The Bar-Kays. “Freakshow on the Dance Floor” won them Airband honors.

Bar-Kays, Autograph, Pointer Sisters cop Airband honors

GOTCHA, Aquinas!

By Jeffrey Winters

No, its not the war game in which you shoot people with paint pellets.

“GOTCHA” is a program developed by Campus Safety to help students help themselves. The project was put together by Director Barry Kantz with the aid of Kim Root.

In the program, Campus Safety officers mark personal items students leave unattended with stickers stamped “GOTCHA.” These yellow stickers alert students to the fact a thief could have easily stolen their belongings.

The crime prevention idea came from a magazine article Kantz had read. He also recently visited Blodgett Hospital to find their security department had done the very same thing a while ago.

“This project will be temporary, however, we may do this again for a couple of weeks in the spring,” said Kantz.

This project was an attempt to make people aware that they are responsible for the security of their belongings, and the safety of their person.

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GOTCHA, Troy!

By Sue Holmes and Sue Kapucinski

On Monday, Nov. 4, one Regina Resident Advisor came back from a hayride to find that his room number had temporarily been changed.

At around 9:30 p.m., Paul Graefen and a number of his fellow First East floor members transferred R.A. Troy Marino’s bedroom to one corner of the Regina main lounge. They marked off a section with masking tape and arranged the furniture as it normally would be in Marino’s room.

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An integral part of learning is hearing the different sides of an issue. Part of the reason people go to college is to be exposed to different people with different ideas, and that is the way it's been throughout history.

Today, when many students go uninformed and don't ask enough questions about political issues, Accuracy in Academia is not providing a cure.

This recently-formed conservative organization, an offshoot from Accuracy in Media, has recently struck at Oakland University, near Detroit. There, they accused one professor of a liberal bias and received a student complaint against another.

AIA is supposedly guarding truth. The problem is, easily-found truths are scarce in most issues. What's the truth of capitalism versus communism? Each claims to be the ideal political system, and for many, the votes are still out. Is Reagan justifying in building up the defenses of the U.S. while people on welfare starve? No easy truths there. For the matter of a cure.

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No professor worth his credentials should pose these questions on a test and assign a percentage according to ideology. But, whereas it's wrong to grade on views, it's even worse to not bring pertinent controversial issues up in a class.

Colleges are based on the principle of academic freedom. The tenure system was designed to let a professor teach unpopular views. When AIA tells educators what they can and can't say, they are depriving them of that academic freedom they must have to be effective. The Oakland University professor's career could be ruined because he told the wrong truth and was challenged by AIA. AIA, if effective, will make professors think twice before speaking any truths other than the conservative ones.

College should teach students that there are two sides to every issue. AIA is going directly against that. Perhaps it's been too long since its directors were ever in a classroom.

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Be not afraid when you strike out against something you see as wrong. In last issue's letters to the editor, two of the three submissions were unsigned. One of the letters was totally anonymous.

When we scan other college papers, we find letters to the editor very scarce. The problem is both that people don't ever translate their gripes with college policy into letters and that when they do speak out, they don't own up to their criticisms.

Critics of the school don't endanger one's life. The scenario of a Memo going out to Aquinas employees naming students to "get" is ridiculous.

Consider College employees. Most have gripes with the school; who doesn't have problems with his job? They sympathize with students who have problems also.

Responsible criticism, which includes owning up to one's statements, is an integral part of any institution. By showing that you care enough to sign your letter, you show the administration that you mean what you say. And the administration is eager for input.

HERE WE GO AGAIN!

If you were in the vicinity of the Wege Mall on Monday, Nov. 11, you probably noticed a few SAC members with clipboards asking a very difficult question, "What do you feel is the single most important issue facing Americans today?" Your first thought was probably along the lines of "Those weirdos are at it again!" Welcome to another year of social concerns and intellectual challenges courtesy of the friendly people at SAC.

Our goal is not to harass you or make you late for class. We're just out today.

If you have a question that you'd like to use or if you'd like help poll, contact me or Mary at the SAC office, ext. 324.

We can't promise that the questions will get any easier, but we will promise that they will be yes/no answerable.

-Patricia Rider

RESULTS OF SAC POLL

What do you feel is the single most important issue facing Americans today?

- Nuclear weapons/power/disarmament 40
- Hunger 4
- Education 4
- Pollution 4
- AIDS 4
- Drugs 3
- Environment & Toxic waste 3
- Unemployment/Business cycle 3
- Peace 2

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his coat collar turned up and his hat pulled down over his eyebrows. With the help of his mischievous floor members, Marino restored his room in almost no time. Was anything missing? "No, not that I know of," he said later with a smile.

Although at first it seemed the First East members had just pulled their prank to teach Marino a lesson about locking doors, that was not the whole reason.

"It was a good practical joke, and it had to be used," Graefen laughed. "It was too good to pass up, and the timing was right." He also said that this was a good way for them to take out their frustrations. They realized that they could get referred, but decided to go ahead with their plans anyway.

Marino, although embarrassed and a little mad at first, said that it was funny after he had a chance to think about it. He said that he would probably retaliate someday. Graefen, the instigator, felt that there is nothing Troy can do to make me to be as good as what I did to him.

To this Marino responded, "Yes, there is!"

Funny commies

Dear Editor,

Congratulations on the Aquinas Times being able to maintain a sense of humor. I am referring to the statement "No communist plots here" with the picture of the bridge in the November 6, 1985 issue.

I'm sure that Monsonog Bukowski would agree with me that a sense of humor makes life easier.

Yours Truly

Thomas Chułski

Unfunny moviegoers

Dear Editor,

Today's question; how many inconsiderate morons does it take to ruin a movie?

On Wed. Nov. 13 the Residence Hall Council again had its weekly movie night. And again this week, it was interrupted by the juvenile antics of the dribble-brained jocks of 3rd West.

Do these people have nowhere else to go? Don't they have rooms in which to yell and throw things? Do the people watching the movies give a damn about how well they shot this afternoon? Let them go back to the fieldhouse and tell someone who cares.

I appreciate the hard work of the RHC members who go out of their way to bring us these movies. This is something Aquinas does that other schools do not. I do not believe that the actions of a poor pathetic crowd of attention seekers should destroy this. Something should be done.

Anyways, anyone with any ideas should forward them to either the RHC members or Tom's office before it gets any more out of hand. Thank you.

Name withheld on request

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my space
Christine Bichler

"UNTIL I MAKE MY BROTHER UNDERSTAND"

I had been listening to Annie Lennox and Aretha Franklin praising "the conscious liberation of the female state" in the latest feminist pop anthem, "Sisters Are Doing It For Themselves." Two seconds after the song had finished, the male discjockey called it a "black widow" song and rather spitefully pronounced our society "one step closer to the test tubes." Apparently he feared being replaced by a sperm bank in the near future.

Talk about having your feminist optimism shattered! However, once I had spent more time and restrained myself from making an abusive phone call, I realized that the DJ's misconception of the women's movement was not entirely his fault.

It was but another manifestation of the what-the-hell-do-women-want syndrome, which I rather suspect has been with us ever since the age of the Caesars, and probably before.

Despite the gains that women have made in the past couple of decades, we are still faced by our greatest challenge: men. Or rather, communicat­ing with them.

In my own view, communication between the sexes was bad back when Romeo and Juliet had their mutual misunderstanding. But even in this, the age of the microchip, we often seem arrested at the "Me Tarzan, you Jane" level of dialogue. There are men (none at Aquinas, of course) who still express the view that women are desirable, but mysterious, and per­haps not to be completely trusted. Many men seem baffled by women in general, and feminists in particular. Hence, our DJ's fear of "black widow" females who would devour men.

Females, feminist or otherwise, behave no better. Many of us still regard men as lovable but hopelessly immature. When puzzled by their behavior, we vaguely attribute it to the "boys will be boys" theory.

The mystery of why the opposite sex behaves as it does has proven a goldmine for popular soothsayers from Sally Jessy Raphael to Marabel Morgan and others who conduct polls, surveys and studies galore, all of which claim to reveal what men really think about women, and vice versa. It's a safe bet that Americans spend millions of dollars a year on manuals that detail how to come on to, play up to, make love to, hang on to and put up with lovers and spouses. Now, I ask you, what good is it to advocate the "Vive la difference" when the "difference" is apparently too damn confusing for most of us to deal with?

Obviously there are social and psychological, as well as physical, differ­ences between men and women, but we are not two different species. Further, I refuse to take the advice of anyone who suggests that I should go after a man as if I were stalking a ruffed grouse with a shotgun. It is just such games that cause both sexes to be suspicious of one another, and widows who would devour men.

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In Ireland, the warring factions still divide themselves up by which brand of Christianity they cling to. The revered Ian Paisley stirs up hatred against Catholics in the name of God, and Americans who are proud both of being Irish and Catholic gather money for the I.R.A. which, in the name of religion, plants gelignite in public places to blow away mili­tary and civilians alike.

In Lebanon, those who pray to Allah and those who pray to Jesus split into separate armies to wage war against those who pray to Yahweh. Within Islam itself, the Sunni fight the Shites, the Shites fight the Druzes. Religious divisions quickly become military divisions, all in the name of various interpretations of the same body of scriptures.

In India last year, an army of Hindus slaughtered a renegade army of Sikhs, all for the sake of their various gods, and within months, a couple of Sikhs, also in the name of religion, assassinated Indira Gandhi; where­upon, once again in the name of the gods, riots erupted in the streets of New Delhi and thousands of Sikhs were burned and beaten to death.

Closer to home, our God is often invoked as an incentive to increase our nuclear stockpile to protect against the Russians who have no God. Christians in this country run around turning their ploughshares into swords and thus spread division, seeing the Book of Revelations as a dark prophecy of current international politics. Bible thumpers go up against Christians and Jews, driving wedges between people.

The whole world over, those most rabid in urging mankind to spill blood do so in the name of religion. Figures like the Ayatollah Khomeini and some of our home-grown preachers who would nuke the world for Christ seem so caught up in the darker side of their gods that they have lost all sense of human compassion.

No killers in the history of the world have killed with quite the relish of those who have killed in the names of their gods. From bushmen who war on neighboring tribes because they have different totem animals, through the Crusades to the modern Shiite extremists, we human beings commit our most inhumane acts in the names of gods whose near univer­sal message has been peace on earth.

So, wouldn't it be better, I sometimes wonder, if we just did away with God and gods and religions? Wouldn't we humans be a lot better off if in the sky and leave us earthbound creatures out of it? Haven't we had about enough of being pawns in these battles of competing gods?

And yet, every time I bring myself to the point of asking these questions, something stops me.

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NO MORE GOD!

In the middle of a heated discussion about Irish politics and religion, a character in James Joyce's Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man, shouts out, "No God for Ireland! We have too much God in Ireland. Away with God!"

It is an extreme statement to say the least. And yet, thinking the unthinkable, I've often wondered if the world wouldn't be a more peace­ful place without its gods.

A quick perusal of the newspaper or a glance at the evening news on TV reveals that almost all the great bloodspots on the globe are places where violence is done in the name of competing religions or sects rather than for competing political ideologies.

We have too much of this kind of "difference."
People of the TIMES

From Pots and Pans to the Top

By Lisa Wills

Nancy Michaels has been the food service director at Aquinas College since last April. She graduated from Grand Valley State College with a major in public administration and a minor in business.

Michaels' food service background includes working as a student manager at Grand Valley, a trainee for Saga Foods at Notre Dame, food service director at Muskegon Community College, and also working for Maranatha Bible Conference Center.

Why would a woman with a major in public administration and a minor in business be working as Food Service Director at Aquinas?

Michaels stumbled into a career unknowingly at first. She started as a student worker for Grand Valley's food service. Nancy explains, "When I moved to Grand Valley, I really didn't know anyone and was bored to tears watching soap operas in the afternoon. I decided to work for food services, washing pots and pans."

Michaels eventually became student manager at Grand Valley and worked at many other colleges under the titles of trainee, food service manager, and food service director.

During an internship at Holland's city's manager office, she sat at a desk eight hours a day analyzing tax amendments. She relates her feelings about the internship, "There has to be more to life than looking out at this park and staring at these tax amendments."

Michaels went one semester for her M.B.A. classes and hated it. "There's a time in your life that you need to get out and work."

Ever since she reached that conclusion, she has worked in the field.

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Cultural Calendar

NOVEMBER

THROUGH JAN. 19

20 21 22 23
Aquinas Players present three one-act plays: Live Spelled Backwards, Java, Uplight Stepping. 8 p.m., Krescmer Recital Hall. Admission free.

24 25 26 27 28 29 30
Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra: "Some Enchanted Evening: The Music of Rodgers and Hammerstein." DeVos Hall, 8 p.m.

Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER

1 2 3
"An Evening with Melba Moore," Meuse Theatre, School Auditorium, 6275 Wyoming Ave., Detroit, 7:30 p.m. Call (313) 218-4854 for tickets and information.

4 5 6 7
Soupcon Lunch Series: Ars Nova String Quintet, members of Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra. Wege Student Center Auditorium, noon-1 p.m. Admission free.

8 9 10 11
Soupcon Lunch Series: A program of Christmas Music by members of the Aquinas music department. Wege Student Center Auditorium, noon-1 p.m. Admission free.
In the midst of our presidential search, a task for which each committee member desires our sincerest gratitude, many important questions, including identity and purpose are being discussed. It is an extremely valuable question which all are engaging.

As I said at the beginning of this series my wish is to invite students, faculty, administrators, members of the board and alumni to join me on Aquinas College’s life of wisdom. Part of that wish will be fulfilled by Campus Ministry’s sponsoring such an opportunity.

Sr. Teresa Houlihan, O.P. (Priores, Dominican Sisters of Marywood, and Board of Trustees member) will be speaking on Friday, Dec. 6th in the Wurts Union Ballroom at a brown bag luncheon. The title of her lecture is The State of Catholic Liberal Arts (Higher education) can play a significant role in meeting the challenge of the nuclear age. The social responsibility of higher education also extends to its own internal life. We have stated before that a healthy community is...
Wet field doesn't stop The Tunnel, Fetal II from win

By Mike Manley

The 1985 Intramural Football Season came to a close Saturday, Nov. 16 with the crowning of two champions.

Regular season champions Fetal II of the men's division and the women's team The Tunnel climax-ed their undefeated seasons by winning in unfavorable weather.

In the women's game, The Tunnel came back from a 7-6 halftime deficit to overtake FBA by a score of 13-7. FBA, which made it to the Superbowl by beating Chips 12-0 in a playoff tiebreaker, gave The Tunnel everything they could handle. Big plays by Cindy Grembowski, Terri Marino and Jackie Melvin proved to be the deciding factor in the game.

The men's game also proved to be a battle of the two best teams. Force, which was hoping to avenge a regular season loss to Fetal II, beat the Go-Caines in a tiebreaker game to get to the final, but their effort fell short in the Superbowl when they were beaten by powerful Fetal II 13-0.

The game was low-scoring because of the wet field conditions and remained scoreless until Brian Norco returned a punt of 45 yards for a touchdown. Norco's touchdown gave Fetal II a 6-0 lead which proved to be enough for the victory. Both teams marched up and down the field but could not score. Excellent defense by Fetal's Dan "Edsel" Zang produced four interceptions which stopped Force on many occasions.

Perhaps the most memorable play of the game, with time running out, featured quarterback Greg Reinhold rolling right and hitting Augie "The Refrigerator" Tiseo with a three-yard touchdown pass. Tiseo, after playing offensive line all year, finally got to show off his blazing speed by beating Force defenders and catching the pass.

The intramural staff would like to thank the 143 men and the 84 women who participated in this very successful season. Also, the staff would like to acknowledge Rub-Z, Pablo, K.D., Dave Joppie, Gregory J. Moody, Ryan Murphy, Andy Terhune and Craig Weber, who officiated all the games.
FALL SPORTS SEASON ENDS; BASKETBALL SEASON GEARS UP

The Aquinas fall sports season came to a close with the final matches in volleyball and soccer.

The volleyball team closed out their season at 5-28 with four losses in the Michigan-Midwest Invitational Nov. 8. Earlier that week, the Saints divided a triangular match with Hope and GRJC, defeating the Flying Dutch 15-13, 15-10 but losing to the Raiders 9-15, 10-15.

The soccer team, which found itself playing for the NAIA district championship when Spring Arbor withdrew from the tournament to participate in another district tournament, lost to Siena Heights 3-0. The loss, which dropped the Saints' record to 3-10-1, was due to a non-existent offense and an impossible task of playing defense for 90 minutes.

Meanwhile, the 1985-86 basketball season will have opened up Nov. 16 with the alumni tripleheader. That applies to most of the Saints; the JV men "jumped the gun" and held off the GR Baptist JV 75-68 Nov. 9. Brian Jacobs led all scorers with 27 points; Mike Cullen added 14 and Dave Caygill 11. Tim Chrapek claimed 16 rebounds.

The men's team will attack their toughest schedule ever with a team that potentially is the best. Co-captains Larav Hardy (the NAIA's leading scorer last year with 882 points and a slew of assorted school records) and Joe Van Rosmalen (486 points, 239 rebounds) will lead the team into action.

The women's team will sport a new look as the entire front line (Kathy Grzegorski, Peggy Hart and Lori Grochowalski) graduated. The starting backcourt of Chris Pawloski and Anne Biermacher returns, with Sue Taylor, Cheryl Cooper and Cheryl Carpenter to work up front.

The Saints will debut a junior varsity team, which will give the freshmen class an opportunity to develop their game and serve as a springboard for the varsity wars.

We also welcome to the scene Anne Pettersch, who is the cheerleading coach. Her troupe will be on hand for most of the men's games.

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food service area.

Michaels notices a difference between Aquinas students as compared to students of other colleges at which she has worked. Her perception is that Aquinas students respect property overall and are outgoing, reaching out to get to know new people. Michaels loves the management part of the job and being able to interact with people. The most rewarding part of her job at Aquinas has been working with students and having them treat her like an adult and for her to treat the students the same.

Michaels really cares about Aquinas students and is very receptive to their comments. A comment board is located next to the dishwashing room in the cafeteria. The comments are taken seriously by both Michaels and the new food service manager, Paul Baumgartner. Michaels says, "Many comments have been helpful but it sometimes gets frustrating when the students get carried away with negative comments and don't look for the positive that we do."

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A short note to my forever friends. Love, Chris

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Show your student I.D. for discount where applicable.
Trivia Challenge

Congratulations to Tammy Spotts and Phillaire Dudley. Their answers to last issue's Trivia Challenge was the only one to correctly identify the songs and artists with the given lyrics. Other entries came from Michelle Davis, John Burke, Debbie Meir and Pat Rider.

For this issue's Trivia Challenge, name the television show in which each of the characters listed below appeared. Send your completed answer sheet to:

Deadline to enter is Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 5 p.m.

1. Mary Ann Sommers
2. Johnny Gage
3. Robert Petrie
4. Ward Cleaver
5. Johnny Gage
6. Arthur Dietrich

TIE-BREAKER: Name the television show in which each of these characters listed below appeared:

1. Fred Mertz
2. Alex Reiger
3. Mary Ann Sommers
4. Hank Kimbel
5. Ralph Kramden
6. Ted Baxter
7. Kirk Douglas
8. Andy Griffith
9. Billy Joel
10. Pat Benetar

or drop it off at the Times office, in the lower level of Wege Center. Only one entry per person. Times staff and columnists are ineligible.

WISDOM from Page 8

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Dr. Norbert J. Hruby, president of Aquinas, will receive the Bishop Francis J. Haas Social Justice Award from the office of Social Concerns of the Catholic Diocese of Grand Rapids.

The Most Reverend Joseph M. Breitenbeck, bishop of Grand Rapids, will present the award on Nov. 23, 1985 at the Call to Justice Conference at the Wege Student Center.

The Social Justice Award is named after the most Reverend Francis J. Haas, bishop of Grand Rapids from 1943 to 1953. Bishop Haas dedicated his life to social justice and was actively involved in the labor movement, served as national and international authority on labor relations to the Roosevelt administration, worked toward world peace and education.

The award was first presented in 1983 to Federal District Judge Noel Fox and last year was given posthumously to Anne Rosemary Dolores are members of St. Jude Catholic Church where he is a lector.

According to Father Pat Cawley,Fr. Hruby was chosen for the award because he is a living model of one who has responded to the call to justice. "Dr. Hruby's lifestyle is faithful to the gospel—he is fair and just, he is concerned for the disadvantaged and deeply cares about the individual—he is a marvelous example of what we can be like," Father Cawley said.

Hruby will get social justice award

reaching the Hispanic community. Dr. Hruby has an educational background which evince his commitment to social justice. In the early 1970's, he instrumental in launching the Eastown Project, which involved the Eastown neighborhoods in preventing the deterioration of the area and served as a model for other neighborhood associations.

While at Aquinas College, Dr. Hruby instituted educational programs to meet the needs of the community's constituencies—the Emeritus Center for retired adults, evening and weekend degree completion programs for working adults, a special daytime degree completion program for returning women students, and a graduate management program for professionals in both profit and nonprofit organizations. He has served on the long range planning committee of the United Way of Kent County, the Greater Grand Rapids Housing Authority, the Grand Rapids Economic Development Commission and the Mayors Commission on Violence in the community, Dr. Hruby and his wife Dolores are members of St. Jude Catholic Church where he is a lector.

Another person interested in more information about the Call to Justice Conference and the award presentation should contact the Office of Social Concerns of the Catholic Diocese of Grand Rapids, 243-0491.

God from Page 3

I read an article about someone like Mother Theresa who, in the name of God, gives up everything to live among the poor and try to help them in their hopeless plight. Or I meet someone like the heads of Capitol Lunch who, for religion, good career and normal family life to feed the hungry.

Or I think of others who go to Central America out of a deep religious conviction to witness for peace in a place where many want to wage war. Maybe the answer is that our gods are a lot like us, created in our own image, creatures made up of sin and good will upon whom we can call to motivate us to do things we decide to do things that are totally beneath us. The choice of what we do with our gods is up to us.

Maybe, in the final analysis, we don't need new gods or no gods. Maybe we just need new selves who can listen to the gods we already have in a peaceful way, to hear in their messages the call to love another—a thing far more difficult than following the call to war. One thing is clear in the world today; in God's name we need to do something.

Next Issue:

What we're here for

Brian Younker

A definition:

Punk Rock—No one seems to know exactly what punk rock is, so how should I know? It seems to me that it had something to do with a youth movement originating in London in the mid-70's. The philosophy is really a rebellion against the rational and ideological society we are all a part of. Although it is not necessarily necessarily religious, there is an underlying spiritual meaning. After all, "Rotten" says, "The only way out of this is to live and die by the sword..." Punk rock was never about the music, but about the attitude, the spirit, the image, the dress code, the right objects, the right hand gestures, the right way of life, and the right way of living.

Reviews:

Einsturzende Neubauten

One of the most challenging bands to emerge from Europe (or anywhere for that matter) in recent years, ENB are not for everyone. Perhaps that's a good thing. The world is dangerous enough without millions of beard-yossed youths reveling in the sound of a Black Sabbath-esque groups that are barely discernable from the feet-of-bats" voice. These guys are notorious for pillaging junk yards, scrap piles and industrial parks for instruments for their shows while on tour. This record sounds like they might even be using "real" instruments (some of the time). But the most striking departure is their tightly reined use of rhythm within a tense and controlled structure as opposed to their characteristic randomness. Although the title cut sounds like a Black Mass, I find this record to be enthralling. It has a good beat and you can dance to it. Recommended usage: confronting the ancient ghosts in your attic. (Is Blixa a good warlock or a bad warlock?)

Love and Rockets (ex-Bauhaus members)— St. Andrews, Detroit, Dec. 7.

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Show Dates:

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The Jesus and Mary Chain—Cabaret Metro, Chicago, Dec. 21 (ADC possibly to open).