Tuition increase increased

By Spam iNajar
TIMES Editor

On Tuesday, Feb. 26, the Board of Trustees of Aquinas College met to approve a 7.38 increase in tuition for the 1991-1992 academic year. Students were notified of this in the March 6 edition of the Aquinas Times. Well, students, sit down. The Board of Trustees met again for their March meeting. The results of that meeting are as follows.

The tuition increase of 7.38 percent will be raised again by another 7.62 percent, exceeding last year's increase of nearly 15 percent. The 7.62 percentage will reflect direct overall costs. Regular full-time students will be most greatly effected by this increase. The tuition was raised 9.4 percent and room and board was raised 4.5 percent of the total cost.

President of Aquinas College R. Naul Pelson has not yet formally announced this to students in a letter, but will do so shortly after his secretary, Bobbi Britton recovers from her short bout with typist's tendonitis. The president's early defense was that, "We have to keep up our prestigious reputation as one of the most elite private Catholic institutions." He added, "If you compare us with other campuses around Grand Rapids we still have more trees which provide a beautiful natural atmosphere which is a perfect learning environment."

The decisions as to which student type(s) will be effected and by how much was for the most part a random choice made by college officials. "We have, though, established some new tuition guidelines," said Pelson. According to M. Mike Kellhorn, Dean of Attrition, the new categories and guidelines are as follows:

For part-time students (1-6 credit hours):
- "You don't want to hear about it."
- For part-time CE students (1-9 credit hours):
- "Sell your kids to the highest bidder."
- For full-time regular students (6-9 credit hours):
- "If you have to ask, go to JC."

Kellhorn does not believe that the tuition increases will affect enrollment. "Hey, if they don't like it, they can join the Army," he said.

There will also be a few minor restrictions on payment plans offered to students that will be invoked for the fall 1991 semester. Students will be given 24 hours prior to the start of their scheduled classes to pay, in full, their remaining balance. If students do not comply, their records will be marked permanently to reflect an additional 25 percent interest charge for every class period it is late.

These increases in college revenue seem to be significant enough for the student to see academic, residential, social, and athletic benefits. However, using past increase as example, it is a fact that student life has never been enhanced as a result of a tuition hike. Meanwhile, in an indirectly related development, Deep-pocket reported that the college will announce that the new library will be built when hell freezes over. This revision of the timeline sets the construction of the new library back only a year from the previous estimated started date.

In another semi-unrelated development, groundbreaking for the new Aquinas College natatorium (swimming pool) will take place next Thursday.

Director of Development Bruno Bruno said that a generous grant from Toys 'R' Us will enable the college to buy a state-of-the-art three ring Bart Simpson blow-up pool which will be available to students on a twenty-four hour basis in the former Regina Bowl. A stipulation was put on the donation by Toys 'R' Us to ensure that the funds be used only to provide the college with the new water hole. Please see artist's rendering, FIGURE A1 on this page.

Campus Safety cracks down on flagrant violators

By Christine Cow-dry
TIMES Staff Writer

In response to the levels of crime in Eastown and the Wilcox Park area, the Aquinas College Department of Campus Safety is going to arm its officers with handguns. This action, which has been in the planning stages for almost a year, was finally approved by the college last week at the March Board of Trustees meeting.

President R. Naul Pelson supports the new enforcement of Campus Safety. "This is something we have wanted to do for a long time. We plan on adding an ROTC program, a criminal justice department, and we hope to turn a residence hall into a prison in the next few years."

Besides handguns, the department purchased a grenade launcher, two AK-47 semi-automatic rifles, and a rocket launcher. A special training session will be held over the summer to teach officers to use these new weapons.

The grenade and rocket launchers will be most effective in dealing with social, and athletic benefits. However, using past increase as example, it is a fact that student life has never been enhanced as a result of a tuition hike.
This may be the very last issue of the Aquinas Times you may read for many months. This editorial you are reading was the final story the editor wrote, placed, laid-out, cut-and-pasted, before she sent it off to the presses, before she went home for Easter break.

This Easter holiday happen to fall on my 21st birthday. Nice, huh. These, of course, are the same people responsible for the most contradicting holidays known to manand woman. And when they arbitrarily fall on the same day in my life, I just may have to call it fate.

So, when I say this may be the last issue, I mean it won’t happen if the editor is not here to do it. And I may not be returning, from my happy, comfortable, stressless, lovely home to this hellhole I’ve had to call “a chore” for the past 11 months.

One reason I may not return because the Macintosh I work with (depend on) has blown up for the very last time. I have hand-sided at least one major problem with every issue produced this year and will tolerate this no longer. I did one thing before I went home for my birthday and Easter. What I did was break out of these bars of my self-made prison and tossed the Mac out the window. I finally did what I’ve threatened to do all year long with the faulty means of production I’ve had to work with. Unless I get some new, decent, efficient, and effective machinery and materials to work with for the remainder of the year, the Aquinas Times will not exist. To be more accurate, it physically cannot exist until the equipment is replaced. With the exception of one thing: the administration decided to take it upon itself and use their own assets to begin their version of a student newspaper.

Yet, I am strongly in doubt of this ever happening, since they have tried to hide any and all information of interest to students from the already-existing paper. I hope, though, that there are some students who feel strongly enough about truth and justice to use the old A.Q.U. On Thursday, March 21, during the production of this newspaper, I stopped working to go to class. In the meantime, while the staff was running in and out, the door was inadvertently leftajar. The locked but unlatched door was left open for what could have been as little as twenty minutes. But I guess in today’s world, it was twenty minutes too many.

The Aquinas Times camera bag holding a 35 millimeter Cannon camera, two unused rolls of film, a Vivitar flash attachment, a package of Duracell batteries, manuals, pens, and personal notebooks and papers with future story notes all in it was stolen right out of the Times office. Yes, all of you realists may say, “An open door is an open invitation...” I say, it is still a door, a room, a camera bag that is no longer to begin with, why take it knowing it is important to someone else. And like everything else in this world, nothing is ever ours to own, claim or possess. Call me an idealist, I’ve been called worse, but don’t ever underestimate the power of your own conscious. God loaded each of us with his own defense mechanism that is self-triggered into use.

It would at least justify what was done if the person(s) that had nerve enough to take the Times camera bag, would also have enough heart to recognize that he/she has greatly compounded the social injustices of this world we live in and those Christian ethics I thought we were being taught at this institution.

Spam iNajar

A student-run newspaper effectively in the future.

True, we could depend on the Campus Correspondence. And then again, don’t forget the efficiently informed monitor system.

Well, ya’ all can ponder that problem P.S. Just to add to the mood, I want to share something that has truly had an impact on my years on this staff and

viators of the campus speed limit laws. The main targets are pizza delivery trucks who deliver on campus.

The drivers, who are trying to get their pizzas to students before the thirty-minute time limit, often neglect the stop signs and speed limits. Any vehicle that does not stop at a stop sign that exceeds the posted limit will immediately be blown into 100,000 tiny disintegrating objects, according to the new campus safety policy.

Officers must learn a new applicable version of the Miranda Rights. They are as follows: “You have the right to remain silent. If you choose to give up that right, anything you say can and will be used against you in an incident report. You have the right to a pre-law intern. If you do not know one, a political science major will do. You are entitled to one on-campus phone call. If no one is there, you can leave a message with Silicon Sally to forward your message to another extension. If you have paid your AQtel bill and have a working Long Distance Access Code, you may make one off-campus call for no longer than the time it takes you to dial the amount of numbers to get through.”

Future purchases for the campus safety department arsenal include three nuclear warheads and a high-tech satellite capable of dis-integrating illegally parked vehicles from its orbit.

Vine Basin, a senior officer in support of the recent upgrade in security said, “We were planning to strengthen our task force to create a training ground for the safety troops. Those trying to get their pizzas to students before the thirty-minute time limit, often neglect the stop signs and speed limits. Any vehicle that does not stop at a stop sign or that exceeds the posted limit will immediately be blown into 100,000 tiny disintegrating objects, according to the new campus safety policy.

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If you are too slow to have gotten the joke by now...Happy April Fool’s Day!

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NEWS

April 1, 1991

Senate Funds purchase of new bar for office
By Ai Me-Ho and Spam iNajar

Along with the relocation to a new and larger office-site on the lower level of the Wege Student Center, the Aquinas College Community Senate has recently invested in a well-stocked wet bar for the amusement of senators and executive chairpersons. The wide choice of alcoholic beverages cover a broad spectrum of viandes from Keystone to Dom Perignon (chilling until graduation). They range from robust wines and smooth liquors for the refined tastes of some, to the unpalatable beer and coarse teas, for the basic preferences of others.

The entire unit cost for the Senate totaled the colossal sum of $15,000.00 and will include two bartenders and three cocktail waitresses. Hor's d'oeuvres will also be presented frequently throughout the rest of the year.

The use of this facility, however, is restricted to senate members only, and may be deemed one of the few closed privileges extended to members of this elite group.

Campus pond used as waste dump by college officials
By Cynic Al and Spam iNajar

A routine check of Ouiji Pond has led a local group of environmentalists to claim that Aquinas College has been using the stagnant body of water as a toxic waste dump. Members of ECHO, a group committed to screaming evidences of environmental disaster across campus, claim that they have witnessed chemistry and biology students dumping 55 gallon drums of soupy green liquid chemicals into the pond on behalf of college officials.

According to Dony T. Beef, leader of the underground network of environmentalists, the dumping was first discovered as they were making one of their alert patrols. “It was early in the morning, and we saw a couple of students huddled like trolls underneath the Ouiji bridge. At first we wrote it off as another gathering of the H.E.L.P. House, but after closer examination we discovered that the students were laughing as they watched green goo ooze out of the drums.”

Paul Rossi, chairperson of Student Senate, stated clearly that he was efficiently fulfilling his duties as a student leader by taking student priorities into the highest consideration. “I'm probably the most blatant mis-user of Senate money,” Rossi proudly said with the classic "Rossi political smile" smeared across his ski-tanned face.

This is the final necessity for the Senate student fund body for the 1990-1991 academic year, according to D.C. McDuck, budget director of the Senate.

Other contracts that McDuck has signed for the benefits of senate members are: a company car for executive members (including budget director); a big-screen television set with video cassette recorder attachments available; a computerized rolodex; and heat/ massage-capable recliners for all executive desks.

McDuck added, “These are just a few of the best investments the senate could have made for the future dynasty of the Aquinas College Rossi Community Senate.”

Howard Johnson, owner and founder of the multi-million dollar national hotel chain recently visited and searched through the Grand Rapids area to purchase his fourth West Michigan franchise. He found the traditional structure of the Holmdene building most to his liking. He finalized the contracts with college officials last week.

The Holmdene office building was originally the mansion of the Lowe family of Grand Rapids. Current occupants of Holmdene will find their new offices relocated to the unused wings of the Willowbrook estate.

Johnson reports the face of the building will remain primarily the same, but the trademark bright orange tiles will be slapped upon the roof in no time. "We are still deliberating on whether to set the lions free or keep them for security reasons," he stated.

An artist’s model of the future child proof obstacle course was recently found by the college’s Environmental Studies Club, as a possible solution to the future Freshmen Humanities Program.

To solve this problem, the EPA, Environmentally Perturbed Association of Aquinas College decided to probe the college officials for answers. Dean of Parking Services M. Pallmall, approached the unnamed decision makers with the option of funding for drainage and cement pavement of the pond. His reasoning was to provide faculty with additional parking opportunities. This will also relieve Campus Safety officers of their abundant bulk supply of student parking tickets for those students who will attempt to park there.

For those concerned with the future of the ducks and other infested aquatic life who previously inhabited Ouiji Pond, they have made plans to migrate to the Career Development Center pond.
Another year older - another year wiser?

By I.M. Marshy
TIMES Features Editor

Happy spring, AQ! Happy April Fools and most especially, Happy 21st, Spam!

Yes, it’s true, little Spamela, our fearless leader, the Queen of the Losers (interesting, isn’t it, how “loser” bears a striking similarity to “boozers”) has finally become legal! On Easter Sunday, no less - how precious.

Well, Spam, I tried to get you a date with Elvis for your big day. I thought you could first go to his concert, then hang out with him back stage and the whole bit. It’s sad, though, they tell me he’s dead. (Sorry Spam, hate to break it to you!)

When that idea flopped, I decided to look for an arm brace for you so that you wouldn’t have to worry about catching that nasty tendinitis that creeps up on you when you spend all night at a computer. But Spam, you’re way ahead of me. You've already got both! (An arm brace and tendinitis, that is.)

I suppose I could have bought you a replacement camera for the one that was stolen - but like everyone else at this college, I’m broke.

So, Spam dear, I can only wish you my best - for another wonderful 21st year and for many more wonderful, stressless years to come. Yesterday marked the beginning of your newfound maturity and wisdom that comes with age - as well as the end of your need for a fake I.D!

Another year older - another year wiser?

Happy Birthday, Spam, You know I love ya’!

Squirrel power!

Rodents shed fur in protest

By Chris Cow-dry
TIMES Staff Writer

Members of the Aquinas community have reported the sighting of two partially furred squirrels roaming the campus. One has clean shaven sides, while the other has a thin, hairless, rat-like tail. The squirrels approached the Aquinas Times to present their side of the story.

"I am sick and tired of hearing Minoxidil jokes," stated the clean-shaven squirrel, Butch. "I am not bald because of heredity, or because of a fight. This is self-induced baldness to protest the fur industry."

His rat-tailed friend, Moose, added, "Yeah. There are a lot of people who are bald to protest some cause or another. Sinead O'Connor, Peter Garrett, from Midnight Oil. Richard Moll. You know, Bull on 'Night Court.' Baldness is in among protestors."

"Of course, we aren't just doing it to be fashionable. It gets very cold here in the winter. How do you think our furless friends feel? And what is so glamorous about fur coats, anyway? Who can be stylish in corpses?" Butch asked philosophically. "We will continue to shave until human beings stop wearing fur."

Butch and Moose are also planning a fur rally and a protest in front of area furriers. They plead with their fellow rodents to join them in their cause.

In response to their comments, several raccoons on campus vegan taunting Butch and Moose.

"So what if people wear animal skins? It just means more food for us. Besides, squirrels aren't being killed. Just mink, ermine, sable, rabbits, and other rodents who aren't worth much else," head raccoon Killer stated. "If it isn't your people, who cares? Why bother? Let them die. We have to look out for ourselves."

Aquinas College Residence Strife staff this week vehemently denied the rumor that an infestation of cockroaches in Regina Hall poses a health threat to residents of Regina Hall.

"Absolutely untrue," said Vice-president of Student Under-Development Glad Winker. "Those aren't roaches, those are just Campus Safety Officers working under cover."

Residents of Regina Hall have complained of roaches since last August when a herd of cockroaches was reported to have ambushed a Domino's Pizza delivery boy and left nothing but stale pepperoni.

"It was awful, man," said Sophomore Jason Jason of Pentwater, "It was like total Kuwait, man. Bam, they just took over."

Meanwhile freshman Stephanie Tiffany Amber was sent home to Burnips under mysterious circumstances. Her suitmates said she woke in the middle of the night screaming and clawing at her face. She said she had a dream that her face was covered with roaches. When she removed her hands, her eyebrows were gone.

"There is no truth to the rumor that roaches come out at night and eat your eyebrows," said Director of Residence Strife Pamela Nobull. "Those girls who have been reporting that have just been overplucking."

Residents are speculating that the roaches are being attracted by the undelivered care-packages that the Residence Strife Staff has stacked in the basement. Though the rumors of resident roaches are completely unreasonable, the Residence Strife Staff does ask that any other insect incidents be reported.
Satanic H.E.L.P. cult threatens AQ

By Chris Cow-dry
TIMES Staff Writer

For almost two semesters, the Aquinas community has been fooled by the H.E.L.P. House, located in Knape Hall on the campus addition. The eleven women, publicly known as Humans Educating for Love and Peace, are actually members of a satanic cult known as Humans Encouraging Lust and Perversion.

Up until Monday, March 25, the group was content with sacrificing small rodents, telling fortunes, calling up spirits named Bob, and summoning plagues. "You know all those gnats and hairless squirrels that are warming the campus? Well, we did that. It was supposed to be a plague of locusts, but we aren't that good yet," said head witch Kathy Otto, who also serves as R.A. for the house.

Katie "Madame Katiana" Swart, gypsy, fortune teller, and bookstore employee on the side, added, "Being a satanic gypsy has really helped my at work. If a customer gets annoying, I can turn him into a frog."

The cultists recently approached a new level of the occult world by kidnapping the newborn baby of Pam and Steve Nobull, Ashless Maria, for use in their first human sacrifice. "We were very excited," commented Melissa Wiersema, cult member. "This was a big step for us. The first human sacrifice can make or break a cult."

Unfortunately for the cult members, fortunately for newborn babies, the history of the Humans Encouraging Lust and Perversion cult has come to a burning halt.

The cult was uncovered on Tuesday, March 26, when Ashless, the daughter of the H.E.L.P. House advisor, called campus safety as the women of Knape Hall were preparing the oven for the sacrificial ritual. The oven, which is very old and doesn't work very well, has an answer for everything. Have you ever heard of Wilcox Park? Fate holds for that park the same it did for the land of Grand Rapids Reformed Bible College. Out with the old shoe and in with the new. Aquinas has big plans for this land.

There will be everything from barbecue pits and opened fire hydrants (woops, wrong city) swimming pools to lighted basketball courts.

There are big plans in the works for the only college in America to have its own shores!
FASS auction a phenomenal success
Aquinas pitches in, social injustices solved, CAVA coordinator retires (Whew!)

On Wednesday, March 20 the Faculty, Administration, Staff, and Student (FASS) Auction raised $1,000,186.25. The auction committee members were stunned by the extraordinary generosity of the Aquinas community. The phenomenal success of this fund raiser also astonished the Community Senate and prompted them to match the amount. In all, nearly three million dollars were raised by Aquinas students in one day. Lump sums of the money were distributed not only to Special Olympics but to every social service organization in the Grand Rapids area. The greatest benefactor of this money was the Heartside Ministries of Grand Rapids as they have now housed every homeless person living in Grand Rapids.

Congratulations fellow Aquinas students for single handedly solving the Grand Rapids homeless problem in one day. (If only we had thought of this sooner!) In recognition of this extraordinary accomplishment the Aquinas family portrait will hang in the Smithsonian and every student will be awarded the Nobel Peace Price in a special ceremony in the Ouiji We-did-it-all-room on the second Saturday of the first week in May.

On a side note, the coordinator of the office which it has occupied in the basement of Ouiji Center. The Director announced plans to convert the office space into indoor bicycle storage, to accommodate the many commuter students who have converted to peddle power since the Nintendo game in the Gulf.

A. Puleo Iglesias, Former CAVA Coordinator

SAC dissolves due to peaceful onslaught, singing ensues

In a surprise announcement, the leaders of SAC, the Social Action Committee have announced that due to the onslaught of global peace and justice, the organization will disintegrate effective immediately. The student organization, which for almost fifteen years has been battling the forces of prejudice, malice, and apathy across campus and around the world, will be vacating the cavernous

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Food Service makes efforts to preserve environment

By Spam iNa "Recyclable" Jar TIMES Editor

As a result of numerous protests and sit-ins by students, there will be significant environmentally-friendly changes made with the Aquinas Food Service program.

Socially aware students particularly Environmental Studies Majors, SAC and CAVA directors and volunteers, and COOL members have been moved to make a difference at Aquinas College.

"The cafeteria and Comer Cafe wastes so many paper and plastic products it's disgusting," said J. Church lady.

Director of food service, Michael Nancee agreed with protesters enough to cancel all orders of Styrofoam and plasticware and began ordering linen napkins to be used on a daily basis for all and not just for Wege weddings.

Students are reportedly happy with the new changes but are still concerned with ever-questioned quality of the food.

Nancee responded by saying, "Our food supplier just renewed another 100-year contract, but we are still trying to solve the problem of wasted food left on trays" Nancee has made a request for the funding of an anaerobic digester to consume all wasted food left by hunger-ignorant students. Through the digestion of the food the instrument can produce energy which can be channeled for several uses as needed through controlled piping. See model to the left.

Nancee hopes the administration will not only support the food service's request and the students' interest but also the future of the earth as well.

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**Tigers scout Saints pitcher, Sullivan**

By G. Not Really

TIMES Staff Writer

LAKELAND FLA.–Aquinas College senior Tim Sullivan was one of the focal points at the Detroit Tigers press conference held Friday, March 29 at 9 p.m. The conference which mainly addressed the Tigers' lackluster performance in the first half of the exhibition season, also brought hopes for strengthening the staff with a possible acquisition of Tim Sullivan to replace the widely-missed Jack Morris.

"That young man has got one hell of an arm," said Detroit Manager Sparky Anderson. "He's got excellent control on his change-up, and a bigger curve ball than Frank (Tanana)."

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"He could be a real asset to us," said Tigers pitching coach Billy Muffett. "As you know, with the loss of Jack Morris and Jeff Robinson, we have lost depth and experience. Tim is unusual in that he can help us out with depth as a rookie. He could be the sleeper of this year's draft."

Sullivan has proven his worth in the NAIA ranks over his college career by baffling hitters on such power teams as Grand Rapids Baptist, Olivet, and Cornerstone College. He has risen to the plateau of the legendary Aquinas players in Dave Gumpert and Paul Ascherman.

"Tim is the best all-around athlete that I've ever coached," said 20-year- head coach Terry Bosheen. "He can pitch, run, and he can field a bunt as gracefully as Ryan Sandberg can field a balking liner to his backhand."

"It was a difficult choice to make," said Sullivan, a Flint Powers High School graduate. "But I knew that baseball was what I enjoy doing most."

"Baseball itself was not the only reason for Sullivan to choose Aquinas as the college of his choice. "Aquinas offers a diverse curriculum and maintains high standards academically. The school has prepared me for a career in the work place, not just on the baseball diamond."

"In other news, Aquinas College sophomore Dave Molnar has been offered a three-year-2-million-dollar contract with the defending world-champion Cincinnati Reds. If Molnar accepts, he will defer his final two years of college eligibility. When asked if he would finish his degree before he went to the major league he said, "Why? Do you know how much beer I can buy with two million Dollars?"

"Ricky Henderson and Jose Canseco were both pledged their combined 25 million dollar contracts to the missions. "Money has no meaning for me," said Canseco. "All that is important to me is that I help others.""

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## Football available at Aquinas College

By G. Not Really

TIMES Staff Writer

The Aquinas College Board of Trustees passed a proposal for starting a college football team at their quarterly meeting March 16, 1991. The plan calls for $400,000 in start-up costs which has already been provided by an anonymous donor. Assuming hiring is done by mid-summer, Aquinas College will have some new Saints on the field before the next snowfall.

Brad Winker, dean of student development, heads the committee that solicited interest from any coach who will build up a solid foundation for a successful program.

"We're interested in several candidates," said Winker. The more notable ones are Jim Ooley from Notre Dame University, and Howard Schnellenburger from Louisville. "Each of those gentlemen are fine coaches in their own way. I really think each of them could bring success," Winker added.

Included in the start-up costs for the mammoth project are equipment costs, such as pads, jerseys, helmets, etc., and the cost for constructing a football field or renovating the old soccer field. The school would need revenue to pay the salaries of the head coach and his/her staff. Other costs include insurance, mandatory medical assistance, and recruiting costs.

The time it takes a football organization to build itself into a strong competitor tends to take many years. A successful team is built from strong recruiting and a hard work ethic both on and off the field. Establishing a strong recruiting class is the most difficult task to accomplish successfully, especially in a NAIA school that can offer few scholarships. Much recruiting success comes from the prior success of the team in competition.

Players want to play for a team that has gone to the play-offs before and are likely to do so again. As a new program cannot offer any prior successes or failures, it can only offer playing time, and hope for the best.

What could help Aquinas in their early years is the wealth of untapped experience and talent that lies dormant on an idle campus, waiting for its opportunity. High school gridiron veterans are easy to find. College material is much harder to locate, but one would be surprised to find how much talent is already on the Aquinas Campus.

Recently, the line could be strong with Brian Haller, Rod and Randy Shagena, and All-State nose tackle John Reilly sharing time in pass-rush and run-stop duties. Chris Kolniak, Matt Czarnecki, Pete Shagena, and All-State nose tackle John Reilly. The receiving corps would be strong and very fast with Matt Czarnecki, Pete Hauschild, Rob Romano, Doug Heemstra, and Mark Rocca. The quarterback spot would be up for grabs with Paul Desmarais, Chris Overbeek, and Joe Stacy fighting for the coveted position.

With such talent already existing on campus being ready, willing, and able to put on the pads, the coaching staff would be a little less pressured to go recruit a whole team. With such a talented group of players, it wouldn't take long for the Aquinas College team to leap into the mainstream of competitive college football. Fans start shopping for warm cheering gear, next winter you'll have your chance to use it.

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## New spring sport at AQ

By D. Tony

The Aquinas College Handgliding team will kick off its third season this week against the Muskegon Lumberjacks at 6 p.m. off of Lookout Hill in Grand Rapids. The team, being just founded this year, has very high hopes of capturing the Hoekstra National Handgliding Competition in Yuma, Arizona this summer.

Founded by junior Lorin Need, the team is composed of faculty, staff, and students. Neef wanted to start the team because Grand Rapids has the strong cross winds that blow off the Grand River in the spring. He was also on the gliding team of Flying High School, California. Neef said, "The spring winds here in Grand Rapids are the best winds I have ever glided on." According Ben G. Bear, "Despite being such a young team, we hope to be strong enough to capture many victories."

The AQ Gliders were given $15,000 by the Community Senate to fund new gliding equipment and safety gear. Budget Director D.C. McCracken simply stated, "I felt this was a great opportunity to get students involved. When it comes to an athletic club, money is no object." So if you are interested in learning to handglide, or are just bored and want something to do, come to the AQ Gliders informational meeting on Wednesday, April 17 at 5:30 p.m. in the Private Dining Room.