Bush visits Grand Rapids, pushes Republican candidates

by Amy Marsh
TIMES Staff Writer

President George Bush spoke to an enthusiastic crowd of about 30,000 people during the Republican rally to elect governoratorial candidate, John Engler. The rally was held at the Amway Center Grand Hall in Grand Rapids on Tuesday, Oct. 16.

In his short speech, the president commented on the issues of the conflict in the Middle East, the budget and unemployment in Michigan.

"We are not in the Middle East to protect oil. We are there to stand up against aggression," exclaimed Bush in response to questions of American involvement in the Persian Gulf.

"These men and women show that America would not be the land of the free if it were not also the home of the brave and we intend to stand by those who stand up for what is right and good...we will remain in the Persian Gulf for as long as it takes to complete our mission."

The president outlined his expectations for new budget proposals. "It (the budget) must be real, it must be enforceable and it must preserve our incentives for growth."

In support of Engler's plan to diminish unemployment, Bush commented "it is not right that this industrial state trails behind all the others in terms of employment...this election will decide if Michigan chooses...policies of tax and spend or the Republican policies that put Michiganers back to work."

Bush challenged voters to accept decision making authority at a state, rather than federal level. "We must get people to believe...that challenges are met through the human heart, through the mind and not through the heavy hand of Washington D.C."

Regarding the state election, the president displayed strong support for the Republican plan of innovation lead by Engler. He also promoted support of senatorial candidate Bill Schuette.

In brief remarks, Engler commented on his goals for the campaign. "Take the Republican message of change across Michigan...we’re talking about cutting taxes, talking about investing in kids and education, we’re talking about leadership!"

Balanced annual budget to result from recent financial decisions

by Joan O'Neill, TIMES Assistant Editor, and Brad Donovan, TIMES Advisor

The need for a balanced operating budget, and the need to pay for campus renovations done in recent years, have created a new and more realistic financial picture for Aquinas.

At the Oct. 31 State of the College address, R. Paul Nelson, president of Aquinas College, announced the Board of Trustees' decision to postpone recent plans the college had to construct the first Aquinas free-standing library.

The decision was made at the Board of Trustees Tuesday, Oct. 23 meeting. "Be it resolved," the Board stated, "that the library project be deferred and revisited as an agenda item at the October 1991 Board meeting."

Nelson explained that the college had met with Old Kent bank officials, asking them to underwrite a $16 million line of credit. The loan request, supported by nine financial projections, was part of an effort begun this summer to restructure several short-term notes and gain better interest rates. A $10 million line of credit was requested to guarantee a bond issue from the Michigan Higher Education Building Authority to pay off notes on the RBC purchase, a new phone system, computers, and extensive renovation work on campus. However, interest payments on another $6 million for the library would make balancing the annual operating budget unlikely. The bank, after looking at Aquinas' financial history, concluded that it would be "too much indebtedness for Aquinas College. They also felt that we would stagger under the weight of such a debt," Nelson said. Thus, the final decision made by officials was to underwrite a $10 million line of credit. "The bank wants us to get our operating budget in line. They want a rational, attainable plan approved by the Board to balance the budget."

Engler campaigns on Aquinas campus

by Amy Marsh
TIMES Staff Writer

On Monday, Oct. 8, Republican Candidate for Governor, John Engler spoke at the Donnelly Conference Center, East Campus. In addition to requesting support for his campaign, Engler spoke of organizing a republicans' club-on-campus. Speaking to an audience of almost all students, the primary issue discussed was that of education policies.

The race for the governor's chair has been a "tough, hard fought, close" one, according to Engler. "I put everything on the line, I fully intend to win this race, I made the decision to leave the Please see ENGLER, Page 3
International students making the best educational opportunities in the states

Aquinas' reputation known in foreign lands

by Amy Marsh
TIMES Staff Writer

The potentially life-altering decision of having to choose which college to attend is effected by many factors that influence every student's mind. Most students apply to many colleges and then narrow down the choices as they find out more information. Often, a campus visit can be the deciding element. Yet, for some, this luxury is not feasible. These students must make their decision based only on what little information makes its way to their homeland through the postal services.

These students are foreign exchange students. There are 16 of these students in attendance this year at Aquinas. Natives of Sri Lanka, India, Bolivia, France and Italy, these people hope to gain a better understanding of the American culture, as well as, help the college in developing its cultural awareness tremendously.

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--Vinay Bhasin

In their effort to broaden their own horizons, they bring new ideas, lifestyles and traditions to many who would otherwise never receive this exposure.

According to Foreign Student Adviser Carol Clemens, many foreign students arrive at Aquinas by pure chance. Every two years new college catalogs are sent to some 28 American consulates and embassies in countries across the globe. Students interested in studying in America begin flipping through these catalogs and reading short descriptions. "Aquinas begins with an 'A';" said Clemens, and so we're often one of the first colleges they read about.

Most students who have come to Aquinas from other areas of the world, however, learn of the college by word of mouth. "One or two very happy foreign students who return and spread the word" can often bring several more students in future years, added Clemens.

Vinay Bhasin and Aimee Meher-Homji are both students here as an example of this method. An Aquinas alumnus, Vinit Asar returned to his home in Bombay, India with very good reports. "He recommended the school highly," said Bhasin. Asar convinced both Bhasin and Meher-Homji to look into it further, and they both chose to follow in his footsteps to Grand Rapids.

Former President of the International Student Union (ISU), two-year member of the Student Senate, and Campus Safety Officer, Bhasin has become very involved with extra-curricular activities, as well as, his study of Accounting and Business Administration. He was attracted to Aquinas because it is "small and personal."

The Aquinas community was very similar to that of the school he attended in India, and he wanted to "continue on the same trend...to make it easier to become accustomed to and settle down." Bhasin found that "one of the most difficult things to adjust to when living in a foreign country is the different responsibilities outside of college as well as getting used to systems of study."

He commends the college on its Accounting Department. He feels that it is "the strongest degree here." He added that the community could grow by taking efforts to develop a well known "national and international name."

His successor as President of the ISU, Meher-Homji, is also very active in Aquinas' clubs and organizations. She currently holds positions on the following organizations: Community Relations, Grief...
Revised academic probation policy now in effect

(from the office of Dr. John Romero, associate academic vice president and dean of academic programming)

1. Students are placed on academic probation when it appears that their performance places their academic objectives in jeopardy.

2. Academic probation is now based on cumulative rather than semester grade-point-average (GPA) (with one exception). Students with a cumulative GPA (Aquinas College credit only) below the following levels are considered to be making unsatisfactory academic progress and will be placed on academic probation:

   - after 12 semester hours of credit: 1.70
   - after 24 semester hours of credit: 1.70
   - after 36 semester hours of credit: 1.80
   - after 48 semester hours of credit: 1.90
   - after 60 semester hours of credit: 1.90
   - after 72 semester hours of credit: 1.90
   - after 84 semester hours of credit: 2.00
   - after 96 semester hours of credit: 2.00

3. Students who remain on academic probation for two successive full-time semesters (or two successive "gates" listed above) will be dismissed for poor scholarship.

4. Students who are dismissed for academic reasons are expected to remain out of residence for a minimum of one full 16-week semester.

5. Students may appeal a dismissal to the Academic Dismissal Review Board.

6. Exception to the cumulative GPA policy: Whenever the semester GPA for any semester is less than 1.0, a student may be dismissed if, in the judgment of the Academic Dismissal Review Board, such action is thought to be in the best interest of the student. Appeal of the dismissal may be made to the Board.

7. Full-time students earning less than 2.00 for any semester's work (or the equivalent) will be sent a letter of warning.

STATE OF THE COLLEGE

The college, during the 1990-91 school year, is $600,000 over budget. Nelson anticipates next year’s imbalance to shrink to $110,000. “So you see,” he said, “We are not far from balancing our budget.”

Extra funds are expected from savings in interest charges, slight increases in enrollment and tuition, and strong development efforts.

Fundraising for the new library began when the Aquinas Grows campaign was launched in May of 1988. The campaign, which set out to raise $8 million, was formed with three goals in mind: the construction of the new library, providing advanced instrumentation for the science department, and funding the purchase of the Reformed Bible College campus.

As of the most recent calculations, $6.1 million of the $8 million has been pledged toward the campaign. Of that $6.1 million, $1.8 million has been restricted by donors only for use in the funding of the new library. The board, in their actions at the Oct. 23 meeting, recognized that “the benefactors to the capital campaign who had restricted their gifts to the library should be encouraged to allow their gifts to be utilized for meeting the other goals of the campaign.”

“The deferment of the library is definitely a disappointment,” said Junior, Paul Rossi, chairperson of the Aquinas College Community Senate. “But the fact that the real financial situation has been addressed, openly and honestly, makes the decision a good one in the interest of Aquinas College’s long-term growth.”

“All of the librarians are very disappointed,” said Larry Zysk, director of the Learning Resource Center. “We all hope that the Board of Trustees keeps it (the library) in number one priority.

“Basically,” Nelson said. “We have to get our financial house in order. We have to balance this year’s and next year’s budget. At that point we can look again at the building of a library.”

Describing the wealth of new equipment and the handsome renovations on campus, Nelson said, “We did a lot of good things quickly, without a plan to pay for them. Now we have such a plan. And our reputation as a creative and innovative institution will serve us well when dealing with our problems.”

Following a half-hour question and answer period with an audience of some 200 faculty and staff, Nelson summarized the news as having both dark and light sides: the natural disappointment about the library should be balanced by knowing that we now have a realistic and workable financial plan guaranteeing the college’s future.
Role-playing emphasizes a need

---AQ gears up for awareness

by Paul Antor
Social action correspondent

Imagine what it might be like to be homeless for a night — cold, hungry, and lonely. The Aquinas community will get an opportunity this month to experience this reality. Aquinas College Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week will take place the week of Nov. 12 through 18. Sponsored by the Social Action Committee and the H.E.L.P. program house, the week aims to raise awareness, educate the community, and provide opportunities for action at the local level.

The highlight of the week will be an overnight sleep-out in front of Wege Center. Participants will gather blankets and sleeping bags and camp out in cardboard boxes on Friday, Nov. 16. The evening will include: a 7 p.m. prayer vigil for slain Salvadorian priests; a 7:30 p.m. showing of the film “Romero” in Pastoral Center; letter writing, as well as, group reflections on the experience.

Also planned is a fast experience, where students and faculty can volunteer to fast during one or two meals on Friday, Nov. 16. The money saved from the missed meals will be donated to local and national hunger organizations.

People will be able to experience the reality of poverty in the United States through the Alternative Dinner, planned for Thursday, Nov. 15 at 5 p.m. until 6:15 p.m. in the Wege Ballroom. Participants will be randomly divided into groups representing the social strata of an impoverished American city. Through role-playing and sharing in the experience, the Aquinas community will get an opportunity to understand the importance of caring for one another.

Educational opportunities will include movies, displays, and discussions. Service to the hungry and homeless of Grand Rapids will also be an important part to the week. CAVA is coordinating trips to God’s Kitchen and Habitat for Humanity.

Finally, food and clothing will be collected from the Aquinas Community and the surrounding neighborhood. The food and clothing (especially winter items!) will be donated to local agencies and churches.

To become involved in the week’s activities, be sure to contact the Social Action Committee extension 4108 or the H.E.L.P. House extension 6491. Watch for further information!
The results of a recent government survey measures those not in favor of added fees on:

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A recent survey found 82 percent were not in favor of an added fee on blank audio tape to compensate copyright holders for home taping and 79 percent were not in favor of such a fee for audio recorders. This solution that would impose royalty taxes on blank tapes or recorders.

There's almost universal agreement that consumers have a right to tape their own recordings for private, non-commercial purposes.

These facts encourage the Home Recording Rights Coalition in its hope for a quick passage of the Digital Audio Tape Recorder Act of 1990 without any amendments requiring royalties or other taxes on blank tapes or tape recorders.

Anyone can write Congress on either side of this or any issue at the U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510 and the House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515, or call the Home Recording Rights Coalition at 1-800-282-8273.
Dreams of Justice...

SAC questions U.S. aid to El Salvador

Nov. 16, 1990 will mark yet another year without justice in El Salvador. It was one year ago that six Jesuit priests and two women were brutally murdered in San Salvador for their commitment to ending human rights abuses. Soon we will also remember the murders of the four American churchwomen in 1983.

The U.S. Government continues to support the government of El Salvador with millions of dollars a week, earmarked for both military and "humanitarian" aid.

The Salvadoran Government has yet to convince the world that justice has been achieved by the deaths of the eight martyrs. More than 70,000 people have been victims of the civil war in this tiny Latin American nation. And still, we fund their government.

The National Catholic Reporter sums up the situation in this manner: "El Salvador. It is a place where merely to be present to the poor is at once an act of faith and a political act punishable by detention, deportation or death. It is a place where it does not take a finely honed sense of justice to know which side a Christian should be on" (NCR, Dec. 1989).

On this anniversary, think about the continued support of the Salvadoran Government with our tax dollars, and pray that no more will be martyred. Other events: Collegians for Life is up and running well. This group aims to educate the community on the reality of abortion, and to support alternative services.

Swords into Plowshares is committed to spending time together studying issues of social justice and acting upon the injustices through the eyes of faith.

Hunger and Homelessness Week is coming up this month (see related article in this issue).

Onward in the struggle!

CAVA office offers variety of opportunities for students to lend a helping hand

The cast of Up With People and ten CAVA volunteers worked together on Wednesday, Sept. 26 at Degage ministries, a local soup kitchen. They volunteers gathered together to wash walls, floors, and windows. Although the work was mundane, the experience of meeting the foreign cast and working with them to accomplish a good deed was well worth the effort.

The CAVA office extends a warm thank you to Paula Billman, Mary Clark-Kaiser, Cheri Eymer, Theresa Horak, Lorne Neff, Erica Schroeder, Kelly Serwic, and Chris Strand for their help.

Aside from the enjoyment gained, a new CAVA program evolved out of this activity as well. Several volunteers now go to Degage every other Wednesday night to serve food and play cards or pool with the homeless. If any one is interested in joining this group please call the CAVA office at extension 4109 or stop by.

A concerned student is looking to get involved in the Grand Rapids' community. To highlight a few, Catholic Social Services is looking for a "Santa's helper," the Easter Seals Society needs "elves" to help gift wrap Christmas presents at Woodland Mall, an Aquinas graduate needs someone to either pick up her groceries at the Eastown Food Co-op and/or give her a ride to mass every other Sunday.

As always, there are plenty of volunteer needs in the Grand Rapids' area.

Cans For CAVA, the human dignity project that raises money for non-profit organizations so is off to a good start. Money collected so far is around $50. Please remember to keep all trash and liquid out of the collection cans, and thanks for your support.

And almost every educational organization in the Grand Rapids area is in need of tutors to help students of all ages. Please, look within yourself and help those around you who are in need.

Environmental Concern Organization sets up recycling stations around campus, helps worldwide effort to renew earth

It seems as if every single thing we do in our daily lives is harmful, either directly or indirectly, to the earth. We live in a "throw-away" society, and have been brought up thinking it's okay to buy unnecessary "food" items packaged in ridiculous amounts of plastic and cardboard as long as we throw it away when we've finished with it. And the greedy lust for quick-money and comfort has also led to rainforest destruction, strip-mining, over-flowing landfills, incinerators, waste water, water pollution, air pollution, acid rain, smog, etc, etc.

Thinking about all this, and feeling so helpless ("I can't escape the society I was brought up in," is my favorite excuse), can be pretty stressful. I used to drive myself crazy with guilt because I read and worried about the pitiful condition of the environment, constantly, but never did anything about it. My lazy excuse was that I didn't have a car; so how could I bring my newspapers and milk jugs to a recycling center.

Near the end of the last school year, nine other girls and myself learned that the Housing Department was offering the old and new houses on campus as "program houses". So, we moved into Meijer Hall and became, at least for this year, the official Aquinas Environmental Concern.

It isn't necessary to make drastic changes in your way of life to help improve the condition of the environment. You just need the information. For example, there are some brand-name shampoo and detergent bottles that are recyclable, some that are not. If a plastic container is recyclable, it will have the triangular recycling symbol on the bottom with the number "2" inside of it, usually accompanied by the letters HDPE. It's just as easy to look for this symbol on an item as it is to look for the price.

We need to realize, also, that it isn't a good enough anymore to just throw Gatorade bottle away because we can't return it for money, we are still be on the earth for a very long time — most likely in a landfill.

The Environmental Concern Organization plans to put trash bins on every floor of every residence hall. These bins will accept clean tin cans, clean plastic milk/orange juice jugs, clean glass containers (of clear, green or brown color), newspapers, junk mail, recyclable plastic containers, clean aluminum, and cardboard. We also plan to put a recycling bin the the basement of Holmdene, and three on East Campus. Until the money is Please see RECYCLE, Page 9
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student feels residential restrictions too binding... "unnecessary"

Changes have been taking place at Aquinas. We now have a new president, east campus, and we are developing a new library. I have noticed one significant change, however, that is making the students here at Aquinas angry. I don't think I need to spell this out for you, but I will anyway. The "hard-butt" residence hall rules this year are driving us crazy.

Personally, I think the visitation policy is totally off the wall. I understand that it was designed for the consideration of roommates, but what about those of us who have single rooms? In addition, it is difficult to obey visitation rules when you live on a co-ed floor. Living on the "guys end" of 2nd West, I hang out with them a lot more than the girls on the other end of the hall. I don't see a problem with calling my own floormates in their rooms past visitation. Some of us have been documented for reading poetry with a guy in our room past visitation! I don't think that should constitute a fine or work hours. Sure, we can talk in the floor lounge, but who feels comfortable in a place where you only go for floor meetings? What if you want to listen to CDs together in the lounge, then, would you get documented for making too much noise? What really makes me mad is the reaction I get from freshmen. I get embarrassed when I hear them cut down Aquinas because "it just doesn't seem like college." I helplessly try to defend Aquinas by explaining that last year we had more freedom, but they don't care about then, they care about now. If students can't drink in their rooms behind closed doors, they'll just drink off campus. This is also scary because a lot of students don't have cars. The first weekend of school I couldn't believe it when I saw the crowds of Aquinas students walking to a house party in the Eastown area. This is not exactly the safest thing to do. Someday, someone is going to get hurt, and it'll be blamed on alcohol when the real problem lies in the crime in Eastown.

I would like to add that I feel that the Resident Advisor's are only doing what they're supposed to do when they document people. I also feel, however, that they should remain consistent. I've heard residents complain that some Resident Advisors have broken visitation themselves. I'm not sure there are some valid excuses for this, but I've heard otherwise. That just makes them hypocrites when they document others for breaking visitation rules, and it also contributes to a lack of respect for them. The same applies to Resident Advisors who walk around "looking for trouble." Most of the time they'll find it when they aren't looking. In conclusion, although it is one of the most difficult bridges to cross, learning independence and responsibility is part of the excitement for students when they go off to college. I don't know about anyone else here, but I left mom and dad at home for a reason.

—Carolyn Budde, sophomore

"New directories fall short...useless."

To the Editor:

"The college...stands ready to serve students of all ages and from all various backgrounds and walks of life."

...the faculty and administration have always been in close touch with students and thus were able to perceive changing needs and design policies and programs to meet those needs."

These two quotes are taken from the introduction in the 1989-1991 Aquinas College Catalog and supposedly portray how Aquinas caters to the needs of its student body. However it is becoming increasingly apparent that the only student body the administration is interested in catering to is the one that lives on campus. As a commuter and an active member of the Commuter Committee, I have noticed some attitudes that don't exactly go along with the axiom quoted from our fine college catalog.

The most significant incident to date and the one which prompted this response was the exclusion of any and all off-campus students from the campus directory.

After speaking with many students, I learned that the most commonly held reasons for the need of a campus directory: 1) To have a list of friends; phone numbers, and 2) to have a list of emergency addresses in order to keep in touch when classes are not in session. It seems to me that the new directory falls a little short of the mark in both categories.

The front desk of each residence hall is equipped with a complete listing of hall extensions so, while it is easier and quicker to have these extensions on hand, it is not all together imperative — there is another source available. Any student on or off campus can easily reach residents by going through the switchboard. The necessity of a complete college directory becomes apparent only when looking for phone numbers of students not living on campus. Regular phone books are useless because many students are not year long residents and are not listed. A possible access to these numbers is through information, but at roughly 50 cents per call, phone bills could easily become outrageous. A complete college directory becomes invaluable. As for supplying home addresses to help students maintain contact with each other when classes aren't in session, the new directory is useless. It gives none of this information.

What happened to our complete and useful directories of past years? Protection of privacy is being balled as the reason behind the exclusion, but this makes me wonder who was protecting our privacy in past years? What if there suddenly been an epidemic of panicked students desperate to keep their identities and phone numbers hidden? Somehow, I can't quite believe this. If the college is worried about violating privacy rights, it should offer a choice to students enabling them to request their phone numbers remain unlisted. In this way, Aquinas relinquishes all responsibility of printing confidential material and we get a useful directory.

The only apparent reasoning behind the new abbreviated directory is to further segregate the student body into two separate entities; on campus residents and off-campus commuters. Yet one more barrier is built between commuters and on campus participation. Aquinas College has done some fine and helpful things in the past, but the exclusion of off campus students isn't one of them.

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To the Opposing Opinion Center on the idea that, why should we list the names of the servicemen and women in our community who are in service over here? The reason I would like the names printed is so that we can pray for everyone involved. Even if Project Desert Shield ends without war.

The word Catholic is defined in the dictionary as "universal," which means all people. Being Catholic and attending a catholic college, I feel that we should pray for everyone, even if they are carrying guns on their backs. We should not only pray for our service people, but also for the people of Iraq, the people of Kuwait, and all those who are involved.

Not wanting the names printed in the Correspondence seems to me that those who are opposed to the idea are trying to deny that we have troops in Saudi Arabia. But, I cannot deny what is going on over there. A family friend is over there. And several of my high school classmates are probably over there also. No, I can't deny what is going on over there.

I respect those who oppose my idea and I see their point. But my point is to pray for those involved so that this whole thing will be over soon and so that everyone can return home. Whether their home is here in the United States, Kuwait, or Iraq, I believe printing the names of our relatives from this community will show Aquinas' concern for what is taking place in the Middle East and for everyone involved.

—Ruthann M. Hula, senior

Plea for prayer for those involved in Middle East

Recently, I expressed interest to several people about listing the names of relatives of the Aquinas community who are in service over in Saudi Arabia in the Campus Correspondence. Since then, I have heard opposing opinions to the idea. The opposing opinions center on the idea that, why should we list the names of the servicemen and women when they are over there carrying guns on their back waiting for war? The reason I would like the names printed is so that we can pray for everyone involved.

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RECYCLE

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received from the senate to purchase these bins, interested or not. They are trying their recyclable items to Meijer Hall, Woodward Lane.

At the present time, we are trying to convince those living in these "kind" houses. We are installing water-saver showerheads, water faucets, and even air fresheners. Recycling may be possible, and use recycled toilet paper from these bins, anyone is welcome to bring anything they want to the "kind" house. We are installing

—Ruthann M. Hula, senior
Christian outreach in Appalachia...
Concerned students spend break in volunteer service

by Amy Marsh
TIMES Staff Writer

It is late in the evening in the town of Sommerset, Kentucky. A small group of permanent Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) volunteers are gathering for evening prayer. Several temporary volunteers from Aquinas College have joined them. A single candle burning in the middle of the room reveals great sadness in the prayer leader's face. She begins to tell about her day.

That morning she had visited a 24-year-old unwed mother of three, ages three, seven and nine. The small trailer they lived in had no running water, no heat. Winter was fast approaching and it was colder inside the trailer than outside. This woman had already suffered a nervous breakdown at the age of 21. She was on the brink of another. Contemplating taking her own life, had never been given the opportunity to see their own self, as they felt seemingly unsolvable problems.

As the prayer leader continued with her story, tears welled up in the eyes of the volunteers. Tears for the woman who seemed trapped in a desperate situation. Tears for the volunteers, themselves, as they felt overwhelmed with helplessness. Tears for the many others who, like this woman, had never been given the opportunity to see their own self-worth. These people have never known what it was like to be appreciated or loved. They have never received positive reinforcement as children and didn't know how to treat their children any differently.

CAP is a volunteer organization designed to provide physical and emotional assistance for over 30,000 people in 11 counties in Kentucky. It was founded by Father Ralph Retting almost 30 years ago and is funded completely by donations. Volunteers from their early twenties to retirement-age and beyond work in one of 60 programs for 50 hours a week and live in one of five CAP communities. The programs range from adult education, child development, and family counseling to outreach, training of the mentally and physically handicapped, elderly assistance and developing centers for positive teen interaction.

During the week of Oct. 21-27, midterm break, 11 Aquinas students traveled 11 hours by van to Kentucky to work in these programs and experience volunteer life. According to Brother Benedict Baer, coordinator of the project, the purpose is "to give students an opportunity to experience a different part of our culture and service." Students that participated representing all four classes were: Tom Brayman, Sandy Cook, Kevin Dudka, Sue Flickenger, Shawn Florian, Chris Flowers, Sara Glover, Shay Jaquays, Amy Marsh, Kathy Otto, and Andrea Romero. Minority Student Adviser, Stella Ferris acted as faculty adviser for the trip.

"I've always wanted to go," said Flowers, a senior, "I enjoy helping people and I thought it would be a good cultural experience."

Senior, Kathy Otto added "It didn't seem like we could really make a difference in a week... but we could at least do something and that's what really matters."

The temporary volunteers soon found that not only would their help be significant, but on a larger scale, they too would grow and learn from the experience. "I am not the same person that I was," commented Flowers, "It was an experience I will never forget. I learned about genuine appreciation. The people (in Kentucky) appreciate life so much!"

The impact and urgency of the assistance became apparent when working directly with the people. While working at Caprice, a center for handicapped adults, Otto met a 30-year-old deaf man who had never been taught sign language or how to read lips. Others met families who live in one-room-houses with no running water, heat or electricity. Brayman and Dudka spent the entire week helping to build a house for a family whose home had been destroyed by fire.

Jaquays said, "we have to realize that it's an entirely different world... we can't change a person overnight. We should definitely be grateful for what we have."

Students learned about volunteer community living, as well. "The volunteers were like a family... providing a support system for each other as well as the outside community," explained Otto. Most of the volunteers were either recent college graduates or retirees. "Most knew what they wanted to do with their lives and they were still willing to take a year off to help others," Otto added, "if they were running away from the real world then I can't think of a better way to do it."

Another Appalachia trip is scheduled for the spring break, 1991. Interested persons should contact the Student Activities Office. CAP also offers a summer program for volunteers working in a camp environment. For more information send a letter of inquiry to: CAP Volunteer Program; Christian Appalachian Project; 235 Lexington Street, Lancaster, KY 40444 or call, (616) 792-2219.

Bookstore helps fund Appalachian project through GALA sales

When the eleven Aquinas students travelled to Kentucky to lend their hands in the Christian Appalachian Project, they were given a financial boost from the bookstore.

The Aquinas College Bookstore donated a $115 check to the program to defray the cost of travel, as the group were forced to find a different means of transportation, other than campus vans. This money came from income earned by the bookstore during the Golden Gala Weekend in September. The bookstore had pledged that 10% of all sales Saturday go toward the students involved in the Appalachian project.

"We just wanted to do something for the students," said Debra Milarch, director of the bookstore, "instead of all the profits going to the bookstore."

Coming next issue:
Ho! Ho! Ho!

It's that time again... time for the Aquinas Times annual Christmas wishes. Send your favorite professor, roommate, or that significant other a special holiday greeting. The December issue of the TIMES will be on newsstands December 5th. Drop off your wishes at the TIMES office, lower level Wege Center, before noon on Wednesday, November 21!
Campus bombarded by ghosts, goblins, and kids of all ages

Halloween celebrated with devilish fun--parties, a haunted hall, and a costume dance.

by Joan M. O'Neill  
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For a young child, Halloween means parading around the neighborhood streets all decked out in the year's hottest Halloween costume, screaming "trick or treat" at each and every doorstep.

Eventually, however, one grows too old for these types of actions and must find an alternative means for fun on Halloween. Through the efforts of many students, Aquinas College was able to offer activities for its students, enabling them to enjoy the holiday once more.

On Tuesday, Oct. 30, the residents of St. Joe's decked the halls with crepe paper and cobwebs, creating a "haunted hall". From 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m., the hall was open to children of any age. Children of Aquinas faculty, staff, students, and neighboring communities were welcomed to explore the haunted halls of St. Joe's. At the end of their tour, the children were greeted with goodies of all sorts. In addition, the hall featured an apple-bobbing contest and movies in the lounge.

Each floor of the hall was decorated in a matter to resemble the different floors of a haunted mansion. First floor, St. Joe's served as the mansion's dungeon and basement. The second floor became the main level of attraction in the house, and the third floor served as the attic.

The haunted hall was sponsored by the Community Senate, St. Joseph Residence Hall Council, East Campus Residence Hall Council, and Regina Residence Hall Council.

In addition to the haunted mansion, East Campus RHC sponsored a Halloween costume dance Wednesday, Oct. 30, from 8:30 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. in the Wege Ballroom. Prizes were awarded in three categories: most original, scariest, and the funniest costumes. Claiming the 'funniest costume' prize were Erin Haines and Kristen McBurney. The 'scariest costume' prize went to Chris Penkala as the king size grim reaper. Tying for first place in the 'most original costume' category were Vince Schreck, dressed as a nerd, and Joel Donnelly, who was decked out to resemble a giant condom.

Clockwise:

upper right corner; students gather in lounge after viewing the haunted hall.

far lower right; Joel Donnelly sports his winning costume as the human condom.

right; tying for most creative costume was Vince Schreck.

above; several students enjoyed the dance held in the ballroom.
"Great Issues" challenges students to express their individuality

(TIMES Staff) Challenging the Aquinas community on its opinion, beliefs, and attitudes is the new impacting Great Issues group, pet-named "Hot and Now." While this group won't be serving up a 30-seconds-or-less menu, it will be offering 'events' centered on today's most critical and controversial issues facing our world, our students, and our individual lives.

The brain-child of St. Joe Resident Director T. Scott Cawood, also the group's co-advisor, Dawn Noelle Michaels, is also very excited to see something like this come Aquinas' way. "We (Aquinas community) spend too much time worrying about offending others by what we do, believe in, or have an 'attitude' about. As we attempt to transcend the lines of prejudice, homelessness, hunger, and so on, we should also transcend the lines of ignorance and safety in numbers. I'd like to see more individuals stand up for their own, personal views and feelings. If they match someone else's, great, but just take your own stand. Don't be afraid to speak up!"

As Great Issues gets organized for its first 'event', the committee is also organizing itself, starting with the selecting chairpersons. Presiding over the committee are Juniors: Scott Schuett and David Warczack. These two agree that Aquinas is far behind the lines of ignorance and safety in numbers. "It's important to realize we don't expect everyone to agree with what is presented, but rather think about it and affect our lives regardless of our indifference. Aquinas students tend to ignore reality rather than shape it. It's time for those students with their own opinions to take a stand for change." "It's time for those students who have been blindly hiding under the security of the lines of ignorance and safely in numbers," Michaels, "I hope we get a phenomenal turnout...it definitely has that kind of potential."

The tentative schedule for Great Issues includes subject matter such as the Middle East crisis, abortion, censorship, racism, and many other timely topics. You'll find this group does not consist of the same people, at the same meeting place, discussing the same topic. Rather, the co-advisors and co-chairs have decided on a 'roaming' format. This means that 'event' times and places will consistantly change to allow accessibility to different people at different times. It is also aimed to eliminate the aura of this being "just for St. Joe's" and making it open to all students, faculty, and staff interested.

In closing, Warczack revels in the opportunity for us to develop our own beliefs, "Aquinas is not a vacuum. The issues we will be discussing are real and affect our lives regardless of our indifference. Aquinas students tend to ignore reality rather than shape it. This group is an opportunity for all of us to sharpen ourselves."
"Leaf Scammers" in full force
Tradition continues on Aquinas campus
by Chris Cowdrey
TIMES Staff Writer

Autumn brings many things: football, cooler weather, school, the World Series, changing colors, and lots of elementary school children running around the Aquinas campus collecting leaves for school assignments.

We've all seen them. They have become a tradition like any other long-standing custom. Last year, Amy Verspoor, an Aquinas student, composed a song about the "leaf scammers," as she and last year's residents of Regina's fourth floor called them, set to the tune of "Winter Wonderland." But, exactly who are these "leaf scammers" and where do they come from?

The majority of them come from local elementary and middle schools. Teachers assign leaf collecting projects to their students every fall. Aquinas makes a great science lab because of its variety of trees and shrubs. A map showing where each tree can be found is an invaluable tool, as are Aquinas students who often give directions to the youngsters who come in search of leaves. Some students offer to give tours through designated areas to those in search of specific leaves.

Aleshia Whitehead, a seventh grader from North Eastern Middle School, coaxed some of her family and friends into helping her collect leaves. "I don't think of Aquinas just as a place to get leaves," Whitehead said. "It is a place to learn about nature and other things."

Chandra Smith, Marissa Jones, and Tammi Jablonski, also seventh graders from North Eastern Middle School, agreed that lots of leaves can be found on Aquinas' campus. Smith said she has been on campus before, but only in the leaf scanner capacity.

Middle and elementary school students are not the only ones collecting leaves. Sara Masselink and Lori Cooper, two sophomores from Forest Hills Northern High School, were on campus collecting leaves for a biology assignment.

These "nature walks" are familiar on the collegiate level, as well. Some Aquinas students have been spotted doing some of their own investigating. Insignis students recently took a nature walk around campus to learn about the trees and leaves on campus. Sophomore, Katie Swart said, "I enjoyed the walk, because there is a tendency when going to class to rush by and ignore the beautiful campus. It helped me enjoy the aesthetic value of Aquinas."

Whether students are from kindergarten, seventh grade, or Aquinas, leaf scanning is a time-honored tradition here on campus. "They have been here as long as I have, and probably longer," said Sr. Alice Witterbach, O.P., associate professor of biology. "Leaf scanning has been a regular course for the fall schedule for over twenty years, and it is still going strong."
Soccer season ends but hopes remain high for next season

by Chris Cowdrey
Times Staff Writer

The 1990 Aquinas Men's Soccer season has drawn to a close, finishing with a record of 7-12-1. Although it was not a winning season, the team brought home a championship trophy and various individual awards.

Reflecting on the season, Sophomore Tim DeShaw said, "I think it went poorly because we didn't win the games we should have. We got better towards the end of the season, though, and if we continue to do what we've done in these last games, we will do better next year."

"Our season was somewhat disappointing," said Freshman Dave Driscoll. "We wanted to have a better record than last year, but we didn't get one. We have a lot of talent, though. There are many good individuals, but we didn't play well as a team. Hopefully, we can work on this for next season."

The thrust of this year's team was mostly made up of freshmen and sophomores. Seventeen of the 23 players were from these two classes. Bill Kenny, a freshman goalie, was added to the roster mid-season.

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1. Men consider themselves gods of football knowledge. They know (or think they know) everything about the sport.
2. Line of scrimmage: the line where the ball stopped at the end of the last play, and the line where the ball is placed for the beginning of the next play.
3. Off sides: crossing the line of scrimmage before the quarterback has gotten the ball from the center.
4. clipping: tackling below the knees.
5. Pass interference: when the receiver has an open line to receive the ball, and a player from the other team knocks him out of the way.
6. Interception: when the defense catches a pass made by the quarterback of the opposite team.
7. We learned a lot of new four-letter words, but we can't repeat them here.
8. We also learned that we will never be able to understand this game, no matter how hard we try.

European football, or American soccer, uses basically the same rules as we do. They do not have football American football, though; Australian Rules football. There is a third style football - was the easier of the two to understand, once it was explained to us. We kidnapped four members of the Aquinas Men's Soccer Team and grilled them for hours. Our captive audience was: Eric Bridge, Dave Driscoll, Ryan Felix, and Matt Morrow.

The basic rules are: only the goalie can touch the ball with his hands, and minimal contact is allowed. The exact definition of "minimal contact" varies from referee to referee. The basic point of soccer, as all four of our interviewees pointed out, is "to win." Each of the soccer players we talked to have a different task. Bridge, a defender, keeps the ball out of the goal, which is not as easy as it may look.

Although this helped immensely, there was still one more thing about soccer that still confused us: those yellow and red cards. A yellow card means you are thrown out of the game, extra close eye on you. A red card is an entirely different story.

As if we aren't already confused...hockey. We hope that this helped to clear up your confusion. Sports will always remain incomprehensible to us, but at least we know a little bit more about how the games work. We'd like to thank Eric, Dave, Ryan, and Matt for their time and their expansive soccer knowledge. Tune in next issue, when we delve into the depths of...hockey.