Panama Canal

Treaty To Be Discussed

by DEAN HILL

The Panama Canal treaties will be the topic of an educational program of the World Affairs Council of Western Michigan.

The presentation, designed to give West Michigan an opportunity to participate in the shaping of United States foreign policy, will be held at Aquinas College on October 20, in the Veg Center Ballroom.

The program will be divided into two sessions. The afternoon session, from 2:30 p.m. - 5 p.m., will center around opening statements and questions from the floor. Student participation is welcome during the session. The second session, from 6:15 p.m. - 9 p.m., will be a dinner meeting with the keynote address given by James Becker.

Becker will be the State Department representative at the seminar. He has served in the Office of Panamanian Affairs (WAC) and the U.S. Department of State. Becker will speak in favor of the treaties. An aide to Senator Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), Dr. James Lucier, will represent those who oppose the ratification of the treaties. Dr. Robert De Vries of Calvin College will act as moderator for the discussion portion of the seminar.

The World Affairs Council (WAC) is an "independent, voluntary, non-profit, non-partisan, educational organization supported entirely by contributions and memberships."

President Carter has asked the Department of State to open up the decision making process to include the voice of the American people. The WAC is one organization that promotes this type of participation.

An opinion poll will be taken during and after the seminar and the results will be presented to the state legislature and U.S. Congress.

The only cost for the program will be $5 for the dinner. Reservations for the dinner may be made by contacting the World Affairs Council at 435-8335.
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Lecture Series Opening
Lacks Student Interest

by JOE STIEV

There was no overabundance of students at the first talk of the "Alternatives to Vio­ lence" lecture series. "I don't know what to do to get students involved," said Mona Schwartz, organizer of the lecture series, stated after Fr. Bryan Hehir's lecture on peace and justice. "We were not promoting the fact that he was here, only his past actions.

In addition to their activities outside Wege, Michelle McClear, one of four members of the Geography Association involved in the Peace and Justice for a long time. "I don't know what to do to get students involved," she said. "I never really saw any protest posters." When asked about his impression of the campus, Ford said, "I was handled very well."

The Geography Association protested the signs outside Wege Center, Ford stated, "I did not see any protest posters." When pointed out to him, he still denied seeing them, saying "I never really saw any.

The Geography Association expressed concern over the protest, as the Peace and Justice Association felt the public had the right to know of their involvement.

"We are really not trying to 'protest' Amway," stated President Janetti. "We just felt that their position in relation to the protest was not valid." When asked about this, Director of Public Relations, Marcia Clapp replied, "There were protest posters on campus and we pleased with what the students did. Everything was all very or­ derly and quiet.

Amway Corporation was included in the "protest" when it was brought to the students' attention that the company was footing part of the bill for the lecture.

Despite the fact that Am­ way wished to remain anony­ mous, the Geography Associa­ tion felt the public had the right to know of their involve­ ment.

"We are really not trying to 'protest' Amway," stated President Janetti. "We just felt that their position in relation to the whole mess should be made clear."

In addition, Secret Servicemen, despite the fact that they were present and Ford about the protest, did feel that there was reason to question an 8:40 a.m. news spot on the radio released by the Geography Association voicing the reasons behind the protest.

The concern was over a rumor to the effect that Ford would walk in the front doors of the building.

The rumor originated from the broadcast, in which the com­ mencement address of the Geography Association, being the only student in the province to answer the four-part question. "The Geography Association member, Dean Hall explained, "The Association never intended the broadcast to imply any actual physical confrontation."
It's no secret that the new-found modularity of the more career oriented majors such as business administration and accounting have caused the humanities (English, History et al) to take a nose dive from the lofty pedestal they've rested on for centuries. Perhaps the academic upheaval, the following scene has become an all-too-familiar one at graduation time.

Graduating Accounting major: "Well, here we are. One more hour and it'll be officially over. I'm glad to be getting out of here." Sr. Anne: "They sell. It is more visibly at work through its service to the home town in Belleville, Michigan..."

Graduating English major: "English, with a minor in philosophy.

AM: "Oh, I'm sorry. You don't have to talk about it if you don't want to. I shouldn't have brought it up.

EM: "No. It's all right. I don't mind talking about it. By the way, please don't end sentences in prepositions."

AM: "Well, I just want you to know that if you ever want a hot meal or anything I'll be glad to help out. Would you like to borrow a couple of bucks?"

EM: "Thanks, but I'll be alright. I heard that McDonals is hiring.

English majors actually don't want anyone's pity. All we'd like is a loose typewriter, a tight dictionary and a warm place to hold class.

The third item can sometimes be the most elusive, as professor George Harper's Shakespeare class has discovered. Harper, a professor from Calvin College who was brought in to teach the Shakespeare course following the resignation of Ms. Gertrude Horgan from the Aquinas faculty, was not shaken by the loss of a classroom to teach in on Thursday nights. The classroom was expropriated by a roving band of graduate management students who, not to be intimidated by mere English undergraduates, stood fast in their new found home.

Harper and his group of outcasts took on a nomadic lifestyle, settling in any quiet, unoccupied place that they could find, ranging from the faculty lounge to the back room of the second floor library. Except for the noisy ventilator in the faculty lounge and the fact that the group had an audience in the college, the students learned to deal with their lifestyle quite effectively.

Testimony of the group's adaptability is given by one particular incident in which Harper was left without a photograph on which to play a recording of Henry IV Part I. The supposition is that an accounting class needed the phonograph in order to play a recording of a bank computer song of "We're in the Money"; however, I would not like to be quoted on that point.

Since the media department was closed for the day, it looked as if the students would have their chance to hear the recording. Fortunately, however, one of the students, who lived near the campus and had a stereo, invited the class home. But because one of his housemates already had guests downstairs, the student had no choice but to bring the group into his bedroom and listen to the record.

Clauses have probably been held in stranger places than students' bedrooms, but I suspect that it happens rather infrequently. In any case, I certainly am glad that my room was clean.

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due to the increasing viability of Aquinas College in the community. "It is a lot easier product to sell. It is more visibly at work through its service to the community and community education programs," said Sr. Anne.

Alumni support Aquinas for a variety of reasons. Timothy Connors, graduate of 1955, contributes to the alumni fund because, as Connors says, "Aquinas made an effort to come to my hometown, Detroit, Michigan in 1950 to recruit.

Mr. Wibokowski laid the academic program groundwork, and even though I didn't have the money for tuition, I was given a partial scholarship.

Connors claims he also gave the school because he got to know Professor Lewis B. Chingam, Dr. George L. Mountain, Fr. Adrian English and others on the staff who made quite an impression on him. "Their influence meant a lot to me and I can't forget this collection of good people," he said.

Dick Siedlecki, who graduated in 1951 from Aquinas, received the Outstanding Alumnus Award for his contributions in teaching introductory courses in engineering, working for numerous alumni fund campaigns serving on the alumni board of directors and belonging to the president's round table because he donated $100 or more to the fund.

Not only do alumni support the school, but non-alumni also contribute great sums, such as Robin C. P. Sr., executive of Steelcase Inc., Peter M. Wege, non-alumni recipient of the outstanding service award of the Alumni Association, has made valuable contributions to the development of the Wege Center. Wege received an honorary degree from the school in 1959, served as chairman of the lay advisory Board of Trustees in 1961 and from 1961 to 1966 served as development and planning consultant. He is cited as one of the great benefactors who in a quiet and consistent manner to staff and students.

There is an organization on this campus known as the Student Graduation Committee (SAC). The SAC is not peculiar to Aquinas, but can be found on any campus in America. This group has a strong membership that works 24 hours a day, seven days a week to think of new ways to carry out its mission.

The SAC is an offspring of the OAC, Owners Graduation Committee, that had its beginning back when the automobile was first invented. Things were simpler when left to nature. Take the horse for example. Up front was the head, and then there was the other end. Now with the influx of foreign cars it is difficult to tell where the engine is.

Even after the engine is located with the OAC at work, it is impossible to find the release for the hood. The OAC goes all out to conceal the latch, making sure that it is changed from model to model and from year to year.

Another OAC engineering feat is the construction of the car door so that when it is opened all the rain and snow accumulated on the roof falls in the driver's seat. Another trick is to form the space using in the trunk so that it must be placed with the valve stem down and cannot be checked for air pressure unless the tire is removed from the trunk. These are just a few examples of the OAC at work.

So if a class is cancelled or re-scheduled without notice, or all the clocks tell a different time, and all the snow in the parking lot is pushed up against the ears, remember this may not be a mere bungling on someone's part, but the precise, well-thought-out work of the SAC.

Come to the "Tim Caffrey Show" - making its debut on Friday and Saturday, November 4 and 5. Talk to Tim Caffrey for more details.

Come to the Baseball team kigger Tuesday, October 25, co-sponsored by the Community Senate. Festivities start at 9:00 p.m. in the Wege Ballroom.

by DONNA J. LABADIE

Halloween will once again be the theme for the Maintenance Shack's Open House to be held on Friday October 28 from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. This campus get-together provides students, faculty, administrators, staff, former employees and alumni with the opportunity to mingle and enjoy an afternoon of food, drink and merriment. Bruce Early and his Jazz Band will furnish the music from 1:30 until Betty "Bubbles" Taylor will be the featured caller for the square dance out in the "compass" this annual fall frolic is sponsored by the Maintenance Dept. See you there!
Eastown

by SHARON WRZESINSKI

You should be able to immediately spot neighborhood volunteers who have spent time on the renovation of the new Eastown Hall at 415 Ethel

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opinion. The decision is ultimately administrative. He doubts, however, that the administration would decide contrary to that opinion.

The Committee on Studies will hold an open hearing on Wednesday October 26 from 9:30 - 11:30 to hear student reaction to the schedules. Anyone with a question or comment regarding proposed changes is asked to attend.

Dr. Barkan also doubts that free Wednesdays will last another year. "Clearly there will be some large blocks of time reserved for meetings and intramurals. Whether that is to be Wednesday mornings remains to be seen."

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Eastown's "Home Sweet Home"

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Features: Free Friday after 1:30

Meetings 4 - 5:15 T,R

50-minute lunch period

Snack Bar

SAGA Food Service

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buy a large Pepsi for 59c and get the glass.

Collect a whole set of 6 characters
Several days ago, feeling content and full due to a midnight snack of German Chocolate cake and iced tea, and having listened to the news reporting the fluctuations in temperature at the airport on the late news for the third time that evening (who in the world lives at the airport anyway?), I crawled up the stairs, divested myself of my clothes, set my alarm for the ungodly hour of seven a.m. and managed to find my way into bed before my eyes gave out on me entirely. I was just at that point of being totally oblivious to slamming door on the street and the sweet nocturnal strains of marital marital waltzing from the neighbor's house - like a voice, amplified a thousand fold by my own state of semi-consciousness coupled with the fact that the walls of my room have the approximate density of a cardboard cereal box shattered through any semblance of sleep that my body had been attempting to feign.

"Chris," is said in my one roommate's voice, speaking to my other roommate, "do you know everyone's dropping off like flies? Everyone's turning twenty!"

Now I have been twenty years of age for nearly eleven months and so far, though I admit at times I tend to be on the brink of something, which no doubt others will heartily verify, I have, believe, yet to "drop off like a fly". In fact this statement seems to be the error and needs some clarification.

Flies don't generally just drop off; if you consider it, they generally meet their end by being swatted. We all have been swatted at times, but rarely at the age of twenty. This is due to the fact that parents, somewhere in the course of their children's development reach the moment of great and terrible truth when they suddenly realize that their children are no longer swappable without the severe probability that they may swat back.

Turning twenty, therefore doesn't necessarily signify that your snappy days are over for this happens, in most cases, a good deal before this age.

"All this is disorienting to my point, which is being twenty isn't all that traumatic. For that matter it's not all that terrifying either. In fact reaching (or rather panting up to) twenty is quite anti-climactical. Especially compared with other birthdays. Like two, when you get your first tricycle. Or three, if you even opened doors to such rewarding and fulfilling experiences as cruising to McDonald's in your parents' mid-size compact. Or eighteen when you can show your ID at the bar in a look of triumph in your eye" (AHA! thought I was only 17, Email).

After looking forward to these firsts, twenty seems to provide little of the delightful anticipation of previous ages. Rather, twenty you get your first vague sense of nostalgia over your long lost youth and you actually catch yourself saying such things as "When I was your age..." or "When I was growing up..." to your 17 year-old brother.

If you can still get up when someone lines the bottom of the cat litter box with the comic page of the Sunday paper before you get a chance to see it, but you also feel a vague sense of duty to continue staring at the page until you cringe at the idea.

At twenty you consider yourself crazy that you ever once would have done something so trivial; has the capacity to be a great astronomer, or an EXY, has the intelligence and character to be a Cademic Vice-President, a Li, will never compromise principle to gain approval; enjoys seeking the co-operation of others, but has great skill in initiating it; understands that her compatriots work as hard as she does; actively seeks new ideas; is willing to accept responsibility; is serious though his surface ap­pearance is one great calmness. Given, epitomized "Objects to the question of the authenticity of astrology."

A partial answer must be that any lifestyle based on irrational principles will not con­tribute to a person's well being. The pressures of society and the sometimes difficult choices that a person must make will ulti­mately not be reduced by an ad­herence to magic and superstition. The comfort of having someone else - in this case the author - to help you decide what to do with your day ultimately denies your own ability to extricate your own free will and take responsibility for your behavior. The case a­gainst astrology was made quite forcefully in the September/October issue of Scientific American. The Humanist where a statement discrediting astrology appeared signed by many well-known persons, including 19 Nobel Prize win­ners. Subscribers to the state­ment, besides "Objects to the question of astrology", included Linus Paul­ing, Hans Bethe, George Wald, Frank Drake, Fred Hoyle and B.F. Skinner.

The objections raised in the most recent mud-slinging novel have merely restated the arguments that scientists have used for decades, often worth repeating.

The gravitational argument is the "if the stars were static..." If there is some physical influ­ence that is caused by the po­sition of the planets in the so­lar system at the time of your birth, an effect caused by the attraction of their masses on that of the new born, it is im­possible to justify. Scientific­ally...to this effect: there is familiar tidal phenomena observable at the Moon's, but a 150 lb. doctor, officia­tion at your birth, would have the same effect as that of the planet Mars. Obviously it be­hooves the astrologer to pay some attention to who was in the delivery room and, in partic­ular, where they were standing. The fact of the matter is that the Moon's effect seems trifle arbitrary when one considers that the time of conception is equally contingent and that induced labor and Car­siarian section can alter the "normal time of birth" dramat­ically.

A close examination of the signs that are central to astrology: Capricor­nus, Aquarius, Pisces, Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio and Sag­gitarius, likewise creates some suspicions. To understand an astro­nomer's difficulty with astro­logy on this point, it is nec­essary to understand the nature of these constellations. To begin with, the regions of the sky that they span are not equal in size. Leo, for example, is about three times larger than Cancer. Some, like Taurus and Leo contain bright, prominent stars whereas others, like Taurus, Aries, are so unpretentious that they are hardly obvious choices as bases for the signs. What stars do constellations have in common, however, is that they lie along the ecliptic - a 16 degree wide band in the sky along which the Sun, moon and planets travel. In order to introduce a regularity to the constellation pattern so that the Sun will spend time as equal and amount of time in each region, the sky has been divided into 12 "zodiacal signs" which are as follows. Though the 12 signs are often thought to align exactly with the 12 constellations, this is not true. The starting point for labeling the signs was chosen to be the hypothetical point in space where the Celestial Equator and the ecliptic cross, known as the first point of Aries. Though the matter of record, the Celestial Equator is the curve formed by projecting the earth's axis out against the back­ground stars while the ecliptic is the curve formed by projecting the plane of the solar system a­gainst the background stars. The constellations that lie along the ecliptic form the sequence known as the zodiac and can be viewed through the reference grid fashioned by the regular­ly spaced signs. The apparent motion of the celestial sphere causes the signs to move across the sky, with the Sun, moon and planets following the stars. The particular sign that is rising over the eastern horizon at the time of your birth, the one that is "ascend­ent", is thought to be of a major influence in your subsequent course of life.

The ultimate difficulty, however, in investigating this is the fact that the earth wobbles in its orbit around the Sun (the cycle of revolution is 365 days) and the Celestial Equator and the e­cliptic intersect about 24° north of the equator, which is the reason that we get a swattee days are over for this happens, in most cases, a good deal before this age.

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Aquinas Looks Toward Ireland

by JIM HORGAN

After years of expansion and growth overseas, the Aquinas community once again looks forward to its Ireland program.

Growing from an original group in 1974 of 14 students to last year's record enrollment of 33, the Ireland Overseas Study Program has become nothing less than a regular feature, if not a tradition, for Aquinas students. With the Ireland-1978 program, this tradition continues.

The Ireland Overseas Program is sponsored by the college to provide participants with an opportunity to fulfill a special semester's worth of credit, all while engaging in a program of Irish studies and travel abroad.

This year's program, as in years past, is open to all regular, full-time Aquinas students of at least sophomore status and to guests from other colleges.

There are still openings for applicants for this year's program.

Students accepted for the program will spend four months (Jan. 9, 1978 - April 28, 1978) living in the Western Galway area on the Renvyle Peninsula in the Connemara region of County Galway.

A unique factor of the program is that these students will be taught and advised by two members of the Aquinas faculty.

This year - the program's fifth anniversary - the faculty members aboard will be two seasoned Ireland participants, Elizabeth Jennings, professor of English, and Sr. Mona Schwind, O.P., Director of overseas programs. Together, these two "ad-lib" to their hearts' content.

Tいくつか the "Cottages"

Ireland 77 Revisited

"I've seen sunny days that I thought would never end.”

In one day, hitch-hiking home past mountains and lakes in the morning, sitting on a sandy beach with the sun in the afternoon, watching the sun set over the Atlantic in the evening, and sitting by a fire late into the night. In that short time, finally realizing how long a day really is.

"I've seen lonely times when I could not find a friend.

With such a long day, doing some thinking and coming up with some hard truths and being 3,000 miles and four months away from friends.

Time for sunny days and time for lonely days. The ebb and flow of time - a tide.

The memories are special.

My heart cries out and sings laments of Connemara and the West of Ireland

I once wrote of the Sunrise of Ireland: “I suppose you could say our stay here has been a bed of roses. But all roses have thorns and this trip is no exception.”

Perfection is not an aspect of the Ireland program. But don’t take me wrong, I’m not putting the program down! I loved the trip and want to return. However, it must be understood that this trip is not a trip to paradise, but who wants it to be? We learn a lot from our mistakes, and I learned a lot over there.

The town of Tully Cross is a beautiful spot, I miss the mountains most of all (Ah, the Moreena Mountains that any). Tully Beach, a short walk, for a place to sit and think at Renvyle Point on the rocks on the ocean.

The memories are special. And many special in the memories are the people, whether they be Irish or fellow students. It was a special time of life (I grow nostalgic as I write this!).

But it came to an end as all things must, and we left our reality of Tullycross for the U.S. Someday I think I may adjust to being back... someday.

Jamie Mitchell
Enrichment Classes

To relearn the value of each human person, to sense our solidarity with all that is human, to learn to listen, to accept our own brokenness—here, I suggest, is one road to understanding.

These are the sentiments of Walter J. Burghardt, S.J. in his book Seven Hungers of the Human Family.

In response to a hunger for understanding and insight, the Education Commission of Campus Ministry will coordinate a second series of enrichment classes at the Pastoral Center beginning in Nov. and ending in early Dec.

"At the Bottom of the Well:
A Workshop in Creative Composition" will be offered on Monday evenings 7:8 p.m. Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28 and Dec. 5. This course will provide an environment in journal, creative and reflective writing as a way of discovering a source of self expression. Attention will be given to the writings of Thomas Merton, Rainer Maria Rilke, Raisa Marain and other reflective writers. Instructor is Patricia Fazzone.

"The Church and the Modern World" will be taught on Wednesday evenings 7-8 p.m. Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30 and Dec. 7. This course will provide a view of the modern and contemporary experience of Catholic history and tradition. Instructor is Fr. Timothy Olay.

Both courses are offered without cost of credit and may be attended as a way of discovering creative gifiveness and of exploring a road to understanding the richness of Christian tradition.

As this series follows an October offering of classes attended by approximately thirty persons from various segments of the college community, it is hoped that this second offering will provide a similar invitation to persons interested in learning.

Campus Ministry Enrichment Classes

Employers

During the month of November, area businesses and branches of the military service will be on campus to interview students for job openings in their organizations.

Each organization will spend a full day on campus. Form 9:45 to 4:30 p.m. representatives from these organizations will be conducting half-hour interviews with job applicants. Students may arrange interviews with career development representatives for interview workshops during October.

The Career Development Center will be conducting interview workshops during October. All students wishing to interview on campus must attend an interview workshop. For more information regarding times of interviews and interview workshops, students are asked to consult the Career Development Center.

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Graduates from various disciplines will be interviewed on Wednesday, Nov. 16 Accounting and business majors will be interviewed for positions in the Supplies Corps. Math, chemistry, and physics majors will be considered for a nuclear instructor's position. Graduates from all disciplines will be interviewed for pilots and other flight instructor positions.

Thursday, Nov. 17 representatives from Meijers will interview for retail management trainees. Applicants from all majors will be considered with preference given to those with retail experience.

The U.S. Marine Corps will be interviewing for its officer's program Tuesday, Nov. 22.

All Pre-Law Juniors And Seniors Note

On Fri., Oct. 21 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. the University of Michigan is sponsoring a Midwest Pre-Law Day in Ann Arbor.

Representatives from over 45 law schools all over the country will be on hand to individually discuss their universities and programs with interested students.

For a listing of participating law schools and other related information, please contact Brian Walby in the Career Development Center—AB103.

The farmer who asked the chemist to develop a pesticide that would kill potato bugs had faith in the chemist. The chemist, upon developing the pesticide, went out and sprayed all of the farmer's potato fields. The following day it was learned that the pesticide not only killed potato bugs but also de- vantaged the entire potato crop and very nearly contaminated the soil so nothing would grow. Never again did that ask a chemist for anything else.

Though we don't learn as much as we might, we still learn.

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We’re all guilty of making one common mistake at Aquinas, and that is failing to take the time to get to know more people.

Do you consider yourself an Aquinas person? Of course we’re all unique. Our realms of experience and interests vary. We all have basic values, ideas, and also a certain amount of curiosity about the unknown.

It was this type of curiosity we all feel about a foreign place at one time or another which brought Martine Ponpord to the United States two years ago.

Martine, a graduate from the University de Haute Bretagne in Rennes, France (her home town), moved in with a family in East Lansing in August of 1975 with hopes of improving her second language skills while being surrounded by qualified teachers. It was this type of curiosity that by broadening her education to include the study of art, she should also get more interested in finding a teaching position here in the United States. Besides her basic art courses, she is taking an additional pottery course at Grand Rapids Art College. Martine is also refreshing her memory by taking French Revolution History and the fact that it is being presented from a more objective angle than she previously experienced.

When asked what her feel­ings were about Aquinas, Martine answered that it is about the same manner as most of us. She feels that Aquinas, being a small college, seems a lot less friendly in the United States than it is abroad.

As an international student, Martine feels that Aquinas, being a small college, is much different from her previous experiences from the previous winter, proved beneficial to her. In Rennes, she explained, there really isn’t any campus life as we know it. Because the town of Rennes is itself a large college town, there is a vast amount of anonymity.

But aside from this fact, which is true of most large schools, she feels that theathority of instructors is visible through the presence of the old stone homes, streets and buildings.

Martine Ponpord, besides keeping up with her schedule, (and checking in at breakfast at the Grand Rapids Junior College), which records the highest and lowest temperatures within a 24 hour period.

Weather Station
Rivals Pros

by PRISCILLA NELSON

WOTV may have its new weather satellite and Channel 13 its radar, but Aquinas' weather station is just as good as these inventions. Aquinas' weather station is more accurate for on-the-spot weather information than satellite or radar.

The station is located outside the west entrance of Albertus Hall. The white box you see is not a creature from Star Wars, but a shelter for three important weather instruments which are constantly recording data.

These instruments are a thermograph, which records outside temperature, the hygrograph, which measures humidity, and a barograph, which measures barometric pressure.

There is also a new mini­imum-maximum thermometer which records the highest and lowest temperatures within a 24 hour period.

Next to the station is a rain gauge which tells the geographer the amount of rain that falls in a given time.

On top of Albertus Hall is a wind vane, or anemometer. It remotely measures wind speed from direction from inside the building.

One of the newest pieces of equipment is a soil thermometer. It measures the amount of snow fall, and the depth to which the ground is frozen. A tipping basket has also been ordered. This gauge records the total amount of rainfall in a week.

Stillman has future goals for the weather station. He hopes to have a column in the SUNRISE to explain current weather patterns, forecasts, and historical weather facts.

The next time Buck Matthews predicts sunny and 90 degrees and you look out the window and see snow, come take a look at the Aquinas forecast.

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**That's Entertainment?**

by **Terry (Toad) Todish**

**MARCH OR DIE**

A short time ago I had the pleasure of reviewing John Milius' magnificent *The Wind and the Lion* as part of the Grand Rapids Art Museum's film series. As I was swept up in the romantic feeling that this film conveyed, I imagined it as a Western and wondered if the director might have been thinking of *The Treasure of the Sierra Madre*. It is a well worth waiting for. It's one of the best done elements of the old fashioned romance in it. Dick Richard's *March or Die* proposes a difference in style, but not in content, in a new action adventure film.

The plot of *March or Die* is very simple. At the end of the First World War a group of French Legionnaires is sent into the Sahara to protect an archaeological expedition which is after a priceless treasure. This treasure, it is hoped, will bolster France's shattered economy and also restore France's position as the cultural center of the world. Waiting for the expedition is the ever-present desert rebel with his hordes to defy the invading infidels. As to it be expected, before the film is over, many of the Arabs and most of the Legionnaires are dead.

March or Die, however, is much more than an action filled bloodbath. As a matter of fact, there is only one battle in the entire film, and it occurs predictably at the end (if you go in for movie battles it's one well worth waiting for, it's one of the best done mass-battle scenes I've ever seen). It is a serious study of that enigma, the professional soldier. It's the kind of movie that *The Blue Max* and more recently, *Cossacks of Iron* and *MacKlthr* tried with little success to be.

The performances are all outstanding. Max von Sydow, as the leader of the group of archeologists from the Louvre, is frighteningly delineated and gives the frenzied aura of France at the expense of the Legion. Gene Hackman plays William Sherrill Foster, a West Point graduate who was forced out of the U.S. Army and found a home in the Legion, where he is torn between his devotion to the Legion's tradition of discipline and duty and his concern for the welfare of his men. He is willing to leave a man to die in the desert if he can't keep up, but he risks his life and career to try and avert the war between the Arabs and the French.

Catherine Denueve plays a lovely, mysterious woman whose life is twice dictated by war. Terence Hill (best known for his "spaghetti westerns", especially the Trinity series) plays a gypsy who stumbles into the Legion and is totally changed by it. His role is pivotal to the plot and shows the inevitable this film will pile up.

Delbert Mann's *The Blue Max* and more recently, *The Road to Victory* and *The Blue Max* play is by David Z. Goodman, who also wrote *Straw Dogs* and *Logan's Run*. The tight, masterful direction by the versatile Dick Richards, who also directed *The Castle*, *Raintree County*, *The Good and the Gold Dust Twins*, and co-authored the original story with Goodman for *March or Die*.

Other reviewers have compared this adventure film to such classics as *Gunga Din* and *Beau Geste*. I would rather place it alongside such classic anti-war films as *The Damned Few* and *The Paths of Glory*. By the end one realizes that the bravery of the Legionnaires has been for nothing, that they have been ruthlessly manipulated by dishonorable men on both sides. With all ideals shattered, the soldiers have only one choice left - to give up, or to become survivors who will do anything to survive. For, as Gene Hackman says, "I'm too tired to lose anymore here!

One final note. As I write this, *March or Die* is not showing in Grand Rapids. It was in and out of town almost before anyone knew it was here. If it goes the way most recent adventure films have gone, it may have a poor theatre run. But if it does show up back here soon, I urge you to see it. It may very well become a part of how you view life.

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and menstrual cycles all Occur at rather fixed intervals - though rarely within 7 days of each other. As you can see. Exact? No. Can we conclude that changes in the brain by the arrangement of the component parts, effects an influence on these aspects of our sex lives? It's too early to tell. The more likely possibility is that determine the most efficient rate at which such biologic clocks function.

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**IM Season Underway**

The 1977 intramural football season got underway last Wednesday, Oct. 5th, with two games scheduled for the men's league. The women's season started on Sunday, the 9th with two games on tap.

The first women's game was a free-wheeling offensive show put on by the Force, whereas the second women's game was a tight defensive struggle.

The Force beat Nick's Chicks 38-0. Quarterback Teresa Holstrom ran for three touchdowns and passed for two others to lead the Force attack. Cathy Holstrom's passes were Kathy Kremer and Mary Vins. Kremer and Vins also scored two safeties against the Chicks.

For Nick's Chicks it was Cassie Pruessner who booke a couple of long runs.

For many of the women on the Chicks team this was their first game. As the season progresses they should improve and gain added confidence. The Chicks are going to do some concrete problems to overcome.

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**Spring” Training Held This Fall**

by LARRY PORTER

While most people's attention has been turned to the cross country, women's volleyball, golf, and soccer teams; Terry Bocian's baseball team has quietly been conducting "spring" training this fall.

This is the fifth consecutive year that fall baseball sessions have been held. But why baseball in the fall?

"Often it is very difficult to give a player a true evaluation in our inside workouts in the winter. Therefore the fall practices allow us to do this more realistically. Also the new people on campus get a chance to meet and work with the returning players, and it helps with the adjustment problems," said Coach Bocian.

Thirty-six potential baseball players took part in the five week program. During this time five scrimmages were played against Grand Rapids Junior College. Terry Bocian's baseball team has quietly been conducting "spring" training this fall.

Weiler was again the individual champion for the men. Ferris State finished second with 57. Saginaw Valley won with a low score of 22 points. Ferris State finished second with 57.

The Desperados tight defense did not let the Dames cross the goal line.

The 1978 season outlook is very bright. He has reason, too. He has 15 returning lettermen including 5 starters. The most notable returnee is shortstop Denny King, who was the team's lead­ ing hitter last season with a .392 average.

Newcomers to the baseball team are transfers Tom Zerhoven (Manistee Junior College, Fla.), Tom Shupe (Grand Rapids JC), Mark Fredrickson (Eastern Mich­, Dave Steffene (Glen Oaks Community College), Douz

DeMarti (Western Michigan), and Dave Foudich (Hilldale). Freshmen include Spencer Tower (Greenville), Phil Coens (Sanford-Meridian) and Scott Reeder (Wyoming Park).

All in all the 1978 season should be a good one for the Tommies (Saints).

"Offensively this club could be extraordinary," said Bocian. "Defensively we have some concrete problems to over­ come."

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IM Football

Food is an altogether different story. "In the Virgin Islands, the food is very different, we eat mostly seafood," grinned Tony. The Virgin Islander believes that Americans live on a "hamburger diet.

The Spanish-speaking Catholic, who speaks fluent English, does a lot more than hit the books. He enjoys flying helicopters, sailing; not to mention dating and dancing. "We do a lot different dances than they do here in America," explained Tony. "We do a lot of Spanish dances like the Calypso and others."

Naturally, a big difference between Michigan and Tony's homeland is the climate. In the Virgin Islands, the average temperature is between 75 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit, and in the mountains it is usually in the sixties.

"As far as the seasons go, it is beautiful here," admits Tony. His father manages a yacht club, so he is used to living right on the ocean. "I'd like to invest, get rich fast, and be educated, but most of all be happy. It's important that you think before you act," concluded Tony.

Aquinas' most exciting IM sport, football, kicked off its season with two hard hitting and exciting games. In the first game the Tools (last year's Mean Machine) edged the Italian Stallions 15-13. In the second game Mama's Pride wiped out the Rebels 35-0.

The Italian Stallions scored first on a long pass from Karl Pohl to Ron Billdeau, the extra point failed, and the score stood 6-0. Tool quarterback John LaVoie knifed around the end for 50 yards and a touchdown to tie the game. At half-time the score stood 6-6.

The Stallions came out relying on the running and passing of Pohl to move down the field, they scored on a Pohl run around the end. With time running out and the score 13-6, LaVoie marshalled his forces and marched down the field to tie the score. Holbrook kicked around end for a touchdown.

The score stood 13-13 with two minutes left when Mike Stechschulte picked off a pass to put the Tools in scoring position. The Stallions rallied their defense and rose up and stopped the Tool threat.

The Stallions tried to run a sweep with 40 seconds left and Tool defensive end, Clint Watkins nailed the runner in the end zone for a safety and the winning points.

Relying on the arm of Steve Sherlock, the hands of Mike Thering, the running of Paul Hamlin, and a tough defense, Mama's Pride steamrollered the Rebels 35-0.

Steve Sherlock threw two touchdown passes to Mike Thering, and Thering also ran one in on an end around. Paul Hamlin scored on a run and Dave Pohl picked off a pass and ran it in for a touchdown. Reelan West tackled a Rebel in the end zone.

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Barbels finished 41st and was closely followed by Patter­son and Sidor. Randy Parrish finished 125th, Mike Zener 142nd and Gary Vachon 151st.

The team next travels to Spring Arbor for a dual meet and has a weeks rest before Districts, which are being held at Spring Arbor.

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The Force scored first on a drive down the field with quarterback Terry Holstrom sneaking in form the one. The Desperadores did not waste any time though and lighting quick Rose Karasti raced through the Force defense for 50 yards and a touchdown. The extra point was good and the score stood 7-0.

With the game seeing out of reach with two minutes left, Karasti took the game into her own hands and broke off another long run before Holstrom nabbed her on the 19 yard line. Quarterback Maryellen Gilley slashed around end for the TD and the extra point was successful and the game ended 14-7.

In the second game a tired Force team was beaten by the Great Danes 11-2. The Force scored first on a safety by Kremer and led 2-0.

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