Success In Spite of Adversity

By John Reilly

Patti Tibaldi, Head Coach of the Aquinas College Women’s Varsity basketball team, won the NAIA District Coach-of-the-Year award, and led her team to a 22-12 (12-0 in the district) record and the sweet sixteen of the NAIA National Tournament, after returning from a one-year leave of absence.

“She deserves it,” said Assistant Coach Mary Takas. “When we went undefeated in the district, and as hard as she works, not just on the basketball court, it’s personality-wise. Watching them [the players] get through all their classes. All the little things. Patti does a lot.”

“It’s nice to be honored by your peers,” said Tibaldi. “I would have rather won the last game than the award, though.

“It’s a credit to your kids too, because you’re recognized when your team achieves something, and that’s what we did.”

The year was up and down for the team. Originally expected to be a powerhouse and dominate District 23, things started to fall apart due to injuries. But even in the face of impending disaster, the team came together and overcame the adversity. “Considering that we lost five players to injury, three of which were very high impact players, [the year went] surprisingly well. We were three and eight and we played a tough schedule. You just can’t sustain that many injuries without cost...we struggled.

“But I think we overachieved” Tibaldi continued. “Really overachieved by winning 22 games, and we should have been to the final eight, so I was really pleased with what we did. We won a lot of good games, and the ones we lost, we were right in there.”

After the initial nine games of the season when most of the injuries were sustained, the team began to find a rhythm and develop some consistency. Entering into District 23 competition, the team began to dominate their opponents, with a 16-4 record through the last two months of the season.

“The district was maybe a little weaker without Northwood in it, (Northwood Institute became an NAIA Division I team this year, and was not in Aquinas’ district anymore), but I believe the girls didn’t take any game for granted,” said Takas. “Our goal was to make sure we were number one, and then we went into districts saying we’re not going to stop here.”

The district play-offs were also dominated by the Lady Saints. Having to beat a team three times in one season is a difficult task, but the women’s team did so handily. The semi-final against Spring Arbor turned into a rout, with a final score of 71-36. Spring Arbor did not have their leading scorer for the game, but even with that player, Aquinas had dominated them two weeks prior, 75-42.

The District Championship game was also a show of domination, against Concordia, the final score was 75-43. “We played tight in the first half,” said Tibaldi. “And we dominated the second half, especially on the boards.” The first game of the NAIA Division II National Tournament was played against Bloomfield, New Jersey. The Saints clearly disposed of their opponents, 63-48, holding the leading scorer in the nation (who averaged 27 points a game) to only eight points.

The second contest was against Indiana Tech, and the outcome was disappointing. The first half was sloppy as the Saints gave up 17 turnovers to Indiana, came thundering back in a nearly perfect second half, but came up short as the Saints lost the game 64-65 in a chaotic finish. “They say that you have to be good, and you have to be lucky,” said Tibaldi. “We were good, and we weren’t lucky.”

“There’s only twice I can think of see womens basketball

Patti Tibaldi
Coach of the Year

AVP
Appointed

by Mary Lowrey

After much deliberation and a lengthy search, a new Academic Vice-President and Dean of Faculty has been named.

The successor to Dr. Donald Chaffee, former AVP, is Dr. Gary Konow, Professor of Communication Arts. President Paul Nelson made the choice based on a list of three recommendations prepared by the Search Committee. The other two finalists recommended for the position were: Ms. Char Griffin, Associate Professor of Computer Information Systems and Dr. John Romero, Associate Academic Vice-President and Dean of Academic Programs and Services.
I have a friend who was "date" raped. She'd been seeing the guy for several months and knew him some time before that. Though they had sex before, she wasn't up to it that night.

They'd gone out to dinner at an expensive restaurant and, later, went to a local dance-club, where they had a few drinks. When he dropped her off at her place, she invited him in for a nightcap and, as they were on the couch talking, they began making out. Things got a little heavy, too heavy for her. She backed off, asked him what was wrong as later, when we bumped into each other at the bar and she later came over to my house, she smiled, laughed a little and then said no, not tonight... He slowly became agitated, started to cry... She became afraid, told him to go. He got hold of her hands, told her to settle down, it was going to be all right.

After she finally left, she picked herself up off the living room carpet and went to the bathroom. She wiped the blood off her chin and stepped into the shower. She then had to get a couple of stitches from having bite her lip so hard to keep from crying. I thought she had bumped into a car door, or so she told me at the time. I didn't learn about the truth until weeks later, when we bumped into each other at the bar and she later came over to my place and we began to talk. We talked until the early hours of the morning, yet, after she finally crashed on the couch in my living room, I couldn't go to sleep.

They say most of the time the woman knows the attacker, knows the man who raped her, whether an uncle, next door neighbor, passing acquaintance, a friend of a friend... Someone close.

I tried to be that I had a problem with people singing out "date" rape. Date rape sounds so... Sugar-coated. Now I know better. I'm sure it would have made things easier, in some insignificant way, if the attacker was some stranger who pulled her off the street and into some dark alley. No, in some peculiar way, knowing who the attacker is makes it more horrifying, more penetrating, more devastating. It's been some time now, yet she still thinks back, wondering "What if...? Yeah, it's scary enough to say, "Put it behind me," but it's something else to do it. Though I've never had such a severely traumatic experience as my friend, questions still nag me about things in my own past. I've been able to put behind me, but there are those days when they creep up on you— those nights you wake up and can never go to sleep.

At Witt's End

Pornography is one of the most heard about, and talked about, subjects of late. It seems there are everywhere in the country in which a person or business is being charged with disseminating pornographic materials. To be held? What was the subject of the latest Great Issues forum? You guessed it. At the Student Senate-sponsored event, the audience was introduced to three different perspectives on the issue of pornography. There were three individuals representing an anti-pornography group, an exotic dancer, and the owner of a video store. Each was given a few minutes to state who they were and what their interests were regarding the issue being discussed.

The exotic dancer told us what her act entailed and what legal limits were imposed on her particular business. I thought she was well informed. I also received the impression that she felt strongly and positively about what she was doing—after all it is her life and her choice to dance "exotically."

The video store owner then told his story about being charged with disseminating pornography because his store rents pornographic tapes in addition to the regular selection. Again, I thought the speaker was well informed. I also thought he had been wronged by the charges brought against him. But that is just my opinion.

However, the person that fascinates me the most was from the anti-pornography group. It wasn't his speech that intrigued me, rather the questions that were directed to him. Almost everyone had a question, but almost no one received a straight answer. Any inquiry about what he or his group considered offensive was met with a jumble of statistics and studies that (as far as I could tell) apparently say that anyone who purchases or reads pornography is destined to commit a sex crime.

The only question that seemed to merit a straight answer was one that concerned the motives of his group. In a nutshell, the members of the group put all of their collective energy into closing adult bookstores in the area, and destroying any material they find offensive. I believe their prime directive could be summed up by saying, "...we wish to illuminate people's hearts and minds in order to make them see things our way."

In other words, they want people to stop thinking for themselves and start thinking the way the group believes they should.

I don't think they're wrong in wanting to stamp out pornography. It is their choice to do so. But I become annoyed when someone says that my mind and heart need to be illuminated because I do not follow their beliefs. Where is this supposed to stop? If people do not want us to read or see something they find offensive, are they going to start telling us where to live, where to work, and whom to marry so we do not offend them? Am I paranoid? No. I am just offended. If I remember correctly, the majority of our forefathers came to this country because too many people in their homelands were being persecuted—because they did not wish to be illuminated to a way of thinking they did not follow. We, as Americans, fought and died so a world would exist in which people were free to live and pursue happiness in their own respective way. No one wants a governmental entity or a moral majority to decide what is right for the individual. This basic right to choose is what these people wish to take from us. So, when the question is posed to you, stop and reflect for a moment. Do you want to think for yourself, or do you want someone else to do it for you?
Dear Editor:

This word is just another word that seems to upset the Aquinas Community—Feminism. First of all, one must remember that each individual has their own definition. It does not always stand for a bunch of raging women who hate men and have a burning desire to castrate them and then feed them to their pets. Come on...our whole language was created by males, why must it seem so out of the ordinary for women to create a WORD. Most feminists I am acquainted with just want equality in a united world—not war against men.

The word feminism and what it stands for in each individual’s life can be a threatening barrier between women and men. Many women I consider feminists do not consider themselves so; they are afraid of the word just as much as men—they cringe, snicker, roll their eyes and say, “those damned feminists,” and produce a whole wad of negative energy because they don’t want to wear that label and be subjected to criticism. There are so many more important issues than bashing feminists because of personal beliefs, threatened egos or whatever the dilemma may be. When we as people are separated we pick up the pace of destruction in a world where natural beauty is never permanent, time is money, prejudice prevails, and no one is totally secure with themselves. It seems we’re not paying too much attention to Father Time, and not enough to Mother Earth...

Cheri Eymar

Dear Editor:

“White is White, Black is Black, people are people and that is that.” This is what I told a friend at the beginning of the year when all the commotion about racial issues started. I come from a Polish and German heritage. I enjoy my kielbasa, sauerkraut, and all of the other traditional foods of my ancestors. I consider myself an “American.” Is there a problem with that? I hope not. I enjoy learning about my heritage as well!! Is there a problem with that? I certainly hope not!! I’m sick and tired of people complaining about their ancestral problems. My ancestors were overrun by the Germans, Russians, etc. I am as proud as ever to be from my descent!! No one tries to take that away from me or my family. I’d be pretty upset if someone tried doing so too! No one is putting down the heritage of someone else, and if they do, they’re in the wrong!!

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Jim Penkala

Letters to the Editor

Who do you think deserves the position?
Who do you think will be nominated for President?

Photos by Carolyn Budde

Jvette Giuffre

The candidate that I think deserves the Democratic nomination is Jerry Brown. Unfortunately, I think Bush will win the Presidential election, though.

Kevin Budde

Bush deserves the nomination because he is the best candidate out there for the Republicans. Durenko deserves the nomination for the Democrats because he has the best economic platform.

Michael Burnham

Bill Clinton deserves the nomination because Bush has not been willing to deal with domestic issues and Clinton has shown in Arkansas that he can break down racial barriers, dissipate social problems, while advocating foreign policy at the same time.

Lendell Hoad

I think Bush will get the nomination. From what I hear, though, Buchanan might receive it.

Faustenia Morrow

I think Bush will get the nomination because the American people have not awakened yet. They are still being easily swayed by good looks and the trivial things. They haven’t attained the ability to distinguish issues and political bull. I am still looking for the candidate who deserves the nomination because no one has significantly and honestly shown me that they are for the American people.

Rachel Coty

Jerry Brown deserves the nomination because he is an avid supporter of education, women’s rights, and he advocates more focus on domestic issues. I am convinced that Bush and Clinton will receive the nominations, but unfortunately, they are the candidates who least deserve it.
Opinion

Brown Offers Something New: Democracy

By Jennifer Churchill

I read somewhere that there isn't a presidential candidate for anyone to get excited about this year. I read that none of the candidates are offering anything new or original in their campaign promises. The candidates are all the same. I haven't heard a single word that has come out of Jerry Brown's mouth. The former California governor is offering America something new and original: a democracy. This is something we haven't had, other than theoretically, in years.

Brown's primary goal is to be elected. His primary goal is to represent the people of this country who can afford to vote and the last time I checked, they weren't charging admission to the voting booths. Brown refuses to accept campaign donations that exceed $100. His campaign is run and supported by people who can only afford to donate $5, $10, $15—and that is us, the people. Tom Selleck, the actor, sent Brown a $1000 donation; Brown mailed $500 of it back. If elected, Brown is not going to owe anybody any political favors. If elected, he's going to make decisions that benefit America and Americans—not the ten businessmen who donated the most money to his campaign.

Michigan's primary is over and Brown did very well. His popularity rose from 8 points to 10 points. The final results in the state are now officially shown down between Tsongas and Clinton here in Michigan: Clinton, 45%; Brown, 30%; Tsongas, 18%. The media has not been giving Brown much coverage until recently, but people finally had the opportunity to hear what he has to say, and they liked it. He seems to become more popular every day. Right after the New Hampshire primary, I was ready to vote for a Democrat I believed had a better chance of defeating Bush even though I favored Brown. So far, though, Brown has won points to 30 points. The final results in the state are now officially shown down between Brown and Clinton here in Michigan: Clinton, 45%; Brown, 30%; Tsongas, 18%.

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I don't have much space left, so I am going to have to cram as much as I can into one paragraph concerning Brown's political positions on the most prevalent issues: he supports term limits on elected officials, an end to corporate campaign donations, equalized spending among school districts, an increase in education scholarships and work-study programs in place of loans, a national health care system much like Canada's, a 13% flat tax on everyone, the creation of a conservation corps for troubled youth, the use of renewable energy sources such as wind and solar power, and a 50% cut in defense spending within a 5 year period. And as everyone wants to know each politician's position on abortion, Brown claims he is fighting for the soul of the Democratic party, I hope he is willing to fight even harder for the soul of democracy itself.

Marc Gunther, in the March 8 issue of the Detroit Free Press, claimed that Brown "hasn't been given a fair shake." I agree. Gunther explained how the presidential campaigns are presented by the media as "horse races" and the reason Brown was not given much attention was due to the fact that "predictions affect the public's vote. Since marijuana is clearly a worthy alternative intensely investigated, such as pulmonary toxicity, stripped soil, use. This is really screwing up the ecological balance that we must maintain if we have any hope of a healthy, civil society. If we allow another environmental disaster to happen for every home, car, and industry using 6% of U.S. land. Corn comes in such a distant second that there is not enough land to grow any other crop for energy farming. Hemp fuels have the advantage of burning without causing acid rain, ozone depletion, or a net increase in atmospheric carbon dioxide. In addition to replacing all petroleum goods, hemp pulp would replace wood pulp for paper production. Half of the deforestation worldwide is caused by our paper use. This is really screwing up the ecological balance that we must maintain if we have any hope of a healthy, civil society. If we allow another environmental disaster to happen every day. Right after the New Hampshire primary, I was ready to vote for a Democrat I believed had a better chance of defeating Bush even though I favored Brown. So far, though, Brown has won points to 30 points. The final results in the state are now officially shown down between Brown and Clinton here in Michigan: Clinton, 45%; Brown, 30%; Tsongas, 18%.

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Womens basketball

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"It was devastating for my seniors," said Tibaldi. "Because we should have been in the final eight...so that was real disappointing, but it’s nice to know that you belong there.

"It was the worst feeling I’ve ever felt in my life," said Woodcox. "I guess it was never meant to be."

Leading the Saints through their season was first team All-American junior center Synanthia Reenders. "She is kind of a quiet player," said Tibaldi. "But obviously she was an impact player, as she had 19 points in the second half of the second game."

Both Coach Tibaldi and Coach Takas give high praise to the seniors, who took the role as leaders. Center Sue Butchart did not receive a great deal of recognition, but led the team in rebounding with 224, and was an "absolutely tremendous" defensive player. Guard Ann Hayward was forced to move to the point guard position because the starting point guard Chris Pendersgast suffered a knee injury. Hayward played half of the year with a broken finger. Heather Woodcox also played with a broken finger, but was the second leading scorer with 405 points. "(The seniors) knew that this was it," said Takas. If they didn’t do it this year, they were never going to do it. That was a big key to a lot of our success this year...They knew what it took to get to nationals, and they made it there."

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Other players who made great improvements were senior forward Shannyn Fasbender and sophomore guard Kim Schneider. "[Fasbender] made big contributions with her rebounding (102), running the floor, and her aggressiveness...[Schneider] played really well in the tournament out there. She had 10 points the first night. As the season went on, she kept getting better and better."

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State RepresentativeAddresses AQ

By Holly Kent

On Monday, February 27, in the Lounit Room, State Representative Ken Sikkena addressed the Aquinas College community and answered questions about state budget concerns. His address entitled, “Promises Made, Promises Kept,” explained that Governor Engler promised he would not raise taxes and kept his word.

The main issues were education and the budget. “He did a great job there but there were a lot of controversial questions asked and he answered them appropriately,” said Aquinas Republican president Brent Garvin.

Sikkena is currently serving his third term as the State Representative in the 94th district and serves on the following committees: Insurance; Education; Conservation, Recreation and Environment; and Social Services and Youth. He holds a Minority Vice-chair position on the Social Services and Youth Committee.

“This is my sixth year and I think this is the most interesting time to be in government,” said Sikkena. As to the issue of voter dissatisfaction, Sikkena says the reason is simply because “We [the politicians] aren’t getting the job done.”

To begin the forum, Sikkena expressed concerns about the disparity involved in the distribution of money marked for education. He also lamented the fact that students do not seem prepared to operate in the “real world” after their educational experience is completed, and progress in bettering education seems slow.

Although Engler chose the option of cutting the budget, which Sikkena supports, education was not cut. There are now bills in the state legislature that are aimed at cutting property taxes and finding a more effective method of distributing money throughout school systems. Sikkena would support a plan in which schools received equal amounts of money from the state, but the different communities would be able to vote for additional millages.

The questions then switched to the cutting and raising of taxes in general, and how that would effect Michigan’s wealth.

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The rest of the questions asked varied between education and the budget. Most addressed the “whys” and “wherefores” of the state budget cuts.

AQ Tutoring Services

By Taryn Carr

“Tutoring in Algebra saved my life. Without it I would have drowned. As it is, I managed to pass by the skin of my teeth,” explains Kathy McNinch, a continuing education student. Like many other students, McNinch relied on the assistance of Student Tutoring Services and it paid off.

Any Aquinas student, regardless of enrollment status, can walk into the Academic Achievement office, room AB 320, and request a tutor. Jane McCloskey, director of Student Tutoring Services, will match the student’s schedule with that of a tutor.

Tutors are Aquinas students who volunteer their time. “Students can earn up to three credit hours or be paid for their services after the second hour,” McCloskey said. Tutors must be recommended by department chairpersons or by faculty in frequently requested disciplines. Once someone accepts tutoring responsibilities, that student usually continues until graduation.

“Once a tutor always a tutor,” states McCloskey.

This year there are 80 tutors but only half are working due to a lack of requests. In the first semester of the ’91-92 school year, McCloskey filled 139 tutor requests, amounting to 370 hours of free tutoring services.

Students can be tutored in almost every class offered at Aquinas College. All introductory courses are heavily supported by a tutoring staff. Subjects in greatest demand for tutoring skills are: accounting, languages, science, and business. “Finding tutors for upper levels is difficult because students who have taken these classes have graduated,” McCloskey said.

Tutors can also assist students in areas that do not directly relate to a class. For instance, tutors can help in writing term papers and study skills. "I also used a tutor for help in writing my first college term paper," McNinch said.

Student Tutoring Services is a unique opportunity for students and tutors. Students can receive help free-of-charge in order to improve academically and tutors can earn academic credit. Reflecting on the invaluable assistance of tutoring services McNinch concluded, “I would not hesitate to use it again.”

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AIDS Infecting Younger Generation

By Sue Kilbourne

In November 1991, six students from Rivercrest High School in rural Bogota, Texas were diagnosed with the Human Immuno-deficiency Virus, HIV. They were infected with the same virus that afflicts basketball star Magic Johnson, but they are a generation younger. According to Donna Spence, the students' AIDS counselor, these students are not homosexuals or drug-users, they are average young adults that engaged in heterosexual activity. Now they face the chance of dying.

The reality of AIDS in the young adult community may be a shock, but it should not be a surprise. Kim Healy, a health educator with Grand Rapids Planned Parenthood, reports, "86% of all males and 75% of all females have intercourse by age 19."

Despite the sexual activity among most young adults, Healy says many still think that "It can't happen to me."

Unfortunately it can. The Kent County Health Department reports that 77% of all AIDS cases are in the 20-39 age bracket. The harsh reality behind this statistic is that HIV takes five to ten years to develop into AIDS. These people then contracted the disease during their teens and twenties.

The myth that this disease strikes only homosexuals and drug users is being shattered as young adults, like those in Texas, contract the virus.

The largest cause of the spread of AIDS, according to Healy, is the fact that only 33% of young adults use a condom during intercourse. AIDS is a virus transmitted through bodily fluids, like semen, and a condom is necessary to protect people from contracting the disease.

Many people claim they would recognize an AIDS-infected person. However, when a person first contracts the disease, in the form of the HIV virus, they appear healthy. HIV-infected people look healthy for five to eleven years after they are first exposed to the virus.

Michelle Johnson, former AIDS educator for the Kent County Health Department, adds another reason for the AIDS spread in Grand Rapids Magazine. "Young adults don't think they're at risk. They hear that having several sex partners is dangerous, but they think: 'I'm only having sex with my boyfriend, so I'm O.K.' But a month later they may have a different boyfriend. It's serial monogamy."

Your sexual partner might have already slept with someone who has AIDS, thus giving you AIDS.

So how do we battle AIDS? Abstinence is the best solution, but most of society views this as unrealistic. Healy states one solution: "Use a condom."

Birth control pills, diaphragms, and spermicides may prevent unwanted pregnancies, but they will not stop tiny microorganisms from invading the body. Only a condom can do both.

Healy says, "We need intense education in a society where young adults admit sex 'just happened.' Teaching sexual education and responsibility is important so the spread of AIDS and sexual ignorance will be limited.

IABC Goes To Chicago

By Jane Finnin

On February 7 the Aquinas College Chapter of International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) went to Chicago. While they were there, the group toured the Chicago Tribune and the Museum of Broadcast Communications.

While at the Tribune, students were able to see first-hand how a quality newspaper is created. Each left with a souvenir newspaper containing headlines that date back to the early 1900's. At the Museum of Broadcast Communications, the students were shown a film about television news and how it affects viewers. And, sitting at the desk of a television news "set," they had the chance to see how they would look as an anchor-person on the nightly news.

This was the first out-of-state trip the organization had planned but it won't be the last. According to Dr. Becky Stewart, faculty advisor to and creator of IABC, "I thought it gave exposure to a big city and brief opportunities of the jobs that are available to them," and gives them a "better understanding of where they want to head towards the future."

To receive a place on the board, IABC members petition or are nominated for a position. To become a member, students pay an $18 membership fee which lasts for one academic year. Current members renew their membership at the beginning of the fall semester, which is also the time new members are recruited.
CAVA
By Marisa Fernando

Last year, around this time, there was this word P.R.I.D.E. flying around the campus. I wondered what it was all about and started asking questions. I was told it was a project during which students go down to Division St. and clean up the blocks down there. And I thought to myself, “Go down Division—Oh, not me. Isn’t that the street I was told to stay away from??!”

“But then again,” I thought, “this is an adventure that I might enjoy.” I offered to help Angie Puelo with the advertising and recruiting for the project. I was still not quite sure what I was getting myself into. Anyway, the day came and I, along with 45 other students, armed with gloves, brooms, garbage bags and boxes made our way down to Division.

What happened was an amazing, eye-opening experience. I witnessed things that I had only heard about. I picked up dozens of needles and broken bottles. I did not really believe that problems such as drugs and alcohol were so prevalent in this area. The sad fact is that the problem does exist and we are trying our best to hide from it. It is time to wake up and face the facts. We have to have pride in Grand Rapids and work to clean it up.

This year, P.R.I.D.E. will be held on the 25th of April. We will leave Aquinas at 9:30 a.m. and be back by 1:30 p.m. We will have lunch at God’s Kitchen. I promise you that it will be an eye-opener to many of us and it will be a rewarding experience, too. So get your groups together and bring them downtown. Let’s take pride in our city.

With the Presidential Election slowly coming our way, and our major party candidates pretty much chosen, we’ve got to start thinking about who we are going to vote for. Yes, that four-letter word: VOTE. But do we really have to vote? If we want change, or want to stop change, does it really make a difference to vote?

I want your opinion. Help the SAC office work for you. Please mail answers to:
Aquinas Social Action Committee
1607 Robinson Rd.
Grand Rapids, MI 49506
Or drop off at Room 104, lower level Wege.

...and not to mention remembering our Mother’s Day celebrations throughout the month, a talk on the Just War Theory by Bishop Thomas Gumbleton, and a War Simulation co-sponsored with the Regina Hall Council.

Please look for fliers and other information around campus. If there are any questions, feel free to call Kathy Klozik in the SAC office at extension 4108. Thank you!


Reenders All American

By John Reilly

Symantha Reenders, a junior who transferred to Aquinas College from Grand Rapids Baptist this year, received the honor of being named NAIA first team All-American, for the 1991-1992 basketball season. The starting center led the Aquinas Saints to a 22-12 record, and a trip to the National Tournament in Oregon.

"I'm real pleased for Sam," said Head Coach Patti Tibaldi. "She really stepped up to another level. The adjustment for her had to be tremendous, going to new coaches, new school, new players, and defensively, I am most pleased. She's a great offensive player. She deserves that award, there's no question in my mind.

"It is also a credit to her teammates because they did get her the ball in position where she could score. I think Sam recognizes that, which is why the whole team is happy for her. She is a very unselfish player."

Reenders finished the year as the leading scorer with 582 points, over 17 per game. She played all 34 games and shot over 58 percent from the floor, made her only three-point attempt, and shot over 63 percent from the free-throw line. She was second on the team with 183 rebounds making 238 (7 per game). Reenders made 38 assists, 32 steals, blocked 18 shots, and fouled out only three times.

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THE KEY

By Mary Lowrey

"The Key," a production written and directed by two Aquinas students, Faustenia Morrow and Rosalind Sample, ran February 28 and March 1 in Kretschmer Auditorium.

"The Key" was an extremely powerful black drama that spanned various time periods and fluctuated between the continents of Africa and North America. In it, the many complex and perplexing issues facing the black community were addressed, along with spiritual aspects of black culture.

The production began with the "Dance of Death," which portrayed the death of a young black woman and the ceremonial dance that occurred in African culture upon her demise. The next scene involved gang members in modern America, battling over their "turf." The diversity and flexibility of "The Key" is well demonstrated by the drastic jump between the first two scenes. Although the time periods were centuries apart, the circumstances they portrayed were very much the same. The intensity of all the scenes was incredible. The heart of the Afro-American community was laid bare. The oppression and suffering the white majority has caused blacks, by exploiting their civilization in Africa and then forcing them into slavery, was driven home with force. A direct correlation was made between the calamities inflicted upon the African-American culture in the past that have continued into the present.

Although slavery no longer exists in a physical form, the point was forcefully made that blacks are still mentally enslaved by discrimination, prejudice, narrow-mindedness, and ignorance.

As a Caucasian viewing this production I was appalled and disgusted by the mental and physical abuse whites have inflicted upon the black community. It is absolutely repugnant that whites subjected blacks to slavery and segregation in the past, and that so much suppression still exists. The scenes encompassing the gang members brought this to reality. The gang members were youthful Afro-Americans thrown into a war that occurs daily on the streets of America. It is a very real war with thousands of casualties and innocent victims.

The question continually posed throughout the production was related to its title. "What is the key that opens the door to bring us back together?" What is the key to total harmony and cooperation within the black community? What is the key to harmony among all races?

Viewing the play was an extremely powerful experience that drove the situation of the black community into my conscience. It is said that knowledge marks the beginning of understanding. Through the exposure "The Key" provided, perhaps an understanding between the races will be achieved.
John Prine, The Missing Years

By Philip Stenger

Listening to this is like sitting in heaven's waiting room every now and then, and having the chance to hear the music of a master.

John Prine's musical world is both original and mesmerizing. It is a world where love is like a Christmas card and there is no rain. It is a world where you can dance around with the song "Everything Is Cool." And in "Jesus, the Missing Years," Prine's musical world is both original and mesmerizing. It is a world where love is like a Christmas card and there is no rain. It is a world where you can dance around with the song "Everything Is Cool." And in "Jesus, the Missing Years," Prine's musical world is both original and mesmerizing. It is a world where love is like a Christmas card and there is no rain. It is a world where you can dance around with the song "Everything Is Cool." And in "Jesus, the Missing Years," Prine's musical world is both original and mesmerizing. It is a world where love is like a Christmas card and there is no rain. It is a world where you can dance around with the song "Everything Is Cool." And in "Jesus, the Missing Years," Prine's musical world is both original and mesmerizing. It is a world where love is like a Christmas card and there is no rain. It is a world where you can dance around with the song "Everything Is Cool." And in "Jesus, the Missing Years," Prine's musical world is both original and mesmerizing. It is a world where love is like a Christmas card and there is no rain. It is a world where you can dance around with the song "Everything Is Cool." And in "Jesus, the Missing Years," Prine's musical world is both original and mesmerizing. It is a world where love is like a Christmas card and there is no rain. It is a world where you can dance around with the song "Everything Is Cool." And in "Jesus, the Missing Years," Prine's musical world is both original and mesmerizing. It is a world where love is like a Christmas card and there is no rain. It is a world where you can dance around with the song "Everything Is Cool." And in "Jesus, the Missing Years," Prine's musical world is both original and mesmerizing. It is a world where love is like a Christmas card and there is no rain. It is a world where you can dance around with the song "Everything Is Cool." And in "Jesus, the Missing Years," Prine's musical world is both original and mesmerizing. It is a world where love is like a Christmas card and there is no rain. It is a world where you can dance around with the song "Everything Is Cool." And in "Jesus, the Missing Years," Prine's musical world is both original and mesmerizing. It is a world where love is like a Christmas card and there is no rain.
Early Exit Doesn't Diminish Success

By John Reilly

The 1991-92 season may have ended in disappointment for the men's Varsity Basketball Team, but it did not end in disgrace. Even though the team lost the semi-final game to Siena Heights 90-83, a team they had beaten before, the Saints had accomplished a great deal over the course of the year, and showed fans things not seen on campus in a while: a winning season, 18-15 (10-4 in District 23) and a winning attitude.

"It was a very good year," said Head Coach Rick Albro. "It bordered on being better. For us to win 18 games (the fourth highest win total in Aquinas men's history) against the schedule that we played, lose only four district games...we were the only team who could prove they could play with St. Mary's in both games...to be within one basket of beating Central Michigan...We could find an easy looking game that could be turned around and all of a sudden your winning 22 or 23 games." For the first two months of the season, the Saints were inconsistent. They had a three game winning streak followed by a three game losing streak. According to Coach Albro, they were "consistently inconsistent." But the Saints did not remain that way. The last six weeks of the basketball season, beginning January 18th, the team played very well, posting a record of 11-5. They only lost to Hope College, a Division III school, and lost three district games by the total of eight points.

The season had its ups and downs, but the teams four seniors (Rich Wilson, Tim Saliers, Kris Lesley, and Brandon Reber) led the way. Wilson, who was the most consistent player all year, led the team in scoring with over 18 points per game. Saliers and Lesley were not far behind, scoring over 15 and 12 points a game respectively. Reber lead the team in shooting with a season average of over 57 percent.

"That the best year of my career here," said Lesley who had ended his career with 1295 points, and is fourth in career rebounding with 740. "It was nice knowing that people counted on me...and look, we've had the best record around here in a while."

"This was a stepping stone," said Saliers. "Next year's team is going to have to play more as a team, and do the little things we did this year."

The future for the men's varsity basketball team does look bright. Coach Albro is in the midst of bringing in a great deal of experience onto the field, and strengthen themselves on the bench with the talents of freshmen. The biggest asset to the Saints has been the talent that already existed, and improve the quality of his players every year.

"We're in a situation where no one is going to be comfortable just because they got an awful lot of playing time the previous year. The going to have to do a lot of work on their game to play. When you've got people competing every day in practice for playing time, that's going to make you consistent."

Women's Soccer Coach Named

By John Reilly

After months of preparation and careful study, women's soccer has arrived at Aquinas College, and with the addition of the sport, there are several new changes. Men's Varsity Head Coach, Goffe Gumbs, will be taking over the women's program, while last year's Assistant Coach, Pat Holyoak, has been hired to take over the men's program. "Goffe has a lot of experience [coaching women's soccer]," said Assistant Athletic Director Patti Tibaldi. "He coaches the girl's team at Kentwood High School. He's got good connections. Those connections should give us an advantage in recruiting. The girls who play for him in high school may follow him to the college ranks, and his association with other high school coaches should give him good leads on players, explained Tibaldi.

The project of bringing women's soccer to Aquinas was begun during the 1990-1991 academic school year by the Athletic Committee of the Academic Assembly. Several studies were conducted to get an overall idea of whether the sport could be realistically initiated. They included a perspective on-campus study, an on-campus study, and a survey of other schools that already included the sport in their athletic curriculum. What planners found was that an interest in the sport already existed on campus, and that there was a great demand for it on the high-school level. After the Athletic Committee recommended the proposal for a women's program, it subsequently had to be approved by the Cabinet of the College made up of Paul Nelson, President; Dr. Don Chaffee, Academic Vice-President and Dean of Faculty; Mike Keller, Vice-President for Enrollment Management; Mike Braughton, Vice-President of Business and Finance; Dr. Frank Bruno, who was Vice-President for College Advancement at the time; Sr. Aquinas Webber, Chancellor/Director Emeritus College; and Barry Kantz, Vice-President of Operations. After the cabinet, the proposal was approved by the Academic Assembly which is made up by the faculty. Then the Athletic Committee, made up of the athletic faculty and staff, approved the proposal and it was given to President Nelson for his final approval.

After the plan was accepted, the greater part of January and February was spent interviewing possible coaches. The job was finally given to Goffe Gumbs. This leaves him approximately three months before the end of the school year to hire a staff and recruit potential players. The season itself is expected to be difficult. The Lady Saints will have a varsity schedule, but will play only twelve games for the first year. They will play the standard Aquinas rivals Calvin, Hope, Grand Valley State University, Siena Heights, St Mary's at Noore Durre, and Spring Arbor, teams that have been around for a while, and already have a system in place. "It's going to be hard because we're playing established programs," said Tibaldi.

Positive Outlook For Women's Softball

By John Reilly

The 1992 Aquinas College Women's Varsity Softball team is looking forward to a strong and successful showing this spring season. The team, which lost only one player to graduation, is going to put a great deal of experience onto the field, and strengthen themselves on the bench by adding four transfer students and three freshmen. The biggest asset to the Saints though is the arm of three-time National Player-of-the-Week Jodi Borowicz, who finished last year's regular season with a record of 19-6 and an ERA of 1.20.

"I think our strength is in our pitching," said Head Coach Mary Takas. "I've got two new pitchers (Stacey Mull and Susan Gocman, transfer students from Nazareth and Grand Rapids Community College) behind Jodi." The Lady Saints did not have a strong pitching rotation last year. This year the transfer students will provide experience. During the trip to Florida they performed well and won several games. According to Takas, they did a tremendous job.

"Jodi had to go pretty much the whole season last year. She broke a lot of records, but she practically stretched her arm out to the ground pitching that many games.

This year coach Takas plans to pitch Borowicz only one out of every three games in hopes of preventing the scenario that occurred last year—her ace pitcher being too tired to be effective when the tournaments roll around. "We've got her rest, so when it comes down to the nitty-gritty, we're going to be able to pitch Jodi and she's going to be rested, and go full force."

The outfield is expected to play much better than last year. With the assistance of coach B.J. Roach, the defense should be much improved. "We struggled in our outfield last year," said Takas. "She (Roach) has been working with the outfield down in Florida, and they've done a complete turn-around."

A second expectation for the team is improving at the plate. Returning are batting leaders Kerri Mothurn (senior), who led the team last year with an average of .370, junior Christy Jaklinski, and sophomore Jennifer Kotwicki who ended the regular season last year with averages of .337 and .327 respectively. The team goal is to hit over .300 for the season, and try to generate more offense.

"Overall, I've seen a great spring trip," said Takas. "Now we're going to open up against Grand Valley, so we're going to see what it's like in the cold weather."
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Over 60 percent of the Pistons blocked an All-Pro. John Salley has begun to turn on the defense. He has had to improve his performance, but he was not the only one to do so.

Joe Dumars has done a fine job, he has led the Pistons back to playing like the competitive team they used to be.

Rodman had something to do with that. I think he became the leading rebounder, and example. The man is far from nothing but run, jump, and play defense.

Then something happened. I don't know what it was or exactly when it happened, but the individuals who were struggling to stay at 500, started to mesh and resemble the Pistons of old. I am not sure but I think Dennis Rodman had something to do with the turn-around. This guy, with ears like Dumbo and legs that just do not tire, showed the determination of a winner. This guy, who could do nothing but run, jump, and play defense when he came into the NBA, made himself into a scoring threat by the hard work that made the Pistons a championship team. I think he became the leader that led by both word and example. The man is far from being the tallest, strongest, and biggest player in the NBA, but he has become the leading rebounder, and has begun to set new records and standards. He has become something that is not widely recognized or exciting to watch, but by doing a dirty, rough job, he has led the Pistons to play like the competitive team that they used to be.

The "Worm" may have been the man to lead the Pistons out of mediocrity, but he was not the only one to improve his performance. Joe Dumars began to play the way that made him an All-Pro. John Salley has begun to score a lot of points, but he has really turned on the defense. He has had over 60 percent of the Pistons blocked shots in recent weeks, and has really been outstanding on the trip to the west coast in early March when the Pistons went undefeated in the west for the first time in their history. His play helped them begin a winning streak that, barring injuries, will begin their run to the playoffs.

I think the biggest surprise for me, but not for the Pistons since they signed him, was Orlando Woolridge. The "Big O" has had the stigma of being kind of a "jinx." In the past, when he has joined a team, they won fewer games than when he was not on their team. I think Woolridge has finally found a home, because after a couple of months he found his piece in the Piston puzzle. He has begun to play like the star he was at Notre Dame, (Believe it or not, he played for Digger Phelps and remained a good player). He has become a really important scorer in an offense that lacks a big man (any bigger and he'll look like Carl Malone), and was relying on the guards to score all the points. He has taken some of the burden off Dumars and Isaiah Thomas, making them more effective players. Woolridge has also begun to learn the defense that made Detroit champions. He may not be a great defender, but he has learned something from Coach Chuck Daly, and made it part of his game.

I think this is why the dynamic of the Pistons have developed over the last two months, as a TEAM of ROLE-PLAYERS they will be a force to be reckoned with during the playoffs. They still lack the dominating center, but they have a combination that will take them somewhere. They have experience in the guard position, outstanding speed and rebounding in the front court, and team defense is returning to what is used to be. They won't have an easy time during the play-offs because the Boston Celtics are better than they were last year—and they played very well. The New York Knicks are better than they ever have been under basketball guru Pat Riley, and the Chicago Bulls are still the best team in basketball.

I don't know if the Pistons can stay with the Bulls for seven games. I know they can beat the Bulls, but four times might still be too much. The difference is the Eastern Conference this year is going to be who peaks when play-offs roll around.

Saliers

Player of the Week

By John Reilly

Tim Saliers, a senior forward from Wyoming, Michigan, was named NAIA District 23 Player-of-the-Week, for the week ending February 29, 1992.

During the week when Aquinas played Michigan-Dearborn and St. Mary's, the 6 foot 6 inch Saliers scored 79 points by going 28-44 (63.6 percent) from the floor, including 13-22 from three point range. He also went 10-13 at the free throw line.

"It was really nice," said Saliers. "To come out and shoot the ball well was a great feeling. I just wish it had happened sooner."

"He would have received serious consideration for the National Player-of-the-Week," said Coach Rick Albro. But the NAIA regular season had already ended for most teams, and some had started playing in tournaments, so a National Player-of-the-Week was not named.

"We tried to get him off against Michigan-Dearborn because he was getting close to the 1,000 point club," continued Albro. "I don't get into individual things, but because of what he meant to me and helping me get this program established, that was something personal I wanted to see him achieve."

Saliers is only the second player in Aquinas history to score over 1,000 points in two seasons. He has joined a small group of some 20-odd players that have reached that milestone at Aquinas.

Wilson

Named P.O.W

By John Reilly

Rich Wilson, a senior guard from Grand Rapids, Michigan, was named NAIA District 23 Player-of-the-Week, for the week ending February 10, 1992.

During that week when Aquinas played Seina Heights and Hope, Wilson scored 19 points against Hope and 21 against Seina Heights.

"Richie went through a stretch where he was on fire," said Coach Rick Albro. "The basket seemed like an ocean to him. He put us on his back and carried us for a few games."

"I was kind of glad I won it finally," said Wilson. "Tim [Saliers] won it the first week, and no-one has won it since. We did pretty well in the district...like when Kris Lesley would have a good game, or good statistics, someone else always seems to win it."

Wilson finished his career in seventh place on leading scorers with 1490 points in 120 games, averaging 12.42 per game. The Player-of-the-Week honor is awarded to players who have had an outstanding performance consistently throughout a particular week.

Head coaches nominate deserving candidates for the award and the names are kept in question and relevant statistics to Fritz Reznor, the District Information Director at Northwood Institute. When the nominations are turned in, Mr. Reznor and other officials at Northwood vote to determine the winner.
April Calendar of Events

Phone number for TicketMaster in the Grand Rapids area—(616) 963-8080. To charge tickets for: the Michigan Theater shows by calling (313) 668-8397; the State Theatre in Kalamazoo, (616) 345-6500; for Hill Auditorium, (313) 763-TKTS. For 24 hour concert and club information, dial 99-MUSIC.

Detroit at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12.50 in advance. Contact TicketMaster for tickets.

Wednesday, April 8
From Ireland, Reprise Recording Artist Luka Bloom, with special guests The Verlaines, will be performing at the Blind Pig in Ann Arbor. Doors open at 9:30 p.m. and tickets are $7.50 in advance. Contact TicketMaster for more info.

Thursday, April 9
Beginning tonight, Other People’s Money will be running at the Grand Rapids Civic Theatre until April 25. Performance times run: Sundays, 3 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., and Thursdays thru Saturdays, 8 p.m. Tickets go for: Sundays thru Thursdays, Adults $8 and Students $6; Fridays and Saturdays, Adults and Students $9. Upper Section of the Balcony at all run: Sundays, 3 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. One day only. (Sorry, no phone books, copies of glossy catalogs and magazines to get brochures. For information send a stamped addressed envelope to: ATW LLC, P.O. Box 430780, South Miami, FL 33143.)

---From Minneapolis, Bash ’N’ Pop, featuring Tommy Stinson, (a member of the legendary Replacements), will be playing at the Blind Pig in Ann Arbor. Tickets are $7.50 in advance and are available at all TicketMaster locations.

Beginning tonight, Helios Creed will perform at the Blind Pig. Room rates are $7.50 in advance. Contact TicketMaster for tickets.

Beginning Saturday, at 11 a.m. in the Kellogg Center will be Dr. Yvonne Jones-Woodward, new director of the Youth Ministry. This is a fundraiser as well as an environmental project. Questions? Call Marge at 899-5596.

The Michigan Women’s Studies Association (MWSA) will hold its 20th annual conference today and tomorrow, Saturday, April 11, at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. Bonnie Erbe, host of a new PBS program “Majority View” and NBC radio legal correspondent, will be the keynote speaker Saturday, at 11 a.m. in the Kellogg Center. Conference reservations may be made through the Michigan Women’s Historical Center and Hall of Fame at 213 W. Main Street, Lansing, MI 48933. For more information contact the MWSA at 517-484-1880.

Saturday, April 11
Beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Wege Student Center, “Pathseekers ’92, Women in Careers” will take place, co-sponsored by Aquinas College and the Grand Rapids Women’s Resource Center. The keynote speaker will be Maureen Burns, international speaker and author of Run with Your Dreams, Carol’s Story, and Getting in Touchy Intimacy.

A variety of roundtable discussions will also be conducted. The cost is $10, $5 for students, and includes brochure. For more information, contact the Women’s Center in Lower Level Wege at 459-8281, extension 4146.

Sunday, April 12
Elektra Recording Artists They Might Be Giants will be performing at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor at 7:30 p.m. Reserved seats are $17.50 and $23, available at TicketMaster.

Monday, April 6
The box office at the Spectrum Theatre will open at noon today for the Actors’ Theatre April production of Prelude to a Kiss. The romantic comedy by Craig Lucas will open on Thursday, April 9 at 8 p.m. Additional play dates: April 10, 11 at 8 p.m.; April 12 at 7 p.m.; April 16, 17, 18 at 8 p.m. Call 771-3964 to make reservations.

Tuesday, April 7
Chris Whitley and Toad the Wet Sprocket will be performing at St. Andrew’s Hall in Detroit at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12.50 in advance. Contact TicketMaster for tickets.

Main Street, Lansing, MI 48933. For more information contact the MWSA at 517-484-1880.

Tuesday, April 9
Helios Creed will perform at the Blind Pig. Doors open at 9:30 p.m. and tickets are $5 in advance, available at any TicketMaster location.

Thursday, April 16
BB King and Buddy Guy will be performing at the Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor, beginning at 8 p.m. Reserved seats run at $17.50 and $23, available at TicketMaster.

Sunday, April 19
Belkin and Cellar Door present an evening with The Steve Miller Band at Wings Stadium in Kalamazoo. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; performance begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are $36 (Gold Circle) and $21 and are available at all TicketMaster locations and at the Wings Box Office.

THE Crossword

by N.E. Campbell

ACROSS

1. Artic. river
2. Hike
3. Sponsorship
4. Company symbol
5. Final opportunity
6. On the peak
7. Saloon
8. Raiser
9. Orchid tuber
10. Kind of club
11. Gaudy
12. Mood, miseries
13. More doilies
14. WWI area
15. Small rolls
16. Kitchen knife
17. Old Eng. poet
18. Football player
19. Fe or Monica
20. Surface for inscriptions
21. Imitate
22. Thinly walled
23. Stack
24. Imperfectly
25. Command
26. Far
27. Soil
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