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Sister of Malcolm X speaks at AQ

By Pamela Najor
TIMES Editor

"We are here to reflect on the life of Malcolm X — a giant of a man; a giant of intellect, of emotion, of leadership— someone who is a bit bigger than life itself, and that reflection is a difficult task," President R. Paul Nelson said in his opening remarks on the evening of Friday, April 12.

The task to be accomplished for that evening was left in appropriate hands. The guest speaker was Yvonne Jones-Woodward, formerly Yvonne Little — the younger sister of Malcolm X. Unpublicized and unannounced to the Aquinas and Grand Rapids community, Jones-Woodward spoke to an audience of approximately 60 people in the Kretchmer Auditorium. By her request, no member of the Grand Rapids media, electronic or print, could attend with the exception of the Aquinas College student press.

Jones-Woodward was introduced by long-time friend and former Minority Student Counselor for Aquinas College, Ella Sims. Sims was also one of the founders of the Women's Resource Center, former columnist for the Grand Rapids Press, and former member of the Aquinas College Board of Trustees.

Aquinas, Blodgett propose parking project to city commission

By Pamela Najor and John Reilly
TIMES Editor, Staff Writer

On Thursday, April 25, Aquinas College and Blodgett Memorial Medical Center officials met with city commissioners to ask for approval to construct new parking facilities on campus. Eastown resident representatives were also invited to voice their opinions on the proposal that would provide an opportunity for the two parties in a joint effort to satisfy the parking needs of both institutions. The final vote of the Grand Rapids City Planning Commission to approve the construction of the new parking facilities was tabled with the request from the board to provide more information.

According to the proposal coordinators, the major site of this project will consist of an expanded Plymouth parking lot capable of holding 440 cars, and will build a regulation size soccer field between Regina Hall and the Campus Addition.

The decision was tabled by the commissioners, according to Barry Kantz, vice president of operations, because the city commission board members agreed that college and hospital officials should conduct more dialogue with the majority of the Eastown neighbors that are currently opposed to the plan and work on coming up with possible compromises to meet the needs of all involved. Another need, as seen by the board, was more statistical evidence to support Aquinas' exact need for the estimated amount of parking.

After hearing the proposal of the two institutions, most of the Eastown residents who attended the Thursday, April 18 Eastown Neighborhood Association meeting, voiced dissenting views stemming from a variety of reasons. Much of the skepticism coming from the surrounding community is based on the warrantis regarding the
How do I begin to describe the end. I have pondered over my last editorial for many days, only to come up with more frustrations. There have been so many topics and events I would have liked to address this year within this personal limited space of mine, but usually, late in the production process, I become easily sparked to address the most current topic, e.g., war, racism, or whatever breaks out. So much like this introduction, my decision for this editorial lingered on (into what, I am still unsure). May I, though, offer you a conglomerate of thoughts to consider, or, I wonder if it would better to stick to one topic? Since, my brain rarely functions in that manner and is usually overloaded with questions/concerns too many varied topics, I doubt I could ever stick to just one. So, we'll see what happens.

A little backtracking first, a year ago, this week, I accepted the position of the Editor of this newspaper. Then, completely naive of the broad extension of opportunities it would provide, problems that could arise, and self-propelled pressures to overcome, I jumped in in head first. Now, a year later, (and wiser, I hope), I am giving up the reigns, but still not completely sure that I've taken advantage of every opportunity; or sure I've solved each problem; or sure I've successfully achieved my original and progressive goals.

At the start, my "gung-ho" motivation was triggered by the idea that I could get a great start taking it from where we left off last year and, only moving forward, becoming better and better (in terms of content and appearance) with every issue (sounds logical, that should have been my first clue). My brain has a tendency to be anti-analytical. Then I learned that any moment lived is one to be capsuleadas in the past.

Nearly finished filling the requirements of three majors, there is one thing I could really look back upon as the morsel of knowledge to be lived by. Every time I have much more to learn and experience, allow me the privilege to reflect and offer this to anyone, of any age who will listen: Rule of Life #1: Never, no matter what the cost, pass up an opportunity to experience as much as you possibly can, and always recognize that you can only benefit the world and benefit from the world, if you participate in it.

Aquinas College seeking Truman scholars

Aquinas College is currently seeking students who will be full-time juniors next year to nominate for the prestigious Harry S. Truman Scholarships. Truman scholars receive awards of $3,000 for their remaining undergraduate work and up to $13,000 per year for two years of graduate study. Students must be nominated by the faculty of their colleges.

The Truman Scholarship is administered by the Harry S. Truman Foundation in Washington D.C. Each year, the foundation offers around 100 scholarships nationwide to students who have an interest in public service careers.

Public service, as defined by the Foundation, includes such areas as government service in any branch of government at any level (i.e. municipal, state, or federal), and also includes the armed services, public-interest organizations, nongovernmental research and/or educational organizations, and public-service oriented non-profit organizations such as those whose primary purposes are to help needy or disadvantaged persons or to protect the environment.

Eligible students must: 1. be full-time enrolled juniors (either regular or non-traditional age); 2. be committed to a career in public service as defined above; 3. be in upper-third of class, and 4. be a United States citizen or U.S. national (e.g. American Samoa, etc.). Interested sophomores (who will be juniors next year) should contact Gary Eberle, Aquinas extension 4466, for further information about faculty nomination.

Preliminary applications will be screened by a selection committee composed of Aquinas faculty. Aquinas may nominate up to three students for this award.

One Truman scholarship is awarded per state, U.S. protectorate, and to approximately 40 scholarships given to students at large. According to Sr. James Rau, S.P. an Aquinas student from the Virgin Islands won this award about 12 years ago.
Great Issues ended the year with two informative forums. The March forum, held on Wednesday, March 20, explored racism and racial discrimination among all races. "Alternative Beliefs: Christianity and the Occult" was the subject of the Tuesday, April 23, discussion.

Over 40 members of the Aquinas community gathered in the St. Joe's Hall Main Lounge to ask questions of faculty from Grand Valley State University's School of Social Work and Aquinas' sociology department. Panelists and audience members represented a variety of cultures, including Native American, Hispanic, African-American, and Euro-American.

Cross-cultural adoption was one of the most-asked about topics, followed by cultural awareness and education. The panel members suggested students talk to department chairpersons to load more culturally-aware courses and to hold more discussions like the Great Issues forum to further explore the issue. Discrimination on all levels was also explored.

The forum grew heated near the end, when the issue of trust among African Americans and Euro-Americans was brought up. Panelists and audience members agreed that education was the only way to solve this issue. "We need interracial relations classes," said senior Dawn Noelle Michaels. "They are invaluable to us. What are we going to do for the rest of our lives but interact with people?"

The advantages and disadvantages of Christianity, massage, tarot readings, and numerology in developing the whole human spirit were discussed at the April installment of Great Issues. Panelists included: John Davis, from Coptic International; Ann Ellis, a tarot expert; Shari Hutton, a masseuse; and Fr. Dennis W. Morrow. More than 50 Aquinas faculty, staff, and students of a variety of religions, creeds, and viewpoints gathered in the Loutit Room to find out more about Christianity and the occult.

Webster's Dictionary defines the occult as "something not able to be seen or detected; the state of being hidden from view; of or relating to supernatural agencies, their effects, and knowledge of them." Ellis added, "The occult concerns things we don't understand; things that frighten us because we don't understand them, and things that are different from our own beliefs. To some people, Christianity is occult, because its beliefs are unknown to them."

"The occult is not in general Anti-Christian, it is just paranormal. Some occultists are supportive of Christianity," said Davis, a parapsychologist as well as a numerologist. "Parapsychology, for example, is not a religion. It is prov- erything. It does not condemn any beliefs."

Hutton stated, "Massage, as well as other areas of the occult, is not necessarily evil. It is sometimes considered evil because it can alter the physical and mental states. It can make powerful changes in people, and can be used for good purposes. It, as with any device, can also be misused."

Fr. Morrow commented on the Catholic view of the occult, "We call people to virtue, and we suggest that they turn to the Scriptures for guidance. Vatican II declared that the Church respects all that is good and true in every belief. We do not condemn people if they turn to the occult unless the branch of the occult is seriously a way to the person becomes addicted, or if they interpret the tarot, horoscopes, and other occult vehicles without a scriptural influence."

The panelists all agreed that their particular means of spiritual guidance are positive, beneficial processes, and can be used as forms of therapy, especially massage. "The massage is very helpful for rape or abuse victims," Hutton stated. "It teaches these people to trust safe touch. We move at a pace comfortable for them and try to help them learn that physical contact can be healthy and safe."

Another question dealt with the source of power from which occultists draw to make people feel comfortable for them and try to help them learn that physical contact can be healthy and safe."

"The power an object has is the power of your belief in it," said senior Kim Felipe.

The fees for the spiritual guidance methods vary. A $1-hour tarot reading by Ellis costs $30. Davis' analysis of a name or particular date, numerology, is $30 for a half-hour taped consultation. He has analyzed everything from what date would be good for a business to open and when would be a good day to get married, to good names for starting companies to use and successful stage names for actors. Hutton charges $40 for a one-hour, full body massage. "A look into the Scriptures for spiritual guidance or answers to life's questions is free," commented Fr. Morrow. "Some priests are professional, degree-earned counselors and would charge a fee for their services."

Besides these topics, Great Issues has presented forums this year on homosexuality and the Persian Gulf Crisis. According to members, they will return next year with more forums to provide thought-provoking discussions designed to "Agitate, Educate, and Organize," as their motto states, "All you have to lose is ignorance."

Community service, area colleges "proud" of Grand Rapids

By Angie Puleo
Contributing Writer

On Saturday, April 13, students, faculty, and others from 110 colleges, universities, and high schools from around the nation participated in various hunger clean-ups in their "college towns." Students from Michigan State, Yale, and Stanford Universities, to name a few, took part in clean-up projects including painting soup kitchens, cleaning up homes of the elderly or cleaning litter off of the city streets. The project, titled Hunger Clean-up '91, was sponsored and coordinated by the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness based in Boston, Massachusetts. Hunger Clean-up '91 also raised funds for hunger relief.

The CAVA office sponsored Project PRIDE as part of this nationally designated clean-up day. Forty Aquinas students, faculty, and staff members went into the streets of downtown Grand Rapids armed with garbage bags, brooms, and gloves and worked for three hours to rid the streets of the litter and glass that had accumulated there. The volunteers cleaned up the streets between Fulton and Franklin and Division and Ionia.

Although this project may have sounded more like a chore rather than an opportunity to learn something, the responses received from volunteers was very positive. "I learned and felt a little of what it must be like to live in an environment that no one cares about or takes any initiative to clean up. I learned to look at my life, my clothing, my friends and family as things that need to be appreciated constantly. Sometimes it just takes seeing the hell that people live in to make me really re-examine my life," said freshman Cheri Eymer, a participant in Project PRIDE '91. PRIDE volunteers Suzanne Smart, a freshman, shared her experience in the streets, "We had an extra pair of gloves where some of our trash bags were, and as I went to dump some of the glass I had collected, a man came up to me and shyly and politely asked if we were using the extra gloves. I told him we were not, and then asked him if he would like them. He was so surprised (I guess) that I was letting him take them that he put them on right away, said thank you and quietly walked away. That was something that made my day special because he didn't beg for money but politely asked me for the gloves."

The CAVA office extends a very warm thank you to all PRIDE participants and team leaders.
Multicultural workshop offers information and encouragement to African-American students

By Lisa Caswell
Contributing Staff Writer

A Multicultural Leadership Workshop entitled "The Role and Responsibility of African-American Men and Boys" (ages 13-18), was held at Aquinas College Saturday, April 13.

Aquinas, in connection with Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, coordinated the event to be presented in Ketchener Auditorium for 80 African-American high school students who are members of the fraternity. Others attending the conference were current members and alumni of the fraternity in addition to a number of Aquinas students.

After an early morning breakfast, the group was welcomed by President of Aquinas, Paul Nelson.

Brent explained that students must be prepared to take advantage of future opportunities. "When opportunity knocks and you're not ready for it, you will miss the bus."

Dr. Walter Brame provided historical information to the students. Brame explained that, as history, we have been taught, is not fully correct. He said many African-American achievements have been left out of history, giving credit solely to Caucasians. "I don't deny others have contributed to world civilization, but for so long the denial of contribution of African people has been so prevalent that I see it as my place to help correct this."

"We need to know we are world citizens and we need to develop a tie with us all," said Clyde Plog, team leader at the Veteran's Outreach Center, as he talked to the boys. "You have to know who you are and be comfortable with yourself. If you are not, you're not going to make it."

Aquinas freshman Petra Muller said she enjoyed the workshop, especially Dr. Brume's views. "I think that it's really good for a lot of people to know their history. I don't know if Aquinas is doing enough with minorities. I think it's very valuable information for all people to know African History."

Kappa Alpha Psi Advisor to the Kappa League of Flint, John Rhymes, said, "I think this does a lot of good for people to think about and look at their own self-identities. I think the program is very valuable."

Carol Jackson a freshman at Grand Blanc High School said he thought it was essential to know about African-American leaders such as Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X. "I think what they're saying is very true, because this is what is going on with our males. I think that we're learning how to be leaders through this conference. We are the future and we need positive role models."

Capers Brown, with Kappa Alpha Psi of Rochester, New York, said, "It looks like some good questions have come from individuals like her. I think these speakers are good role models for the students to see. The issues transcend regional differences, which I think is beneficial."

"I think the conference went pretty well," said Michael Coakley of East High School in Rochester, New York. "I had some questions answered about why crime is escalating with our race and not with other races."

Bob Clark of Lansing Eastern High School said he believed the workshop had gone smoothly. Nick Lockhard, from Lansing Sexton agrees. "Scheduling is a little off, but the meeting had some nice speakers."

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Sims said of Jones-Woodward, "she...worked as a trainer for the Michigan Bell Company for 33 years, retiring in 1981; runs her own party store in her current hometown of Woodland, MI, and is the mother of three children."

Unsure of what the audience wanted to hear, Jones-Woodward expressed her nervous apprehensions concerning the eventual separation of her family history. Neither Jones-Woodward nor anyone in the Little family has publicly spoken about their brother, Malcolm X, before this year. "Twenty-five years ago, when Malcolm died, I said to my sister, Hilda, that we have to do something—there's too much being said that's not true. She said, 'No Wonder, give it 25 years...I am not talking...the world will look at him differently (then).'"

Jones-Woodward credits the strength of her mother after dealing with the death of their father to have helped maintain the emotional bond between family members.

According to Jones-Woodward, that family determination may have been what allowed Malcolm X the opportunity to accomplish what he did—despite family trauma which led to eventual separation.

Malcolm X was an American Black Muslim leader and black nationalist whose martyrdom, ideas, and speeches contributed to the development of the black power movement in America during the late 1960s. Born in Omaha, NE, Malcolm Little attended high school in Lansing, MI. He dropped out of school in the eighth grade; moved to Boston where he eventually ended up in prison because of his involvement in criminal activities. During his prison years, 1946 through 1952, his brother Reginald converted him to the Nation of Islam, led by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. He then replaced the name "Little" with "X", which symbolized what he had been and had become: "ex-smoker", "ex-drinker", "ex-Christian", and "ex-slave". During his involvement with the black movement, Malcolm X took on many names that represented his roles in his fight for his heritage.

His life was dedicated to raising awareness among Americans and increasing an understanding of the African-American culture. Through his work with the Black Muslims, the Muslim newspaper, Muhammad Speaks, which he began along with his organization, Afro-American Unity; he fought racial injustice until his death in 1965. Malcolm X was assassinated in Harlem on February 21.

His followers interpreted his death as a sacrifice for the "black revolution," and he quickly became a hero of that movement.

Reflecting back on the strength her brother exhibited, Jones-Woodward explained, "we all met our struggles and all managed through the young training and determination to get somewhere." Jones-Woodward commented on the emotional aspect of their difficulties, "we were separated,

but we bonded and always came back to each other."

These life experiences helped the audience see more closely relate to Jones-Woodward's interpretation of Malcolm X's life. President of the Joint Association of Multi-Culturals Motivating Involvement Now, Sophomore, Crystal Smith has always been encouraged by the work of Malcolm X. "It was inspirational to meet her (Jones-Woodward)—it was like meeting him. I think hearing...her description of him has helped me to better understand his ideals and his reasoning for doing the things he did." Had Malcolm X been alive today, Jones-Woodward feels this inspiration would continue through generations of all races. "I do believe conditions for the black people would be different because he brought it all to the forefront. He told black people it's time to stop looking at other people to get something for yourselves—you've got to do it on your own."

According to Jones-Woodward, Malcolm X also began speaking with Martin Luther King, Jr. Jones-Woodward asked, "if they would have linked their two struggles, what would be the affect on black people?"

Jones-Woodward pointed out that before his death, "Malcolm X had started to attract a good white audience—college students who saw...that we (African-Americans) are people just like them; that we both had the same chance in life."
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continued from page 1 problems. Aquinas owned the necessary property, and Blodgett had the funding. Talks ensued. "Aquinas, a long time ago, pioneered a continuing education program for older, adult students and people who work full-time jobs," said Kantz. "And that's the problem we have as those older adult students are coming on campus after they leave work...We have an investment in those two problems and solve them with a joint effort."

Last week's National Volunteer Week reflects every week in terms of service MI - a leader in number of Peace Corps volunteers

By Paul Coverdell
Peace Corps Director

The week of April 21 through April 27 is National Volunteer Week throughout the United States. It is a good time for all of us to reflect on how fortunate we are to live in a nation blessed with an abundance of natural resources, a generally temperate climate, and a political system and economic system that we are admired throughout the world. It is also a time for us to reflect on ways we can share with others some of the good fortune with which we have been so richly blessed.

The people of America have a long and distinguished heritage of voluntarism and sharing. The courageous men and women who participated in Operation Desert Storm are the most recent in a long line who have volunteered to serve their nation in time of war. Likewise, there has always been a strong tradition of service in our churches and synagogues, as well as our numerous civic clubs. As director of the Peace Corps, I want to use this celebration of National Volunteer Week to commend and thank the citizens of Michigan for another type of volunteer activity - serving our Peace Corps of the United States. It is not widely known, but in Peace Corps' 30 year history, the state of Michigan has contributed more volunteers - 5,197 - than all but a few states in the nation. That is quite an admirable record - one of which all Michiganders should be exceedingly proud.

The last two years have been years of revolutionary change in all parts of the world. The Cold War has ended; the Berlin Wall has crumbled. The philosophical underpinnings of an entire economic/political system - communism - have collapsed. From Central and Eastern Europe, to Asia, Africa and Latin America, totalitarian and dictatorial regimes have been replaced with liberal democratic governments. Peace Corps is leading the way to provide assistance to these newly emerging democracies. Our volunteers are teaching English, the international language of commerce and providing skills necessary to start small businesses. As our nation's ambassador to Poland recently said, "Peace Corps was there first with the most." In spite of these encouraging changes, global peace and stability remain elusive. In two of the world's largest nations, China and the Soviet Union, change is meeting strenuous resistance. In Africa and Latin America, economic development remains painfully slow. In the Middle East, the recent war and age-old territorial and cultural differences threaten to keep the region in turmoil. These are promising times, yet they are difficult times. These are times in which Peace Corps' mission of promoting world peace and friendship has never been more vital.

In the next two years, Peace Corps will expand its mission even further - to nearly 90 countries by the end of 1992. By the end of this century, our goal is to have 12,000 Volunteers serving in every nation with a legitimate need - more than 100 nations. As President Bush said, "Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country." Today, President Bush again calls a nation to service. He has said, "In America today, there can be no definition of a successful life that does not include service to others." The message is clear: Americans have always been a generous people and a caring people. The spirit of voluntarism is as strong today as it was in the generation of the 1960s. Obviously, that spirit of voluntarism is deeply rooted in Michigan. During National Volunteer Week and Peace Corps' 35th Anniversary, let me encourage this generation of Michiganians to continue the tradition. Join the Peace Corps. It really is "The Toughest Job You'll Ever Love."
Student service programs now reach Oaxaca, Mexico

By Chris Cowdrey
TIMES Staff Writer

Students at Aquinas have yet another opportunity to visit other countries as part of their college experience. Beginning in December, 1991, students will take part in the Oaxaca, Mexico, service trip.

The idea for a service trip was originally researched for overseas work, but cost considerations forced the Student Activities Office to look closer to home. Oaxaca, Mexico, was chosen as the site. In December, 1990, Brother Ben Baer, director of the Student Activities Office, and Paul Rossi, chairperson of the Student Senate, traveled to Oaxaca to investigate the possibility of Aquinas’ involvement with serving the area. After working out the details with college officials, students will have the opportunity to serve the Oaxaca community as well as earn independent study credits.

Oaxaca is a city of 135-150,000 people, 95% of whom are Xapotec Indians. Hills surround the city, which is a 14-hour train ride from Mexico City. Some of the streets in Oaxaca are paved, but most are dirt or gravel. The homes are generally built up, with only one room. The Aquinas group will stay in a larger house, containing two bedrooms, two bathrooms, and two showers. There is no hot water, however.

Purdue prof. speaks at annual Poje banquet, AQ students in math and science department honor ed

By Chris Cowdrey
TIMES Staff Writer

The Annual Poje Banquet was held on Friday, April 12. Students in the Natural Sciences and Mathematics (NSM) Department were honored for outstanding work.

AWARDS GIVEN BY DEPARTMENT:
Biology Department
Outstanding Senior Biology Student - James Lynch
Chemistry Department
General Chemistry Award - Michelle Becher
Outstanding Senior Chemistry Student - Michelle Wilson-Poupart
For his contribution to the Poje Banquet - Dr. George Bodner
Geography Department
Sr. Jean Paul Tillman Geography Award - Greg Gallagher and Sara Verbrugge
Honorary Geography Award - Elizabeth Christiansen
Mathematics Department
Outstanding Senior Mathematics Student - Jean Laidlaw
NSM Division
John Poje Award - Elizabeth Christiansen

OTHER STUDENTS RECOGNIZED:
Aquinas’ nominees for the Barry Goldwater Scholarship in Science and Math - Michelle Becher and Scott Garber
Kent County Medical Society Achievement Award - Susan Hollander

There is also a television and video recorder, which will be available to the group to watch films concerning social issues.

While in Oaxaca, the students will work at the orphanage, nursing home, and with Freddy, Jorge, and Santos, three children with physical and mental handicaps. Freddy, who was abused as a child, retreated into a shell and is just beginning to trust people again. Jorge has cerebral palsy and lives with his mother, father, and two sisters in a one-room house about 1/4 the size of the Private Dining Room in Wege Center. Santos is crippled and possibly mentally retarded. Aquinas students will also share cooking duties and will spend a day working in the fields.

Evenings are reserved for discussion and educational programming on social problems. Maryknoll sisters from nearby will also relate their experiences. Sundays are left open for spending time with the people of Oaxaca, walking through the city, or exploring Indian ruins. The Xapotec Indians built an entire city on a mountain-top near Oaxaca. The thousand-year-old ruins have numerous tunnels and rooms to look through on free days.

The group will leave from Grand Rapids on December 27. The first day in Oaxaca is a free day to help students get adjusted before the work starts. They return to Grand Rapids on January 11.

Campus Ministry hires a new crew to raise awareness, recruit volunteers for SAC and CAVA

From left to right: Coordinator of CAVA, Marissa Fernando and directors of SAC, Christine Cowdrey and Kathay Klozik

Co-SAC directors to lead the way in '91-92

The 1991-92 Social Action Committee (SAC) will be headed by two directors, replacing this year’s director and graduating senior, Paul Antor. Sophomore Christine Cowdrey and freshman Kathay Klozik will head the committee dedicated to issues of social justice.

A native of Saginaw, Mich., Cowdrey is an English/math double major and plans on going into secondary education. Her plans for next year are to get more faculty, staff, and continuing education, commuter, and resident students involved. “There is a lot of apathy on this campus. People need to take a stand on these issues. SAC is an excellent way to let your voice be heard.” She is also has been involved with H.E.L.P. (Humanas Educating for Love and Peace) House (located in Knape Hall), Amnesty International, Hunger and Homelessness Week, and GreenPeace all organizations she would like to promote next year.

A freshman, hoping to go into the early childhood development field and possibly become a kindergarten teacher, Klozik is looking into education classes. She will also be a member of the Campus Ministry House, which serves Knape Hall with the H.E.L.P. House. The freshman, from Fraser, Mich., wants to work more with world hunger, homelessness, world peace, environmentalism, and recycling. She also would like to encourage involvement with Compasion International, an organization through which private citizens can sponsor children in underdeveloped countries as well as poverty-stricken youth in the U.S.

The new directors of SAC are looking forward to next year and working with CAVA, Campus Ministry, and the H.E.L.P. House in areas of social justice.

CAVA coordinator brings broad focus to new position

Fernando, Marissa Fernando will be the coordinator of the Community Action Volunteers of Aquinas (CAVA) for the 1991-92 school year. Fernando, a foreign student, has been active in service projects both at Aquinas and in her native country, Sri Lanka. Before coming to Grand Rapids, Fernando served as the president of the Legion of Mary, a Sri Lankan service organization. Fernando did volunteer work with infants in a Mother Theresa orphanage and worked in physical therapy at the Sudha home for the handicapped as well.

During her first year at Aquinas, Fernando has volunteered at the M.J. Clock Memorial home; assisted in organizing the PRIDE clean-up; and attended the Campus Outreach Opportunity League conference in New Orleans. Fernando is a sociology major and hopes to return to Sri Lanka after obtaining her degree to work as a social scientist.

Next year, Fernando “would like to see more participation than there is now...I’d really like to get more commuters as well as faculty involved,” Fernando said.
Seniors: What do you think?
What do you see as the biggest advantage or disadvantage of attending Aquinas?

A Tribute to Graduating Seniors

"As a senior, I can now see the advantage of a liberal arts education. When I was a freshman, I had no clue what that meant. The biggest advantage of Aquinas is the people—especially the student development staff, they inspired me a great deal." —Laurie A. Geddes

"In my short time that I attended Aquinas College (two years), I learned that it is okay to dream as the poets have inspired me...I must say, in a whole, my experience at Aquinas College has been a positive one as I appreciated the small community and the guidance and attention I received from my professors. Further, the experience could perhaps have been enhanced with more attention placed on international students as myself, as I come from a totally different culture." —Kathy Magras

"(I have learned) that true education has little to do with simply fulfilling requirements for a degree...that it is the responsibility of each individual to maximize the educational potential offered here at Aquinas...I recognize the importance of a broad-based, liberal arts education in developing my truest self." —Tracy Lee Taylor

"The most important thing is maintaining an open mind to all aspects of life and peoples of all cultures and backgrounds...Educationally, I feel it's imperative that courses be offered to instruct students on as many various cultures as possible including languages where demand lies.

One advantage is certainly the presence of the liberal arts education. One disadvantage is the lack of courses pertaining to cultures other than American. We have a few languages but that's the extent." —Joan Gibson

"I learned that I am a special person with many talents and I can share those talents with others. I also learned that no one can take away from me the knowledge and education that I received as a student here at Aquinas...I have built some strong friendships that I hope will continue throughout my lifetime." —Paula J. Billman

"I learned to believe in myself and my abilities as a person to succeed and develop. Aquinas offers a good broad view of world differences, but it seemed rather idealistic and structured when it comes to expressing those different views." —Alexa Findler
The time is ripe for Aquinas to make a greater commitment to service and volunteer management. If we are truly committed to our mission, the idea that service and learning are not concepts exclusive of each other should become most clear through its fiscal choices.

I have heard over the past two years that Aquinas prides itself in the level of volunteer service being done by its students, and with good reason. To step back and attempt to gain a perspective on how giving the student body is amazing.

Choices. As I write this final article, I am filled with bittersweet feelings. I am excited to turn the CAVA responsibilities over to freshman Marissa Fernando who will fill the office with her enthusiasm and commitment to volunteer service.

Paul Antor, SAC Coordinator

As the school year comes to a close so does the activity of the CAVA office. With the passing of Project PRIDE, Bike to Build II, Cans for CAVA, and the Juvenile Outreach Ministry the schedule of events for the CAVA office is now complete.

Nearly 40 volunteers turned out to be a part of Project PRIDE, the Aquinas clean-up of downtown Grand Rapids on Saturday, April 13. The volunteers worked from 9:30am to 12:00pm cleaning up broken glass, wine bottles, and other trash. The PRIDE committee and volunteers are pleased with the turn out and the good they accomplished. “My only intention when I went downtown was to take pictures. I helped to begin the clean up and realized how lucky I am, and how we should be doing something for the community,” said sophomore Carolyn Budde. Bike to Build II was held Saturday, April 20 and an estimated 15,000 dollars was raised by Aquinas, Calvin, and Hope College students all proceeds will benefit Habitat for Humanity. This project was co-sponsored by CAVA and the Senate office. Thanks to all who rode, gave pledges, and helped to plan this special event.

Project PRIDE and Bike to Build II mark the end of CAVA’s planned volunteer activities for the 1990-91 academic year. The two on-going CAVA events, Cans for CAVA and the Juvenile Outreach Program had a winding down also.

To date the money generated by Cans For CAVA totals $586.10. This money will be donated to such organizations as My Sister’s House, Preservation of a rain forest, and Camp Catch a Rainbow. A heartfelt thank you goes to Jennifer Churchill, Sandy Cook, Shay Jaquays, Harold Lee, and Donni Schlickin. These five people routinely collected the sticky, smelly cans and turned them in for profits. Their commitment to this work is to be commended!

The second semester of the Juvenile Outreach Program had a much lower volunteer involvement than expected according to coordinator Chris Strand. She reports that the volunteers who do go regularly enjoy the time they share with the juveniles. This program will end May 7, don’t miss your opportunity to be involved in it next year.

All CAVA volunteers will be receiving invitations to a Volunteer Appreciation Party to be held on May 3, at 6:00 p.m. in the snack bar. Door prizes will be given away and food will be provided. If we inadvertently missed you, please contact us at extension 4109 to reserve your space.

As I write this final article, I am filled with bittersweet feelings. I am excited to turn the CAVA responsibilities over to freshman Marissa Fernando who will fill the office with her enthusiasm and commitment to volunteer service. Congratulations Marissa, and Best wishes to you!

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Alum thanks community for prayers, daughter safe at home

Joan and her husband Leo Rathbun were on an emotional roller coaster for over five weeks. Their only child Melissa Colman (Rathbun-Neal) then was listed as MIA. This was verified by the military. However there were reports that some Iraqi POW's had seen Melissa and her partner in various parts of Iraq, and that they were being held as POW's. The Pentagon would never confirm this. From the first report to the last the Rathbuns were being solicited by the media. Melissa, as POW's. The Pentagon reports that some Iraqi POW's was "Was she tough enough to survive this ordeal?"

On March 4th, Joan and her husband were awakened by the telephone. They were asked (by someone at the Grand Rapids Press) to turn their TV to the CNN station. When the picture came on they saw their daughter and jumped for joy. She was alive...

The rest of the day...the phones shrilled and reporters called to try and get more information. The Rathbuns politely told the, "We cannot talk now because we are waiting for Melissa to call home." The awaited phone call finally came a little after 10:00 p.m.

On March 5th I talked to Joan Rathbun, an Aquinas alumni. She said, "I saw my daughter's eyes when the TV was picked up and turned on. I knew she was alive...

"Why me? I am not a hero...The real heroes are the soldiers who fought in the war."

-Melissa Colman

Great Issues Occult forum misleads students

I attended the forum sponsored by Great Issues concerning the occult. There were about fifty students present. Representing the occult were a tarot card reader, a numerologist, and a massage therapist (alternative healer). A Catholic priest was also on hand, representing Christianity. The three practitioners of the occult claimed that they could guide and help people, and even reveal their destinies to them. A1 of them could guide and help people, and even reveal their occult claimed that they could guide and help people, and even reveal their past lives.

Another observation worth considering was that many of the students kept stressing the importance of keeping an open mind. These were the same students who snickered and giggled when a Christian at the forum stood up and expressed his personal views on the occult scene. So I guess what they really meant was that their minds were open, but only to certain ideas. Isn't a "selectively open mind" a contradiction in terms? Even heard one of these "open-minded" students say, in reference to the Christian, "that guy is my worst enemy."

Are you still interested in the occult? I used to be, until I learned about the true nature of it, and here's what I have learned: Satan is a very real entity who works in subtle and misleading ways. It's very easy to fall victim to his tricks if you aren't properly educated and careful. He is capable of providing you with wealth and power on the Earth, and he is more than happy to do it for you. It's his job. One way of channeling the power of Satan is through sorcery and witchcraft. Satan misleads you by starting you out on seemingly innocent practices which quickly escalate into the perverse. I am personal witness to this process. Fortunately, I learned the truth in time. And I pray that you do too.

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. His crucifixion, resurrection from the dead, and ascension into Heaven are...well-documented facts in all of recorded history. Salvation comes only through Christ. Anyone who promises you an easier way into Heaven than serving Jesus is misleading you. It is the only way. Be wise. Trust Jesus. For God's word on the occult, turn to: Dt. 18:9-13, Isaiah 8:19-22, and 47:12-14.

-Michael Leavell

At the risk of leaving someone out, I want to thank the Campus Ministry team, Army Clark-Kaiser, my faithful advisor who not only helped me plan projects but came to them and supported them one hundred percent. Thank you for teaching me the meaning of "befor forgiveness later," and for your encouragement when I felt like throwing it all away. To Paul Antor, for sharing the windowless office, as well as an immense amount of knowledge and selflessness with you. You are a super person and I wish you the best for your future.

To Sr. Catherine, Theresa Horak, and Amy Wieczorek for coming through for me during the times when my commitments became a little too much and I realized that I was not Superwoman. Tomyrommates, Alime and Carolyn, who listened to my frustrations and supported my projects. To Pamela Najar who helped me keep the Aquinas community informed. To Paul Rossi who constantly told me to "lighten up" and helped me understand the red tape. To Brother Ben for his support and encouragement throughout the year. To Chris Strand, my committed juvenile outreach coordinator who did her job very well. And, most importantly, to all of the volunteers for without you my job would have been worthless. Thank you and keep up the good work.

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spots on the road. Recently when I was at the Great Lakes Radio Conference at Central Michigan I met Ken Calvert, a radio talk show host from Detroit, who became an alum of Aquinas in the early Seventies. When he was here at Aquinas there was a radio station. Ken Calvert was our luncheon speaker and the first thing he said was, "I want to go back to Aquinas and thank the professor who warned me! I would not have made it in radio had I not done everything you favor and not make a career out of it. I will also show this professor my money clip that is stuffed with 100's!" Ken says this was the turning point to his career because he was out to prove that instructor wrong. Calvert is now a top "On Air Personality" for a radio station in Southfield, nd a PA Announcer for the Piston Games. Togethern Ken used his own discretion and self-confidence to decide what was best for him.

I will be graduating from Aquinas in May and I know I will start to miss school in the fall. When I come back to visit I hope to see a coffee machine in the downtown snack room, a swimming pool at the gymnasium, the bookstore open nights, and maybe even a radio station and/or a theater. To help with these goals maybe I will become involved in Alumni Fund Raising.

So CONGRATULATIONS goes out to all the graduating seniors! YOU DID IT!
Reduce the stress of finals - LAUGH a little

With only ten days of school left and finals looming over our heads, it seems like everything is coming crashing down all around us. At least it does for me. There just never seems to be enough hours in the day to do what needs to be accomplished. The studying seems endless, the summer job scene is impossible, sleep has become a figment of my imagination and I all really want to do is play outdoors in the sunshine.

When I walk to class it becomes obvious that I am not the only one suffering from the burn-out epidemic. The happy, healthy faces of old have been replaced with many dark, expressionless ones with downcast eyes. Then I wonder, is there a cure for this heartache called stress? Then I remembered a secret that a very good friend of mine shared with me. She said, "no matter how stressed you are, always make yourself laugh." She told me that if I really wanted to do well, I had to force myself to think of something that would make me laugh out loud before every test I took. Well, it works like this, pick a favorite song, and every word you sing, add a "TH" to the front of it. For example "Singin' in the Rain" would be "THinging thin the Thrain" and so forth. Sure it sounds ridiculous, but just try it. It'll be hummy and ballerina for no time. Thinging is especially fun in the car with your windows rolled down. When you master Thinging, you can promote yourself to Shinging and Minging and Linging.

Another sure fire plan is to tell stories about your childhood. Better yet, try re-inacting some of your childish fun. Let your kid in you come out from its hiding spot. Have you ever stopped to wonder why kids don't suffer from the same kind of pressure we do? It's because they're not afraid of laughing or being laughed at. We could learn so much about the childish silliness that we often pass as "immaturity." Let the kid in you come out from its hiding spot and stress will soon vanish as you fall to the floor, rolling with laughter. The last way, is perhaps the easiest way of all. It the reverse psychology technique. Sit yourself down in the middle of your most laughest of friends. Don't tell them what you are doing, just sit and try to maintain a straight face for as long as humanly possible. (My personal record is a grand eleven seconds)

There are billions of other ways to get you snickery snickering, chuckling, giggling and gawfawing. It doesn't matter how you do it, just LAUGH! When things get rough - they always will - remember this: You just gotta' laugh! (Hee! Hee!)

We now recognize that there was a purpose in being taken (out of Africa) ...so we would be strengthened. We have...power, knowledge and buying power...We are ready to go back to Africa and make a difference..."

-Crystal Smith

PEACE CORPS WORLD WIDE PUZZLE

The sharp pointed claws of the American Eagle Ripped into the soul of Mother Africa - Scarring her wings. The chains shackled her legs so that she could fly no more. But her children have come back, Bearing their Mother's scars, Stronger and free - Soaring as birds to fly forevermore.

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A nation on the Atlantic coast of northwest Africa which is mostly desert.

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3. First European nation to explore this country.
4. Ore from which steel is made.
5. A nation in the Northeastern, Western, Southern, and Mid-Western states of the U.S. which is mostly desert.

INSTRUCTIONS: The U.S. Peace Corp. has volunteers serving in more than 70 nations around the world. By solving this puzzle, you will learn about one of these countries. Solve the four numbered puzzle words and then unscramble the letters in the squares to produce the name of the country darkened on the map at the right.

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Jennings, Ryan complete 48 years of faithful service

Elizabeth Jennings, associate professor of English, will be retiring at the end of this academic year. Jennings joined the English department staff 26 years ago and has celebrated her entire teaching career at Aquinas. Jennings plans on spending her new free time traveling to northern Michigan to go sailing during the summer, then hopes to visit friends in Boston, Texas, and possibly Ireland. She plans on returning to Aquinas on a part-time teaching basis after a year, “if the department needs me,” she said. Looking back at her 26 years of service to Aquinas, Jennings said, “this is a very special place. There are good traditions here that reflect what’s going on this world.”

Sister Marie Joseph Ryan, O.P., Associate Professor of History, commented on her experience in education, “you really start getting an education when you start teaching. You find you’ve really only scratched the surface up until then...” Ryan will be retiring at the end of this academic year. Aquinas, said Ryan, is “a place where you find good people to work with and great companions.” Ryan feels that working in the Freshmen Humanities program has been the climax of her teaching experience, “after 26 years, opening up to other things is a good experience.” Ryan has already begun researching the history of the Dominicans in the United States. This project will take up the majority of her efforts in the months to come. Aquinas has benfitted from Ryan’s 22 years of service.

President R. Paul Nelson commends Sr. Marie Joseph Ryan for long years of service

Girzone, author of Joshua and the Children coming to Calvin

Fr. Joseph Girzone will be speaking at the Calvin College auditorium, July 13 at 7:30 p.m. The cost will be $3.00 per person with all proceeds going to help the ministry of Catholic Engaged Encounter.

Tickets will be available about June 1 from the Calvin College ticket office at: 957-6282. Advance ticket requests can be made by making a check made out to: Catholic Engaged Encounter 8445 Je-ne-be Dr. NE Rockford, MI 49341 for the correct amount.

Only 800 tickets will be available to the general public.
The Toledo Museum of Art announces a call to past and present area artists to enter the Toledo Area Artists 73rd Annual Exhibition on Friday and Saturday, May 10 and 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Museum's service entrance on Grove Place.

Co-sponsored by the Toledo Federation of art Societies, Inc., and the Museum, this juried exhibition offers over $6,000 in prizes and awards. Artists are encouraged to submit their work for consideration in this, the area's most important art competition. Artists and craftsmen may submit up to three entries in any medium employed in a traditional art form, namely: painting, drawing, print, photograph, sculpture, mosaic, ceramic, glass, jewelry, textile, metalwork, enamel, and woodwork. This year video entries will be accepted for inclusion in the exhibition.

The selection of the Toledo Area Artists exhibition is made by a jury of eminent artists and museum professionals. Included in the jury for the exhibition is Aaronel Gruber, a sculptor living in Pittsburgh whose work in steel and plastic has been exhibited and collected around the world; Barbara Tannenbaum, curator at the Akron Art Museum, who organized SEE TV, a video-exhibition, and Ohio Perspectives: New Work in Clay, Glass, Textiles and Metals; and Richard Treaster, a watercolor painter from Lakewood, Ohio, whose work has been included in group exhibitions shown at The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, the Cleveland Art Institute, and the American Embassy in Vienna.

Artists participating in the exhibition are invited to meet and talk with the jurors at a dinner on Friday, May 17 at the Radisson Hotel. To make reservations, call (419) 255-8000, extension 232.

For further information, contact Barbara H. Van Vleet, public Information Officer; or Steven Frushour, associate coordinator of Exhibitions. (419) 255-8000.

**Calvin art majors display work**

The Calvin College Center Art Gallery invites the community to view the annual Senior Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibition scheduled from Saturday, May 11 through Saturday, May 25, 1991. The exhibition is designed to honor the graduates and reflect the general art and craftsman may submit up to three entries in any medium employed in a traditional art form, namely: painting, drawing, print, photograph, sculpture, mosaic, ceramic, glass, jewelry, textile, metalwork, enamel, and woodwork. This year video entries will be accepted for inclusion in the exhibition.

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**Marsh, Veenstra hold senior art shows**

Seniors, Rebecca Marsh and Kristine Veenstra are being featured in Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibitions being held during the month of May. Marsh's show, with open with a reception on Friday, May 3, 1991 from 7-9 p.m. and will last until May 11, 1991. One of the works displayed is a self portrait (left). Veenstra's opening reception was held on Sunday, April 21, 1991 and will be displayed in the upper level of the Art and Music Center until May 1, 1991.
At the Grand Rapids Civic Theater:

“How To Eat Like a Child” opens May 4

“How To Eat Like a Child”, a musical by Delia Ephron, John Forster and Judith Kahan, will open May 4 at Grand Rapids Civic Theatre's Children's Theatre and run through May 12. This is the first time the Children’s Theatre has offered 12 performances; usually there are only six and they have been sold out houses.

The play, for which the full title is “How To Eat Like a Child and Other Lessons on Not Being a Grown-Up”, is a musical with music and lyrics by John Forster. A hilarious romp through the joys and sorrows of being a child. This fast-paced musical revue has razzle-dazzle and is sure to please children of all ages. Directed by Jeralyn Pinsky, the play has a cast of nineteen youngsters, ages 10 an up. Base on the book by Delia Ephron, it was adapted into television special of the same name starring Dick Van Dyke in 1981. It was then adapted for the stage as a musical revue performed by children. The first production was in New York City in 1984.

Summer theater arts day camp being of fered

The Grand Rapids Civic Theatre again will be offering a Theatre Arts Day Camp this summer for students from the ages of 8 to 14.

The day camp classes will be offered Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. during three sessions—June 24-28, July 8-12 and July 15-19 at the theatre. Tuition is $105 and includes a camp T-shirt. A new line-up of classes will include experiencing theater through acting, mask-making and clowning and special classes in costume and music with synthesizers and combat stunts.

Instructors will be Jim Sommerfeldt, Jill Hamilton, Jim Perry, Sharon Juarez, Wright McCargar and Dave and Kateri Johnson. Program director is Mary Kioski Cron.

Participants will prepare an “all star production” which they will present for family and friends on the closing afternoon. Jeralyn Pinsky, Civic Theatre’s Associate Director, says the day camp was started two years ago as an outgrowth of the theater’s popular acting school. “The day camp was so popular we added a session last year and this year we have added another,” she says.

The registration deadline is May 17. Enrollments are limited and are accepted in the order received.

For more information, call the Business Office, 456-9301.

Peter Pan starring Cathy Rigby flies into Grand Rapids' Devos Hall May 21-26

GRAND RAPIDS, MI: Peter Pan, the perennial boy who won't grow up, will soar into Grand Rapids when the 35th Anniversary production of the ageless musical masterpiece begins its eight performance engagement at DeVos Hall May 21 through 26.

Students with proper identification can purchase tickets for $10 day of the show for any performance of Peter Pan at the TicketMaster box office in the Grand Center/DeVos Hall.

Sponsored locally by Old Kent Bank, this lavish new Peter Pan, based on Sir James M. Barrie’s 1904 novel, stars the singer/actress and Olympic Gold Medal gymnast Cathy Rigby in the title role. Rigby first played Peter Pan in a 1987 Los Angeles revival that broke box office records at the Long Beach Civic Light Opera.

Broadway veteran Stephan Hanan plays Captain Hook. Mr. Hanan was nominated for a Tony Award for his performance as Asparagus/Growlithe in the original Broadway production of Cats and played opposite Linda Ronstadt in the Broadway revival that broke box office records at the Long Beach Civic Light Opera.

Scenery is by Michael Hotopp and Paul de Pass, costumes by Mariann Verheyen, lighting by Natasha Katz, and sound by Peter J. Fitzgerald. The Flying is done by Foy. Peter and Garry Foy have flown Peter Pans beginning with the legendary Maude Adams, Jean Arthur, Mary Martin, and Sandy Duncan for a total of 97 productions.

Performances are May 21 through 26, Tuesday through Saturday 7:30 p.m., matinees on Thursday and Saturday 2 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.

Tickets are: for orchestra, mezzanine, dress circle and box—Tuesday through Thursday, 8 p.m. and Sunday, 3 p.m., $32.50; $35 for Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; and $30 for Thursday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Balcony tickets range from $10 to $30. Tickets are available at the Grand Center Box Office, select Believe In Music stores, Vinyl Solutions, Hudson’s Ticket Outlets. To charge tickets call TicketMaster at 456-3333.

Queensryche to perform at Wings Stadium, Kalamazoo

Wings Stadium Welcomes Queensryche with special guest Suicidal Tendencies, Friday, May 31, 1991 8 p.m., doors open 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $19.50 advance, $21.00 day of show. Sales start Saturday, May 4, 10 a.m. at Wings Box Office and All TicketMaster Outlets. Tickets may be charged by phone at (616) 963-8080.
The Pistons: where are they now?

By John Reilly
TIMES Staff Writer

The Detroit Pistons have become the enigma of the 1990-1991 National Basketball Association season. The two-time defending NBA Champions hit the brakes on their "Threepee" season and left behind the best part of their game: defense. With 50 wins and 32 losses, the Pistons have found out what it is like to lose and lose badly. They have played mediocre basketball at best, finishing second in the Central Division of the Eastern Conference.

But why has this turnaround been so sudden? Have they played so poorly because they lost Isiah Thomas for 31 games? Are they too old? Out of shape? Have they burned out? It seems that the lack of Detroit's success has come from a combination of all the above factors.

Certainly the loss of the team captain and offensive spark-plug had a deflating effect. Neither analysts nor fans realized how much the lack of Thomas' presence would effect the team, especially with the way the team played their first few games without him. Detroit hit a short winning-streak, but was caused by a stepped-up defense. The wins were short lived though. Defense became a facet of their game that at best was considered inconsistent. Not even the defensive guru Joe Dumars could pick up the intensity, especially with his having to shoulder the responsibilities of both point and scoring guard, James "Buddha" Edwards' game was defunct.

Coming off the best season of his career, the old center has lost his touch. Bill Laimbeer couldn't hit his notorious outside jumper (if indeed he actually does jump).

The biggest disappointment was in the performance of Vinnie Johnson. The "Microwave" was stone cold. Johnson, who hit the buzzer-beating basket to win it all and beat the Portland Trailblazers in game five of last year's championship finals, hasn't found the rhythm all year. The only Piston who has found the offensive rhythm is Mark Aguirre. William Bedford started to play well on offense but he can't play defense. With a price tag of $1 million a year, Bedford needs to do more than play 10 minutes of average play a game.

Let's face it. The Pistons are getting old. There is no question that Edwards, Johnson, Laimbeer, Aguirre, and even Thomas are in the twilight of their careers, but that isn't an excuse. All of them can still run the floor. Maybe not as fast as "The Worm" Dennis Rodman, but the talent is still there.

With the return of Thomas, Detroit has had the fires of competition rekindled with an intensity not seen in months. The defense has been turned up a notch, and with Thomas' passing the inside game is opening up. The high-low play with Laimbeer hitting the outside jumper is again starting to click. And Rodman? He is still on the floor night after night giving 110 percent. Even if he is only at 50 percent, Thomas has brought back a spirit and intensity that has long been missing on the Detroit bench. I don't know what it is that he has, but it is very special and it is claimed by a proud few in the NBA. Piston fans only hope he brought it back soon enough, for the play-offs are upon us and the competition in New York, Chicago, and Boston isn't what it was last year. Detroit really needs to pick up the pace if they want to get very far in the play-offs, much less win a record third straight championship.

Baseball season ending on high pitch with record-breaking players

By John Reilly
TIMES Staff Writer

The Aquinas College Men's baseball team has finished their 1991 season in second place in NAIA District 23, and head into the play-offs Thursday May 2, with their sights set on the district championship for the second year in a row. Last year the Saints defeated top seeded Siena Heights to win the 1990 district championship, and will likely face them again as Siena Heights enters the post-season tournament seeded first.

"We've been playing some pretty good softball up until last week," said head coach Mary Takas, referring to the week for April 15-23. The Saints had some big wins against NAIA eighth-ranked IU-Indianapolis, 20th ranked St. Xavier, and 22nd ranked National-Louis, but took two losses at the hands of Madonna College and Northwood Institute. "We just couldn't seem to get away from the errors. Errors killed us." "You have to remember that on any given day, anyone might be beaten in softball." Even with the errors, the Aquinas team has played well. They broke the single season record for wins when they beat Grand Valley State University Thursday, April 18th, 1-0. Before the record 23rd win, the Saints had 20 wins first in 1987 and then again in 1990.

Leading the Aquinas Saints are junior Kerr Meinhardt, who lead the team in batting with an average of .370. Close behind is sophomore Christy Jaklinski and freshman Jennifer Kotwicki, batting .337 and .327 respectively. "They have really been hitting it, said Takas. "We've been fortunate to consistently have someone batting for us. It's not the same person every time. Someone steps forward." "Christy has been playing really well," Tak continued. "She's caught all but two games. It tough catching double-headers every day." Leading the team on the pitchers mound is sophomore Jodi Borowicz. The right-hander from Cheboygan is 19-6 with an ERA of 1.20. Both Borowicz and freshman Jennifer Wojt have shared time on the mound, but Borowicz has received most of the work. Wojt's record is 3-4 with an ERA of 4.44.

The District 23 post-season tournament is a double elimination competition that will see the first seeded team face the fourth seed, and the second seed play the third seed. The tourney will begin Thursday May 2, and will be completed Saturday May 4. The winner of the district tournament will move on to the bi-district tournament, and the winner of the bi-distric competition will be one of the 24 teams participating in the NAIA National tournament.
Borowicz given national pitching honors

(Sports Dept.) Jodi Borowicz, a sophomore right-handed pitcher for the Aquinas Women's softball team from Cheboygan, Michigan, was named NAIA National Pitcher-of-the-Week for the second consecutive week, for the weeks ending April 14 and 21. Borowicz went 3-0 during the first week, pitching 16 shutout innings with a 0.00 Earned Run Average, facing the likes of Grand Rapids Baptist and Alma College. She allowed only nine hits and one walk, while striking out 19 batters.

Her second week was just as successful as she was 7-1 with two saves and a 1.24 ERA. She allowed 41 hits and seven walks in 51 innings, while striking out 23 batters.

"The award shows me that I can be a better player," said Borowicz. "And it shows that we have the opportunity to be a good team. Winning the award makes me want to play even better," she added.

"She's doing a good job," said Head Coach Mary Takas. "She's pitching more than she did last year. She needs to keep improving and to stay healthy, so she can peak at tournament time."

The honor of National Pitcher-of-the-Week is done through the same process as are district honors. The district information director sends the District Pitcher-of-the-Week winners' names along with the relevant statistics to the national NAIA office, where a committee will choose the national winner.

The 1991 season is the second year in a row that Borowicz has received national honors.

Pitching excellence recognized in Sullivan

(Sports Dept.) Tim Sullivan, a senior left-handed pitcher from Flint Powers High School, was named NAIA District 23 Pitcher-of-the-Week for the week ending April 14, 1991. During the game Saturday, April 13, against Spring Arbor (1990 district champions), Sullivan struck out seven batters, permitted seven hits, and allowed one walk in the 2-1 Aquinas victory.

"It's a nice accomplishment. I'm happy to receive it hopefully, I can build on this and keep improving every time I go out there (on the mound)," Sullivan said.

"He's having an excellent year for us," said seven-year pitching coach Doug Greenslate. "He's not an overpowering pitcher. He's got three good pitches: curveball, change-up, and fastball. If you want somebody for finesse and control, there's nobody better. He's one of the top players in the state."

Sullivan said, "really, I've got to give most of the credit to my teammates because this year I've gotten a lot of run support from them and...at critical times."

The Pitcher and Player-of-the-Week honors are awarded to players who have an outstanding performance consistently throughout a particular week.

Murray is Pitcher-of-the-Week, April 15-21

(Sports Dept.) Rob Murray, a senior right-handed pitcher for Aquinas College, was named NAIA District 23 Pitcher-of-the-Week ending April 21. Murray, a native of Grand Rapids was 2-0 last week with a 2.08 earned run average and pitched four innings of an Aquinas no-hitter. Murray pitched a nine-inning, complete game victory in the Saints' 4-3 win over Northwood, and pitched four perfect innings as Aquinas no-hit Grand Rapids Baptist 8-1. He allowed six hits, walked one, and struck out 10 in 13 innings.

Academic All-District award goes to Myers

(Sports Dept.) Jason Myers, a senior forward for the Aquinas College Men's Basketball team, has been named to the Academic All-District Team for the second year in a row. The honor was the final piece to a fine season for the Saugatuck native. Myers was one of only three members of the Saints' team to be nominated to the Academic All-District team, and one of only ten members named in District 23.

Myers, a Pre-Med major, finished out the year averaging 4.07 points per game.

Critchlow named academic all-district

(Sports Dept.) Tim Critchlow, a 6'2 senior guard from Bellevue, was one of three Aquinas College Men's Basketball players to be named to the Academic All-District team, of which there were only ten members named in District 23. Critchlow, a Business Administration major, finished out the year with .708 free throw percentage and averaging 3.10 points per game.

Critchlow acted as a tri-captain and emotional leader for the Saints, and his leadership will be missed in the court next season.

Morris honored with academic all-district

(Sports Dept.) John Morris, a 6'4 senior forward for the Aquinas College Men's Basketball team, has been named to the Academic All-District Team. The honor was the final piece to a fine year for the Ithaca native. Morris was one of only three members of the Saints' team to be nominated to the Academic All-District team, and one of only ten members named in District 23.

Morris, a Chemistry major, finished out the year with a .706 free throw shooting percentage and averaging 2.59 points per game.

Saliers named to NAIA all-district team

(Sports Dept.) Tim Saliers, a junior forward for the Aquinas College Men's Basketball team, has been named to the All-District 23 Men's Basketball team. Saliers, a native of Wyoming, led the NAIA District 23 in rebounding with 8.17 rebounds per game.

Saliers was one of two members of the Saints' team to be nominated to the All-District team and one of only 12 named in District 23.

This season was memorable one for Saliers. He scored 511 points, making 48 three point goals, averaging 17.62 points per game. He also led the team with three point shooting percentage with .453, free throw shooting percentage with .770, and steals with 45 for the year. He tied for second in assists with 76 for the year.

With his determination and hard work, he has the potential to be one of the best players in the District next year.

Academic All-District award

(Sports Dept.) Charlie Thompson, a senior guard for the Aquinas College Men's Basketball team, has been named to the All-District 23 Men's Basketball team. Thompson helped the Saints to a second place finish in the District by averaging 11.34 points per game, 3.76 rebounds per game, 3.31 assists per game and adding 43 steals for the year.

Academic All-District list

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Women's Soccer: a possibility at Aquinas

By John Reilly
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Plans for the addition of a women's soccer team at Aquinas College are coming to fruition. Last November 9, 1990, the Athletic Committee of the Academic Assembly made the recommendation to the assembly to add the women's sport to the Aquinas repertoire of athletic organizations and the recommendation was approved. The final paperwork needed before any person could be hired or recruited for the team is dependent upon the approval of the budget by the Cabinet of the College, made up by Paul Nelson, president; Dr. Don Chliffer, academic vice president and Dean of Faculty; Mike Keller, vice president for enrollment management; Mike Braughton, vice president business and finance; Dr. Frank Bruno, vice president for college advancement; Sr. Aquinas Weber, chancellor/director Emeritus College; and Barry Kantz, vice president of operations. The budget decision will be made early this month.

Although the soccer program will not be prepared for athletic competition for the 1991 fall season, the year will be spent hiring a head coach and coaching staff. The rest of the year will be spent with the new coaching staff going out to high schools and marketing the program to prospective recruits.

The inception of the new program has come through two channels of the college: student interest and the degree of difficulty in the start-up of a women's soccer program. The student interest came mainly from high school students who were interested in attending Aquinas. "There were several students who specifically asked about soccer," said Brad Winkler, the Dean for Student Development.

Because there was direct student interest, and thus the potential to draw students to Aquinas, the Athletic Committee looked seriously into the possibility of beginning a program. Winkler explained that the major factor in starting the program would be competition and would there be NAIA teams in District 23 who Aquinas could play?

The Athletic Committee found: that there were 11 teams that would be scheduled to play Aquinas immediately, the most notable being teams like Calvin, Hope, Grand Valley State University, Siena Heights, and St. Mary's/Notre Dame. Goshen College of Indiana and Concordia College both said that they planned on initiating a women's soccer program of their own in the next two years.

As the soccer program is virtually ready to begin, only one question remained: where were the actual games to be played? Winkler said that there were three options that Aquinas has to choose from. The first plan calls for the approval of Blodgett Hospital funding the tearing down of Plymouth lot and the current soccer field to build a new 440 car parking lot, while simultaneously paying for the construction of a new regulation-sized field between Regina Hall and the Campus Addition. If all of the necessary permits needed for the construction are approved by the Grand Rapids city government by the end of May 1991, construction of both projects will begin June 1, allowing games for the already existing men's soccer team to be played in October of 1991. The games prior to October will be played at an alternate site.

The second option allows for the permits and necessary paperwork not being finished by May of 1991, delaying construction. If the second option is chosen, renovations will be made to the current field (putting grass on the south end and filling the gopher holes), and construction will begin in June of 1992. If plans between Blodgett Hospital and Aquinas College fall through, a third option allows for major renovations to be made to the current field, which would then be used indefinitely.

Women's Tennis undefeated in District

By Jennifer Shaw
Contributing Writer

The 1991 Women's Tennis Team is finishing up their season without losing a district match. This is the second season in a row they have been undefeated in the district.

The women have beaten the defending District tournament champions, Northwood Institute, twice by a score of 7-2. Siena Heights has challenged the women but Aquinas prevailed - even with having forfeited two matches.

The hard-working team is filled with determination and the goal of reaching the national competition. Third year Coach Julie Colvin sees a great improvement in the entire team since practices first began in January. "Working around everyone's schedules and corresponding them with field house availability has been difficult, but the team is more than willing to be flexible and practice on their spare time," says Colvin.

The team consists of Senior Co-Captain Tricia Frey at #1 singles and #2 doubles, Sophomore Co-Captain Jennifer Shaw at #3 singles and #1 doubles, Sophomore Jimena Tobon at #2 singles and #1 doubles, Senior Martha Kesenich at #4 singles and #2 doubles, Junior Holly Peterman at #5 singles and #3 doubles, and Sophomore Holly Beers at #6 singles and #3 doubles. The women area tough team to beat with those six solid players. Sophomore Manager Mary Jo Mangutz sums up the team's goal, "Look out Dorothy, we're coming to Kansas" — Kansas is where the Nationals are held. 

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