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**Board approves another tuition increase for 1991-’92**

By Pamela Najor
TIMES Editor

The Board of Trustees of Aquinas College met on Tuesday, Feb. 26 to vote on an increase in tuition for the 1991-1992 academic year.

The board approved a 7.38 percent increase in overall direct costs for regular full-time students, which includes tuition, room, and board. The tuition was raised 8.0 percent and room and board was raised 6.0 percent of the total cost.

The breakdown for students other than regular full-time students also approved by the board is as following:

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A comparative breakdown:

- **Tuition**: $8,296 to $8,960 (7.38% increase)
- **Room**: $1,656 to $1,756 (6.0% increase)
- **Board**: $2,070 to $2,194 (6.0% increase)

**Peace is in sight, yet questions still remain**

(TIMES Staff)

On the morning of Tuesday, Feb. 26, Aquinas students awoke to the news that Iraqi forces were beginning to withdraw from Kuwait. Saddam Hussein declared that Iraq’s mission in Kuwait was now over, and that Iraqi troops would complete in twenty-four hours a “...disciplined withdrawal,” while Allied reports confirmed movement of Iraqi troops to the north, the pullout was interpreted as a “retreat,” and the offensive of Hussein declared that Iraq’s mission to withdraw from Kuwait. Saddam Hussein got that way was lending military and economic support to Saddam Hussein. Many of the crimes Hussein is accused of committing, against Iraqis and even against his own people in the 1980s were facilitated by this U.S. support.

“The greatest casualty I see is in the war mentality (the crisis) has produced...We somehow have to teach our children that this was not a...good way to solve our problems.”

—Esmail Sadeghi, Assistant Professor of Computer Information Systems

Another point of contention is the U.S. support of Israel, and its opposition to the establishment of a Palestinian homeland. Even with Hussein’s defeat, it seems inevitable that this will be the crucial issue in the post-war period. “How can we maintain historical ties with Israel while completely supporting a Palestinian homeland?”, wonders Raikes. With the end of the fighting, our Arab allies will certainly press the issue in the United Nations. If there was a zero percent increase in tuition cost for regular part-time, continuing education, and the master in the art of teaching students and tuition for the Graduate Management Program (GMP) was increased by 5.0 percent.

President Paul Nelson pointed out that although overall direct costs were increased, so was the 8.0 minimum percentage increase of financial aid as well. The total increase in financial aid reaches 15.7 percent. “We have virtually doubled the total financial aid percentage over the total increasing tuition. “We feel good about this,” Nelson said. ”The board and Aquinas really made a concerted effort to hold tuition increase down to a minimum,” he added.

Nelson was concerned that regular traditional age students would wonder why the tuition cost for Continuing Education (CE) students did not go up. He responded by saying, “the rational is really two-fold. Our CE students were hit very had by the Michigan Tuition Grant.” He said because of the loss of financial aid and the need to compete with other colleges in the area within the CE program determined the freeze on tuition costs for CE students. According to Nelson, the grant was initially developed to benefit traditional-aged, dependant students. He added, “although some (CE) quality, they are on the very low of the economic latter...we wanted to help them afford Aquinas.” Increasing the possibilities for CE students to attend Aquinas, Nelson said, “will benefit all because of enhanced enrollment.”

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Tuition has been raised 7.38 percent for regular full-time students

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From the Editor...

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What I would like to know is was that definition ever functional. If it was, I wish I could have lived then. Is it ever over? Maybe, maybe not. Maybe this one is, technically, but what about the one we face daily, what about the one we face daily, what about the one we face daily, what about the one we face daily...

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How does America plan to liberate the people of Kuwait, a culture most Americans are ignorant of, from a vicious enemy when within this Muslim-Arab culture, shouldn't we understand the Native-American, the African-American, the Arab-American cultures first? The point is we are all AMERICANS—We are all just PEOPLE!

And I wish the word minority never existed in this country. We all come from somewhere else! And all of us 'minorities' make up the majority.

No one specific group of Americans with a different heritage should be treated any differently nor given any privileges or rights different from any other.

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Racism at Aquinas?
Students hold forum to relieve misunderstandings between fellow Americans

By Mary Pat Holtgreive & Pamela Najor

On Monday, Feb. 25, students, faculty, and administration met to address the issue of racism specifically between students.

Marcie Taylor felt a tension had developed between students in response to one of the newsletters published during Black History Month. The first dealt with "issues of critical importance." The second focused on "views on black/white relations." The third and last newsletter dealt with the "African-American perspective on Black History Month".

African-American students wrote uncensored interpretations of these issues. Misunderstandings on both sides developed as to the purpose of the newsletters and the intentions of the writers.

A forum was held to address these misunderstandings and to answer the questions of many people on campus.

Crystal Smith explained the purpose behind the newsletters. She stated that the whole purpose was to show people just as people and not that anyone thinks it isn't either blind, or very naive. "Once I understand something in the newsletter or have a question, come talk to us," Smith stated. According to students, some people were offended and shocked by the newsletters.

"Response letters can be sent to the Women's Center," said Montisa Counts. "Come and ask us, we want questions."

Brother Benedict Baer stated that he was offended by the first newsletter, offended by his own blindness to the issue. "The newsletter everywhere is put out in the open. Before the problem was kept in the offices, now everybody's talking about it," Smith went on to say. "But it can't stop here, we need classes, professors and counselors. We will not be satisfied until we need classes, professors and counselors. We will not be satisfied until we need classes, professors and counselors."

"I'm sure that we're really all the same," was a phrase that was heard over and over again during the meeting. "If you don't understand something in the newsletter or have a question, come talk to us," Smith stated. According to students, some people were offended and shocked by the newsletters. "Response letters can be sent to the Women's Center," said Montisa Counts.

The first question was addressed by Taylor. "Africa is my history and my blood, but my customs are American." Smith added that being called African-American is her only connection to her homeland. The second question was addressed by many students present at the meeting.

At the end of the forum, all held hands and said a prayer.

Ronita Hearns responded that she hates the word and believes that no one should use it.="When we use the word, you (non-African-American students) will use it. When we disrespect each other, we won't get respect (from others)."

Pulliam called the term "sort of a family thing. I am guilty of it everyday, it's a bond between African Americans."

Although the forum did not solve the vast problem of misunderstandings between cultures, it did show promise of improvement. Taylor said, "I was pleased, people left aware of something — (the forum) was not wasted and I was glad of that."
Peace

World Affairs Council of AQ co-sponsors "Great Decisions"

The war in the Gulf emphasizes how United States foreign policy is extremely important to every citizen. The World Affairs Council (WAC) offers Great Decisions for information, awareness and discussion on the Middle East and other current issues.

The World Affairs Council coordinates the programs in West Michigan. The non-partisan Foreign Policy Association in New York coordinated Great Decisions at the National level, selecting topics annually and providing auxiliary materials. Great Decisions is co-sponsored by the World Affairs Council, the Ford Museum, Grand Valley State University and Western Michigan University.

As the world becomes increasingly interdependent, citizen awareness of international issues becomes ever greater. Great Decisions allows the community to exercise its freedoms by learning more about these issues and by encouraging individuals to express their well informed opinions to policy makers.

The weekly lecture series takes place at 7:30 p.m., at Gerald R. Ford Museum. Admission is free, seating is limited and on a first come basis.

THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL PRESENTS GREAT DECISIONS 1991

APRIL 1

"Japanese-U.S. Trade: Teapot, Tempest or Showdown?", Tsugio Kusajima, Chief Executive Director, Japanese External Trade Organization, Chicago Office.

APRIL 8


APRIL 15

"Cuba: What Future for Castro and Communist?", Luis Lugo, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Political Science Department, Calvin College.

APRIL 29

"The New Europe", Gerd Languth, Head of the European Community Office in Bonn, Germany. Copresented by the Edelweiss Club.

Great Decisions is coordinated by the World Affairs Council of Western Michigan as a public forum. The Foreign Policy Association determines the topics and coordinates the nationalwide program. Great Decisions 1991 is co-sponsored by WAC, Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids Junior College, Western Michigan University Center-Grand Rapids, and the Gerald R. Ford Museum.

Summer schedule available soon

Take a good book to the beach

By Leon Raikes
Director of Summer Sessions

Are you busily making plans for summer? If so, I encourage you to consider summer study in those plans. Then, like many others, you can take a really good book to the beach. You can speed up your progress toward degree completion or just pursue a special interest you’ve been waiting to explore.

Summer schedules will be made available by the middle of March. Registration will be offered in various formats for the convenience of students: two “mini sessions” (four weeks each), two overlapping eight-week sessions, as well as Directed study classes (five Saturdays). Students should reserve dates carefully upon receiving their schedules.

Students register for summer classes for a number of good reasons. Many wish to speed up their progress, while some want to concentrate on just one course that might be difficult for them. Others seek career-related training. Summer is also a great time just to take a class for fun, simply because you’re interested. The Cooperative Education/Field Experience Program also operates during summers.

The best news is that the Summer 1991 schedule includes several unique opportunities.

One concentration of classes, for example, centers on women’s studies. Alice Corey, Director of the Aquinas Women’s Center, has developed two new classes — “Legal Issues for Women” and “Discrimination in the Workplace.” Michaela Kelly will teach “Philosophy and Women”; Sue Eberle will offer “Contemporary Women’s Lives.”

Or perhaps you’d like to learn more about perspectives on current events, really digging into the historical and cultural background of issues in the news. Bill Graft will teach “The Middle East” and Agber Dimah will offer “The World in Crisis.” Of interest to those seeking an expanded vision of other cultures are Voss’ “World’s Living Religions” and Villarre’s “Cultural Anthropology.”

If you are looking for the guidance and nurturing of the classroom setting to enhance your expressive skills, opportunities await you in the art and music departments — sculpture, ceramics, and photography, for instance. And professors in the English Department always assign great books.

Other special offerings affording chances to explore personal interests, perhaps unrelated to career aspirations, include “Film Study: The West,” “Self-Directed Behavior,” “Drugs an Society,” “Chemistry and Society,” “Engineering and Society,” and “Observational Astronomy.” “Life and Career Planning” classes as well as a broad selection of courses in the majors will also be offered.

So invite you to join me this summer in the on-going process of personal and professional development. Summerers at Aquinas are more relaxed, younger and older students mix even more frequently in class, and all of us can concentrate even more intensely on long-term goals.

As always, it will be easy to register. Just study the printed schedule carefully and call the Registrar’s Office. Then you too will have some really good books to take to the beach this summer.
Clemens accepted for renewed Linden
Tour covering eight countries

By Amy Marsh
TIMES Feature Editor

Carol Clemens, Foreign Student Adviser, has been chosen to participate in the Linden Educational Services tour to Asia. Clemens will be traveling to Hong Kong; Jakarta, Indonesia; Singapore; Taipei, Taiwan; Seoul, Korea; and Tokyo, Japan to inform foreign students about higher education in America. She will leave on March 7 and return on March 24.

Clemens is one of sixteen college representatives who will be on the tour. Other colleges represented are Ashland University, OH; Chapman College, CA; Drake University, IA; Golden Gate University, CA; Hawaii Pacific University, HI; Marietta College, OH; Monterey Peninsula College, CA; Otterbein College, OH; University of the Pacific, CA; University of Redlands, CA; Rockhurst College, MO; University of San Francisco, CA; University of Southern California, CA; University of Toledo, OH; and Wabash College, CA.

"I love to recruit foreign students - that's important to me," comments Clemens eagerly. "I want to develop positive reputation with students from that part of the world."

Aquinas has a lot to offer foreign students, according to Clemens. Among the long list of attributes, she includes the beauty of the campus, the size, the friendliness, the guaranteed student housing and employment and the financial aid offered.

Linden Educational Services is the recognized leader in effective, ethical international student recruitment. Established in 1982, Linden promotes educational exchange between U.S. educational institutions and students from other countries through tours, seminars and consulting services. "Linden Tours are known as the best of the best," claims Clemens.

The Linden Tours are designed to offer university officials the opportunity to present their institution to international students. The tours are not only aimed at recruitment, however. They also involve briefings on host countries' political, economic and educational systems; public presentations on American higher education and individual and small group visits to selected colleges, high schools, organizations and government agencies.

Tour members expect to see between 6,000 and 10,000 students while in Asia. The majority of these students are foreign nationals who are interested in both undergraduate and graduate programs.

Clemens has high hopes for the trip. She acknowledges that the results will not be immediate, yet she believes it will be well worth the effort to build lasting relationships with Asian communities.

National Graduate Women's Studies
Conference in Ann Arbor

(ANN ARBOR)
The University of Michigan will host the eighth annual National Graduate Women's Studies Conference, March 8-10.

More than 200 graduate students in the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences will present papers on research in 56 panel and roundtable discussions. Panel topics will include African American slave women; Latin American perspectives on gender, nationalism and the state; women's communities; feminism and the Western intellectual tradition; women and architecture; and East-meets-West feminism.

Roundtable topics will include women and poverty, women and fantasy health rights, coalition building, feminist methodology, women in entertainment, ecofeminism, feminist pedagogy, and contemporary German women poets.

Keynote addresses will be given by Sandra Harding, professor of philosophy and director of women's studies at the University of Delaware, and Chandra Talpade Mohanty, assistant professor of women's studies and the sociology of education at Oberlin College.

Harding is author of "The Science Question and Feminism," which received the Jessie Bernard Award of the American Sociological Association in 1987.

Mohanty's recent articles include "Under Western Eyes: Feminist Scholarship and Colonial Discourse," and "Feminist Encounters: Locating the Politics of Experience."

Special events also are planned, including an appearance by internationally know performance artist Eleanor Antin. She will re-create her character "Eleanora Antinova," a Black turn-of-the-century ballerina with the Ballet Russe, at 8 p.m. March 9 in the U-M's Power Center for the Performing Arts.

The performance is free to conference registrants. Tickets for the performance, available at Ticketron outlets, are $5 for the public.

An art exhibit by University of Michigan graduate students at the Rackham Building and an exhibit on "The Female Gaze" at the U-M Museum of Art also will be held.

The conference fee is $25 for students and $35 for faculty who register at the conference.

The conference schedule will be available during registration in the U-M’s Rackham Building lobby.

To pre-register, call 313-763-7971 or contact conference representatives.
**TAXTIPS**

March 6, 1991

**Five Most Common Taxpayer Errors**

These five most common errors make up more than half of all taxpayers' errors on their federal tax returns.

- **Entry on Wrong Line**: 7.7%
- **No Entry Necessary**: 19.1%
- **Incorrect Entry**: 17.4%
- **Math Error**: 30.7%
- **Omitted Entry**: 2.6%

**IRS offers tips on filing an accurate return**

Detroit, MI—"The best way to ensure a speedy tax refund is to file now and to file an accurate income tax return," said IRS district director John Hummel. "I have several tips that may help taxpayers to prepare an error-free return.”

"First of all, use the peel-off label and the envelope in the tax package. This will speed up the processing of the return and the issuance of the refund. Next, check and double check math. After the return is prepared, put it aside for a day and go back and check it again. Many errors are caught that way—and the most common error is still one of addition or subtraction—simple arithmetic," Hummel said.

"Also, double check other entries, such as social security numbers and address, to ensure they are correct. It's also a good idea to round off figures to the nearest dollar. Adding and subtracting is easier and errors are prevented by rounding off," added Hummel.

"Taxpayers who use the long Form 1040 need to be sure that all schedules (such as the Schedule A for itemizing) are attached. And all taxpayers need to be sure that all Forms W-2 (wage statements from employers) are attached," Hummel said.

"Be sure the return is signed and dated (both spouses must sign a joint return); and finally, don't wait until the last minute to file — do it now!" he said. Hummel also reminded friends and relatives of military personnel serving in Operation Desert Storm that special tax relief provisions are in effect for those serving in the Middle East. "Anyone with questions about the relief available for those serving in the combat zone can call us toll free at 1-800-829-1040," said Hummel.

Hummel also said that taxpayers who need assistance in preparing returns can visit one of 22 IRS offices around the state, or may call the prerecorded TELTAX system on 1-800-829-4477. TELTAX provides recorded info. on over 150 tax topics.

**Taxes and the working student**

Students who have part-time or summer jobs need to think about more than what hours they should work or how to spend their earnings. High on their list of considerations should be whether to have taxes withheld.

Some of the many things which affect the need for withholding are:

- How much will the student make at this and any other job during the year?
- Does the student have a savings account or other investments which produce income?
- Does (or will) the student have a scholarship which will be partially or fully taxable during the year?
- Can the student be claimed as dependent on someone else's tax return?

Each of these factors should be considered when students fill out Form W-4, "Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate," to determine how much, if any, tax should be withheld from each pay check.

**Free assistance for filing your taxes**

(Detroit, MI)

"I want to remind Michigan taxpayers that free federal tax assistance is available right in their own neighborhood through our Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Programs," said IRS district director John Hummel.

"We have sites located in community centers, libraries, churches, and other convenient locations throughout Michigan," he said. According to the IRS these programs are designed to help older, handicapped, non-English speaking, and other taxpayers complete Forms 1040EZ, 1040A, or the basic Form 1040.

Volunteers who prepare the returns receive special training from the IRS and are particularly alert for commonly overlooked deductions, such as the earned income credit or the tax credit for the elderly. "Taxpayers need to bring to the VITA or TCE site all relevant information about their income and expenses, as well as the tax package received in the mail (if available),” said Hummel. "Locations of the sites are available by calling our toll free information number, 1-800-829-1040,” he said.

"Taxpayers should file now to avoid the last minute rush and to make their taxes less taxing," Hummel added. "And we're here to help through our VITA and TCE programs and at our 22 walk-in taxpayer assistance offices located throughout the state."
A co-ordinator of the Executive Committee of the Senate, composed of chairman Paul Rossi, vice chairperson Michelle Miller, and secretary Lorne Neffe, Mattone replaced Peter Roehm, who lead the committee through the first semester. Roehm had added responsibilities due to an off-campus internship.

Mattone feels that the budget director position is an exciting challenge. His father, Dominic Mattone was the senate chairperson of the Aquinas Community Senate in 1967. The younger Mattone feels honored to follow in his father’s footsteps. Furthermore, he enjoys being able to show his leadership capabilities.

Among the duties associated with the budget director position, Mattone is responsible for organizing budget meetings, reviewing budget requests for the next school year, and writing budget reports before every meeting. Anything that involves Senate money falls under his jurisdiction. He plans on applying for the budget director position again next year.

The budget director plans for his committee to have a good organizational system in the future. Mattone feels that there is a misconception among some people that the decisions handed down are those of the director, which they are not. "They are" the decisions of the committee. Sometimes it looks like I made the decision, but that is not true...it is a committee decision."

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**New Budget Chairperson**

By Erin Irwin

**Senate Correspondant**

The Community Senate named Darren C. Mattone as its new budget director for the second semester of this school year. The choice was that of the Executive Committee of the Senate, composed of chairman Paul Rossi, vice chairperson Michelle Miller, and secretary Lorne Neffe. Mattone replaced Peter Roehm, who lead the budget committee throughout the first semester. Roehm had added responsibilities due to an off-campus internship.

Mattone feels that the budget director position is an exciting challenge. His father, Dominic Mattone was the senate chairperson of the Aquinas Community Senate in 1967. The younger Mattone feels honored to follow in his father’s footsteps. Furthermore, he enjoys being able to show his leadership capabilities. Among the duties associated with the budget director position, Mattone is responsible for organizing budget meetings, reviewing budget requests for the next school year, and writing budget reports before every meeting. Anything that involves Senate money falls under his jurisdiction. He plans on applying for the budget director position again next year.

The budget director plans for his committee to have a good organizational system in the future. Mattone feels that there is a misconception among some people that the decisions handed down are those of the director, which they are not. "They are" the decisions of the committee. Sometimes it looks like I made the decision, but that is not true...it is a committee decision."

**Upcoming activities for Community Relations Committee of the Community Senate**

By Erin Irwin

**Senate Correspondant**

The Community Relations committee of the Senate has planned a few activities that look to be promising for this semester.

Keeping in mind the U.S. effort in the Middle East, yellow ribbons were placed on trees throughout the Aquinas campus on February 21 and 24 by the members of this committee. Other tentative projects for the future include purchasing and distributing bracelets bearing the Michigan servicemen and women’s names.

The Community Relations committee is also considering hanging the flags of the 28 nation alliance in front of the Academic Building.

Dealing with other issues, the committee is planning a faculty-staff appreciation day, and an Easter party for the youth of the neighborhood.
CAVA provides cures for winter cabin fever

Did the winter blues run your volunteer spirit down? Well, think spring because the CAVA office has some new spring activities and programs to get you back on track.

On Wednesday, March 20, during the lunch hour CAVA will be sponsoring the Faculty Administration Student and staff (FASS) Auction. Items donated by your favorite professors and support personnel will be up for bids and the highest bidder will be awarded the desired merchandise. According to Laurie Giddens, co-coordinator of the event, some of the items to go up for bids will be a picnic for eight, a lasagne dinner for ten, and two dozen rum balls. All proceeds from the event will benefit special Olympics. So bring your money and a cheery spirit with you to the cafeteria and support a good cause. Volunteers are needed to act as cashiers for the event. Volunteers are also being sought to help plan and execute two big spring events. The Project PRIDE hunger cleanup and Bike to Build Two for Habitat for Humanity. Project PRIDE will be a clean up in downtown Grand Rapids in which volunteers will be stationed at various sites to help the hungry and homeless. The date for this event is April 13. Bike to Build Two is a fund raising bike-a-thon being sponsored by Aquinas, Calvin, and Hope Colleges. Students will be asked to get pledges of money and then ride their bikes from either Aquinas to Calvin or Aquinas to Hope in Holland. There will be "rest stops" set up in between all of the bike routes. All proceeds will benefit Habitat for Humanity. The Bike to Build 1990 raised nearly $26,000, so look for the posters and help us make this year's Bike to Build a success once again.

Chris Strand, Juvenile Outreach Coordinator, reports that the program has re-started and the volunteers are enjoying the recreation time they spend with the juveniles. If you missed your chance to be involved in this program first semester and want to be involved this semester contact Strand at extension 6226 or CAVA.

Thank you to all who have placed pop cans in the Cans for CAVA dispensers. The money collected so far totals $286.00 and it will be donated to organizations such as My Sister's House, Rain Forrest preservation, and Camp Catch A Rainbow.

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SAC office to address national priorities

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The Social Action Committee will be active in educating the community about the spending priorities, and in encouraging people to contact their local congressional representatives about the budget.

This month also brings with it Central America Week (March 17-23). One of the highlights of the week will be the presence of Father Jim Barnett, a Dominican priest, on campus. It is true, they have a right in America to say their piece under the justice of freedom. It is also safer to fight a war with words. Bad words that symbolize meaning can hurt. I decided to support this war because my brother Staff Sergeant Robert Darkey II and my cousin Captain Mike Bradford are there. These servicemen along with all of the rest need to know Americans support them.

After many years movies such as "The Deer Hunter" and "Coming Home" helped to rouse compassion for veterans of the Vietnam War. It seemed some Americans realized they had made a mistake. They should have supported the returning GI's. I decided to write this column after reading about all of the Anti-War protestors. It is true, they have a right in America to say their piece under the justice of freedom. It is also safer to fight a war with words. Bad words that symbolize meaning can hurt. I decided to support this war because my brother Staff Sergeant Robert Darkey II and my cousin Captain Mike Bradford are there. These servicemen along with all of the rest need to know Americans support them.

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Black History newsletter found offensive by many

Within the last week a booklet labeled “Black History Month Newsletter: Some of My Best Friends are Black” came out. I congratulate the people who put this together, but I foresee problems with their views.

Their statements of “I have a black friend”, or “black music” as the displayed musically in Wege create separation by name.

Where I grew up, music is something you like or not by the sound, not whether or not it is sung by a non-Caucasian singer.

These people are talking about being socially abused in some way. Well, they have put these titles upon themselves. Black History Month, Great Black Leaders, and Black Music. It seems to create a prejudice from within their own cultural standpoint. They should start with themselves, and once they feel they have done away with their own prejudice, then they can take on a world battle.

People of today look at things on a basis of a nation, a religion, color, etc. But remember we all come from Adam and Eve, so really we are all one.

Matthew William Morrow

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“Who CARES?” If I had a nickel for every time I’ve heard that question! The question is, who really does care? Sometimes it seems that very few people honestly do.

Too many people have a difficult time distinguishing between simply avoiding the bad and fighting for good. There is a very important difference between the two. The latter involves action: genuine concern and the courage to risk ridicule. Sure, this isn’t fun. It isn’t easy or convenient. It won’t win you popularity or friends. Yet it could be the only way to make something out of this materialistic, coldhearted, hate-filled world we’ve created.

So is it that we have to first go to war before we will make concerted efforts to strive for peace? Why is it that we have to wait for an outburst of unjust generalizations and discrimination before we are willing to work for racial unity and equality? Why do we have to witness starving, homeless children on the streets before we are willing to feed them? Why do we have to see the dead animal carcasses strewn about the polluted shores before we will work toward preserving our planet? Why is it so difficult to stir up interest in social issues and campus activities?

We have been stricken with a terrible epidemic. This disease causes us to become numb to the world around us. It affects all of our senses, especially our vision. It is frequently accompanied with failing mental functions and unexplained arrogance. This disease is worse than any plague. It is worse than any holocaust. It has the potential of bringing our world to an end in a much shorter time period than most of us would like to admit.

It is called apathy. We have allowed ourselves to become so obsessed by our wealth that we refuse to see the injustices being committed right in front of our faces. The only cure for this condition is courageous action.

Committee makes efforts to initiate adjustments

By Erin Irwin
Senate Correspondent

The Student and Academic Affairs Committee (SAAC) of the Community Senate is working on a few important policies. First is the fourth meal option. A survey conducted by the committee revealed that the students wanted a fourth meal option. The committee is working with Nancy Michaels, director of Aquinas Food Service, in dealing with the demand. Brent Garvin, chairperson of SAAC, hopes that Michaels can help make a recommendation for SAAC instead of the committee having to initiate the initiative. Michaels has come up with a few options, including having submarine sandwiches or pizza late at night. One possible solution, Michaels suggests, is to have a late meal inside the Classroom Cafe, located on the campus addition. Students would call in their orders ahead of time, then food would be delivered to the residence halls. Any plan that the food service office suggests would then have to be brought to the Auxiliary Services office.

SAAC is also working towards completely clearing Wednesday afternoons of next year for student club and activity meetings. The decision is up to Academic Vice President Don Chaffer, Associate Academic Vice President John Romero, and the Registrar’s office. In the past, the public library would be open for meetings. But gradually, classes began to be held between 12 noon and 4:00 p.m... Garvin thinks that there might be problems in reschedulng classes, but believes that the students will be held between 12 noon and 4:00 p.m. Garvin thinks that there might be problems in rescheduling classes, but believes that the students will benefit because there will be more time available for their all other activities. "It will benefit a lot because more people will want to be involved in the Senate. More people will not be in a rush in Senate meetings as it is seen now."

International Women’s Day observed

The Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom will observe International Women’s Day with a study and discussion group on Women Against Violence, on Saturday, March 9, 1-4 p.m. at the East Grand Rapids Public Library, 746 Lakeside Drive, S.E. The public is invited; there will be no charge.

Also on Saturday, March 23, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Burton Heights United Methodist Church, 100 Burton S.E., there will be a panel discussion on "Making the Connection: Violence Against Women in Central America and at Home." The public is invited to attend either or both of these events.

(For further information call Sue, 897-5107, Pat, 776-8448, or the Institute for Global Education, 454-1642.)
Seeing a need for a revitalized sense of unity on campus, several of the African-American students have joined together to take action. We have realized that when you have animosity within yourself, you can not extend love to anyone else. Black History Month seemed to be the perfect time to work toward this unity.

During the month of November the African-American Students collaborated to discuss Black History Month. We filtered the many ideas and decided to combine them in a play. From there on it was an uphill battle. There was much planning and organizing to do. Again, the African-American students met, this time with a goal in mind. It was decided that freshman, Reba Crump would teach the African Dance, sophomore, Benita Hughes would direct the step team. We were chosen to write and direct the play. Several rehearsals and auditions for specific parts were scheduled. The play was off to a good start. As the play date came closer, the spirit of excitement grew. Although there were problems and disputes to deal with, the African American students realized they had a job - a mission - to accomplish. A week left to go, everyone was ready, and it was time to polish the acts, and prepare for opening night. The tension and stress of production took its toll on everyone. Many were experiencing difficulties and needed to talk about them. After a night of unity, the air was cleared. reassurance, but the cast was ready. The play was very successful, over 320 people attended. It was exciting, and we think that it was a night not easily forgotten.

Both the cast and audience were touched by the performance. Perhaps we are coming to the realization that the only way we can accomplish anything is by coming together, as a whole - not black, not white, but as one.
Ireland program offers cultural diversity

"...The Irish people are so friendly. I will never forget them or their country..."

"It gave me the opportunity to appreciate many little things I normally don’t have time for..."

"It was a great opportunity to become creative, independent, and responsible, all in a fun environment..."

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Plans are already underway for the 1992 Semester-In-Ireland Program. Sponsored by Aquinas College, the Program will be in its 20th year with participants having the opportunity to experience life in Ireland, receive a semester’s credit, travel abroad, and live in a rural Irish community. Located in Tully Cross, County Galway, students live in quaint thatched cottages of traditional design. An exciting aspect of the program is the opportunity to travel throughout Europe during the mid-semester break.

As an academic program, the curriculum is centered on several aspects of Irish studies. Three core courses of four semester hours each are required of all participants. Electives may be taken up to 18 semester hours. Classes are scheduled to allow for personal and small-group travel and often take place in the cottages where students gather around a warm hearth.

Ron Pederson, Associate Professor of Art, and Miriam Pederson, Adjunct Assistant Professor of English, have been selected as faculty for the 1992 Program. They are currently planning required and elective courses which will be offered. Betty Taylor, Assistant Professor of Health, Recreation, and Physical Education, and Burr McGrath, Lecturer of History, have been in Ireland since January 7th with 19 students. They are scheduled to return on May 6th.

The program is open to regular, full-time students of at least sophomore status. Student selections for the 1992 Semester-In-Ireland Program will be made in April. Applications are available from John Romero, AB 107, and must be submitted by April 1.

Strobels announce the birth of daughter, Ashley Marie

Ashley Marie Strobel was born on February 9th, at 1:45 a.m. She weighs eight pounds and two ounces and is 21 3/4 inches long. "She’s got a beautiful head of blond hair," beams proud parent, Steve Strobel, "I’m biased, but I think she’s a beautiful baby!"

After eleven hours of labor, Pamela Strobel claimed "It’s all worth it!" Ashley was 11 days overdue.

Director of Residence Life, Pam Strobel plans on returning to work in six to eight weeks, in time for the final Resident Advisor selections. "Working at Aquinas means a lot to me too, now I just have to figure out how to balance the two. I’m adjusting to being home during the day after being used to being at work." Ashley will be cared for during the day at the Aquinas Child Development Center. "I hope to spend my lunch hours with her then," states Pam.

The Strobels plan on having two to three children, but don’t foresee another for "a couple of years."

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AUSTRALIA: an option in study abroad

Fellowship group grows in spirit, energy and numbers

By Amy Marsh TIMES Features Editor

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Wilderness areas seek volunteers for conservation work

Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming and Denali National Park in Alaska are just two areas seeking students and other adults committed to improving the environment. The Student Conservation Association (SCA) is offering approximately 1000 expense-paid volunteer positions nationwide throughout 1991 in conservation, resource management, and environmental education. Currently SCA is accepting applications for positions offered for the summer/fall season.

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Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming and Denali National Park in Alaska are just two areas seeking students and other adults committed to improving the environment. The Student Conservation Association (SCA) is offering approximately 1000 expense-paid volunteer positions nationwide throughout 1991 in conservation, resource management, and environmental education. Currently SCA is accepting applications for positions offered for the summer/fall season.

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Baseball's back, are the Tigers?

By John Reilly
TIMES Staff Writer

The Detroit Tigers are a team in transition and are far from being the world champions they were in 1984. Fans do not hear the familiar names like Lance Parrish, Darrell Evans, Kirk Gibson, or Willie Hernandez. Fans can not even hear the play-by-play commentary by longtime announcer Ernie Harwell, who will be released after one year by management for reasons that nobody knows.

Yes, as the spring training contents begin Thursday, March 7 against the L.A. Dodgers, the familiar or not so familiar names of the 1991 team you'll hear are Cecil Fielder, Travis Fryman, Rob Deer, and Bo Schmidt. The Detroit Tigers, with 14 home runs, can always be a great credit to their fans and provide their fans with something to cheer for. What the Tigers will lack is a lot of hits and some of the fans may not be happy with that.

The most experienced pitching staff is no more, which is the biggest problem facing the 1991 Tigers. Walt Terrell will be the new workhorse on the pitchers mound. He returned to the Tigers from the Pittsburgh Pirates midway through last season, and finished with a record of 6-4 and an ERA (earned run average) of 4.84. Joining him on the mound will be 37-year-old Frank Tanana, who went 9-4 last season, but did finish the year looking strong. Bill Gullickson, a new man from the Houston Astros, went 10-14 with a 3.92 ERA last year and will round out the regular rotation with newcomer John Cerutti.

While Detroit is weak in the regular pitching rotation, it does have great strength in the bullpen. Paul Gibson should make 68 appearances again this year, and will be joined by Jerry Don Glinton, who had his best year last year with 13 saves and a 2.94 ERA. Mike Henneman will be busy again this year, and will probably see as many as 75 appearances. Paul Gibson also has great strength in the bullpen, and will be the third power hitter. Although Tettleton dropped from 26 home runs in '89 to 15 in '90, he is still one of the most productive catchers in the league.

The downside to power pitching is strikeouts, and Fielder, Deer, and Tettleton bring 435 between them. The Tigers low in the league this year is a lot of hits and a lot of homeruns. The Tigers have a very good defense in the outfield, but they also have a lot of weak points in the infield. The biggest hole in the defense is Travis Fryman. The 21-year-old infielder came to the Tigers from their minor league team, Toledo Mudhens, and hit .297 last season for the Tigers, with 14 home runs. What the Tigers will provide their fans with this year is a lot of hits and a lot of homeruns. The weakness for the Detroit club is their pitching staff, but they have no ace. Unless someone emerges and they get some good pitching, they are not going to be the Detroit Tigers again.

The biggest hole in the defense for the Tigers is the lack of defense on the field. The team is coming together and will be a great credit to the hitting.

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**Valiant season ends abruptly**

By John Reilly  
*Times Staff Writer*

The Aquinas College Women's Varsity basketball team concluded their regular season Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Aquinas Field House with a 66-58 avenging victory over Northwood Institute, who previously handed the Saints their only district loss, 62-60.

The recent victory paved the ninth consecutive district play-off birth for the Saints. They ended the season seeded first with a record of 19-9 and 12-1 in district competition. Unfortunately their post season came to an end with a final second loss to 55-53 on Thursday, Feb. 28.

There were a lot of questions at the beginning of the year for the women's organization. The team had gone to the national tournament last year, and people wondered if the team could repeat their success. Questions were raised because they lost two top players, All-American Jayne VanOpynen, and Brenda McNeil who led the team in scoring with 566 points (17.69 per game). A second question was if first year Head Coach Mary Takas could follow the success of former coach Patti Tibaldi. By the team results all questions have been laid to rest, with the action on the court.

"It's a lot easier coming into a program that is experienced and willing to help you," said sophomore forward Kim Zdybel.

"We had a lot of growing up to do," said coach Takas. "Letting them believe in my system. We did it."

The system that the Lady Saints employ is defensive-minded and methodical. They play strictly woman-to-woman defense accompanied by a full-court press. One of their goals was to keep opposing teams from scoring more than 30 points in any game. "If the defense is good, then the offense will come," said Takas.

Defensively, the Saints are very deliberate in their set offense. They are not a fast break team, so they bring the ball up slowly. They set up and run their offense, passing constantly, waiting for the open shot, and setting screens by running close together, causing the defensive players to get in each other's way.

The team is very role-oriented. There are some players whose role is on defense while someone else's might be shooting under the basket, while another might be shooting the three point shot. "Marie (Bridges) is a defensive player and a ball handler. She needs more time to set up for a shot," Sophomore guard Christine Pendergast said, "Mary and Marie are quieter, and they lead on the court."

Getting to where the team was at the end of the season was not easy. The first half of the season, the team was erratic, and scheduled to play division two and division three teams.

Then in early January, the Saints played in the National Catholic Tourney held in Dubuque Iowa, where they went 1-2. "After Iowa, everyone had to pull together and give more," said Pendergast.

As they headed into the tournament, the Lady Saints were healthy, and ready to play. "It was a good season," Marie Bridges said.

"We worked hard — it was too bad we had to come to such an abrupt end like it did," she added.

**Men's hoops season draws to a close - team is hopeful for the future**

By John Reilly  
*TIMES Staff Writer*

The Aquinas College Men's Varsity Basketball Team finished up their 1990-91 regular season on Saturday, Feb. 23, with a last second loss to Grand Rapids Baptist with a record of 13-17, (9-3 in District 23 competition), and head into the play-offs in second place.

Because of the Saints' improved play, they have realized their first goal for the year: making post-season play. This is the second time in five years that the men's team has made the play-offs.

"We have played well," said Head Coach Rick Alboco. "We've made tremendous improvement in a lot of areas."

The biggest improvement the team has made this year has been in the defense, and a new positive attitude. Last year, the game philosophy was to play a loose defense, get the ball and then score as quickly as possible. "We tried to out-score the other team," said senior forward, Jason Meyers.

This season, the Saints have played an aggressive man-to-man style of defense which has provided the offense with more fast-break points, and a higher level of on-the-court intensity. "If we play the defense, it will create offensive opportunities," said senior guard, John Morris.

"When we can run, we run," said junior forward Kris Lesley. "If we can't, we pull the ball up and we get the good shot out of our set offense."

The Aquinas team started the year with the philosophy that a player needs to "make two plays; if you make a rebound, you have to hold on to it, then get the ball to the point guard. You can't just do one thing," said senior guard, Charlie Thompson.

That philosophy, especially from the defensive perspective, was the reason that the Saints made it to the play-offs. "This year we've played defense," said senior guard, Tim Critchlow. "Our defensive intensity has grown 200 percent."

In the current post-season system, the top four teams in District 23 go to the play-offs. The four team format has the first seed playing the fourth, while the second seed plays the third. The victors of those games play at the home of the higher seeded team.

The winner of the district championship will move on to the NAIA national tournament in Kansas City, Missouri on March 12-18th.

Regardless of the outcome of the play-offs, the varsity team has had a good year, and are already thinking of the future. This year's seniors have worked very hard and have led the Saints well. "They have given the underclassmen the foundation to build an outstanding program," said Albro.
Track outdoor team plans ahead

By John Reilly
TIMES Staff Writer

The Aquinas College Indoor Track team finished up their season disappointed that they did not compete at the level they had hoped for at the start of the season. This is not to say that the team did poorly, only that they were not able to reach their highest expectations, according to players.

According to Head Coach Jeff Brazier, one of the goals for the young track team was to finish at least second in the district. They knew it would be difficult to beat a nationally ranked team as Hillsdale, but Aquinas also knew that they had a great deal of talent of their own. The women were able to take second place in the district meet at Siena Heights on Saturday, Feb. 9, while the men finished in third place.

"The whole team worked real hard," said freshman sprinter, Candice Woodget, who finished third at districts in the 60 yard dash. "I think everybody accomplished something." Woodget is also the only woman on the team who will go on to national competition in Kansas City, Missouri. She qualified for the NAIA national meet by sprinting the 50 yard dash in 6.2 seconds at a meet in Spring Arbor on Friday, February 15. "I was real glad," said Woodget. "I really thank God.

Kurt Schmidt will be the only man joining Woodget at the national competition for indoor track. Schmidt qualified for the nationals by running the 600 meter race with a time of 1:23.2, at the Grand Valley Invitational Saturday, Feb. 23, with a full second to spare.

"He ran it solidly," said Brazier. "He's only a sophomore. He should be a lot more competitive this year. If he makes it to the finals, he'll be All-American." To make the national finals, the athlete must place in the top six in the qualifying round.

As far as the performance of the team as a whole, coach Brazier feels, "it's lack of experience. They're just starting to roll around, so we ought to do well outdoors.

The Aquinas team expects to be even more improved at the outset of the outdoor season. Aside from the indoor team, the Saints will have the added experience and speed of seven new people from off-season basketball members. The women's team will add three sprinters in seniors Mary and Marie Bridges, and sophomore Christine Pendergast, and a junior long-jumper, Lara Touchette.

"I am definitely glad to get them back," said Brazier. "They could add 20 points a meet." Points in a Track meet are awarded to the placement of a person in their event. If someone were to finish first, they would receive 10 points for their team. If they came in second, they would receive eight points, third place would earn six, and so on in intervals of two. The more teams that compete in a meet, the more places there are that award points.

Joining the men will be senior John Morris, a high jumper who was all district (placed in the top five of the district meet) last year. Accompanying Morris will be sophomore Chris May and freshman Tom Gregwer.

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