Bridge to Success To Aid Minority Students

by Dave O'Connor

Aquinas' Office of Multi-Cultural Student Services, directed by Alberto Macias, will have a banner year next year, thanks to a $47,000 grant from the state and the college. The funds are to be directed toward increasing services to minority students and increasing retention of those students. The grant proposal, entitled "Bridge To Success" was coordinated by Macias, Lynn Spearing (Director of Special Projects) and a committee of faculty members and administrators.

The Bridge to Success program is aimed at retaining more minority students past their freshman year. Aquinas has been making a concerted effort to increase minority enrollment, and this effort has proved successful. The Office of Multi-Cultural Student Services has initiated this program to provide support for minority students. Though this is a "minority focus" program, Macias is confident that the entire Aquinas community will benefit be these added services.

The program involves long-term planning for developing campus-wide resources. A project coordinator, who will work out of Macias' office, is provided. Some of the money is also to be directed toward the Academic Achievement and Career Development offices, whose main goal will be to increase retention of minority students. Macias feels that individual contact is imperative to the success of this program, and hopes to hire upperclass students as "mentors" for incoming freshmen to satisfy this need.

The funds were received from the Office of Minority Equity (OME), which operates within the State Department of Education. Aquinas received $36,000 from the State, with the stipulation that the college provide $11,000 also. The OME has been increasing its focus on increased retention programs statewide, and the Bridge to Success program is part of this focus.

Macias came to Aquinas last year to direct the new Office of Multi-Cultural Student Services. He formerly held the position of Minority Student Counselor, but has expanded his role to meet the growing need for minority services on campus.

Achievements Recognized at Senior Party

by Joan O'Neill

In recognition of the achievements of several students, as well as the support given by faculty and families to Aquinas students, a number of awards were handed out at the Graduation Party on Friday, April 21 at 8:00 p.m. The factors that the awards were based upon ranged from leadership to athletic. Below is a list of those awards as well as the recipients of those awards.

Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges:
- Kyra Eberlein
- Debra Stanfield
- Susan Miller
- Michael York
- Brian Norko

Who's Who Among International Students in American Universities and Colleges:
- Keiko Tanaka
- Vinit Asar
- Christanithi Susan Fernando
- Chris Koh

Outstanding Students:

Seniors
- Vinit Asar
- Brian Norko
- Cherie Devitt
- Cherrie Vaillencourt
- Carol Harrig

Juniors
- Beth Wills
- Keiko Tanaka
- John Osbourne
- David O'Connor
- Christina Flowers

Sophomores
- Leanne Rowland
- Christine Strand
- Audra Hunter
- Mary Ann Musial
- Kathleen Otto

Freshmen
- John Messer
- Jennifer Dietz
- Ernest Mathis Jr.
- Joan O'Neill
- Mary Katherine Sturm

Monsignor Bukowski Leadership Award:
- Debra Stanfield

C.A.V.A. Award:
- Aaron Molenda

S.A.C. Award:
- Janet Roberts

Miriam Paquet-Rice Award:
- Debra Anderson

Continuing Education Awards:

Most Supportive Spouse:
- Ted Banta
- Eva Streit
- Christine Crandall (Graduate Program)

Most Supportive Children/Friend:
- Edith Miller
- Branden and Kelly Herrick

Most Supportive Faculty:
- R.G. Bennett
- Denny Burfeindt
- Dr. Peggy Hine

Most Supportive Staff:
- Sr. Judith Drew
- Sr. Diane Dehn
- Pat Koval
- Celeste Mesler
- Karen Stefanick

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A Final Round of Complaints For 1988-89

by Sandra M. Erskine

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My housemates and I are sweating over unfinished papers and untaken exams. All sorts of weird stuff is happening at North Hall. There are occasional screams of stress coming from corners of the house and a large amount of giggling occurs over anything. Some of my housemates are glassy eyed from lack of sleep (or maybe it’s from sitting in front of the word processor for too long — it’s hard to say).
I hate to see another year end. In spite of all my bellyaching, I really did enjoy my second year at Aquinas. But I’ve been complaining since the first issue of the "Aquinas Times", and I figure I’m on a roll of non-stop complaints, so why stop now? The topics may be old, but the complaints are still valid.
Right at the top of my list — you guessed it — Campus Safety. I managed to make the "flagrant violator" list. I swore I wouldn’t pay for the violations, but I was forced to in order to register for summer classes. The Department of Campus Safety won. Their method of victory was clever and effective. It was difficult to hand over the money just to get myself into a few measly summer courses.
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Next on the list is the Wege food. As students, we pay a lot of money to eat in the cafeteria. My five meal plan has barely been scratched. But if I had a friend who wanted to eat at Wege, he or she would have to pay for it instead of being able to take one of my uneaten meals. Or if I ate all five meals by Thursday, I would not be permitted to eat one of the meals that I missed the week before.
Then there’s the issue of the food itself. All of you on-campus students are more than aware that everything floats in grease and has tons of salt added to it. My arteries will never to be the same after eating there. My personal favorite is the odd combination of food that Wege is pretty big on the vegetarian, you may as well not even go. It’s a lost cause. Oh, I especially connot wait to sell my books back. My expensive books, that is. That $30 book that I barely touched, sure I’ll take $1.50 for it. And if you want to give me 50 cents for all my Shakespeare books, that’s great. I know I won’t touch them again. And why don’t you just throw those last two away since the instructor has decided to change books next year. I love to spend $110 for books and get $10 back if I’m lucky.
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But I can say that I have had some wonderful instructors this year that have taught me many useful things. My supervisor and co-workers in the Department of Voice Communications have been patient, helpful and fun. I have picked up pieces of professionalism that will be an asset to me in the future.
The most enjoyable part of this year was experiencing North Hall. I was lucky enough to have some of the best housemates in the world. We have had a lot of fun that I won’t even discuss because I would hate to incriminate any of us.
The 1988-1989 academic year was a good one. As the year winds down, so do my complaints. Thank you, Aquinas College, I have grown in many ways this year and I could not have done it without the help of the administration, faculty, staff and students.

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Day. St. Patrick’s Day was celebrated throughout Ireland with parades and music in the pubs. Some Aquinas students spent St. Patrick’s Day in Dublin where they spoke to Grand Rapids via WOOD radio’s annual St. Patrick’s day live coverage.

Since then the entire group traveled to the south of Ireland, to Cork, and Kilkenny. In Cork, we visited the famous Blarney Castle and in Kilkenny we saw Kilkenny Castle. Everyone got a sense of the history of Ireland after seeing these sites. On the ride home we visited Thor Bally and Coole Park. These are the one-time home and refuge of one of Ireland’s greatest literary minds, W.B. Yeats.

As our last months in Ireland are upon us, we would like to give the students of Aquinas an impression of Ireland through the poetry of Aquinas junior, Paul Perry.

Children of Renvyle

lunch time
and the tide runs in among sleepy rock pools on Renvyle strand

excited classroom chatter is muffled by milk from pill bottles, juice jars cone sliced sandwiches wrapped in wax paper - yesterday’s bread sopped in mug-hot chocolate dribbles down Desmond’s chin coiled for master’s call he eyes the door and football

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Final Impressions From Ireland

Thoughts form Ireland
by Pat Miles

Since our arrival in Ireland, the 23 Aquinas students and Sisters Alice Wittenbach and Mary Navarre have had the opportunity to travel throughout the country. Several students have taken advantage of our four day weekends to make trips to the Irish cities of Dublin, Cork, Limerick, and Westport. The basic mode of transportation is the thumb! At times hitching rides can be difficult as cars are few and far between. Walking between rides has given us a chance to see some of the countryside first hand.

On the weekend of February 3, the entire group took a bus tour along the west of Ireland. We visited the Cliffs of Moher, a spectacular range of shale over 600 ft. high. The waves of the Atlantic crash into their base, creating a beautiful sight. The next day we were treated to a banquet at the Bunratty Castle. The castle is a restored 16th century stronghold located near Limerick. For authenticity sake, a four course meal was served by women dressed in the garb of the time and silverware was not allowed. Later we toured the entire castle and were given a historical background. The entire weekend was a fun, educational, and unforgettable experience. Spring Break began with a group trip to Dublin where we toured the city and attended a play at the famous Abbey Theatre. Then the group all went their separate ways for the 18 day break. The following are a few messages, we, in Ireland, would like to pass on to friends at Aquinas. We appreciate your mail and you are in our thoughts!

Dear Jen-Jen, Annie Sue and Patti Jo: We're thinking of you And missing you, too. Here is our letter, We couldn't be better. When we arrived the water was brown, But that didn't stop us from hitting the town. Off to the pub we all ran In search of a pint and an Irishman.

We stay up late and sleep 'til noon. Char, wake up! Classes start soon! We like to bake cookies and take long walks. Anything's better than to hear Laura talk. There's nothing we're lacking night or day.

Oh! We forgot, Eileen needs more hair spray. Although we haven't a car, We're able to go quite far. We put out our thumbs, Feeling incredibly dumb. But when we finally get that life. We thank God for the generous sift.

We're all doing fine. But we're running out of time. It won't be long before we are gone, Then Ireland will be Only a fond memory.

Love you lots, Laura, Eileen and Charlene

From the Sisters:

Hello from the wild, wet and wonderful west of Ireland. Our daffodils are blooming along with pussy-willows and primroses. We hear about snow --vague memories of it "waft" by. But here we are wedged between mountains and sea in a perfectly beautiful place -- except for the fact that we miss you, our friends. So you are all invited for tea this weekend! Come on over.

Mary Navarre

Ireland is as enchanting a countryside and the people as friendly and hospitable as ever. Everyone the Ireland program has held dear over the past 16 years sends their best: Paddy Coyne and family, Paddy Gannon and family, Brendan Flynn, Anne and Jackie Jack, the Curleys, the Sammons, Father Kilbane, and on and on. It's great to be here. We wish you could all enjoy the daily experience of the mountains and the sea. Do consider it.

Love to you all,
Alice Wittenbach

My Wonderful New Home
by Pat Miles

White capped waves meet the rocky cliffs, Light mist coats the air. Not hiding the presence of debris not belonging. This awesome sight is tragically married.

Small grey birds fly o'er the grey sea, Speaking their fright of my presence. Cold misty fog coats the air, Leaving a layer of dew upon me.

The sun tints the ocean blue And distant mountains guard it. Cold breezes push the odor of turf, Leaving a harsh but welcome scent.

Ireland Continued

boots
prayers in Irish
ladies before men at the door
rugby on the long grass - if master isn't cross
and when they paint
they put mountains in their pictures
mountains
art teacher comes Tuesdays
to no heat building out back
today, the Africans
bronze, wood, stone faces on slides
then into the pencil can
paper thunder and thick lines
Brendan copying Declan's monster's
gaping mouth, swallowing countries
Naeve's face of many faces
made in layers like the Renvyle beach
smiles sadly
Carmen is taken by the passion of the thing
shades her queen-hope, babydoll eyes
in lovely green
and when they paint
they put mountains in their pictures
boats in the bay
3 o'clock and the tide, belly full of shore life
slithers away from the rocks
where children shuffle home
thoughts of dinner
the school dream ends tired in grey-brown jumpers bob over pants patches
blending into Western hills
where little Peter is for the fishing
the farm
and Gorgina, Sabrina, Katrina, Caryann will join in foreign songs
and painted mountains
slowly turn to yellow in winter's silence
painted once by the children of Renvyle

by Paul

Perry

My Wonderful New Home
Did It Have To Be This Year?

by Pamela R. Najor

What and where is North Hall? This is a common question circling campus this year. Aquinas College recently signed a contract confirming the pivotal merger of two college campuses. The acquisition of The Reformed Bible College (RBC) cost an estimated $6 million.

Although the purchase was not officially final until November of this academic year, Aquinas bought two RBC houses located on Woodward Lane in August 1988. Since then, the houses have been utilized for additional resident facilities. These houses, for females only, are called North and Geneva Halls. I currently live in North Hall, which is the larger of the two.

Being a freshman, the adjustment of leaving home and coming to college was fearful enough. But because of where I was placed and when I found out, it was twice as difficult as I expected. I was notified less than a week before my first day of classes as to where and with whom I was going to live. This may have been the sign of the problems that were yet to come.

Understandably, I, contrary to most freshmen living in the traditional resident halls, felt the adjustment was not as easily and/or quickly made. Rather, I am still making adjustments. Unfortunately, I am the type of person who can easily become very homesick and probably always will be because of the close relationships I hold with my family and friends from home. Therefore, it is that much harder to become comfortable with college living while at the same time dealing with the unnecessary problems of East Campus.

Furthermore, as far as the random compilation of students go, there are nine sophomores and four freshmen occupying four bedrooms. And as of February 24, a fifth freshman recently transformed our spare room, previously used conveniently as a guest room, into a single room. This is just one example of one of the problems with the houses of East Campus. Students have been tossed in and out of the houses all year long. The Housing Department seemed to have used North hall as a first solution to any occupant problems in the dorms. Over one semester’s time, there has been a change of six students either entering or leaving North Hall; this, surprisingly, even includes one male resident. It is known that in the dorms, St. Joe’s and Regina, there are a number of four-person suites that only three students are occupying. This semester, the dorms are especially vacant due to the number of students that left for the Ireland Program. Also, in Hruby Hall, there are a few single rooms still available.

Even our neighbor house, Geneva Hall, that is capable of housing ten students, has only eight living there.

Just as troublesome, are the problems of maintenance. Imagine, if you will, the physical problems of a house nearly a century-old that has been occupied by many active young adults for so many years. First and foremost, I do not have, nor have ever had a inkling of heat entering my bedroom. Needless to say, my two roommates and I have been victims of illnesses from the sniffles to chest colds to bronchitis and worse, since the first temperature drop of October. After we have made numerous threats to raise hell for its repair, the problem is slowly “being looked into” by maintenance personnel.

A second problem of upkeep, which is equally as frustrating, is our path or lack thereof, from our house to anywhere on campus; that is, no cemented walkway, no lights, no emergency phones, no wood chips and no shoveling has graced our travels. This means we go everywhere ambling knee deep through mud and snow on dark, dangerous and hidden trails. Any trace of a path has been made by the footsteps of my housemates or myself. There are other annoyances in the house as well, and a few are: our constantly dripping showerhead, ants infesting the downstairs carpets and the absence of individual locks on our doors (a so-called fire hazard).

But the biggest inconvenience is the seemingly irreparable predicament with our telephone arrangement. Assuming all stereotypes of young females and telephone conversations to be true, again imagine the chaos of 14 girls living in one house using two telephones with only one phone line. We have tried every known technique to balance the abundant use between us and frankly have done a good job considering no one has been forced to use violence. But the problem is even more irritating, just by the simple comparison with the unique AQtel system available to all other on-campus residents.

With that system, for a fixed amount, each student receives his/her own extension, call waiting, phonomail, recorded campus messages, long-distance private codes and much more. A student with this advantage can even pick up any phone on campus and dial into his/her extension to receive his/her messages. A North Hall resident cannot even call the house without using 20 cents—because our number is inauspiciously “not on the system.”

Unfortunately, I couldn’t tell half of the many stories we have collected in the short time span of seven months; they would probably be too shocking. But I must briefly mention the time during first semester finals, in snowy December, when we were evicted from the house at 2 a.m. because our pipes were about to explode. And I can’t forget the time we quickly formed an assembly line to bail out the sewage water flooding our basement during an October rainstorm. These are just a few of the mishaps that we have encountered together as a united group of “sisters” of North Hall. We now wish to be considered defenders of ignored student rights.

I have just compiled a list of complaints we, at North Hall, have endured this year. But, for the most part, I understand the reasons behind these problems. The East Campus housing was needed quickly and the purchases were made spontaneously in order to supply housing for the growing number of applicants. I bring this to the attention of the Administration now, in hopes that the issues at hand will be taken care of before next term.

But, if Aquinas College is hoping to expand its enrollment and respective facilities, I just simply wished that it would have foreseen the major problems that might occur, or at least checked up on the facilities as the year progressed, instead of using us, East Campus residents, as guinea pigs in the midst of an experimental year.
Dear Editor:

I would like to take the opportunity to tell you about the East Campus Houses. It is an interesting story of an interesting year.

North and Geneva Halls have been an experience, if nothing else. They have the bad as well as the good. Over the summer, I was chosen to be the Resident Advisor placed in the East Campus Houses. The year began and it has been a different story. We have many ladies from a variety of places, backgrounds, traditions, and of varied tastes. I was not sure how they would all get along together. To my surprise and great pride, they are wonderful to each other! The upperclassmen invited the freshmen out with them all the time, whether it was to dinner, a movie, Burger King, or the bar. They didn’t get high and mighty but rather went out of their way to show them the ropes. We were also very nice, fun and it’s a pleasure to know them. O.K. it’s not all peaches and cream. I was not sure how they would all get along together. To my surprise and great pride, they are wonderful to each other! The upperclassmen invited the freshmen out with them all the time, whether it was to dinner, a movie, Burger King, or the bar. They didn’t get high and mighty but rather went out of their way to show them the ropes. We were also very nice, fun and it’s a pleasure to know them. O.K. it’s not all peaches and cream.

Maintenance is another problem. Can two men really handle all of the problems created in 5 halls and by 530 odd people? I don’t think so. Tom Hansen is usually over in a day or two to check out the problem. Unfortunately, since the house is quite old and RBC didn’t seem to believe in the words modernize, upkeep or fix, it makes his job that much more tough. Many times, parts have had to be ordered and those take time. In order to fix a leaky showerhead, he had to trace the pipes from the shower to find the shut off valve which wasn’t marked. When he found it, it didn’t work so they had to shut off the water to the house from the street. Difficult to do in the dead of winter, so they did a temporary fix by putting a faucet handle on the showerhead to be able to control it. I must praise him as well as the college maintenance department for one incident in particular. One night in the middle of winter at about 2 a.m., the boiler sounded like a huge metal drum with a 10 pound metal ball bouncing around in it. The basement was spitting steam and hotter than 80#’. They, about 4 men, were dragged from their nice warm beds to save our house! Thank you, guys!

Campus Safety has also been a big help to us on this as well as other occasions (like the time our fire alarm was going off for no reason and the box was locked to shut it off). They come by all the time on rounds to make sure we’re locked up tight, difficult when the women often forget to lock the door. Anytime we’ve needed them, they’ve been there, like our “fire” during Spring Break!

The night the basement flooded was interesting as well. The girls pitched in, all on their own, and formed a bucket brigade. They didn’t have to do it, but it probably saved the school from having to buy new washers and dryers since the old ones would most likely have been ruined.

The problem of our path is an on-going one that gets brought up at every one of my weekly staff meetings. At the beginning of the year, a path was cleared between the Carriage House and the Education building that goes past the end of RBC’s soccer field and comes out on their sidewalk. Lights were put in and woodchips were put down. The ladies preferred to use a path closer to the houses that leads to the back of Regina, saving at least 70 yards of walking. Through the help of John Messer, the Community Senate and Barry Kantz, gravel was added to the preferred path, not much but something.

The problem of the phone is a never-ending one and although there are many complaints, not much effort is made to limit the amount of time they spent on the phone. Since I know what a hassle this causes, I have given the free use of my phone and microwave oven at no charge. This has lead to many hassles for me. They get the phone in the house free and don’t have a monthly charge to pay, they only have to pay long distance (I have a hard time getting them to claim their calls.) I only charge them for their own long distance on my phone. My microwave was melted recently by a resident who didn’t know that it didn’t shut off by itself, even though I’ve told them all at House meetings, and a hand timer sits, or rather sat by the oven.

Among these and many other interesting occurrences, the women have become friends. They liked the house, the change from the halls, a bit more freedom since they don’t have people constantly looking over their shoulder, and despite the inconveniences, they want to come back next year! They went so far as to put together a Big Brother/Big Sister program for next year, (thanks, Sandra, Judy, Tina & all - great job). Even most of the freshmen are moving back in the houses for next year.

I’ve told you the bad, now how about more of the good that I started to tell you about at the beginning? What about the first house party in Aquinas College’s history that didn’t have the cops called? How about sitting on the roof in late summer/early fall? What about all the support I saw when one of the women’s father passed away? How about the fun we had with Kris Kringles? Movie nights when Laurie would bring home the VCR and Amy would get movies from BIM (Believe in Music)? The names of some of those movies I won’t mention. Remember our “Rap” session in the kitchen when we talked about everything from Vietnam to men to embarrassing moments to sex, and Judy taped it for class? How about the excitement when Laurie made R.A. for next year? I won’t forget the flowers and well wishes I received on R.A. appreciation day. These are just some of the memories I hold.

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Saint Spotlight

by Bryan Rizzo

This final article is my thanks to all the people who make my job so easy and so much fun. If anyone is left out I’m sorry. So thanks for the memories:

Thank you Troy Pelak for the most exciting moment in my Aquinas sports history. A once in a lifetime shot that may be the springboard for a big season.

Thanks Coach Bocian for your cooperation and hard work plus a darn good baseball team.

Thanks Joe, Mike and even Band-Weigand. You guys are good friends, true BLUE!

Thanks to Matt, Joe and Bill for some clutch receptions.

Thanks to Les for the longest softball homer, a great season on the hardwood and for being you.

Thanks to Ron Haley for your fearless bets. Ron you’ve forced my first, last and only attempt at poetry:

Roses are red
But in 1989 maize’n blue
Just as a team that once seemed dead
Houses the National Championship at the state’s only U.

Thank you Sharon Hudson for all the stats.

Thank you Mary Takas for all the intramurals, for girls j.v., for girls softball, for open gym...that doesn’t sound like a part time job to me.

Thank you Brian Jacobs for the class and style which make up the person you are.

Thank you Bob, for the basketball frog shot, and the all-over the court volleyball attitude. Stick with pitching the softball, Bob. Maybe the Jell-o shothput is your thing.

Thanks Alese Keiser for a great career.

Thank you Patti Tibaldi for 200 and counting.

Special thanks to Paul D. and Neff for the friendship and the teammates. Great blocking and receiving Paul. Remember Neff “You gotta want it!”

Thanks to Chris and Shannon for all the memories of 1st Joe’s.

Thanks Tank and Johnny for transferring.

Thanks Eddie Yeo for consistent play and being such a nice guy.

Thanks Scott Kraiza for keeping the trainers in practice.

Thank you thank you thank you for your friendly smile.

Thank you Super Saint Andy Postema for a good job reffing, among other things.

Thanks Jimmy Johnson for being a big guy who’s down to earth.

Thanks coach Elmer for being candid, honest and a winner.

Thanks coach Randall for bringing us the guys who will take Aquinas to Kansas City!

Special thanks to Ron and Shawna for friendship, a place to crash, a real reason to look forward to next year and most of all for not letting Amy puke on me.

Thanks Jack for a fun year and a good run at a basketball crown.(PASS, a great word, huh?)

Thank you Tom Aimes for that sweet three point jumper.

Thanks to the girls track team for victory number one.

Great record to the girls j.v. hoops, best on campus.

Thanks to the unsung golf team.

Thanks to Tombo, Marty and J.C., have a good summer men.

Thank you Tim Critchlow, for all that hustle.

Thanks to Brad and Dawn for this year and I look forward to working with Dave next year.

Thanks especially to the guys of 107 Eastern for coming through in the clutch. You’re the best, guys.

Thanks to my lunch and dinner buddy, meals won’t be the same next year.

Thank you for three point offense Paul Lauer.

Thanks to all the I.M. ref’s for giving it their best shot.(Even volleyball.)

Women get started

by Bryan Rizzo

What do you do if your women’s tennis team is due to open up in just a few weeks but you don’t have a coach? Okay, what if you don’t have any players? This seems like an absurd set of circumstances but it is exactly what our ladies tennis program faced a very short time ago. So, what solutions did they come up with seems to be the logical question.

The answer starts with your number player, in this case Jill Critz. Her and a new coach then set out on recruiting girls to play on your team by—yeah, hanging signs around campus. Finally, you get enough girls, six, and start your team.

Despite all the rough waters and hard times the lady Saints have managed to notch two victories on the season. This may not seem like a lot but when you consider the experience the team has this is quite an accomplishment.

Pairing with Critz is the number two seed Tricia Frey. These two have put together a fine season winning seven of ten contests as partners. In the district meet held this past weekend the pair was seeded as the top in the state.

The rest of the team is made up by Martha Kessenich, Mary Peters, Holly Petersen and Christen Landry. These players have not been as fortunate as Critz and Frey but have been trying very hard among their tough circumstances. The lack of experience is the true indicator of the teams problems. The players all have a good attitude and look forward to going out on the court and giving it there all.

Mens Tennis Looks Ahead

by Bryan Rizzo

A tough start was not enough to dampen the spirits or play of the mens tennis team which is off to a 4-2 start. The season began with a disastrous showing at the city tournament where the Saints finished fourth out of four. Grand Rapids Junior College, the best team in the area, defeated the club in their second outing of the season. The men quickly turned things around by winning two straight matches before a rainout and then another victory. The Saints got into form with back-to-back 7-2 thrashings of Olivet and Alma. Following this a match against Oakland Community College was rained out and will not be made up. Spring Arbor then went down to a 6-3 defeat before Grand Valley State University edged the Saints 6-3. However, the club followed the defeat with a 9-0 thumping of Siena Heights. Perhaps the high point of the season was Aquinas’ first victory since 1980 at the Hillsdale Tournament.

The team is lead by two new players, Mike Koenes and Arjuna DeSilve. These two transfer students have been the leaders of the pack thus far. The club likes to key its season towards the districts so they are playing their best tennis at that crucial time. Last year the Saints finished second but Coach Larry Sakoski feels that this years squad has a legitimate shot at winning the district and advancing to the National Tournament in Kansas City.

Returning players from last years near miss team include Ed Foley, Jim Kirkwood, Jim Goodrich, Wil Tubman and Matt Malles. The only freshman to make the team was Chris Bardol. These players have all been the solid basis to this good start. They hope their hardwork will be rewarded with a trip to Kansas.
Baseball Team Tuning Up for Title Defense

by Bryan Rizzo

The Saints baseball team came back from a good spring effort in Florida and continued their hard play by winning eight of their next eleven contests. One of the losses came at NCAA division one Central Michigan.

The Saints followed the hot streak up with an 11-1 victory over Grand Valley State University. Rod Rojas notched his fourth victory against no defeats while Matt Jones knocked home the game winning run. After a rainout against Kalamazoo the Saints were defeated by Alma College on the power of a bottom of the eighth inning homerun. Tim Arens suuured the decisive blow.

The next day saw another rainout, this time against Northwood. The club traveled to Spring Arbor a few days later and split a doubleheader with their hosts. In the first game the Saints could manage just two runs and four hits as they fell to a 4-2 defeat. The Saints exploded for 11 runs in the nightcap and gave Steve Witt his second win. Witt pitched a fine game as he held the opposition to only one run on four hits. Johnson was the team leader with two hits and an rbi. In the second game Wnuk dueled his way to a 4-3 victory up to his record to 4-1. Mike Albo had three hits and one rbi to go along with a two run homer by Johnson.

Finally, the Saints traveled to the St. Xavier of Illinois Tournament where they split four games. In the first round the Saints were shutout 5-0 by the host team. The next day Kious shutout St. Ambrose University 10-0. The main offensive input was provided by Postema and Jones who had two hits and two rbi each.

Two run homer and three rbi's. Andy Postema and Dan Kuschell each contributed two hits in the rout.

Another rainout, this time against Calvin, brought Spring Arbor to town for a rematch on Aquinas' home turf. The Saints swept the twin bill by 2-0 and 12-2 scores. In the first game Tim Sullivan tossed a three hit shutout to improve his record to 4-1. The offensive punch was provided by Postema and Jim Johnson who each had one hit and one run batted. Jerry Wnuk got the win in the finale and moved his record to 3-1. Postema and Johnson continued their hot afternoons as they powered the team to victory. Postema had three hits in three at bats including a home run and five rbi. Johnson collected an equally impressive three hits in three at bats with two homers and four rbi.

The next day was not quite as good for the Saints as they dropped a doubleheader to visitor Siena Heights. In the first game Joe Emanuelle shined as he collected two hits in three trips. In the nightcap Wade Stuckey lead the team with a three for three performance including a double. Kuschell, Postema and Jones had two hits each as the Saints bowed to defeat.

The Saints rebounded from the defeat by sweeping a doubleheader from Hope College, 8-4 and 7-2. Witt picked up the victory in the opener with offensive help from Postema and Kuschell who had two hits each. Johnson also had a homer and two runs batted in. Kious notched the victory in game two as Postema connected for a home run as did Gleason who drove in three runs. The club stayed hot for a doubleheader sweep at Hillsdale. Sullivan again pitched a fine game as he held the opposition to only one run on four hits. Johnson was the team leader with two hits and an rbi. In the second game Wnuk dueled his way to a 4-3 victory up to his record to 4-1. Mike Albo had three hits and one rbi to go along with a two run homer by Johnson.

The offensive leader thus far has been Johnson who is putting All-America type numbers on the board. The slugger is batting .416 with nine doubles, nine homers and 44 runs batted in not to mention an incredible .820 slugging percentage. Postema is holding up his part of the offense with a .391 average, five homers and 28 rbi. Gleason is also having a good season hitting .360 with five homers and 23 rbi.

With many games still left in the season it is still to early to say what will happen. The Saints close up the season May 12-14 as they will attempt to defend their NAIA state crown.

During the hot streak head coach Terry Bocian reached a milestone as he earned victory number 600.

Softball Team Hovers Around .500

by Jeff Pichowski

The Aquinas College Softball team is off to a fairly good start this spring. The Saints are at the .500 mark with an 8-8 record overall including a 5-5 mark against District 23 opponents.

The Saints were quick out of the gate as they opened up with a doubleheader sweep of Olivet College. Aquinas won by scores of 7-2 and 5-4 as freshmen Sue Gall and Jennie Johnson picked up their first pitching victories of the '89 season.

On April third the Saints split two games with the Bulldogs of Ferris State. Galla picked up her second win in as many tries with a little help from freshman Liz Hoffman who drove in the winning run to give Aquinas an 8-7 victory. The Saints dropped the nightcap 8-1. A combination of big bats and good pitching, including a no-hitter by Gall, gave the Saints a doubleheader sweep of Concordia College. Johnson picked up the victory in the night cap as the Saints won by 13-0 and 13-3 scores.

On April 7 it was a different story though, as the previously loud bats were silenced at Northwood Institute. The Saints were blanked 6-0 in the first game and 7-0 in the second.

Galla came back the next day with another strong pitching performance, hurling a one-hit shutout as the Saints edged Spring Arbor 1-0. Junior Beth Wills drove in the lone Aquinas run. The club came back in the nightcap with solid pitching and revitalized bats as they coasted to an 11-2 win. Johnson picked up her third victory on the season.

Aquinas then five of its next six games dropping two each to Hillsdale and Tri State before splitting with Saginaw Valley State.

Galla leads the pitching staff with a 5-3 record and a 1.92 earned run average. Kerri Meinhart leads the offensive attack with a .380 batting average including four doubles, a home run and six runs batted in. Hoffman is second behind Meinhart with a .359 average. Ann Heyward and Cheryl Weise lead the Saints in RBIs with eight and seven respectively.
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Women Win First Meet Ever
by Jack LoPresti

The Aquinas College
mens and womens track teams
put in another all-star effort at
the Tri-State Track Classic on
April 15, 1989. The women ran
extremely well enroute to the
Tri-State Classic championship, the first ever for
the girls team.

The womens throwers
started the warm spring day off
right. Kathy Boss won both the
discus and the javelin throws.
Marie Bridge made some dents
by winning the shot put while
Beth Kubik threw the discus far
enough for the bronze. In the
sprints Marie Bridge won both
the 200 meter and 100 meter
dashes. In team events the
women were also winners taking
the 400 and 1600 meter relays.

The 400 team consisted of Mary
Bridge, Marie Bridge, Tracy
Heath, Betty Carruthers. Heath was
joined by Jenny Butchart, Merry
Coffin and Rita Visockis for the
1600 relay. Other women
performers included Sheryl
Shumber and Theresa Knizacky
who recently won the javelin
throw at Michigan State
University.

The men put forth a fine
effort at the Classic meet. Ted
Cusack finished third in the
10,000 meter run. Dan Droski
picked up a fourth place finish
in both the 1500 and 5000 meter
runs. The men also ran Brent
Goodsell in the 400 and Jim
Lynch in the 800.

Houses Cont.

none the less. Thanks to all of
my fantastic ladies for making
this year one that I will never
forget. One day when I'm
sitting on the roof of my own
house I'll think back on all the
good and bad times and I'm sure
I'll be able to hear that amazing
looon of Terri's.

God bless you all,
I love you,
Colleen Murphy

Honors Cont.

Athletic and Academic Awards

Joseph Baker Memorial Award:
Matthew Coty

Sister Hellen Louise Brogger
Award:
Alese Keiser
Debra Stanfield