The First Winterfest is a Hit

By James Sharp

The First Annual Winterfest competition was held from February 23rd to the 26th. The competition featured events including a college bowl quiz game, tryouts for the top oil bowl team, and a final game of snow-football. The team at Regina Hall and the nominee for the voting were the winning team. The team, led by Regina Hall and the nominee for the voting, won with 17 points. Second East Regina finished second with 12, and the team at Regina Hall finished third with 9. All of the events were sponsored by different student clubs and organizations.

Competing for a first-place prize of a free dinner at Chichi's restaurant and $100 was on top as usual, Matt Regan was on top as usual, Matt Regan had a very enjoyable time. Sophomore Katie Messing stated that the weather was wet and muddy. "It was disappointing to see the lack of enthusiasm in the wet and muddy weather."

Earning points for finishes in the different events, the team at Regina Hall finished second with 12, winning Comedy Den passes, and second East Regina garnered T-shirts with a third place tally of 11 points.

"Winterfest was great, and when the snow cleared, 2nd St. Joe's was on top as usual," Matt Regan stated. "We're ready to compete, none had a worse showing than the Senate squad, which forfeited in every event with no participants. It was disappointing to see the lack of Senate support for this type of activity.

Yet, all in all, everyone involved had a very enjoyable time. Sophomore Maida Alimario, on the second-place Regina team echoed the sentiment of all, "I had a fun time, but playing snow-football hurt, plus I ended up getting wet and muddy."

The Spectrum Scholarship Expands Financial Awards by 200

College Relations Dept.

In a major expansion of its scholarship and financial aid offerings, Aquinas College has adopted an innovative program designed to serve a wider range of student needs and to make a college education more accessible to a diversity of people.

“Our new Spectrum Scholarship Program is very progressive,” according to Paul Meehan, director of admissions at Aquinas, “we are taking an aggressive new approach to marketing scholarships and financial aid.”

The Spectrum Scholarship Program provides financial aid awards for new students of traditional college age, as well as for new and current Aquinas continuing education students. Beginning with the autumn semester of the 1988-89 academic year, a projected total of about 200 additional scholarships will be available at Aquinas.

“These are funds over and above the amount that students at Aquinas have received in the past,” says David Steffey, director of financial aid. “The college is making a substantial investment to reward entering freshmen and continuing education students for their commitment to Aquinas.

Dr. Peter O'Conner, president of the college, says, "We wish to give muscle to our commitment to the ideals of academic excellence, service, leadership and accessibility to the disadvantaged. We hope to enrich the diversity and quality of our student body by enrolling greater numbers of students of academic distinction, from minorities, with leadership potential, and a spirit of Christian service."

Awards for new undergraduate students will include the Father Philip Hanley Scholarship. The late Father Hanley was a widely respected educator in the Grand Rapids area, serving as a professor of religion and director of the Aquinas Institute for Religious Studies. All pastors in the Diocese of Grand Rapids will be invited to award a Hanley Scholarship to a member of his congregation.

Also included will be the Monsignor Arthur F. Bukowski Honors Scholarships. The first president of Aquinas College, Monsignor Bukowski has served several parishes in Grand Rapids.

Other awards for new undergraduate students will include: the Aquinas Scholarship for top academic achievements with high grade point averages and college board scores; Minority Scholarships; Target High School awards; Presidential Scholarships; Departmental Scholarships; and awards for foreign students, athletes, out-of-state residents and transfer students.

In the continuing education area, the John F. Donnelly Scholarships will be awarded to employees of a selected group of employers in Western Michigan. The chief executive of Donnelly Mirror Company for many years, Donnelly was internationally recognized as an advocate for participatory management in the business world. "He was a man of Aquinas Board of Trustees from 1971 until his death in 1983.

The Norbert J. Hruby Scholarships for adults returning to college who have demonstrated a life of service to their families and communities, are named in honor of Aquinas president from 1969 to 1983. A pioneer in continuing education, Hruby guided the college through a period of rapid change and growth, including the establishment of thriving graduate and continuing education programs.

Another category of scholarships will be awarded to continuing education students already enrolled at Aquinas.

More information on both the continuing education awards and scholarships for traditional age students may be obtained by calling the Aquinas College financial aid office at (616)-459-8281, extension 562.

In This Issue...
March is Women's History Month

By Lisa Wills

Last year Congress authorized March as National Women's History Month to assure that "Her Story" would also be told. The national theme of Women's History Month this year is "Reclaiming the Past, Rewriting the Future." This theme recognizes that an expanded understanding of women's past will benefit all college students who will chart the country's future.

Many college students, during their formal education have learned about so few women in classes, that it is easy to believe that women made hardly any contributions to art, science, history or any other field. In 1977, a local board interested in having a Women's History Week was asked if there was "really enough to fill a whole week." Since then, the re-emergence of interest in women's history has proven that there is a wealth of history ready to be discovered. Women's history expands the traditional focus of attention. It includes the outstanding individuals and events which have contributed significantly to the development of this nation.

also includes the information which has been handed down from our grandmothers and great grandmothers, about the daily lives of women and their families as they lived through various periods of American History.

The Aquinas Women's Center will be hosting a wide array of activities during March that will allow the Aquinas community to celebrate National Women's History Month. To kick-off the celebration, an inter-faith prayer service will be held from 12:30-1:00 p.m. in the Women's Center on Wednesday, March 2. Art displays created by Aquinas women will be available for viewing in the Art and Music Building. Diane Casey, Aquinas student and author of the book, "Dare to Be Average," will be a guest speaker. Entertainment will include a dancer, poetry reader, singers, and musicians. Displays will be spread throughout the campus to commemorate women's contributions in various fields and for special interests. The Women's Center extends a hearty invitation to all members of the Aquinas community. Watch for a detailed calendar of events posted around the Aquinas campus.

March is designated as "Women's History Month," and the President is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the month of March as National Women's History Month in recognition of the contributions of women in American history:

Whereas American women of every race, class and ethnic background have been particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic and cultural institutions in the country; and

Whereas American women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural and social role in every sphere of our Nation's life by providing the majority of the Nation's volunteer labor force and cushions;

Whereas American women of every race, class and ethnic background helped found the Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways as servants, slaves, nurses, runaways, homemakers, industrial workers, teachers, reformers, soldiers and pioneers; and

Whereas women's history expands the traditional focus of attention. It includes the outstanding individuals and events which have contributed significantly to the development of this nation. It

for more information on women's issues: stop by the AQUINAS WOMEN'S CENTER

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TRIP POLICY PROPOSALS

The need for a college trip policy has finally come to the attention of the administration, after the now infamous January 1-2 ski trip to Telluride, Colorado, which was sponsored by the Community Senate. The lack of a clear policy left the six students stranded for three extra days in the middle of nowhere, waiting for a hopefully disabled van to be repaired.

The problems with the ski trip began with a van that was in abominable condition (bald rear tires, a weak starter, faulty electrical system, constant backfiring accompanied by stalling of the engine, therefore waiting on the shoulder of highways in frigid weather), which broke down on numerous occasions and even found permanently stranded in the snow on its return trip. The only people to blame for the condition of the van and the subsequent events that the breakdowns caused are those in the maintenance department responsible for the proper upkeep and dependability of the school vehicles.

The administration and the Senate reacted by proposing a new policy that would have one faculty or staff member per fifteen students go along on overnight excursions. This reaction is also due in part, to the recent rash of lawsuits against colleges and national greek society organizations—in terms of liability for accidents, injuries, and other events. Apparently, in the court’s view, the presence of an adult will lead to “reasonable and prudent care”, which can reduce or negate liability.

Grants the administration, who do not exercise reasonable and prudent care at inopportune moments, but there are many more that do have the maturity and responsible attitudes to use good judgement in a potential crisis situation.

Even with the addition of a teacher or staff member, not much can be done when a vehicle is incapable of running properly, and a delay in return—inevitably leading to more expenditures incurred.

In the case of the ski trip, the reason for the three day delay was the result of having to arrange college transportation for the trip. Originally, the student-leader of the group was informed that no matter what, he (being the one who signed out the vehicle) had to stay with the van until it was fixed, and could be driven back about 1,000 miles, including through the treacherous Rocky Mountains). That is illogical. Even though the van was in that person’s name on a sheet of school paper, he should—in no way—have been responsible for waiting with, and driving a potentially hazardous vehicle home. In a “real world” corporate situation, when a traveling group has problems, an alternative mode of transportation is found and provided immediately, and those truly responsible for the vehicle’s condition are given the resources required to fix it. The purpose of those on a business trip is to be productive and do their jobs, and it is not proper that students on a trip is to reach their destination and return to school in time for classes (which the six on the Colorado trip didn’t—missing the first three days of this semester while waiting in Parachute, Colorado for the van to be repaired by the local mechanic. Not a very productive use of time).

Eventually logic set in, and the students were flown home, leaving the van behind, to be either fixed and retrieved, or sold.

In our opinion, the reaction to this particular scenario by the administration, should not be to impose a chaperone on student trips. Although the administration chooses not to use the word chaperone, because of its obvious connotations, it is reasonable to conclude that an adult who has assumed responsibility for students on a trip, would exercise some supervision and controlling measures.

The policy proposal that should be considered by Sr. Nathalie Meyer, vice president of administration; Brother Benedict Baer, Director of Student Activities; and Paul Nelson, vice president of student development; and the Senate, should be one which enforces the proper upkeep of vehicles, especially those scheduled to go on particularly long trips, and suitable for the weather conditions. Those responsible for the vehicle should deal with whatever may go wrong (Aquinas does have a full-time mechanic on campus) and should be allowed to offer students to keep their freedom, and to learn from their experiences, and not always have an “adult” (in this case older than college age: 22) along, who conceivably could have less travel experience than the students for whom he or she is responsible.

College should be a place of learning and gaining experience. It is apparent that the six on the Colorado trip (two of whom, incidentally, were 23 and 24 years old) benefited from their learning experience, the frustration dealing with bureaucracy, and then finding solutions. I know this for certain, I was there.

My Space

By Christine Bichler

GOD IN A BOX

Amidst the debris of the recent Jimmy Swaggart scandal, many nervous voices are suggesting that television evangelists like Swaggart and the un-sinkable Jim and Tammy Baker are giving religion, and Christianity in particular, a bad reputation. I wonder how long these observations have been in hibernation. TV preachers have been giving religion a bad reputation for quite some time.

Perhaps I’d better explain what I mean by religion. I’m asking for trouble, I know. Trying to define religion is like trying to summarize the universe in 500 words or less. In a sense, religion is much more complex than the universe because it attempts to make sense of the universe, to put human existence into cosmic perspective. At the same time religion itself recognizes that this task is ultimately impossible. Whatever gods it reveres, whatever theology it postulates, every religion at some point acknowledges that there are things beyond human knowledge and control. To that degree, religion has always been concerned with uncertainty and mystery.

Our ancestors knew that life was a tenous thing—within our century, a baby was at least as likely to die in childhood as to survive to maturity. In the modern world, we have come to believe the illusion that we are in control, that we can manipulate the universe at will. Or perhaps we cling to the fantasy of control because we cannot bring ourselves to admit that the very technology that has lengthened our lives has also made the survival of the entire planet more tenuous than ever before.

We are, in any rate, hungry for certainties, and TV preachers are among the many who are happy to dispense them to us. If you watch them closely and listen to their words, you will find that Swaggart and company show less reverence for the divine than contempt for their fellow humans. These men and women deal in certainties. Black and white. Communist and capitalist. Male and female. East and West. The sinners and the chosen. Them and us. What bothers me about such preaching is not its mixing of politics and religion, but its concept of religion itself. Have you ever heard a TV preacher say “I don’t know” to a question? Neither have I. I worry about that. Such people have no respect for the infinite and the unknown, no doubt about the rightness of their own convictions. How can a puny human being be certain that he comprehends the will of an infinite being such as God?

I am saying that religion is mere ethereal mysticism with no relevance to earthly life, or that no one should take a moral stand on a political issue. I am saying that the divine on some level is also the incomprehensible, and I’d be pretty damn suspicious of anyone presumptuous enough to claim knowledge of the mind of God. As I remember it, God once gave a fellow named Job quite a verbal bashing on that point.

We cannot bring ourselves to admit that the very technology that has lengthened our lives has also made the survival of the entire planet more tenuous than ever before.

Stay tuned for my next sermon on religion (I wouldn’t presume to cover it in one column). Next time I’ll discuss the issue of (woooooo!) morality.

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"CRACK ATTACK": "That was awful, but play it again!"

Big Stick "Crack Attack" (Buy Our Records, Inc.)

By Scott A. Sundberg

Hmm. Suffice it to say that Crack Attack is the most consistently annoying piece of vinyl that has ever crossed my path. It just goes on and on and on, this seemingly un-connected crack attack that goes on and on and on, this Crack Attack Big Stick "Crack Attack" (Buy Our Records, Inc.)

Paul Smith, the owner of Blast First Records, Big Stick's English label, described what he thought the first time he ever heard a Big Stick recording: "It was late one night and I was really drunk and someone put on this tape in the office and I thought, 'not a dreadful record, take it off!' I thought it sounded like a cross between hard metal and Cabaret Voltaire. Yet it stuck with me enough so that when I got up the next morning I wanted to hear it again."

Subsequently, Blast First has released all of Big Stick's records in England. Big Stick has that offbeat, zero-based, I've-played Crack Attack for people who don't usually listen to this type of music and they have said the same thing about it: "It's highly annoying, but fun! Try this out. If for no other reason than to have another combination of . . . sounds fit together in such a way that the resulting unlistenable mess is listenable and, if you'll pardon the expression, "it sounds really cool!"

I find it very difficult to describe the sound of this record other than to say the song itself is more or less a tape of British garage music. But not quite. There is a twisted element in Big Stick that makes them create songs out of guitar and drum machines and complicated studio manipulation. Big Stick masterminds, John Gill and Yanna Trance, are extremely talented in the sense that they can make the most disconnected sounds fit together in such a way that the result is both brilliantly original and thoroughly annoying, but a lot of fun.

There are a few places around Grand Rapids where one can go to hear different types of music. A few years ago I went to a couple of dance tracks mixed together by DJ's who play a non-stop beat throbbing for hours. However, there are two bars in town where live music is the rule, specifically new music or music that is not heard by most people everyday. In Eastown there is the Inter­section. Tuesdays are usually the day to go, but in the last couple of months, Saturday nights have been showcases for the New Beat Club (a local group), which plays alternative music in Grand Rapids. The Intersection generally features bands that I would describe as dance bands. You have to be 19 to get in and, of course, you have to buy drinks. The cover charge is usually about $3 dollars for one or two bands that play about three or four hours. The music is always going to be based on a kind of punkish, but there's always a high energy level and a lot of people dancing.

On the other hand, the Nicklo­deon (on Plainfield off of Leonard) features truly alternative acts, ranging from the classics to the obscure, to poetry readings. This is my favorite bar to hang out at, there's always something going on here. When there aren't any acts per­forming, DJ Brian Younker plays an eclectic mix of dance music, industrial music, punk, and every­thing else in between. If you are sure if you have to be 21 to get in or just 18 (I've seen people who should be 18 inside), but they do card at your table when you order food. Unfortunately with cheap drinks are cheap and the atmos­phere is slightly different. It's kind of a mix between a "locals-only" bar and something straight out of a surrealistic French film. The walls are black with sparkles all over and a large Elvis cutout hangs behind the stage area. Truly unique for Grand Rapids.

These bars are places where new and up-coming bands try out their stuff. Sometimes they're good, and sometimes they're not. Both places are good for just hanging out when something a little out of the ordinary is desired. You may like it and you might not, but you won't know what you're missing until you've been there.

Next time: John Adams, nominated American composer and From Scratch, experimental New Zea­land percussion group. Serious music for serious times.

Every now and then I run into Paul & Herm at either the Nicklo­deon or the Intersection, but you can run into them at any Solution. 4328 S. Division, 333-4449.
March 2, 1988

Cultural Calendar

Through March 6

“Celebration,” an annual festival of religious arts, United Methodist Church, 227 E. Fulton.

Through March 13

Exhibit: “Sculpture Public and Private,” with works by Nathan Horowitz, Stewart Luckman, William Mayer, Ron Pederson, and a photo essay by Mikel Cahil, AMC Gallery, 1-4 p.m. daily.

Through March 19

Art Show by five Artists-in-Residence at the Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts: Jay Constantine, Tim Lowly, Esther Luttikhuisen, Mark Packer and Jack Titus, Race Street Gallery, 1064 Race Street, N.E.

Cabaret, by Joe Masteroff, John Rander and Fred Ebb, Grand Rapids Civic Theatre, 30 N. Division, various times.

Film: Alfred Hitchcock’s Rope, Calvin College Commons, 8:03 p.m. Admission: $1.50.

March 4 and 5

Mazeum, a film by John Sayles, Race Street Gallery, 1064 Race Street N.E., 7:30 p.m. both nights, 1 p.m. on Saturday. Admission: $3.

March 5

The Chenille Sisters and the Dry Banshee in concert for the Grand Rapids Civic Theatre, Ladies Literary Club, 61 Sheldon S.E., 8 p.m. Admission: $6.

Film: Alfred Hitchcock’s Dial M for Murder, Calvin College Commons, 8:03 p.m. Admission: $1.50.

March 6


March 7 - April 17


March 7 - April 18

Michigan Art Education Association Student Art Exhibit, with selected drawings, paintings and sculpture by elementary, junior and senior high school students, Main Lobby PrimeBank Building, 171 Monroe Ave.

March 11

Concert by members of the St. Cecilia Music Society, Calvin College Auditorium, 8:15 p.m. Tickets: $4-10.

March 12


Film: Stand By Me, Calvin College Commons, 8:03 p.m. Admission: $1.50.

Race Street Gallery Writers’ Series presents William Stafford in a manuscript workshop and reading, Race Street Gallery, 1064 Race Street, N.E., Workshop 12:30-4:30 p.m., reading 7:30 p.m. To register for the workshop, call 454-7000. Tickets for the poetry reading may be purchased at the door.

March 13 - April 10

The Norma E. Baby Youth Talent Competition, featuring works of art by Kent County Art students, grades 7-12, Grand Rapids Public Museum, 84 Jefferson Ave., S.E.

March 17-19, 24-26

The Diners, by Jim Leonhard Jr., performed by the Calvin College Thespians, Gezon Auditorium, Calvin College, 8 p.m. Tickets are $3 Thursdays, $4 Fridays and Saturdays, available through the Calvin Special Events Box Office.

March 18 and 19

I’ve Heard the Mermaids Singing, a film written and directed by Patricia Rozema, Race Street Gallery, 1064 Race Street, N.E., 7:30 p.m. both nights, 1 p.m. on Saturday. Admission: $3.

March 18

Kent Philharmonia Orchestra in concert in chamber groups, Grand Rapids Junior College Music Building Auditorium, 8 p.m. Admission free.

March 19

Vocal Jazz concert, Kretschmer Recital Hall, AMC. Admission: $3.25.

The New World Singing Quartet in concert, Fine Arts Center, Calvin College, 8:15 p.m. Tickets: $3 for students, available through the Calvin Special Events Box Office.

March 20

Pops concert for Big Brother/Big Sister Weekend, Kretschmer Recital Hall, AMC, 3:30 p.m. Admission free.

March 21-23, 29-30

Concert in chamber groups, Grand Rapids Junior College Music Building Auditorium, various times.

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AQ JAZZFESTIVAL!

Judy Pietryka, of the Aquinas Night Band, playing Baritone Saxophone, while Tom Remen (left) pauses to listen.

Aquinas Times photo by Brian Hutchinson

The Aquinas Night Band, with guest artist Marcus Belgrave (Not Pictured), closing the Aquinas College Jazz Festival on Sunday (Feb. 28) night.

Aquinas Times photo by Brian Hutchinson

Jerry Pietryka, of the Aquinas Night Band, playing Baritone Saxophone, while Tom Remen (left) pauses to listen.

Aquinas Times photo by Brian Hutchinson

****F.A.S.S. Auction****

TODAY (March 2) Wege Center Cafeteria 5 to 7 p.m. Join in the fun!!
**Men's J.V. Keep Next Year's Hopes Alive**

By Bryan Rizzo

The men's J.V. basketball team dropped two of its final three games but played very well. The impressive showing is more of a basis for the hopes of a very good team next season.

On February 13, the Saints hosted Spring Arbor College and were defeated by a 94-82 score. A slow start in this one was too much for the club to overcome. Jeff Glotta led the Saints with 15 points. Tim Critchlow played another very good game pouring in 22 points, snatching 13 rebounds and giving 6 assists. Shawn Markham added 20 points and seven rebounds. Tim Beers and John Morris added 13 points each, as the Saints earned their final victory of the season.

The Saints ended their season at home against Calvin College. In a hard fought game Aquinas lost a tough 81-76 decision. The teams battled very closely all the way until the end when Calvin pulled away. Tim Critchlow again played a very good game scoring a team high 20 points. Tim Beers had 14 points and grabbed 10 rebounds and Shawn Markham added 14 points.

The emergence of Tim Critchlow is the biggest story for the J.V. squad. His performance in the final 3 games only enhanced his hopes for a full-time spot on the varsity roster next year.

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**Indoor Track Teams Getting Better with Time**

By Bryan Rizzo

The indoor track season has been moving along steadily. At the District meet, Aquinas made a good showing. The men's squad was led by Doug Bourdon, who earned All-District honors with a fifth place finish in the 5,000 meter run, with a time of 15 minutes, 51 seconds.

The women had an even more impressive afternoon as four Saints qualified for All-District honors. Antoinette Smith turned in yet another tremendous performance. Wilson poured in 30 points, grabbed 10 rebounds, had five assists and blocked 3 shots. Rich Wilson added 18 points and Jason Myers tossed in 12 as the Saints earned their ninth and final victory of the season.

The Saints ended their season at home against Calvin College and lost 107-76. In pre-game ceremonies senior Mike Wilson was honored by Aquinas president Dr. Peter O'Connor. In his final collegiate performance Wilson pumped in 23 points, grabbed 12 rebounds, had 3 assists and blocked 3 shots. Troy Pelak and Ed Yeo each had 13 points as the Saints fell to a rather disappointing record of 9-21.

As far as hope for next year there is much to look forward to. Freshmen Troy Pelak, Ed Yeo and Jason Myers all saw time on the varsity roster and will be strong next year. Also, injured Scott Kraza will be back and Brian Jacobs will be coming back for his senior season which, based on the last two years, should be enough to lead the team. However Mike Wilson will be sorely missed as his figures show.

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The Dean Report
By Michael Dean

THEY DON'T PITCH SHUTOUTS IN BASKETBALL, DO THEY?

No, but the Saints women's basketball came close in the season finale Feb. 26 against Mary's of Notre Dame, Ind. Aquinas allowed a season-low nine points in the second half in defeating the Belles, 56-25. The 25 points was also the lowest allowed by Aquinas this season. The previous low was 26 against Olivet on Feb. 13. Aquinas never trailed in the game, although the Saints struggled to a 28-16 halftime lead.

The Saints played better in the second half, according to coach Patti Tibaldi, and muflled the Belles, allowing no points for almost nine minutes. Tibaldi said, "The fewest points allowed in the season."

Aquinas enters District 23 play with a determination to score. **(Left photo) Senior Jennie Butchart receiving an award from President March 2, 1988.**

Senior Jennie Butchart received an award from President March 2, 1988. Jennie Butchart added 13. No St. Mary's player scored with 14 points. Tibaldi, second in field goal percentage (50.9), third in free throw percentage (67.0) and tied for second in steals with 28.

Butchart, a transfer from Grand Valley who became eligible to play in mid-season, was third in scoring (13.8) second in rebounds (5.5 rebounds per game), led the team in field goal percentage (51.0), first half. The Saints also allowed the Lady Cougars only 10 points in the first half. This is the fewest number of points Aquinas allowed in the season.

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Three Saints who helped lead the team during the season were named to the All-District 23 team. They are seniors Cheryl Carpenter and Jennie Butchart, and junior Alise Keiser.

The trio were among the team leaders in most categories. Carpenter led the team in scoring (16.4 points per game), was third in rebounding (5.5 rebounds per game), led the team in field goal percentage (51.0), second in free throw percentage (67.0) and tied for second in steals with 28.

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The win over the Belles was the seventh in a row for Aquinas, which has now had a game losing streak this season. It is also the second-longest of the season. The Saints also have a streak of eight games (Nov. 28-Jan. 7) and one of six games (Jan. 14-Jan. 30). **AQUINAS TIMES photos by Brenden Kettner**

Recap of the past several games:

Feb. 13, defeated Spring Arbor at home, 63-26. This game was (at the time) the fewest number of points Aquinas allowed in the season. Carpenter scored 12 points, Butchart 11 and Julie Greene 10. Keiser had 10 rebounds. Carpenter and Butchart are the only two starters who have played every minute of every game this season.

Feb. 16, defeated Tri-State on the road, 74-54. Carpenter scored a game high 27 points, Butchart had 15 points and nine rebounds, and Brenda McNeil added 12.

Feb. 20, defeated Siena Heights at home, 75-48. Keiser scored 20 points. Carpenter had 20 and Butchart had 11 points and nine rebounds. Those two games helped Carpenter earn District Player of the Week honors.

Feb. 23, defeated Olivet on the road, 68-61. Keiser led the Saints with 19 points/nine rebounds, Butchart had 14 points/11 rebounds, Carpenter had 14 points.

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Spring 1988

The Saint Spotlight
By Bryan Rizzo

THE MYSTERY OF A LOSER

This column was originally going to be on the fans support given to sports teams at Aquinas. It seems as though no students want to, or do come to watch, support, and cheer the teams Aquinas has. Until a recent experience I could not understand why things were like this. Nearly everyone I could recall going to a high school basketball game no matter how good or bad the team was.

I could not figure out why this didn't carry over into college years. Time constraints, obviously, play a large part in this. College is much more time consuming in terms of classes, homework, and work schedules. This point is quite obvious to me but it still didn't satisfy my curiosity. However, I suddenly made a rather startling discovery which I believe, answers a big part of the question.

Everyone loves to root for a winner, so winning teams usually have high attendance figures while losing teams play before very few fans. Still, I think there are enough of us out there who will go to a game just to see that particular sport played well. The responsibility for playing well, believe it or not, lies very much on the shoulders of a coach.

Individual athletes may be good or even great, but if they do not know how to work well as a team, their individual accomplishments won't be enough to produce a winner.

So, why are there so few students at Aquinas College basketball games? Ray, they are seeing good guys, with talent, who play hard but just don't have a game plan or strategy that wins. How can a team expect to win games when the lineup is constantly shifting and changing? Injuries may play a minor role in this but not enough to excuse an entire season.

Earlier in the season the Saints had a chance to knock off the then ranked number 1 team in the country, Hope College. However, Aquinas lost the game in the final two minutes. Maybe Hope had better talent, but Aquinas was away in the game and still ended up losing by five points. How did this happen? One reason: Mike Cullen a usual starter did not play in the second half. In a game such as this, especially near the end, team leaders, especially upper class starters, are needed on the floor to help control the tempo and keep the inexperienced players heads in the game. Why the Saints didn't have such leaders is still a mystery.

Another question boggling my mind is, why does a team down by 20 points for an entire second half take out its two most experienced guards, and best three point shooters, for the majority of the half? Against Calvin College the Saints were far behind and still had a chance with a strong second half. However, Rich Wilson, a sophomore starter, sat nearly the entire half. Why? Mike Jacobs, perhaps the true floor leader, was taken out with about seven minutes to go in the game. The replacements for these men were freshman. None of these players seemed to take charge, shoot or do any of the things Jacobs does so well. Why bother having him on your team if you don't use him when he is needed the most?

Perhaps I am way-off base but I don't think so. The talent Aquinas has is too good to win fewer than ten games. Sure, the excues that the team is young can be given. However, Mike Wilson, a senior is one starter. Junior, Mike Cullen another. The guard positions Eire filled by a junior, a sophomore. This is a decently experienced lineup which should be able to win more basketball games no matter how good or bad the team was.

Finally, I would like to end this article by thanking Mike Wilson for his contributions to Aquinas basketball. His career is over and he will be missed, especially his class and hard work. Good luck Mike!

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MEN'S FINAL NOTES
The 1987-88 campaign was not kind to the Saints. The 9-21 final record marked the first time that the men's team has had back-to-back 20-loss seasons.

Aquinas could not sustain a winning streak. Only twice the Saints had back-to-back wins, and had to suffer through a seven-game losing streak, a five-game slide and a four-game drought. In 10 of the losses, Aquinas gave up 100 or more points, breaking the previous record of eight, set in the 1963-64 season. The Saints finished the year by splitting the final six games.