Black Genesis To Show Here Tuesday

Mel Winkler, prominent and extremely talented black actor, will present his one-man show, "Black Genesis," at Aquinas College, Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 8:00 p.m. in Wege Center auditorium. The production, which features poetry with music and commentary, is a startling look at the black experience from African roots to contemporary American society. Winkler recalls the glory of slavery, the degradations of servitude, the frustrations and ennui of post-slavery times. It's powerful acted out through the poetry of revolutionary and traditional black writers and the provocative wit of Mr. Winkler. He made his Broadway debut as Rudy in "The Great White Hope" and understudied James Earl Jones in "Fences." In 1970 he played the role of the black militant in "The Trial of A. Lincoln." In his latest Off Broadway show, he won critical plaudits for his portrayal of the worldly, wise, embittered Cliff in Ed Bullins' "In New England Winter." His television credits include feature roles in prominent serials and narrative of "African Art, Black Heritage" and other special documentary programs. He was on "Another World" and as Dr. Simon Harris in "The Doctors." Winkler has appeared in such films as "Zora" with John Cazale and starred as J. J. in "Power to the People," recently filmed in New York City.

A graduate of Lincoln University in Missouri where he majored in journalism, Winkler served as captain in the Green Berets statewide and throughout Vietnam. Before taking up acting as a career, Winkler was a feature writer for the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, leading black newspapers, Business Week, and Medical World News. The performance is open to the public and tickets are $1.50 available at the door.

Term Paper Bombs Out

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (CBN)—Two University of Michigan students are facing expulsion for using a commercial term paper writing service.

The service sold both students identical papers, who, unknowingly, turned them in to the same English professor. The company told each student that he received an original term paper which would be the only one at the university. In addition, in May of this year, two Harvard students were found to have used this service. One was expelled and the other suspended for one year.

University of English Professor Chairman Charles Hagel said a student using this type of service may face university expulsion. "Only the student stands to lose by using this service," Hagelman said.

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Women's Caucus Conference Held

GRAND RAPIDS—Expanding Women's Political Consciousness was the theme of the founding conference of the nonpartisan Fifth District Women's Caucus held on Saturday, February 12 at the downtown YWCA, 25 Sheldon, S.E.

Open to all interested women, the Caucus is a umbrella organization for all women interested in political activities. It is a nonpartisan organization open to all women, Republicans, Democrats, independents, liberals and conservatives, the afternoon conference featured four workshops: "Growth-Rate Womanpower"—the house of politics; "Have They Done for Women Lateley?"—how to exert influence on legislatures and current legislation; "Where to Go When Discrimination Strikes"—how to use government agencies affecting women; and "Once Upon a Pedestal: Toward a New Image"—what to do about psychological and sociological barriers.

The Fifth District Women's Caucus was organized in December in Grand Rapids by women of many political persuasions, representing a broad spectrum of society, with the overall goal of moving large numbers of women toward more responsible, effective roles in public life at all levels.

Speaking at the conference's opening session on "Women in the Political Process in the '70's" was Vernis Schad, member of the Grand Rapids Board of Education. The participating in the opening session were Ruth Sedam, vice-chairman of the Kent County Democratic Committee, and Pat Lee, vice-chairman of the Kent County Republican Committee.

Workshop resource people included Carol Josephson, former vice-chairman of the Kent County Republican Committee; Thomas F. Blackwell, chairman of the Kent County Democratic Committee; Carol Macintosh, assistant to State Senator William Ballenger; Lillian Hatcher, UAW Women's Department; Curtis Strader, director of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission; Dolly Kroeswy, income maintenance supervisor of the Kent County Department of Social Services; June Idema, director of Encore at Aquinas College; Arv Cary, former director of the Grand Rapids Child Guidance Clinic; and Mary Noltenkam, a member of the Feminists, a local women's rights group.

For information on Fifth District Women's Political Caucus founded in East Lansing in November, which in turn grew out of the national Women's Political Caucus founded in Washington in the summer, stress that the organization seeks women willing to get involved in national and local politics, to register women to vote, to recruit women to run for office, to let women into the political process, to get actively involved in politics and to exert the political pressure necessary for women to be recognized in the political arena.

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Happy To Hold Talk

Wednesday, March 1 at 1:30 P.M. in the Main Lounge, President Norbert Hruby will hold an informal discussion with students of Aquinas College. All Aquinas students are welcome. No set format is planned and all questions, views, and ideas are welcome.

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Letters To The Editor

Aquinas Has Credibility Gap

Dear Editor,

Whenever an Aquinas student has a question about student policy, conduct, or rights, the stock answer is, "Go see Tom Deschaine." Well, I went to see Tom Deschaine and was less than satisfied with the answers I got from him.

Mr. Deschaine has helped bring about many innovations on campus, but there is one problem which the Student Senate, the Student Manager, the Student Manager's Committee, the Student Manager's Assistant, the Student Manager's Office, the Improvement Committee of the Student Senate, the Student Manager's Committee, and the Student Manager's Assistant have not improved: the purity of student life at Aquinas.

Mr. Deschaine, in his position as the Student Manager, has the power to make great changes on campus. However, there are many problems which have to be addressed:

1. Campus Life
   - Alcohol Use
   - Drug Use
   - Violence

2. Academic Life
   - Course Difficulty
   - Grading Policy

3. Social Life
   - Co-Ed Housing
   - Social Events

These problems are not going away, and it is up to the Student Senate to address them. However, it is clear that the Student Senate does not have the power to make the necessary changes.

Dear Editor,

We, the students of Aquinas College, are writing this letter to express our concerns regarding the current state of our campus. We believe that the university has a responsibility to provide a safe and healthy environment for all students.

We have noticed a concerning trend of alcohol and drug use on campus. These substances not only affect the health and well-being of students, but also pose a risk to the safety of others. We strongly encourage the administration to implement stricter policies and regulations to address this issue.

In addition, we have observed instances of violence on campus, which is unacceptable and cannot be tolerated. The university must take immediate action to prevent such incidents from occurring in the future.

Furthermore, we believe that the academic environment on campus could be improved by increasing transparency in grading policies and course difficulty. Students deserve clear and consistent standards to ensure their academic success.

We urge the administration to address these concerns and take the necessary steps to create a safer, healthier, and more academically stimulating campus for all students.

Best regards,

[Student Signature]

[Student Name]
Hopes Perish
Wets Lives Shattered
by Rick Mitza

I tend to forget. As I sit through classes in sociology and psychology, I come to realize, I am a student-oriented world, as I ponder What I Want To Be When I Grow Up after college, as I write for this college magazine, as I wait for the huge new building, lie hundreds of prostrate young bodies. There is no noise on the top floor except the sound of an occasional doctor’s diagnosis. There is no laughter. Very little talking. It’s not a scene out of Marcus Welby. It’s the real thing.

Down the hall in a starched white room lies a young Harvard graduate who will never see, speak, hear, taste or move again. Vegetable. He just lies in bed and thinks. He can do nothing else. Nearby, a kid in a bed chats with a guest. His mother? His head is propped on three pillows and he move with their eyes. From the neck down it’s just the neck down. Their legs are shrunken, their hands just slightly quivery. They may never move again.

They did it for their country. They did it for their generation. They did it for college. Now they have few choices left.

I visited the Milwaukee VA hospital recently. I watched up and down hallways of the surgical injury ward and asked the Vietnamese veterans if they would talk to me. They often talk like elders to young men, trying to make everything seem less daunting. They’re so concerned with their war stories that they often forget their own lives. Anyway, I heard one story.

“What’s important to me now is that I’d like to go back to college someday,” said a dark-haired, good-looking veteran hunched over a wheelchair. “I want to work with people, to become a psychologist, want to be able to cope. I want to get back into society.”

“The war? I never believed in killing people. I had to kill people to survive. I think about it a lot. I’m happy to be here. Nobody likes to get killed,” another said. “But burning flags is sick. It’s not like burning a flag, I would have to do that before. It’s a lot of the play is that flag. If you can’t believe in a country, you can’t believe in a free country.”

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Two of the finest basketball players in the history of Aquinas hardwood action will be ending their college careers at the close of this season. Center Charles Mathews and forward Mark Simons are the two graduating seniors on this year’s team and their loss will be sorely felt. Both have compiled records during their careers that speak for themselves.

Coming to Aquinas for the 1970-71 season Charles carried with him several impressive credentials. He attended high school at East Chicago High School in 1967 and was named to the Indiana All-Tournament Team. In his two years at Aquinas, Charles has gained a reputation as a tenacious rebounder. In the 1971 season, Charles has clipped for a 13.2 rebound average and a 131 total points scored average. Last season he shot 60% from the floor, the best by any Aquinas player in a single game. This season he has averaged 17 points against Northwood of Indiana, and 26 rebounds versus Purdue Calumet. The 26 rebounds in a single game places him third in the Aquinas record books.

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