Bakes is Back as Editor; New Look Planned

By James Ternes

The Aquinas Times is under old direction. Old? Well, it is if you consider newly appointed Times editor Walter Bakes had been editor for the previous two academic years. Following the resignation of first semester editor Susan Holmes, applications to fill the position were submitted by staff writers Dean Arnold, Bakes and Mary Ellen MacDonald to the Publications Board.

Arnold later withdrew his application to serve as the Times assistant editor. The assistant editor position is chosen by the editor under which they will serve.

"I felt it would better suit the paper, as well as myself, if someone with (Bakes') experience were to take over," said Arnold. After the board interviewed MacDonald and Bakes, they voted to reinstatle Bakes. Publications Board bylaws were amended to allow Bakes, who was editor from 1984 to 1986, to serve beyond two terms.

Bakes is Back as Editor; New Look Planned

According to Bakes, "the paper will be going in a new direction. We will try to focus more on a news format."

One of Bakes' first acts as editor was the appointment of a new staff.

"I feel this semester's staff is very energetic, enthusiastic and devoted," said Bakes.

Another step Bakes and the staff have taken in this "new direction" is to subscribe to the College Press Service. "This will help the Times to provide the readers with a broader range of news from colleges around the U.S."

Three of last semester's columns, "Health Tips," "LRC Corner" and the Women's Center column, were discontinued by the new staff. "Readers should note that the Times will continue to cover events or stories of these groups," said Arnold.

Other changes include the start of "Puzzling Trivialities," which See BAKES, Page 2

Spring Grads' Job Hopes Dim Amid Merger Mania

College Press Service

(East Lansing, Mich.)—Due to the merger mania that swept through corporate America in 1986, student job prospects for this spring seem dimmer than last spring's, two recent national surveys of company hiring plans indicate.

And grads this year are likely to be tested for drug use or even AIDS before getting a job.

Michigan State University's annual survey, released in late December, found that big companies in particular have cut back their plans for hiring new college graduates.

A Northwestern University study released at the same time predicts demand for 1987 grads will mirror 1986 hiring, but employers say they will screen applicants more closely than before, and starting salaries—while increasing an average of 2.1 percent—will lag behind inflation.

Both Michigan State and Northwestern observers blame the unprecedented wave of corporate mergers and acquisitions that reached record levels last year. "Downsizing, consolidations, mergers and acquisitions have cost the country jobs in some of our biggest and best paying corporations," says Victor Lindquist, Northwestern's placement director and author of the annual Endicott-Lindquist Report.

About 56 percent of companies Lindquist surveyed said they'd intentionally reduced their managerial staffs during the last year through reorganizations, hiring freezes, termination without severance or early retirement incentives.

Michigan State's annual survey of 700 businesses also found the biggest companies are the ones cutting back the most, reports MSU survey coauthor Patrick Scheetz.

For example, companies with more than 10,000 employees said they'd hire 9.3 percent fewer new grads this spring, Scheetz says. Firms with 5,000 to 10,000 employees will cut new grad hiring by 1.8 percent.

General Motors, for one, faced with failing profits, announced in late December it will halt college recruiting efforts altogether.

In response, area colleges are trying to bring smaller firms to campus to recruit. "We're expanding our job days to small and medium-sized companies," says Janya Chabick, director of Cooperative Education at the University of Michigan-Flint.

But, while hiring will increase among smaller companies—as much as 8.7 percent in companies with 500 to 1,000 employees—overall hiring will slip 2.4 percent nationally, Scheetz says.

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College Honors MLK

By Dean Arnold and Eric Vaughn

"It was a very moving experience," said Kelli Greene of the prayer service celebrating the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King held last Monday, Jan. 19 at the Pastoral Center.

Members of Aquinas College gathered for a time of scripture readings, songs and prayer in a memorial to the late civil rights leader.

"The service was a good opportunity for members of the Aquinas community to reflect upon the ideals that King died for, such as nonviolence and equal rights," said Social Action Committee President Tony Pilgrim.

"In spite of the negative activities surrounding the holiday, we wanted to focus on the more positive aspects of the life and work of Dr. King," she added.

During the service, there was a "sharing time," which included the famous King speech, "I Have a Dream Today," read by Greene.

The lighting of candles by the group was used as a reflection of the life of King. "We still have a choice today: nonviolent co-annihilation...Now let us rededicate ourselves to the long and bitter—but beautiful—struggle for a new world!" Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"We the people of this nation..." reads on page 3.
Aquinas Feast to be Celebrated

By Christine Bichler

Thomas Aquinas was one of the most influential voices in Catholic thought in the Middle Ages. His most important work, the *Summa Theologica*, remains the basis of much Catholic theology. In addition to philosophy and theology, Aquinas wrote hymns, antiphons and the liturgy for the Mass of Corpus Christi. He died in 1274, was canonized by the Church in 1323 and named patron saint of Catholic schools by Pope Leo XIII in 1889.

On Wednesday, Jan. 28, Aquinas’s feast day, the College will cap a four-day celebration in honor of our namesake with Mass in the Pastoral Center at 8:30 a.m.; a slide lecture on Gothic cathedrals by Associate Professor of Art James Karasina in Wege A; a medieval dinner in the Cafeteria at 4:45 p.m.; and a dramatic, multimedia presentation by the Insignis students: *The Sacred and the Profane: A Medieval Tapestry*, in the Kretschmer Recital Hall at 7 p.m. Join us in the celebration of Aquinas’ patron saint.

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Atwell adds that "this year the proposals are the worst we've seen, so you could argue that they're so outrageous no one will pay any attention to them. Maybe the good news is that it's so bad."

“I won’t think Congress takes the proposals seriously at all,” says Janus. "The administration wants to make these massive cuts."

Specifically, the administration wants:

* A $2.3 billion cut in total Education Department expenditures to $14.7 billion.
* A drop in college student aid funds to $4.5 billion from $8.2 billion.
* To abolish the work/study program and vocational education funding.
* Cuts in Guaranteed Student Loans, Pell Grants and a federal anti-drug program.

The outcry from college lobbyists in Washington and students and educators around the country was immediate. Robert Atwell, president of the American Council on Education claims, “Enrollments would drop. The impact on higher education would be almost incomprehensible.”

Editor's note: The next issue of the Times will cover the effects of the proposal on Aquinas.

White House Would Expand New Kind of Loan

Firms are also cutting hiring plans because they're unsure what 1987's economy will be like, Lindquist agrees. "Only three percent (of the firms surveyed) expect a (business) downturn, but some employers are still cautious about 1987 because of concerns about the economy and the continuing exportation of American jobs, the defect in foreign trade and our national debt."

Nevertheless, hotel and restaurant management, marketing and sales, and the public service and engineering, computer science, retail and accounting majors should get a lot of job offers, Schects says. The surveys show overall demand has shifted from manufacturing to service jobs. Engineering opportunities are down nine percent and non-engineering opportunities are up five percent, Lindquist adds. Students majoring in civil and mechanical engineering, home economics, agriculture, geology and advertising will probably have the hardest time getting jobs, the surveys suggest.

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Better technology also is making it easier for companies to increase productivity without adding staff, Scheetz says.

"There's an element of global competition now so companies are looking to do more with fewer employees," he explains. "Many larger organizations are merging and downsizing. If they can't make a product they need themselves, they're farming the job out to smaller companies. Hence the growth of smaller operations."

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Geographically, the southwestern states will offer the most opportunities, followed by the Northeast, the Southeast, north central, south central and Northwest regions.

Two years ago the south central area had one of the highest hiring rates in the country," Scheetz recalls. "Now it places fifth out of six, and you can probably blame the drop on the energy industry."

The students who are recruited, moreover, may face yet another obstacle before actually winning those jobs this spring. One-third of Lindquist's 230 respondents now test job applicants for drug use, a 136 percent increase in the number of testers. An additional 19 percent say they'll start testing in the next year.

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My Space
By Christine Bichler

PLASTIC ARTS

I don't know about you, but I'm very relieved that the holidays are over. Mind you, I'm not warbling with joy about going back to class; but I don't think I could have endured another week of gorging myself, listening to Christmas carols, visiting with my relatives and being exposed to all that plastic.

"Plastic?" you ask. "But plastic is part of the American way of life!" Indeed it is. But I'm sure it has escaped your notice that every major in American ordinary day requires at least twice the plastic of any American ordinary day. During everyday life we exist in a plastic world; during the holidays we wallow in it. I will go further: major holidays (that is, every feast which causes you to spend at least $100 or to consume twice your normal intake of refined sugar) owe their very survival in the 20th century to modern plastics.

For example, consider Easter and Halloween, two relatively mild holidays. Peter Cottontail would undoubtedly have gone bankrupt long ago without plastic Easter baskets filled with plastic grass. Real straw is an unfeasible luxury these days, besides, it rots after a while. Plastic, by contrast, has an eternal shelf-life. Can you imagine the state of middle class homes in October if kids (or worse yet, parents) were forced to make their own Halloween costumes? Egad! A sea of newspaper shreds, rags and Elmer's glue all over the living room floor! The house might even begin to look occupied. Enough said. Being on the plastic He-Man and Smurf suits. Oh yes, and we mustn't forget the plastic-wrapped Easter and Halloween candy. No vulgar paper wrappers for the hi-tech generation.

Thanksgiving is somewhat less plastic-dependent. After all, its main attraction is food, and even today food is fairly organic (if you disregard the corn on the cobs and the Super Turkey, which is all plastic, consumed by your 25-pound Butterball before it landed on your table). But Thanksgiving does require football, which in turn requires plastic for helmets, shoulder pads, and Astro-Turf. In addition, post-Thanksgiving gorging could never have evolved to its present form without Tupperware.

So, and then there's Christmas. If Christmas was a person, it would be addicted to plastic. Consider the venerable tradition of the Christmas tree. Artificial trees used to look like mountains of crushed tin foil. Now, the only way to distinguish a real tree from a plastic one is to look for fungus growths and dead needles. Plastic light-up Santas, snowmen, nativity sets and choirboys glow on millions of suburban front lawns at Yuletide, to say nothing of the countless plastic do-dads and baubles that are hung on the tree and all around the house.

But the most vital role of plastics in a modern Christmas lies beneath the tree. After all, the real significance of Christmas is the economic growth it provides through millions in toy sales. Right? Under thousands of Christmas trees are G.I. Joe, his plastic pals and plastic weapons, and plastic pink ponies with plastic tri-colored manes. Asking where Mattel, Coleco and Hasbro would be without plastic is like asking how plump that Butterball turkey would be without his Super-Gro Kibbles.

All Christmas gifts, plastic or not, are paid for in plastic, at least until January, right around now. Happy bill-paying! Now, aren't you glad the holidays are over?

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Dear Editor:

As Aquinas’s resident “ghost buster” (cf. my “The Haunted Houses of Grand Rapids, Livystone Press, 1982”), I must take exception to Professor Frydrych’s letter in the Nov. 26 issue of the Aquinas Times. In that letter he attempted to offer scientific explanations for what others experienced as ghostly phenomena. As an alternative to supernatural explanations for the goings-on in Holmdene, he offers such pseudo-rational jargon as “sym pathetic resonance,” “retinal persistence,” and “pressure gradient,” as if those terms had more relevance to what we call “reality” than the terms used in the article.

I would like to point out to professor Frydrych that his so-called scientific “facts” are no more or less “real” (and a whole lot fun) than the supernatural explanations offered in Arnold and Basta’s story. Suppose, hypothetic resonance,” “retinal persistence,” and “pressure gradient,” as if those terms had more relation to what we call “reality” than the supernatural explanations.

Dear Editor:

I was annoyed when I glanced through the most recent issue of Aquinas Times and saw an article titled “Honeywell Sponsors Futurist Contest” with a byline of “Honeywell” (a student journalist I am not familiar with, perhaps?). As I read the article and then allowed myself to ponder the implications of it, I found myself becoming disgusted and angered by what it represented. What possesses the Aquinas Times staff to give valuable story space to an article that is nothing more than a change in the relative position of the earth and the sun? Do you go up to little kids and say, “There ain’t no Santa Claus”? Bah, humbug on you, buddy.

Sincerely,
Gary Eberle

Survey Apology

Wasted Space

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It is a well known fact that corporations use ploys such as this for the underlying purposes of redirecting peoples fears away from whatever social evils their industry contributes to. I am not surprised, but not. I do suggest that we leave the back door open on Christmas Eve because our chimney is about 11” by 17” in cross section and Santa looks to be about 230 pounds. We enjoy going out as a family and cutting down a spunky little “Pseudotoga mensile” to decorate and install in our living room. We marvel at the conjunction of Saturn, Jupiter and Mars that guided the Wise Men to the baby Jesus. I expect they do not. I do suggest that we leave the back door open on Christmas Eve because our chimney is about 11” by 17” in cross section and Santa looks to be about 230 pounds. We enjoy going out as a family and cutting down a spunky little “Pseudotoga mensile” to decorate and install in our living room.

Aleta L. McKeage

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... why the other guys aren't sponsored by a campus organization??
In this issue and each of the following the staff of the Aquinas Times will strive to challenge your minds in a most trivial way. Below is one of our first puzzles. It is a regular crossword puzzle with a central theme—music. Be careful with the numbering scheme as revisions may confuse you. All the questions have something to do with music.

The second puzzle is a search & find on popular movies of 1986. Search for the answers to clues.

Both of these offerings are Trivial Contests. Completed entries must be turned into the Times office by Friday Feb. 6, 1987 at 5 p.m. They may be left in the mailbox if no one is in the office. Decisions of the judges is final! A $10.00 prize will be given to the winner for each of the two contests (crossword and search & find). Winners will be drawn at random from correct entrants, and will be notified. Remember you must print your name and phone number clearly on the entry. Winners will be listed in the next issue of the Aquinas Times.

Good luck! — Trivialities staff.

**Across**

2) Who doesn't use sex as a weapon?  
5) A Townsend-Daltry rhetorical question  
6) A second digit significant to 12 across  
7) A Beatles film  
7, 5) A Collins  
8) What old Third Westers used to turn up  
10) John Lennon’s mother  
11) A Heartbreaker  
12) Not no  
13) As in “per channel”  
15) Parody group of the heavy metal genre  
16) What Rob is addicted to  
17) A kind of day at LAV  
18) What it is always at the edge of the stage, according to Mr. Byrne  
21) “The warm up,” or “The second”  
23) Who is calling from Vienna?  
24) “Some — evening...”  
26) A Humperdinck  
27) A kind of Mash  
28) A Tomita

**Music across recent (?) time**

1) Movie starring Diane Keaton and Jessica Lange.  
2) He was Top Gun (full name).  
3) Last name of Back to School’s oldest living freshman.  
4) Title character from the movie “down under.”  
5) Like Michael J. Fox, Kathleen Turner went Back to the Future.  
6) Youthful film produced by Rob Reiner.  
7) Sequel to The Hustler.  
8) Star of Children of a Lesser God.  
9) Legendary name of number 4.  
10) Movie describing character played by Danny DeVito.  
11) Tom Hanx’s summer blockbuster.  
12) Three Amigos producer, also one of the amigos.  
13) Animated story of a mouse named Fivel.  
14) Comedy starring Billy Crystal.  
15) Female lead of number 13 (last name).  
16) Dancing co-star of number 14 (full name).  
17) Kurasawa’s Lear.

**Down**

1) Bowie in orbit  
2.5) He “Raised a Cain”  
3) Stevie — Vaughan  
4) What this “Riot” is not  
8) A Duran Duran album  
9) Adam  
10) They defend the faith  
11.5) What a Valley Sunday is for the Monkees  
14) A Christian musical  
18) A kind of hop  
19) A Chung  
20) A band about “the beginning time”  
22) They were “Born on the Bayou”  
23) “Doe, a —”

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*Don’t be alarmed folks… He’s completely harmless unless something startles him.*

The Far Side of Gary Larson Courtesy of Reader’s Digest.
B-52's New Release

**B-52's: Bouncing Off the Satellites (Warner Brothers)**

The B-52's have finally raised themselves back up to the level of quality of their earlier works. Their 1980 release, *Wild Planet*, had an excellent blend of songs containing ludicrous humor (ala "Quiche Lorraine") and carefree spirit (ala "Dirty Back Roads"). However, several mediocre albums have discredited the group. Their latest effort, though, puts a lot of men stop, think and feel. The album, as a whole, is well-conceived and contains humor, carefree spirit and, surprisingly, a sad lamentation. There are also a few "make-everybody-happy" songs. They're not bad. "Summer of Love" and "Girl from Ipanema Goes to Greenland" have the catchy, but not too jingly sound common to other "new wave" crossover hits. The first is about a girl in love with a boy and in the wrong side of town. They fall for each other, but alas, their adventures together land Lady in the pound—and that leaves Tramp in the doghouse, at least for a while. Not to worry, kids. This is, after all, a Disney film, and you can probably guess the ending, in the unlikely event that you haven't seen it before.

Nevertheless, the film's charm and humor make every moment enjoyable, and while not quite as dramatic as *Snow White or Bambi*, *Lady and the Tramp* generates more than enough suspense to keep the love story from getting sticky-sweet.

Lady and Tramp themselves are far more endearing than many human screen lovers, and they are supported by a cast of unique critters including Ducky, a dour Scotty; Trusty, a Southern-gentlemally bloodhound; Peg, the canine equivalent of a faded saloon girl; and a pair of sneaky, slithery Siamese cats who cause Lady heaps of trouble. Peggy Lee, who wrote the film's score with Sonny Burke, provides voices for four characters, including Peg and the villainous felines. Peg's fiery, tail-swinging rendition of the bouncing ballad "He's a Tramp" is one of the film's most delightful moments. Actress Barbara Luddy, nearly 50 when she recorded the voice of the ever-gentle Lady, went on to play a good fairy in Disney's *Sleeping Beauty*. Larry Roberts, a Los Angeles stage actor, is appropriately devil-may-care as Tramp.

The film's animation, of course, is matchless. *Lady and the Tramp* may be Disney's most realistic cartoon feature, with its lush turn-of-the-century backgrounds, painstakingly detailed movement and minimal stylization. One of the film's greatest moments occurs when Lady is trapped in a blind alley by a vicious pack of dogs. Tramp comes leaping to the rescue in the nick of time, and a beautifully executed fight scene ensues. Much of the action is played out in the moving shadows that pass over Lady's terrified face as she watches. The animators also delight in rendering the uniquely canine movements and gestures of the dogs.

For example, when Tramp apologizes to Lady at one point, he literally comes crawling on his belly, tail wagging guiltily. Any experienced dog owner will recognize that posture, and others as well.

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Cultural Calendar

Jan. 30 and 31
Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra pops concert with pianist Max Month and John Varineau conducting, DeVos Hall, 8 p.m.

Jan. 31-March 1
Exhibit: Paintings by Mathias J. Alten, Grand Rapids Art Museum, 155 N. Division.

Feb. 3
Chamber Winds concert, St. Cecilia Auditorium, 24 Ransom Ave., N.E., 8 p.m.

Feb. 6 and 7
Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra and Grand Rapids Symphonic Choir with Anton Armstrong conducting Mendelssohn’s “Elijah,” DeVos Hall, 8 p.m.

Feb. 6 and 8
Grand Rapids Civic Ballet presents: Romeo and Juliet, Shenandoah and Carmen, DeVos Hall, 8 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Sunday.

Through Feb. 21

Through Feb. 9
“Museum of American Illustration Traveling Show,” Center Art Gallery, Calvin College.

Through March 1

Through April 5
Exhibit: Photography by Phil Palmer, Grand Rapids Art Museum, 155 N. Division.

Jan. 28
The Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, featuring:

Through January

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Alumni Art Exhibit, featuring works by Thomas Leech, Maryjo Lemanski and Marianne Wysocki-Lanore. AMC Gallery, 1-4 p.m. daily.

Submit to LIT

By Christine Bichler

The Aquinas chapter of the international literary society Lambda Iota Tau is sponsoring a writing contest open to all Aquinas students in all program types.

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Cultural Calendar

Arts

January 30 and 31
Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra pops concert with pianist Max Morath and John Varineau conducting, DeVos Hall, 8 p.m.

Jan. 31-March 1
Exhibit: Paintings by Mathias J. Alten, Grand Rapids Art Museum, 155 N. Division.

Feb. 3
Chamber Winds concert, St. Cecilia Auditorium, 24 Ransom Ave., N.E., 8 p.m.

Feb 6 and 7
Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra and Grand Rapids Symphonic Choir with Anton Armstrong conducting Mendelssohn’s “Elijah,” DeVos Hall, 8 p.m.

Feb. 6 and 8
Grand Rapids Civic Ballet presents: Romeo and Juliet, Shenandoah and Carmen, DeVos Hall, 8 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Sunday.

Through Janauary

Through Feb. 7
Alumni Art Exhibit, featuring works by Thomas Leech, Maryjo Lemanski and Marianne Wysocki-Lanore. AMC Gallery, 1-4 p.m. daily.

Through Feb. 21

Through Feb. 9
“Museum of American Illustration Traveling Show,” Center Art Gallery, Calvin College.

Through March 1

Through April 5
Exhibit: Photography by Phil Palmer, Grand Rapids Art Museum, 155 N. Division.

Jan. 28
The Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, featuring:

Mass, Pastoral Center, 8:30 a.m.

Medieval art slide lecture by James Karsna, Wege Auditorium, noon-1 p.m.

All-campus photograph, taken in front of the Academic Building, 1 p.m.

Medieval Dinner, Wege Cafeteria, 4:45-6 p.m. Admission: $3

“The Sacred and the Profane: A Medieval Tapestry,” presented in the AMC Kretschmer Recital Hall Wed., Jan. 28 at 7 p.m.

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From the Bleachers

By Pat Miles

Why shouldn't Aquinas have a football team?

Aquinas is comparable in size to Hope, Hillsdale and Albion colleges, and they have their own football teams, as do most junior colleges. College football is an American tradition if not an establishment; for over 100 years it has been a fixture of college life. Football has a special appeal over baseball and other sports. Football has only four or five home games to attend and it has spontaneity and excitement; it is truly a spectator sport. Something about a football team brings out school spirit and a common bond on college campuses that is unparalleled. How often do the student body and others provide a lot of support for a school team (other than football) at the beginning of a season, but as the schedule drags on interest and attendance wane? With a football season there is just enough time to enjoy a short home and away schedule, about 10 or 12 games.

We are not a major college such as Notre Dame or the University of Michigan, or even Western Michigan University, but we are Aquinas College—A small, private college in the second largest city in Michigan. Everyone knows someone or has a friend that goes to those schools with a football team. Those people get excited about those big games over the weekend— we might also. Yet, it is not really our team. We may adopt a team, but we really are not a part.

Why doesn't Aquinas have a football team?

When asked why Aquinas doesn't have a football team, Athletic Director Terry Bocian said that a concerted effort has never been made to look into the possibilities, and that it has always been taken for granted the idea is "unrealistic." Bocian cites the initial start-up costs as the main reason we don’t have a team. "At each year passes, inflation mounts, and it becomes more and more expensive to start a team. Also, the travel and operating expenses of such a group would be too large. And there is the problem the baseball team encounters—the lack of space and facilities," he said. All of these are logical reasons against a team, but examine the statistics of a successful program at a smaller school:

Hope College is also a private college, in a much smaller community (Holland). The enrollment there is only about 2,800 compared to Aquinas at some 3,500. Some say that the large 100-player squad contributes to tuition totaling $970 thousand, and that the players might have gone to schools if Hope did not have a team. The team also had a Rhodes Scholarship winner this year, who might have gone to another college or university with a football team.

Smith also said, "Once all the equipment is paid for the program becomes self-sufficient. The team publicity the team brings is more than the school could ever afford for recruiting students. The team has also become a rallying point, both for the current students and also the alumni.

Where would Aquinas find enough players to fill a roster?

The Hope College roster includes the J.V. squad, therefore about 50 players are on the varsity team. To find and recruit 35 to 50 players might not be a great obstacle. Area Catholic high schools (Grand Rapids Catholic Central, West Catholic and Muskegon Catholic) and the Grand Rapids public high schools would provide an excellent source of talent, as would G.R.U.C. and community college fraternities.

Players would be excited at the opportunity to play for a college as respectable as AQ, rather than give up their sport. For a high school player not recruited by large schools such as Notre Dame or M.S.U. and faced with the choice of biding their time at a junior college or another small college far away, Aquinas is perfect. What attracted the other athlete has from across the state will attract football players. It will be a draw to those who want to participate in a football jazz band, be cheerleaders and football enthusiasts. No one is not going to come to Aquinas because of a football team, but many more will attend because of one.

Where could AQ find a suitable field and facilities?

Unlike the situation with the home baseball field—more than 10 miles away—many good football fields are near the campus. For example, Houseman Field is only a mile away, and the East Grand Rapids High School field is a shorter walking distance. Both are high calidad fields and are lighted. As for schedule conflicts, college games are on Saturday afternoons while high school games are on Friday nights. Although G.R.U.C. does not have a football schedule is away, and the six City League high school teams share two fields, Christian and Houseman. Scheduling has worked out for them.

New Women's League

Highlights IM Season

By Mike Manley

A two-team women's league will be new this year as part of the intramural five-person basketball program. The league, which began on Jan. 20, will have a men's five-team "A" league and a football team. Games will be played at the Fieldhouse and are scheduled for various weeknight beginning at 8:45 p.m. and Saturday beginning at 1 p.m. For more information regarding IM basketball or any intramural program please contact Mary Takas or Mike Manley at ext. 323.

Letters

From Page 5

Dear Editor,

As chairman of the Academic Affairs Committee, I feel I must express my discontent over the discussion concerning athletic scholarships that took place during the December 5th Academic Assembly meeting. If the college undertakes a fundraiser exclusively for athletic scholarships, it would be a great injustice. The college would be losing sight of its goal, to provide its students with the best education possible. I am for promoting athletics in the college, but not at the expense of other students. To justify such an act by saying athletics provide the college a service is not justification for undertaking such an act. Every graduate from Aquinas who makes it in this world does the college a service by representing what a fine Institution.

Respectfully,
Timothy Williams
Men's B-ball: Looking for a Leader

By Pat Miles

The men's basketball team, with a record of 6-12 after starting with 1 win and 6 losses, is going to have to fight for a playoff spot and a .500 record. Both have been given to us the past three seasons with dominant players like Laray Hardy and Joe VanRosmalen on the team. Head Coach Larry Randall said he was, "looking for someone to step forward and take a leadership role this year." But, he has yet to find that player.

With returning starters like Cory Branch, Darryl Martin, senior forward Greg Moody and with Mike Dunlap who saw a lot of playing time, this year's experienced squad was predicted to do well even with the graduation and loss of Hardy, VanRosmalen and defensive specialist Brett Dyke. Randall feels the potential of the team is huge, "if we could just fill the gaps left after last year." Randall cites the lack of physical size and depth on the bench for the team's shortcomings. "A lot of teams we are playing are bigger than us, and we've been getting out muscled down low, Martin is a good size guard and Brian Jacobs holds his own out there. But, we can't go to the bench like some of the other teams and stay in the game. Plus, many of the losses were by less than five points, and AQ has the toughest schedule in the state for a school our size."

Sophomore guard Brain Jacobs says, "At first we weren't playing like a team. There was just five individuals out on the court. Now that everyone is doing what the coach says and now that we're playing together we are winning."

Moody and senior guard Darryl Martin have played well all year, but they both are feeling the pressure of the loss of Hardy and VanRosmalen. Martin and 6-foot 7 senior Cory Branch have started to step forward and take control of the last few games. Branch was named NAIA Player of the Week for the week ending Jan. 16.

Randall says the upcoming games are "key to the season, because five out of seven are at home and we play Division I Eastern Michigan University. Playing at home is an advantage, if we can get a lot of people in the stands to intimidate the opposition and take pride in the team."

By Dean Arnold

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According to Steffee, there was some talk of starting a collegiate league with some of the area colleges. "We contacted some of the neighboring schools (GBJC, Grand Valley State, and Calvin) but so far it's been unsuccessful," he said. For now, the Hockey Club can be seen playing in the Thursday night senior league at the Jolly Roger Ice Arena, with times varying between 8, 9 and 10 p.m. All games are open to the public.

**FOOTBALL, from Page 10**

The intramural field on Robinson Road is large enough for a practice field and Wilcox Park could be used. These practice fields are large enough and easily accessible for a team from AQ.

Who could Aquinas play against?

There is adequate competition around the area with such schools as J.C., Grand Valley and Hope. Many of the schools the other Aquinas teams play against have football teams, so that is a natural schedule possibility. With the quality of players that come out of the area schools, AQ would be very competitive immediately. A team here could stop the flow of talented local players to other colleges.

Instead of spending a fall Saturday afternoon napping or watching someone else's school team play, imagine the pride one could have while outside with friends, fellow classmates, alumni and faculty watching "the Saints go marching" onto the field proudly.

A football team at Aquinas does not have to be a whimsical idea. But to accomplish this huge task it would take time, just as constructing a new building on campus would, as well as a concerted effort by the students, faculty, alumni and benefactors.

What you can do for now is to contemplate the pluses and minuses and ask yourself and others some pertinent questions such as "why don't we have a team, and what would it be like if we did?" If the idea really appeals to you, start a survey to find a genuine widespread interest and ask a Senate committee to investigate the idea to find out if it is feasible. A lofty goal is the only one worth attaining.

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**SUNSHINE from Page 4**

get tickets for a home game, and you get tickets for one of your home games, then we can meet a couple of times—and get a little crazy."

"That sounds fine," I said. "But the college I attend doesn't have a football team." "Excuse me?" he asked-sort of taken aback. I calmly spelled it out, "We don't have a football team." "Sheesh," he said, "Going to a college without a football team would be like going to a college without a . . . without a theater." I hit my lip.