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Teddy Sims of Southern Illinois Tabbed Gateway Newcomer of the Year; Western Illinois' Lee Russell is League's Top Freshman

ST. LOUIS — For the first time in league history, a player from Southern Illinois is Gateway Football Conference Newcomer of the Year. **Teddy Sims** of Southern Illinois heads a list of 26 student-athletes named to the 2000 Gateway Football Conference All-Newcomer Team. In addition, Western Illinois OLB **Lee Russell** earned league Freshman of the Year honor in the second year for that honor. Gateway coaches, sports information directors and a media panel selected the team.

Sims, a senior transfer from Florida, led the Salukis' defense, which led the league in defense in 2000 after finishing last in the league in 1999. Russell, a freshman from Davenport, Iowa, ranked fourth for the Leathernecks with 80 tackles in the regular season.

The top 11 vote-getters (plus ties) on offense and defense were named to the team.

NEWCOMERS OF THE YEAR

2000 Teddy Sims, LB, SIU
1999 Charles Tharp, RB, WIU
1998 David Bowens, DL, WIU
1997 Aaron Stecker, RB, WIU
1996 Vince Bruno, LB, WIU
1995 Jason Cannon, WR, SMS
1994 Buck Phillips, CB, WIU

FRESHMEN OF THE YEAR

2000 Lee Russell, OLB, WIU
1999 Dusty Burk, QB, ILS

OFFENSE		School	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous Schools)
James Broyles	Southwest Mo. St.	OG	6-5	300	Sr.	Rensselaer (Ind.) Kankakee Valley High/Indiana	
Richard Carter	Northern Iowa	TB	5-4	174	Fr.	Lansing (Mich.) Sexton High	
Sam Clemons	Western Illinois	QB	6-2	215	Jr.	El Dorado Hills (Calif.) Oak Ridge High/California	
Ben Deike	Northern Iowa	ST	6-4	274	Fr.	Marshalltown (Iowa) High	
Mackenzie Hoambrecker	UNI	PK	6-0	194	So.	Davenport (Iowa) West High/Ellsworth Junior College	
Frisman Jackson	Western Illinois	QB	6-3	215	Jr.	Chicago (Ill.) Morgan Park High/Northern Illinois	
Clifton Jones	Indiana State	RB	5-10	165	Fr.	Anderson (Ind.) High	
P.J. Mays	Youngstown State	TB	5-9	210	So.	Youngstown (Ohio) East/Cincinnati	
Eugene Mintze	Youngstown State	WR	6-0	180	Jr.	Palm Beach (Fla.) Nova High/West Hills Junior College	
Austin Moherman	Southwest Mo. St.	QB	6-5	220	Jr.	Newport Beach (Calif.) Capistrano Valley High/Ohio State	
Mike Newman	Western Illinois	OL	6-4	300	Jr.	Chicago (Ill.) Dunbar High/Northern Illinois	
Jammarl O'Neal	Western Illinois	WR	6-1	175	So.	Riviera Beach, Fla.	
Brandon Pedraza	Youngstown State	WR	6-3	180	Fr.	Marion (Ohio) Marion Harding High	
Elliott Smith	Southwest Mo. St.	OG	6-4	340	Jr.	Longview (Wash.) Mark Morris High/Butte (Calif.) College	
Ryan Smith	Youngstown State	OT	6-3	320	Jr.	Fullerton (Calif.) Cypress High/Fullerton College	
DEFENSE							
Chad Daun	Western Illinois	DL	6-4	250	Fr.	West Palm Beach (Fla.) Palm Beach Lakes High	
Justin Dellarose	Youngstown State	LB	6-2	225	So.	Labelle (Pa.) Brownsville High	
Lee Lafayette	Illinois State	DB	5-9	200	Sr.	Kankakee (Ill.) Bishop McNamara High/Notre Dame	
Terence Miles	Indiana State	FS	5-8	160	So.	Fort Wayne (Ind.) Northside High	
Matt Mitchell	Northern Iowa	DE	6-3	241	Fr.	Waupaca (Wis.) High	
Andrew Papoccia	Illinois State	OLB	5-11	185	Fr.	Sterling (Ill.) Newman Central Catholic High	
Will Peterson	Western Illinois	DB	6-1	195	Jr.	Uniontown (Pa.) Laurel Highlands High/Michigan	
Ben Rogers	Indiana State	LB	6-1	235	Fr.	Fort Wayne (Ind.) Northrup High	
Lee Russell	Western Illinois	OLB	6-0	210	Fr.	Davenport (Iowa) Assumption High	
Teddy Sims	Southern Illinois	LB	6-0	240	Sr.	Belle Glade (Fla.) University of Florida	
Reggie Waddell	Western Illinois	DB	6-0	185	Sr.	Houston (Texas) Willowridge High/Texas A&M	