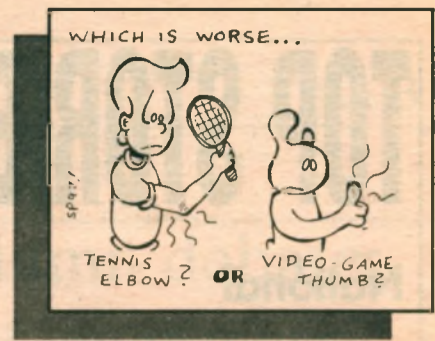


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Distinguished service award and two honorary degrees to be given at commencement

By Bethany Behrhorst
 News Reporter

SIUE will award one posthumous Distinguished Service Award and two honorary degrees at commencement ceremonies in May and June.

The Posthumous Distinguished Service Award will be given in memory of the late Mildred Arnold.

"She was a tireless worker. She worked many hours for the benefit of the university," Director of University News Services Sam Smith said.

Arnold was the founding editor of alumni publications at SIUE and served until October 1, 1996. She worked as an editorial writer for University News Services from the Broadview Hotel in East St. Louis when plans were being made to establish the SIUE campus in 1957. She started alumni publications and served as a civic and educational group leader throughout her career.

"She was a wonderful person. She was one of the most dedicated employees I've ever known," Smith said.

Arnold held many offices over the 50 years she worked for university relations including offices in the American Alumni Council, the American College of Public Relations and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

"She lived for the university. The university was her life," Smith said.

Arnold was a graduate of DePauw University and served as editor of the DePauw alumni magazine for eight years before becoming the alumni editor at SIU at Carbondale in 1955. She completed her master's degree at SIUC and married Professor George Arnold of the physics faculty. They

moved to the Metro East area when SIU bought the former Shurtleff College campus at Alton.

In 1993, Arnold was given the President's Award of Merit and she received the Warren Stookey Award for Meritorious Service in 1994 from the SIUE Alumni Association. The Edwardsville Rotary Club named her a Paul Harris Fellow in notice of her dedication and achievement.

At the time of her death, Arnold was in her third year as the president of the SIUE Friends of Music organization.

"She certainly had a major effect on the university. She impacted the lives of a great many people," Smith said.

Arnold, who died on January 11, 1997, was a volunteer for the SIUE Friends of Lovejoy organization.

The two honorary degrees to be presented will be given to Dr. James Appleberry, president of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) and Dr. James B. Machen, provost and executive vice president for Academic Affairs at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Appleberry, who has been the president of AASCU since 1991, has been acclaimed as one of America's foremost higher education leaders. Appleberry began his career as a teacher and principal in the rural schools of Knob Noster, Mo.

After his experiences there, he joined the faculty of Central Missouri State University. He became head of the Administration and Higher Education department at Oklahoma State University and later became the director of Planning and assistant to

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Scholarship recipient

University Photo Services

Ryan McMillen receives the annual Board of Trustees scholarship. Taken from a trust fund that is set up by the school, the award is presented to a junior or senior who had a 3.0 to 4.0 cumulative grade point average, lived in a fraternity house, been in a leadership position and shown dedication to the fraternity and its principles. Pictured L to R: Chancellor Belck, Ryan McMillen, President of Sigma Phi Epsilon Jason Holtgrew and Assistant Director of the University Center and faculty advisor Lyle Ward.

Student Senate discussed student drug and alcohol abuse problems

By Bethany Behrhorst
 News Reporter

The focus of the Student Government meeting held Friday was ways to deal with the drug and alcohol abuse problem on campus.

Handling the drug and alcohol abuse problem will involve recognizing it among students whether they live on or off campus. Senator Bill Anderson said campus-wide measures will be necessary to "curb the problem."

A committee was assigned by the Student Senate to facilitate possible solutions to the campus situation. Student Trustee Sean Pohl will head the committee.

"I'm glad to be heading up

the solution to the drug and alcohol problem on campus," he said.

One step toward action against the problem was discussed. Students might be able to call a cab service to pick them up when under the influence of alcohol. When students are picked up, they will present their ID's to the driver, and the cost for the ride home will be turned over to accounts receivable. The cost will then be added to tuition expenses.

A suggestion for drug and alcohol awareness education made available for students during Welcome Week was made by President Nance. He also suggested that if any students know of illegal

activities occurring on campus, they should inform the campus police department.

"Let them know of any activity that's going on, on campus, especially if it's related to drugs or alcohol, which is our biggest problem here," President Nance said.

Another issue discussed was promoting a more police-friendly environment on campus. One way to encourage the police-student relationship will be the Shop with a Cop program.

In the program, individuals will shop with a police officer and buy something essential for a

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 The Rebecca Hopkins debate continues AND a response to Matt Veenstra.

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 Corey and the gang take a break to let us know who is the most colorful character, the best place to take a snooze, who is the best of the best, read the Best of SIUE section and find out.

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 Softball is still on 23 game win streak AND Baseball moves to 23-9.

weather
 Today: Cloudy 52/35°
 Wednesday: Chance of rain 50/40°
 Thursday: Chance of rain 54/38°

TOP STORIES



National

Two disturbances rock university town

OHIO (AP) — Nearly 50 people were arrested after two disturbances in the Ohio University town of Athens early Sunday, one of them involving a brawl between two fraternities, police said.

The biggest confrontation involved about 1,000 people gathered in the center of the city outside bars that cater to university students, police said. When the bars closed at 2 a.m., people in the crowd began throwing bottles, eggs, road flares and bottle rockets. One officer was hit by a bottle. The other disturbance, about an hour before the bars closed, involved up to 30 members of two fraternities fighting outside a bar. Thirty-four of the 47 people arrested were Ohio University students.

Search for Air Force A-10 in 4th day

MISSING JET (AP) — The search for a missing Air Force A-10 twin engine jet aircraft extended into a fourth day Sunday with no sign of the plane or the pilot.

The A-10 Thunderbolt disappeared Wednesday west of Phoenix during a routine training mission. The search extended to the Telluride, Colo., area on Saturday. A spokesman at Davis-Mothan Air Force Base in Arizona said the search continued in Arizona and Colorado.

Searchers have been unable to find either a crash site or confirm that the pilot used a parachute to escape, the spokesman said.

International

Rubin to sign accord on war debts

VIETNAM (AP) — Seeking to develop closer economic ties with Vietnam, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin arrived in Hanoi Sunday to sign a pact obliging the Communist government to repay the wartime debts of South Vietnam.

Rubin is the highest-ranking U.S. economic official to visit Vietnam since the war's end in 1975. Although President Bill Clinton lifted a decades-old economic embargo on Vietnam in 1994, and the two countries established diplomatic ties in 1995, a full trade pact remains elusive.

In Our Area

State and Local

Inmates charged in prison riot

PONTIAC, Ill. (AP) — Twenty-two inmates from the Pontiac Correctional Center have been indicted by a Livingston County grand jury on charges related to an outbreak of violence and vandalism at the prison last year.

The inmates are accused of damaging beds, toilets, walls and sinks in several cells in the North Cellhouse Segregation Unit on Sept. 2. The inmates were charged with criminal damage to government-supported property.

The disturbance began on Sept. 1, with yelling, arson and the flooding of cells and galleries. The destruction continued into the next day with the destruction of toilets and sinks, and vandalism to cell walls and doors.

Girl will be kept out of school for rest of year

GRAYSLAKE, Ill. (AP) — A 7-year-old Park City girl who tried to tote two handguns to school for her show-and-tell is now out of the classroom for the rest of the year.

Officials at Woodland School District No. 50 have expelled the girl. She won't be allowed back at school until next fall.

The girl had been suspended since the guns were found in her backpack on March 13th.

"We have to take a hard line on this," said Woodland spokeswoman Mary Jo Pryzgoda. "We have to have our parents and students be responsible."

Morrisonville man's sexual abuse trial scheduled

TAYLORVILLE, Ill. (AP) — A former Morrisonville man charged with sexual assault and sexual abuse against four boys is scheduled to go on trial June 2.

William Athey, 61, of Elgin, pleaded innocent to all of the charges Friday during an appearance in Christian County Circuit Court. Athey remains in the Christian County Jail on a \$200,000 bond.

Illinois State Police Sgt. Tammie Byers testified in a preliminary hearing that three of the boys were under the age of 13 when they were first molested.

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Letter to the editor

Concerned student responds to the Veenstra column debate; Veenstra's column should have addressed alcohol awareness

I am writing this letter in response to the article and letters written about the tragic car accident which killed two SIUE students three years ago. Matt Veenstra discussed his opinion of the accident, and his feelings for his roommate who died that night, in the article, "Only the good die young" and the letter, "We have to accept the repercussions of our actions." Several comments were made about Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. I am not writing this letter to take sides or attack anyone, but as a student at SIUE and an educated individual, I was greatly disturbed by Veenstra's writings. I don't understand why the article was written. The paragraph states, "It's easier to have roommates that you don't necessarily care for ... than to have a roommate with the potential of becoming a really close friend die in an accident." By trying to connect this tragedy with roommate relations, he has belittled the pain that everyone experienced because of the accident. Yes, perhaps others could learn from this tragedy, but not like that. I understand that Veenstra intended his story to be a remembrance of his roommate. However, I think he only succeeded in criticizing and upsetting the other students involved, the university and the fraternity.

Veenstra's comments about the fraternity were not only unnecessary, but outright hurtful and insensitive. Regardless of what Greek organization they may or may not have been affiliated with, or how much they had to drink, two people died. Two

people that both had families, friends and all of the potential in the world. No one has any right to judge or criticize the manner in which another person grieves or deals with the loss of a loved one. Veenstra's initial comments seemed an effort to provoke a competition with the Sig Eps over who grieved more or who lost the better friend. Remember, two men died. They both left behind the same feelings to all those that loved them. At least show the same respect for others' feelings that you expect in return.

This accident that took two lives is often called a tragedy. It was just that. Senseless. Unnecessary. Placing blame, or even implying responsibility of others, will not reverse what happened that night. It can't keep those close to Sam and Jake from thinking of them everyday. Senseless deaths cannot be explained. Searching for some logical rationale for why it was Sam and Jake that died that night can only keep those grieving from living the lives they still have.

Alcohol abuse and drunk driving are not exclusively Greek problems. They are societal diseases which affect people of all races, ages and gender. Veenstra, who would you point your finger at if the driver killed in the accident was not a member of a Greek organization? Any student or faculty member could have been in such an accident. Greeks cannot educate the entire community, nor can we totally control the actions of individual

members. We are responsible for proactive alcohol awareness, but we will always have problems, just like countless other non-Greek students. Did Sam know he could have given someone his keys? Probably. Did Jake know he could have got in another car? Sure. Everyday we make choices that affect the rest of our lives. I don't think most of the students at SIUE need to be reminded of this.

Veenstra, I know you claim you weren't out to bad-mouth the fraternity and that you don't care what they have done since the accident. However, your writings have attacked them and shown disrespect for their loss, as well as others who knew Sam and Jake. I wish that your article had made a strong point about alcohol awareness. All the writings seemed to accomplish is to upset a large number of people. I did not want to submit this letter out of consideration for those who have already read enough about this issue, but I think somehow we have missed the point. Sam and Jake will both be remembered by those who knew them. The friends and family they left behind have had to look within themselves and to each other to accept this loss. We should all make an effort to be respectful of the different ways people grieve.

Andrea Parisi
President, Alpha Phi

Letter to the editor

McVey says Gross still missing the point

Mr. Gross, why are you now on the defense? It was quite clear the intent of your first letter was to attack Ms. Hopkins for questioning the motives of many executives. Try as you may to moderate and change the meaning of your first letter, it stands clear what your true colors are. Why has no one written in support of your first letter? If I were a moderate or liberal Republican, I would distance myself from you as far as possible.

I would want no association with an apparent Rush "Ditto Head" and a "Scrooge."

Tell the truth, Mr. Gross, you used the last paragraph of the first letter as a direct put-down on Ms. Hopkins. I quote, "I would like to suggest that

Ms. Hopkins, and anyone else who is jealous of the rich, be content with what they already have." I found no hint of jealousy in Ms. Hopkins letter, questioning how and why people act the way they do is not being jealous.

Tell the truth, Mr. Gross. I quote from your second letter, "and then proceeds to call me "Richard Cranium." There is no wording in that letter that states I addressed you as anything other than Mr. Gross. Please try to be honest, I know that is tough with President and Republican all in the same title. Many of us don't care to remember "Read my lips, no new taxes," "trickle down" or a bunch of your half truths.

Your original letter was perfectly clear as to

content and meaning. I have also been clear as to content and meaning. I suggest anyone who has not followed these editorials read them in order, starting with March 20, 1997. Let the readers decide.

Mr. Gross, have you considered resigning before the impeachment? Did you consider that a controversial letter to the editor of a college newspaper could someday come back to haunt your political career? My maturity level may be above your comprehension! Checkmate!

Marion McVey
Independent Staff, SIUE

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Criminal damage to a motor vehicle

On March 22, at 12:28 a.m., officers took a walk-in report regarding an incident that occurred in Tower Lake parking lot 4B. A female student and her husband reported that someone had scratched their vehicle. The estimated cost of the damage is \$100. Police are continuing their investigation.

Criminal trespass to land

On March 21, at 1:54 p.m., officers responded to Tower Lake in reference to a solicitor complaint. Officers arrested Stacie Claytor, 20, of Florida; Barbara Erdahl, 19 of Washington; and Jennifer Carey, 29, of Florida. Each offender posted \$100 bond and was released.

DUI

On March 22, at 2:37 a.m., officers arrested Michael Sollnski, 31, of Edwardsville for driving under the influence of alcohol, no valid driver's license and resisting a peace officer. He was taken to Madison County Jail. His vehicle was towed by Cross Towing.

On March 24, at 2:16 a.m., officers arrested Floyd Rulo, 50, of Edwardsville for driving under the influence of alcohol, illegal transportation of alcohol by a driver and improper lane usage. Rulo posted \$100 bond and his drivers license and was released. His vehicle was towed by Cross Towing.

Fire department called

On March 23, at 12:22 p.m., officers and Edwardsville Fire Department responded to the Vadalabene Center in reference to a fire alarm. Upon their arrival, it was discovered that someone pulled a fire alarm (pull station) in the northwest corner of the building. Edwardsville Fire Department checked the building and determined the alarm to be false.

Telephone harassment

On March 20, at 11:44 p.m., officers responded to the Residence Hall in reference to a harassing phone call. A female student reported she received a harassing phone message on her answering machine. Police are continuing their investigation.

On March 23, at 11:32 p.m., officers responded to Tower Lake Apartments in reference to harassing telephone calls. A female student reported that she has received several harassing calls from a female caller. Police are continuing their investigation.



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Awards

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the Chancellor at the University of Kansas. He also served as the president of Pittsburgh State University in Kansas from 1977 to 1983, and was president of Northern Michigan University for seven years before joining AASCU.

Since becoming a member of AASCU, Appleberry has been the leader of many state, regional and national committees, councils and commissions on education. He will be receiving the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at the May 10 Commencement ceremony.

The other honorary degree recipient, Dr. Machen, provost and executive vice president for Academic Affairs at the University of Michigan, will receive the honorary Doctor of Science degree at the June 7 Commencement of the School of Dental Medicine.

Dr. Machen completed his pre-dentistry at Vanderbilt University and received his

doctoral degree from the St. Louis University School of Dentistry. He earned a master's degree in pedodontics and a doctorate in educational psychology from the University of Iowa.

As an educator, author and practitioner, Machen has greatly contributed to dentistry. He has held faculty and administrative positions with five universities and the U.S. Army Institute of Dental Research. In addition to being a past president of the American Association of Dental Schools, Machen has over 25 years of experience in leadership roles. Because of his accomplishments, he was chosen to receive the Distinguished Alumni Award by St. Louis University.

Machen will receive the honorary Doctor of Science degree at the June 7 Commencement of the School of Dental Medicine.

Senate

from front page

disadvantaged family, and then buy something for a child.

The Explorer Program for Children will be another project initiated by the University Police Department to encourage community involvement.

Area youth will have the chance to tour the department and talk to university police officers.

The police department will be painting bikes for student's use. Bikes that have been confiscated in the past will be painted red and set out in the quad for student use. This will help students who are running late to get to class on time.

"Students have to remember to bring back the bikes," President Nance said.

Parking and traffic concerns were also discussed at the meeting. Senator Arana, head of the Campus Recreation Advisory Committee, talked about congestion in the green and black lots behind the Vadalabene Center.

"People attending events are parking in lots that students paid for," he said.

There are three to five events that crowd that parking lot each year.

Another transportation concern discussed was the Madison County Transit service. Senator Robin Watson suggested getting another bus to take students

to Tower Lake after 4:30 p.m.

"There are enough students who get off work at 4:30 p.m. that there should be two buses available to take students to Tower Lake," she said.

Watson mentioned occasions when bus drivers were rude to her and other students taking MCT services to Tower Lake.

Students with similar complaints about the system are encouraged to take complaints to the Student Government office or to Student Senate meetings.

In other business, five senators were awarded certificates from Vice President James Little for attending the Student Leaders Training and Orientation Program on March 21. The senators were Albrecht, Edwards, Hopkins, McLean and Noyes.

Student Government elections were also discussed. Elections will be held Tuesday and Wednesday.

"Don't forget to vote," Vice President Little said.

Housing Director Mike Schultz will be attending the next meeting to let students know which type of necessary renovations can be made at Tower Lake.

The renovations discussed included more computers for the computer labs and new balconies.

Kimmel Leadership Awards Banquet held Thursday in the Meridian Ballroom

Rebecca Hopkins
for the Alestle

Last Thursday the Meridian Ballroom was the site of the Eighth Annual Kimmel Leadership Awards Banquet, where seven citizens were given awards for service to their communities, and SIUE student Kelly Victory was awarded the Kimmel Scholarship.

These awards were established by SIUE and co-sponsor, the *Belleville News-Democrat*, to recognize outstanding community members for their dedication and contribution to community volunteer service as exemplified by Carol Kimmel, a former member of the SIU Board of Trustees. Those nominated for awards must have volunteered for at least one agency for two or more continuous years.

Scholarship winner Kelly Anne Victory, a junior majoring in biological sciences, has been active with the SIUE Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC) since 1995 and currently serves as its president. She is also a volunteer for the Treehouse Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Brighton and the Watershed Nature Center in Edwardsville.

In a video-taped speech, Victory explained her commitment to nature and the environment and her desire to improve the conditions of the earth.

"I want to thank my family and my friends, because I couldn't do any of this without

their help," Victory said.

Community Service Award presentations were made by Gary Berkley, president and publisher of the *Belleville News-Democrat*.

The recipients, and the categories in which they were awarded, were: Joseph Cipfl, president of Belleville Area College, regional leadership; Sheryl Anne Howard Clayton, retired director of the East St. Louis Public Library, education; Mark Eckert, Belleville alderman, environmental and civic betterment; Larry Essenpreis, employee of Central Bank in Highland, agency-organizational concerns; Arthelma Guthrie, resident of East St. Louis Housing Authority, special populations; Neva Jackstadt, founding member of the Collinsville League of Women Voters, agency-organizational concerns; Caroljean Peters, various volunteer organizations, special populations; and Ernest Touchette, advocate for the needy, social service-social welfare.

Presiding over the event were Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Narbeth Emmanuel, who welcomed the 280 people who were in attendance, and Chancellor Nancy Belck, who told the crowd that, "It is a genuine pleasure to acknowledge this service to our school and our community."

President and Chief Executive Officer Richard J. Mark of St. Mary's Hospital in East St. Louis spoke on the value of volunteerism after he was introduced by Belck.

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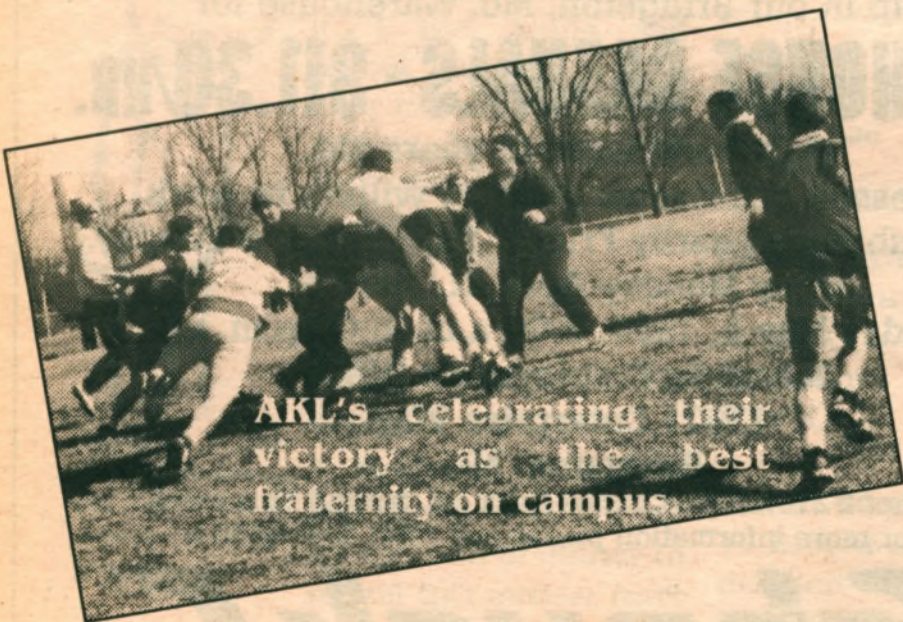
Harry the "can man" prepares to mount his bike in search of other trash cans.



A trio of resters prove that the library is truly the best spot to sleep on campus.

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- Best Billiards • Best Bar • Best Bathroom • Best Fraternity • Best Beer • Best Place to Sleep on Campus • Most Colorful Character



AKL's celebrating their victory as the best fraternity on campus.



A toilet in one of the University Center's men's rooms. The UC was voted best bathrooms.

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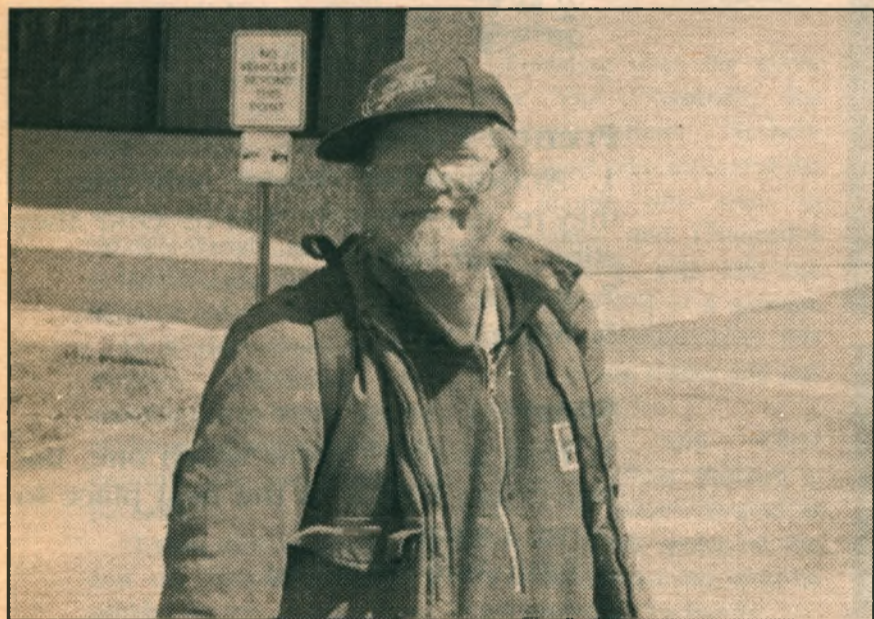
People and Places:

Most colorful character:

1. **Harry, the can man:** Not much is known of the mysterious gentleman some refer to as the "can

man." He has a three-wheeled bike, possibly used for crime fighting, or maybe just to haul some extra recyclables. He can be seen around campus with a smile on his face and a large bucket in his hand. "I'm just Harry, that's all," said the man with the cans.

2. Rebecca Brown
3. Matt Veenstra



Happy Harry, aka the "can man," poses for a rare photo in front of Buildings Two and Three.

Best place to make-out:

1. **My room:** It seems people around campus are not into P.D.A. (Public display of affection). Most like to keep their groovin' to themselves, as this tally shows.
2. My bed
3. Tower Lake

Best place to have a brawl:

1. **Harpo's:** Whoever said alcohol and violent behavior didn't mix was a damn fool as this category proves. Apparently Harpo's has had it's share of bloody bottles of Bud in the eye.
2. A bar
3. A parking lot

Best DJ:

1. **Todd at Harpo's:** A good fight needs good music, and Todd keeps the rough house tunes pumping.

2. Marshall
3. Jodi Thompson

Best place to see the sunrise or set:

1. **Bunker Hill:** This could also go under best place to make-out as well.
2. Beach
3. Imo's parking lot

Best local celebrity:

1. **Scott Wolf:** It was news to the Alestle to discover that the guy from "Party of Five" was from the area, but an overwhelming response would clearly show this is supposedly true.
2. Wendy Bell
3. Bob Costas

Best Cardinal:

1. **Brian Jordan:** Maybe he can get them to win a game or two.
2. Ozzie Smith (?)
3. Willie McGee

Best Ram:

1. **Issac Bruce**
2. Lawrence Phillips (what, in jail?)
3. Tony Banks

Best Blue:

1. **Brett Hull:** Never heard of 'im.
2. Tony Twist
3. Grant Fuhr

2. Library basement: (The secret bathroom. Sshhhh!)
3. Shenanigan's

Best Fraternity:

1. **Alpha Kappa Lambda:** "I think this is a great thing to be named best fraternity. I just became active and I joined AKL because I thought it was the best fraternity on campus," Phil "Elmo" Copelin.
2. Sigma Phi Epsilon
3. Sigma Pi



A nice family shot of the AKL's. It's hard to tell, but those are Yoo Hoo's in their hands and not bottles of Natural Light.

Best sorority:

1. **Alpha Phi:** "I'm proud of the job they did this year," said Chrissy Smiddy.
2. Alpha Sigma Tau
3. Gamma Sigma Sigma



Best sleeping spot:

1. **Library:** It's very very quiet. They also have cots and pillows upon request.
2. Opapi lounge
3. Peck

Best study spot:

1. **Library:** Only for the people who can't get comfortable enough to sleep.
2. Opapi lounge
3. Study?

Best comic performer:

1. **Jim Carey:** Well, he's not local, but people find him funny for some odd reason.
2. Tom Banholzer
3. Tim Ekstowicz

Best theater production:

1. **Beyond Therapy**
2. Dance in Concert
3. Hello Dolly (coming soon)

Best male athlete:

1. **Jason Holmes**
2. Chris Brefeld
3. Keith Phillips

Campus Stuff:



Best class to get an easy 'A':

1. **Sociology**
2. TVR 402
3. Walking (Hey, I failed walking!)

Best class to skip:

1. **Math:** I hate math. Yuck! You chose Math as the best class on campus to skip and I agree.
2. Human disease
3. Statistics

Best bathroom:

1. **University Center:** There's always an extra copy of the Alestle around to read or use for lack of toilet paper.

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Best female athlete:

1. **Jennifer Smith:** "I feel very honored to have the whole school pick me,



Jennifer Smith running an exercise routine during softball practice.

because there are a lot of other good athletes out there," said Smith.

2. Rebecca Brown
3. Kim Lowe

Best Alestle writer:

1. **Corey Stulce:** "I'd just like to thank the little elf that lives in my pocket. He really does all my writing for me."

2. Melanie Adams
3. Todd Spann

Best vice president:

1. **Michelle Williams:** "I think it's a wonderful opportunity because I've worked hard this year for more Greek unity within the student body. I hope other organizations see what I have done and want to do the same."

2. Jen Ross
3. Al Gore

Best intramural athlete:

1. **Rebecca Brown:** "I'm shocked! We don't win all the time, but we give it a shot," said Brown.

2. Colleen Van Eckelherte
3. Jason Turkington



Randall, Sam Pass' comic creation who has starred in "Artist's Blues" for four years now.

Best cartoonist:

1. **Sam Pass:** "I'm happy. (I won) I'm just glad people are reading it. I feel kinda sad (about his strip ending after four years) but I'm hoping to (now) get them syndicated."

2. Joe Anders
3. Paul Kinsella

Best place to smoke:

1. **Nowhere:** The staff of the Alestle was offered a large sum of money to repeal this answer from a large camel.

2. Outside cafeteria

3. Bathroom: (Actually, the most dangerous place to smoke.)

2. Edwardsville Video
3. Circus Video

Arts and Entertainment:



Billiards:

1. **Sharky's:** What is there to say? They're the best.

2. University Center
3. Laurie's

Best place to party:

1. **Harpo's:** They're just rackin' 'em up. With their cool DJ and legendary brawls, it is no wonder that Harpo's was chosen for best place to party.

2. AKA House
3. Hiney's

Bar:

1. Hiney's
2. Harpo's
3. Stagger Inn

Local Band:

1. The Urge
2. Truck
3. Gravity Kills

Best Concert:

1. Pointfest
2. Lemonheads
3. Jewel

Radio Show:

1. **Steve and D.C.:** They're rude, crude and now they've gone country.
2. 105.7 Morning show
3. Peggy on WSIE

Movie Theater:

1. **Cottonwood:** For \$1.75 and free refills on popcorn and soda, who wouldn't choose the Cottonwood for Best Movie Theater?
2. St. Clair
3. Tivoli

Movie Concession:

1. **Cottonwood:** Again, free refills. Great price.
2. Popcorn
3. AMC

Place to rent movies:

1. **Blockbuster:** SIUE students have decided to make every night a Blockbuster night by choosing Blockbuster as their number one pick for best place to rent a flick.

Coffee:

1. **Dave's Cappuccino:** It don't taste like pee, so it must be good.

2. The Perk
3. Brewster's

Hangout:

1. **Shenanigan's:** Giant TVs, great food and good music makes Shenanigan's the best hangout for SIUE students.

2. Harpo's
3. The Loop

Food:



Hot Wings:

1. **Imo's:** You chose Imo's as the place with the best hot wings. All I have to say is Imo's? Hot Wings?

2. Shenanigan's
3. Hooter's

French Fries:

1. **McDonald's:** They're only good if they're not cold. If they're cold they stink, 'nuff said.

2. Tony's
3. White Castle

Steak:

1. **Tony's:** Don't know which one, but you chose Tony's as the best place to get a steak.

2. 94th Aero Squadron
3. Andria's

Burgers:

1. **Steak n' Shake:** Steak n' Shake famous for steakburgers. Steak n' Shake famous for steakburgers. Y'all chose Steak n' Shake for best burgers.

2. Tony's
3. McDonald's

Pizza:

1. **Imo's:** You chose Imo's as the best place for pizza. Hmm, must be that great St. Louis style thin crust.

2. Little Caesar's
3. Pizza Hut

Pasta:

1. **Imo's:** Imo's also won out for their pasta. SO, how many of you out there work for Imo's, anyway?

2. Pasta House
3. Olive Garden

Salads:

1. **Imo's:** O.K. that's it, who stuffed the ballot box? Imo's won once again, this

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time for best salads.

2. Olga's
3. Olive Garden

Fried Chicken:

1. **Kentucky Fried Chicken:** Nobody makes chicken like the Colonel. Well, except mom, but she isn't in business and she only makes it on Sundays.
2. Moonlight
3. Church's

Ribs:

1. **Red'z Rib Shack:** Nobody knows how to work a rib like Red'z.

All you can eat:

1. **Ponderosa:** Ponderosa pondo combo, we want value. You chose Ponderosa for best all you can eat.
2. Shoney's

Bagels:

1. **Bagel Tree:** Who wouldn't choose the Bagel Tree for best bagels? Their name says it all.

Beer:

1. **Natural Light:** We at the Alestle say "Ick," but at least it's not Hamms.
2. Bud Light
3. Keystone Ice

Ice Cream:

1. Bobbie's
2. Annie's
3. Steak and Shake

Wine:

1. **Boone's:** Just one step up from champagne in a can, you chose Boone's as best wine.
2. Sutter House

Oriental:

1. Ahn's
2. Orient Wok

Italian:

1. Olive Garden
2. Tony's
3. Pasta House

Mexican:

1. **Casa Gallardo:** Nobody does mexican like Casa, well, that is unless you are in Mexico, then you know it's a whole new ballgame and there are lots of places for good Mexican food.
2. Taco bell
3. Cancun

Hot Dog:

1. **Hot dog cart:** Those people in hair nets serve up a great hot dog, don't they folks? You chose the hot dog cart for the best hot dog.

2. A & W
3. Busch Stadium

Under \$5

1. **Taco Bell:** Taco Bell? Are you kidding me? O.K. you chose Taco Bell as best under \$5 place to eat.
2. Mc Donald's
3. Rosita's



Sports and Recreation:

Mini Golf:

1. **Centerfield:** You chose Centerfield for best place to mini-golf. They also have great bumper boats, batting cages and slick-track go-carting. Centerfield is just a barrel o' fun.

2. Outfield
3. Pro Tee

Golf:

1. Fox Creek
2. Spencer T. Olin
3. Legends

Tennis Court:

1. Gordon Moore
2. Tower Lake

Bowling Alley:

1. **University Center:** Kudos to the UC for best bowling alley. What makes it the best? The lane? The bowling balls? The shoes? No! The price. They're cheap!
2. Montclair
3. Riverboat

Goods and Services:

Grocery:

1. **Schnuck's:** You chose Schnuck's as best grocers. It's gotta be the classical music in the produce aisle. And the pickles. They have great pickles.
2. Shop & Save
3. Meehan's

CDs:

1. Musicland
2. Sam Goody

3. Music Connection II

Bike:

1. **Touring Cyclist**
2. Edwardsville Cyclery
3. Wal-mart

Haircut:

1. **Jimmy's Old Time Barber Shoppe**
2. Blend's
3. Master Cuts

Gas:

1. **Quik Trip:** You chose the ol' QT for best place to get gas. I personally, would have chosen Taco Bell for this one, but... Just kidding. Good gas, great service and the best French Vanilla cappie this side of France makes QT number one in our books.
2. Amoco
3. Moto Mart

Computer:

1. Best Buy
2. Radio Shack
3. Software Etc.

Auto shop:

1. Carstar
2. Hartman's
3. Mark's Muffler

Clothing store:

1. Value Village
2. Gap
3. Old Navy

Mall:

1. **Galleria:** The Galleria was chosen as THE mall. Quick, alert the teenagers. They will want a ride to St. Louis to celebrate. Hallo, which way to the Gap?
2. St. Clair Square
3. Cottonwood

Tanning salon:

1. **Sundazzler's:** Sundazzler's was the number one selection for people who like a tan year round.
2. Hollywood Tan
3. 157 Tan and Video

Florist:

1. **Schnucks:** Not only do they play Beethoven to bananas, but they carry a lovely selection of flowers as well.
2. FTD
3. Bill's Montclair

Place to lose weight:

1. **V.C.** You guys took the song "Be true to your school," literally. You chose our very own Vadalabene Center as best place to lose weight.
2. Weight Watchers
3. UC (cafeteria)



Air Ball

By Todd Spann
Sports Editor

0-fer-April

What I figure is that the Cardinals and Cubs have 156 more games to play. So not until they are 0 and 12 will I start to worry.

But a funny quote came in from the Cafeteria by Cub fan Josh Paarlberg.

"The winless year will come to an end when the Cubs and Cards meet on June 23."

Ozzie

Former Cardinal All-Star short stop Ozzie Smith will be in the broadcast booth for tonight's game against the Montreal Expos.

Hopefully, the former No. 1 will be a good luck charm for their first win.

Best of..

The *Alestle* did their annual best of issue and in one of the categories were best SIUE female and male athletes.

Softball standout Jennifer Smith and All-time leading basketball scorer at SIUE, Jason Holmes were the winners.

I couldn't agree more. Even though there are many to choose from, you can't go wrong with these two athletes.

Streakin'

The softball team will be in Carbondale today trying to up their win streak to 24.

Last week the Cougars broke the 17-year-old record which stood at 14 wins in a row.

So when the softball team comes back from Carbondale with the win streak intact, come on out to the softball fields for a Wednesday game at 5 p.m. against UMSL.

Gould?

Apparently some people don't like Rich Gould broadcasting Cardinal games on KPLR. Student James Hillbrandt said, "Rich Gould couldn't broadcast his way out of a paper bag." Ouch!!

Cougars at 20-9 after doubleheader sweep

By Brett Licata
Assistant Sports Editor

Runs were at a premium on Sunday after the SIUE baseball team had posted double digit run performances in five of their last six games. But the low scoring totals fell right into SIUE's hands.

The Cougars struggled to sustain a lead against Kentucky Wesleyan. SIUE went up 3-0 after the third inning thanks

to a big two out double by Dean Suhre in the first and a solo homer by Jeff Stephens in the third.

Kentucky Wesleyan came back in the fifth thanks to sloppy play by the Cougar defense. Three SIUE errors and two hits produced three runs for Kentucky Wesleyan. In the seventh, SIUE capitalized on a Kentucky Wesleyan error which allowed Mike Robertson to reach base. Robertson advanced to second on

a ground out by Joe Blumberg and scored when Shawn Schulze singled to give SIUE the 4-3 win.

Pitcher Jason Guest battled through a tough bottom half of the seventh which saw Kentucky Wesleyan put two runners on base. The win ups Guest's record to 6-1.

In the second half of the double-head-
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Softball

23 and counting



Todd Spann/*Alestle*

After a perfect weekend the Cougars practiced Monday afternoon gearing up for a match-up with SIUE's sister school Carbondale this afternoon at 3 p.m.

Cougars extended their record breaking win streak after a trio of victories Sunday afternoon

By Brett Licata
Assistant Sports Editor

It was 1980 when the Lady Cougars slugged their way to an SIUE record 14-game winning streak. This year they have shattered the string and added to it Sunday with a trio of victories to raise the record to 23 straight games.

It's been their outstanding defense that has kept the SIUE softball team from losing in almost a month's worth of games. The Cougars opened the day with a 4-0 shutout over Kentucky Wesleyan.

Sophomore Jessica Silbe took her record to 12-4 with the four-hit performance. Christy Perry and Kim Messinger both went 2 for 3 with an RBI. Michele Sucich went 1 for 3 with an RBI and two runs scored.

"They really didn't threaten us," head coach Sandy Montgomery said. "Silbe just pitched an excellent game and our defense was great. Everyone contributed in this win."

Freshman Sara Obrecht toed the rubber for a meeting with Bellarmine in the second game of the day. Obrecht pitched five innings to claim the 13-1 victory to up her record to 3-0 this season.

The Cougar bats worked quickly, scoring all 13 runs in the first three innings. Perry went 2 for 3 with three RBIs and a run scored. Messinger went 2 for 3 with an RBI. Lead-off hitter Jenny Hagel scored three times and added two hits. Gwen Jackson had a double, driving in two in the second inning and Erica Connett went 1 for 3 with two RBIs and two runs scored.

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Cards hope home will heal wounds

HOUSTON (AP) — It's not time to panic for the St. Louis Cardinals. But it is time for them to go home, and they couldn't be happier about that.

The Cardinals stumbled to the worst start in their 106-year history with a 3-2 loss to Houston on Sunday.

The defeat dropped the NL Central champions to 0-6, with all of the losses on the road. The Cardinals, who had lost their first five games in four previous seasons, joined the Chicago Cubs as the only winless teams in the majors.

"It's going to be real good," Cardinal's outfielder Brian Jordan said, "to be home again, that's for sure."

The Cardinals have a day off to contemplate their historic start before playing host to Montreal on Tuesday. By then, St. Louis manager Tony La Russa hopes his players will have forgotten their dismal start.

"It's just a week into the season," La Russa said. "I don't want to send the wrong message to these guys. We have been competitive in all the games, so what does that tell you? It says we're close to being a good team."

They were close to a win Sunday, leading 2-1 in the eighth inning. Then pinch-hitter Jeff Bagwell, who had not started to

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er, the Cougars jumped out quickly. Singles by Stephens and Ryan Crawford had SIUE threatening early. Stephens scored after Mark Briggs hit into a double play. First baseman Steve Davis and Robertson singled to keep a two-out rally going. Rob LaMarsh singled to drive in Davis with the second run of the inning.

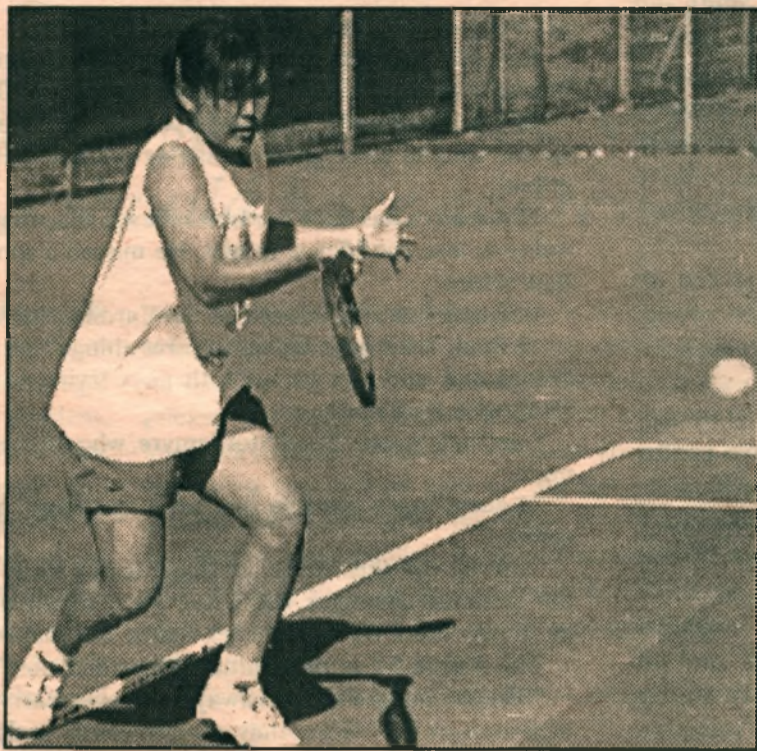
Kentucky Wesleyan was on the board in the sixth with a couple of doubles, but SIUE closed the door on a comeback in the seventh. Jason Sievert started the inning with a single. Burris pinch-ran for him and scored on a Crawford base-hit. Briggs singled to score Stephens, who had walked. The Cougars never looked back and downed Kentucky Wesleyan 4-1.

Pitcher Rusty Sarnes went the distance to record his third win of the season. Sarnes gave up only four hits en route to the complete game.

The victory raises SIUE's record to 20-9 overall and 8-2 in the conference.

SIUE takes to the road on Wednesday to battle Western Illinois in Macomb, Ill. They return home this weekend for Great Lakes Valley Conference games against Wisconsin-Parkside and St. Joseph's.

Tennis



Bob Fehringer/Alestle
Yutaka Izutsu (left) and Mike Reither (right) practicing at the SIUE tennis courts last week, gearing up for a match.

Ventura does the waiting game with his leg

CHICAGO (AP) — Robin Ventura has been taking it easy. He has no choice. With his injured right leg in a cast for another month, he's not engrossed in self-pity or agonizing over his future with the Chicago White Sox.

"What else is there to do? This is what I was dealt," Chicago's four-time Gold Glove third baseman said before Friday's home opener against Detroit.

"I'll be back. It's not like I'm done. They told me early on it wasn't that."

Ventura dislocated his right ankle and suffered a compound fracture of his lower right leg while sliding into home during a spring training game March 21.

Now he's got four more weeks of inactivity before he can begin rehabilitation.

"Right now I'm just sitting on the couch, so I

don't know how much in shape I'm going to be," said Ventura. "Getting around is not as easy as it was. Just a lot of things you take for granted are more difficult.

"My wife has to drive me everywhere since I can't drive."

Ventura admits he's not sure what to expect when

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"We hit the ball with consistency," Montgomery said. "With that kind of run production, we're going to do well."

The Cougar went to battle one more time on Sunday facing Southern Indiana, a team which they had defeated twice before by only one run.

Both teams played stifling defense for the first three innings, but ISU broke the scoreless tie in the fourth when a single scored a runner from second.

SIUE attacked in the bottom half of the fourth. Two ISU errors let the Cougars produce a run to tie the game. The errors plagued ISU again in the sixth as SIUE capitalized to take the

lead with four runs in the inning. Jennifer Smith started the rally with a single. Lisa Ness pinch ran for Smith and scored when the pitcher threw wildly to third. Suchich scored on another throwing error after being walked. Kim Darrow singled to drive in two more runners to cap off the 5-1 victory.

Deanna Smith picked up the win to put her overall mark to 9-4 with a team leading 0.92 ERA.

Next up for the 27-9 Lady Cougars is a double-header against SIU-Carbondale today. SIUE will jump back into Great Lakes Valley Conference action at home on Wednesday against Missouri-St. Louis and in Quincy on Thursday hoping to add to their 19-0 record in conference.

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get a day of rest, hit a two-out, two-run double.

Ray Montgomery led off the Houston eighth by reaching on shortstop Royce Clayton's throwing error. Two outs later, John Frascatore (0-1) walked Bill Spiers.

Bagwell, batting for Tim Bogar, hit a double into the left-field corner for a 3-2 lead. It was the second time in three games that Bagwell had driven home the go-ahead run in the Astros' last at-bat.

"Frascatore has been our best reliever all spring," La Russa said "I don't think he did anything today to lose confidence in him. He missed a spot with Bagwell, but a lot of people have done that before."

LaRussa was concerned that the Cardinals seemed to be pressing because of their poor start. "I think I see guys trying to force things," he said. "It's human nature. You see not normal swings and different things with guys trying to do too much. I hope they do press a little. Otherwise, they don't care."

Cardinals starter Todd Stottlemyre, who pitched 6 2/3 innings, agreed with La Russa's assessment.

"I guess that's possible that we're pressing," Stottlemyre said. "But we still believe in ourselves."

"I'll tell you this. We're not going to run away and hide. One thing we showed last year was this team has character. Right now we're taking it a little on the chin, but we're going to continue to play hard. We've just been a little out-played in each game so far," he said.

The Astros, 5-1 in their initial homestand, aren't counting St. Louis out either.

"They're not going to go away," manager Larry Dierker said. "What did the Reds do a couple of years ago, 0-9? When they get everybody back, they're going to be right there. If they get to where they're closing in on the Phillies' 23-game losing streak, then it would be something. But I don't think that's going to happen. They're still the team to beat in this division."

The score was 2-2 when Stottlemyre singled to start the seventh and moved up on Roberto Mejia's sacrifice. Ron Gant's double put the Cardinals ahead.

Houston took a 1-0 lead in the first inning. Pat Listach was hit by a pitch, stole second and scored on Thomas Howard's double.

St. Louis tied it in the sixth inning when Tom Lampkin singled home Brian Jordan with the Cardinals' first run in 12 innings.— **Notes:** Dierker remained true to his pre-season word when he did not start stars Derek Bell and Bagwell, giving them some rest. ... Craig Biggio has hit safely in all six Houston games this season ... Lampkin has caught 70 straight games without a passed ball.

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the cast does come off.

"Nobody knows really until I start walking on it and doing stuff. ... (Trainer) Herm Schneider has a plan for me when it gets there and we'll go over what it is."

Ventura had envisioned being the No. 5 hitter with Frank Thomas and Albert Belle ahead of him. He was coming off his best season with 34 homers and 105 RBIs.

"Strange things happen, and now I've just got to look at getting healthy and getting back to playing. It's frustrating. I wish I was playing but I'm not," he said.

Many of his teammates have stenciled in No. 23 or RV on their caps as a tribute to their teammate, much as they did last season for Chad Kreuter when he suffered a shoulder injury.

Ventura said he planned to be around his teammates and offer encouragement and advice if asked. Chris Snopce has replaced Ventura at third.

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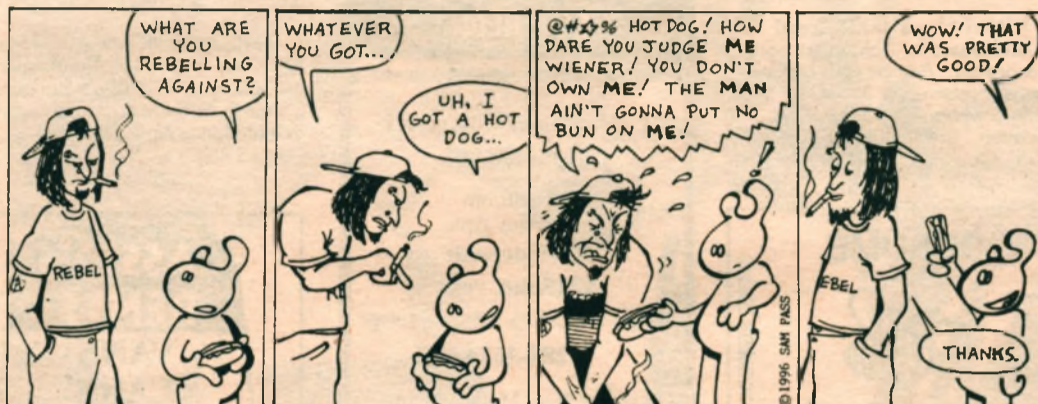
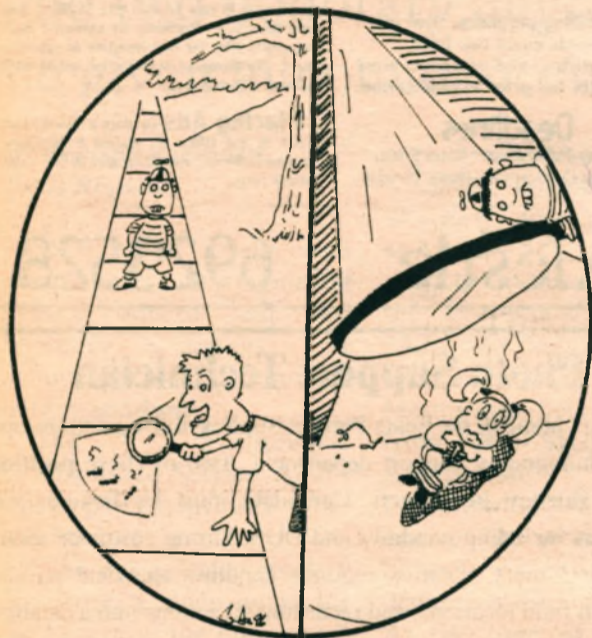
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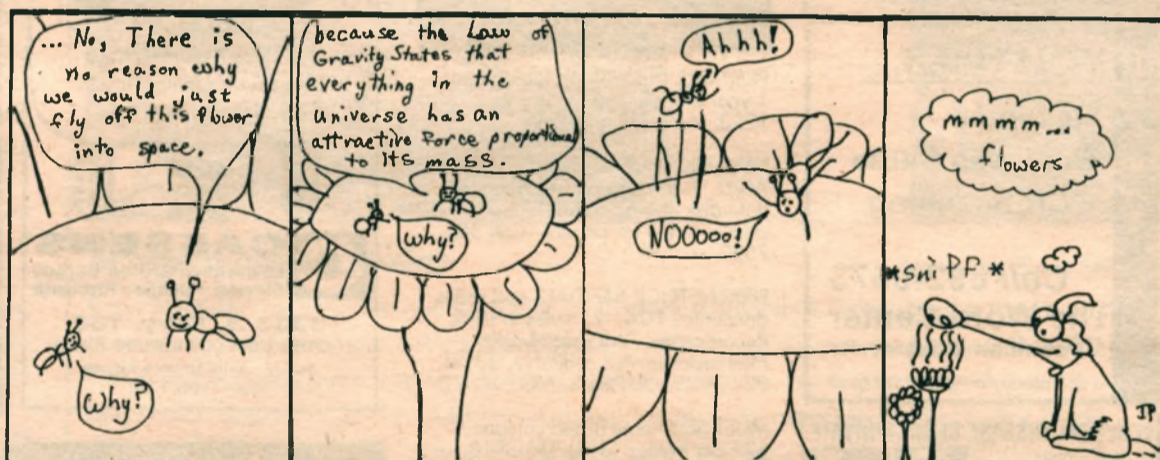
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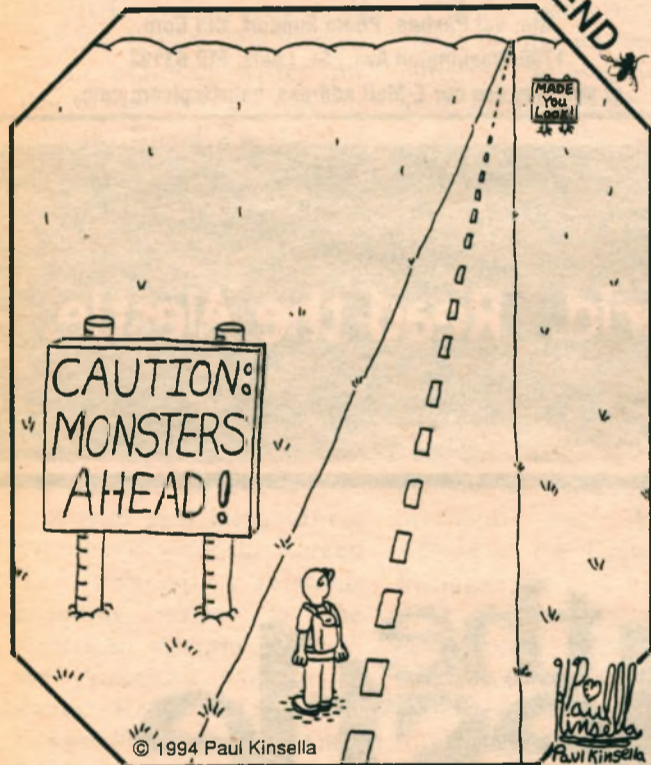


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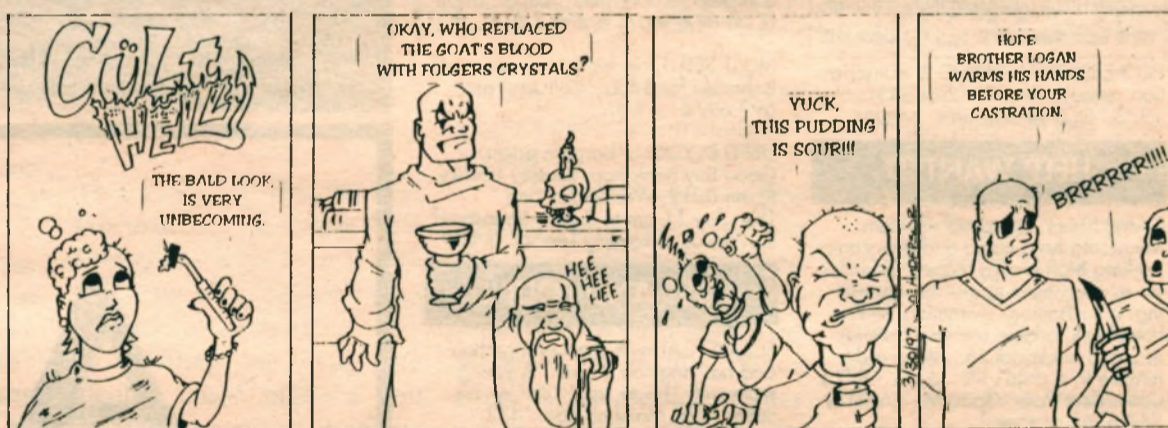


THE LOOSE END



Hell

by Joe Andes



THE LOOSE END



Poet's Corner

You

by Stephanie Malench

You lifted me high and opened new doors for my future,
You inspired me greatly and cared for me,
You slammed in my face the same door that you opened.

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