippi St.	8-3	275
24	Missouri	7-4	230
25	Virginia Tech	8-3	105

USA Today/ESPN Poll

tea	m	record	Pts
1	Kansas St.	11-0	1,505 1/
2	Tennessee	11-0	1,502 1/
3	UCLA	10-0	1,447
4	Florida St.	11-1	1,359
5	Ohio St.	10-1	1,304
6	Arizona	11-1	1,225
7	Florida	9-2	1,151
8	Wisconsin	10-1	1,110
9	Tulane	11-0	1,001
10	Texas A&M	10-2	858
11	Arkansas	9-2	831
12	Virginia	9-2	799
13	Air Force	10-1	764
14	Georgia Tech	9-2	702
15	Michigan	9-3	684
16	Notre Dame	9-2	615
17	Nebraska	9-3	588
18	Syracuse	8-3	511
19	Georgia	8-3	426
20	Penn State	8-3	392
21	Oregon	8-3	286
22	Mississippi St.	8-3	281
	Texas	8-3	230
24	Virginia Tech	8-3	186
25	West Virginia	8-3	137

Penn State's Paterno receives first Eddie Robinson Coach of Distinction Award

NEW ORLEANS (AP) -

Penn State coach Joe Paterno added yet another award to his already impressive trophy case Saturday when he received the first Eddie Robinson Coach of Distinction Award.

Paterno, now in his 33rd season as head coach of Penn State, was selected by a panel of coaches, administrators and media that included Robinson, Tom Osborne, Frank Broyles, Eve Atkinson, Marino Casem and Tony Barnhart.

The award is sponsored by State Farm Insurance in honor of Robinson, who retired as Grambling University's football coach last year after winning more games than any other coach in college football history.

It was created to honor an active college football head coach who best exemplifies qualities usually associated with Robinson: role model, mentor, an active member of the community.

"Coach Eddie Robinson is a wonderful person and I am honored to have received this award in recognition of his legacy," Paterno said.

In addition to the trophy, Paterno gets \$10,000 that will be donated to Penn State's general scholarship fund.

The other finalists were Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry, Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer and Kansas State coach Bill Snyder.

Scoring Offense NCAA Stats Total Offense							
team	G	Pts	Avg	team	Play	s Yds Pg	
Kansas St.	11	543	49.4	Louisville	883	6156 559.6	
Tulane	11	499	45.4	Louisiana Tech	894	6479 539.9	
Syracuse	11	468	42.5	Kentucky	911	5876 534.1	
Louisiana Tech	12	493	41.1	Tulane	816	5578 507.0	
Louisville	11	444	40.4	Nevada	869	5577 507.0	
UCLA	10	400	40.0	Ohio St.	853	5539 503.5	
Oregon	11	430	39.1	Central Fla.	789	5365 487.7	
Kentucky	11	417	37.9	Oregon	785	5260 478.1	
Ohio St.	11	406	36.9	Kansas St.	811	5223 474.8	
Air Force	11	403	36.6	Texas	762	5177 470.6	
Texas	-11	399	36.3	Western Mich.	832	5147 467.9	
Central Fla.	11	393	35.7	UCLA	712	4639 463,9	
Georgia Tech	11	391	35.5	New Mexico St.		5084 462.1	
Miami (Fla.)	10	353	35.3	Florida	754	5081 461.9	
Tennessee	11	384	34.9	West Virginia	791	5053 459.3	
Arizona	12	416	34.7	Purdue	912	5484 457.0	
West Virginia	11	379	34.5	Arizona	832	5339 444.9	
Purdue	12	407	33.9	Idaho	809	4885 444.0	
Nevada	11	371	33.7	N. Carolina St.	811	4871 442.8	
Western Mich.	11	360	32.7	Marshall	815	4843 440.9	
Arkansas	11	359	32.6	Syracuse	780	4730 430.0	
Florida St.	12		32.1	Miami (Fla.)	690	4277 427.7	
Nebraska	12	383	31.9	Virginia	764	4693 426.6	

Texas' Williams stakes his claim to Heisman Trophy

BY JIM VERTUNO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN, Texas — Now that Ricky Williams owns one of college football's greatest individual records, is the Heisman Trophy next?

Already considered the Heisman favorite, the Texas tailback enhanced his position with 259 yards rushing in Friday's 26-24 win over Texas A&M in a nationally televised game.

Longhorns coach Mack Brown said it would be hard to deny the award to the leading rusher in NCAA Division I-A history.

"Hopefully voters saw things today," Brown said after the game. "I've never seen a better performance from Ricky than I did today."

Williams' brightest moment of the game and biggest boost for the Heisman came in the first quarter.

Needing 11 yards to break Tony Dorsett's career rushing record, Williams ripped off a 60-yard touchdown run in which he broke a tackle near the line of scrimmage and carried an A&M defensive back into the end zone.

"That's a run I'll remember for the rest of my life," Brown said.

Williams finished the game with 6,279 career yards, surpassing Dorsett's mark of 6,082 set at Pittsburgh from 1973-76.

Several previous Heisman winners were at the

game Friday to congratulate Williams. Dorsett, Texas' Earl Campbell and Texas A&M's John David Crow all made their way to the sideline for Williams' memorable run.

"It's special to me that those guys were on the sideline to watch me play," Williams said.

Williams has broken national and school records held by Dorsett, Campbell and Ohio State's Archie Griffin, the only two-time Heisman winner.

Williams would be Texas' first Heisman winner since Campbell in 1977.

One player who could stand in Williams' way is Kansas State quarterback Michael Bishop, who has led the Wildcats to a No. 2 ranking and a berth in the Big 12 championship game Dec. 5. Two weeks ago, half of the Big 12 coaches said Bishop should get serious consideration for league offensive MVP. The idea didn't go over well with Brown.

"Anybody who saw Ricky today would know he's the most valuable player in the Big 12 Conference," Brown said.

Bishop has been hurt by a lack of national exposure after Kansas State coach Bill Snyder imposed a media ban on him for several weeks. Williams, meanwhile, has met with the media every week and his smile and dreadlocks have consistently appeared in newspapers, magazines and on television.

Williams said he won't think about the Heisman until after final exams this week. And he said he hasn't given much thought to his place in college football history.

"Hopefully I'll be considered one of the best," he said.

Surely he will be. He owns 16 NCAA records. Along with the rushing record, Williams' marks include touchdowns (75), points (452) and all-purpose yards (7,206).

Williams surprisingly returned for his senior season after leading the nation in rushing in 1997.

Part of his decision to stay was to help the Longhorns' transition to Brown, who came to Texas from North Carolina. But he also knew the Heisman Trophy was a possibility and Dorsett's milestone was in reach

And so far he has answered all the questions that came up when the season started.

Could the Heisman winner come from a losing team? Texas was 4-7 last year, but rebounded behind Williams to finish 8-3 this year. The Longhorns came up one game short of playing for the Big 12 championship.

Could Williams break Dorsett's record when defenses would be stacked up to stop him? Williams' 2,124 yards this season are the fifth-highest single-season mark. He also set the record for average yards per carry, 6.22.

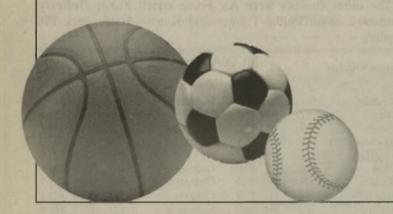
His only subpar game this season came against Kansas State, which held him to 43 yards on 25 carries

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