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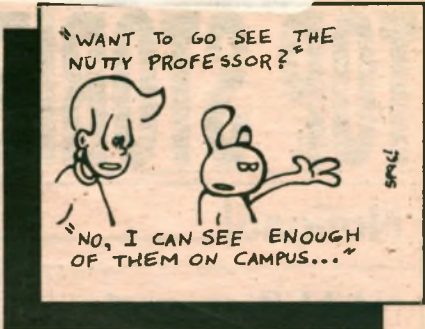
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TLA residents angry

some local calls to increase

By Darryl Howlett
News Editor

With MCT fresh in the memories of many SIUE students, another problem has arisen between students and the university.

On July 5, the Office of Information Technology switched the range for local calls for Tower Lake and Residence Hall residents.

Some prefixes that were previously toll-free will now have a charge.

Since last Friday, students have bombarded student government officials about the abrupt change in services.

"After the MCT situation, I thought

communications would have been better between the university and students. But now this phone situation—they bounced this one right over our heads. I don't know what's going on," Student Vice-President James Little said.

Among those who also received numerous calls this weekend was Student Body President Christopher Nance.

"I could tolerate MCT because it was for right now. The university was paying about five cents per Tower Lake call and all of a sudden it's too much for the university to pay, yet at the same time the university has increased the phone range for

employers while decreasing the range for Tower Lake residents."

Nance said he was shocked and outraged because he works closely with the administration to prevent miscommunications like this.

"(There is) no information as yet about the entire situation," Nance continued. "This was a disregard to student government by the administration. It seems apparent that the university puts us on a need-to-know basis. Evidently we don't need to know much. This is how they do business—by leaving students in the dark. Rent is going

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Melanie Adams/*The Alestle*

A scene from "Oklahoma!" showing the character "Will," just back from Kansas City bearing gifts for his bride-to-be. "Oklahoma!" runs July 11-14 and again July 18-21 in the Mass Communications Building theater. For ticket information call 692-2774.

SIUE implements parking and

traffic policy revisions

By Ty Norris
News Reporter

In order to enhance parking and traffic revenue so that decal rate increases could be kept as low as possible, the University Parking and Traffic Committee have recommended and received approvals to revise certain policies.

Ken Neher, Vice Chancellor for Administration, approved the revisions which are in addition to those contained in the parking and traffic regulations handbook handed out with decals.

"The additional revenue received from these policy changes will permit us to keep decal fees as low as possible," Neher stated in a memo to the university community.

The Parking and Traffic Regulations booklet states that SIUE is planning improvements to the parking facilities as well as enhancements to exterior lighting and emergency telephone systems. Revenue from parking and traffic operations is the sole support of this effort.

"The revisions were proposed to make it fair for everyone," Carolyn Turner, Campus Parking Manager, said.

Meter rates will go up, as well as the cost of the first two hours in Lot B. Temporary disability permits will be available for Lot B at no charge, but a fee of \$35 will be assessed for a 30-day permit to park in the metered lot (Lot C) behind Rendleman.

The calculation of Lot B Guest Passes will change from a flat fee of \$1 a day to half the actual cost up to a maximum of \$3.50 per day.

Service permits will no longer be honored at meters or in the tunnel joining Rendleman and the University Center.

There is a ray of hope.

According to Turner, motorists will still not have to feed the meters in Lot A (behind Lovejoy Library) after 8 p.m. Lots 1, 2 and 3 (faculty and staff lots) will also remain open to any decal after 4 p.m. and the Vadalabene Center has open parking after 3 p.m.

In addition, free parking is still available at the lot by the stadiums.

Some changes have been in effect since July 1. Other changes at the Edwardsville and East St. Louis campuses will go into effect August 19 and August 5 for the Alton campus.

What the parking revisions mean

- No open parking between breaks
- Meter rates and first two hours in Lot B will be .75/hour
- 30-minute limit in Art and Design Lot
- Multi-vehicle medallions must be displayed
- Transportation Services must purchase blue decals
- Temporary disability permits no longer honored at meters; those with temporary disabilities may park in Lot B

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TOP STORIES



National

NAACP angry at Dole's absence

CHARLOTTE, N.C.—Four years ago, then President Bush declined an invitation to speak at the NAACP's annual convention. Feeling deserted by the Republican Party, members are frustrated that Bob Dole is passing them by this year, too.

"If he wants the support from blacks—Republicans and even Democrats—he's got to show, regardless of how he feels," said Sid Nelson, an NAACP member from Charleston, S.C., who is black and votes Republican.

President Clinton planned to address the NAACP gathering on Wednesday. The NAACP invited Dole to speak today but a campaign statement issued late in the day said a "major scheduling conflict" forced him to decline the invitation.

Clinton touts plan to trace seized guns

WASHINGTON—President Clinton announced a program Monday to trace guns confiscated from teen-agers back to their original sellers, the latest step in his election-year effort against juvenile crime.

Republicans called Clinton's plan a rehash of a proposal put forth by his own administration in November 1993 and accused Clinton of bringing it up again as a campaign ploy.

Clinton announced a 17-city program, including St. Louis, to trace guns by computer so that local police and prosecutors can find the dealers who illegally sold them to children.

Clinton's announcement came two days after Dole advocated charging juveniles as adults for serious crimes.



State and Local

Camper, garage destroyed by fire

COLLINSVILLE—A recreational vehicle and a garage were destroyed Friday morning by a fire that was caused by careless smoking.

The Troy Fire Department was called in to help Collinsville fire-fighters at 463 Lumaghi Heights Road.

The fire was started accidentally about 1:20 a.m. by a relative who left after smoking cigarettes in the camper. The fire then extended to the garage. Firefighters were able to contain the blaze, saving the home.

A passing motorist woke up the homeowner to alert him to the fire. Nobody was injured.

CORRECTION

The Madison County Transit bus does not stop in front of the Commons Building at Tower Lake Apartments unless a passenger flags the driver. The Commons is not a scheduled bus stop. For further scheduling questions, call MCT at 931-7433.

The photograph of the High School Summer Leadership Institute on the front page of the July 3 *Alestle* was taken by Bill Brinson of University News Services.

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Letter to the editor

Defense of Marriage act should be called Defense of Bigotry Act

One would think that in a healthy, functioning democracy a time of election would bring about a more inspired, insightful and courageous debate. After all, this is the time when national leaders are offering up their visions of where and how the country should move forward. One would think so, but one would be wrong.

Instead of courage, the Presidential debate has shown an impotent cowardice that seeks to deflect the American people's attention away from the real issues of the day and replace them with scape-goating and "National Inquirer-like" allegations. This has been the case this election season with regard to the struggle for civil rights for gay and lesbian American citizens.

Both major parties' Presidential candidates have succumbed to the radical right's attack on the basic rights of gay and lesbian citizens. A major focus of this attack has been the so-called "Defense of Marriage Act" which would set in law a limitation that marriage can only exist between a man and a woman. This comes on the heels of the state of Hawaii's debate, and likely pending passage, of same-sex marriages. Conservatives fear that gay and lesbian couples would flock to the state to be married and then return home, forcing their state of residence to acknowledge the union, thereby effectively legalizing same sex marriages in all fifty states.

Both Clinton and Dole have said

they oppose such an event and have pledged their support for the "Defense of Marriage Act." President Clinton has said he will sign the Bill when it reaches his desk. This Defense of Bigotry Act, as it should be called, is simply un-American. It has been decried by not only gays, lesbians and progressives, but also by civil libertarians who span the entire political spectrum from left to right. Seeded deep inside this legislation lurks a hidden, more evil agenda—the elimination of basic democratic rights for gays and lesbians.

Conservatives often use the argument that they are not against gays and lesbians having full constitutional rights, but that they are against them receiving "special rights." A group of southern Baptists have recently used this argument when threatening the Walt Disney Corporation with a boycott in a year's time if they do not stop giving gays and lesbians "special rights and treatment" at their facilities. What are these "special rights" the Baptists and the right-wingers are so upset about? It turns out that they oppose giving the domestic partners of gays and lesbians the same company benefits that the domestic partners of heterosexuals receive. Currently, Disney has the very commendable policy of not discriminating between the two. They also oppose making it illegal to fire someone simply because they are gay. Their opposition to same sex

marriages also means that they oppose the partners of gay and lesbian citizens from receiving the same legal benefits (such as government benefits, insurance, etc.) that all other citizens are entitled to. These are blatantly unconstitutional proposals and policies and we should not stand for them. I can not be fired for being a socialist, or a midwesterner, or a conservative, or a pacifist, but I could be for being gay. Thus, this is a struggle for civil rights, not special rights.

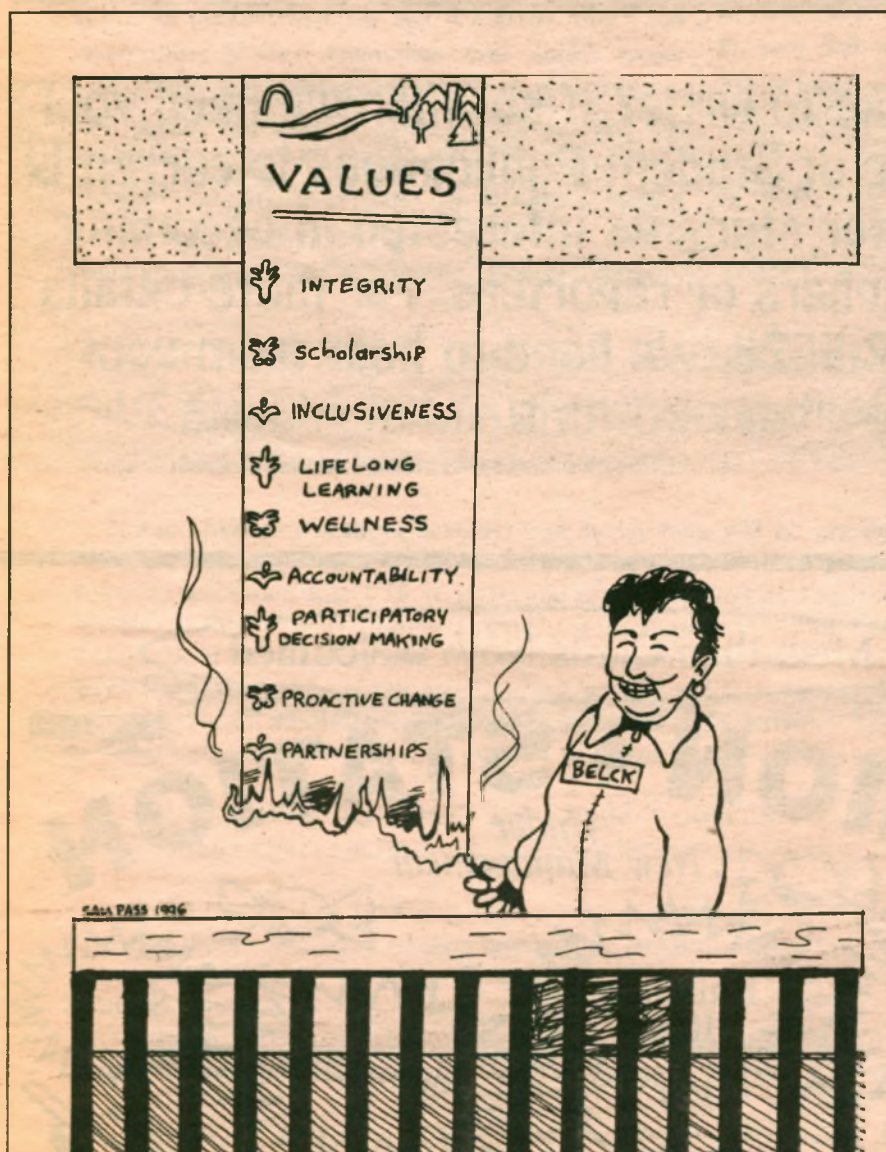
Another argument used by the right is that homosexuality goes against the Bible. This has got to be the most un-Christian attitude of them all. One can also find passages in the Bible condemning drunkenness, prostitution and leprosy, however, Christ is described as hanging out with these very people during his time on Earth in order to show solidarity with the suffering of the world. If Christ hung out with drunks, prostitutes and lepers in those days because they were the suffering masses, then he would surely find companionship these days with the suffering of gays and lesbians and the other oppressed minorities of the world (not to mention a few socialists as well). In fact, Christ also opposed the death penalty as evidenced by Matthew 5:38-9. Maybe Dole and Clinton should favor cutting benefits to death penalty supporters of course that would mean them since they both support it! The truth is there are lots of things forbidden in the Bible that we

tolerate in civil society. Maybe we should cut off all government benefits to adulterers. Hey! Wouldn't that solve the budget crisis!!

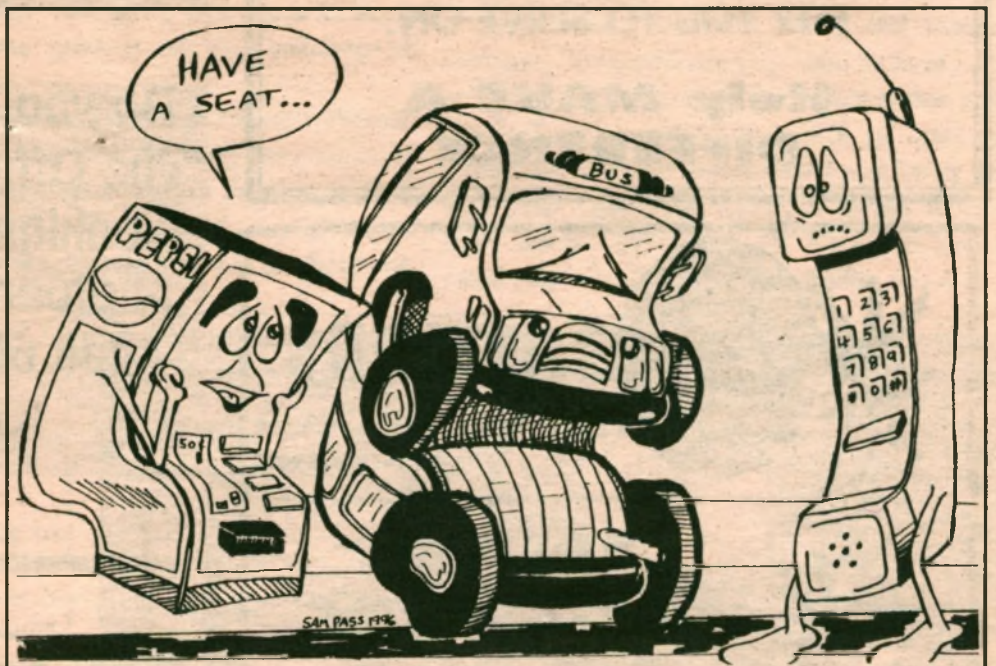
The troubles of America are not caused by homosexuals and will not be resolved by their unconstitutional repression. Ours is not a healthy, functioning democracy. It is sick on unrestrained capitalism. If we want to face up to the task of fixing what is wrong in our society we must replace the guiding forces of greed and hierarchy with cooperation and equality. Legalizing same sex marriages as well as adoption for gay and lesbian couples would go a long way towards these ends. What is good for one is good for all.

I am married. Every day that I as a heterosexual can be legally married and a homosexual cannot is a day my own union with the person I love is devalued. I won't stand for it, my country shouldn't stand for it, and despite what Pat Robertson and Jesse Helms might tell you, Christ would not stand for it. How can it be wrong to love another in a world so lacking in love? Hate is the real crime.

Michael W. Flota
President, Democratic Socialists of America, SIUE Chapter



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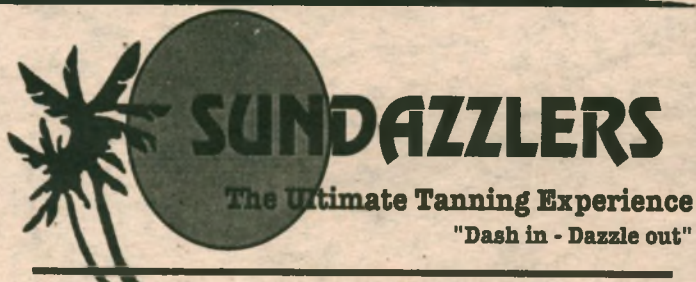
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up and services are going down," Nance said.

A memo was sent on July 8 to all Tower Lake residents informing them of the changes that had taken place and an apology from University Housing Director Michael Schultz for the miscommunications between OIT, University Housing and students.

"There was poor communications between myself and Telecommunications about how students would be informed about the changes in the phone services," Schultz said.

The memo also provided a brief history as to why changes in the phone service occurred.

It stated that prior to 1991, all Tower Lake residents were only permitted local access to the city of Edwardsville and Collinsville north of I-70. At the request of students, the University extended the wide-calling area for residential students effective July 1, 1991. At that time, Ameritech did not charge Metro-East customers for each local call a customer made. But in 1992, Ameritech switched to charging for every phone call that is made by a customer.

In a recent audit finding, the University discovered that local calls made by students were exceeding the amount students pay through their leases for telephone services.

Schultz also said that calls that would remain local are those in and around the East St. Louis and Alton campuses.

Some students see the changes in the phone services as another one of the university's attempts to make changes without the students' knowledge.

"Now I can't call my beautician. I can't call places like Fairview Heights to check the times for movies and such. They're (the university) going through all of these changes during the summer when it's easier. When students come back this fall they're gonna be upset," Toskey Marshall, a junior majoring in Management Informational Systems, said.

Another student, Yvonne Afriyie, a junior majoring in nursing, said, "I think it's not fair. Being able to call around locally was one of the good things about SIUE. Now, students might not even want to go here."

"Right now, student government will be looking for as much information as possible before making a decision, (regarding miscommunication with the university)," Nance said.

It is not yet known whether or not OIT will make more changes in the future to the newly implemented phone services.

List of phone exchanges (besides 800 and 911) that will be considered free phone calls and that will not require long distance charges:

227	320	440	538	659	806
251	325	444	540	660	830
254	332	462	550	691	871
255	338	463	560	692	874
258	341	465	570	738	875
259	372	466	583	782	888
271	374	467	604	791	910
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'ID4' asks and answers the question, 'what if?'

By Melissa Mills
Lifestyle Editor

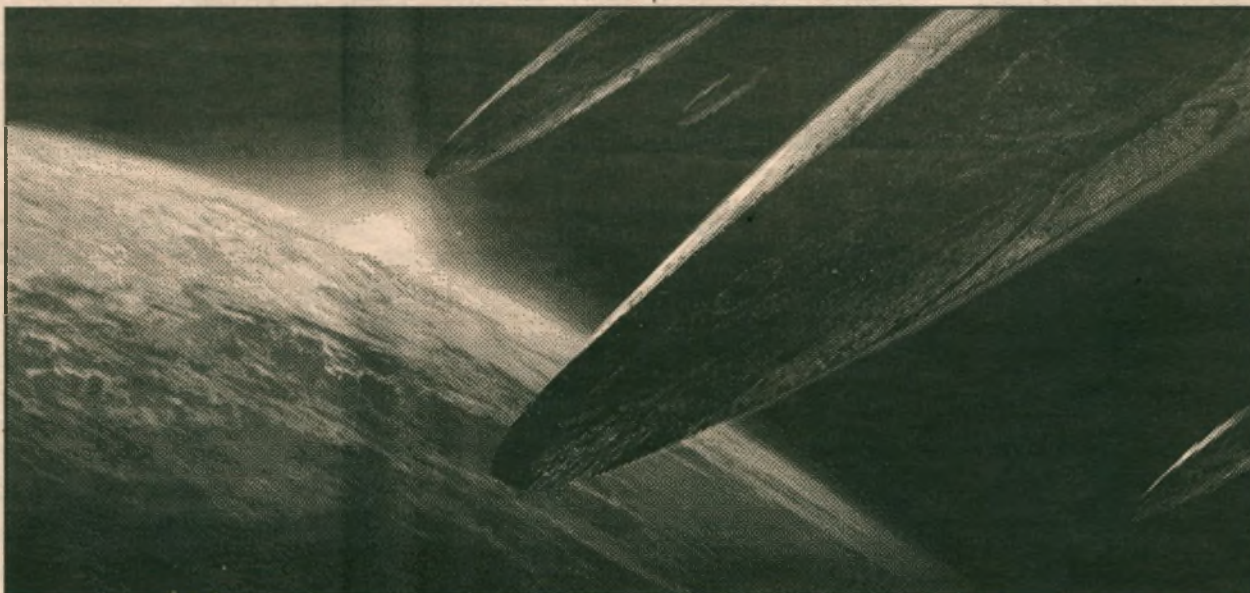
Are we alone in the universe? If we're not, then what would extraterrestrials look like? Like us? Would they be friendly? What would we do if they weren't?

Hollywood has answered these questions during this July 4 holiday in "Independence Day," the movie that industry sources estimate grossed

\$83.5 million during the holiday to become the best five-day opening in film history. That's not a bad profit for a movie produced for about \$70 million. And the great special effects and acting make it worth every last million.

Hollywood bombards movie-goers with spectacular special effects from beginning to end. From the initial sightings of Earth's atmosphere being invaded by gigantic, ominous alien ships to the fiery face-off at the end when human beings unite against the attacking aliens, "ID4" is a thrill-ride for the senses.

Produced by Roland Emmerich, Dean Devlin, Ute Emmerich and Karl Walter Lindenlaub ("Stargate"), "Independence Day," traces the shattered lives of a group of people during a July 4 holiday after huge alien ships position themselves over Earth's major cities. After the sightings, pandemonium follows as countless residents flee the cities. But the dark and silly side of human nature shows itself as looters rampage through the streets of New York amidst fleeing residents. Partiers in Los Angeles even stand atop a building to greet the "newcomers" while holding up



Provided by Twentieth Century Fox

We've always believed we weren't alone. On July 4, we'll wish we were.

signs to be taken away.

When the aliens' true agenda comes to light less than 12 hours after entering Earth's atmosphere, the fireworks begin. The White House is blown to bits by a greenish-blue light from the belly of one of the many ships positioned over the entire Earth's surface. Whole cities are destroyed and then devoured by fire and destruction. Cars are thrown into the air like Matchbox toys, and fleeing humans are mercilessly crushed and maimed. After the attack, the Statue of Liberty lies face down in the water that she so patriotically stood over just a few hours before.

What's left after the alien attacks are ragtag groups of refugee Americans wandering aimlessly away from the decimated cities. One group picks up a truck on the way. Still another group travels in an entourage of Winnebagos.

Bill Pullman ("Casper") portrays President Thomas J. Whitmore, a young and seemingly inexperienced politician who served as a pilot in the Persian Gulf War. Whitmore really isn't sure which way to turn on the first day of the attacks. Later he finds out that some

government officials already knew about the aliens. But the information and an alien ship were kept hidden from President Whitmore. In a location known as Area 51, an alien ship has remained hidden for the past 40 years. But by July 4 the president is back in familiar territory when he volunteers to fly one of the fighter jets in formation against the invaders. But that's not until after he gives an impromptu, patriotic speech from the top of a military jeep to the disheveled military and their civilian recruits.

After several failed attempts to defeat the aliens, computer genius Jeff Goldblum ("Jurassic

Park" and "The Fly") finally figures out how the aliens are communicating. Using this information along with the alien ship, Goldblum teams up with Marine Capt. Steve Hiller (Will Smith, "The Fresh Prince of Bel Air") to wage one part of the battle in the war of the worlds: The two fly the alien ship into space and right into the alien mother ship.

Meanwhile, back on Earth, the Americans are disclosing their plans to other countries and planning the final defense together. Such teamwork among countries all over the world would be unheard of if the aliens had not shown up. So maybe it was a good thing... But whether good or not, the ending is patriotic and predictable as the aliens meet their defeat.

Aside from the special effects and suspenseful moments, "Independence Day" also features hilarious one-liners and an overall theme that makes you feel good about America. Actors such as Brent Spiner ("Star Trek: The Next Generation") and Randy Quaid, who plays Goldblum's father, is always ready with some advice, just add to the film's excellence and make it an overall must-see, even after July 4.

Award-winning authors to appear at SIUE for Children's Literature Institute

Press Release from the Illinois Humanities Council

Noted children's authors, scholars and storytellers will be presenting to children, teachers and other adults as part of the Children's Literature Institute scheduled July 1-19 at SIUE and area communities. The institute is sponsored by a 1996 Illinois Council of Humanities Grant: "Valuing Language in the Reading and Writing of Children's Literature." The three-week institute portion of the program will be held at SIUE for teachers and other interested adults. It will feature lectures, readings, activities, discussion and book signings. The following authors will appear on the following dates:

—July 10, 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Rudy Wilson, SIUE professor. Multicultural language in literature. Lovejoy Library Auditorium.

—July 12, 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Lloyd Kropp, author and SIUE professor. Creative theory related to reading and writing children's literature. Lovejoy Library Auditorium.

—July 16, 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Marilyn Kinsella, storyteller. Lovejoy Library Auditorium.

—July 18, 10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m., Marilyn Kinsella, storytelling session. Edwardsville Public Library.

If there are any questions, call the program director, Dr. Dianne Koehnecke, at (618)692-3432.



Melanie Adams/Alestle

Summer Arts Chamber Music Series: On July 8, Ronald Abraham, tenor, and Linda Perry, pianist, presented the song cycle, "Die Winterreise" (The Winter Journey), written by Franz Schubert in the last year of his life. The presentation was held to commemorate the bicentennial of Schubert's birth next January.

Wants and wishes for the second half of the sporting year...



Todd Spann

Could it be true?

The sporting year is already half over?

So what's to come in the next six months? Well I put together a little wish list that I would like to see in the second half:

- A new labor agreement in baseball
- A new baseball in baseball.
- A new strike zone in baseball.
- A new commissioner in baseball.
- Kirby Puckett and Ken Griffey Jr. back and running, leaping, swinging, for the fences.
- Another GLVC title for SIUE women's tennis.
- A GLVC title from any SIUE sport.
- Ozzie Smith's last game.
- Less of Michael Irvin.
- More of Michael Johnson.
- University of Illinois over Michigan in football.
- Northwestern winning another title.
- One week without a pro athlete getting arrested for tax evasion, domestic violence or carrying a concealed weapon.
- Lawrence Phillips getting his act together.
- Greg Norman winning anything.
- Illinois beats Missouri for bragging rights.
- Women's professional basketball to take off.
- For that matter any women's sports.
- Gold medals for all US Olympians.
- A competitive Olympics.
- A drug free Olympics.

Last place Phillies host All-Star game

Philadelphia's baseball fans, enthusiasm for the game doesn't seem to correspond to its place as one of the summer's premier sporting events

PHILADELPHIA (AP)

Even though he's a Phillies season ticket holder, Avery Goldstein gave away his tickets for Tuesday All-Star game at Veterans Stadium.

"I found someone else that wanted to go more than I do," Goldstein said.

All 62,000 seats at the Vet have been sold for the game, and scalpers are getting considerably more than the \$65 and \$50 face values on the tickets. But among Philadelphia's baseball fans, enthusiasm for the game doesn't seem to correspond to its place as one of the summer's premier sporting events.

Maybe it's the recurring stories of churlish behavior by some of the game's stars, most notably Albert Belle. Maybe it's a carryover from the 232-day strike and other labor squabbles that have plagued the game over the past 20 years.

Or maybe it's simply the fact that the hometown team



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hasn't done much on the field lately to generate interest in the sport.

The Phillies went from last in the NL East in 1992 to first and an NL pennant during the magical summer of 1993. The team featured such characters as the wild-throwing Mitch Williams and the portly, wise-cracking John Kruk, and Philadelphia was captivated.

Since then, the fighting Phils have free-fallen. In 1994, injuries ended any chance of an encore before the strike canceled the season.

Last year and this year, the problem has been injuries and a weak farm system that couldn't replace lost stars like Lenny Dykstra, out with a bad back, and Darren Daulton, out with bad knees.

With the Phillies stuck in the NL cellar, attendance has dropped more than 7,000 fans a game from last year, although the Phillies did discount tickets for the first nine games last season as a post-strike goodwill gesture.

Owner Bill Giles admits having the All-Star game

hasn't turned out the way he envisioned it would when he began preparing the city's bid in 1993.

"It definitely takes a little excitement out of the game when you only have one representative (pitcher Ricky Bottalico) and you don't have any regular players on the team," he said. "Of course, we kind of figured Dykstra and Daulton would be on the team, but it wasn't to be."

A week before the All-Star game, the stadium was only one-third full for a game against traditional rival New York, and Philadelphia fans were finding it hard to muster any fervor for baseball or its annual summer showcase.

"I've been a Phillies fan since 1960, and this is one of the two or three worst years they've had," said Goldstein, 42. "It's killed all enthusiasm, All-Star game or no All-Star game."

That sentiment is repeated by callers to radio talk shows. "This is my seventh baseball season in town, and this is the least interest I've seen in the game in Philadelphia," said Jody McDonald, a host on WIP. "Coming from a baseball town like New York, this is the least I've ever seen at any time in my 30 years as a baseball fan."

Giles disagreed, saying the Phillies have taken "a lot of surveys in the past six weeks" to get the pulse of the citizenry, and it's not that bleak.

"What they're saying is, 'We still love the Phillies, but because you don't have enough good players right now, we don't pay to come out and see you,'" Giles said. "But as soon as you're good again, we'll be there."

That's why the Phillies hope to fast-track some of their young farmhands — third baseman Scott Rolen, outfielder Wendell Magee, pitchers Carlton Loewer, Matt

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Beech and Ryan Nye — and hope they will blossom at the major-league level in 1997.

But that's next year. Right now, given the state of the Phillies, the All-Star game and its surrounding activities are easily the highlight of the baseball season in Philadelphia.

"How can't you want to go and see the best in the world?" asked Bill Kravitz, 51. "It's once in a lifetime."

All-Star Lineups

National League

Cf	Lance Johnson	NY	.322
SS	Barry Larkin	Cin	.286
LF	Barry Bonds	SF	.301
1B	Fred McGriff	Atl	.296
C	Mike Piazza	LA	.363
RF	Dante Bichette	Col	.335
3B	Chipper Jones	Atl	.300
2B	Craig Biggio	Hou	.300
P	John Smoltz	Atl	14-4

American League

CF	Kenny Lofton	Cle	.314
3B	Wade Boggs	NY	.331
2B	Roberto Alomar	Bal	.352
1B	Frank Thomas	Chi	.349
LF	Albert Belle	Cle	.293
C	Ivan Rodriguez	Tex	.313
SS	Cal Ripken	Bal	.287
RF	Brady Anderson	Bal	.296
P	Charles Nagy	Cle	11-2

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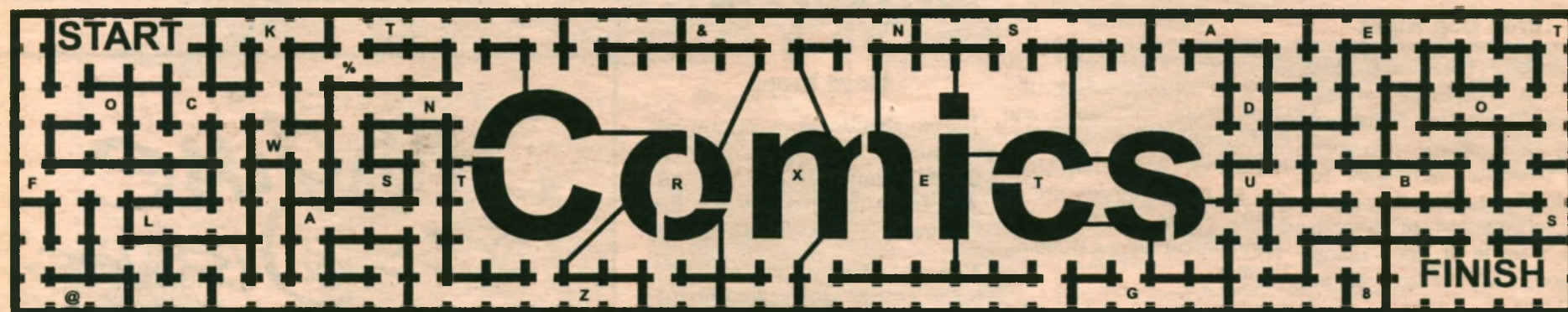
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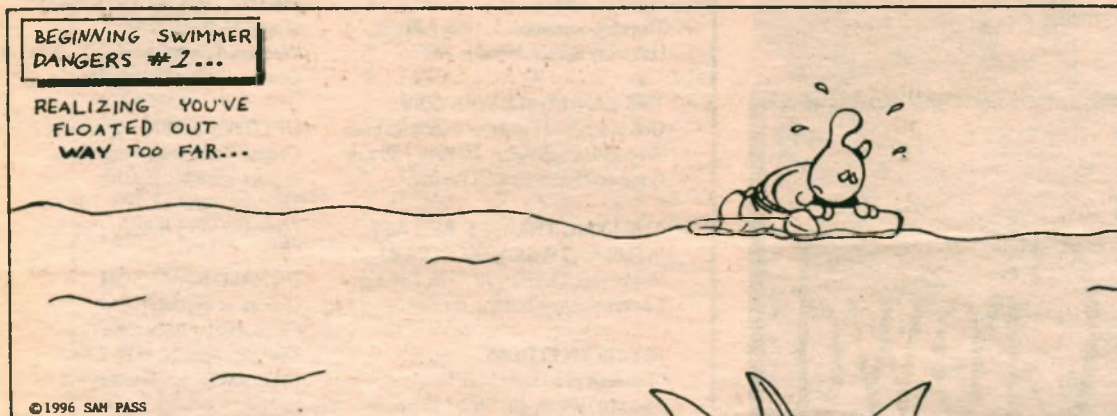
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