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Sanders says no deal – yet – on Cabinet job

BY WALLHEIMER NEWS REPORTER

Outgoing SIU President Ted Sanders is "not planning on another stand in Washington."

However, in an Alestle interview Wednesday, Sanders did leave the door open for becoming secretary of education if George W. Bush is elected president.

"What would you do if the president called you and asked you to do a job?" Sanders asked.

Sanders served as acting secretary of education and deputy secretary of education under President George Bush.

Last month Sanders announced his resignation as SIU president, effective in February when he will become president of the Education Commission of the States, a consortium of state and local interests that assists state educational leaders in creating and implementing public policy.

Sanders was offered the ECS job last year but declined because of unfinished business at SIU. He said he was always

interested in the job and is looking forward to it. "It's an opportunity for me to influence elementary, secondary and higher education across the nation,



Ted Sanders Though

he is looking forward to his new job, Sanders has not ruled out a possible appointment to the Cabinet if Bush is elected president. But for now, Sanders said, the idea is just rumor.

"Why would I be taking a new post if I were considering going back to Washington?" Sanders asked. He added, "It is very difficult to say no to the president of the United States.'

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Make a case for funds to improve education

BY ALEX MILLER NEWS STRINGER

Excellence in Undergraduate Education is accepting proposals for the 2001 school year.

Faculty, staff and students are eligible to submit proposals for the program, which was designed to fund projects that contribute to undergraduate education.

proposals there will be two workshops about the EUE program.

- budget and budget

- biographical sketch The deadline for applications is Monday, Feb. 7.

In addition, the proposal narrative must include an evaluation of the current situation needing improvement, the project itself and how it will improve the current situation, as well as the criteria that will In preparation of the measure the effectiveness of the program.

Many of these items require pecific EUE forms. These forms be downloaded

Two finalists remain for public affairs post

Sanders said.

BY PAT EBERS NEWS EDITOR

A search committee has forwarded two names to Chancellor David Werner and SIU President Ted Sanders to be considered for the vice chancellor for development and public affairs post.

Sam Ross, vice president for university advancement at Benedictine University in Wheaton, Ill., and G. Patrick 1998. His name was not on the

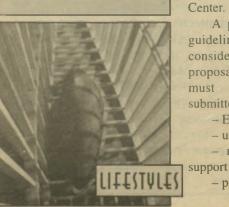
Committee chair Jim Klenke said no timetable has been set for a final decision, but it should be soon, since the candidates are likely looking at other jobs as well.

"It is a very competitive job market. ... It would be prudent to act as expeditiously as possible," Klenke said.

Werner also expects a quick decision to be made. "I

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These workshops will be can 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, http://www.siue.edu/EUE/euefor Jan. 12, and 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. ms.html, or can be requested Friday, Jan. 14. Both workshops will take place in the Missouri Room of the Morris University Center.

A proposal must adhere to guidelines in order to be considered. In preparing a proposal, the following items must be completed and submitted:

- EUE cover page
- unit support statement
- results from prior EUE teacher review
- proposal narrative

from Gerald Pogatshnik at campus mailbox 1654 or by email at jpogats@siue.edu. Proposals that emphasize the

following list will be given high priority for funding:

- teaching improvements
- improvements in generaleducation outcomes
 - interdisciplinary-
- curriculum development - projects that incorporate

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Williams, vice president of institutional advancement at Lourdes College and chief executive officer and president of Lourdes College Foundation in Toledo, Ohio, are the finalists.

Primary duties of the position include soliciting donations to the university and coordinating and designing fund-raising and public relations campaigns. Also, the vice chancellor holds the title executive director of the SIUE Foundation.

Brad Hewitt has filled the job on an interim basis since hope we would bring this to closure before President Sanders leaves," he said. Sanders is leaving SIU in February for a private job in Colorado.

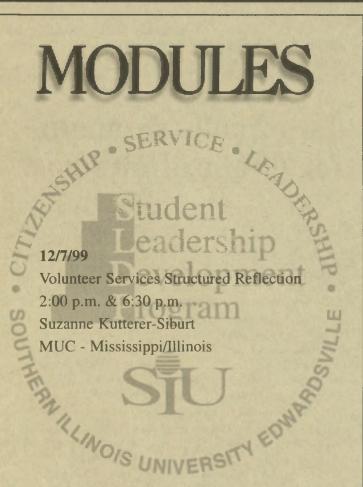
Werner holds the right to hire a candidate outside of the committee's selection process. However his decision is subject to the president's review and ultimately ratification by the SIU board of trustees.

Six candidates were interviewed by the search committee in open sessions Nov. 3 through 18.

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SANDERS -

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Sanders has been SIU president for four and a half years. His efforts to consolidate Edwardsville and Carbondale administrative and financial operations have been criticized.

More recently, his firing of Carbondale Chancellor Jo Ann Argersinger in July and buying lap-top computers for the trustees have drawn negative attention.

Two organizations, SIU Help Overcome Our Present Emergency and Students for Excellence in Education, formed after Argersinger's termination.

EXCELLENCE-

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- student retention and recruitment with special focus on underrepresented students

- student research and creativity activities

- matching funds for externally funded projects

The average money awarded to a project is about \$8,000 per award, and though a multiyear project is possible, most projects are limited to a one-year period. They were bent on having Sanders removed from office and they have seen his resignation as a success.

Sanders declined to comment on the organizations Wednesday.

Sanders said he will most miss the people he has worked with. "People are always the fondest memories," he said.

The board of trustees is soliciting nominations for the presidency. Sanders said he will do all that he can to help the process.

In fiscal year 1998, 70 proposals were submitted and 44 were funded. A total of \$345,000 was spent by the program in that fiscal year.

The EUE program was established in 1986 and is administered by the Faculty Development Council of the faculty senate, the Office of the Provost and the vice chancellor of academic affairs.

Updates on the program, as well as in-depth details, are posted on the EUE Web site at

CV families will be in good hands

BY BRIAN WALLHEIMER <u>NEWS REPORTER</u>

The SIUE Family Resource Center will be receiving major support in its efforts to improve life for Cougar Village families with \$10,000 from the Allstate Foundation.

Audrey Johnson was recruited in August of 1998 to coordinate the Family Resource Center's programs. Since its opening, the center has offered tutoring, Spanish classes, dance classes, drama classes, 4-H Club and camp, dental screening, free immunizations and adult education classes.

According to Johnson, volunteers make the programs possible. The center does not have much of a budget, so the \$10,000 grant will go a long way towards benefiting the programs, Johnson said.

Gary Doyle, the Allstate agent who wrote the proposal for the grant, has been very pleased with the program and what it has done for SIUE families. "The center is quite a plus for the families," Doyle said.

The Allstate Foundation donates to organizations involved with highway safety, youth and housing. Doyle said the programs that the center provides were just the type of thing the Allstate Foundation was looking for.

"It has been great watching kids with mediocre grades, or even below mediocre grades, start getting A's and B's," Doyle said.

The center will use the money to focus on things such as teaching and educational materials, books, homework assistance, safety programs, drug and alcohol prevention, conflict resolution and development of parenting skills.

The check will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Family Resource Center, located in building 420 of Cougar Village.

Anyone interested in more information on the center or volunteering can call Audrey Johnson at 650-2331.

Carbondale student contracts meningitis

ALESTLE STAFF RERORT

A 19-year-old student at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale is hospitalized in Springfield with meningitis.

The university said Tuesday that Carrie E. Milnor of Decatur went to the university health service Monday after developing a rash. She was transferred to Springfield later that night from Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

She was described as "progressing without complications" Tuesday. The university said the health service had treated the students who roomed with her and who rode back to campus with her from the Thanksgiving break. Meningitis, which can be lethal, is an inflammation of the membranes that cover the spinal cord.

Campus Scanner

Music: The SIUE Band will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Dunham Hall theater. Tickets are \$3 for the general public and \$2 for students.

Art: The 26th annual Holiday Pottery and Glass Sale, sponsored by the Wagner Potter's Association, will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday scholarships for SIUE theater and dance students. For more information and to order tickets, call 650-2774, or from St. Louis toll-free, call (888) 328-5168, ext. 2774.

Performance: Eugene B. Redmond Writers Club and the SIUE English Department 19 sponsoring the "East River City Blues Rising: Poems, Commentaries and Multi-Arts Performances" at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, in the City Council Chambers of the East St. Louis Municipal Building, 301 River Park Drive. For more information, call 650-2060. Volunteer: The Student Social Workers Association needs volunteers to help construct food boxes and pack food. Volunteers are needed from 3 to 8:30 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Sign-up sheets are available at the Kimmel Leadership Center and the Department of Social Work. Volunteer service counts toward the Student Leadership Development Program. For more information or to register, contact the Kimmel Leadership Center at 650-2686.

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SLDP Reminders...

Volunteer Projects

December 18 - Commencement December 18 - Prairie Land and Share Food Co-op, Granite City, IL November 25 - December 25 - Holiday Volunteer Opportunities

For more information contact the Kimmel Leadership Center at extension 2686

and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday in the atrium of the Art and Design Building. For more information, call 650-3146.

Concert: The SIUE Concert Choir will perform their annual Christmas concert at 7 p.m. Sunday at St. Boniface Catholic Church, 110 N. Buchanan St., Edwardsville. Tickets are \$3 for the general public and \$2 for students and senior citizens. Tickets will be available at the door or by calling 650-2034.

Theater: Tickets are still available for performances of the holiday show "The Little Fir Tree," at 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, in Dunham Hall theater. The show is part of SIUE's Season for the Child series, sponsored by the Friends of Theater and Dance and the Bank of Edwardsville. Tickets are \$5. Proceeds benefit

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"Dr. Evil" has decided to run for his secret hideout in Denver, Colo.

On Nov. 16, the day that will live in infamy in the minds of all SIU students, faculty and personnel, President Ted Sanders announced his resignation. Effective in February, "Dr. Evil" sorry, Sanders - will move on to be president of the Education Commission of the States. The ECS just happens to have its headquarters in Denver.

Sanders' move to the ECS is rumored to be a steppingstone for the U.S. secretary of education, if George W. Bush is elected president

Before you run for the nearest box of Kleenex, keep in mind that Sanders' run as SIU president was wrapped in controversy. Let's take a look at the highlight reel.

This summer there was the firing of SIUC chancellor Jo Ann Argersinger. Sanders and the SIU board of trustees voted unanimously to fire Argersinger as the Carbondale chancellor. According to Sanders and the board, Argersinger was fired for several reasons, including not following orders and siding with her staff

Then there the 1997 decision to spend \$300,000 to upgrade computers in Sanders' office. Of that sum, \$70,000 was spent to purchase new lap-top computers for the board of trustees.

In spring, Sanders decided the board needed new lap-tops to replace the aging IBM ThinkPads that were purchased for \$70,000 and allocated \$22,000 to make it happen. Keep in mind that the only thing these lap-tops are used for is e-mail and Internet access. So, for those of you who are not technologically hip, the original lap-tops were more than powerful enough to handle their intended jobs.

Sanders raised many an eyebrow when he pushed to merge many financial and administrative operations for the all the campuses. An honorable idea to be sure, but his heavy-handed techniques raised

suspicions.

And, let's not forget, the Pepsi deal with one Harry Crisp, sometimes referred to as the "Pepsi-Bottling Czar." This deal was one that piqued the interest of the state legislature.

A few years back SIUC needed a new basketball floor, being the generous and good citizen he is Crisp donated \$500,000 to help complete the floor. In honor of the donation the floor was named for Crisp's father. Not long after the donation, however, the Pepsi Czar was awarded a contract to distribute his Pepsi products exclusively, not only at the basketball stadium but at the football and baseball fields as well - for the next 10 years. It might just be me, but for some reason that deal just screams "good old boys network." Oh, and I almost forgot the distribution contract was not put up for bids, it was handed directly to Crisp.

So, now that you've seen the highlight reel of "Dr. Evil's" reign, you may not be so quick to head for the Kleenex box and might instead run for the ticker tape.

Sanders' departure has everyone asking the who question. Who will take over the SIU system and bring us into the next millennium? Well, I have an idea.

There is one person I'm aware of who already knows the backroom tricks of the board, who knows students and faculty alike, who has dealt with community leaders and the state legislators and has more than enough academic credentials and experience.

So I'll be the first - and probably only - person to go on record to suggest Jo Ann Argersinger for SIU president.

"Dr. Evil" is headed for the mountains of Colorado. When he fired Argersinger he replaced her with a man she had fired. Wouldn't it be fitting - although, I'll admit unlikely - that the board replace Sanders with the woman he fired?

John Klimut

Letters to the Editor-

IT'S UP TO US

Dear Alestle editor,

Being prepared for the millennium can be hectic. The media is always publicizing the decade to come, but we are not sure if the future will repeat itself. It was 1992 when the not guilty verdict rendered against cops who had beaten Rodney King was released; the streets of Los Angeles erupted into a riot. It was like being in the eye of a hurricane when everything around is chaotic. Los Angeles had become a war ground for vengeance.

It seemed as if the riot came when the dew was settling on the grass. The mad protesters had taken their anger out on innocent people. Anyone who wasn't the creed of an African-American became the target of his or her "crucifying." Bodies were constantly being dragged up and down the streets because of the repetitive sound of the not guilty verdict being played in each of the mad protesters' heads. They were lying on the pavement; clothes drenched in blood, as the stench of frustration, anger and bloody flesh seeped through the crack of my door. As I curiously

peeked out of the screen window hole, the protesters were quickly approaching on to-the next place of destruction, the neighborhood and my neighborhood.

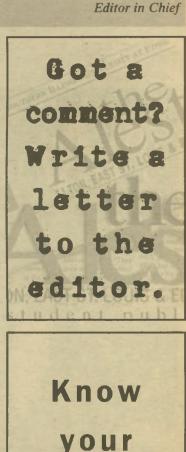
Bloodthirsty looters now inhabited a neighborhood that had once been filled with busy stores and mini malls. The looters ran up and down the streets breaking into every grocery store along the way. They stole many things ranging from small items, like lemon juice, to very large items, like barbecue grills. Everyone had adopted the mentality of a looter. The raging fury of the riot seemed to have a stronger burning flame than the actual fires in the riot itself.

Fires were easily started when the rioters, who used tequila and gasoline to make cocktail bombs, tossed them through the windows of buildings. The riot grew out of control, meaning neither the police nor the National Guard could constrain it. For every cocktail bomb that was thrown at a building, it seemingly symbolized the hurt and frustration they had for the judicial system. My pupils seemed to capture the flames, as I stayed awake through the whole tragedy. After the people calmed down, I began to see how

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horrendous everything looked. Buildings were left in ruins, and only the frames of cars remained. An image that is burned in my mind is the sight of the neighborhood submerged in flames

The elegance of my community was no more, and my immature eyes witnessed it all. I couldn't keep running to my mind for security, so I faced the reality that it was actually real. The swirling wind of aggression subsided, and the debris of fires was left steadily ignited by the wind. The riot had started out to show the oppression of blacks in the justice system. but in the end, it had no solution from the senseless violence and destruction in our community. They set out to show how they felt but the vengeance ended up sacrificing my neighborhood. Only the countdown to the new millennium will show us if our nation will merge in rage: It may be a riot or a national disaster that will never leave your mind. Perhaps nothing will happen as the ball drops to end 1999. The future lies in the hands of our society, and it is up to us to make sure nothing happens.



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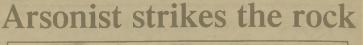
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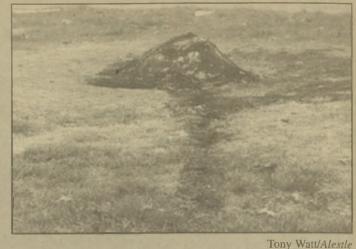
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The greek sign post was torched earlier this week.

earn to celebrate Kwanzaa

BY BETH GOODRICH **NEWS STRINGER**

Experience something new this holiday season by attending a free Kwanzaa Workshop.

Coordinating the event is Jahi Bakari, an alumni of SIUE and executive director of the Bakari Institute, an Africancentered, cultural arts youth organization. The institute is sponsoring the event which will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Telger Hall's Carlo Auditorium, 3550 Lindell Ave., St. Louis.

'Kwanzaa is a seven-day, African-American, nonreligious, nonheroic holiday created in 1966," Bakari said.

The workshop will include traditional African food, music, dancing and jewelry. Everyone in the St. Louis metropolitan area is invited to attend. Children are also welcome to the workshop.

"The purpose of this workshop is to create not only awareness of the holiday but give accurate information as well."

Bakari said. "A lot of people try to create Kwanzaa ceremonies, but they tend to be inaccurate on a few details because information on the holiday is scarce. They don't really have a clue about Kwanzaa. It can be quite cumbersome to try to create a Kwanzaa ceremony by yourself, so we decided to put together a complete workshop to help,' Bakari said.

The event is sponsored by government several organizations: the Illinois Arch Council, the Missouri Arch Council, the Regional Arts Committee and the Committee for Local Access and Original Programming.

"The workshop is sponsored noncommercialized by organizations because it is very important that Kwanzaa is not commercialized because the holiday was created for the selfimprovement of the African-American community," Bakari said.

For more information, call Jahi Bakari at (618) 414-0202.

Keep kids safe in the kitchen

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

With the holidays comes a festive spirit and, for many, a flurry of cooking and baking.

Children are especially excited and may want to help prepare holiday food. Whether decorating cookies or stirring gravy over a stovetop, children need close adult supervision in and around the kitchen.

"It's very easy to become caught up in the holiday fun of doing things," Chae Li Yong, a health educator with the Madison County Health Department said. Helping out with cooking can be a wonderful learning experience for children, but it can also be dangerous. It's crucial for parents to supervise children closely and set strict rules for kitchen safety."

children are helping an adult cook or are simply watching. Never hold a child while

cooking. Put pans on back burners

and turn all pot handles toward the back of the stove.

- Use caution when heating food and liquids in the microwave: supervise your child when he or she is near or using a microwave, and never let a young child (under ages 10 to 12) remove heated items from the microwave.

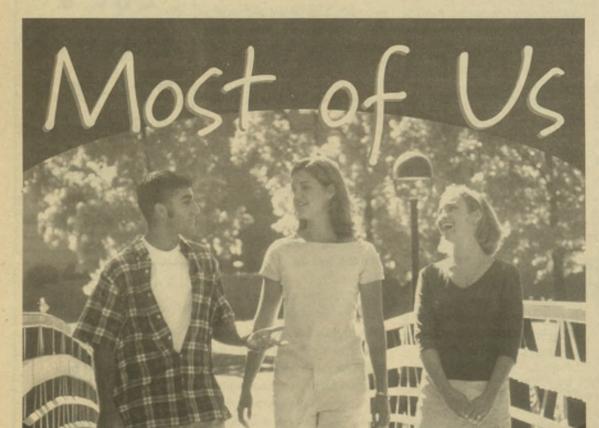
- Make sure you and your children wear close-fitting



For any additional information, call 618/650-2178

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Madison County SAFE KIDS recommends the following tips for keeping children safe as they learn to help out in the kitchen:

- Be sure you've taken essential safety steps before introducing a child to cooking, such as having a fire extinguisher nearby and posting emergency numbers near the phone.

Never leave a child unattended in the kitchen. Close supervision is essential, whether clothing when cooking.

- Make sure you and your children have your hair tied back. (Hair can easily catch fire.)

Place hot foods and liquids away from the edges of counters and tables.

- Pay particular attention to items sitting on tablecloths or place mats so that children cannot pull hot food or liquid down and scald themselves.

Unplug appliance cords and keep them tied up and out of children's reach.

For more information, please call Chae Li Yong at Health Madison County Department, (618) 692-6200, ext. 6086.



Kevin Shungement

BY CHRISTY SCHICKER LIFESTYLES STRINGER

Work by sculptor and master carpenter Kevin Shunn is now on display at Webster University's Cecille R. Hunt Gallery.

The exhibit includes six pieces of sculpture and six drawings based on those sculptures.

The sculptures are made primarily of natural elements such as wood, iron, rocks and small tree branches. Some of the pieces exhibit smooth refinement, while others are more roughly hewn.

Throughout the entire exhibit, similarity and repetition of form and structure pull the pieces together into a cohesive harmony. Shunn's aim was to get a visual dialogue from piece to piece, said Matt Kleinberg, student curator of the Cecille R. Hunt Gallery.

Shunn was born and raised in Wyoming and spent much of his youth on his grandparents' ranch.

"It was on the ranch that I was allowed to work and explore the world around me," Shunn said in his autobiographical statement. "The things in which I came in contact with from nature and the everyday implements my family used to complete tasks intrigued me."

This interest in nature becomes apparent through Shunn's work. The "Collaborative Sculpture" is set outside. It has a rounded iron shell at its base with encircling tree branches extending from the ground. The tall, linear branches lead the eye to the top of the sculpture, which has many smaller tree branches



intertwined creating a nest-like formation. The sculpture slightly suggests a tribal work.

Shunn made this sculpture at an iron pour while visiting the Webster University campus, Kleinberg said. Shunn brought his own cupola, a furnace used for melting iron before casting. The pouring took two hours, yet the iron took two days to cool.

The sculpture "Courier" is connected to the wall by a very small piece of wood and displays great balance and stability. A slender, curving wooden pole sticks out from the wall and drapes a basket-like form made of small pieces of bent wood tied together. A pile of dark stones lies on the ground beneath the basket. The eye moves down this sculpture form the graceful bending wood to the rounded stones, and back up again, tying together seemingly disparate parts.

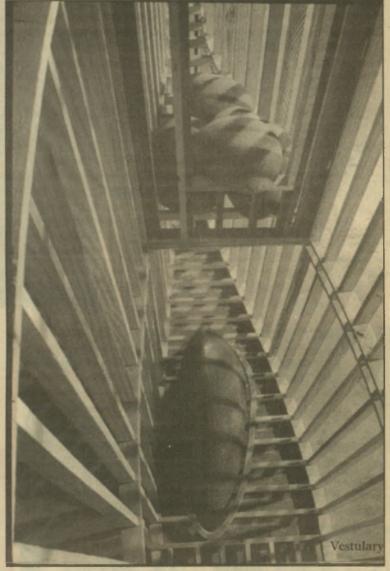
"Drawing #2" is a study for the sculpture "Vestulary" which is also in the exhibit. "Vestulary" resembles a house made of vertical strips of wood with tar paper for a shingle roof. A mound of bronze and dark stones sit inside the sculpture on different levels. No doors or windows are placed on the house, so the stones cannot be reached

> and can only be contacted visually.

Kleinberg said that Shunn didn't want to

give the viewer a preconceived notion about what a particular sculpture represents. Viewers are encouraged to generate their own responses and interpretations.

"These objects possess an ambiguous recognition. The suggestion of the objects' origin is implied, but not completely defined to the viewer," Shunn said in his artist's statement.



circular bristle-brush form made of thin wire.

The bristle-brush motif is echoed in another piece, "lom/forlorn." This drawing done in charcoal pencil and chalk atop a gesso background depicts rocks, a wooden cage motif, as in "Courier," and forms resembling the wire bristles in "Ponderbrush."

Some of Shunn's other pieces, such as "Drawing #3," show his emerging interest in the shapes of bugs.

Work by Kevin Shunn will be on display until Dec. 18. The Cecille R. Hunt Gallery is located at Webster University, 8342 Big Bend Blvd., St. Louis.

"Al-lure pulled" is a sculpture that lies on the ground and is made of a large, hollow shell of wood attached to a rope loosely draped across the floor. The hollow shell form is smooth and refined made of thin, overlaying strips of patchwork wood.

The wooden form of "Al-lure pulled" is echoed in another sculpture. An iron form in "Ponderbrush" mimics the wooden-shell form in "Allure pulled." This iron piece is attached to the wall and has a long wooden pole extending from it. This wooden pole flanks the wall and has at the opposite free-hanging end a

Drawing #3

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and by appointment. The gallery is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Webster University art department at (314) 968-7171.

Whowhatwhenwhere Kevin Shunn Master carpenter/sculptor The Cecille R. Hunt Gallery Webster University 8342 Big Bend Blvd St. Louis 10-4 Monday-Friday 1-4 Saturday-Sunday or call: (314)968-7171 for appointment Until Dec. 18 Free

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Local stage actor Allen Dorsey sets his sails toward Los Angeles to pursue film career

BY KIANA KOX FOR THE ALESTLE

Allen Dorsey's childhood was not easy.

He was born in East St. Louis in the late '70s and lived there until he was in the second grade. Then his mother made a decision that would change his life. She decided to move out of state. Dorsey did not favor this decision.

"Life was hard. I had no family. They were all back in East St. Louis. I didn't

enjoy being away from my family," Dorsey said. The decision his mother made was done in Dorsey's best interest. She didn't feel that East St. Louis was a good place to raise her son, so they moved to Middletown, Conn.

"She had a friend who told her the schools were better there," Dorsey said. "She wanted to get me away from East St. Louis. She figured it would be a better environment for me to grow up in."

Despite the better school and environment, Dorsey still missed his family.

"I wasn't unhappy. I was happy being with my mom, but I didn't enjoy being away from my father," Dorsey said.

The change of environment, however, didn't change Dorsey's personality.

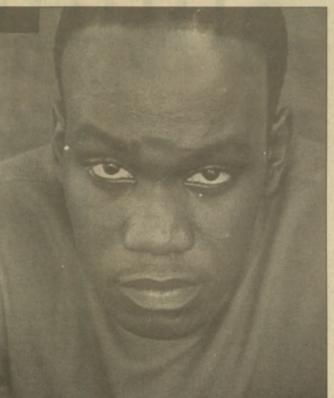
"I had always been a showoff - the class clown. I got put on punishment a lot for acting up in class," Dorsey said.

In his modern dance class, for example, Dorsey still shows traces of being that troublesome class clown. This includes adding sound effects to dance movements, mimicking video game characters and running up and down the corridors outside the dance studio.

"He is so crazy," dancer Cindy Willis said.

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"I like to entertain people," Dorsey said.

He and his mother returned to East St. Louis while he was in the 10th grade. A year later he made the decision to pursue acting professionally.

"There was this guy at my school who was trying to get us to think about careers," Dorsey said. "He asked us what we would do if we could go it for free. I said, 'Act stupid.' He said, 'Why don't you become an actor?"

Acting is what he has been doing ever since. Dorsey has been seen in the SIUE productions of Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman's "You Can't Take It With You,"

Alan Jay Lerner's "Brigadoon" and the Student

Experimental Theatre Organization's productions of "Simpatico" and "Continuous Left Turn Signal." He's done several productions with DV8 Entertainment and HotHouse Entertainment, professional theater companies in St. Louis.

He received high praise for playing the comedic role of Jeff in "Brigadoon."

"The director just wanted me to be me: a funny black guy with his friends," Dorsey said.

He received criticism when he played Bernard in HotHouse Entertainment's "Boys in the Band."

"The character was gay, and my family and friends didn't think that I portrayed it well," Dorsey said. "They said they could tell I was just acting.'

With a resume full of productions and plenty of connections, Dorsey is literally taking his show on the road. Dorsey will be graduating in December with a bachelor's degree in theater performance. Next summer, Dorsey will be moving to Los Angeles to pursue a career in film.

"I got some recommendations for schools from some friends. I've done scenes with some people who have contacts in LA," Dorsey said.

Upon his arrival in Hollywood, he is going to move in with his sister and immediately begin taking acting classes and looking for an agent.

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Legends of the fall

Living legends, the Righteous Brothers, bless the Fox Theatre with their presence Saturday

BY JOSHUA VOLZ LIFESTYLES STRINGER

On Saturday KLOU 103.3 and Fox Concerts welcome the indelible Righteous Brothers to the Fox Theatre.

With Bill Medley's thick baritone vocals and Bobby Hayfield's vibrantly flowing tenor vocals, the Righteous Brothers have settled their roots into music history.

Since the early '60s, the Righteous Brothers have been blessed with the Midas touch. Their first album, "Right Now," foreshadowed what was to become a successful musical career

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"You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'," "Just Once In My Lifetime," "Ebb Tide," "(You're My) Soul and Inspiration" and "Unchained Melody."

After several hit singles and a label switch, the two men went their separate ways to embark on solo careers. Medley and Hatfield teamed up again in 1974 to record "Rock 'n' Roll Heaven," only to split once again.

With the release of "You've



Lost That Lovin' Feelin" on the "Top Gun" soundtrack, Medley's duet with Jennifer Warnes, "I've Had the Time of My Life," on the "Dirty Dancing" soundtrack, and the most memorable rendition of "Unchained

Melody" on the "Ghost" soundtrack, the Righteous Brothers returned to success with open arms.

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Wrestlemania 2000 is the champion

BY MARK HOWELL TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

Less than a year after buying the rights from the World Wrestling Federation to develop games, THQ has released its first WWF game. It bodyslams the competition.

THQ had had great success in the wrestling game genre with World Championship Wrestling. The game features more than 50 WWF superstars, including Stone Cold Steve Austin, The Rock and Mankind.



Whether you are playing by yourself or with friends, Wrestlemania 2000 has enough features to keep players happy. Single players can wrestle exhibition matches, participate in tournaments or battle through an entire "season" in the WWF. Multiple players can battle to see who is best in tournaments or

battle royals. THE GOOD

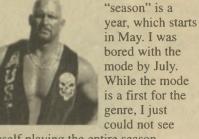
Control: I have yet to play a THQ wrestling game on Nintendo 64 with poor

Nintendo 64 with poor controls. WWF 2000's simulation controls make the game easy and fun to play.

Moves: If there is a wrestling move, it is probably in the game. The massive variety of moves helps to keep the game fresh, which many other wrestling games lack.

Character Creation: This game features one of the most extensive character creation modes that I have ever seen. You can customize everything from the look of your wrestlers to every move they use. **THE NOT-SO-GOOD**

Season Mode: Playing the season mode lets you play a "season" in the



myself playing the entire season. THE REALLY UGLY

Game Engine: This is my biggest problem with WWF Wrestlemania 2000. THQ used the same game engine of WCW/NWO Revenge, so the look and feel of the game has not changed a bit.

WWF. The

THE STRAIGHT DOPE

Being a longtime wrestling fan, I felt the need to try the game. What I found was by far the best wrestling game that I have ever played. While the game is basically an updated version of WCW/NWO Revenge, it is still by far the heavyweight champion of wrestling games as far as I'm concerned.

Computer sale returns

BY MARK HOWELL TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

You've seen the commercials on television and heard them on radio. Yes, the Super Computer Sale is back.

The sale takes place Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Gateway Center in Collinsville. Tickets are \$7 for adults and children get in free.

More than 50 dealers will be selling new, used, overstocked and closeout computer products. Whether you are looking for a new computer or a software program, everything can be found at the sale. The touring sale has been around for several years and has produced a variety of tales, from great deals to lemons. Computer experts always advise understanding what you are buying. Make sure any software or hardware attachments you might buy are compatible with your computer. Also, be sure to check any warranty that may come with the products and carefully examine any product, including the packaging and instructions.

Experts also advise getting the name, phone number and address of the seller in case of later problems. Remember, too, the price you pay does not necessarily guarantee its quality.

For more information on the sale, visit Super Computer Sale's Web site at http://www.supercomputersale.com.

The fantasy is not over yet

BY SAMARA SECOR TECHNOLOGY STRINGER

Recently, Square Soft released the eighth installment in its best-selling series, Final Fantasy.

Perhaps you've seen the advertisements and you're wondering whether Final Fantasy VIII is really that good or just a bunch of hype. Maybe you're a veteran of the previous games and you want to know if it measures up when compared to what came before. Regardless of which category you fall into, this game is for you.

The adventure starts off with a stunning example of the gorgeous fullsprinkled motion video that is throughout the game. Clips from further in the story break in at key points while the hero, Squall Leonheart, practices his fighting skills with Seifer Almasy, a fellow Seed cadet. Seed is the mercenary school that all characters attend. All of this is set to the game's theme song, "Liberi Fatali," which proves that Latin music is not completely dead. Graphics: Say goodbye to the blocky, polygonal characters of Final Fantasy VII. They actually resemble normal human beings now. Also, the transition between video sequences and normal game play is almost completely flawless. In fact, there is one instance where if you don't act during the video, your game will be over faster than you can say "chocobo."

However, don't expect everything to be perfect. There are still some instances when the polygons break up, such as when Rinoa, the heroine, faints. Also, there are times when a pillar or some other object in the battlefield's background will actually poke through the middle of the stone wall created when you summon the Leviathan Guardian Force.

Music: Technically, the quality of the music has reached new heights. Despite that, I could not find very many pieces that were truly memorable other than "Liberi Fatali," another vocal piece later in the game called "Eyes On Me," and the "Man With the Machine Gun" (Laguna's Battle Music). Weaponry: On one hand, you don't have to worry about spending every bit of money to upgrade your equipment. But, there's a reason that these weapons come so cheap. In order to upgrade, you must also get your hands on some items that aren't too easy to come by, such as Adamantine, Pulse Ammo and Energy Crystal. Triple Triad: This mini-game is fairly easy to learn and, in addition to being addictive, is integral to your success. Once the Guardian Force learns the Card Mod ability, some of the cards you win can be turned into those hard-



to-find items that you need for upgrading weapons. On the downside, it can sometimes take as long as half an hour to nab one of the really rare cards if the random rule is in effect. Also, it's best to avoid challenging someone to a card game when you're on duty. Chances are it will lower your Seed rank, which means that your paycheck will be smaller, and other than selling the items that you collect, your paycheck is the only way you can get money. Story: What's a role-playing game without plot development? Not much. Now don't get me wrong. Final Fantasy 8 has its moments and, when taken on its own merits, is definitely a game worth playing. However, when compared to the other games in the series, it seems that Square Soft has let the plot go in favor of flashy cut-scenes. FMV has its place, but I'd like Final Fantasy VIII a lot better if a couple of cut-scenes were left out in favor of a story line that's a bit

.TECH BYTES

Your cursor might be tracking you

Richard Smith, a security expert from Massachusetts, has found Comet Systems Inc. freeware cursor software to be tracking computer users. The software tracks the serial number of the user's computer and sends it to the company. The software also tracks the Web sites the user visits.

The company does not inform the user that the tracking will be done. Comet claims the information sent back is not used in determining anything about the individual user, including name and e-mail. Comet spokesman Ben Austin said, "We don't know your gender, your age or anything except you're a Web browser visiting sites."

Comet has published an explanation of its practices on its Internet site, http://www.cometsystems.com. (CNN)

Gates donates money for AIDS fight

Microsoft President Bill Gates has donated \$3 million to help fight AIDS and HIV in South Africa. Gates signed a \$3 million grant that will provide money over three years. The grant will fund centers in nine communities in South Africa that provide family information, counseling and medical services. (ZDNET)

Internet holiday shopping increasing

With the holiday shopping season officially kicking off last week, it looks like malls are not the only place getting swarmed by consumers. On Monday, several Web sites reported online shopping sales for the post-Thanksgiving shopping period had increased dramatically over last year's results.

America Online reported that its online sales had nearly tripled during Thanksgiving week this year compared to a year ago, as nearly 4 million purchases were made. Also, Yahoo reported that online transactions on the notorious day after Thanksgiving went up 400 percent. (CNET)

AMD speeds up

AMD has released its newest processor chip in time for the holiday season.

The new AMD Anthalon chip will run at 750 megahertz. This makes the Anthalon chip the fastest chip available during the holiday season. The next closest chip, which is made by Intel, runs at 700 MHz.

Look for Compaq, IBM and other computer companies to have new models featuring the chip available on store shelves soon. (ZDNET)

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On this date in 1995, the Kansas Jayhawks defeat defending national champion University of Calıfornia Los Angeles 85-70. The Bruins had won 22 straight games against Big Eight teams dating back to 1962.

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BY TONY AMMANN SPORTS EDITOR

Football

The Rams were caught with 12 men on the field during a play against the New Orleans Saints Sunday but actually had an extra man for most of the game.

That extra man didn't have a headset or shoulder pads, nor was the extra man necessarily a male. The 12th man who assisted the Rams (9-2) in their sixth straight win at the Trans World Dome Sunday was no other than the home crowd.

With five weeks to go in the regular season in the National Football League, the Rams have all but secured themselves a West Division title and a spot in the playoffs. More importantly, St. Louis has a two-game edge over four teams in the National Football Conference for the home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

There's something about the Rams playing at home that almost makes them untouchable this season. In the team's six wins at home this year, the closest any opponent has come is Baltimore, when the Rams beat the Ravens by 17 on opening day.

During the Rams' 6-0 run at the dome, they have outscored their opponents by a combined total of 216-62. The fans finally have reason to cheer every time the Rams take the field, whether the team is on offense or defense.

Nothing can be more frustrating for a visiting

The real season begins now SIUE women's team will begin conference play on the road

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BY TONY AMMANN SPORTS EDITOR

Although the SIUE women's basketball team is off to a perfect 4-0 start, the Lady Cougars will have to start at ground zero again Thursday.

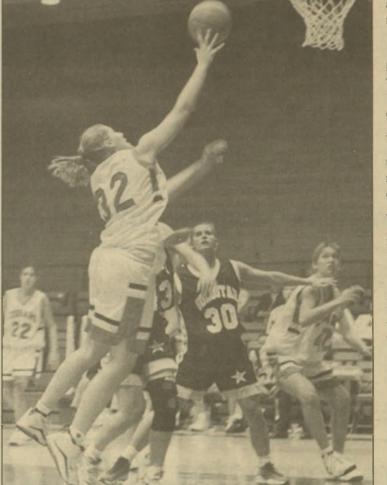
SIUE will play its first game in the Great Lakes Valley Conference Thursday when the team travels to Rensselaer, Ind., for a contest at 5:30 p.m. against St. Joseph's College.

The Lady Pumas are off to a slow start with a record of 1-3 but may be one of the most dangerous teams in the GLVC due to the presence of reigning GLVC Player of the Year Angie Hupfer.

Hupfer, a senior, averaged a nation-high 30.6 points per game last season for St. Joseph's. In addition to being named this year's Women's Division II Bulletin Preseason Player of the Year, she was named All-American, All-Great Lakes Region and All-GLVC First Team last year.

SIUE head coach Wendy Hedberg has a few tricks up her sleeve to defend Hupfer, which may include a zone defense.

"We've got a couple of kids lined up to defend her," Hedberg said. "We'll probably throw Jill (Johnson) at her because she's probably our best defender. Sarah



Andrew Bauer/Alestle

SIUE's Crystal Gladson (left) goes up for a layup against Goldstar on Nov. 16. Gladson is averaging 9.8 points per game this season.

Sollberger will probably get a little time with her too."

Hupfer also averaged 11.8 rebounds per game last season.

Assisting Hupfer on offense will be another senior, Tamara Bumpers. Bumpers was named to the All-GLVC Honorable Mention Team last year, averaging 18.1 points and 7.8 rebounds per game.

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St. Joseph's finished with a 15-12 overall record last year and had a 12-10 mark in the GLVC. The team's 1-3 start places it dead last in the overall standings in the GLVC, but now is when the games really start to count.

"They've played some good teams, and they've played on the road," Hedberg said. "They are definitely a threat and it will be a good game."

The Lady Cougars will then face Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne, Ind., at 1 p.m. Saturday.

The Ladydons (3-1) will have nowhere to go but up this season after finishing 2-24 overall last year.

Youth is the dominant trait of this year's edition of the Ladydons, which consists of six freshmen and four sophomores. Two of those sophomores, Christy McMillin and Kara Moore, could be threats to SIUE Saturday.

Moore, a guard, averaged 10.8 points per game last year, while McMillin knocked down an average of 12.1 points per game. The Ladydons will also look to junior forward Laura Douglas, who averaged 9.5 points per game last year.

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Cougars lick wounds, prepare for conference

BY ANDREW LEHMAN SPORTS REPORTER

The SIUE men's basketball team heads out on the last leg of its five-game road trip this weekend to do battle in its first two Great Lakes Valley despite the fact that St. Joseph's was only 8-18 in the GLVC and 9-18 overall while Fort Wayne was only 7-15 in the GLVC and 10-17 overall.

"St. Joe's has vastly improved and become a much more physical team,"

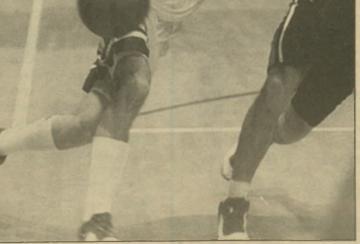
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Women's basketball: 5:30 p.m. Thursday at St. Joseph's College; 1 p.m. Saturday at Indiana University Purdue University-Fort Wayne. Men's basketball: 7:30 p.m Thursday at St. Joseph's College; 3 p.m. Saturday at Indiana University Purdue University-Fort Wayne. Wrestling: 9 a.m. Saturday at N. Iowa Open.

quarterback than trying to call plays to his players on the field when they can't hear him. Much of St. Louis' success on defense at home this year should be attributed to the deafening crowd.

The Atlanta Falcons became the first NFL team that plays home games in a dome to go to the Super Bowl last year. The Rams could realistically become the second team to do that if they advance to the Super Bowl, which ironically takes place in Atlanta.

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SIUE photo services

SIUE's Derek Cowan (left) is averaging 10.2 minutes per game this season and is fourth on the team in offensive rebounds (3).

Conference games.

The Cougars will play St. Joseph's College and Indiana University/Purdue University at Fort Wayne.

"I can't emphasize the importance of these games this weekend," head coach Jack Margenthaler said. "It would be tremendous to finish up this road trip with two conference victories."

The Cougars, now 3-1, look to win four out of five games on the road and improve their record to 5-1. This will not be an easy task, according to Margenthaler, Margenthaler said. "Fort Wayne has a new coach who likes to use a pressing defense and a switching defense."

Ryan Sexson leads the team in scoring with an average of 21.2 points per game. He also leads the team with 130 minutes played and is closely followed by Ty Moss who has played 128 minutes. Moss also leads the team in 3-point percentage shooting 10-for-17 from behind the arc. Travis Wallbaum leads the team in rebounds with 37 averaging 9.2 rebounds per game. **See MEN'S, page 10**

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Rams are one step away from division title

St. Louis can clinch first division title since 1985 with a win against Carolina Sunday

BY GEORGE DWYER SPORTS REPORTER

The St. Louis Rams will be looking to do something they haven't been able to do since 1985. That accomplishment is winning their first division title since that year.

In 1985, the Rams won the National Football Conference West Division title, but eventually lost in the NFC Championship game to the Chicago Bears.

All this year's Rams team has to do is beat the Carolina Panthers on the road Sunday to clinch the West Division. That task might be more challenging than it appears.

One the first things that should be mentioned is the fact the Rams secured a winning season with their current record of 9-2. They also own the best record in the NFC and seem to be

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

team didn't have a whole lot to be

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The SIUE men's wrestling

The Cougars participated in

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destined to take home-field rather play here in the playoffs a few weeks ago," Vermeil said. advantage throughout the playoffs.

Just because this team has already won nine games and is on the brink of a division tittle, don't think that anyone on the team is content yet.

"Winning nine games is nice but we haven't really accomplished anything yet,' Rams quarterback Kurt Warner said. "We are looking to do more than just have a winning season and the division title.'

The Rams seemed to be on one mission for the rest of this season. That mission is to take home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

"Home field means so much because look at the percentage of teams going to the Super Bowl that play all of their games at home," Warner said. "We are a better team at home, and I would

rather go on the road."

For some of the veterans who have been on this team for a long time, this season has been something that is just a dream.

"I always knew we had talent on this team but it was so frustrating losing all of the time," defensive tackle D'Marco Farr said. "It always was bad playing games in November and December that meant nothing but they do now."

The Rams do have a tough game this weekend. They face a Carolina team that was embarrassed at the Trans World Dome a few weeks ago and the Panthers will be hungry to play. Rams head coach Dick Vermeil hopes there is no letdown this week.

"That Carolina team is a much better team than played us

"They are better all round right now and we have to be ready to strap the helmets on and play some tough football."

The Rams will probably face a Carolina Panthers team that will look for a little revenge. There are some Panthers who felt the Rams purposely ran the score up on them a few weeks ago. The Rams are due for a letdown game which they almost did against the

Saints Sunday.

Carolina is playing better football and can get back in the playoff hunt with a win over the Rams. This game is also being played in a stadium where the Rams have not fared well overall.

Look for a very close football game that could come down to a mere field goal. Look for Carolina to kick a field goal at the end and upset the Rams.

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Another plus so far this season for the Cougars has been their ability to outscore their opponents in the second half. While trailing opponents in the first half 127-123, SIU has outscored opponents 193-168 in the second half.

SIUE forward Nick Hartwig will be back in full force this weekend. His ankle is almost 100 percent healthy, according to **BIG PIC**

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Although NFL teams that play their home games under roofs do not have a successful history in the playoffs, there may be nothing more intimidating to a visiting team than a thundering crowd in a big game.

Future Hall of Famer Dave Winfield may have revolutionized the advantage of playing in a dome in baseball. While playing for the Toronto Blue Jays in 1992, Winfield publicly advised the Toronto fans to make more noise during the Jays' run for the pennant late in the year.

Toronto drew more than 4 million fans that year, and it seemed that every one of them responded to Winfield's request. The tranquil setting at Skydome turned into an ear-piercing roar, and the Jays' went on to win the first of back-to-back World Series titles.

Fortunately, no one has had to coax Rams' fans into getting excited this year. Check your

WOMEN'S

Margenthaler, while junior Dion Perkins has had the stitches taken out of the cut over his eye.

"I am very pleased to say that we have no injuries and are healthy and ready to play," Margenthaler said.

Through four games, Sexson leads the Cougars with 21.2 points per game and 8 steals. Travis Wallbaum is the leading rebounder with 37.

pulse if the Kurt Warner story hasn't given you reason to follow this team.

Two of the remaining five games on St. Louis' schedule this year take place at home against the New York Giants and Chicago Bears. The four teams on the Rams' backs for best record in the NFC are Detroit, Minnesota, Tampa Bay and Washington. All four teams have identical records of 7-4.

If the Rams can just focus on playing their own game, everything should fall right into place. The team will visit the Panthers Sunday, and with a win, would clinch the West Division title.

It would have been easy for Rams' fans to give up after quarterback Trent Green suffered a season-ending injury to his knee in the preseason. Kudos to the St. Louis fans, who continue to show why they are the some of the most loyal fans in the country, win or lose.

BY RICK CROSSIN Benford said.

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The only Cougar to place in the top four in either contest was junior Denale Powell who finshed fourth in the Oklahoma Open

SIUE wrestling team struggles over break

"A lot of the guys have limited technique," Benford said. "I always remind them that using crappy technique isn't going to work against a tough guy."

Benford believes sophomore

the stongest wrestlers for SIUE this season. "Graumenz shows a high

Nate Graumenz has been one of

level of aggressiveness," Benford said. "He still lacks a few things on technique, but he just keeps coming at you."

The Cougars' next meet will be at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Northern Iowa Open in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Spring Semester 2000 **Intramural Sports Events**

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Hot Shot Contest	M/W	At Event 1/31	N/A	Contest	Free	N/A
Free Throw	M/W	At Event 2/7 2/8	N/A	Contest	Free	N/A
Indoor Soccer	M/W/C	January 31	February 2	League	\$20	\$20
Roller Hockey	M/W	February 1	February 3	League	\$20	\$20
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9-Ball Tourney	M/W	At Event 2/22	N/A	Tournament	Free	N/A
Walleyball	Coed	February 28	March 1	League	\$10	\$20
Volleyball	M/W/C	February 29	March 2	League	\$20	\$20
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Hedberg thinks that the Ladydons will be better than they were last year. The Ladydons defeated Saginaw Valley State University earlier this season, a team that defeated St. Joseph's.

"They're definitely an improved team," Hedberg said. "Again, we're going into their place to play.'

Fort Wayne will have to do without Katie Bruening, who led the Ladydons in scoring last year in her senior season. Bruening took 17.5 points per game out the door, but the Ladydons should still be a force in the GLVC.

"They're a little tough to match up," Hedberg said. "I think we'll have the edge on the offensive side. They're a small team so we'll try to get the ball inside and overpower them in there."

After four games, junior guard Misi Clark leads SIUE scoring with 17.2 points per game. Clark also leads the Lady Cougars with 17 steals and 19 assists

Junior Crystal Gladson is the team's leading rebounder, pulling down an average of 8.8 boards per contest.

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