Interns Spread the Good Word about Aquinas

College Relations Dept.

They traveled a total of 17,406 miles in less than five months. They spread the word about Aquinas College in meetings ... as admissions representatives for Aquinas during the first semester of the current academic year. Brian Merucci, a senior from West Bloomfield, Liz Garzelloni, a junior from Nunica, Mich., and Rita Kuhlman, a junior from Traverse City, learned what it's like to recruit students on a daily basis.

Working 40 or more hours per week following a two-week training period, Merucci, a business marketing major, represented the college in the Detroit area. Garzelloni, a business and communications major, handled territories away from Michigan, and Kuhlman, an education major, recruited in southern and northern Michigan.

The trio performed as regular Aquinas admissions professional for 16 weeks, learning office procedures, establishing goals, scheduling appointments speaking with prospective students, visiting high school counselors and handling a broad range of other responsibilities.

During their internships, they were supervised by Kathleen Groskopf, associate director of admissions and a member of the Aquinas admissions staff since 1985. The students met with Groskopf each week to discuss and evaluate the internship experience. She feels it's an experience which helps introduce students to the real world.

"An internship sets knowledge into practice," she says. "The value of an internship is that it assists the student in distinguishing the difference between student and professional. The students learn to become a critical thinker and a keen inquirer." In discussing her internship, Garzelloni has similar feelings about the value of internships. "When comparing my past academic work with the actual hands-on training, I can definitely see the benefits of an internship opportunity. In the classroom, we spend our time "learning" what it's all about but never actually "do" what it's all about. Theories and dates can be memorized and forgotten, but actual trial and error by yourself will always be remembered and, hopefully, improved upon," she says.

Merucci's internship helped him put his career plans in perspective, and it also boosted his self-esteem. "Not only was the position of an admissions intern enjoyable, it also played an active role in my career planning," he says. "The position was exactly what I was looking for. It was a nice combination of marketing, communications and administrative work." "I now consider myself one step ahead of the average student. I proved to myself that I am a valuable individual," he adds.

The field experience internships are part of Aquinas College's overall career counseling program. Other components of the program include: individual career counseling; group career planning; and job-hunting workshops; several eight week career planning courses; a 10-week student development seminar; career fairs; student employment services; and graduate placement services.

Off-Campus Housing: An Alternative Lifestyle

By Jill Johnson

For many students it will soon be time to come to a conclusion on where to live during the next school year. On-campus housing is available to all Aquinas students, but many opt for an off-campus dwelling. From renting rooms to apartments, or even entire houses, living off-campus is a popular choice.

Before deciding to move off-campus, many things must be taken into consideration. These considerations include the cost, food, security, parking, neighbors, landlords and general house condition. Brian Merucci, a senior who resides on Auburn street was involved in an internship first semester which took him away from the Grand Rapids area on a regular basis. He felt that by living in the dorm he would be tied to a meal plan, and he would be able to take advantage of only occasionally. In his case, the cost of an off-campus dwelling was more economical. Merucci stated, "By living off-campus, I felt that I could save money by eating out and grocery shopping, instead of wasting money on a meal plan that I wouldn't be able to use."

Although Merucci felt that a meal plan would be a hindrance, some off-campus residents find that it is worthwhile. Mike Montini, a Robinson Road resident, has a ten-meal plan. "I had the option of having money sent to me weekly for groceries or purchasing a meal plan," he stated. "I didn't like the idea of having to fix all of my meals and wash dishes, so I chose the meal-plan. It has worked out good."

Others find that by not having a meal plan they save money, but fail to eat properly. Colleen Murphy, a senior who resides on Fountain street felt, "with a meal plan you were guaranteed of a meal, living off-campus you may not always eat right."

Security is another thing that is to be considered when deciding to move off-campus. Therese Kelly and Caroline Reagan, Fountain street residents, have encountered some problems. They clarified, "don't be afraid to call the police, even if you aren't positive that something is wrong. They are supportive and helpful." When asked about what factors concerning security should be looked into when looking for a house, they stated, "become familiar with the neighborhood in which you wish to rent, make sure that all doors and windows have locks. Bathroom windows are most commonly broken into, so double check them." They also warned, "check the area around to the ones in which you wish to rent. Wandering foots tend to be a hangout for people who you wouldn't want near your home." Security however, is not a problem with all off-campus housing.

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off-campus dwellings. Merucci states, "we live in a nice neighbor­hood and have encountered no problems with break-ins or secu­rity."

There are several benefits available when living off-campus. Resi­dents may have their own rooms, a chance not available to all on-campus residents. Mike Pelon, who resides on Auburn street states, "Being able to have your own room gives you a chance to get away from things. You have your own personal space and a quiet place to study."

Another benefit in living off-campus is that you don't have to tolerate noisy dormitory residents or early bed-goers. Tom Mikowski, a Robinson road, household resi­dent feels that, "living off-campus provides for freedom and privacy. I like to be able to turn the stereo up when I like, without having an R.A. to tell me to turn it down. I'm a night person and by living off-campus I don't have to put up with the person who goes to bed at 10:00 p.m."

One benefit to living on-campus is that residents are guaranteed of heat and electricity. Some off-campus residents simply cannot afford the outrageous heat bills that they have received. Domenick DeRcole, a Fairmont resident stated, "sometimes it is hard to set aside money for heat and rent at the end of the month. Your first priority is rent. They only give you a week for late rent, but a month for late heat." For this reason the heat is kept at a mini­mal temperature, or sometimes shut-off because residents cannot afford it.

When asked about some other benefits of living off-campus rather than on, several answers were generated: there are no guest and visitation rules, you can have your own room, it is an easier setting to study in, personal freedom, being able to stay in Grand Rapids during breaks, if necessary, the list continues. Most off-campus stu­dents prefer it to dorm life, even though there are some negative aspects. Pelon stated, "you don't know as much about what is going on on-campus, and you have to pay bills that you didn't when you were in the dorm."

Once you have weighed all the pros and cons of off-campus life and are still interested, the next logical step is to research. Residence Life can give students a list of off-campus dwellings that are available. Another option may be to talk to students who are living in houses or apartments that you are interested in for the upcoming year. They will be able to give you tips about landlords, general house condition, parking, security, neighbors and any other questions you may have.

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SUPREME MISTAKE

January was "Freedom of Student Press Month", yet during that same month the Supreme Court of the United States handed down a 5 to 3 decision allowing public school administrators to censor any stories to be published in a high school student-run newspaper. It is an obvious move limiting First Amendment rights to select groups of people. In this case the select group is high school students.

Citing his rationale in the decision, Justice Byron White wrote for the majority, "A school need not tolerate student speech that is inconsistent with its 'basic educational mission'. The articles related to teenage pregnancy, and to divorce. The principal regarded the overall story too positive in its tone. (A sample quote: "This experience has made me a more responsible person. I feel that now I am a woman.") Because of printing deadlines, he had no alternative from completely deleting the two pages from the May, 1983 issue.

Identifiability will always surface to some extent when pseudonyms are used in a high school newspaper, especially when some are closely knowledgeable of the situation. It is not flippant to believe that in a high school, a pregnant student will be somewhat identifiable.

As for the material being unsuitable for the younger students to read, it can be reasonably assumed that by the time a student has reached high school, they have been exposed to television dramas, news programs, conversations, and almost every media form dealing with these and many other subjects, that would be deemed inappropriate by the principal. Perhaps, even in their own life's experience they have been introduced to these real-life situations.

Subjects dealing with life's constant dilemmas will not disappear because one person (or five Supreme Court Justices) chooses to sweep them under the rug of censorship. They are problems that must be dealt with by future adults, for only then can a solution or resolution be realized. It is doubtful that the newspaper article advocated all unfulfilled young girls to become a "woman" by having a baby as soon as possible. Yet, if that is one person's true feeling, it had to be written. The reader is left to decide how they feel about the quote. The tone of the story may be positive in one person's estimation, but no position was taken by the newspaper on the delicate subject.

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positive in one person's estimation, but no position was taken by the newspaper on the delicate subject. The students who run a newspaper should be given the latitude to make mistakes, errors in judgment, and to be accountable for their decisions. Through this process, learning to be responsible for one's actions can have a positive impact on one's personal growth. The students who read a newspaper should have the right to be presented topics relevant to their lives, and to be able to make their own decisions that shape their values.

When the more presentational facts are judged to be inappropriate, this nation is in danger of losing its moral consciousness. For only when the facts are presented and discussed, can the truth be found.

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The Mission of Radio, or "Hey Buddy, Wanna' Buy a Bridge?"

By Scott Sundberg

Recently I came under fire again for reviewing that music. The person who accosted me wanted to know "why do you listen to that junk? Don't you like regular music, like on the radio?" As for why I listen to "that junk", read my reviews and perhaps you will get an insight as to what I look for in my listening choices. "Regular music?" I take it that means pop music, specifically the pop music played on the radio. I'd like to take the time to explain why I do not review the music you hear on your radio.

First off, this is a college newspaper. With a college newspaper you should expect to learn something that you didn't already know when you picked the paper up. College is supposed to be a time when one expands one's horizons and knowledge. At least it was the last time I checked. So therefore, I am trying to pass on what little knowledge I have of something to those who know even less about the subject.

Second, I like pop music. I really do. I think that I EXPECT more out of pop music than the average American does. In other words, I want to be entertained, but I also generally want something with substance, too. That's why I don't listen to (or bother to review) Madonna, George Michael or Debbie Gibson. I mean, c'mon! What the heck does "Shake Your Love" mean, anyway? I can't get rid of your love, per haps? If so, then why don't you say that? I don't know, maybe I need to listen to her a few hundred more times and let the song completely numb my brain cells and perhaps I'll get the picture.

The other day, while riding in the car, I flipped on the radio, a rare occurrence for me. I heard this Prince single, "Take The Place Of Your Man". I really liked it. He was actually saying something about relationships and it sounded good, too. I suppose that if I had to hear that song 500 times a day on the same station I'd probably hate it, but I really enjoyed listening to it at the time. I may even buy a copy of it for my library.

Another song that I currently like, though I don't know how much airplay it's getting, is Men Without Hats' "Pop Goes The World". It's a fun, loopy little tune with some truly interesting riffs. To me its fascinating how they can do so much with so little. The main theme is repeated beyond count, yet remains interesting throughout. The lyrics also tell a parable about love and life and facing yet another day in this world of ours. Kind of like when you're not thinking about it. Let's see, what else have I heard lately that's "pop"? Chris & Cosey have both a new single and LP out now, "Exotika". I have the single and it's quite good. With the proper push from the people in charge of radio, "Exotika" could be a hit. It's got the percolating synth parts, the snappy rhythm and Cosey's alluring voice. Unfortunately, it doesn't have the money behind it that too many others have.

Gang of Four (the band, not the politicians) once sang a song that had the line in it, "making money is making sense". That line actually makes a lot of sense when it comes to radio and the state of commercial pop music. In order to make money, you've got to sell. How do you sell? You sound like everything you've heard before. It makes simple sense. Substance does not sell. Substance makes people think and people who think may not buy what they're supposed to.

Oh, occasionally someone like Prince will sneak through and actually be able to say something without it calling much attention to it's message. After all, commercial radio is not about music, is it? No, look at its name: COMMERCIAL. Grandmaster Flash & the Furious Five once sang, "it's all about money, ain't a damn thing funny." They were right. Most music you hear on commercial radio is not meant to further any artistic cause or to enlighten the listener. It's meant to sell soap, pop, bluejeans, cars, candy, fastfood hamburgers, etc. If it didn't it wouldn't be there. Think about that the next time Michael Jackson wants to sell you a Pepsi.

Okay, end of sermon. Next time I promise I will bring you music and not philosophy: two local bands, Pillar of Fire Society and Iron Mike. Pop and noise, roses and gunfire. Enough said, see you then.

This column is my opinion and does not necessarily reflect the opinion of Herm and Paul at the Vinyl Solution. Visit them and buy ALL kinds of records: Vinyl Solution, 4328 S. Division, 538-7887.
Cultural Calendar

Through Feb. 10
Exhibit: “Art in Worship - Clay and Fiber,” Center Art Gallery, Calvin College.

Through Feb. 28

“A Sky Tonight,” a special skyshow for young children, Chaffee Planetarium, 54 Jefferson Ave., S.E., various times.


Feb. 4
Film: MacArthur, Gerald R. Ford Museum, 302 Pearl Street, N.W., 7:30 p.m. Admission: $1.50.

Feb. 4 - 13
Fool for Love, by Sam Shepard, a production of the Actors’ Theatre directed by Fred Schulake, Spectrum Theatre, 143 Bostwick N.E., 8 p.m. Feb. 4-6 and 11-13, 7 p.m. Feb. 7.

Feb. 5 and 6
The Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra performs Haydn’s The Seasons, featuring the Grand Rapids Symphonic Choir and guest soloists, DeVos Hall, 8 p.m. Tickets: $7 - $22.50 through Ticket-Master.

Feb. 5 - 7

Feb. 6

Feb. 10

Films: Mad Love and Island of Lost Souls, Cook Auditorium, Grand Rapids Art Museum, 155 N. Division, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Admission: $3.

Feb. 11

Feb. 13
Grand Rapids Symphony Chamber Series, AMC Kretschmer Recital Hall, 5 p.m. Tickets: $8, available from the Symphony Office or at the door.


Feb. 14
Benefit Concert for Humanity, featuring the West Michigan Musicians for Nuclear Disarmament, St. Andrew’s Cathedral, 267 Sheldon S.E., 4 p.m. Admission: $6 and $10.

Feb. 12-13, 18-20
Carousel, performed by the Calvin Alumni Players, directed by Faye Cruikshanks, Fine Arts Center, Calvin College, 8:15 p.m. Special matinee at 2:15 p.m. Feb. 20. Tickets $4.75 through the Calvin Special Events Box Office.

Be My Valentine?

Barbie,
Much better than Cats! You can wear them again and again! Happy Valentine’s Day.

From,
“Down the hall and on the left.”

Keltrate

Dear Smel-grate,
Thank you for letting me be the butt of your jokes. Now will you be mine? Uh huh, yeah.

Love,
Flippy

Mari达尔什, Happy Valentine’s Day! I hope HE remembered.

Whif

Andie,
Have a great V-day! You’re the best roommate I ever had!

Love,
Flippy

Mary Hramiec,
I want to get to know you better. An Admirer

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Dave O’Connor, I’d like to get to know you better. Maybe someday when you’re free.

-?

To Karen,
Happy Valentine’s To my love, my wife, my life, my little dove, Life with you is so great it seems I love you more than pork and beans.

S.O.B.

Mike and Mary Alice, Happy Valentine’s Day to two of our favorite pun-goers. From your Irish piglets.

Love,
Bunny, Michele, Cae, and Betsy.

To Karen,
Happy Valentine’s To my love, my wife, my life, my little dove, Life with you is so great it seems I love you more than pork and beans.

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Caelan,
What ever happened to our lunch date? I await to hear from you soon.

Mary on AQ track,
Take me, I’m wild about you! A wild tiger

Jacki and Jill, Aquinas does miss you!

JO LOVE,
Jacki and Jill

“All you .....”,
Roses are wilting, Violets are dying, Happy Valentine’s Day, I think I’ll go bake a cake.

Your friend Keltrate

Mom, Dad and Kenny, To the best friends a girl could have. I Love You! Happy Valentine’s Day.

Love,
Kristin

Mom, Dad and Jim, To the best family! Love and miss ya! Happy Valentine’s Day.

Love Bug

Emmet,
I like more than just your tennis shoes! I Love You! Happy Valentine’s Day.

Love,
Kame

Shannon and Mary, Happy Valentine’s Day to the sweetest roommates!

Love,
Laura

More Valentines on the next page.....
More Valentine’s Messages

Dear Nipsy and Mad,
I love you both and I want to bear your children. Oh, be suite to me.
Love, Kimba

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Fig.
Happy Valentine’s Day!
With Love,

The V-Day Chicken

Sharon,
Your true colors are shining through!!
Love,
B.S.

Lisa R.,
Happy Valentine’s Day!
Love,
Mary and Laura

Mike Wilson,
I need my phone messages.
Love,
Fano

Alison,
My aim is true.
Co.

Valentine’s Day?
Yeah Right!
JMW

Moose,
A whole year, and I couldn’t be happier!
Love always,
Rat

R. Willie,
Wait until you see what I got you for Valentine’s Day!!!
S.

Quirk,
Happy Valentine’s Day in a “Big way”! (Add another dimension)
Be Mine
Love Hruby Rapids

Paul G.,
Want to talk about it? Give me a call. Happy Valentine’s Day.
Mary

Woolehead,
Balsa. Happy Valentine’s Day.
Jeff

Lisa, Penny and Beth,
I have some very special roomies. Oh, no do what I do! Thanks gal—You’ve made it wacky and wild so far. Happy Valentine’s Day.
Kimby

Scrooge

Dawn,
Roses are red
Violets are blue
I can hardly wait
To break up with you.
Thaxn a million,
Now move out!
Tony R.

Laura Honmant,
This is a time to share
A friendship in words so
Happy Valentine’s Day
To my favorite R.A.
Love,
Dargo

Kel-trate,
Your so cool and I love being around you. Happy Valentine’s Day dude.
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Mary

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Keep up the good work!
The Pan Club!

To my roommate Wave, and my suitemates Joanne P. and Mari-Sue, Wishing you all a Happy Valentine’s Day!
Andreas R. - 4th West

To Whitners,
Have a very special Valentine’s Day, Chick! You’re the best.
Love
Egg

Molly R.,
You are very cute.
I’d love to get to know you.
Stop by and say more than “hello”.
A Shy Guy

Dear Tim Critchlow,
Your a very handsome, smart, brite, and lovable kind of guy who I’m asking to be my Valentine. Great dancer also!
Love,

M.E.,
It started by having a class together. And next because of your accident. Either way I’m glad we spent time together. Happy Valentine’s Day.
L.S.

To Tom Robertson,
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You’re awesome!
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P.S. Surprise!

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Men’s Volleyball Club
Ventures Forward

By Bryan Rizzo

The newest athletic team on the Aquinas Campus is not recognized as a varsity sport. The team has just 11 players on the roster, and is only two years old. As a matter of fact, the team isn’t even funded by the Athletic Department. An interest in volleyball has long been present among college students. The only problem is that few, if any, colleges have varsity volleyball for men. So last year, 8 to 10 Aquinas students decided to form the Aquinas volleyball club. Now a member of the National Inter-collegiate Volleyball Association, the club acts very much as any other varsity sport.

The club plays only other club teams from other schools, including such large schools as the University of Michigan, Notre Dame, Michigan State University, and Ohio State University.

The main funding for the club comes from the Aquinas Community Senate, which was very supportive for the Saints’ initial year. This year, the club itself has hosted two tournaments to help self-supporting.

Last year, the team’s advisor/player was Tom Robertson. Robertson became more of a player this year with the addition of Coach Van- der Woud.

The returning players include Robertson, Jeff Kwiatkowski who is also the club president, Tori Bonafede the club’s treasuer, Joe Tomaszewski, Fred Radomacher, and Mark Fignoni. Club newcomers are Pat McGee, Mike Donnelly, Rick Parson, Jeff Belmonte, and Greg Patay.

The team is off to a slow start, but hopes to rebound this Saturday in a tournament at the University of Michigan. Right now they need fan sup-.

The team hopes within a few years interest will be enough so that a Western Michigan conference will be formed and volleyball will be a varsity sport.
Men's Varsity Continues Struggle

By Bryan Rizzo

The last four games for the men's varsity basketball team treated the club almost as bad as the rest of the season has. The four straight setbacks, some heart-breakers and some blowouts, dropped the Saints' record to 6-17.

The slide started on the road against Sienna Heights. A strong second half could not stop a 68-63 defeat. Rich Wilson paced the offensive attack with 20 points including, four 3-pointers. Brian Jacobs and Mike Wilson chipped in with 15 points each, and Mike Cullen played a tremendous inside game grabbing 17 rebounds.

The Saints then traveled to Hope College. The result was another heart-breaker, as the club fell to a 79-78 defeat. Mike Wilson led the Saints with 19 points as well as 7 rebounds. Jason Mayers led the Saints with 12 rebounds as they suffered the team's fourth straight road defeat.

It has not been easy for Aquinas. The tough losses seem to be adding up, as two of the four contests were decided by less than 3 points and, one other went into overtime. The breaks seem to be going the other way. The hope is that things will turn around, as nearly an entire month is left in the season.

Men Lose in O.T. to Kalamazoo

By Michael Dean

The Aquinas men's basketball team fell to Kalamazoo College, 84-79, in a tightly-contested overtime affair. The setback was the fourth in a row for the 6-17 Saints.

Neither team led by more than six points in regulation. Aquinas led 61-58 with 1:17 left, but the Hornets held the lead to a field goal in the next four minutes to lead 68-63 with three minutes left. A late rally by Aquinas, ending with two baskets by Troy Pelak, sent the game into overtime.

Aquinas led 73-71 in the first minute, but a 7-0 run by Kalamazoo proved to be decisive. Rich Wilson led the Saints with 19 points. Brian Jacobs scored 14, Pelak 10 and Ed Yeo 13. Kalamazoo, which broke a eight-game losing streak, was led by Matt Lahman with 30 points. The Hornets made 28 of 32 free throws, including all nine attempts at the charity stripe.

The men's junior varsity team fared better in Kalamazoo, surviving a late Kalamazoo rally to post a 61-58 win over the Hornet jayvees.

BASKETBALL BITS AND PIECES

The men's basketball team is on a six-game road series, the longest of the season. That means that the next home game is Feb. 6 when Sierra Heights comes in, starting a three-game home-sunday. The Saints had a six-game away set early in the season, followed by a four-game home stretch.

Feb. 1 begins five straight games against District 23 opponents. In the 120-80 loss at Grand Valley on Jan. 25, Aquinas tied the record for the most 100-point games allowed with eight, set in the 1903-64 season (Aquinas was 1-0-1 that year). Three of those contests were done by Grand Valley in a rather sickening sequence: 80-101 (21), 71-103 (33), 85-120 (40). Thankfully, that's enough of that series.

The loss extends the Saint losing streak to three games. The longest streak of the season was seven games from Nov. 21 to Dec. 5. On the other hand, the longest winning streak was two games from Dec. 11 to Jan. 6.

Not much to observe on the junior varsity side, 3-13 after losing 95-65 to Hope Jan. 20, marking the seventh loss in the last eight games.

Women's basketball has been hot of late. Wins over Hope (49-32) and Alma (59-47) have raised the record to 13-2. The Saints have won their last four games and 12 of the last 13.

Aquinas will play District 23 opponents for six straight games—the first four on the road.

The Saints shot season-high 68 percent (26 of 38) at Alma Dec. 5. On the other hand, the season low was 31 percent (17 of 55) at home against Alma Jan. 23, (23 free throws made the difference there).

Defense has been the constant factor in the Aquinas play. In the past nine games, only twice have the opponents shot better than 40 percent. Only once has anybody broke 50 percent; Quincy did that Jan. 8 and pinned one of two losses on Aquinas. The Saints, on the other hand, held Hope to just 18 percent floor shooting and a season-low 32 points. That game was marked by several scoreless stretches; the longest drought was nearly eight minutes in the second half.

Carpenter will shift become the sixth Aquinas women's player to score 1,000 career points; she has 95. Kathy Grzegorski holds the women's career scoring record with 2,087.

The women's junior varsity has followed the lead of the varsity, adding wins over Hope (68-44) and Alma (57-47) to raise their record to 7-2, including a five-game winning streak.

Aquinas (4-13) led 35-27 at halftime, and led by as many as 11 points in the second half before Kalamazoo trimmed the lead to three points in the final minutes.

All 10 Saints scored, led by Scott Markham with 14 points and Jeff Glotta with 12.

Women Cagers Still Shining

By Bryan Rizzo

The Lady Saints varsity basketball team continued its winning ways with three victories in its last three outings.

The streak began at Sienna Heights, as the Saints came away with an 89-64 victory. Brenda McNiel had a game-high 25 points, including 9 free throws to pace the attack. Alise Keiser continued her great season with a strong game scoring 18 points and snatching 10 rebounds as the Saints won their 11th game of the season.

After their road success at Sienna, Aquinas came home to battle Hope College. The change of scenery didn't change the outcome as the Saints won a 49-32 contest. Jennie Butchart led the way with 10 points and 3 assists. Keiser had another good performance as she scored 9 and pulled down 14 rebounds. The victory pushed the club record to 12-2.

Alma was the next squad to attempt to take on the Aquinas steamroller. Once again the Saints came out on the winning end of a 59-47 score. Cheryl Carpenter, in her second game back from an injury, scored 17 points to lead the victory. Like clockwork Keiser played another great game with 17 points, 14 rebounds, 2 assists, and 3 steals. The victory put the Lady Saints at a very impressive 13-2 mark.

With at least 10 games remaining in the season some very impressive numbers could be attained before the season ends.

The Saints have played very consistently and if they continue they should have no problem making post-season play.
Saint Spotlight
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THE MEANING OF INTRAMURALS

During these winter months the big sport on campus is basketball. Aquinas has four intercollegiate basketball programs right now. Varsity and junior varsity teams exist for both men and women. This, far and away, makes basketball the most popular sport at Aquinas. Of course, the people who are able to participate are the players. After all, without players there would be no team.

Certain regulations must be met for a student to be an eligible player. Eligibility rules exist for every intercollegiate sport. The most obvious example of these rules, that a player must be a student of the school he represents and plays for, may seem obvious, but one should remember that sports are designed strictly for the student-athlete.

We must remember that there are only a small fraction of college students who are able to participate in intercollegiate competition. This leaves the schools with the majority of the students not participating in any athletic endeavor competitively. Thus, the innovation of intramural sports.

Intramurals are a rather ingenious idea, allowing students to form teams, presumably with friends, and compete with other students for fun and the always present incentive for winning.

The fact that it is designed for participation by the students, is the key to this activity. The games are not always of extraordinary caliber, but they are always important to the participants. Everyone wants to make a good showing in front of their friends. Also, there is the pride of an intramural championship T-shirt as an added incentive. This all adds up to a fun time and a chance for students to taste competitive sports on a friendly level.

For example, right now, intramural basketball is in full force with 2 separate men's divisions and a women's division.

However, one point should be remembered: this league is set up for student recreation, it is meant for the student and should be kept that way. However, according to the official rules, faculty and staff are both eligible to participate. Perhaps they need recreation also, but if things are set up for the students, shouldn't it remain that way?

Added to the faculty playing, is the problem of the alumni. I don't think that just because someone went to Aquinas, they should be able to play intramural sports here, especially if a person has previous basketball experience on a higher level of competition. This ruins the idea of a student going over to the gym twice a week for a fun, competitive game.

Just the other night I happened to look on the court before one of the games, and my friend turned to me and asked if any player on one of the teams knew who any of the others were. Every person I asked, had no idea who any of them were. They weren't faculty and didn't look like students. Maybe it was an alumni team. That's just the problem. These guys are not students who are out to have fun. They obviously have played together before and one year's experience for the present players, could easily turn the team toward a winning season in the near future.

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All games played on South Court
Sun. 2-14
TEAM
2:30 2 vs. 3 2:30 4 vs. 5
3:00 2 vs. 3 2:30 4 vs. 5
3:30 3 vs. 4 3:30 5 vs. 6
4:30 3 vs. 4 4:30 5 vs. 6

RED DIVISION 5-MAN BASKETBALL
TEAM
All games played on North Court
Sun. 2-14
TEAM
2:30 2 vs. 3 2:30 4 vs. 5
3:00 2 vs. 3 3:00 4 vs. 5
4:30 2 vs. 3 4:30 4 vs. 5

WHITE DIVISION 5-MAN BASKETBALL
All games played on North Court
Sun. 2-14
TEAM
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4:30 2 vs. 3 4:30 4 vs. 5

Men's J.V. Gets Rare Win
By Bryan Rizzo

The men's junior varsity basketball team slightly improved their record with one win in their last three contests. The lone victory came on the road. The Saints visited Kalamazoo College and were able to squawk out a 61-58 victory. The key to the victory was not an individual effort. A balanced attack, in nearly every aspect of play, was the key to the win.

Shawn Markham led the way scoring 14 points and snagging 3 rebounds. Jeff Glotta chipped in with 12 points and 4 steals. Jimmy Edwards sparkled the club defensively with 7 steals and 3 total turnovers. Offensively, Edwards added 8 points and dished out 3 assists.

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