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Group works to make ampitheater a reality



Bob Fehringer/Alestle
 (Left to Right) Rob Wiemers and Walter Heck, Vice Presidents of the Sonic Group pictured at the Gallery in Edwardsville.

■ BY DANIELLE BELTON
 ACTING EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Cool grooves and cross cultures may be in Edwardsville's future with the proposal of 10,000 seat ampitheater to be built here near SIUE.

The Sonic Group, which is building this theater, held a meeting January 7 to provide information about their venture.

The ampitheater will be known as the Mississippi

River Festival and will be located off of Bluff and Hoag roads on what is now farm land.

The 10,000 seats will be placed in a covered area that can be changed to adjust for the season. With retractable sides that can be lowered and raised, the theater will be well suiting for both the summer and winter months.

"The university and the city are going to gain a lot of expsure especially with the cultural aspect," said Rob Wiemers, vice president of the Sonic Group.

The Sonic Group believes that this ampitheater will help bring diversity and entertainment, as well as revenue to the city and school.

According to Walter Heck the city stands to gain some extra revenue through a proposed 3 percent entertainment tax that has been projected to generate an estimated \$400,000 for Edwardsville. Property taxes from the facility are projected by the group to bring in an additional \$50,000. The schools of Edwardsville stand to gain up to \$110,000. There

is also a proposed 1 percent tax for merchandise, food and other items sold at the ampitheater during the events that could bring in anywhere between \$60,000 and \$80,000 for the city.

Though the group hopes to attract bands to the theater, they do not want music to be their only attraction. The ampitheater will be open for plays, musical theater, and cultural events.

Along with hope, the venture brings some worry.

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Nursing student recieves

MLK award

■ BY DANIELLE BELTON
 ACTING EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Youngchoon Hahm has been named the recipiant of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship and Humanitarian Award here at SIUE.

Hahm, of Alton and a native of Korea, will receive this award and special recognition during the King Birthday Celebration, Thursday, Jan. 22, at an 11:30 a.m. luncheon in the University Center.

The award includes a \$100 cash stipend and a scholarship which provides for tuition or fees or housing for one academic year of full-time undergraduate study or graduate study at the Illinois rate.

Hahm is an undergraduate at SIUE who expects to recieve his bachelor degree in Nursing in 1998. Hahm already has completed two baccalaureate degrees at SIUE; a B.S. in Business Adminsitration and a B.A. in Spanish Language. He has also recieve numerous awards here at SIUE including the Kimmel Leadership Award, International Business School Award and Phi Kappa Phi Scholarship.

More than money at stake in sale of Chicago Black daily newspaper

CHICAGO (AP) Ensconed on the South Side, the Chicago Defender has languished in recent decades, a shadow of the crusading newspaper that once helped lure blacks off southern plantations into northern factories.

Now after the death of the man who controlled the paper for six decades, the Defender, along with its sister newspapers in Pittsburgh, Detroit and Memphis is for sale. And activists fear the sale of the nation's largest black daily could silence a publication that has long been the community's voice.

"We would be very disturbed if any other ethnic group acquired the paper and wanted to keep calling it an 'afro-centric' paper," said the Rev. Al Sampson, organizer of a group called the Citizens Committee to Save the Chicago Defender. "They won't be able to speak for our community."

The Defender dates back to 1905 when Robert Abbott arrived in Chicago nearly penniless and founded the newspaper as a weekly. It went on to be read by thousands in the South, where it was distributed by Pullman porters and sold by newsboys who risked being lynched for their actions.

The Defender was hated by southern whites for its editorials, which urged blacks to abandon the Jim Crow south and its cotton fields for the north's factories and less

menacing segregation. Between 1910 and 1920, Chicago's black population increased from 44,000 to 109,000. And a second major migration north of blacks, promoted by the Defender, occurred in the 1940s.

The Defender's editors also were threatened with jail during World War II for editorials pointing out that black soldiers were risking their lives for freedoms abroad they could not enjoy at home. The newspaper was home to black writers ignored by the white press, including Langston Hughes and W.E.B. DuBois, a founder of the NAACP.

"It is a bigger issue than the selling of an individual newspaper," said Dorothy Leavell, president of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, which is made up of the owners of 215 black weekly newspapers.

"There is the historical perspective. It being the only black daily newspaper left. It has a significant place in black history."

The Defender and its legacy was put up for grabs after John Sengstacke, nephew of the paper's founder, died last year at the age of 84. In 1975, he placed Sengstacke Enterprises Inc. in trust with instructions that it be sold upon his death. Sengstacke's heirs, including six grandchildren, have no say in the matter.

Although the Northern Trust Co., Sengstacke's trustee, has not put a price tag

on the newspapers and their property, some estimate they could fetch \$8 million to \$10 million.

"We are confident that every effort will be made to secure fair value for the shareholders while at the same time finding a buyer who will be cognizant of the legacy of John Sengstacke and the special role of the publications in the community," the bank said in a statement.

Bank spokeswoman Sue A. Regeas said privacy laws limit what the bank can say about the sale. But she said the estate has not received any firm offers.

Sampson, a community organizer who worked with Dr. Martin Luther King, said his group wants to do more than monitor the sale of the Defender. They want community input into how it is run and are trying to form a group of investors to buy the paper.

Sampson also said his group would work to increase the Defender's circulation if it is bought by the right people. The daily has a paid circulation of 16,000 and weekend circulation of 19,000. In the 1950s, when it first became a daily, circulation topped 50,000.

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Nearly 800 graduate during Fall '97 Commencement

■ BY DANIELLE BELTON
 ACTING EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Thousands looked on as nearly 800 students were given

their degrees during Commencement December 20.

The ceremony took place in the SIUE Vadalabene Center gymnasium.

Mary Ann Boyd, a professor in the SIUE School of Nursing,

was the Commencemnt speaker. Professor Boyd teaches courses in psychiatric nursing to undergraduates and graduate students.

SIUE Chancellor David Werner conferred degrees on

students on the students who graduated from the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Schools of Business, Education, Engineering, and Nursing.

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Annual celebration for Dr. Martin Luther King to take place Jan. 22

■ BY DANIELLE

BELTON

ACTING EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Students are encouraged to join in the celebration of the birthday of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Tickets are still available for the Jan. 22 celebration at SIUE.

This year's keynote speaker will be Gregory Freeman, a columnist for the St. Louis Post-

Dispatch. He will address the theme, "Believing/Be Living The Dream" in his speech.

The luncheon program is scheduled at 11:30 a.m. in the Meridian Hall, in the University Center. The program will be followed by a reception in the Goshen Lounge for Freeman and winners of the scholarship and humanitarian awards who will be honored at the luncheon. In addition, there will be a lecture

from special guest, Morris Dees, founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center. His Arts and Issues topic will be "A Passion for Justice."

Tickets for this event are \$8 for students and \$10 for general admission. Reservations are being accepted. To make reservations or for more information, contact the Kimmel Leadership Center at (618) 692-2660.

PAPER

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Because it is privately owned, revenues aren't available. But the Defender and the other Sengstacke newspapers are profitable.

Leavell, who publishes two weeklies, the Chicago Crusader and its counterpart in Gary, Ind., and others note the Defender's decline can be attributed to dwindling advertising revenue.

"John Sengstacke often complained he had the advertising base of a weekly in a daily newspaper," she said. It was further hurt by its continued support of the Democratic machine in the 1970s, when Chicago's black electorate was becoming increasingly independent.

"It still serves the community," Leavell said. "But not to the

extent most of us would like. But I would shudder to think what would happen if that voice wasn't there."

Although the Defender is the best known of Sengstacke Enterprises' holdings, the weekly Michigan Chronicle in Detroit is the company's most prized

possession. With a circulation of about 43,000, the Chronicle is usually thick with local and national advertising. The Pittsburgh Courier and the Tri-State Defender in Memphis are Sengstacke's other papers.



Chris Lambert has been selected as the Student Nurses' Association of SIUE SNA member of the semester. Lambert was chosen for this honor due to his continued involvement in both school and community related activities. SNA is an organization that promotes and encourages student participation in community affairs.

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Review committee should be commended for handling space allocation decision with grace

A new year, a new semester, a new beginning. At least that is what I wish for the members of the Constitution Review Committee of Student Government. At long last the fall semester is behind them. More importantly, however, is the fact that the annual space allocation issue has finally reached closure. By the time this letter is printed the 17 workspaces administered by the Kimmel Leadership Center will be occupied by their new (or returning) student organizations.

Throughout the entire drawn-out process the committee members acted with calm and professionalism. They never once lost sight of their goal: to attempt to make a decision that would

benefit the majority of student organizations that applied for the workspace. What the University Community does not know is the amount of time the committee members put into deliberating the decision and appeasing applicants. Committee time alone was over ten hours, but outside this many, many more hours were spent talking with student organization leaders and advisers from the Kimmel Leadership Center.

At no time was there intent from the committee to act with a personal bias, as was suggested at times. I can guarantee that the advisers to the committee would not permit this. The committee was merely guilty of taking its job seriously. It chose to totally

reassess the allocation of the office workspace as is its right and duty under the Student Government Bylaws. Its goal was to attempt to organize the three Kimmel Leadership Center offices in a more equitable manner that would have the greatest benefit to the widest student population.

Unfortunately, from the beginning of the process the committee was not permitted to perform its task without external interference. Rumors and counter-rumors appeared from whom knows where.

What saddens me is the fact that this whole incident will be remembered for all the bitterness it developed on campus. Instead of this, the committee's

dedication and commitment to the well being of the wider student population should be commended. Senator Michelle Williams worked hard in attempting to reach a compromise that was agreeable to all parties involved. Kyle Thompson and Chad Gruenke endured hours of committee sessions. But special mention must be made of CRC chair Senator Mike Loitz. During the appeal process Senator Loitz was accused of racism and of holding a personal agenda. This was Senator Loitz's first semester as chair of the committee and I must commend him on the job he performed. Indeed, I urge the entire University Community to thank every member of the CRC

for bringing closure to a very delicate matter. If these students are indicative of the caliber of students at SIUE then we can truly say that SIUE develops leaders of which we can be proud.

I am honored to be able to work with the CRC and thank each committee member for the opportunity of advising such prolific campus leaders. Let us hope that this semester will afford us the opportunity to get back to the regular matters of business.

Grahaeme A. Hesp
Co-Adviser, Constitution Review Committee

Letters to the editor

More views on results of space allocation and the Alestle's role

In regards to the editorial which appeared in the Dec. 4 issue of the *Alestle*, written by Chad Gruenke of the Constitution Review Committee, he stated that the world does not revolve around BSA as far as the office space allocation is concerned. He should be ashamed of himself for making a statement like that. BSA represents this school very well. BSA is held in high esteem among students, faculty, and staff here. I felt like he disrespected the entire African-American student body with that statement. In other words, he's saying just because we didn't let the committee have it their way on office space

allocation, we are not worthy. That, my friend, is stupid or ignorant on your part. Also, to comment on the anger being expressed toward the news editor, Danielle Belton. I am appalled that some students would be angry at her just because she published the truth about the office space situation. Danielle is a hard working, professional individual, she is honest and forthright about what goes on at this school. We need more students with that kind of dignity. All of this brings home a very important point, get involved. When we have students who get involved we can stop discrimination, intimidation, and lies. So, in

conclusion I hope that we, as students, can learn from this, and say we are fed up with some people in student government who constantly distort the truth, and love to place blame on the *Alestle* and other great organizations such as BSA.

Timothy Mitchell
Member of SIUE Finance Board
Student Activist

I would like to start off by admitting that my editorial in Thursday's (Dec. 4, 1997) *Alestle* was rather harsh. I would like to apologize for this and state that I am truly sorry for anyone I may have offended. I have come to realize the worst time to write an editorial is when you are blinded by anger. The outpouring of anger throughout my last editorial was built up over the many weeks that the space allocation has occurred. Let's face it, there are only so many times one can be called biased and falsely accused before they just snap. Once again, I am sorry for the statements I made and hope that this will all be put behind us.

Chad Gruenke
Constitution Review Committee Member

Ice, ice everywhere to some's dismay on the first day back on campus

It is really amazing to see our tuition dollars hard at work. I find it even more amusing that on the first day of class, when 90% of the students are on campus, the walkways are still covered with ice from the freezing rain that started during the night. Maintenance (oh sorry, the politically correct term for janitorial services is now "Facilities Management") has done absolutely nothing to ensure the safety of the students and employees. In fact, at 8 a.m. this morning after I watched several people slip, I also noticed the two "facilities management" workers standing by their truck drinking coffee. So this is the reason tuition keeps increasing?

Ellen Cottingham
Junior, Special Ed.

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Study shows some fats may cut breast cancer risk

CHICAGO (AP) — A new study adds to growing evidence that eating monounsaturated fats — the kind found in olive and canola oils — may significantly reduce the risk of breast cancer.

It also found that women whose daily diets included polyunsaturated fats — those found in other varieties of vegetable oils and seafood — had a strongly increased breast-cancer risk.

The findings by researchers who studied more than 60,000 women in Sweden appear in Monday's issue of Archives of Internal Medicine, published by the American Medical Association.

"Our results indicate that various types of fat may have specific opposite effects on the risk of breast cancer," wrote the authors, led by researcher Alicja Wolk at Karolinska Institute in Stockholm. Epidemiologists at

Harvard's School of Public Health also participated.

The results generally are in line with previous studies, though research linking polyunsaturated fats with breast cancer risk is less clear-cut, said Dr. Neal Barnard, head of the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, a Washington-based educational and research group.

"It's an important study but it has tremendous potential for being misinterpreted," Barnard said.

For one thing, the study population was homogenous — Swedes generally have a high-fat diet that would tend to skew the results, Barnard said.

"It's like trying to find inferences in lung cancer rates when everybody is a smoker," he said. "People who got it would be differentiated by something else other than smoking."

The study subjects' daily fat

intake averaged 30 percent of total calories consumed. U.S. federal guidelines advise limiting fat to no more than 30 percent of total calories, but Barnard said that's still too high to be healthful and more than triple the fat intake of societies where breast cancer rates are extremely low, such as rural China.

Barnard also cautioned that the findings "should not be interpreted as a license to glug the olive oil."

Regardless of its source, "every gram of fat packs nine calories," he noted. "The heavier you are, the higher your risk for breast cancer, especially after menopause."

The study involved 61,471 women aged 40 through 76 who were questioned between 1987 and 1990 about their fat intake. During an average follow-up of 4.2 years, 674 cases of invasive breast cancer were diagnosed.

Women who ingested at least 10 grams of monounsaturated fat daily — about three-fourths of a tablespoon — cut their risk of breast cancer in half.

The results were similar to previous studies that looked specifically at olive oil, the main source of monounsaturated fat in Mediterranean diets.

The authors, noting that olive oil consumption is very low in Sweden, say their study shows that it's the kind of fat rather than specifically olive oil that reduces the breast-cancer risk.

Women who ate at least 5 grams daily of polyunsaturated fats, such as those found in safflower and corn oils, increased their breast-cancer risk by 69 percent.

Polyunsaturated fats may "alter the risk of breast cancer by increasing the formation of free radicals that can damage DNA and promote tumor

development," Wolk and colleagues wrote.

Free radicals are dangerous byproducts that form when the body metabolizes oxygen. They are thought to produce cellular damage that can lead to cancer.

Others have theorized that monounsaturated fats are less easily oxidized than polyunsaturates and that they contain antioxidant vitamins that soak up free radicals.

Switching types of fat likely would be easier to swallow for most people than long-term reduction in total fat intake, the authors said.

Barnard, however, said cutting total fat intake should also be a goal for most Western societies in order to reduce incidence of many types of cancer as well as cardiovascular disease.

Six frozen human shoulders stolen from truck meant for medical research

PHOENIX (AP) — Talk about getting the cold shoulder.

Last Wednesday, a box with six frozen human shoulders was stolen from a truck about to deliver them to a Phoenix air freight service, police said.

The shoulders, bound for an Illinois research laboratory, were among other boxes of body parts picked up at the Anatomic Gift Foundation in Phoenix, and taken to Ches Trucking Co., near Sky Harbor International Airport.

The foundation is a non-profit organization that coordinates recovery, processing and distribution of human tissue for research at laboratories and medical schools, company spokesman Steven Williams said.

Every year, thousands of people nationwide die

having already donated all or part of their bodies, he said.

Williams noted that donations are made either for transplant or research; the Anatomic Gift Foundation accepts whole body and body parts donations for research only.

The owner of Ches Trucking said the truck, loaded mostly with shoulders, was left unattended, "for five minutes at the most."

"When I realized a box was gone, we started looking around the area for it right away," John Chester said.

The box with the shoulders weighed about 40 pounds. The parts were wrapped in clear plastic and cloth, Chester said.

He found the box empty in a nearby field within minutes of the theft. The thief had carried it about 300

yards.

Williams said his company charges only for the processing of the body parts, "because it is illegal to buy and sell human tissue."

The processing value of the shoulders was about \$3,100, Williams said.

Chester said that "the thief probably saw just the word 'perishable' on the end of the box, thought it was a food product of some value, and ran with it."

"I hope he didn't go home and tell his wife he got a bargain somewhere, and then have her open it," Chester said. "That could be quite a shock."

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SONIC

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Though it has the support of various organizations throughout Edwardsville and surrounding areas, some worry that the amphitheater will bring problems of traffic, noise, and environmental problems.

"It's real important to make sure this community stays top notch," Joanne E. Grasser, executive director of the Alliance of Edwardsville and Glen Carbon said.

The Alliance is an economic organization that works to promote and manage economic development in Edwardsville and Glen Carbon. Though Grasser believes that the amphitheater is a good deal for all, she also

believes these concerns must be and will be examined and addressed.

The group contends that the amphitheater will cause few problems with the facility have three exits to help with traffic. They are planting five trees for every tree destroyed during construction to help muffle the noise.

"It has got a lot of potential," Grasser said. "It's the type of project we want."

The Sonic Group has already shown its plans to SIU President Ted Sanders and SIUE Vice Chancellor for Development and Public Affairs James R. Buck and claim to have their approval.

Wiemers also hopes SIUE will consider hosting some of its major events such as graduation or plays at the amphitheater.

"We especially feel that it's a great culture facility," said Wiemers.

This \$10-12 million project hopes to break ground in May of 1998 and then hopefully open in the Spring of 1999 to host about 70 events a year.

There will be another meeting on the amphitheater open to the public, at the City Hall in Edwardsville on Jan. 15 at 4:30 p.m. All are encourage to attend.

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RANTS & RAVES



■ BY COREY STULCE
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

I hate to complain, but I have a little gripe with the last legal toxicant. Well, I don't have a problem with the drink itself, just those who partake in it a little gregariously.

I don't like most drunks. The only people who do like drunks are drunks. I am a very calm and controlled drunk. Sure, my senses are dulled, but my brain still works very hard to keep me from looking like a complete asshole. My brain won't let me climb onto a table in a bar for an impromptu jig. I love my brain.

Some people's brains are malicious. For example, the other night I was enjoying myself at a club. I'm used to being in a smoky, over-crowded joint and I don't mind people touching my intimate areas when they shove by me. I do, however, get extremely ticked when someone pushes their way past and then stops right in front of me. I don't care for uncourteous drunks.

I was forced to deal with a 30-something guy who desperately wanted to sex-up his date whether she was conscious or not. For some reason she wanted to be part of the show. She had a nasty penchant for falling onto me. He appeared to be amused by her drunken stupor and encouraged her.

Any instinct acted upon from me would have resulted in a fight, and I was quite enjoying the band. So, I stifled the thoughts of: a. tossing a drink in her face, b. politely telling him to keep his girlfriend on a shorter leash, or c. yanking her to the floor by her purse strap and exploding his nose with my elbow. Fortunately, she made the "I'm about to puke chowder" face and they split.

Anyone who has ever been to a club has had that experience. Usually it's some drunken frat guy or skin head that butts up in front of you. And you just scowl, say that you're going to kick his ass, and then politely wait until he leaves to piss on somebody else's good time, which is what I did.

Independent Revolution

*Creator Mike Allred uses
ingenuity and courage to
break into the many facets
of the entertainment world*

■ BY COREY STULCE
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

Mike Allred is conquering the arts and doing it on his own terms. He has established himself in the world of comic books with "Madman," his popular super hero epic. He is now breaking into the realms of film and music, reviving the idea that art should be free and independent. By definition, he is on his way to becoming a renaissance man, but he would not use that word to describe himself.

"I would like to invent another word that doesn't sound so pretentious," Allred said. "I'm really just a guy who found out I didn't have to wait for permission to do what I wanted to do."

Allred got his start in comics at small distributors like Tundra. It was there where his most famous character, Madman, developed a following. "Madman" is the story of a man who is desperately trying to discover his past and true identity, all the while falling in love and helping his scientist friends with their experiments.

Allred has a modest, but elegant, drawing style and he uses very witty dialogue. It was his interesting and original style that got his book published by Dark Horse Comics. Dark Horse is still a very independent or non-conformist distributor and gives its creators much more control of their books.

Over the last two years, Allred has made two films, "Astroesque" and "Eyes to Heaven" and recorded an album with his band Red Rocket 7. The band is named after the comic mini-series that began in September.

Although Allred has only recently delved into film and music, he said the seeds were always there waiting to be cultivated. "My whole life, things have revolved around music and comics," Allred said. "I had this huge chunk of useless knowledge in my head, an encyclopedia of music, film and comic book



trivia. The best way to exercise that is to work in those mediums," he said.

"I guess my life the last couple of years has been about not sitting around wishing for these things to happen someday, hoping my band would be discovered by some record executive, or some Hollywood executive would find one of my screenplays under a pile of dust," Allred said.

His first film "Astroesque," which he wrote, starred in and directed will be released on home video by Dark Horse on Jan. 21.

It is a science fiction epic and has a similar style to his comic series, Red Rocket 7. "Eyes to Heaven," the second film from Allred's production company, Droog Bros., was completed earlier this year. He describes it as similar to an episode of the "Twilight Zone." "It's a really eerie, ultra-

violent, black-and-white have the film shown.

The "Red Rocket 7" is a distant planet who the virtues of rock music has become a rock & roll band with many rock luminaries appearing as sidekicks. The band needed about \$100 million to make.

"It was a huge epic in rock & roll history and another moment in time. The budget is limited to having a publisher to want. It was really wanted.

The comic has been the same size of a complaint he's receiving having a hard time finding a publisher.

While visualizing working on the album concept album, pure alone, but a concept theme," Allred said. David Bowie's "Ziggy Stardust" is the theme.

The album, like the film, was what Allred wanted, and he created it.

Mike Allred's artwork, from far Left

Left: The cover to the "Chasing Amy" comic featured in the film of the same name. Allred did the bulk of the comic artwork for the film. (Courtesy of the View Askew web site, www.viewaskew.com)

Below: The cover to "Red Rocket 7," Issue four. "Red Rocket 7" tells the story of seven cloned alien brothers, with the 40-year history of rock and roll in the background.

Right: The cover to "Red Rocket 7," Issue one.

Bottom right: The cover to the much sought after final issue of "Bluntman and Chronic" from the Kevin Smith film "Chasing Amy." (Courtesy of the View Askew web site)



"Technology has become affordable. I took option money from the "Madman" movie and built my own recording studio, which is relatively affordable. Anybody who could max out a couple of credit cards could build the same studio and have better equipment than The Beatles ever had. So, when you realize that, it's phenomenal," he said. The album by Red Rocket 7 is set for release soon.

Jamie Rich, Allred's editor at Dark Horse, said he deals with criticism very professionally. "Everything is fine as long as I tell him I love him," Rich said. "Seriously, though, he takes a very even-handed approach to criticism. He knows when something is just plain dumb and unfounded and when he needs to take it seriously. As far as editorial criticism, if the books didn't come in so damn good, I might have some."

Earlier this year, Allred had a cameo appearance in Kevin Smith's film "Chasing Amy," as himself. He met Smith at a comic convention and was offered the job of doing

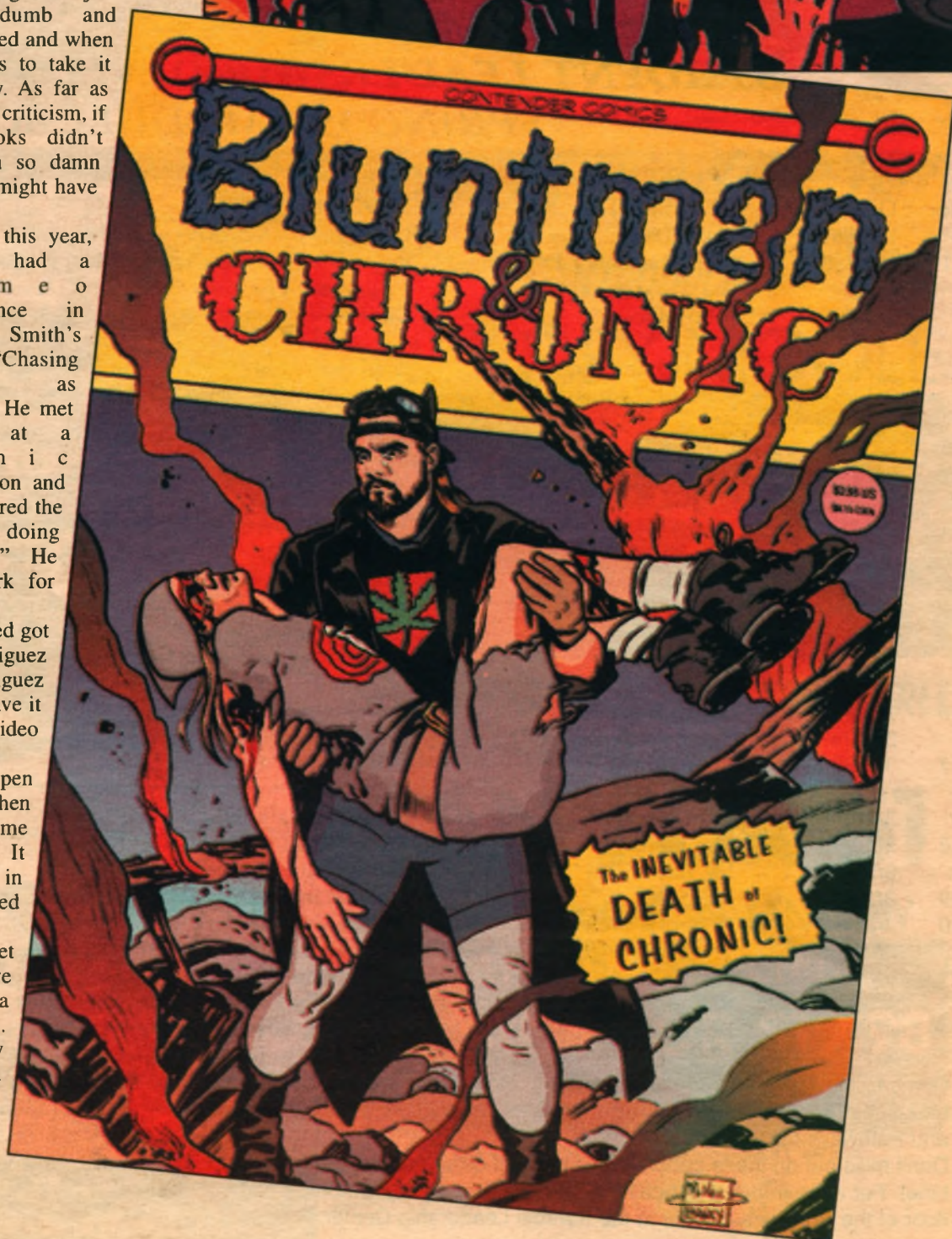
the art for Smith's film, "Mallrats." He subsequently did the majority of artwork for "Chasing Amy" as well.

While working on "Chasing Amy," Allred got to meet one of his film heroes, Robert Rodriguez ("El Mariachi," "Desperado"). After Rodriguez screened Allred's film, "Astroesque," he gave it a rave review which now appears on the video box.

"The greatest thing that could ever happen when you're striving to do something is when you have your heroes and your heroes become your peers. And that has happened. It happened in comics and now it's happening in the [independent] film community," Allred said.

Allred is planning a summer tour to meet some of his fans and to get their input. "I've enjoyed every encounter I've had with a fan," he said. "They fit into two categories. The ones that are more shy, I have to draw out. The others are those who are not afraid to tell me what they thought, good or bad."

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horror film," Allred said. He plans to come festivals this year.

comic is about a group of clones from come to earth and have discovered Seven, one of the clone brothers, legend in the 90s. The tale is told es like The Beatles and The Rolling orting characters. Allred would have et 7" into a movie, but would have n to make it.

ory I wanted to tell using 40 years of back story," Allred said. "This was ized the potential of comics. Your r imagination. I had the virtue of would support me in the format I a matter of getting it on paper."

inted to look like an album, and it is bum cover. Allred said the only bout the comic is the size. People are g protective bags to store them in. new comic, Allred's band started realized I had the potential to do a the sense that all the songs stand um because all the songs have a ompares the album's style to that of arduist."

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Allred

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Some are very critical in a very constructive way and I welcome that. Most are very excited about what I'm trying to do. I wouldn't be doing this big tour otherwise."

With all of these projects, it would be hard for the average person to be away from his spouse so much.

For Allred, it is not a problem. His wife, Laura, does all of the coloring for his comic books. "The only disadvantage was the initial fear that when she started doing it full time we would get sick of each other. And we haven't, so there are no disadvantages," Allred said.

Laura Allred has also found her niche in the comic business. Last summer she was voted Best Colorist at the Chicago ComicCon by fans who participated in a poll from "Wizard" magazine. The trophy is the first item people are drawn to in the Allred home, Mike said. He added that he believes Laura is the best colorist working in comics today.

Rich concurs Laura is an integral part of Mike's work. "If you took her out of the equation, the series [Red Rocket 7] would suffer considerably. And she makes every deadline — and is early too! An editor's dream," Rich said. On the other hand, fans do have to wait significantly for issues of "Madman" to hit the shelves. They are released very sporadically. But with Allred's busy schedule, such can be expected. Rich had no comment on whether Allred works on specific deadlines or not.

Allred plans to stay in the comic

business for a long time. "Having done these other things has just reaffirmed my commitment to comics," he said. "I love film and I love music and working in both has been a wonderful experience, very cathartic. It's just opened my eyes more to how powerful my first success with comics is."

"We have to constantly slap ourselves and remind ourselves what success is about. I'm in a place now where I can feed my family and have a nice home to live in and I can do whatever I want. That's success," Allred said.

"I can finally let go and not worry about being famous or a household name. It's something I admit to having wanted in the past, but I've also used my imagination to figure out what that would be like and it's not necessarily good. I kind of like being a cult figure in a sub-culture."



Cover of issue two's "Red Rocket 7."

STUDENT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM SPRING 1998MODULE SCHEDULE

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1	1/22/98	Morris Dees	Leadership Characteristics: You are a Leader!	2:00p	Conference Center-UC	Southern Poverty Law Center
11	1/20/98	Vice Chancellor Emmanuel	Role Models & Risk Takers: Blueprints for Successful Leaders	2:00p		SIUE
2	1/27/98	John Marx	Civic Responsibility and Citizenship	2:00p		Open Systems Group
12	1/27/98	Allie Chang Ray	Goal Setting and Delegating Effectively	6:30p		Children's Miracle Network
3	2/3/98	Campus Ministries	Community Service: Opportunities and Responsibilities	6:30p	Religious Center	SIUE Religious Center
13	2/3/98	Connie Turner	Effective Meetings	2:00p		Florist Insurance
4	2/10/98	Zip Rzeppa	Effective Communication	6:30p		Metropolitan Employment & Rehabilitation Service
14	2/10/98	Helen Graber, Ph.D.	Major Influences in the Political Process	2:00p		Metropolitan Association of for Social Welfare
5	2/17/98	Don Owens	Group Process	6:30p		Coro Midwestern Center
15	2/17/98	Dennis Hostetler	Community Change: What a Leader Needs to Know	2:00p	Computer Lab	SIUE
6	2/24/98	Joe Dunn	Assess Your Service & Leadership Style	2:00p		Illinois Coalition for Community Service
16	2/24/98	Susan Relfe	Developing Self-Esteem	6:30p		Preferred Health Care
7	3/3/98	Sgt. Beverly Wayne Dixon	Conflict Resolution: Negotiating Differences	2:00p		State Police District Nine
17	3/3/98	Brad Hewitt	Leading Your Peers	6:30p		Development & Public Affairs
8	3/10/98	AG Monoco	Human Relations	2:00p		SIUE
18	3/10/98	Tim Dorsey	Motivating Others	6:30p		The Dorsey Group
9	3/24/98	Liz Tarpey	Cross Cultural Awareness	2:00p		SIUE
19	3/24/98	Joel Elsea	Understanding the Organizational Climate	6:30p		BFI Waste Systems
10	3/31/98	Robert E. Wells, Jr.	Values & Ethics	6:30p		Pessin, Baird, Wells
20	3/26/98	Thomas Shrout, Jr.	Analyzing Public Perceptions	2:00p		Citizens for Modern Transit
21	4/07/98	Mary Hizer	Leadership Challenges for Men & Women	2:00p		YWCA
23	4/07/98	Renee Johnson	Leadership Challenges for Minorities	6:30p		Missouri Historical Society
24	4/14/98	Betty Lawton	Managing Stress	2:00p	Wellness Center	SIUE

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Chicago passing on democratic convention, woos republicans

CHICAGO (AP) _ The city where Democratic Party loyalty is all but an official religion has served notice that it is willing _ and even eager _ to engage in political heresy for exactly one week in 2000.

Chicago wants to be the site of the Republican National Convention that year, and it is not pursuing the Democrats' convention any longer.

Democrats in Washington were informed of the decision in a letter from city officials, said Lawrence Gorski, director of Mayor Richard M. Daley's Office for People with Disabilities.

Chicago will now focus on luring the Republicans and already has shown why this city would make an excellent choice, Gorski said Sunday.

"We did a very fine job when we had the Democratic National Convention here two years ago," he said.

The 1996 Democratic National Convention was the first held in Chicago since the convention week in 1968, when club-swinging police chased

antiwar demonstrators through streets and parks amid clouds of tear gas, leaving the city with a monumental black eye.

Chicago Democrats _ who have had a lock on the mayor's office since the Great Depression and rarely face a serious challenge from Republicans _ came away from the 1996 convention proud that it went off without a major hitch.

Gorski said the city didn't try to get the Republican convention in 1996 because Chicago's contract with the Democrats barred it from having both parties in the same year. The Democratic Party insisted on the provision, he said.

While the 2000 Democratic National Convention won't be held in Chicago, Gorski will have a say in where it is held.

He recently was named vice-chair of the Democratic National Committee's Site Advisory Committee, which will pick the site of the next convention.

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Little named NCAA Division II All-American

■ BY JASON TRIPLETT
SPORTS REPORTER

Junior midfielder Matt Little helped put the cherry on top of a sweet 18-2-1 season for Cougar men's soccer by being named a first team N C A A Division II All-American.

Little is a native of Granite City who led the men's soccer team in every number category posting 13 goals, 11 assists, and 37 points. He is No. 2 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference in goal scoring and point producing, and holds the No. 3 spot in assists. Little's point total is the most in a single season since 1979. He also



All-American
Matt Little

received recognition by being named to both the GLVC first team and the All-Midwest region first team.

"Matt's performance toward the end of the season really carried some weight," SIUE head coach Ed Huneke said. "We played a tough schedule and his numbers got better."

Three more Cougars received honors for performance this season. Junior defender Kividi Kikama from Lombard, Ill. received All-Midwest first team respects as well as sophomore keeper Andy Korbesmeyer. Korbesmeyer allowed only 18 goals in 21 games and recorded six shutouts.

"Andy really stands out on the field, he directs traffic well and has good statistics to support that presence," Huneke said.

Kikama's defense helped SIUE to be in the top 10 in the country and his role on the field is well fulfilled

according to Huneke.

"We want our attack to come out of the backfield, and Kividi's skill level helped us do that this year. He can do things with the ball that most forwards can't," Huneke said.

Second team All-Midwest accolades went to senior forward Darren Snyder who recently put in some work with the St. Louis Ambush indoor team. Snyder wrapped up his SIUE career in the top 10 in scoring, goal scoring and assists. Two of Snyder's six goals this season were game winners.

"Darren is a very colorful player," Huneke said. "He has come through with big scores this year and in the past. The fact that he is playing professionally says a lot for his game."

Three of the four award winners are returning next season, which in Huneke's opinion only sets the stage to keep winning next year.

Men's hoops ranked 21st in NABC/Division II

■ BY BRETT LICATA
SPORTS REPORTER

Although the giving season has come and gone, head coach Jack Margenthaler hopes that his SIUE men's basketball team continues the unselfish play that has landed them a No. 21 national ranking.

The Cougars are 5-1 in Great Lakes Valley Conference play and 11-2 overall at the midway point of the season.

A balanced offensive attack has seven players averaging 7.5 points or better in the first 14 games. Allen Berry of Lebanon leads the team averaging 11.9 points per contest with Nathan Kreke of Effingham close behind with an 11.7 average. Kreke also leads the team with 11 blocked shots on the season.

Senior forward Rusty Sarnes contributes an average of 10.8 points and is 64 percent from three-point land knocking down 22 of 50. Junior Tommy Shurn

has also shown his range sinking a team-high 27 three-pointers on 59 attempts to help his 9.8 points per game average.

The Cougars outstanding season hit a high last week when they outlasted No. 7 ranked Southern Indiana 96-86.

Sarnes led SIUE with 18 points and was 5 of 7 from behind the arc. Berry poured in 17 points along with a game-high 13 boards. Kreke, Shaun Smoot and Travis Wallbaum were also in double figures with 13, 12 and 11 points respectively.

With Southern Indiana up 34-33 at the half, it was the steady free-throw shooting of the Cougars that nailed down the victory. SIUE hit 24 of 28 from the line in the second half and

went on for the 10 point triumph.

The Cougars came away with their fifth conference win of the season last Saturday with a 78-66 win over University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Kreke led SIUE with 18 points and went a perfect 8 of 8 from the charity stripe. He also threw his weight around in the trenches and collected a team-high eight rebounds. Berry contributed 15 points and seven boards while Wallbaum helped the cause with 13 points and six rebounds.

Kreke has proved to be the conference's top sixth man this



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Senior guard Shaun Smoot goes for a lay-up at the 78-66 victory over University of Missouri-St. Louis at the Vadalabene Center January 10th.

Cougar women's hoops 5-1 in GLVC Conference

■ BY JASON TRIPLETT
SPORTS REPORTER

Women's hoops upped their record to 10-4 overall and 5-1 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference during the semester break and ended the seven game holiday schedule with a home win over the University of Missouri-St. Louis on Saturday.

The Cougars started their GLVC schedule with a win over Saint Joseph's on Dec. 4. That win led to their next three victories over IU/PU Ft Wayne, McKendree College, and Kentucky Wesleyan. Despite center Alicia Harkins' 17 points, Bellarmine College stopped the Cougars' win streak at four, dealing SIUE a 73-61 loss that was forced into overtime by a last second three by Bellarmine.

"We just started playing together as a team in those four wins," Cougar head coach Wendy Hedberg said. "Bellarmine was able to get the overtime and take advantage of our fatigue and turnovers."

SIUE snapped back at home when they defeated No.1 ranked Southern Indiana 74-66. Freshman guard Misi Clark went 2 for 3 from behind the three point arc and totaled 21 points in the game with 4 assists. Harkins followed and put in 20 points of her own. Kim Lowe did the dirty work by pulling down eight rebounds and scoring 12 points.

"Defensively, we did what we wanted to do

against USI," Hedberg said. "We usually have a good hard fought game against them."

The Cougars defeated UMSL on Saturday 76-64 with a 30 point display by Misi Clark that came largely from the free throw line. Clark hit 18 of 24 attempts from the stripe and went 5-8 from the floor with two threes.

SIUE was down 11-4 five minutes into the first half when UMSL committed five fouls within three minutes. Clark and Harkins went to the line making three of four and Harkins drained from 15 feet out to make it 10-11 UMSL. Then Leslie Phillips hit a lay-up and Clark stuck a 14-footer to put SIUE up 14-11.

The lead changed several more times in the first half but the margin was never huge. The Cougars kept up the offense and shot 56 percent from the floor in the second half to make their percentage 65.9 for the game.

Hedberg is impressed with Clark's play but knows that opposing teams will adjust.

"Misi is a good all round athlete," Hedberg said. "She can drive to the hoop or shoot threes. We have four people averaging in double figures this season. I know if Misi sees some pressure the others will pick it up."

Coach Hedberg and her squad are sitting at 4th in the GLVC standings with a .714 win percentage this season. The team to beat is Lewis University having tallied an eight game win streak and moving up from the three to the two spot in the conference.



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Freshman Misi Clark goes around a Southern Indiana player at the Cougars 74-66 victory January 8th at the Vadalabene Center.

Reggie Miller still trying to put fire behind him

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Nearly eight months after an arsonist's fire destroyed Reggie Miller's \$2 million home, the Indiana Pacers guard still is coming to grips with his loss.

Compounding matters, the investigation into the May 15 blaze has produced no solid leads.

"I'm mad because we haven't come to a resolution, but I'm also embarrassed, because of all the professional athletes I know, why would this happen to me?" Miller said. "If this can happen to me, it can happen to anyone."

Not knowing who torched his

14,000-square-foot home makes Miller edgy.

"It could even be someone who comes to every single game," he said. "That's what makes me mad, the not-knowing part."

Although Miller doesn't believe the aftermath of the fire has affected his play this season - he is averaging a team-high 19.6 points - it has influenced his personal life and his relationship with the public.

He thought about retiring at one point, but has decided to keep Indianapolis his home, he told the Indianapolis Star and News.

Eddie Moore, the public information officer for the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, said about eight calls were received from viewers of the television show America's Most Wanted after a segment about the fire was aired last fall.

But the tips led nowhere.

"We're not close to any answers, and there are no strong suspects," Moore said. "We're still seeking help from the community."

Miller and his wife, Marita, are not suspects, Moore said.

Miller, in his 11th year in the NBA, said the fire disturbed him so much during the summer that he considered retiring. The prospect of playing for Larry Bird, hired seven days before the blaze, and a subsequent conversation with the new coach helped change his mind.

He has hired additional security officers for personal protection and is more wary of fans.

"I don't want people thinking I'm a prima donna or that I'm bigger than anyone else, but I still don't know who burned down my house," Miller said.

Pippen unsure about playing with Bulls next year

CHICAGO (AP) — Scottie Pippen's ailing foot? Much better. His relationships with those in the front office? They may never be mended.

"I don't think they've been repaired at all. We haven't tried to repair them. I don't think they can be repaired," Pippen said.

Pippen asked for a trade two months ago while recovering from foot surgery. He said he'd never play again for the Bulls because general manager Jerry Krause had not shown him the respect he feels he deserved and tried to trade him.


"I think a player of my

caliber deserves better, so I had to stand up and speak out for myself."

Now the question: Will Pippen be a Bull for the rest of the season?

"I don't know. I should be asking you that," he told a reporter.

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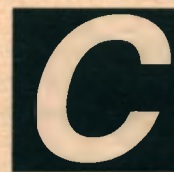
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