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Gary Utter of Syndicomm delivers Keynote Speech to open KansasFest '96 "The Apple II Community"

There's a joke that starts "unaccustomed as I am to public speaking"...

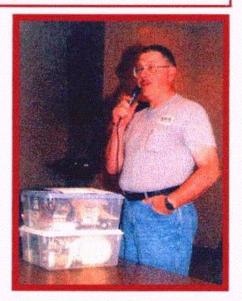
"I don't remember the rest of it.:)

Of course, I'm NOT accustomed to public speaking, I'm accustomed to speaking in public, which is quite a different thing.:)

Cindy asked me to give this talk, and the first thing she wanted me to do (perhaps the ONLY thing she wanted me to do:), was to not pull a Dean Esmay, since Roger Wagner was unable to be here this year. (It's only an evil rumor that he made another commitment because he didn't wish to be drafted into giving this speech two years in a row.:)

I don't really know what a keynote speech is supposed to be, other than 20-25 minutes long, so I thought this would be a good opportunity to talk about some things that I take especially seriously.

The first of those things is community.



Those of us in this room, and a LOT of other people who would be here if they could, have forged a community around the Apple II, but, odd as it may seem to say so, it is "In the larger world, the Apple II community is far more significant than the Apple II itself."

not the Apple II that is important. I know that a lot of you just tweaked when I said that. :)

However, it happens to be true. I'm not saying that the Apple II isn't important to each and every one of us, but that in greater scheme of things, in the larger world, the Apple II COMMUNITY is far more significant than the Apple II itself.

The Apple II, and all the wonderful things about it, are no longer recognized outside our little family. Most of the things that made the Apple II special are now becoming available on other platforms. The world is catching up with us, people.



"The spirit, the willingness to help ANYONE, the support, the friendliness, the warmth and the interaction that typifies the A2 community are qualities that are simply not found elsewhere"

But I have not yet seen any other community of users that has what we have. The spirit, the willingness to help ANYONE (even those DOS users from the Dark Side), the support, the friendliness, the warmth and the interaction that typifies the Apple II community are qualities that are simply not found elsewhere.

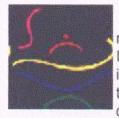
Years ago, when Apple failed to release the fabled Rom 04 GS, there was a great sense of despair, and I made a statement then, on Compuserve, that I feel is still true today, and more relevant than ever...

It is not the Apple II, but the COMMUNITY that we need to strive to preserve. We had no control over what Apple would do with the II, but even though they tried to kill it, it lives still, through our efforts, and the efforts of other like us, across the country and across the world.

It lives because the community that grew up around the II, OUR community, MADE it live, and continues to do so. But year by year, our community becomes smaller. Too many people think that the fact that they have purchased a Mac or a Windows box means they have to give up the Apple II,

That doesn't have to be the case, and SHOULDN'T be the case.

We need to find a new identity, or more precisely, we need to recognize an identity that already exists.



To me, A2 is not just the Apple II RT on Genie, it is the identifier for the whole Apple II community. I

have trouble, most of the time, remembering to refer to the Appuser area on CIS _AS_ the Appuser area, or the MAUG area, I keep wanting to call it "CIS A2".

What I would like to see happen is for the A2 community to grow and spread. Our identity, as a group, is NOT linked inextricably to the fate of the Apple II series of computers, nor is it linked to the success (or lack thereof) of Genie.

We've developed something special, and we need to preserve it, to enlarge it, and to make an active effort to keep this thing going DESPITE the "slings and arrows" that come our way.

Many of you here are not Genie users, and have only a vague idea of what A2 is, as an online area, but

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even so, you are familiar with the A2 spirit, and familiar with the community, or you would not be here in the first place.

Many more of you ARE Genie users, and A2 members, and you are concerned about what is going to happen to Genie, or more precisely, what is going to happen to A2 if Genie folds.

I can't tell you what is going to happen to Genie. No one can. There are too many ways things can go, good ways and bad ways, to even begin to issue any kind of prediction.

Which brings me to the second thing I take seriously, and that is the future of the A2 community.

I can tell you, with complete confidence, that it is possible for the A2 community to grow and thrive. It can be done, but it won't just HAPPEN. It is going to require work and dedication from each and every one of us, and all of our friends, and all the other members of the community that couldn't be here this year.

I can tell you, with complete confidence, what we CANNOT afford to do, and that is to wait for someone else to do it for us, to wait for some turn of events to fall in our favor. We have to make our own future, we have to build what we want to see.

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The A2 community, by it's very nature, depends on strong online communications capability. With the exception of a dedicated few people putting out high quality newsletters, we no longer have any support from print media. The only effective way we have of getting and sharing information is on line. The only effective way for software and hardware producers to disseminate product news, or to advertise, is online. And, for all practical purposes, "online" has come to mean little else but Genie, in the form of the A2 and A2Pro RoundTables. There are A2 people, members of the community, on Delphi, and Compuserve, and on the Internet, but the BULK of people who are members of A2, the community, are also members of A2, the Genie RoundTable.



The problem with that, of course, is that we have, for all practical purposes, put all our eggs in one basket. It was not a problem that was obvious, when Genie was doing well, when CIS was still competitive, when AOL was even in the game, but AOL has given up the text based environment entirely, and CIS is headed that way.

Although we can be confident that CIS will support text in certain aspects for years to come, how long they will support an Apple II in the face of continually dropping usage is less certain.



We need to preserve our options, give ourselves enough communications channels to ensure that we WILL have a place to go, a place to BE the community we have become.

That is going to require several things. First of all, we have to develop more "conventional" online resources, especially an alternative home for the A2 RoundTable operation, not only in case Genie folds, but as a SUPPLEMENT to our Genie operation. That is something that Dean and I are looking into now, and HAVE been looking into for quite a while. Lately, however, it has taken on a bit higher priority.:)

Secondly, we (as a community, not Syndicomm alone) have to develop a set of Internet resources for the Apple II, something considerably more powerful than a few newsgroups with a terrible signal to noise ratio.

"It is possible for the Apple II community to thrive and grow"

At a minimum, we should have one or more moderated newsgroups. We should also get to work on developing a centralized World Wide Web page, accessible not only in text, for use by actual Apple IIs, but also in graphical modes. Many of us here have other computers, fully able to access such an area graphically, and many of the people who have drifted away from the Apple II in recent years, and who are using other platforms now, are still members of our community at heart, and finding an Apple II area on the Web will attract some of them back into the fold.

We have made a mistake, I think, in focusing too tightly on the Apple II, to the point that many of us think that using some other computer is an act of disloyalty, something that disqualifies people from being REAL members of the community.

We have to recognize that other platforms are useful adjuncts to the Apple II. Many of us have to use other platforms in our day to day work, and there is no good reason that those computers can't be used to support Apple II activity as well as the other work we have to do.



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In any case, what we need to do at this time is to start developing, on our own, the resources that will allow us to keep the community healthy, even in the face of the changes in the world of online communications. There are TCP/IP tools for the GS in development, and we will see those one day. There is at least the possibility of giving ANY 6502 based computer the capability of accessing via TCP/IP, even if without the graphical interface so commonly used on the Web.

Those of us who are in some way capable of developing some part of these resources should start working on these ideas and projects. Those of us who are not able to do that should help support those who are. Each of us should look to his or her own area of expertise, or to that style of use that we find particularly effective, and imagine what resources we would really LIKE to see, then start finding ways to develop them, or to help those who are already developing them.

We also need to recruit. We need to bring people who are faithful users into the online community, and we need to bring BACK those who have left because they felt guilty about buying another platform. It's not the machine you use that matters, it's the machine you LOVE.:) But we NEED more people in the community, we need to maintain our "critical mass", that number of users that it takes to make an online (or offline) community viable. In

spreading out into other arenas, we face the risk of diluting our concentration below the point where we have "critical mass" anyplace, and we must be very careful to avoid that. That means recruitment, that means spreading the word, that means not only keeping the people we have, but bringing in more. That is VERY important.

Throughout all of this, we need to be mindful of who we are, and where we come from. No matter what other platforms we may be using on a day to day basis, we will ALWAYS be Apple II users. We should never be shy about admitting that, or bragging about it.

APPLE II FOREVER!!!!!



GIFs on Delphi

The Kfest pictures used in this Yearbook are available for download from the A2 database in the Graphics and Sounds topic. They are unpacked and without binary II wrapper and usable and viewable from any platform. Go get!

Gary adds Important Addendum! November, 1996

Addendum 11/96

When I gave that speech at KFest, there were things going on that I couldn't talk about, because they were still in negotiation. Some of the things we're working on are STILL in the planning stage, but one BIG project was recently unveiled.

We have now opened up a set of Apple II Forums on Delphi.



For the time being, A2 and A2Pro can be found in Delphi's Custom Forums area.

A2 can be reached by typing GO CUS 107 at any Delphi system prompt.

A2Pro can be reached by typing GO CUS 110.

On or about December 1st of 1996, our Forums will be moving to Delphi's Computing menu.

At that point, you can reach A2 by typing GO COMP A2 and A2Pro by typing GO COMP A2P.

"Delphi is fully accessible from the Internet. Apple II users can reach us from all over the world by opening a Telnet connection ."

Now, I can hear you asking, "Why DELPHI?" :)

Here's why Delphi......

- 1. Delphi is fully accessible from the Internet. Apple II users can reach us from all over the world by opening a Telnet connection over the Internet.
- 2. Delphi is usable/accessible both in the traditional text access mode AND graphical access. This means that an Apple II user who happens to have a Mac or a Windows box hooked up to the Web can use NetScape Navigator, or Microsoft Internet Explorer, or another graphical Web browser to come into Delphi and read messages.

Most importantly, in that regard, both the text and the graphical interfaces access the same message base. That is, a message posted by a graphical user can be read and replied to by a text based user, and vice versa.

3. Delphi has made a commitment to their text based users to maintain their text mode access, ADDING graphical access, rather than using it to replace text access as other services have done, or are in the process of doing now.



Add these all up, and Delphi meets all the needs I described in my speech at KFest. It is accessible world wide, it is usable by both Apple II and former Apple II people, it is solidly on the Internet, and offers numerous other smaller advantages in terms of flexibility and availability.

Additionally, (and this is very important to ME), one of Delphi's new owners is Bill Louden, the man who founded Genie, and a minor deity to all of us old time GEnie folks.:)

I've included a brief description of the plans below, and you can get more information in the signup process on Delphi. :)

Meanwhile, one further note...

We are currently developing CoPilot for Delphi for the Apple Ilgs, and we are also working on a Mac version. Development of a P8 version of CoPilot is also in progress, and we eventually expect to release DOS and Windows versions as well. I can't give you a solid date on when CoPilot for Delphi will be available, but I expect the time to be measured in weeks, rather than months or years.:)

Oh, and for those who are curious, A2 and A2Pro are NOT the only Forums we're opening on Delphi. We also have a PowerMac & PowerPC Forum, a MacPro Forum, a Mobile Computing Forum, and a ShowBiz Forum.

Why Delphi? Sign up information follows

How to sign up for Delphi.......

- 1 Dial by modem 1-800-695-4000 (or from the Internet, telnet to delphi.com)
- 2 At the username prompt enter JOINDELPHI (if the software doesn't enter it automatically)
- 3 At the password prompt enter 9610SDI

Full details about new membership plans are provided during the online registration, but here is a short summary.

Content Plan -- \$6.95 per month

Includes unlimited access to Delphi for those who already have access to the Internet.

Pay up-front, and the price drops as low as \$34.97 per year!

Value Access Plan -- \$12.95 per month

Includes both dialup access to Delphi and the Internet.

The first 6 hours of use each month are free. Additional use is \$2.00 per hour.

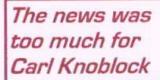
Unlimited Access Plan -- \$23.95 per month

Includes unlimited dialup access to Delphi and the Internet.

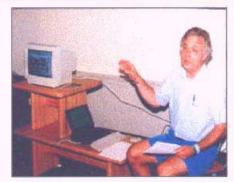
Pay up-front, and get a price as low as \$16.95 per month!

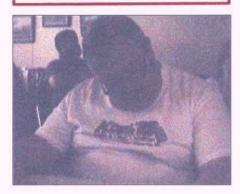
Gary R. Utter

David Kerwood demos GUS The Apple II Emulator as Attendees listen attentively to presenters





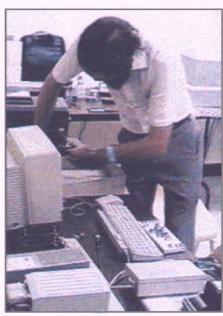






The Gus Experiment

Apple IIGs emulated on Macintosh!

















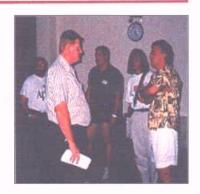


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Attendees meet and eat at KC Masterpiece Dormitory style food served in the Avila College cafeteria gets mixed reviews from its patrons





















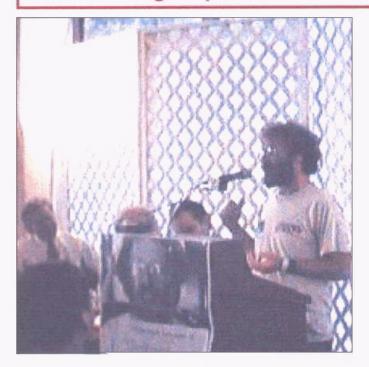




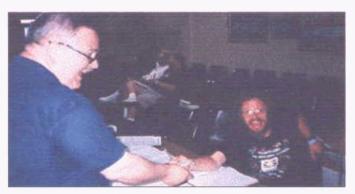
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Banquet and Roast of Joe Kohn Publisher of Shareware Solutions Kfest '96 Singers perform

David Kerwood introduces the roastees













These Are A Few of Joe's Favorite ThingsSung to the tune of "My Favorite Things" from "Sound of Music" by Rogers & Hammerstein Cynthia Field wrote new lyrics to this melody





JOE's FAVORITE THINGS

Appleworks BASIC, the grapevine, and Teenies, Shareware Solutions, the Web, and Net weenies, HTM Language, domain names and pings. These are a few of Joe's favorite things.

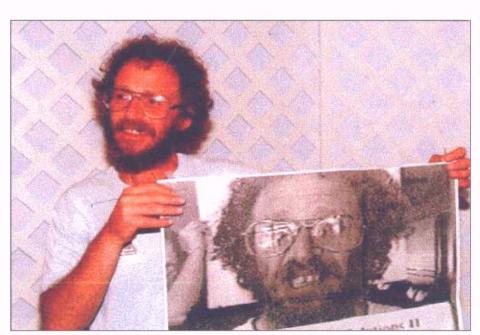
Crotty and Terrill, Field, Staat, and Dan Muse, Some eds to please and some to confuse. Helping new Apple II software take wings. These are a few of Joe's favorite things.

Deadlines and bylines and disk duplication, Internet searches and Woz emulation, Apple II rumors and Kfest roast-ings. These are a few of Joe's favorite things.

Chorus:

Late night pizza! More subscribers, URL galore! Joe simply remembers his favorite things and next issue's out the door.

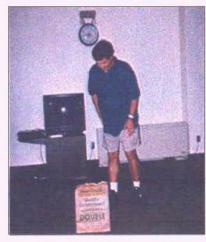
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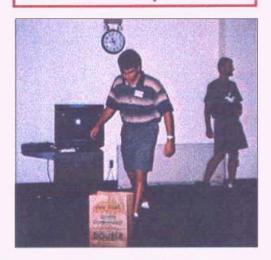


Bite the Bag competition continues the tradition started by Roger Wagner

Attendees make a contest for the funniest face photo

























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Photos taken during demo sessions in the lounge area of Ridgway dormitory and around the Avila campus























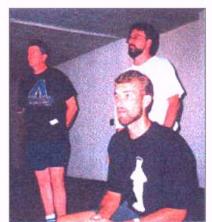








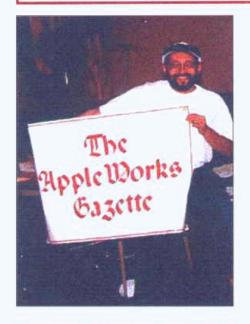




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Vendor's Fair and Product demos Competition between Apple II publications editors during subscription drive

Buy and Sell Hardware and Software

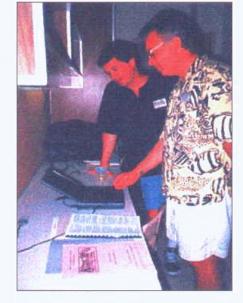






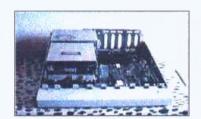


















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The AccidentalTourist Guide to Kfest '96 by Doug Cuff Editor Emeritus of Genie Lamp

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- Packing-Other Stuff

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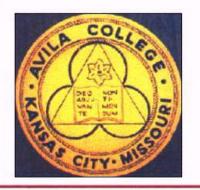
- Getting from the Airport to Avila
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- Your Room
- Business Hours Arrival

Once You're There

- Curricular Events
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 - o Tradition I: Celebrity Roast
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 - o Tradition III: Dining Out

A Typical Day

Leaving



For the latest news on KansasFest 1997, check out the official home page.

The Accidental Tourist travel guides were described by Anne Tyler in her 1985 novel of the same name (later a movie starring William Hurt, Kathleen Turner, and Geena Davis).

The Accidental Tourist guides were designed for the business traveller whose reactions to travel were feelings of anxiety and defenseless. The guides were meant to soothe and comfort the non adventurous traveller.

If you've never been to
KansasFest before, you should find
that this guide will do the same for
you. If you're an old hand at
KansasFest, this guide will provide
you with some helpful reminders.

One word of warning: If there's a conflict between the advice you receive from the Accidental Tourist and the instructions you're given from the information packet when you arrive at KansasFest--pay attention to the official info packet. These folks know the score

KansasFest began in 1989 as the A2-Central Developer Conference, and didn't begin calling itself KansasFest until its third year, 1991. KansasFest takes place in Kansas City, Missouri. (Not Kansas City, Kansas. The Kansas border is less than a mile away, if that comforts you any.)

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This will be the ninth annual KansasFest, and it's not just for programmers and developers any more.

If you've never been to
KansasFest before, you don't know
what you're missing! It's a great
chance to learn about your Apple II,
mingle with other users, and see
what software other people are
working on.

This is the Apple II event of the year. I can't say exactly how many people will there, but a safe estimate is 60-100 attendees (counting those who stay off-campus).

What campus? KansasFest takes place entirely at Avila College, in the southmost part of Kansas City. Here's the address:

Avila College 11901 Womall Road Kansas City, Missouri 64145 U.S.A. phone (816) 942-8400

How much the conference costs depends on when you pay for it and what kind of accommodation you require.

This year, KansasFest is scheduled for July 31-August 3, but dorm rooms are available for the nights of July 30-August 2.

Wed July 30 arrival (afternoon)
Thu July 31 scheduled sessions
Fri Aug 1 scheduled sessions
Sat Aug 2 demos (morning);
vendors' fair
(afternoon)

Check-in time is 1-4 PM Wednesday. Check-out time is 11 AM-1 AM Sunday.

Sun Aug 3

farewell (morning)

How much the conference costs depends on when you pay for it and what kind of accommodation you require. You can save a few bucks if you're willing to share a room--private rooms cost more. (The prices went up by \$75 on May 21.)

private room	\$450
shared room	\$375
conference only	\$300

Even if you can find a room in Kansas City for \$18.75 a night (\$37.50 a night private), staying on campus is still a better idea, since after-hours activities are a big part of KansasFest.

There have been some important changes in the meals this year. To begin with, free lunch at Avila's cafeteria used to be included for all KFesters, even those not staying on campus. This year, those not staying on campus must provide their own lunches. Fortunately, being banished from the Avila cafeteria won't make anyone weep.

Also, those staying on campus should note that no evening meal is provided on Wednesday night nor on Saturday night. The lack of a Wednesday meal isn't significant—that's still before the kick-off, so to speak. But keep in mind that you're on your own your last night there. (You can get a breakfast on Sunday, though, if you're staying on campus.)

You will be staying in either Carondelet or Ridgway dormitory, both of which were built in 1963.

For those of you who have never experienced residence life or have forgotten what it was like, expect spartan surroundings. Forget the idea of a private bathroom, but you'll be glad to know that the rooms are airconditioned.

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ROOM ENTRANCE

(You'll probably find yourself in Ridgway-that's where KansasFest 1996 made itself at home. There and the Whitfield Conference Center.)

- How to register
- What's included
- Deadlines



Before You Go

As with any trip, you need to arrange for several things:

- conference attendance (fee \$300/\$375/\$450);
- accommodation (included in package);
- meals (included in package);
- transport to/from conference

Those attending from outside the United States will also need:

- passport/visa;
- medical insurance;
- US currency/traveler's checks.

Conference Attendance

There are 80 spaces for on-campus attendees, and the last day preregistration is available is July 20. Even if you register late, there may be room for off-campus conference attendees, so you may be able to register at Avila on July 30/31.



Kfest '96 sponsored by InTrec Software Developer of Proterm telecommunications software for the Apple II and Macintosh

For fast information, E-mail cindyadams@delphi.com.
If you'd like to register, write:

KFest '97 c/o InTrec Software 3035 E. Topaz Circle Phoenix, AZ 85028-4423 USA

Please make checks payable to "InTrec Software".

Credit card registration is also available. Just call InTrec Software, Inc. with your VISA, MasterCard, Discovery, or



American Express number at (602) 992-1345, Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-5:00 PM Mountain Standard Time. You can also fax your registration with credit card account number and expiration date to (602) 992-0232 (also Monday-Friday; 8:00 AM -5:00 PM Mountain Standard Time).

Or E-mail your credit card account number and expiration date to proterm@intrec.com.

In summary, to register by credit card:

- write to the address above (checks may also be sent here);
- phone (602) 992-1345;
- fax (602) 992-0232; or
- E-mail proterm@intrec.com

But remember, that's only when you know you want to register. If you have questions first, send E-mail to cindyadams@delphi.com.

Accommodation

If you're staying at Avila College campus, chances are good that you're going to be sharing a room with one other person. Space is limited to 80 beds this year, so you're unlikely to end up in a room by yourself unless you specifically request a private room (which costs more). The rooms are not co-ed, but the dorms are.

There aren't any hotels within walking distance of Avila College, so plan on having transportation if you're staying off-campus.

Here are some hotels said to be near Avila College.

Please be warned that I haven't stayed at any of them, so I can't make recommendations. Most have approximate room rates shown; some do not. None of the room rate quotations I found have changed since the 1996 edition of this guide. In three cases, I was not able to find updated figures—these are marked (1996 rate). Since none of the other hotels have changed their rates in the past year, you're fairly safe in assuming that these three haven't made substantial changes either.

Space at Avila limited to 80 beds • Register early









Area Hotel and Motel Listings Price ranges and locations Phone numbers and addresses



Fairfield Inn - Overland Park 4401 W. 107th, Overland Park, KS 66207 913-381-5700 \$58 (1996 rate) (closest hotel to KansasFest)

DoubleTree Hotel Kansas City Corporate Woods 10100 College Boulevard, Overland Park, KS 66210 800-222-TREE / 913-451-6100 \$119-\$149

Drury Inn - Overland Park 10951 Metcalf, Overland Park, KS 66210 913-345-1500 \$69 (1996 rate)

Overland Park Marriott 10800 Metcalf, Overland Park, KS 66210 800-228-9290 / 913-451-8000 \$119

AmeriSuites 6801 W. 112th, Overland Park, KS 66211 800-833-1516 / 913-451-2553 \$69-\$99

Best Western Hallmark Inn Executive Center 7000 W. 108th St. Overland Park, KS 66211 800-444-4191 / 913-383-2550 \$54-67

Red Roof Inn - Overland Park 6800 W. 108th St., Overland Park, KS 66211 913-341-0100 \$43-50 (1996 rate) Residence Inn by Marriott -Overland Park 6300 W. 110th Street, Overland Park, KS 66211 800-331-3131 / 913-491-3333 \$109-\$139

Clubhouse Inn Overland Park 10610 Marty, Overland Park, KS 66212 800-CLUBINN / 913-648-5555 \$78-\$88

Courtyard by Marriott 11301 Meticalf, Overland Park, KS 66212 913-339-9900 room rate not available

Embassy Suites Overland Park 10601 Metcalf, Overland Park, KS 66212 800-362-2779 / 913-649-7060 \$99-\$129 (charges for local calls)

Hampton Inn - Overland Park 10591 Metcalf Frontage Road, Overland Park, KS 66212 800-HAMPTON / 913-341-1551 \$69-79

Holiday Inn Express - Overland Park 7200 W. 107th St. Overland Park, KS 66212 800-HOLIDAY / 913-648-7858 \$69-\$76

Courtyard by Marriott 500 E. 105th St., Kansas City, MO 64131 816-941-3333 room rate not available

Days Inn - South 11801 Blue Ridge Blvd., Kansas City, MÖ 64131 800-DAYS-INN / 816-765-1888 \$45-\$55

Meals

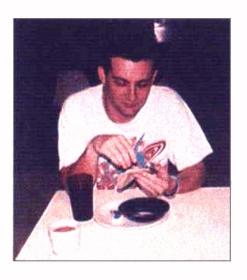
If you're staying on Avila campus, meals are included in the package price. If you aren't staying at Avila, you're completely on your own.

If you find the cafeteria food is not to your liking . . .

If you find the cafeteria food not to your liking--and many don't--you'll be relieved to know that there's a supermarket about 25 minutes' walk away. Here's how to get there:

Start at Carondelet dorm. Stand with your back to the dorm entrance, so that you can see the Marian Center if you look left. Turn right from Carondelet and walk down to the parking lot. Turn left and walk out of the parking lot, down Sister Oliver Louise Drive. This private road takes you to 118th Street. Turn left and walk on 118th until you reach Wornall Road. Turn right on Wornall until you reach the intersection of Wornall and Minor. Turn right onto Minor Drive.

Once on Minor, ten minutes' walk will bring you close to the end of Minor, to the point where you can see a large parking lot. Veer left and you'll be at a small shopping mall that boasts a bank, a supermarket, and a restaurant.



Transportation 101A: Getting to Kansas Transportation 101B: Getting to Avila Quicksilver shuttle service & rates

(Note: This trip can be made a few minutes shorter, but these directions are simpler, and can be easily adapted for use by motorists as well as pedestrians.)

If you're not staying on Avila campus, you're probably sufficiently adventurous to know how to find decent food in a strange city. Be aware that small groups tend to sneak off-campus to a restaurant (often either KC Masterpiece or Jess & Jim's) for at least one evening meal during the conference. Let them know you want to be part of the excursion!



Transportation 101/A--Getting to Kansas

Many of you intend to fly to Kansas City. The airport you will be arriving at is Kansas City International (MCI).

The airport has three arc-shaped terminals. If you're meeting someone there, be sure that everyone intends to go to the same terminal, or that everyone is catching the (free) shuttle to the same car rental agency.

You can pick up a city map at one of the airport magazine stands. The Gousha map has Avila College marked (grid location I-19). If you don't have a map, better pay close attention:

If you drew a map of Kansas City on a 8x11 sheet of paper, the airport would be in the upper left corner, to the northwest. Avila College would be near the bottom of the piece of paper, near the center. Point taken?

The distance between Avila College and the international airport is not small. It's perhaps 45 miles by the recommended route (below), so allow an hour's travel time at a bare minimum. What with collecting your luggage and arranging/co-ordinating transport, it's probably safer to assume it will take you two hours to get from the airport to Avila, starting from the time the plane's landing gear touches the tarmac and stopping when you sling your suitcase onto the dorm bed.

Transportation 101/B--Getting to Avila

Since the distance from the airport to Avila College is 28 miles as the crow flies, and about 45 miles by car, you don't even want to think about taking a taxi. You'd pay \$40 minimum, possibly as much as \$60. For a one-way trip.

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If you book ahead, you can get Quicksilver to take you to Avila College at a more reasonable rate:

\$24 for 1 person \$32 for 2 people \$40 for 3 people \$43 for 4 people \$55 for 5 or 6 people

You must book Quicksilver in advance. They need at least one day's notice, so call them at 1-800-888-8294 or 816-262-0906. If you don't make a reservation, they can't take you.

If you don't want to rent a car, you could also take the Airport Express van to the Overland Park Marriott hotel and take a cab from there.

(Those of you renting cars at the airport: we'll discuss the route shortly, in the ARRIVAL section.)



Preparing for the Trip Packing computer stuff and other stuff What to bring & how to get it there

Preparing for the Trip

Get plenty of sleep before you go, because you're not likely to get much sleep at KansasFest. KansasFest days are 18 hours long, unless they're 20 or 24 hours long. There's too much going on to waste time in sleep!

On the same note, make sure you don't schedule anything important (like operating heavy machinery) for the day after KansasFest--Monday, August 4. You'll have had so little sleep that you won't feel your best.

Packing--Computer Stuff

Lots of people brings computers. If you're doing this, make a backup of your hard drive and leave the backup at home. If you won't feel safe unless you take a backup with you, make two backups.

If you're bringing a hard drive and you're travelling by plane, you may want to consider packing the hard drive in your carry-on luggage. That way, you can extract the hard drive from the luggage before it gets X-rayed (!). Tell the attendant that what you are carrying in your hand is a hard drive for a computer, and that it might be damaged by the X-ray machine. Chances are they'll handle it differently. If they tell you that no damage could possibly be caused, don't believe them. (You may have to obey them, but don't believe

them.) Try insisting-politely!--on special handling anyway. Incidentally, X-rays are not good for diskettes either.



Bring plenty of extension cords, power bars, and surge suppressors, plus phone cord if you bring your modem. Bring plenty of blank disks. Bring anything you'd like to show off, either software or hardware.

Packing--Other Stuff

A word about clothing:
KansasFest is "dress casual", and
Kansas City in July is hot and humid,
so light clothing would be a good
idea. If you're bringing anything that
you want to hang in the closet, bring
your own hangers.

You should pack a bathrobe or something you don't mind walking the halls in when you rise in the morning. The dorms will be housing both sexes, and there are no private bathrooms.

Towels are supplied, but you can pack an extra one if you feel so inclined. Be sure to bring all the

What to do with all the stuff you packed

usual toiletries: soap, shampoo, toothbrush, and all the etceteras.

There are modular phone jacks in all the dorm rooms, but phones are not provided, so pack a phone, if only for local calls (which are free). If you know who your roommate is, you can assure her or him that you're bringing the phone and save her or him the trouble.

If you're serious about making the morning sessions, an alarm clock is a good idea. If you're really serious about attending morning sessions, ear plugs—for the night before-couldn't hurt either. <grin>

Unless you're a private soul, some sort of sign for your door is a good idea, so that people can find you. Many people take the trouble to make these before they leave.

Don't forget your airline tickets and other travel documents, if any, but don't pack them in your checked luggage. Also don't forget a quarter for a phone call.



Getting to Avila from the airport Transportation by Quicksilver Driving to Avila

Arriving

Getting from the Airport to Avila

If you've arranged with Quicksilver to pick you up at the airport, as you leave the "gate", look for someone holding up a sign with your name on it. (The sign will probably also have "Quicksilver" written on it.)

Of course, Quicksilver have been known to get busy at KansasFest time. If no one is there looking for you, start by looking for them. The Quicksilver people are usually easy to spot. If there's no one from Quicksilver in the terminal, don't panic. Just call them at 262-0905. This is a local call from the airport. (You did remember a quarter for a phone call, didn't you?)

Remember that you cannot ride with Quicksilver unless you have made a reservation at least one day in advance.

Driving from the Airport to Avila

If you're renting a car, start looking for the desk of the rental agency you're dealing with. (Remember that there are shuttle buses among the three terminals, if necessary.)

Once you've got your car, exit through the airport's main gate (Cookingham Drive) onto Interstate 29 heading south. At highway 152, exit west. Follow 152 west to I-435.

Take I-435 south and follow it around until it reaches Wornall Road from the west. Take the Wornall Road exit. Then turn in at Avila College (which is a left turn off Wornall if you approach it from I-435). Check our handy Avila map below for where to park. The best place is probably the lot near the dormitories.

After Hours Arrival

It's Wednesday night, and it's dark already. Quicksilver has just dropped you off... or you've just parked the rental car. You're tired after the long drive from the airport. You've never been to Avila College before. Now what do you do?

Well, if you know beforehand that you're going to arrive after hours, you should contact Cindy Adams so that she can let the Avila staff know about late arrivals. Suppose, however, that you've arrived late by accident—your flights was delayed, or your car had a flat? What do you do now?

It's easy. The campus at Avila is small, and there are only three buildings that KFesters need to explore:

1. Whitfield Conference Center:

This is where most of the actual conference sessions take place. It's sufficiently small that you'd have to try really hard to get lost here. If you walk the path to Whitfield from one of the other buildings listed below, go down the stairs as soon as you get inside the door. If you enter

Where things are: Ridgway Dormitory Marian Center & Cafeteria Whitfield Conference Center

Whitfield from the roadway, you're at the main conference entrance, so don't worry.

2. Marian Center:

This is where the cafeteria is.
Unless you're booked into a nearby hotel, this is where you come to eat.
This is also where the celebrity roast is traditionally held. Yes, you're allowed to attend the roast even if you're staying at a hotel, and you get to eat lunch here too.

3. either Ridgway or Carondelet dormitory:

This is where you sleep, at least in theory. Even hotel-dwellers need to know about the dorms, since you'll spend a lot of your evenings hanging out here. At past KFests, both dorms have been used, but this year, only one of them is available. You'll find out which is the KFest dorm for 1997 when you arrive.

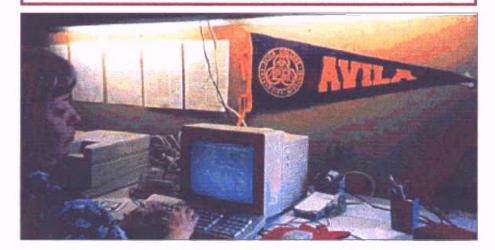
Look at the map of the campus below and get your bearings:

EDITOR'S NOTE:

In the original document Doug wrote for A2Lamp, there was a nice ASCii drawn map. Since it doesn't import well in various font styles, please refer to the map included in your registration packet.



Your room at Ridgway dormitory Registration and checkin at Marian Center



If it's late Wednesday night, forget about registering for the conference. Check-in ended at 4 PM. Concentrate on registering for your room, so at least you'll have a place to sleep tonight.

If it's extremely late at night, the front doors of the dorms may be shut. Look for a buzzer that will rouse a member of the staff.

The best thing to do is to read the instructions in your preliminary information packet, but if they don't produce satisfactory results, wander about one or both of the dorms until you find someone who'll take pity on you and let you collapse onto a bed. You'll get a room assignment and a room key. (You may even get a sheet of paper that tells you who you've been billeted with and how to register for the conference on the following morning.)

If you're staying in Ridgway, don't collapse the minute you see your room key. The lowest number it will have on it is 401. That does not

mean you're on the fourth floor. (Particularly as Ridgway has only three floors.) If your room number begins with 4, it means you're on the first floor (or "ground floor" to most Europeans). Similar deal for the second and third floors. If your room number doesn't begin with 4, 5, or 6, it means you aren't staying at Ridgway.

If wandering around the dorms doesn't produce any results, try Marian Center. If you still can't find anyone, wander down toward Whitfield.

Arriving after hours means you get to check in to your room. You still must register for the conference in the morning. We'll cover that in the "Business Hours Arrival" section. For now, what about your room?

Your Room

Rooms at the Avila College dorms each have two beds. If your roommate is there, smile and introduce yourself. If your roommate 4 is First 5 is Second 6 is Third Remember that for elevators

isn't there, don't be alarmed. Your roommate may not have arrived yet, in which case you get to grab the best bed. (I'm joking. Neither bed will be any less loathsome than the other.) Probably your roommate has already arrived, grabbed the best bed, and is out visiting others.

Near the beds is a long institutional-looking unit with two closets, two sets of drawers, and assorted storage space. The opposite side of this unit is a desk long enough for two people to work at. There's plenty of room for two computers on this desk, but there's just one outlet per computer. If you don't have a power bar or a Kensington System Saver or an AE Conserver, you're going to be limited to plugging in the computer and the monitor--no hard drive, no modem, nothing else. (Those of you with internal hard drives can stop being smug right now.)

Near the desk are two outlets that seem to be phone jacks. They aren't phone jacks. The phone jack is on the other side of the room, by the beds. If you didn't bring plenty of phone extension cord, you'll have to set up your computer at the foot of your bed. (Don't laugh. It's happened.) Don't waste time looking for the phone; they aren't supplied, which is why you had to bring one in your suitcase. To find out the phone number of your room (so that people can call you), ask one of the Avila staff.

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If you didn't bring a phone, you can still use one of the pay phones in the hallways.

When dialing out from your dorm room, either with a phone or a modem, you'll need to prefix the number with a 9 to get an outside line. If you're using a modem, you may be able to use its "wait for dialtone" feature before you dial the number. So the proper sequence would be:

ATDT9w4741778

If your modem doesn't support "wait for dialtone", try using a few commas (,) to create a pause:

ATDT9,,4725178

You may also need to set your software up so it waits about 45 seconds for a connect instead of the standard 30 seconds, because it takes a bit longer to get through to the number you're dialing.

(There's information about dialing Genie later in this article.)

The only real luxury that the rooms boast is air-conditioning. No private baths here, but you'll find bathrooms just down the corridor a piece. The one I frequented had one bathtub, two showers, three toilets, four sinks (one with an attachment for washing hair), and assorted mirrors. Every floor also seems to have a TV lounge and a small kitchen.

Business Hours Arrival

If you arrive at Avila between 9
AM and 5 PM (preferably between 1
PM and 4 PM Wednesday!), you can
register for the conference and your
room (if applicable) at the same
time. Check your pre-conference
packet for information on where to
register. It will be somewhere in one
of the four buildings mentioned
above, of course.

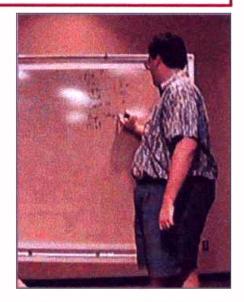
One note of warning: if you've been told to register somewhere—say, the cafeteria at Marian center—and no one has shown up fifteen minutes after the listed start time, then by all means check the dorms and Whitfield center to see if registration has been moved there. It's unlikely you'll have to worry about something like this, but it doesn't hurt to be prepared.

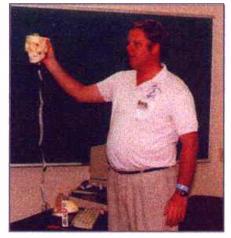


Curricular Events

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The sessions—no one dignifies them with the name "seminars"—are







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mostly held at the Whitfield conference center. The main conference room is right inside the main doors (the doors closest to Wornall Road). If you don't know how to get to the session you want to attend, come here. It will either be in this room or someone in this room will know where the right room is.

There's a social aspect to this part of the occasion as well. You'll see plenty of schmoozing in Whitfield lobby, right outside the main conference room. Expect cameras, both still and video, and demented people operating them. Cameras are used to record the presentations, or people meeting, or the general craziness that's going on!

"Formal" sessions have been known to take place in the dorms as well. Informal sessions have definitely been known to take place in the dorms! On the last day of KansasFest, there's a demonstration of new and upcoming software and a vendors' fair. The demos are currently scheduled for the morning and the fair for the afternoon, but that may change. The fair is a chance to pick up hardware and software at special KFest prices, and to see and buy software never before released.

Semi-curricular Events

While not officially part of the proceedings, some products may be released at KansasFest. (I sometimes think Apple II programmers would never ever ship if it weren't for KansasFest and Christmas.) This year, there still haven't been any announcements, so you'll have to attend to find out what's up-and-coming.

Even if nothing gets released, you're practically guaranteed some product previews. Here are my wild guesses at what might be shown this year:

On the last day of Kansas-Fest, there's a demonstration of new and upcoming software and a vendors' fair.

- Tony Diaz has threatened to have an LCD-based Apple IIGS working, "but not," he adds, "in the portable case that I attacked last summer. I found a Dynamac and it fits much better in that case instead."
- Mike Westerfield has been working on a programming language for the Apple IIGS tentatively called GSoft BASIC.
- Mike Westerfield has also been working on a spelling-checker, though it's been a long time since anyone bugged him about it;
- Ewen Wannop is working on an offline message reader (one like CoPilot) called Crock O' Gold and is developing Spectrum XCMDs to make this task easier. It's in release now, so ask around -- someone has a copy of it.







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While not officially part of the proceedings, some products may be released at Kfest.

- Burger Bill Heineman is going to be updating the Harmonie printer drivers for the more modern Hewlett-Packard DeskJet printers, according to Joe Kohn.
- Perhaps someone will have obtained permission from Derek Taubert to demonstrate his "in progress" web browser.
- SevenHills are continuing to work on an update to SuperConvert that supports JPEG graphics and many other new formats—perhaps there'll be a peek at what's done so far.

Who knows what else? I sure don't!

Extra-curricular Events

It is perfectly possible to attend KansasFest, attend the sessions 9-5, and go back home. But why would you want to?

One reason you might want to is that you're shy. You're shy at any gathering, but you can't imagine conversing with Richard Bennett, Joe Kohn, Max Jones, Tony Diaz. Geoff Weiss, or Ryan Suenaga! There's no reason to be shy. Do what Dean Esmay did at his first KansasFest: walk around introducing yourself. To everyone. You'll meet lots of people just as awestruck as you are, and you can swap tips. stories, recommendations, and lies. Don't be intimidated by meeting wellknown Apple II figures. Heck, we're all "just folks".

Kfest traditions

- Bite the Bag
- Creative Tie Night

Don't let vourself leave KansasFest without having mingled. Wander around the dorms. If there's one person sitting at a computer, just say "hi". You're intelligent enough to know how to figure out if the person is hard at work or at home to callers. If there are a bunch of people--which is far more likely, particularly during the evening--you might be shy about joining the group. Don't be. Just announce your presence ("Hi, everybody! Room for one more?"). You'll be surprised how welcome the group will make you feel. Whatever the group is doing, it's probably in "kibitz mode", so join in!

What will the group be doing? Hard to say. They might be:

- trying out software that hasn't been released yet;
- trying to get a piece of software to crash;
- trying to get it to stop crashing (i.e. debugging it);
- sending a group message to Genie;
- playing a game;
- fixing hardware;
- reminiscing about previous KansasFests; or
- telling stories about the heyday of the Apple II.

There's a chance that the group will be "multi-tasking"—that is, doing more than one of these things at the same time.

There are other extra-curricular events that have almost become

- Celebrity Roast
- Calling Genie
 - Nerf Warfare

KFest traditions:

- the Roger Wagner tie report
- Nerf(TM) warfare
- * and a game called Bite the Bag, which involves a paper bag and a sense of balance. But what about the "real" traditions?

Tradition I: Celebrity Roast

If the term "celebrity roast" is new to you, rest assured that it's not dangerous, not even to the celebrity. Open flame is not involved, except metaphorically. A roast is simply an event where members of a panel give short speeches which "honor" the celebrity guest by dishing out good-natured insults and backhanded compliments: "A lot of people don't know that Richard Bennett has a poor sense of direction. Every time he tries to come to KansasFest, he finds himself in England." (Except that most of the jokes will be funnier than that.) Ideally, the person being "roasted" is the keynote speaker from the previous KFest, but this isn't always possible. This year, the celebrity being roasted is indeed Richard Bennett, the Australian programmer who recently updated Seven Hill's GraphicWriter III and author of MiniTalk, the freeware Classic Desk Accessory telecommunications program.

This event is catered and held in the Avila cafeteria in the Marian center. It's open to all KansasFest attendees, not just those staying on campus Dialing instructions for Genie and Delphi Local access numbers for direct dial and Sprintnet

Tradition II: Calling Genie

The link between KansasFest and Genie is too complicated to go into here - suffice it to say that people always manage to find time to post early reports on Genie. I expect that this year, Delphi will also be a port of first call for many attendees. CompuServe and comp.sys.apple2 often get the news early, too. But Genie is the service with the longest connection to KansasFest..



Here are the Genie numbers local to Kansas City:

300/1200/2400 816-474-1778 9600 816-472-5178

There are also SprintNet numbers, through which you can access both Genie and Delphi:

300/1200 816-221-9900 2400 816-472-1430 9600/14400 816-421-5783

To sign on to Genie using SprintNet:

- 1. Dial the local SprintNet number.
- Wait to be connected.
- If your modem is 300 baud, press H, then press Return 3 times.

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- If your modem is 1200 baud, press H, then press Return 2 times.
- If your modem is 2400 baud or faster, type @H, then press Return.
- 3. When TERMINAL= appears, press D, then press 1, then press RETURN.
- Wait for @ to appear, then type C GENIE and press Return.



To sign on to Delphi using SprintNet:

- Dial the local SprintNet number.
- Wait to be connected.
- If your modem is 300 or 1200 baud, press Return, then press D, then Return again.
- If your modem is 2400 baud or faster, type @D, then press Return.
- 3. When TERMINAL= appears, press Return.
- 4. Wait for @ to appear, then type C DELPHI and press Return.

Don't worry about long-distance charges within the city. The greater metropolitan area of Kansas City is in two states with two area codes "Tell me what happens. All the gory details. The thought of breaking bread with some of these people intrigues me."

(816 for Missouri and 913 for Kansas). However, nearly all calls within the Kansas City metropolitan area are local.

Remember that you need to prefix the number with a 9 (to get an outside line) and either a "wait for dialtone" command (w) or "pause" command (,) before you dial the number

.ATDT9w472-5178 or ATDT9,,472-5178



Tradition III: Dining Out

I confess I've never been part of this tradition, but I hear that it's traditional to take at least one meal at one of two restaurants (or both!)—KC Masterpiece and Jess & Jim's. The attraction is Kansas City steak, or so they tell me.

If you hang out in the dorm rooms, you're bound to hear of groups heading off to "dine posh".

Ask to be counted in... and tell me what happens, all the gory details. The thought of breaking bread with some of these people

intrigues me.

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A Typical Day

A KansasFest day doesn't begin when you might expect it to. It begins right after supper. The pressing question of something to eat over with, you take the aperitif of your choice—Jolt! cola, Dr Pepper, or Mountain Dew—and wander around the dorms to see who's doing what. Some people will be staying up until very late. The reason for this is that program bugs stay hidden until at least 2 AM, and the really obscure ones wait until 5 AM.

When morning comes, you may or may not have gotten any sleep. If you have, chances are that you didn't get much of it. The cafeteria staff stop serving breakfast at 8:30, but you may decide that sleep is more important than food. In fact, you may decide that sleep is more important than being at the first session. Or the first two sessions. Or world peace.

Eventually you get out of bed and dither over which of the simultaneous sessions you want to attend. You can bring paper or a computer to take notes, if you wish-no one will laugh or point. No one will frown if you don't take notes, either.

All sessions will run over their allotted time. This is an immutable rule. The domino theory rapidly comes into play here, which wreaks merry havoc with the schedule.

After the morning sessions, there's an hour to get some lunch at the cafeteria at Marian center. (Lunch is available to all attendees, whether staying on campus or not.) No one takes attendance here, either.

During lunch, the stragglers begin to arrive, and afternoon sessions may be more generously attended and received, since pretty much everyone is now awake and reasonably certain that life is worth living. The afternoon sessions will officially end at 5:00 or 5:30, but they may last a while longer, since no one else is waiting to use the room. It's possible to get so involved in the final session for the day that you miss the evening meal at the cafeteria.

Or perhaps you've decided to give the cafeteria a miss. Someone might be headed to a restaurant for a meal—ask around. After you've eaten, well... the cycle begins all over.

Leaving

Avila College hosts events other than KansasFest—in fact, Avila's summers are tightly booked. In previous years, both Ridgway and Carondelet dorms have been available to KFesters, but last year (and this year?), the organizing committee could only get one. That should give you some idea of how hectic things are.

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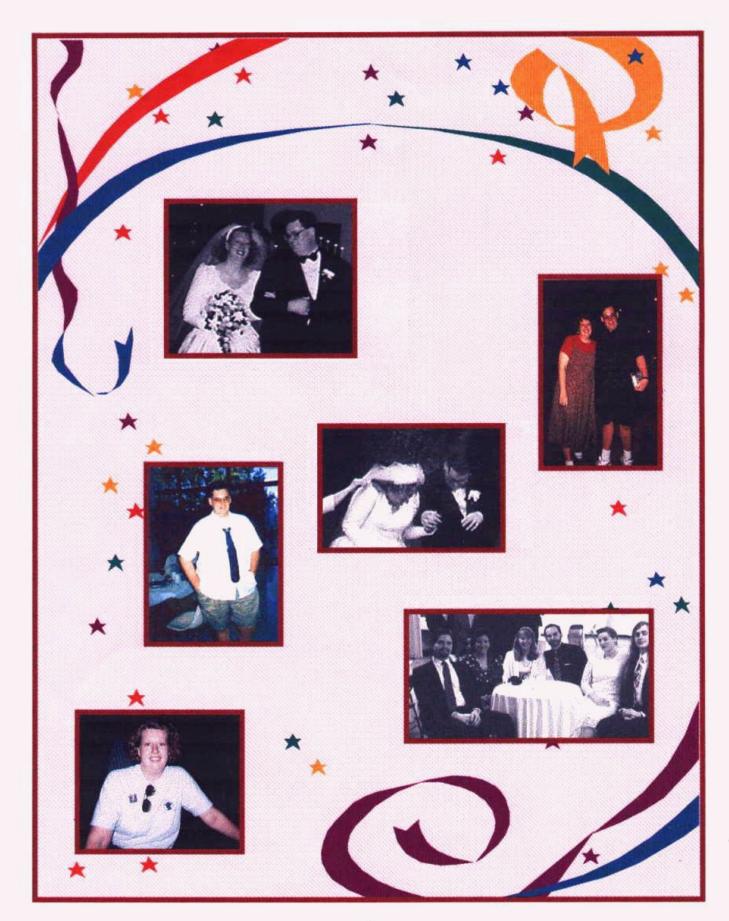
Because Avila is playing host to others after KansasFest is over, be sure to check out on time. This year, you have the option of staying over on Saturday night and checking out on Sunday, but don't push it. Checkout time is 11 AM-1 PM Sunday. Avila wants you out of there by 1 PM on Sunday at the latest!

Incidentally, if you're travelling with Quicksilver, don't forget that you must have booked your return trip to the airport at least 24 hours in advance. Since most people leave at much the same time, it may be possible to catch a lift to the airport if you've made friends with someone heading that way.

This is far from the end. In fact, it's not even the beginning. If you've been reading this, it's undoubtedly to prepare for KansasFest, which means it's all still to come! So have a great time at KansasFest—and if you spot the man who began it all, Tom Weishaar (a/k/a "Uncle DOS"), give him my warmest regards.

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