Saints swing at 16th annual college jazz festival

The sounds of bouncing basketballs and referees’ whistles took no part in Fieldhouse action the weekend of February 18 and 19. Instead, hard funk, light bebop, and classic swing were performed by the 2000+ musicians that took part in the 16th annual Aquinas College Intercollegiate Big Band Jazz Festival. Continuous Jazz was provided for audiences both days. As always, the highlights of the weekend were the clinics and evening performances of the two guest artists. On Saturday, guest drummer John “The Baron” Von Ohlen stumped listeners with his amazing technique and versatility. Sunday provided alto sax great Bunky Green the chance to share his experiences as a performer and teacher during his clinic. At his evening performance, the audience sat in appreciative silence to let the musical magician go to work on stage. Both performers departed after receiving standing ovations and thunderous applause.

Aquinas was in great musical company with schools such as Central Michigan, and Michigan State as well as other in and out-of-state ensembles making up the program. Ensembles from Aquinas performing were: Afternoon Jazz Ensemble, Evening Jazz Ensemble, and the Vocal Jazz Ensemble. Members from these groups receiving Honorable Mention notoriety in the following categories from the festival judges were: Best Soloist- James Bostek, trumpet; Best Vocalist-Laura Courtney and Dawn Nuelle Michaels.

On her award, Dawn stated: "It's great to be recognized at the festival among your peers and I'm very thankful, but I'd like the group (Vocal Jazz) to be seen for our hard work and talent as a whole instead of individually".

The festival was coordinated by Dr. Bruce Early and student coordinator Dennis Rybecki. The production crew was made up of student and faculty volunteers along with the Aquinas College chapter of MENC.

Tuition to increase 9.55 percent in fall semester

By Joan M. O'Neill

On Wednesday, February 15, Dr. Peter O'Connor, president of Aquinas College, presented the Community Senate with the college's tuition plans for the 1989-1990 school year, which the board recently approved. Next year, students will find their tuition to have increased 9.55 percent from this year.

The main reason for this increase is the decline in federal aid to students (those from middle class families in particular) from the government. "In response," said Dr. O'Connor, "colleges such as Aquinas have to raise their tuition.

"The reason that the cost of tuition goes up at a faster rate than the Consumer Price Index,” Dr. O'Connor continued, "is because the cost of the kinds of things that colleges buy go up at a faster rate than the Consumer Price Index." These include human resources and personnel, books, and health care for the employees, which has increased tremendously in the last decade.

Other contributing factors to the increase in tuition include: a need for an increase in salaries for the faculty and staff of Aquinas; a foreseen decline in the appropriations from federal and state governments, which results in the need for an increase in the aid that Aquinas gives to its students; as well as a decline in the contributed service that the Dominican Sisters provide.

"NOT contributing to the increase in tuition,” Dr. O'Connor pointed out, "are capital expenditures.” These include the remodeling of Albertus Hall, the new signs that have been placed all around campus and the new library which will hopefully be built within the next three years.

"These come from a fund called 'The Plant Fund.'" The 9.55 percent tuition increase will cause next year’s tuition to be approximately $7,500. Mike Fiedorowicz, a member of the Community Senate said, "It sounds worse than it really is because it’s being compensated with financial aid. As long as financial aid goes up proportionally it'll be okay."
The Prayer Candle

When I first started to attend Aquinas College in 1987, I was surprised by how many people asked what religion I was.

At first I wasn't quite sure how to answer the question because religion had never been a big issue in my life. My parents chose not to decide my religion for me and therefore I never attended church when I was younger. My parents wanted me to choose what was right for me and if that meant I wasn't going to decide on a particular religion until I was an adult that was okay with them. So whenever I'm asked about my religion, I answer that "I am of no denomination."

Occasionally someone will have the curiosity to question me even further, but most of the time, the subject is left alone and they will go away. The question used to make me extremely uncomfortable.

Well, I am an adult now, and not that I am in any hurry, but I haven't come anywhere close to deciding on a religion. I didn't realize until I got to Aquinas that religion would be such a major thing in my life. Many of my classes require knowledge about the Bible and the Catholic religion. Most instructors just assume that all students know what they are talking about when they refer to something out of the Bible. After class I have to ask one of my Catholic friends to explain what I was ignorant of.

One person that was always more than willing to answer my questions, in and out of class, was my friend Martha. Not only did she help me with my homework, but she helped me sort out some of my feelings about religion.

Martha was my roommate last year on third St. Joe and she had the habit of lighting a candle almost every night; she called it her prayer candle. Martha would light candle stubs on a small frisbee and let them burn to nothing. To go along with the burning prayer candle, my roommate would write on little yellow pieces of paper in her small neat cursive the people she wanted to pray for.

Sometimes her prayers would be short. "Tonight I want to pray for everyone to do well on exams." Most of the time her prayers were longer. She would pray for a girl on our floor to make it through a difficult time in her life while keeping peace of mind, or for someone else in the hall to recover from the flu.

Martha had a lot on her mind and she thought that by praying and through her belief in God, things would turn out for the best.

When Martha first began to do this, I would laugh at her behind her back and make smart remarks about her strong belief in the Catholic religion. Now I am sure that this laughter was because of my own insecurities about my beliefs.

I too began to write on Martha's pieces of paper what I wanted to pray for. I attended my first mass and wanted to believe like Martha did. But learning the Catholic religion is a long process and I was still very unsure of what to think.

I only attended two masses while I was Martha's roommate, but I continued to write prayers down until the end of the year.

Martha and I are no longer roommates and I no longer light candles or write on little yellow pieces of paper. Nor do I go to church. But I think about it often and I wonder if I shouldn't take the time to write down my prayers and to learn about religion. Maybe it would make my life more fulfilled—maybe not.

Two days after Christmas I picked up the candle Martha gave me the previous year. I was very pleased with my gift, but I still haven't lit the candle. I feel like I am waiting for something special.

When I light my prayer candle, I think that it will be a step in my life, maybe a step toward finding my way in religion and what I want to believe. But in the meantime, I will continue to answer the question about my religion "no denomination."

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Applications for the position of Aquinas Times editor for the 89-90 school year are now being accepted. Applications are to be submitted to the Times office in lower level Wege and they should contain a description of past journalism experience along with a cover-letter.

The Times is always looking for reporters, photographers and cartoonists to assist in publishing the Aquinas Times student newspaper. If you are interested in any aspect of student journalism...we need you!
Program entices students to Ireland

Mary Alice and Mike Williams will be the faculty directors for the 1990 Aquinas in Ireland Program. Course offerings will include introductions to Irish history, literature, culture and politics.

The Williamses accompanied students in 1987 and are eager to repeat this "experience of a lifetime." Students who will be juniors or seniors in 1990 are especially encouraged to apply for this capstone experience to their Aquinas years.

In addition to its academic component, the semester in Ireland gives students the opportunity to partake firsthand in the hospitality of the Connemara people and their way of life. From January to May of next year, students can live in the small, rural village of Tullycross on the western edge of Ireland surrounded by ancient mountains, wild seas and enticing bogs. The program also offers ample opportunity for travel in Ireland on weekends and for travel in Europe during the March break.

Students interested in applying should contact Mary Alice Williams, extension 4115. Those interested may also stop by the Women's Center in lower Wege to look at photos from past trips and to have questions answered.

The address for Aquinas students in Ireland that appeared in the last issue of the Aquinas Times (Volume 6, Number 5, released February 10) is, in correction:

The Cottages
Tullycross, Renvyle P.O.
County Galway, Ireland

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION
Designating the month of March as "Women's History Month"

Whereas American women of every race, class, and ethnic background helped found the Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways as servants, slaves, nurses, nuns, homemakers, industrial workers, teachers, reformers, soldiers and pioneers; 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 constituting a significant portion of the labor force working in and outside of the home; and

Whereas American women have played a unique role throughout our history by providing the majority of the Nation's volunteer labor force and have been particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic and cultural institutions in the country; and

Whereas American women of every race, class and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement, not only to secure their own right of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor union movement and the modern civil rights movement; and

Whereas despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in the body of American history:

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the month of 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 to observe such month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Women and Spirituality
A RETREAT DAY
Aquinas Pastoral Center
SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1989
9:00 A.M.-- 3:00 P.M.
Cosponsored by Aquinas Religious Study Club
and Aquinas Women's Center

Facilitated by Sr. Rose Ann Trzli, SSF
Director, Sophia House Milwaukee, Wisconsin

You are invited to

take time to reflect and look for connections:

What is spirituality?
What is my spirituality?
Spiritually, am I connected with others?
Spiritually, am I connected with my traditions?
Am I connected with the mystery that is me?
Some questions to ask, to ponder, to feel, and possibly to answer
Each in our own way.
For our own self
With the encouragement and support of one another.

R.S.V.P. by March 15,
at 459-8281(Women's Center ext 4116)

For more information contact: AQUINAS WOMEN'S CENTER
Lower Wege Center
EXTENSION 4116

lunch may be purchased for a modest fee or you may bring a sack lunch.
David O'Connor

David O'Connor is a candidate for Community Senate chairperson 1989/1990. Born in upstate New York, raised in San Antonio, David came to Grand Rapids to begin his college career at Aquinas College. The stimulating speaker speaks of his high school experiences in the marching band and Latin club. He feels that his national competition in Latin and his role as a drum major in band has given him experience and knowledge to deal with people and motivate them to do a good job. O'Connor, a junior, presently presides as president of the newly founded Michigan Collegiate Student Council.

 Upon becoming chairperson of the Community Senate, the exuberant candidate hopes to encourage people to use their interests and find others with similar interests. If elected, O'Connor promises that senators will make an effort to individually contact every Aquinas student routinely. He also suggests that a monthly publication be sent to all Aquinas students informing them of Senate events and including a treasurer's report.

O'Connor believes that the road to a better Senate lies internally. Changes, such as complete Senate orientations with well qualified speakers will be one way to help Senators to be their best.

The modest O'Connor soberly states, "I'm obviously not a brilliant politician, and that's because I don't want to be a good politician. I want to be a good administrator and a good manager. That's what I want to do for the rest of my life."

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Mike Fiedorowicz

After being defeated last year, Mike Fiedorowicz plans to run for Senate vice chairperson again. Fiedorowicz, a sophomore from Grandville academic career in Art and Business. Fiedorowicz has spent two years on the Senate and is now the chairperson of the commuter committee.

The candidate is editor of the commuter chronicle, president and founder of Aquinas Fencing Club and is a Lector at the Pastoral Center. If elected, Mike plans to get rid of that which is unproductive in the Senate and hopes to encourage bigger, more successful events. "I think I'll be encouraging the activity committees to do their job and if they don't do their job, dismiss replace them with somebody who will do their job."

Fiedorowicz considers travelling to Ireland next year. He believes his performance as vice chairperson because he believes that the responsibilities will fall in the first semester. If he goes to Ireland, he plans to make the job easy for his successor.

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Ted Wozniak

Ted Wozniak, a native of Grand Rapids, is in his second year at Aquinas College after transferring from Central Michigan University. The junior attended Weidman High School and is presently employed at the Prince Corporation. Wozniak work at Prince in cost accounting and purchasing will aid his role as vice chair of the Community Senate in 1989/1990.

The candidate has demonstrated his capabilities by successfully running activity events after inheriting the committee as chairperson with limited resources. Despite this adversity, the general activities committee, under Wozniak's reign, has sponsored a euchre tournament and Casino / Mardi Gras.

Wozniak expresses a general concern for Aquinas students. As vice chair he hopes to subsidize events such as concert caravans. "I like the smallness of the college. You get to know a lot more people."

The enterprising Wozniak strongly desires to motivate senators to keep informed through monthly newsletters. "The Senate should be full of leaders; get those leaders and good people in place, it just blossoms from there. It's growing and it's hard to stop something like that."

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Michael York

"Sharing your concerns and building a better future." Proud of his accomplishments, the present Community Senate chairperson, Michael York hopes to continue his efforts as chairperson. The economics major hails from Saginaw and plans to attend law school. York, a junior, became a senator in the fall of 1987, secretary of the Community Senate in winter 1988 and chairperson in the fall of 1988.

York mentions the remodelling of the Senate office as one of his important accomplishments. He feels that the Senate office is a place for work. He also readily praises the recent work of two committees that he oversees—the academic and student affairs committee, and the community relations committee. The experienced York looks optimistically toward next year. "People should vote for me because I have experience; because I am committed to doing a good job and because I share their views of how the Senate should be run."
The Candidate

Ernest Mathis

"If my name's on it, it's going to get done!" exclaims candidate for community senate secretary, Ernest Mathis. The City High graduate from Grand Rapids feels this year he has yet to reach his fullest potential in the capacity of senator. As secretary, he hopes to effectively delegate responsibility among senators next year. Mathis has many Community Senate concerns. He hopes his past office experience at Twin Lakes Nursery will help him clean up the Senate bylaws which Mathis says are full of grammatical errors and are therefore a bad reflection on Aquinas College.

Next year, Mathis hopes to communicate with off-campus and commuter students. A commuter himself, he feels that Senate has failed to create adequate awareness among these groups. Through his candidacy, Ernest wishes to convey a message to minority students. "Minorities on campus need someone to look up to. Minorities on campus have really no one to identify with," said Mathis.

Keiko Tanaka

Keiko Tanaka hopes to utilize her abundant office skills as the Community Senate secretary. The international student comes from the Japanese island of Kyoto. Tanaka first came to the U.S. and Grand Rapids in 1983 as an exchange student at Lowell High School. After going home, Tanaka returned to Grand Rapids to complete two years at Grand Rapids Junior College and begin her junior year at Aquinas last fall.

Tanaka recently worked as student secretary to the Director of Wege Center and presently works as the building manager at Wege. She chairs the Community Relations Committee of the Senate and plays an active role in the Eastown Community Association. She has successfully united Aquinas College and the Eastown community in hopes that the current issue of "noisy college students" can be dealt with.

Tanaka remembers serving on student government bodies for the last ten years of her life. Tanaka hopes to use this past experience to represent all Aquinas students, and encourage them to get involved in not only Aquinas events but also in Grand Rapids community affairs. "I believe very strongly Aquinas students should get involved in the community—outside—that's what I want to see," stated Tanaka.

Tanaka pointed out that both she, as well as her opponent, would be well suited for the position of secretary. She also gave good mention of her opponent's leadership abilities without de-emphasizing her own.

John Messer

According to John Messer's campaign resume', his goal is "to effectively assist people through their own government processes." A freshman from Manistee High and resident of Gulliver, Michigan, he hopes to become the next Community Senate vice chairperson.

The political science/communication major boasts a long line of work experience ranging from computer lab work to the Michigan National Guard. Messer's community senate involvement parallels his work experience. He serves as chairperson of the academic and student affairs committee on the senate, student representative on the Committee On Studies, member of the Academic Assembly, and also as Aquinas Times / Senate correspondent.

If elected vice chairperson, Messer hopes to motivate senators to take more responsibilities. He points out the apparent lack of Community Senate objectives. "There is no mission statement in the Senate bylaws," said Messer.

Messer is not only proud of his relationships with other students, but also of his dealings with various faculty and administration. Messer hopes to improve the Senate's relationship with the off-campus students. He proposes the position of an off-campus resident advisor to represent the views of the off-campus student.

Messer approaches this year's campaign seriously and with a hope for success.
Schedule of Events

Friday, March 10, 1989

Art Exhibition from Omihachiman:
Grande Rapids, Japanese sister city, co-sponsored by Aquinas College and the International Relations Committee of the City of Grand Rapids.

8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Loutit Room
Wege Student Center

Film: Tokyo Story by Yasujiro Ozu.
The classic 1953 film depicting the tension between the old Japan and the new post-war world through the eyes of an elderly couple visiting their children in Tokyo.

7:00 p.m.
Art and Music Center
Kretschmer Recital Hall

Film: Muddy River by Kohei Oqure.
A critically acclaimed 1981 film that tells the story of a young boy coming of age in Osaka during the 1950s.

Saturday, March 11, 1989

Art Exhibition from Omihachiman
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Lobby

Japanese Koto Music: Lecture/Performance by Kathleen Horigan and Alice Sano

10:00 a.m.
Ikebana, Japanese Tea Ceremony, and Calligraphy by Tokyo Tea Master Sumako Washizu.

1:00 p.m.
Film: Tokyo Story by Yasujiro Ozu

3:15 p.m.
WAKE UP!!!

Vote for

ERNEST MATHIS JR.

SENATE SECRETARY

Vote for Experience...

Vote for Leadership...

Vote for a Positive Attitude...

VOTE for David O'Connor.
MIKE YORK
FOR CHAIRPERSON

Sharing your concerns. Building a better future.
Experience counts. Vote for Mike York.

VOTE FOR KEIKO TANAKA
SECRETARY OF COMMUNITY STUDENT SENATE

1 year as Community Relations Chair
1 year as I.S.U. Treasurer & Secretary
1 year member of Rules & Review Committee
2 years experience as office secretary
Member of Presidential Planning Committee

VOTE TED WOZNIAK for Vice-Chairperson

- 1 semester General Activities Chair
- 1 semester Senator
- Commuter
- 5 years as Cost Accounting Assistant
- 1 year as Purchasing Assistant working with major car manufacturers

Effective management and leadership through experience and motivation.

VOTE MICHAEL J. FIEDOROWICZ
for Vice-Chairperson

GOAL: VICE-CHAIRPERSON - AQUINAS COLLEGE COMMUNITY SENATE

HIGHLIGHTS OF QUALIFICATIONS
Self starter, able to create new programs and see that they succeed.
Personable and articulate, professional and mannered
Able to see a need before it develops into a problem
Confident and able to build confidence in others
Capable of organizing and maintaining old and new projects
Patiently await to see what the future demands

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Study Hall - Room 500
Extension 5257

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