Gala Week special!

Aquinas 'homecoming' now week-long

By David O'Connor

The Aquinas community comes together once more for its annual Gala Weekend, expanded this year to last the entire week. The week of September 18th, the Aquinas faculty, staff, and administration get together with alumni and the Grand Rapids community to help the students celebrate yet another year.

This year's celebration will have all the old favorites, such as Casino Night, the dance, and the alumni beer tent, along with several innovations. The eighteen-member Gala Week Committee has been working since March, and several new dimensions have been added to this long-standing Aquinas tradition.

The primary addition is the expansion of the event to include the entire week. The Student Activities Department, which coordinates Gala Week, decided on making this week a 'theme week' as a method of placing the week's emphasis more on the students. Six of the seven thousand dollars used to fund Gala week comes from the students, through the Community Senate (the remaining funds come from Student Activities).

Human chess sets students against faculty/administration

By Michael Fiedorovits

Gala Weekend will be the setting for a spectacle that may be known as the most unique activity brought to life at Aquinas. The "Human Chess Match" scheduled for noon on Saturday, September 23 will pit faculty administration and staff against students in the AMC Amphitheater.

The idea of the match which was presented to the public relations office of Sharon Coeling and to the committee organizing Gala Weekend events was put forth by Fencing Club Advisor Karen Loth. Loth, who works in the career development office, encouraged and helped the Fencing Club to carry the idea to actuality once she heard of it from fencing club member, Joseph Bruneau.

Bruneau conceived the idea of the match and at the time, looked at it from a limited "wouldn't it be great..." perspective. A group of fencing club members along with Loth and Coeling, met frequently to plan the event. The responsibility for a good part of it's success, of course, will be left to its participants, especially those confined to the chessfloor's squares, although there will be others involved to add some colorful additions.

Aquinas College President Dr. Peter O'Connor has agreed to M.C. the match, and it is hoped that a few Aquinas chess masters will be on hand to officiate.

Detroit band The Sun Messengers will play at Saturday's dance
Gala Week events

Monday, September 18
12:15: Freshman Day Resident Advisor Luncheon, Private Dining Room Various afternoon and evening activities, Shrine Area

Tuesday, September 19
9 a.m.-1 p.m.: Sophomore Day Picnic Lunch, Wege Mall Various afternoon and evening activities, Shrine Area

Wednesday, September 20
11 a.m.-1 p.m.: Junior Day Senate Day reception, Wege Mall Various afternoon and evening activities, Shrine Area

Thursday, September 21
5-7 p.m.: Senior Day Dessert Bar and entertainment. Various afternoon and evening activities, Shrine Area

Friday, September 22
8-10 p.m.: All-College Review Entertainment by Aquinas students and alumni, Kretschmer Recital Hall

Saturday, September 23
11 a.m.: Sophomore Day 3-on-3 basketball. Wege Parking Lot.
12 noon: Human Chess. AMC Amphitheater
12 noon-1:30 p.m.: Campus tours via van. Three half-hour options, leaving from Holmdene at 12 noon, 1, and 1:30 p.m. (Sign up on Saturday morning.)
12 noon-4 p.m.: Food booths, bingo, children's games, alumni beer tent, and entertainment featuring the Aquinas Jazz Ensemble, the Vocal Jazz Ensemble, and Act II Theater Group with one-act plays.
1 p.m.: Soccer game. Aquinas vs. Nazareth College.
4:45-6 p.m.: Cassino Night. Wege Cafeteria.
8:30-11 p.m.: Gala Dance with music by the Sun Messengers. Piano Bar. Snack Bar.

Sunday, September 24
10:30 a.m.: Harvest Mass.
11:15 a.m.-1 p.m.: Brunch.
12:30-5 p.m.: A re-enactment of the early Greek Olympic games. Presented through the Freshman Humanities Program.

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MACKER AT AQ?
By Bryan Rizzo

Along with the rest of Gala Week, Saturday has become more expansive in its activities. In past years the day was mainly used for food tents and a casino night, however, this year will be a bit different. Aquinas will start a three-on-three basketball tournament. The idea for the event came from the ever-growing Gus Macker tournament. That tournament began about 15 years ago as a small neighborhood competition in Lowell, Michigan. The event has now grown to span the country in several states. Aquinas will have a smaller version open to present students, faculty, staff and alumni. The roster can contain as many as four names with any three playing at a given time.

The tournament will not be open to any present basketball players at the college, however, alumni hoopers are welcome to participate. The hope is to put a bit more physical activities into the weekend. This new idea seems to be adding much to the whole event. Now there is a much broader range of activities for the afternoon so that people can play bingo or sit in the beer tent while the more energetic and enthusiastic can play basketball. As usual, the success of this program will depend on participation by the student body. The more teams that sign up the better the competition so fill out the entry form today. All forms must be returned to the Fieldhouse office by Thursday, September 21. The day promises to be a lot of fun and, hopefully, very competitive.

GOLF SCRAMBLE
By Bryan Rizzo

The seemingly ever-growing popularity of sports seems to be spilling over into Aquinas college. Along with this weekend’s basketball tournament the school will also sponsor a four person golf scramble. The outing will take place on Saturday, September 23 at eight O’clock in the morning at Indian Trails Golf Club. The event is open to all who are interested. The groups have to include four people however, groups can mix both men and women. Sign up should be taken care of by Thursday, September 21 at the Fieldhouse. Get a group together and come out and have a good time.

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The theme week is being coordinated by Josh Goldsmith, and has activities each day at various locations on campus. Each class has a designated day, as do the Community Senate and the Clubs and Organizations.

Also new is the placement of the tents. The tents, which house the weekend daytime events (children’s games, food booths, and live music) will be in front of the Academic Building this year. This is to allow more room and greater usage of the campus’ wooded areas.

The weekend’s night events have also been slightly modified in an effort to lend more of a unified theme to the events. The traditional Casino Nite Club and dance will be held in Wege Center, along with a piano bar in the Snack Bar. The entire building will be transformed into a twenties-style “speak-easy” —costumes, props and all— for the evening’s entertainment.

The traditional Talent Show gives way this year to the “All-College Review”. This Friday night event will showcase the creative talents of members of the college community. This was done in an effort to “recognize the creativity and talent in our community in a non-competitive format”, according to Baer. The Review, coordinated by Adjunct Professor of Music Steve Sulains, will also combine these diverse talents into some group production numbers.

The week will be tied up on Sunday with the Harvest Mass, Olympics, and picnic dinner with live entertainment. Questions may be answered by calling Student Activities at ext. 4117.
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