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Students grill the administrati

BY BRIAN WALLHEIMER NEWS REPORTER

Students may have the chance to vote on fee increases to improve the Morris University Center.

In a dialogue with students Wednesday in the University Center, Chancellor David Werner said there are a number of options under consideration for changes at the MUC. One scenario would allow students to vote in an April referendum on whether they want to raise their fees to pay for the improvements.

According to surveys and focus group interviews by Brailsford and Dunlavey, a facility planning firm, the fee increase could be between \$68 and \$112 per semester, depending on which renovation plan SIUE chooses.

Based on the surveys last April, 52 percent of students support a \$112 increase. Students will have the opportunity to voice their opinions again next April in the student referendum.

Werner said university officials hope to complete a study

Chancellor David Werner addresses a number of students' concerns in the Goshen Lounge Wednesday afternoon.

January.

During the dialogue, the question of Greek housing on campus was brought to Werner's attention. SIUE has land designated for Greek housing

on options and their costs in near Old Poag Road, but the land may be impractical at this time because no utility service is there.

Jill Stevens/Alestle

Facilities Management is updating the SIUE land use plan and will present its findings to the University Planning and

Budget Council in the near future. The plan may provide for a new location for any future Greek housing.

Jay Starratt, assistant vice chancellor of information and technology, gave a preview of a technology possible development. Over the next few months, computer labs may get new computers that will be leased instead of purchased.

If the deal goes through, students will be able to buy computers from the leasing company at a considerable discount. No decisions have been made yet, pending a decision from the Southern Illinois University board of trustees.

The idea of a football team was also brought before the chancellor. Werner said there are four possible plans of action as well as the possibility of not having one at all. Other plans could include increasing funding to current sports programs.

Werner has a task force investigating factors involved in creating a football team. A report is expected in January.

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Panel hears health and safety ideas

BY DANIELLE STERN ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The crowd was light but the topics were heavy at the first College Health and Safety Forum Tuesday evening in the Morris University Center.

Sponsored by the Wellness Center, organizers had planned for 50 or so students but only eight showed up to quiz administrators and voice

Museum stores hidden treasure



BY ANTHONY WATT NEWS REPORTER

A treasure of art and culture lies hidden on the SIUE campus. The majority of SIUE's art objects are stored in the Museum Operations Building near the Supporting Services Building.



SIUE keeps nearly 80,000 artifacts on campus, most in a warehouse.

fossils," Barnett said. "We have artifacts from primitive cultures in Africa, the South Pacific and that is now exhibited in the really from around the world, library. During the construction mostly decorative art as opposed

QUESTIONS IN 'DOGMA.'



"No matter how many of us are here, there are important issues to be heard," Wellness Coordinator Mary Baya said.

Food selection on campus was a topic and scheduled discussions about alcohol and other drug use were combined with night life on campus. Crime prevention and dating violence were eliminated from the forum.

The forum turned into an informal, two-hour discussion among the eight students and 10 panelists, who represented various offices and aspects of campus life.

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Eric Barnett, director of the University Museum, said the collection consists of nearly 80,000 objects.

The facility was erected during the spring semester for a price tag of \$520,000 and includes offices, workshops and storage areas for works of art.

The collection was originally stored in separate locations, including Lovejoy Library, University Park and the Wagner Complex in Edwardsville.

"The university began

years of the university, we acquired our initial collections of drawings, prints, paintings and the Sullivan Architectural **Ornament Collection.**'

collecting actively in 1959,"

Barnett said, "when we acquired

the portrait of Abraham Lincoln

The Sullivan Collection consists of pillars, keystones, friezes and an elevator car, all ornately decorated. These pieces are the remains of buildings designed by American architect, Louis Henri Sullivan. A large display of his work can be seen on the second floor of the Lovejoy Library and a another, smaller display is exhibited outside, between the library and Peck Hall.

"Our collection now includes such diverse objects as rocks, minerals, shells and to prints or paintings.

Barnett said the university currently does not have the capability to exhibit the entire collection.

"We hope in the future to build a museum facility," he said. "In fact, planning has already been done for this. Someday, the building will stand between the Art and Design Building and the Engineering Building currently under construction.

"In that building," he added, "we will be able to have permanent and changing exhibitions from our own collection, as well as those of other museums and private owners."

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1999

Former professor dies Mark Russell delivers political punches

SIUE NEWS SERVICES

Gene Allsup, emeritus professor of Educational Leadership, died Friday, Nov. 5, after a one-car accident on Engineers Road in Mitchell, according to police. He was 68.

Allsup, who retired in 1991, joined the SIUE School of Education faculty in 1968. He had been a curriculum specialist and superintendent of Collinsville schools in 1967 before coming to SIUE. A native of Hurst, Ill., Allsup taught at Hurst Grade School from 1950-53 and at Hurst High School from 1953-56. He served as superintendent of Royalton Schools from 1956-59 and for Sesser Schools from 1959-1967. He taught at Mt. Vernon College for two years before coming to Collinsville.

WERNER -

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A student concerned about textbook rental fees brought her concerns to Werner. She said nursing students buy their own books, but still have to pay all the fees, including the portion for textbook rental. Werner said any student with such concerns should contact the Textbook Service Advisory Committee.

Police Chief Richard Harrison commented on theft in the Woodland Hall parking lot.



Courtesy Photographic Services

He earned three degrees, all in education, at SIU Carbondale: a bachelor of science in 1954, a master of science in 1956, and a doctorate in 1966. He also did graduate work at Hollins College in Virginia, the University of Puerto Rico, and at Bradley in Guatemala.

Harrison said the campus is a target for some thieves since students often leave expensive personal belongings in their vehicles.

Harrison advised locking all doors and removing expensive items from the vehicle when it is parked

Students will have the chance to speak with the chancellor again in the spring semester.

BY ANTHONY WATT NEWS REPORTER

and musician, will bring his own SIUE.

Russell will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Meridian Ballroom of the Morris University Center.

Combining satirical songs with his monologue, he drives home his point of view about of compact discs, cassette tapes

today's issues and the latest politics.

The Public Broadcast Mark Russell, comedian System has run Russell's television program, "The Mark brand of political humor to . Russell Television Special," for 23 seasons. Russell is also a weekly commentator on the Cable News Network's "Inside Politics Weekend."

> other Russell's accomplishments include a syndicated column and a series

and videos.

Tickets for the show are \$9 for students and \$18 for the general public.

For more information about purchasing tickets, contact SIUE's Union Station at 650-2320.

For more information about the event, contact Rich Walker, coordinator of Academic Marketing Services at 650-2626.

Campus Scanner

Family history: The Madison County Genealogical Society will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in the fellowship meeting room of the Immanuel United Methodist Church, 800 N. Main St., Edwardsville. Ted Frisbie will speak about the Southwest Indian tribes and their belief systems. The meeting is open to everyone. For more information about the society, call Elsie Wasser at 656-2299 or Marie Eberle at 656-1789.

Dance: Tickets are available for Dance in Concert '99 to be presented at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Dunham Hall theater. The production will include original music written by Dave Carter, a composer and recording artist of post-modern mythic American music. Tickets are \$5 for faculty, staff and students and \$7 for the general public.

Blood drive: The American Red Cross is sponsoring a blood drive from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Knights of Columbus in Bethalto, 400 Beau Chateu.

Music: The SIUE Jazz Band will perform at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Mississippi and Illinois rooms of the Morris University Center. Tickets are

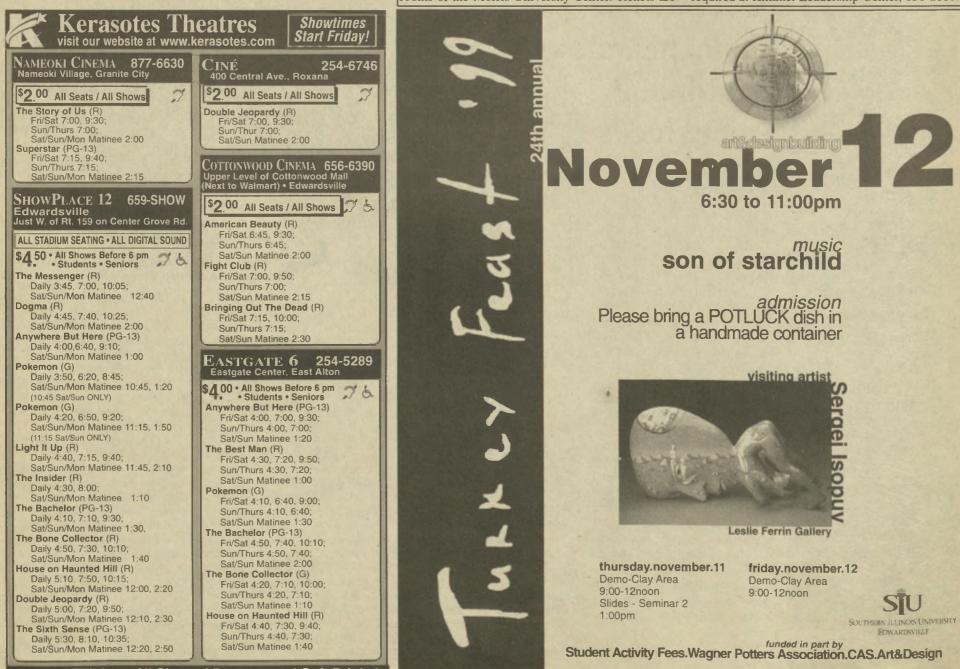
\$2 for students and \$3 for the general public. For more information, call the music department at 650-3900.

Fund-raiser: The Greek Week Charity Challenge will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday outside the Morris University Center. A pie-throwing contest is just one of the many events, sponsored by the United Way.

Reception: Join academic counseling and advising at a retirement reception for academic counselor Edmund Woodbury from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Wednesday in Peck Hall, Room 3117.

Theater: The Annual One-Act Theater Festival will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 17 and 18, at the Metcalf Theater. Seven plays will be presented by SIUE's student experimental theater organization. Admission is free. Call the fine arts box office at 650-2774 for more information.

PrairieLand Share: Volunteers are needed to help organize food distribution and cleanup Saturday, Nov. 20, at the PrairieLand Share Food Co-op in Granite City. Advance registration is required at Kimmel Leadership Center, 650-2686.



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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1999

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Letters to the Editor

THE ALPHAS SPEAK

Dear Alestle editor,

I think that it is now time to conclude matters pertaining to my organization and the Alestle ads that have been printed. The reasoning behind my late submission of this letter was because of the flash fliers distributed by my organization last week. I felt that it served the purpose of bringing our side of the issue to the forefront (seeing though it wasn't considered before). Actually, the reaction to the flier is exactly how I anticipated it to be. Now there are a few points that I would like to make:

1. The Atlanta trip has been acknowledged as a program for the past nine years. Before now, there was never a problem and even the director of Kimmel Leadership, Steve Sperotto, stated that he never had a problem with the funding that we receive for our buses. We think that some individuals have a problem with the amount of funds that we have received from student government thus far. Every year there is a surplus of funds that always go untouched. We feel that the amount of money that we receive is nothing compared to the amount that goes unaccounted for.

Alpha Phi Alpha develops programs to benefit the student body and mankind all together, and we need funding to ensure the success of these programs. We should not be condemned for trying to serve and educate the campus but rather congratulated for being one of the few organizations that attempts to enrich the student body on a consistent basis.

2. The matter of racial disharmony has now surfaced because of this issue. When any other report of funding has been approved, a breakdown of the actual vote by racial ethnicity is never given. Now, why is that? Does this reveal who cares more about "Dr." Martin Luther King's legacy? Maybe, but I think that everyone can agree that more things need to be done to promote the intermingling of cultures so that we can better understand each other on a historical basis.

Senator Bobby Harris is the main reason why there is hope because he listened to the facts and rendered his judgment accordingly. The way that the article was reported was unjust for Mr. Harris and did nothing but divide the student body.

3. The reporter of these articles, Brian Wallheimer, needs to understand his role in reporting a story. Reporters need to make themselves accessible to both parties of a "controversy" so that both sides are heard. Now after numerous attempts to contact him on his time, our side of the story wasn't considered until we resorted to the tactic of the flash flier. Now it seems that he has all the time in the world. That is the reason that no comment was given on my behalf. So I decided to submit this letter instead.

Anything done on this campus, 99.9 percent of the time my organization is either sponsoring it, co-sponsoring it or is asked to be a part of it in some form or fashion (such as Preview SIUE, Freshman Move-In, New Student Orientation and Habitat Humanity to name a few). Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. is very active in the SIUE community and the Metro East area. We are constantly asked to participate in community service projects, and we are proud to help whenever we are called upon.

Finally, I ask you, the editor, and the student body: Does this sound like an organization that should be placed in a negative light, disregarding our positive influence in everything that we stand for on this campus?

I did not think so.

Ryan Price President Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.

SLOW DOWN AS YOU CRUISE

Dear Alestle editor,

EDITORIAL

I am writing in regard to pedestrian crosswalks. We are all college students and should know what the purpose of a crosswalk is. We should all be aware that drivers must yield to pedestrians, not see if they can hit them.

There have been times, walking from Lot 15, I thought I was going to be the victim of an accident. Many of the cars do not slow down to see if someone is entering the roadway. They are speeding along, trying to get to class on time. This is a dangerous practice. The crosswalks are there for a reason. They enable a person to get safely from one side of the road to the other. Many times, their purpose is not accomplished. It is not always safe to cross the street when drivers do not pay attention to these intersections.

I have noticed that recently the university has put up signs regarding this same topic. The signs read something similar to, "Please yield for pedestrians. We love our students and employees." Sure, the signs sound corny, but I applaud the university for realizing the need for such signs. I just hope that drivers will heed the warning they give.

One last note to drivers: please yield at crosswalks! You are not going to save any time by flying through campus if you hit someone. Show some respect for your fellow students.

> Karon Boettcher SIUE student

TEMPORARY INSANITY

Dear Alestle editor,

I am writing in regards to an experience that I had at the parking services office and one that I was not very happy about.

My reason for visiting the parking services office was to get a temporary sticker to park my mom's car for a day because I was using hers at the time because my car was in the shop being worked on. I gave the parking services representative my original sticker number and my SIUE student identification card. With this information, the representative put this data into the computer. When the computer reading came up, she told me that a decal was not listed in the computer under my statistics and that I could not purchase a temporary sticker for the other car.

I assured her that I was not lying and that I did go to classes Monday through Friday and parked in the parking lot labeled "A." The representative argued with me and again made it clear that I could still not purchase a mere temporary sticker. I was very upset by her actions because of the fact that I have had my SIUE parking sticker all year, and she did not make any attempt to see if she entered my statistics in incorrectly.

Why else would I need a temporary sticker? I really didn't plan on paying \$1 for a temporary sticker to park and then venture off to vandalize something. This representative acted as if I was going to go on a destruction rampage or something. She was very rude and did not understand my reasoning for being upset.

I have learned to respect others, and she needs to do the same. This would only cause me to get an unexplained ticket for parking in a lot where I shouldn't be parked, and the ticket would not matter to me, but everything else just doesn't make any sense to me.

Letters to the editor will not be printed anonymously except under extreme circumstances.

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Students Carla Davis, Chase Cunningham, Amanda Sule and Nick Thompson meet with graduate assistant Joe Rigaud at Tuesday's College Forum.

alcohol and night life on campus concluded the university needs to focus on the reality of students' alcohol use and ways to deal with it, including drinking in moderation and friend intervention.

Students also said there are not enough on-campus activities on weekends as alternatives to off-campus parties and clubs.

Some of the recommended solutions included allowing chaperoned parties with moderate drinking, providing transportation between Cougar Village and the residence halls and planning events between the university and the community.

"You can't stop the drinking. It's going to happen," sophomore Nick Thompson said.

John Davenport, coordinator of Greek life, agreed.

"The university needs to recognize that students aren't going to quit drinking," he said.

SIUE Police Capt. Gina Hays asked students to look at the situation from a legal

The group that discussed standpoint, especially underage drinking.

"You're asking us to let you do something illegal," she said.

Mal Goldsmith, associate professor in kinesiology and health education, said the problem lies in the number of students who binge drink, not in the students who know their limits.

Dean of Students Randy Rock added that such alcohol abuse contributes to major problems such as date rape and other violence.

"Our problem is students who drink irresponsibly and cause harm to themselves and Narbeth other students," Emmanuel, vice chancellor of student affairs, said.

The discussion turned to food service improvements. Students said the cafeteria needs more variety and healthier food choices. They also said more options are needed in Union Station and at food carts.

Space is the main reason for the food choice limitations, according to Morris University Center Director Mary Robinson "Until we get more space, we've got everything in there that

we can," she said. Robinson reminded students about the upcoming MUC renovations, which will make Union Station two to three times larger and increase dining choices in Center Court. Phase one of the renovations should be completed by 2001, she said.

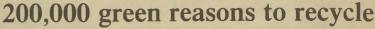
Students also said they would like dining services to open earlier and close later.

Robinson replied that dining services' budget is limited to a certain number of student workers. Budget coupled with use would not make longer hours cost-effective, she said.

Although no solutions were adopted, some panelists agreed to make as many realistic changes their budgets would allow.

Wellness student worker Cristy Higgerson said she was pleased with the outcome.

"The students here were great," she said.



BY ALEX MILLER NEWS STRINGER

A commitment to recycling could win you a \$200,000 home.

Environmental Health and Safety will have a booth in the Morris University Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday to promote America Recycles Day and SIUE's recycling program.

America Recycles Day is a national event designed to provide information on how benefits recycling the environment and the economy. Besides helping the planet, a national contest has been established as an incentive for recycling.

To enter the contest, you must make a voluntary pledge to recycle and buy recycled goods. Recycled products can be identified by the recycling symbol, three arrows in a triangle pattern, or by reading the product label. Last year more than two million Americans from all 50 states made the pledge.

Pledge forms will be available at the booth in the MUC and will make you eligible for local, state and national prizes. The grand prize for this year's drawing is a three-bedroom house valued at more than \$200,000 and built primarily with recycled content and energy-efficient products.

The winners will be chosen in a random, national drawing on Dec. 15.

Police Briefs

Ambulance Calls

11/5/99

Police and an ambulance were called to health services, where a female had a severe headache and was dizzy. Edwardsville Ambulance Service took the victim to Anderson Hospital.

Police and an ambulance responded to a call at Founders Hall, where a student had passed out and fallen to the floor. The student thought she was having a reaction to her prescription medication and refused to be taken to the hospital.

Arrest

Buying recycled goods is a vital part to making the recycling process work. If more recycled goods are purchased, then manufacturers will continue, and even increase, their production of them. This benefits both business and nature.

In today's disposable society, consider these facts about throwaway products:

-Americans make up 5 percent of the world's population, but produce 30 percent of its garbage.

-One-third of the average American's garbage is packaging.

-Motor oil never wears out. It becomes dirty and must only be cleaned before it can be used again. (Most auto-part resellers and oil-changing businesses accept used oil for recycling.)

-The largest component of trash in landfills, 14 percent by volume, is newspapers.

-Making new paper from recycled paper uses 30 to 50 percent less energy than making paper from trees.

-Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to operate a television for three hours.

-The energy saved from recycling one glass bottle will keep a 100-watt bulb lit for three hours.

For more information about America Recycles Day, the contest or recycling, visit http://www.americarecyclesday.o rg.

of his vehicle while it was parked in the Prairie Hall parking lot. Police are continuing the investigation.

Theft

11/5/99

A student reported his cellular phone stolen from his vehicle while it was parked in the Woodland Hall parking lot. The student said that he had locked both of the doors and found the driver's side door unlocked when he returned. The phone is valued at \$100. Police are continuing the investigation.

Traffic

11/6/99

Tark Johnston of Maryville



are making healthy choices Most SIVE students drink 0-3 drinks per week.

For More Information Contact. THE SIVE WELLNESS CENTER (618) 650-3873 wellnessesive.edu

STU Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

11/6/99

The Madison County Sheriff's Department arrested Jackie Townsend of Edwardsville on an active SIUE warrant for failure to appear and failure to reduce speed. Townsend could not post bond and was taken to the Madison County Jail.

Criminal Defacement

11/6/99

A student reported both issued a citation for speeding on doors scratched on the left side

11/7/99 Adam W. Gregory was

University Drive.

was arrested for driving under the influence on Cougar Lake Drive. He also received a citation for improper lane usage. Johnston was unable to post bond and was taken to the Madison County Jail.

Kenny D. Wilson was issued a citation for speeding on South University Drive.



OPING GOD CAN TAKE A J

BY SHERI MCWHIRTER LIFESTYLES EDITOR

When Kevin Smith's latest film, "Dogma," is released, it will prove there is a God.

Smith earned his comic notoriety writing and directing the films "Clerks," "Mallrats" and "Chasing Amy."

Smith's latest project will shock you, rock you and leave you craving more. Not only does "Dogma" tackle the controversial issue of lost faith, but it's chock-full of dick and fart jokes.

Many media outlets across the country have been reporting controversy and protests by religious groups over the content of "Dogma." These religious zealots haven't even seen the film yet! If they'd get off their soapboxes long enough to watch it, they'd learn that Smith's message is not negative towards Catholicism.

"This movie isn't a revenge tactic on some nun that rapped my knuckles in Catholic school like so many people think," Smith said. "I actually had a great Catholic school experience."

Clearly, the theme is that religion is a wonderful thing, as is faith, if one is aware of religion and faith rather than simply repeating unconsidered habits learned as a child. This theme is obvious only when assuming the viewer is of at least normal intelligence.

Also keep in mind this film is fiction. That's synonymous with not true, unfounded and make-believe. "How seriously can you take a movie that has a rubber poop monster in it?" Smith asked.

The plot of the film consists of angels, prophets, demons and apostles battling for the fate of humankind. Two fallen angels, Loki (Matt Damon) and

Bartleby (Ben

Affleck),

discovered a significant loophole in the cosmic contract. God had forbidden them from ever returning to heaven. But Loki and Bartleby have other arrangements in mind. If their plan is successful, it will unravel existence. Bethany (Linda Fiorentino) comes to realize that she is the savior of humanity like her great, great, great,

great, etc., etc. uncle, Jesus Christ. This daunting news is brought by the voice of God (Alan Rickman). So the adventure begins. This starts off perhaps the most unique road-trip movie to date. Bethany must travel to New Jersey to prevent Loki and Bartleby from re-entering heaven. How she will do this is unknown to pretty much everyone. Along the way, she encounters friends and foes. The 13th Apostle, **Rufus** (Chris Rock),

from

out of nowhere with helpful hints and uncanny spiritual advice for the baffled heroine. Also, a heavenly Muse called Serendipity (Salma Hayek) and two dubious prophets known as Jay and Silent Bob (Jason Mewes and writer/director Smith) help out in fascinating and utterly comic ways.

The intimidating enemies include Loki and Bartleby, the quicktempered demon Azrael (Jason Lee) and a hellacious skater gang armed with deadly hockey sticks.

The cinematography of the film is beautiful. It's obvious Smith spent more time developing and perfecting this film than he did on any of his previous credits.

The special effects are spectacular. The difference in this film is that the special effects are used to accent the story line, not the

story line accenting the special effects, like the everpopular Spielberg does so many times.

Creating a movie of this caliber takes a type of courage not often seen in a Hollywood, where money talks louder than creativity. Not to mention convincing the talent to work for scale pay, which everyone on the cast did.

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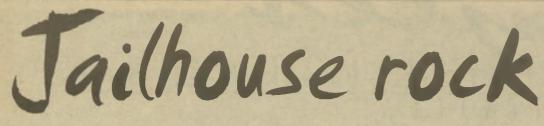
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BY JOE HEDEN LIFESTYLE STRINGER

Rock, rock, rock 'n' roll! That's what the Stone Temple Pilots' new album, entitled "No. 4," is all about.

The album, which was released Oct. 26, has been tearing up radio stations across the country.

The song that is currently receiving airplay, "Down," was actually aired before it was released by the record label as a single. In essence, more than 200 radio stations have pirated the song. Because of the magnitude of stations involved, the record label didn't pursue any lawsuits.

The record has other great tracks that will help it go a long way. It's been whispered that this album could revitalize rock 'n' roll. The band has already sold more than 15 million records with the last three releases.

With STP in the news because of the new album, it wouldn't be right to ignore what's happening with Scott Weiland, the lead singer.

Weiland is still in jail for his drug conviction. He has suffered with a drug addiction for many years, and this isn't his first time behind bars. Many fans argue that Weiland should be hospitalized or admitted to a clinic to fight his problem. But for now he sits in jail.

On a humorous note, Weiland has telephoned media outlets including the "Howard Stern Show." There are even plans to have a contest for radio stations in which the winner would receive a call from Weiland behind bars. Imagine that conversation.

When putting together the new album, Weiland had only a few days to record the songs because of his obligation to his jail sentence. In the short time he had before his return to the big house, the band played "an invite only" concert, which was filmed for the new video. Not many bands would rely on such a hit-or-miss situation. If they weren't able to get this done properly, the album would have had to wait another year for release. It could have been a major disappointment for STP fans around the world.

Weiland's sentence is for one year, which would mean he'll be released in September 2000, but there is a possibility of early release in April for good behavior. Once Weiland is released, the band will then decide whether or not to kick off a tour, depending on the success



THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

Thursday, November 11 **Veterans Day**

24TH Annual Visiting Artist Workshop & **Turkey Feast** 9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m. **Ceramics Department &** Atrium, Art & Design

Building **Center Stage**

12:00p.m. - 1:00p.m. Goshen Lounge, Morris **University Center**

Discover Scuba 1:30p.m. - 4:00p.m Friday, November 12 **Cougar Pride Event** TBA Cougar Village Jon Kimmura Parker through November 14 **Powell Symphony Hall** St. Louis, Missouri Movie Night, Under the Dome 7:00p.m. **Religious** Center **24TH Annual Visiting Artist Workshop &**

Saturday Brunch 11:00a.m. - 2:00p.m. Morris University Center Restaurant **Newman Student Union** Social 6:00p.m. **Religious Center Dance in Concert '99** 7:30p.m. **Dunham Hall Theater**

Saturday, November 13

\$5 Students/\$7 General Admission

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Sunday, Novem Sunday Brunch

11:00a.m. - 2:00 Morris Universit Restaurant Catholic Mass/

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1:00p.m. **Religious Cente**

Dance in Conce 2:00p.m. Dunham Hall Th \$5 Students/\$7 Admission Peck Christian **Fellowship Pra** Worship 7:00p.m. **Religious Cente** Catholic Mass/ 8:30p.m. **Religious Cente**

Call the

at

650-5555

Information Offi

of the new record

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"I always want to make movies that mean something to me," Smith said. "It's my movie about faith and religion - it was a relationship examination."

Hopefully, the negative reactions from an uninformed few will only add fuel to the fire that is propelling this movie into financial success as well as critical acclaim.

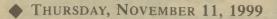
"I don't know if Lion Gate (the distributor) is truly prepared for the South to rise again," Smith said. "I hope God has a good f***ing sense of humor."

"Dogma" is rated R for adult language and adult content, has a running time of 125 minutes and will be released in theaters Friday.

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BY ANDREW LEHMAN LIFESTYLES REPORTER

historical foundation

At the dawn of the 15th century, France was divided, without a king and in need of a miracle.

"The Messenger: The Story of Joan of Arc" chronicles the life and times of the often misunderstood and persecuted

peasant who would lead France to its greatest victory over the English.

Luc Besson, writer/director of "The Fifth Element," took on the monumental task of retelling the famous story of Joan of Arc. Besson co-wrote the screenplay for "The Messenger" with Andrew Birkin. They were able to weave an intricate tale of action, intrigue and betrayal around the story of Joan of Arc.

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photo:Gaumont Pictures

Headlining the cast of "The Messenger" is the co-star of Besson's previous film, "The Fifth Element," Milla Jovovich. Jovovich offers a personal performance as Joan of Arc. Whining excessively at times, Jovovich plays well opposite the distinguished John Malkovich and Dustin Hoffman.

The film centers around the coming of age of a "messenger from God." From the time she was a child, Joan had always heard voices that told her to do what was right and obey the church. Sometimes, the messages would even manifest themselves as visions.

After the brutal destruction of her small village by the English, Joan moves to live with her aunt and uncle while her father helps to rebuild their lives in the village. She continues to have visions that she believes were sent to her by God. The peasants of surrounding towns believe

D'Aragon, portrayed by Oscar winner Faye Dunaway, urges Charles to see Joan despite the fact

Charles takes the advice of D'Aragon and sees Joan. She explains her visions and assures him that he will be king of all France if he gives Joan the army she needs to defeat the English.

retake that city from the English. Though skeptical at first, the commanders of the French forces

Hoffman. The Inquisitor seems to represent the internal conflict that Joan is now undergoing as she is imprisoned and facing the ecclesiastical court. The audience is left baffled by the question of whether or not the Inquisitor is Satan or God.

"The Messenger" does offer a few points of comic relief, yet lacks the development of the love story between Joan and the king's assistant that has been mentioned in other versions of the story.

Thierry Arbogast, who worked with Besson on "The Fifth Element," is the director of photography. Arbogast and Besson provide an intriguing look at Joan's visions through the use of time-lapse photography and sharp, surreal colors.

Besson's vision of "The Messenger" is complimented greatly by the haunting score by Eric Serra, who also wrote the score for "The Fifth Element."

"The Messenger: The Story of Joan of Arc" is rated R due to violent and adult content. It runs approximately 150 minutes and opens in area theaters Friday.



this as well. Joan, the maid from Lorraine, becomes a ray of hope in France's darkest hour. Oscar nominee Malkovich plays King Charles VII of France. Charles receives word that

Joan, now grown, has come with a message for him. Charles' mother-in-law, Yolande that Charles's advisers warn him against it. D'Aragon quotes a prophecy that states "a maid

from Lorraine will save France from its enemies.'

Overcome by a sense of greed and fear, Charles sends Joan with her army to Orleans to rally around Joan as she leads them to victory. Soon her king will be crowned, and France will drive the English from her soil.

Only half of that comes to pass.

Charles is crowned king, and to show his gratitude to Joan, he leaves her and her men to

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BY ERICA BROWN LIFESTYLES STRINGER

Webster University, 470 E. Lockwood Ave., Webster Groves, is presenting a jazz concert featuring the Webster University Jazz Singers 7 p.m. Monday, in the Winifred Moore Auditorium.

Tickets cost \$10 per person and the money from ticket purchases will go toward the expenses of the Webster University Jazz Singers when they travel to the International Association of Jazz Conference. This international conference will be held in

January in New Orleans. It is estimated there will be more than 9,000 people attending from all parts of the world.

Poems, written by e.e. cummings, have been arranged and composed into jazz pieces by Kim Portnoy. These pieces, along with other jazz selections made for solo and group performances, make up the concert's program for the evening.

For further information, call the Fine Arts Hotline at (314) 968-7128, or visit the Webster University Web site at http://www.webster.edu.



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Microsoft's future up in the air

BY MARK HOWELL TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

There is no verdict in the antitrust suit against Microsoft yet, but U.S. **District Judge Thomas Penfield** Jackson issued a statement that may have been the beginning of the end for the computer giant.

Jackson, who is the presiding judge in the antitrust trial against Microsoft, issued a 207-page written opinion called a "finding of fact." The opinion features 412 statements, and all but one statement is neutral or against Microsoft. The opinion clearly supports the ideas and arguments that the Department of Justice has against Microsoft.

In the opinion Friday, Jackson states that Microsoft is not only a monopoly but used its power to hold down the competition.

"Through its conduct toward Netscape, IBM, Compaq, Intel and others, Microsoft has demonstrated that it will use its prodigious market power and immense profits to harm any firm that insists on pursuing initiatives that

could intensify competition against one of Microsoft's core products," Jackson stated.

Jackson concluded his opinion by writing, "the ultimate result is that some innovations that would truly benefit consumers never occur for the sole reason that they do not coincide with Microsoft's self-interest."

So what comes next for Microsoft? Microsoft will now play the waiting game. Sometime around Dec. 5, the Justice Department will present its case as to why Microsoft should be punished for breaking the country's antitrust laws. Microsoft then will present its side to the judge.

There is no assurance of what the final verdict will be. There may not even be a verdict. On Wednesday, ComputerWeekly reported that Jackson has called both sides to a meeting next week in order to settle the case. Also according to its report, the Justice Department may not want to settle with Microsoft after Jackson's written opinion was so heavily in its favor.

If the case is not settled, then the fate of Microsoft will be put into the

hands of Jackson. Should Jackson decide that Microsoft is guilty of breaking the antitrust laws, then one of three things could happen to Microsoft. Microsoft could be split up into two different companies that will compete against each other.

Microsoft may be forced into giving out the source code for "Microsoft Windows" to competitors in a license. Once competitors have the license, they would be able to modify and then sell their own version of Windows.

Or Microsoft could get split into three different companies. One company will sell the operating system, Windows, the second will sell applications, such as Word and the third will be focused on the Internet services and e-commerce.

Whatever the decision is, look for the company to appeal the decision. Taking its case to a higher court could prove positive for Microsoft, as a decision may be reversed in its favor and tying the case up in court will only keep the company together.

BY KEVIN DOYLE TECHNOLOGY STRINGER

Cable modems have arrived

The St. Louis Metropolitan Area has leapt into the age of broadband with the availability of the Charter Pipeline. The Charter Pipeline is a new cable modem service offered by Charter Communications.

The Pipeline is the first widespread offering of a broadband service. Broadband is a connection that is capable of receiving downloads at 256k (kilobytes per second) or better. This is compared to a dial-up modem connection that is limited to 56k downloads. Obviously, the cable modem is much faster and better for things such as downloading files, watching Internet television, listening to Internet radio and surfing graphics-heavy sites.

Charter has taken unused channel bandwidth on its existing coaxial cable infrastructure and used it to transfer Internet data to Pipeline users instead. By doing this, Charter has ensured that most users will not need any new wiring installed. Users connect their existing coaxial cable to the back of their cable modem and then connect a network cable to the network card in their computer

Charter is marketing the new cable modem service in the levels of service. The "Bronze Service," at \$29.99 a month, is capable of surfing the Internet at 256k. The "Silver Service"

starts at \$39.99 a month and receives data at 512k. Finally, the "Gold Service" is offered at \$79.99 a month and surfs at speeds around 712k. For many users, though, the increase in speeds from their dial-up connection to the "Bronze Service" is enough to make their jaws drop.

In testing, the service using the 256k package was variable. For example, when downloading in the morning, much higher speeds were achieved than when downloading at peak times such as the evening.

This leads to one of the chief disadvantages of broadband connections based on cable modems. The more users who sign on at any given time, the slower the connection and the longer it takes the surfer to download material from the Web or just to surf

Compared with the advantages of its incredible speed and the fact that the use of a cable connection does not occupy phone lines, the variable speed will probably not be a problem to most users. Even a slow cable connection is, the majority of the time, still faster than a dial up modem connection.

Charter Communications is offering the Pipeline service throughout the St. Louis metro-area. The service is offered in Edwardsville, but Charter's Web site says that it will not be offering the service at SIUE. Any questions or comments should be addressed to Charter's Internet Specialists at (800) 211-4450.

TECH BYTES

AOL getting sued

The American Federation for the Blind has filed suit against America Online Inc. The federation is claiming that AOL has violated the Americans with Disabilities Act because its interface is incompatible with many screen access software programs.

There is a question of how well the Federation's claim will hold up in court because several companies have come out since the suit was filed to say that their programs work with AOL. (ZDNET)

Sony gives out e-mail addresses

Subscribers of Sony's Infobeat music and entertainment newsletter accidentally had their e-mail addresses sent to advertisers. A software mishap is blamed for the problem. The newsletter contains banner ads, and when the ads were clicked, the e-mail address of the person clicking the ad was sent to the advertiser.

Sony has since fixed the problem and contacted the advertisers about the information. The e-mail addresses were neither collected nor used in any way, according to Sony. (CNET)

Clinton fighting phone fraud

President Bill Clinton announced in his national radio address Saturday that consumers are now able to get information about how to prevent telemarketing scams. The government has set up a Web site with tips for prevention at http://www.consumer .gov, and you may also file complaints on the

The Web site is a part of a new national campaign called "Project kNOw Fraud." The program will also be sending an oversize postcard to every home in America next week. The postcard will contain prevention tips. Also, a telephone hot line will be set up soon. (ZDNET)



Preview - NBA Live 200

MARK HOWELL **TECHNOLOGY EDITOR**

It's not often that I get excited about a new game. I'm not kidding This especially applies when the game is of a genre

that I really do not like to begin with. NBA Live 2000 is one of these games. I do not like the National Basketball Association. The NBA could disappear today, and my life would not stop for a second.

Being a general fan of most Electronic Arts sports games, I decided to give the demo of NBA Live 2000 a test run. I've played all the previous versions of the NBA Live series, and none of the games ever really moved me. In fact, most of the games I hated with a passion.

But go figure, I really enjoyed NBA Live 2000.

The game caught my attention from the get-go as the game opened with "Hip Hop Hooray" by Naughty by Nature. I'm a sucker for commercial music in a computer game.

The first thing I tried to do was play an exhibition game. NBA Live 2000's easyto-use interface helped me get into the game very quickly. Once the exhibition game began, I was blown away by the intro. The camera shot to the arena and the player introductions were incredibly detailed.

As far as the game went, everything was really good. I thought it was much better than previous versions. However, my lack of basketball skills on a real court somehow came to haunt me in the game, as I quickly found myself down 10 points. After getting stomped in the exhibition game, I decided to try out the demo's other option for playing: a one-on-one street court game with Michael Jordan vs. Tim Duncan. Even with Jordan on my side, Duncan still beat me by five points.

After playing the demo a few more times and actually winning a game or two, I must say I am impressed with the game. It plays like a dream with wonderfully detailed graphics, tight control and great sound. The full version will be packed with plenty of options to keep fans playing for a long time.

The game is a must-have for the NBA Live faithful.

The Technology section is looking for more writers! Stop by the Alestle office for info.



Cross country teams make final run Bozue, Fitzpatrick, Friberg finish in top 50 at NCAA Regional Championships

BY TONY AMMANN SPORTS EDITOR

The SIUE women's cross country team ran into some rough competition Saturday at the National Collegiate Athletic Association Regional Championships.

The Lady Cougars traveled to Joplin, Mo., to try to place in the top three and advance to the NCAA Championships which take place Saturday, Nov. 20, also in Joplin.

To place in the top three, the Lady Cougars would have to get by some pretty stiff competition. SIUE fell short, placing ninth overall. Head coach Darryl Frerker was still pleased with the way the Lady Cougars raced this year.

"Even with the three seniors, we are fairly young," Frerker said. "We've indicated that through the year with some ups and downs. Overall, we had a great year with people trading places, especially in the middle of the pack.

Frerker still believes the Lady Cougars had the ability to do even better. He thinks the top of 237, just one point behind five runners on his team never had their best race on the same day.

"Sometimes it just comes down to who's really ready that week, or who has injuries," Frerker said.

Several runners on the women's team struggled with injuries from time to time this season. Amanda Bozue had trouble with her hamstring, Stephanie Mullen injured her ankle and Penny Simons was ill at one point.

"It was like there was always something there to create a distraction," Frerker said.

SIUE compiled a team score



SIUE photo services

SIUE senior Bridget Fitzpatrick (left) and sophomore Amanda Bozue (right) lead the Cougar pack in a race earlier this season.

Truman State.

Bozue was the first Lady Cougar to cross the finish line with a time of 23:30.60. Bozue finished first in six of SIUE's seven races this year.

Seniors Bridget Fitzpatrick, Lisa Ribes and Ann Miklovic ran their final races as Lady Cougars Saturday. Fitzpatrick finished second on the team with a time of 23:52.80. Ribes and Miklovic fourth and fifth finished

Taylor wins in SIUE's first meet of the season

BY TONY AMMANN SPORTS EDITOR

After just one match, SIUE grappler Titus Taylor is back on a mission.

The Cougars opened the season Saturday at the

well this season.

"He does a lot of stuff that I can't teach," Benford said. "He's a hard worker, and he's one of the guys who the freshmen look up to as far as being in an intense match."

respectively for SIUE.

The Lady Cougars were able to scoot past Missouri Southern State College Saturday. Frerker was happy to see his team beat the Lady Lions.

"We were happy to beat Missouri Southern because they beat us earlier in the year," Frerker said.

SIUE finished two spots behind the Lady Lions at the All Missouri/Border State Championships Oct. 9.

Southern Indiana University won the women's race with a score of 97. Grand Valley State University and Hillsdale College qualified for the NCAA Championships as well, finishing second and third respectively.

Melissa Smith of Grand Valley State was the first to cross the finish line with a blazing time of 21:41.70. Each of the top seven teams in the women's race had its No. 1 runner finish in the top 15 overall. Frerker believes this was what made the teams different from all the others.

"They all had the focus going into the race that they were one of the top teams," Frerker said. "That makes a big difference."

Teams are allowed to run more than seven runners in Great Lakes Valley Conference meets but may only use up to seven at Regional races. The top five

runners of the seven qualify for the overall team score.

Frerker decided not to send freshmen Alissa Alberts and Jill Irlam to the regional meet. He believes the two do have the ability to have a bright future at SIUE, but there were just seven runners better than them.

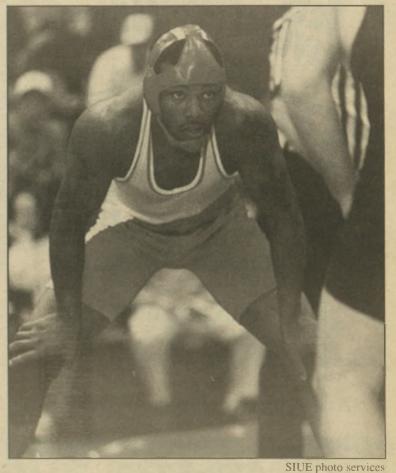
"It depends on how well they develop," Frerker said. "We had three freshmen in the top seven all year."

Shelly Friberg was the other freshman runner for SIUE this season. She finished third for the Lady Cougars Saturday with a time of 24:01.90 in the 6,000meter race. Mullen and Simons filled the final two slots for the women's team.

Frerker only sent four runners from the men's team to Joplin Saturday. Without a fifth runner, SIUE did not qualify for a team score.

Sophomore Shawn Brundies finished first for SIUE and in 87th place overall. Helaman Castillo, Dustin Gentry and Andy Warnsing filled the last three spots for SIUE.

Central Missouri State University won the men's race with a total of 68 points. Lewis University and Truman State University qualified for the NCAA Championships at the second place and third place spots respectively.



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Lindenwood Open in St. Charles, Mo. Taylor was the champion of the 165-pound weight class.

Taylor, a senior from Centreville, qualified for the National Collegiate Athletic Association Championships last year with a 19-3 record.

Taylor could be the definite leader on the 1999-2000 team not only because of his past success, but because he is the lone senior on a Cougar squad that includes six freshmen and five sophomores. Head coach Booker Benford thinks Taylor will be able to provide that leadership

Benford is in his first season as head coach at SIUE. Another new face on the staff is assistant coach Jessie Montez.

Montez, a former All-American at SIUE, compiled a 16-11 record last year and also qualified for the NCAA Championships at the 133-pound division. Benford thinks Montez will be a good fit for his young

"Jessie did a lot of stuff that we didn't have to tell him to do at practice," Benford said. "He has that ethic going and works really well with the guys.'

see WRESTLING, page 10 SIUE senior wrestler Titus Taylor was an All-American last year.

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Cougars start season with win at home against Team Reebok

BY ANDREW LEHMAN SPORTS REPORTER

After playing Team Reebok in an exhibition game Friday, the SIUE men's basketball team is looking to improve on some minor mistakes.

"We played two different types of ball," head coach Jack Margenthaler said. "We played outstanding defense and executed well offensively in the first half, but we got too relaxed in the second half."

The Cougars outscored Team Reebok in the first half 49-29. Though SIUE did win the game 115-96, Team Reebok outscored the Cougars in the second half 67-66.

rebounds. Dion Perkins led the team with 21 points and Antonio McKinzie added 20 points and five rebounds.

"McKinzie is a complete player," Margenthaler said. "Moss worked hard on his defense this summer and is on his way to becoming a complete player."

Last season, Moss averaged 12.4 points per game, recorded 27 steals and notched 64 assists. McKinzie ended the season with a .547 field goal percentage and led the team by averaging 13.9 points per game.

SIUE added some new faces during the summer, and Margenthaler said it has taken Ty Moss racked up 16 some time for the new players to

points, five assists and seven become comfortable with the veterans. According Margenthaler, the team has "more depth than any Cougar team I've seen in quite some time.'

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The Cougars face a young Australian Club Team on Friday. These teams are notorious for outside shooting and strong defense.

"These young club teams don't have the American mentality of 'we're up 20 so now we'll relax'," Margenthaler said. "It will be a good test for us."

The Cougars open the regular season at home against Eureka College Saturday, Nov. 20. The team then heads to the Florida Tech Tournament over Thanksgiving break.

Rams look to regain lost magic on home field against Panthers McCleon takes blame for Rams' last-minute loss to Detroit

BY GEORGE DWYER SPORTS REPORTER

The St. Louis Rams once again had a game slip through their fingers Sunday. This time it was the Detroit Lions who victimized them.

Unfortunately in football, fans like to point fingers when something goes wrong, and they have a right to. In the Tennessee game two Sundays ago, Rams left tackle Fred Miller committed six false-start penalties and accumulated nearly 50 yards in penalties. Last week, it was cornerback Dexter McCleon who was the goat.

McCleon did something that no defensive back should ever let happen. He let a receiver break free in a desperate situation. The Lions had fourth-and-26 on their own 30-yard line and McCleon got beat for a 40-yard pass play. He tripped on the play and took full responsibility for what happened.

"It was my fault," McCleon said. "I let this one get away, and there is no excuse for what I did in these last two minutes." As if that was not enough, he would later get called for a pass interference that set up the

winning score for the Lions.

"Again that was just a mental breakdown, and I don't know what happened," McCleon said.

Perhaps fingers should not be pointed and things should be put in perspective. Last year at this time the Rams had only two victories, and many people were not interested in them. This year they are one of the best Cinderella stories the National Football League has to offer. St. Louis is 6-2 and at the top of the West Division, which is considerably weak this year. Making the playoffs is very much a possibility for the Rams.

Many fans and experts expected them to be 6-2 right now, and it is not like they are getting blown out in every game.

"We are competitive and that is the important thing right now. We will learn from these tough losses," quarterback Kurt Warner said.

Warner offers another great story about this season. He has come off the bench and filled the

in one season is 48, held by Dan Marino, and Warner is on a pace to break it. The great thing is, he does not care about those things.

"I am here to help us win, and I haven't been able to do that lately. We have a very important game coming up this Sunday, and we have to be focused," Warner

That game is against the Carolina Panthers who are at 3-5 and the closest team to the Rams in the division. The big thing about this game is that they will be able to come back to the Trans World Dome in front of the great St. Louis fans.

"The best thing we need right now is a home game, and we got it this weekend," Rams receiver Isaac Bruce said. "The fans have been great to us, and we have a real home-field advantage."

Indeed, the Rams do have the advantage of the home crowd. Coming back to play at the Trans World Dome might be just what the doctor ordered for the Rams. Look for the Rams to come out and establish an early lead as they have most of the season. George's pick: **Carolina Panthers** 14 St. Louis Rams 31

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role as quarterback. He not only has filled it but is lighting up the league. So far this season, he has thrown 24 touchdown passes. The record for touchdown passes

WRESTLING

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Benford said his team's goal is to improve on the 1-10 record SIUE compiled in dual meets last year. The Cougars' lone victory came in a 24-20 decision against Lindenwood College at home.

The Cougars will have just one home match this season, compared to four last year. However, SIUE will compete in three more matches this year.

Sophomores Tark Johnston and Zach Stephens may be the key to SIUE's success this year. Johnston compiled a 7-12 record last year, while Stephens had a record of 14-11. Stephens finished fifth Saturday in the 174pound weight class. Benford likes what he sees in these two

wrestlers

"They are really physical," Benford said. "They're the kind of people who will stay in a really tight match and fight for you and not give up."

The Cougars' next match will be 7 a.m. Friday, Nov. 19, and Saturday, Nov. 20, at the St. Louis Open in St. Louis.

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