Senate Elections March 1st

By Lorne Neff

Just when you thought elections were over, here comes the Aquinas College Community Senate race for the highest offices in student government.

At stake are the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary positions. The holders of these offices will be determined on March 1 by voters who are traditional-age, full-time students.

From February 1-5, interested students gathered over 100 petitions each to run for office. Official candidates were notified February 7 and campaigning began in earnest when the candidates were announced at a February 10 Senate meeting.

Official candidates are Matt Eugster, Faustenia Morrow, and Lorne Mulder for Chairperson, Carolyn Brocavich for Vice-Chair, and Erin Irwin and Kelley Laskey for Secretary.

The election will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on March 1 in the foyer of the Academic Building. All voters must present a current student I.D. to vote.

Ginsberg "Howl's" in G.R.

By Lorne Mulder

Allen Ginsberg, internationally acclaimed poet, read at the Fountain Street Church on Friday, February 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Author of "Howl", a poem found free of obscenity charges in 1957 by a San Franciscan court, Ginsberg recited poetry to a sell-out crowd.

Ginsberg, known for his contributions as a driving force in the counter-culture movement of the 50’s and 60’s, was placed on the FBI’s Dangerous Security List in 1965 for anti-Vietnam War protesting.

Friday evening opened with Ginsberg playing harmonium and chanting William Blake’s poem "The Tyger". Throughout the reading, Ginsberg iterated his bohemian theme of questioning mainstream culture. The mixture of homoerotic poetry and criticism of the hysteria provoked by the war on drugs, sent waves of solemn understanding and laughter throughout the audience.

Ginsberg added political commentary by illustrating his hypothesis that J. Edgar Hoover was being blackmailed by the mafia because of their threats to expose him as a 'closet queen'. Ginsberg backed this statement by Hoover’s denial of "...the existence of a mafia."

"Letting a 'closet queen' run the secret police," said Ginsberg, had a profound consequence on the labor movement in this country.

It was interesting to watch an eastern thinker speak within a Judea/Christian backdrop; oftentimes the poetry came in conflict with formal teachings of the Church. Alan Ginsberg represents what Madonna only wishes she could be in the 90's, but Ginsberg started his image in the 50's when social uniformity was rabid.

Ginsberg, along with Ken Kesey, William S. Burroughs, and the Merry Pranksters created the ideas that would later be incorporated into the Hippie movement.

Jesse Helms and other right-wing conservatives have long hated thinkers such as Ginsberg for hamstringing their attempts to censor artistic expression.

Like his poem "Howl," Ginsberg has long fought for rights protected by the First Amendment, even though this stance has made him many enemies both inside and outside government.

Ginsberg, at his poetry reading, insisted the fight for freedom be continued against self-appointed moral elites claiming governmental right to limit personal freedom.
Letter from Editor

The editorial staff of the Aquinas Times would like to address The Black History Month Newsletter. Wait—not so much the newsletter and its purpose, rather the content.

The editor of the newsletter asks the non-African-American community to, "be open-minded to the content. Newsletter and its purpose, rather than the mous person expounds that "it's not a white and black thing, it's a white against the world thing." Even more incredible, "In the old days they put us through hell and now it's time to repay the favor."

What is the purpose of this?

As a woman, I should be resentful of Ms. Smith's statement, "I do not appreciate being looked upon smugly by white sisters who draw full-figured lips on their faces and Black men in their beds." Of course to be resentful, I would have to have a clue as to what she is talking about. I would like to understand. The Times is concerned about the future. We are offering space on our opinion pages to start a forum of communication between all students of color (Black, Red, White, Yellow) at AQ. That is the key—communication between people, not each side spouting rhetoric and no one listening.

Letters to Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing this as a follow-up to my last Voice of Ethel. I have heard many comments about what I have written—both good and bad—which equally pleases me. However, it has also occurred to me that many people didn't grasp the real point of the article.

Some have said that the article was meant to make some kind of moral judgement against the act itself. I clearly stated that I was not passing judgement on the act itself. I was merely attempting to use the issue as a catalyst to develop a far more important issue—self-responsibility. Also, the fact that as Americans we may be faced with the dilemma of having too many freedoms and not taking enough responsibility for our own actions.

In the 80's our reasons for failure were our parents and our upbringing. Now it's our social standing, our race, everything else besides ourselves. Please take a second to carefully consider what you have read both now and earlier, before drawing conclusions on what I have said.

James Miaho

In response to Voice of Ethel.

To some Colombus is seen as a great man, the incredible discoverer, and a man ahead of his time. To others Colombus is viewed as a murderer, a destroyer of a culture, and a man who just got lost. I think that Colombus was an intelligent man, but how could he "discover" a land that was already inhabited by another race? A race that has been discriminated against for hundreds of years. I try to understand this point of view. But please try to understand my point of view. Can you imagine how I feel inside when I hear my grandpa talk about how he was discriminated against as a child? He was pointed at, picked on, and hated because he happened to be a proud American Indian. Perhaps it would have been better off if Colombus had never come at all. I wish I could go back to my homeland where my Indian roots are at, but I cannot, for the ground I stand upon right now is the land of my native ancestors. A land that has been taken over, civilized, and hardened. All led by the great Christopher Colombus who sailed the ocean blue and destroyed a culture all in one day. Here is a poem that expresses my beliefs—please read it with respect, thank you.

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Dear Editor:
I am writing in response to a letter which appeared in the last edition of the Aquinas Times. The letter was written by James Miaho and printed under Voice of Ethel.

In Mr. Miaho's editorial, he stated he was "very disturbed" by something hanging in the residence halls. This "something" that Mr. Miaho referred to was a poem which I and 3rd East had hanging on our floors dealing with the issue of homosexuality. The poem read as follows:

My Parents asked me if I am gay. I asked, "Does it matter?" They answered, "No, not really." I told them, Yes. They said, "Get out of our life." I guess it Mattered.

My Boss asked me if I am gay. I asked, "Does it matter?" He answered, "No, not really." I told him, Yes. He said, "You're fired." I guess it Mattered.

My Friend asked me if I was gay. He said, "Let me hold you." I asked, "How can I love myself if I am Gay?" God said, "That is the way I made you." Nothing else will ever matter again.

(Anonymous)

In Mr. Miaho's comments, he stated (more or less) that because I hung this poem up, I was basically irresponsible. Mr. Miaho, just because I hung something such as this on my floor it does not state what my feelings on the issue of homosexuality are.

As a Resident Advisor of Aquinas College, one of my roles is that of an educator. Now whether this education takes place through a guest speaker, a game, OR a poster, my attempt through many of my programs is to broaden the minds of others as well as offer diversity to college life.

You were very shocked that because Aquinas is a "small, private, Catholic school...certain standards" were not being upheld when I hung this poster up on my floor. I'm sorry to disappoint you, but we are living in the '90s and to deny that homosexuality, sexual assault, AIDS, or other controversial issues do not exist at Aquinas is a lie. True these matters are more hidden due in part to the way much of our little community would deal with it. I have tremendous respect for those persons who take the chance of becoming one of society's "ills" in order to release the mental hell he/she is going through trying to keep secrets from family and friends.

These people are humans and deserve to be treated as such, not as social outcasts.

Furthermore, in your letter you stated that "our society is creating the attitude that no matter what you do, there are no consequences to face." You then went on to question whether or not our society will begin to accept murder as a comparison for the growing acceptance of homosexuality commonly seen today. First of all, the two issues of murder and homosexuality cannot be placed on the same ethical level. I must disagree with you when you say that society is creating the attitude that there are not consequences to one's actions. Have you noticed the problem of overcrowding in the prison systems? Not to mention the death penalty. If going to prison or being killed are not consequences of one's actions, I don't know what are.

For those of you I offended by hanging this poster, I'm sorry, that was not my intent. For those who came directly to me and expressed that you were uncomfortable with the poster as well as those who told me that you like it (and believe me, the numbers were astonishingly high), thanks. I admire you for being able to verbalize your feelings in a society where hush-hush topics like homosexuality are often repressed. In the words of Jacob M. Braude: "Consider how hard it is to change yourself, and you'll understand what little chance you have of trying to change others."

Sandy VerHage
R.A. Ist Hruby

In response to "The Voice of Ethel!"

The merits of Christopher Columbus have been celebrated ever since he set foot on this "unchartered continent." I have celebrated Columbus every year in elementary, along with the pilgrims, making paper hats. My father asked me why, I replied "because he discovered America." It was then that I had to learn about who I am. How can I celebrate the taking over of the lands my people worshipped and lived off? How can I celebrate the forced evacuation of a race? Columbus even invented the name "Indians," for these people, still used today to identify us, even though most of us have never set foot in India. I cannot celebrate Columbus. He did not "discover" this land. The people who were her received no recognition for being here which makes it seem as if one's "whiteness" legitimizes an event. These first Americans are still fighting to be equal in a country where all men are created equal. These Americans are still denied the right to practice their religions as they did hundreds of years before Columbus set foot here. Perhaps if Columbus were successful in his voyage to India I would celebrate him. But please do not be offended if I refuse to praise the merits of Columbus.

Denise Petoskey
Imagine my job. I have to type into the computer many of the stories we get and imagine, if you will, that I am typing away on an opinion piece and getting angrier and angrier as I type. I would like to respond to this opinion piece that appeared in last issue that caused this reaction.

This is directed to that bit in Voice of Ethel about a poster that, just by coincidence, I made about gays. At the time I made the bulletin board, it was just an assignment as a punishment for a bit of a visitation problem I had, and I just wanted to get it done. So when my R.A. presented me with that poem, I figured it would work just fine. In less than a week, it had more meaning for me than ever because one of my best friends, definitely my best friend now, told me he was gay. The bulletin board was meant to make people more understanding of that particular situation, not make narrow-minded people such as yourself point out that God didn’t make gay people the way they are and that they are just sinners. Hello, but I haven’t seen you in church lately or reading the bible, and if you and your ignorance want to interpret the bible like that, you might as well talk about how

women have no place in society either since the human race is mostly referred to as man in the bible.

People consist of more than their sexuality and sexual preference. That is such a small part of a whole person, and to look at just that is so overwhelmingly narrow-minded. And although you said people’s views on the subject are irrelevant, I think you are sadly mistaken, and obviously cannot even see your own bias. When you say, do what you want, but be prepared to face the consequences, it is people like you that create consequences that have to be faced. People are people.

When the Kinsey report was published in 1940, many facts were cleared up about gays and lesbians. It was determined that 10% of the American population was homosexual and many others had these tendencies. This is not a scant portion of America, and since then, this estimate has been altered to 20-35%. Apparently the progress of society has made it easier for homosexuals to “come out,” but it still isn’t easy. I have seen the effects of a person very close to me trying to be what he wanted to be: homosexual. No wonder so many would rather die than reveal their sexual preference, it’s because of society and closed-minded individuals and groups bash them and refuse to let them have their rights. Evidence shows that when coming out, homosexuals go through the same steps as people do in accepting their own death. THAT is society’s fault again, making it difficult by passing laws that not only make a gay person have a different sexual preference, but by making them criminals and sinners as well. But back to my response to Voice of Ethel.

Yes, this institution is Catholic, but I’d also like to think I picked a pretty open-minded place to pursue my higher education. You don’t see Aquinas kicking out people of other faiths, why should they exclude someone because of their sexual preference. Apparently they would, if you were the president.

Society is not creating the attitude that no matter what you do there are no consequences to face. Gay people get beat up every day, and ridiculed for their preference, these aren’t consequences created by anyone but humans with no regard for human life. God created everyone to be who they wanted to be, and no matter how you interpret it in the bible, God says that hurting other people, both physically and mentally is wrong. My God wouldn’t condemn my friend to hell, or even suggest that he is sinning in any way, because he is a loving, caring, Christian individual who has a hell of a lot more to give to himself, others, and society than some straight people I know. My life is one hundred times better the for meeting and knowing him, and for that to occur, even once in your life, to have a really true friend, is truly a miracle granted to me by God.

Let me leave you with this one quote to think about by Leo Buscaglia in his book, “Living, Loving, and Learning.”

“All you have to do is hear a label and you think you know everything about them. No one ever bothers to say, ‘Does he cry? Does he feel? Does he understand? Does he have hopes? Does he love his kids?’ Words. If you are a loving person you will rule words and not allow words to rule you. You will tell yourself what this word means only after you find out by experience what it means; not by believing what people have told you it means.”
Smoking Policy Under Review

By Lorne Mulder

The Residence Hall Association is currently reviewing proposals to change the current smoking policy for on-campus housing next year.

Pam Strobel, Director of Residence Life, recommended that the Residence Hall Association submit possible solutions to address concerns regarding the impact of second-hand smoke on non-smoking residents. After these ideas are compiled, the Residence Hall Association will present them to the professional staff of the residence halls, which will make the final decision.

The existing smoking policy is outlined on page 33 of the Residence Life Handbook; it states:

* No person shall smoke... "Clove" cigarettes in the residence hall.
* No person shall smoke any illegal or controlled substances in the residence hall.

The solutions discussed by the Residence Hall Councils have oscillated from simple changes to a radical new policy.

* Aquinas College attempts to arrange for smokers to live with other smokers.
* Smoking is permitted in residence hall rooms with the consent of the roommate(s).

The following plans are being considered: St. Joe will be a smoke-free environment. Fire doors will be installed on all floors of Regina to segregate smokers from non-smokers. Upperclassmen will decide whether or not their suite will allow smoking. Halls will be separated having one side

A Law School At Aquinas?

By Gretchen Yzenbaard

There is a possibility that in the fall of 1995 Aquinas College will be the home of the only law school in western Michigan. The school is still in the planning stage and must be approved at the faculty forum on February 26, 1993. The Committee of Graduate Studies exploring the idea of a Law School, Professor John Dezek is the Dean of Graduate Studies.

If faculty approves of the idea they will begin the process of raising money for start-up expenses and the accreditation process. The money for these expenses will not come from current tuition nor will it raise tuition. The money would come from a fund-drive, individual donors, and grant foundations. There fund-drive would in no way compete with the annual Aquinas fund-drive and all monies would be raised completely independent of the school operating budget.

The hope is for the law school to be located somewhere on East campus. The advantage of having the school here on campus is that it could possibly be located in the old Reformed Bible College Library that was located in the Classroom Building for their own library. They would like to use the second floor of the Career Development Center for professors' offices.

The law school would need to be accredited by North Central before it can be opened. They would also like to be accredited by ABA (American Bar Association). In order for this to happen, the ABA will review the school after its first year of operation and then wait another 2-3 years before accreditation.

Enrollment is hoped to be between 150-200 students after the first year of operation. The tuition is expected to be around $10,000 a year, which is about the same as Cooley Law School in Lansing. The tuition would pay for books for the library and also the salary of the professors, which would be slightly higher than current faculty level.

There are several disadvantages to this project. People are concerned that there aren't any jobs out there for lawyers and there are too many lawyers already. Others believe that a law school doesn't fit with the mission of Aquinas. Some of the pre-law students, however, did seem interested with the prospect when John Dezek spoke to them. For now though, it is only a possibility.
By Marisa Fernando

I can’t believe that we have been in school for almost six weeks now. The second semester just seems to fly by. There has been a lot of volunteering going on this past few weeks. Thirty students are tutoring kids at Sigbee Elementary, eight students are visiting the Kent County Juvenile Detention Center, and five students are collecting the cans around our campus. Last week we raised $225.50 at the Annual F.A.S.S. auction. The money will be donated to Special Olympics. I would like to thank all faculty, staff and students who participated. A big thank-you to Bill Kenny for being our auctioneer!

Spring Break is almost here and we have a new project coming up. It is my hope that five to six students will spend a weekend doing home repair in Eastown. This would give the students an opportunity to learn the history of Eastown and be of service to the less fortunate. The project will be a cooperative effort between the Aquinas and Eastown communities. I have had a great response to this project and my fingers are crossed for a successful alternative Spring Break.

My message for the month is to practice random acts of kindness and senseless beauty. This is such a wonderful concept to live by. Do an act of kindness and watch the wonderful results. You will be amazed at how good you feel. It is always nice to receive kindness. Let’s be kind today and make it a habit. Remember that together we can make a difference.

"Naked Guy" Expelled

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Martinez, dubbed the "Naked Guy," was arrested twice in October for being on campus with little, if any, clothes on, and was suspended for two weeks in November. He was a sophomore and attended the Berkeley campus full time. He usually wore only a pair of shoes, and donned a daypack dorm areas.

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Nancy Michaels, Director of the Corner Cafe, started the recycling program over a year ago to serve the Aquinas Community and the environment. It would seem though, that the recycling had stopped at one point.

Another problem facing the recycling program in the Corner Cafe is transportation and cost. A grant proposal is in consideration for the recycling project in the future and solve these problems.

The question remains: Is the Corner Cafe recycling again? If so, what changes are being made to insure that a stoppage in recycling does not happen again? Yes, the Times was informed that recycling is taking place. Where are the recyclable goods being stored? They are stored in the stairwell where they still present a fire hazard. In what are the goods stored? They are kept in plastic bags that are easily ripped into by rodents.

By Korina Kelley

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*The following "Profiles" are the candidates written responses to a Times questionnaire.

Name: Matt Eguster
Office: Chairperson
Major: International Bus./Economics
Year: Junior
Hobbies/Interests: Varsity Track, x-country, & intramural sports

What goals do you have for the Senate?

My goal is to see the Senate become more aggressive in its representation of the students. I believe the Senate could have more power than most people realize. I would like to see the Senate really push for issues that can benefit the students. Some of the goals that I place a priority on are:

- The establishment of a student-run radio station. Making cable t.v. available to those students who want it.
- More opportunities for commuters to be involved.
- Reunite the Senate Sentinel and the Aquinas Times to broaden communication.
- Start a student radio station.
- Make senators responsible for attending subcommittee meetings.
- Elect one representative to the executive position of Secretary.
- Promote student interest in the betterment of Aquinas. I would like for the Senate to be more actively involved with the other clubs and organizations on campus.

Additional Comments?

As a leader, I am focused, open and responsive. I am not afraid to listen and learn from others. I am ready to tackle new challenges and possibilities. As a leader, I have a talent for analyzing problems or situations. I adapt well to changing situations and am accepting of differences.

Name: Kelley Laskey
Office: Secretary
Major: Chemistry
Year: Graduate in 1994
Hobbies/Interests: Skiing, sailing, playing piano, socializing

What goals do you have for the Senate?

For the Senate to be a unified body of motivated individuals interested in the betterment of Aquinas. I would like for the Senate to be more actively involved with the other clubs and organizations on campus; to form a network of ideas for the benefit of all. To open the lines of communication between the executives and committees and between committees and the whole Senate body. To continue to maintain to positive relationship with the administration and to oversee ongoing growth of the Senate.

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Name: Lorne Mulder
Office: Chairperson
Major: Political Science
Year: Sophomore
Hobbies/Interests: Singing, biking, philosophy

What goals do you have for the Senate?

*Improve the lines of communication within the subcommittees of the Community Senate.
*Start a student radio station.
*Elect one representative to be a voting member of the Senate from each Residence Hall Council.
*Make senators responsible for attending subcommittee meetings.
*Reunite the Senate Sentinel and the Aquinas Times to broadcast Senate events.
*Recruit new senators.

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How would you describe your leadership style?
As chairperson, my leadership style would be one of laissez-faire because I believe people work best when they create their own structure. This does not mean that I would promote chaos. My responsibility as chairperson will be to unite the Senate under one primary cause: to better Aquinas as an institution for and by the students. Also as chairperson, I want to motivate senators to be active in our pursuit of excellence, not the inactivity and apathy. As chairperson, I believe it is my responsibility to motivate senators to initiate their own legislation rather than relying on me to dictate the future.

Additional Comments?
No matter who you vote for on March 1st, contemplate your choice thoroughly. Vote for leadership ability, not popularity.

Carolyn Brocavich
Office: Vice-Chairperson

Major: Business Communications, Economics
Year: Sophomore
Hobbies/Interests: Skiing, having intense conversations, reading, dancing, and exercise whenever possible.

What goals do you have for the Senate?
I would like to see the Senate become more effective in meeting students needs. If a student has a concern, they should be able to find a Senator or go to one of the General Senate meetings and voice their concern with the feeling that something concrete will be done about it.

How would you describe your leadership style?
I am very team-oriented leader. I like to find what every member of the group enjoys doing and then have them do a job relating to that interest. I do not like telling people what they have to do. Rather, I discuss what needs to be done, see who is willing to do it and just make sure that the work is done. A leader should not dictate or do all the work either. A leader needs to know how to make a team work well together and that is the style I will strive for.

Faustenia Morrow
Office: Chairperson
Major: Political Science
Business
Year: Junior
Hobbies/Interests: Writing, singing, discussing political and religious issues, plays and poetry.

What goals do you have for the Senate?
I have several goals for the Senate which include changing the library hours, opening better communication with food service, and even getting a student union or a central place for students to assemble. But my main goal which encompasses all of these issues and several others, would be connecting the Senate with the AQ community and subsequently connecting Aquinas with the Grand Rapids Community.

I believe the Senate (students), faculty, staff, clubs and organizations have reached a point where we can sit down together as "Knights of the Roundtable" and develop action plans to make changes. The Senate is no longer in a state of chaos, meaning we are beyond a revolution! I think we need to be focused on the students needs and voice and interwine that voice with the visions of the college.

How would you describe your leadership style?
My leadership style is similar to "Quality Achievement" style. I like to set goals and reach them.

Opinion Poll

DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE CURRENT SMOKING POLICY ON CAMPUS?

I don’t have too much of a problem with it, I guess. I don’t like it in bathrooms or in the lounges. There should be a separate lounge for them.
—Scott Garber

I think it’s good most public places don’t allow smoking.
—Faustenia Morrow

I could care less where and why people smoke. Let them smoke on campus.
—Hauser

I wouldn’t allow smoking on campus at all.
—Preston Nash

The smoking policy on campus should exist in dorms but [it should be] OK [to smoke] in central areas on campus.
—Deborah Bird

I agree with the practice of restricting practices which have been demonstrated to be, broadly speaking, unhealthy for those who are not participating voluntarily.
—Timoth Sullivan III

I feel that smoking on campus and in the dorms has been so limited that it has taken away my privilege. I have made my decision whether to smoke or not smoke a long time ago. Because I commute, I’m only affected by the smoking section. There is only one place inside, warm and dry that we are allowed to smoke. I feel that we (as smokers) are being discriminated against because of a bad habit. (All smokers know this.) You do not find people who pick their noses being put away in a very small and uncomfortable place to do this. In summary, I know non-smokers find this habit offensive, but, smokers aren’t limiting their freedoms and being rude or making comments. (Cough, cough, etc.) If a bigger spot (more than one is what is needed) and a more comfortable spot is found, than this problem wouldn’t need to be blown out of proportion.
—James Compton
Scheduling Changes Affect Lunch Period

By Julie Williams

The change in scheduling this semester, the extended lunch hour, has caused mixed reaction among students, faculty, and staff. It is inconvenient for some, preferred by others, and means nothing to the rest of the community. Yet this scheduling will change again in the fall.

The extended lunch hour was first proposed by Dr. Andrew Jefchak. The purpose of the proposal was to extend the lunch period when most students would be on campus. With afternoon classes not beginning until 2:00 p.m., more students would have the opportunity to attend events they would not usually have time for. These events include lectures, films and entertainment. The freshman Humanities program especially has opportunity for more activities due to the changes.

Even though there still are some afternoon classes beginning at 1:00 p.m. instead of 2:00 p.m., "there shouldn't be," said Gary Konow, the Academic Vice-President. Yet these classes, such as math, chemistry or languages, are necessary for particular students and had to be available at this time.

The extended lunch period has not pleased everyone. A survey has been taken, and more than half of the students polled have objected, especially athletes. Since athletes have 4:00 p.m. practices, their choice of classes is limited due to the later classes.

Only a small portion of students within the survey claimed to like the longer lunch period. A greater portion were indifferent. Therefore, a new plan has been proposed for the fall semester. The period between classes will be from 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. instead of 12:15 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. It is only thirty minutes shorter, yet this will better accommodate the athletes, as well as students who work in the afternoons and evenings.

Konow stated, "We can't please everyone." Yet the proposal has changed to accommodate everyone, and in the fall another survey will be taken in order to determine if the new plan works.

Baldwin Observatory to Top Albertus Hall

By Michelle Holtvluwer

After three years of planning, the Baldwin Observatory will soon be open. The new viewing facility will sit atop Albertus Hall on the south end of campus. According to Chuck Frydrych, Professor of Physics and coordinator of the project, the observatory will hold a state of the art, custom-made, Meade telescope 16 1/2 inches in diameter. The size of this instrument more than doubles the college's existing telescopes, which will be placed on the deck of the observatory for additional viewing. The dome surrounding the telescope will be 12 1/2 feet in diameter.

The telescope is computer-operated which allows its images to be projected onto a computer screen or into the Albertus Hall auditorium. The capability to project these images elsewhere makes Baldwin Observatory handicapped accessible. It will be the only known viewing facility in the country that is handicapped accessible.

The observatory will serve as a support for astronomy classes at Aquinas. Although the Aquinas community will have priority in using the facility, Professor Frydrych hopes that within a year the college will be able to open it up to area schools and to the community.

Funding for the project has been provided in large part by the Baldwin Foundation, established by the family of Dr. Ralph B. Baldwin. Baldwin is a world-reknowned astronomer and a Grand Rapids native. His fields of expertise are lunar studies and cratering. He is now retired from Oliver Machinery Company where he served as President and Chairman of the Board.

Dedication ceremonies of the Baldwin Observatory are tentatively scheduled for late spring. However, if construction is not completed before final exams, the ceremonies will be postponed until early fall to allow for the attendance of students and faculty.
Jodie Foster Gets Romantic In "Sommersby"

by Ian Spelling
Special Correspondent
College Press Service

Jodie Foster, hit off another
Oscar for her work in "Silence of
the Lambs," is still enjoying
critical kudos for "Little Man
Tate," her directing debut,
sought for her next acting role.

Nothing excited her until
"Sommersby."

The film, based on the popular
French film "The Return of
Martin Guerre," also stars
Richard Gere, with Jon Amiel,
director of "Queen of Hearts"
and "Tune in Tomorrow," behind
the cameras. "Sommersby" is a
romantic period piece set in post-
Civil War Tennessee.

"I liked the folk-tale thing," Foster
drew during a recent
interview at a Manhattan hotel. "I
liked the idea of where the story
starts, where it ends, and all the
little details that lead up to that
end. It's sort of timeless and
sophisticated. It's a really
intelligent movie that you have to
work very hard to figure out."

The story concerns Jack
Sommersby (Gere), who
disappeared during the war and
was long believed dead. When
he arrives home, unannounced,
things have changed. The town
is ravaged. People are poor and
bitter. Sommersby's wife, Laurel
(Foster), and their son have
survived without him, thanks in

part to family friend Orin
Meecham (Bill Pullman), who
banked on Laurel turning her
affections to him.

Sommersby's return sets off a
wave of events. He convinces his
neighbors to join together and
raise a tobacco crop as a way to
once again become financially
secure. He tries to calm racial
tensions. But underneath it all,
people have doubts. Is
Sommersby who he says he is,
or just a good impostor? No one
has a tougher time answering the
question than Laurel, who comes
to deeply love Sommersby.

"They're both trying to have
some kind of identity, some self-
worth," Foster said. "In order to
do that they have to have two
layers. One is the public person
and the other is the private,
immediate relationship between
the two of them. So, on the outside
they're husband and wife,
dignified and baking all the right
cookies, saying all the right
things. On the inside they have a
very passionate, emotional
relationship."

Foster is atop the A-list in
Hollywood, but even she finds a
decent woman's role as hard to
find as the Holy Grail. She
argues that women need to fight
for better roles, that there should
be more female studio
executives, screenwriters,
directors and producers. After a
lifetime of acting, a Yale
University degree, and two
Oscars, Foster is shaping her
own destiny.

She formed a production
company and has several
projects in development, but the
development process spins its
wheels slowly and Foster has no
next project lined up. One likely
future project is a sequel to
"Lamb's," but everyone must
wait for Thomas Harris to write
one. In the meantime,
"Sommersby" is in theaters and
"Tate" remains a popular video
rental. Foster enjoyed directing
"Tate" and hopes to direct again
done day soon.

Looking back on her college
days, Foster describes her years at
Yale as valuable to her personally as her growth as an
actress and director have been
professionally.

"I was 17, and those years
between 17 and 22 are so
important. Wherever you spend
them you figure out what you
think, what you believe in, what
you like and don't like," she
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things that Hollywood discourages, in a lot of ways,
and it discouraged a lot of things
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Neil Jordan to Direct
"Interview With A Vampire"

(CPS)—Neil Jordan, director of the acclaimed film "The Crying
Game," has been signed to direct
"Interview With A Vampire," Ann
Rice's best-selling novel of the
supernatural. The announcement
was made January 28 by David
Geffen, who owns rights to
the property, Warner Bros. will
distribute Geffen Films production.

"Interview With A Vampire"
is the first of Rice's vampire
novels to be brought to the big
screen. Geffen also owns rights to
Rice's "The Witching Hour," and
several other works. Rice has
adapted her own novel to a script
for the movie.

"Neil is an extraordinary
filmmaker," Geffen said. "He has
the ability to examine the deepest
and most unconventional emotions
that we feel without making them
seem bizarre; he enthrines his
characters and his story in a way
that enthralls the audience while
exploring genuinely new ground."

Jordan said he felt great
affinity for Rice's book. "I think it's
one of the best pieces of fiction
I've read," he said.

Wild Kingdom
By Anthony Rubino, Jr.

What to tell your professor
when you blow off class

1. "A distant relative died, and I had to go
to the funeral." —GOOD (But, be sure you
make it up the relative, because if you use a
red person and that person dies than you'll
feel really bad.)

2. "I was very very ill." —GOOD

3. "Your lectures are so boring they make me
want to run from your classroom, screaming,
and slit my wrists." —BAD (Not only will this create
immediate suspicion, but it is very official
to prove.)

What NOT to tell your professor
when you blow off class

1. "I died." —BAD

2. "I was very very ill because I washed
down a bottle of tequila with a bottle of vodka;
and I ran out of the right projectile
vomiting." —BAD (Too much detail.)

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Basketball Nears End

By Julie Williams

The varsity basketball season ends this month, and both the men's and women's teams have had successful, yet difficult, seasons.

The men's team was 6-3 in the district as of February 11. Captains this year, as voted on by the team, are senior Jeff Boudrie and junior Clint Stout. The squad will be involved in end of season tournaments.

"It has been a tough year for the team," said Coach Rick Albro. The players met with many injuries, illnesses, and struggled to play up to their potential.

Coach Albro regrets the lack of support from Aquinas students.

"It's really sad that so many Aquinas students don't know what's going on with the team. These men have put in a lot of time for Aquinas.

The women's coach, Patti Tibaldi, also hoped for more student support. "We appreciate fan support, especially when we host tournament games," stated Tibaldi.

The Lady Saints will also be playing in a tournament at the end of the season. It is a four team tournament. Aquinas' women are in second place in their league.

The team is led by captains Samantha Reenders and Kris Snider, both seniors. Both captains are the leading scorers of their team. Reenders recently broke 1,000 points and she has only been a member of the team for two years, after transferring to Aquinas. Snider is currently eighth in the nation for three-point percentage.

The team's performance is due to "play time" for a lot of business-minded here, so...

Aquotas Track Does Well In Siena Heights

By Erin Irwin

SIENA HEIGHTS (Jan. 29) — Aquinas College's men's and women's track team competed strongly in the first indoor Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) meet, held at Siena Heights. In the 600 yard dash, AQ's Kurt Schmidt took first place honors with a time of 1:15.58. Schmidt also took first in the 300 yard run. Mike Chabot finished second in the 400 meter run at 53.22. Don Watkins took the third spot in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:03. Competing in the 1,000 yard run, Adam Baxter garnished the second spot at 2:24. In a come-from-behind move in the last two laps, Paul Low out-kicked several opponents in the 3,000 meter, taking second place. In the 1600 meter relay, Aquinas dominated the field, easily placing first with a time of 3:33.

For Aquinas' men, Low, Baxter, Chabot, Donna, Schmidt, Watkins, Chris Powers, Matt Gibbons, and Brian Pickard were all named to the All-Conference track team.

Turning to women's action, the Lady Saints took first place in the 800 meter relay, with a time of 1:52.9. RaeAnn Johnson took third in the 55 hurdles. In the 55 yard dash, Leslie Lake and Martina Cook placed second and third with times of 7.52 and 7.91, respectively. Jennifer O'Neil placed third in the 400 meter run. In the 3000 meter, Sue Holleman placed second with a time of 12:19. Holleman, along with Johnson, Lake, Cook, Tina Atherton-Barnes, Melisha Baldwin and Heather Hengesbach were named to the WHAC All-Conference Meet.

The Bottom Line

Hello again, sports fans. Well it looks like another great season of Aquinas indoor recreational athletics has again been put to rest — or at least, is on its way out to pasture.... Thank Goodness! I don't know about the rest of the campus, but this is one individual who has been inside a hot-dry-state air-hard floor-tension mounting-wanna be big time-gymnasiuam for one day too many. But, being on the indoor track team, I may be a little biased since people who run around in circles at high speed need to breathe more of "said air."

And another thing I've noticed is that as far as tension among the huddled masses goes, it has been a pressure cooker. For example, take the intramural basketball fight. People! Can't we just "GET ALONG?" You may be saying, "Tray, You're full of *###" and "You don't know squat!" So how come people who do know squat are still getting into fights around here? This brings me to THE BOTTOM LINE: CLIQUES!!!!!!

I don't care how blue-in-the-face anyone gets trying to convince me otherwise, there are TONS of them here—even within "uniting as a team" and "supporting everyone—including the lesser-able players" but it doesn't work. Now, some people just get along with a select few and not with the rest, that's understandable. What is not understandable, and is totally childish, is this super-ior attitude certain jockstrap trying to... have! I'm not mentioning which sports or which players, and many in these cliques aren't even athletes, just "wanna-be's."

So what's the point? KNOCK IT OFF!! We're all in this world, and life, together. We all come in the same way (birth) and we all leave the same way (death...duh) So unless someone out there can walk on water, no one has a right to be so d**n cocky. With all the racial tensions in existence already, it just adds fuel to the fire.

So attention athletes (myself included)! Get off of the pedestal and play like good little boys and girls because in the end (rude awak­ening time) it is just a game and 10 years from now no one will remember or care. Oohs and aahs, is the last era of "play time" for a lot of business-minded here, so...

make it count.
Male Cheerleaders
Recieve Favorable Respones

By Troy Ganser

An interesting development occurred the basketball season this year, male cheerleaders. This was a relatively new event as there haven’t been any male participants in at least five years. Nonetheless, the idea was an exciting one—though not without some apprehension.

"It really was hard work at first," said head coach Leslie Glendenning. "I've never worked with guys who have never cheered before, but they've come a long way. They're very competitive and are as good as many squads who have had more experience."

Even the men themselves were a little nervous. According to cheerleader Ronnie Vera, "I was scared at first because I didn't know how to do the stunts. You needed a lot of patience too. Working with guys who have never cheered before, but they've come a long way. They're very competitive and are as good as many squads who have had more experience."

"I wasn't the 'type,'" adds Eric Lorenz. "I wasn't the 'type.' But I've made a lot of great friends and have learned how to focus my energy into something. That intensity is going to continue for me for a long time."

Among the women, impressions also changed for the better about the addition of men to the squad.

"At first I thought they weren't very serious about cheering," said Heidi Lampen. "They seemed to just want to goof around. They turned out otherwise—especially when they would get excited about 'getting' a stunt right.'"

"I thought it would be fun [having men on the team]," adds Neille Stephens, "But not that many guys would come out. I was really happy at the turnout."

As far as the reaction of the campus community to the presence of male cheerleaders, it has been equally favorable.

"I was impressed," says senior Kelly Conneely. "It looks cool because they [the team] can do a lot more."

"It's creative and innovative," adds junior Alec Hosterman. "The community is reacting nicely to them. I think they'll be around for a long time."

On the whole, the addition of men to the cheerleading squad has been a success. As freshman cheerleader Rick Delamarter puts it, "We started out from nothing and now we're very confident. It's a lot of fun. I've always wanted to do it and will continue to do so."

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by Stanley B. Whitten

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