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Gateway Football Announces 1998 All-Conference Squad

ST. LOUIS — This year's all-conference announcement is unique. For the first time in league history a player from Southern Illinois has won one of the Gateway's top honors, as RB Karlton Carpenter of Southern Illinois has been named the Gateway Offensive Player of the Year. In addition, LB James Milton has been tabbed Gateway Defensive Player of the Year, marking the first time in league history that a Leatherneck has been the top defensive player in the conference. And Illinois State's Todd Berry has earned the 'Bruce Craddock' Gateway Coach of the Year award. Prior to this year, no ISU coach had earned the Gateway's top coaching honor. Voting was conducted by league head coaches, sports information directors and a media panel.

Carpenter, a junior and a finalist for the Walter Payton Award, ran away with the league's rushing title, gaining 1,892 yards with 16 touchdowns. He led the conference and ranked among the national leaders in rushing yards per game (172.0), points (102) and all-purpose yards (2,142). His rushing yardage total and all-purpose total rank No. 2 all-time in the Gateway for a single season.

Milton, a senior and a finalist for the Buck Buchanan Award, led the Western Illinois defense with 155 tackles, which included 19 tackles for loss. He also led WIU and the conference with five forced fumbles. He is captain of the WIU defense, which ranks No. 1 in the nation in scoring defense, allowing just 9.4 points per game, a Gateway record.

Meanwhile, Berry engineered the greatest turnaround in Illinois State history, as the Redbirds went from 2-9 last year to an 8-3 mark and the first I-AA playoff trip in ISU history this season. The Redbirds entered the year not having won a league game in two seasons, but they won four conference games in 1998, en route to a second-place finish; this after being picked to finish sixth in the league's preseason poll.

1998 all-Gateway Football Conference Team

(selected by coaches, sports information directors and media panel)

FIRST TEAM

QB — Kevin Glenn	Illinois State	5-9	185	So.	Detroit (Mich.) DePorres High
RB — Karlton Carpenter	Southern Illinois	5-9	199	Jr.	Chicago (Ill.) Dunbar High
Aaron Stecker	Western Illinois	5-11	195	Sr.	Green Bay (Wis.) Ashwaubenon High
TE — Brad St. Louis	Southwest Mo. State	6-4	242	Jr.	Belton (Mo.) High
WR — Mike Furrey	Northern Iowa	5-9	177	Jr.	Hilliard (Ohio) High
Rickey Garrett	Illinois State	6-2	205	Jr.	Centralia (Ill.) High
OL — Matt Beals	Northern Iowa	6-5	284	Jr.	Des Moines (Iowa) Saydel High
Steve Farmer	Illinois State	6-1	275	Sr.	Coweta (Okla.) High
Brad Meester	Northern Iowa	6-4	290	Jr.	Parkersburg (Iowa) Aplington-Parkersburg High
Ian Shirey	Youngstown State	6-4	265	Jr.	Slippery Rock (Pa.) High
Walter Skeate	Southern Illinois	6-2	296	Sr.	Mahomet (Ill.) Crystal Lake South High
PK — Travis Brawner	Southwest Mo. State	6-0	186	Jr.	Branson (Mo.) High
DL — David Bowens	Western Illinois	6-4	245	Jr.	Pontiac (Mich.) Orchard Lakes (Mich.) St. Mary's High
Troy Lefevra	Indiana State	6-3	216	Jr.	Huntertown (Ind.) Carroll High
Chad Pegues	Illinois State	6-2	285	Sr.	Gainesville (Texas) High
Dave Watson	Western Illinois	6-5	250	Sr.	Bloomington (Minn.) Jefferson High
LB — James Milton	Western Illinois	6-1	230	Sr.	Miami (Fla.) Hialeah Lakes High
Matt Pedersen	Northern Iowa	6-3	220	Jr.	Hudson (Iowa) High
Galen Scott	Illinois State	5-8	205	So.	Orlando (Fla.) Evans High
DB — DeJuan Alfonzo	Indiana State	5-11	190	Jr.	Indianapolis (Ind.) Tech High
Donnie Caldwell	Western Illinois	5-11	190	Sr.	Lawton (Okla.) High
Ty Talton	Northern Iowa	6-1	203	Sr.	Beloit (Wis.) Turner High
Dwyte Smiley	Youngstown State	6-2	205	Jr.	Kent (Ohio) Kent Roosevelt High
P — Jeff Baker	Western Illinois	6-2	185	Sr.	Lakewood (Colo.) Bear Creek High
RS — Donnie Caldwell	Western Illinois	5-11	190	Sr.	Lawton (Okla.) High

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SECOND TEAM

QB —	Derek Jensen	Southwest Mo. State	6-1	203	Sr.	Lebanon (Mo.) High
RB —	Aveion Cason	Illinois State	5-9	200	So.	St. Petersburg (Fla.) Lakewood High
	Maurice Daniels	Southwest Mo. State	5-11	205	Sr.	Kansas City (Mo.) Raytown South High
TE —	Dorrick Roy	Northern Iowa	6-3	246	Sr.	Inglewood (Calif.) Montclair Prep
WR —	Eddie Berlin	Northern Iowa	6-3	190	So.	Urbandale (Iowa) High
	Cornell Craig	Southern Illinois	6-1	167	Jr.	Louisville (Ky.) Central High
OL —	Tony Flint	Southwest Mo. State	6-2	305	Jr.	Willard (Mo.) High
	Casey Honkomp	Western Illinois	6-5	300	Jr.	Earlville (Iowa) Maquoketa Valley High
	Jim Lawhorn	Southern Illinois	6-1	272	Jr.	Carmel (Ind.) High
	Eric Martin	Indiana State	6-2	260	So.	Omaha (Neb.) Creighton Prep High
	Mike Rodbro	Illinois State	6-3	280	So.	Zion (Ill.) Zion Benton-Township High
PK —	Joe Lopez	Western Illinois	5-9	180	So.	Jefferson City (Mo.) High
DL —	Frank Emeterio	Southwest Mo. State	6-3	240	So.	Siloam Springs (Ark.) High
	Shannon Jackson	Indiana State	6-2	270	Jr.	Ft. Wayne (Ind.) Harding High
	Scott Meredith	Northern Iowa	6-2	249	Sr.	Davenport (Iowa) Central High
	Erik Nelson	Northern Iowa	6-1	279	Sr.	Iowa City (Iowa) City Lake High
LB —	Edgerton Hartwell	Western Illinois	6-2	230	Jr.	Las Vegas (Nev.) Cheyenne High
	Corky Martin	Southwest Mo. State	5-10	218	So.	Claremore (Okla.) Sequoyah High
	Tony Pryor	Indiana State	6-0	205	Jr.	Palos Heights (Ill.) Shepard High
DB —	Mike Carter	Western Illinois	5-9	175	Sr.	Lawton (Okla.) High
	Isaac Harvin	Southwest Mo. State	6-0	190	Jr.	Ft. Myers (Fla.) Cape Coral High
	Terrance Malone	Northern Iowa	5-9	202	Sr.	Milwaukee (Wis.) John Marshall High
	Anthony Pannunzio	Youngstown State	5-9	185	Sr.	Canfield (Ohio) High
P —	John Amitrano	Southern Illinois	6-0	200	Sr.	Valley Stream (N.Y.) Heulett High
RS —	DeJuan Alfonzo	Indiana State	5-11	190	Jr.	Indianapolis (Ind.) Tech High

Honorable Mention

Illinois State: TE Scott Preusker, OL Tony Knutson, P Jake Strader • **Indiana State:** LB Matt Graham, RB Matt Nelson
Northern Iowa: OL Brian Billick, QB Ryan Helming, RB Steve Jenkins, RS Ty Talton • **Southern Illinois:** DL Tavita Tovio, QB Kent Skornia,
 LB Bart Scott • **Southwest Missouri State:** DL Jerry Arnold, DB Mike Gailey, WR Jeff Hewitt • **Western Illinois:** TE Rich Seubert, DB Derrick
 Varnado, QB Mark Zanders • **Youngstown State:** RB Adrian Brown, PK Mark Griffith, OL Frank Rutherford, LB Mike Stanec.

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: RB Karlton Carpenter, Southern Illinois

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR: LB James Milton, Western Illinois

'BRUCE CRADDOCK' GATEWAY COACH OF THE YEAR: Todd Berry, Illinois State

PREVIOUS GATEWAY SPECIALTY AWARD WINNERS

OFFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

1997 Aaron Stecker, RB, Western Illinois
 1996 Detric Ward, WR, Northern Iowa
 1995 Detric Ward, WR, Northern Iowa
 1994 Rob St. Sauver, QB, Western Illinois
 1993 Kurt Warner, QB, Northern Iowa
 1992 Toby Davis, RB, Illinois State
 1991 Derrick Franklin, RB, Indiana State
 1990 DeAndre Smith, QB, Southwest Mo.
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 1988 Paul Singer, QB, Western Illinois
 1987 Carl Boyd, RB, Northern Iowa
 1986 Sean Payton, QB, Eastern Illinois
 1985 Mike Smith, QB, Northern Iowa

DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

1997 Harry Deligianis, DT, Youngstown State
 1996 Mike Miano, DL, Southwest Mo. State
 1995 Tim Carver, LB, Eastern Illinois
 1994 Andre Allen, LB, Northern Iowa
 1993 Andre Allen, LB, Northern Iowa
 1992 William Freeney, LB, Northern Iowa
 1991 William Freeney, LB, Northern Iowa
 1990 Tim Lance, DB, Eastern Illinois
 1989 John Jurkovic, DT, Eastern Illinois
 1988 John Jurkovic, DT, Eastern Illinois
 1987 Matt Soraghan, LB, Southwest Mo. State
 1986 Brian Gant, LB, Illinois State
 1985 James Houston, LB, Illinois State
 Mark Farley, LB, Northern Iowa

'BRUCE CRADDOCK' COACHES OF THE YEAR

1997 Randy Ball, Western Illinois
 1996 Terry Allen, Northern Iowa
 1995 Bob Spoo, Eastern Illinois
 1994 Terry Allen, Northern Iowa
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 1990 Jesse Branch, Southwest Mo. State
 1989 Jesse Branch, Southwest Mo. State
 1988 Bruce Craddock, Western Illinois
 1987 Darrell Mudra, Northern Iowa
 Bruce Craddock, Western Illinois
 1986 Al Molde, Eastern Illinois
 1985 Darrell Mudra, Northern Iowa