First Annual Homecoming A Success

By Julie L. Williams
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This past weekend, September 17 - 19, Aquinas celebrated its first annual Homecoming. The weekend involved such events as a scavenger hunt, a 5 K Fun Run, a soccer game and the crowning of a Homecoming Queen and King.

At 1 p.m. Saturday, Aquinas alumni, students, faculty, and parents crowded the soccer field's stands. Not only had they gathered to watch the Alumni vs. the Aquinas Men's Soccer Team game, but to await the Homecoming court crowning at halftime. Preceding the match, holy water was sprinkled upon the grass to officially open the new field.

Two alumni acted as officials for the game and 24 showed up to play. The alumni's classes ranged from Bill Wagner ('79) to Tan Phan and Mathias Schneider ('93). The men on both teams displayed competitiveness as well as enthusiasm for the event.

At halftime, Carolyn Brocavich, vice-chairperson of the Community Senate, was crowned Aquinas' first queen. Meanwhile, President R. Paul Nelson presented each member of the court as the final nominees stood upon the field. The finalists were David Bueche, Mike Chabot, Erin Irwin, Tadd Kimble, Michele Bailey, Yahaira Best, Beth Cowdrey and Diane Smith.

After a dramatic pause, President Nelson announced the names of Tadd Kimble and Yahaira Best as the king and queen. Meanwhile, President R. Paul Nelson presented each member of the court as the final nominees stood upon the field. The finalists were David Bueche, Mike Chabot, Erin Irwin, Tadd Kimble, Michele Bailey, Yahaira Best, Beth Cowdrey and Diane Smith.

The Homecoming court was selected strictly by Aquinas students. The first vote required nominees to be a junior or senior who lived in the same residence hall of the voter. After the tally, the eight finalists' photographs were displayed outside the student activities office. Students voted for their choice on Thursday, September 16, and the outcome remained unknown to all until the crowning.

The game recommenced, and by the end of the second half the final score was eight to four, a victory for the Aquinas Men's Team. Mauro Caporuscio ('83) scored all four goals for the Alumni Team. Aquinas goals were won by Ryan Felix, Jan Hrouda, Jason Miller, Josh Newman and John Oly.

Earlier Saturday, Aquinas students ran in the 5 K Fun Run. The route twisted around Wilcox Park and the Aquinas campus. The winner, Mike Chabot, received a $10 gift certificate for the bookstore. All runners were awarded certificates for participating.

The day before, small groups of students could be seen running across campus, red-cheeked and panting. The scavenger hunt began at 3 p.m. and each team of four raced to win a CD or tape and dinner for four at Pietro's. The winning team included Darrell Faraci, Shannon Kerridge, Alicia Richmond and Tom Wilson. This team completed the hunt within 40 minutes while most teams needed as long as three hours.

"The worst thing was we'd get a clue and then would have to run all the way across campus for the next clue," stated Richmond. "Yet Richmond and Kerridge both agreed, "It was definitely worth it."

The entire weekend evolved from the Aquinas Circle, a group of secret members founded to promote school spirit. The Circle decided that Parents' Weekend and a weekend for the students should be separated, unlike previous years. In order to arouse more enthusiasm from students, the group decided to hold the Homecoming Queen and King election. Director of Student Activities Timi Hough stated, "We were feeling that nothing was going to be done for students, like a usual Homecoming." Hough also mentioned in her hopes to expand the events and have it involve more people in the following years. "Next year it will work out better," said Hough.
Opinion

By Holly S. Kent
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When we first got back to school this year, I heard a very upsetting rumor, and now I come to find out it is true.

Many of us at Aquinas that have been here a few years remember "The Tunnel," do we not? Well, it seems to me that after we all said our sad goodbyes to a place near and dear to our hearts (it was a dive but we loved it), Ossie's became the new Aquinas hangout. Whenever I walked in there, it was a sea of familiar AQ faces. We seemed to be connected, Aquinas and Martin's, in some sort of interdependent way.

But I haven't been to Martin's since returning to Grand Rapids because, as I feared, the rumors were true. Martin's will only admit those 21 and over now, all the way to eight o'clock. Some of us find this extremely depressing. I used to love to go to Martin's, especially to see Domestic Problems when they played, or after a house party, just so that the night wouldn't end.

The other bars in Eastown that many Aquinas students frequent have also adopted this policy recently, which certainly doesn't add to the fun.

So I called up Ossie at Martin's to ask him what was up with this new development that left several of us with nothing to do many evenings. He provided much insight into why this was a necessary and intelligent decision.

As many of us are aware, Eastown can become a pretty scary place, especially at night, and Ossie and others thought that eliminating the younger crowd from the area would help. I can definitely see this point. A bunch of 18 or 19-year-olds running around downtown could be kind of a scary thought at 1:30 in the morning. Ossie also said that with a whole ton of under-age people in the bar, no matter how hard you try, it's difficult to keep track of everyone, and if someone gets served by accident, the bar could lose their license. We wouldn't want that to happen.

Wednesday is still Aquinas night, however, and any AQ student showing their I.D. at the door will receive reduced prices! That's definitely a good thing.

So I have decided that sometimes sacrifices must be made and patience practiced in order to protect other interests. Certainly we would all like crime, and trouble in general, to be reduced in Eastown, and if a small step like this one can help accomplish that goal, I think we should support it.

Death Is No Friend

To the Editor:

Many in my generation, which came of age in the late '60's and early '70's, have a strong distrust of authority. Perhaps this is the reason that many of my friends favor physician-assisted suicide. No one is going to tell them when to die. Little do they realize that if voluntary euthanasia becomes legal, the pressures upon the feeble to take their own lives will multiply, and the safeguards to life that we now enjoy will diminish. This is particularly important to my generation, which will be the first to hit old age with a smaller population of active earners around to pay for items such as Social Security and Medicare.

It's ironic that when we discuss money, many people strongly distrust doctors and dismiss them as greedy. (This may or may not be accurate, depending upon the doctor.) But when discussing our own lives, which are far more precious than the pocketbook, many of these same people are willing to cede to doctors the right to help us die!

The doctor's job is to foster healing and to alleviate pain. No patient is served by a doctor who kills him. (To say otherwise reminds me of the general's remark during the Vietnam war: "To save the village we had to destroy it.") We are sick, injured or vulnerable when we meet the doctor; we cannot be in doubt that our physician may see death as being in our best interest. For our safety, the doctor's sworn enemy must be death. This is a social trust that cannot be altered by individual doctors and/or patients.

In the case of voluntary euthanasia, the chief witness is dead. Who is left to testify that this was not a case of the victim being persuaded, either by family pressure (which pays the medical bills or enjoys the inheritance), or by insurance companies, or by government? If you think that the Social Security Administration would not be tempted to pay for a one time suicide rather than ongoing medical bills, think again. Indeed, if a physician murder his or her patient, who's the wiser?

This is not as far fetched as it may sound. In the Netherlands, where physician assisted suicide is legal, there have been over 100 documented cases of conscious, competent patients who were killed by their physicians without their consent!

Mr. Kevorkian (who has had all of his medical licenses revoked), has argued that the law be changed in order to regulate physician-assisted suicide. Who is he fooling? In the two most recent cases he has violated existing legislation with scorn.

Mr. Kevorkian beholds those who oppose him, and he urges them to keep their Christianity to themselves. Has he forgotten that the Hippocratic Oath, which states "I will give no deadly medicine to anyone if asked, nor suggest any such counsel," was written in Greece 400 years before the birth of Christ?

It today's funny to make jokes about Dr. Death. Yet it is a man who prefers to use carbon monoxide because it gives the corpse a nice healthy glow! This is a formidably brave physician, (a doctor who works with dead tissue to aid in diagnoses and autopsies), who must be unaware of the advances in pain management. Indeed, most American doctors are not as skilled as their English counterparts in pain management, due either to the restraints of their training or of the law.

Mr. Kevorkian helped a depressed woman with an unconfirmed diagnosis of Alzheimer's to kill herself the day after she played tennis. Since when is death a cure for depression?

If physician-assisted suicide became law and you are a woman, are you safe? Do you realize that of the 18 people who died under Kevorkian's "care," 15 were women? It was funny that I once lived next door to a doctor who didn't like sick people. But when you're really sick and weak, do you want such a doctor to be able to advise or pressure you to kill yourself? Most doctors are admirable men and women, and this is not a criticism of physicians. But for centuries, civilizations have recognized that doctors hold great power, and have wisely limited doctors to the practice of the healing arts.

The strange thing is that we as a society are seriously considering legalizing this barbaric practice. Instead, we ought to urge the improvement of pain management techniques. We ought to make affordable medical care available to all, as all other industrialized nations have done. The role of government is to protect the citizens. Rather than increasing personal liberty, physician-assisted suicide will threaten our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

If we as people are serious about living, we ought to stop looking at death as a friend.

John O'Neill II
MAT Student, Aquinas
A Melodramatic View Of Zuke and Duke
"We Put Oprah to Shame"

Duke: I am a sinner, evil, a heathen damn it! I deserve to be punished as the lousy gutter snipe that I am. I am a disgrace of society, a trashy piece of lint, the kind you find on your feet when you take your socks off! Not a new sock. A nifty sock that you would drown in Polish, Spartan brand at that, to dust the nasty sock that you would drown in lousy gutter snipe that I am. I am a Duke: I am a sinner, evil, a heathen type, which I have. I can't even donate my blood because no one would want my wretched essence. Ever since my heart has been stepped on by society, like a poor defenseless ant, waiting to grab a crumb of bread at a picnic, I too feel like I must hide myself with this disgusting bird's nest on my face...Maybe I'll shave my head again. I need a blistering cup of Java and a bit of hash browns to enhance a poor defenseless ant, waiting to grab a crumb of bread at a picnic, I too feel like my wretched essence. Ever since my heart has been stepped on by society, like a poor defenseless ant, waiting to grab a crumb of bread at a picnic, I too feel like I must hide myself with this disgusting bird's nest on my face...Maybe I'll shave my head again. I need a blistering cup of Java and a bit of hash browns to enhance my moaschistochistic tendencies and this burdening ulcer within me. But there might be an ounce of hope left within...I was just looking at those zany little young children, I could only picture that cute boy from Home Alone sitting on his bed weeping, like I as I write.

Zuke: My hemoglobin is not worth it's deserve less than the blood in my veins. polish, Spartan brand at that, to dust the nasty sock that you would drown in lousy gutter snipe that I am. I am A Zuke: Again? I had you crying like a baby and crawling on you knees to your mother the last time you started this. Speaking of your mother, she left my room this morning thanking me for being the lover she never had. Duke: Yeah? Your mom left my room ten dollars richer, with mussed hair, whispering, "I'll be back, Sugar Daddy." You wanna see Polaresoids, video, or slides?

Zuke: At least my family tree doesn't go in a circle! Duke: Rightous friend, I too feel the horror of that revelation. Some remem-ber where they were when Kennedy was shot, others when the Space Shuttle exploded, but not me. I remember where I was when I heard the horrifying news about poor Mike. I remember sitting in my hyperbolic channel (What I named my dorm room) when the news came on. That awful smirk Ted Koppel had on his face as he told the world; I could never forget. I screamed as if I was being accused myself, "Lies!" They will feel our wrath for saying such things. And now, weeks later, I still am hell bent to destroy all television news reporters. Mike is a loving and caring man who would never harm the children of the world. Do they not remember the song he wrote and sung for the children? I know that he inspired me to stop beating up kids on the street. I think I'm going to cry.

Zuke: I was sitting in my room jamming to all of Michael Jackson's albums: Bad, Thriller, Dangerous, and even that really hip stuff from the seventies, when he was chillin' with his brothers. Until I felt a bolt of sorrow rush through my veins, those same veins with the pathetic hemog-lobin contained within them. I couldn't believe it. My first thought was NO! It can't be! That man I've admired for so long, really is "Bad" and "Dangerous" to young children, I could only picture that cute boy from Home Alone sitting on his bed weeping, like I as I write.

Duke: Let go! Dude, they suck! I don't want to be like you if you relish their pathetic existence. It's a sad bunch of yuppy, mama's boy, daddy's little girl, forty thousand dollar car drivin', no brain havin', stuck up, unloveable, pieces of rich trash. When I watch their show I get so angry at my dreary life that I want to jump into "T.V. Land" with an AK47 semi-automatic rifle and blow every piece of their perfectly proportioned bodies into a state of disarray. AHHHHHHH! Now I am really ticked off! Just thinking about it makes me wish that city would disintegrate from a scud missile attack. They best cherish their gold plated be-cones, they can't all be! That man I've admired for so long, really is "Bad" and "Dangerous" to young children, I could only picture that cute boy from Home Alone sitting on his bed weeping, like I as I write.

Zuke: I am sitting in my room weeping, like I am as I write. The same one's I've carried on such a high pedestal to admire so fondly. They best cherish their gold plated be-cones, they can't be! That man I've admired for so long, really is "Bad" and "Dangerous" to young children, I could only picture that cute boy from Home Alone sitting on his bed weeping, like I as I write. They best cherish their gold plated be-cons. If I had the money for a plane ticket I'd...
Campus News
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Parent Invasion This Weekend
By Julie L. Williams
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The first annual Parents Weekend begins this Friday, September 24. Scheduled
events from Friday to Saturday are meant to introduce and
familiarize parents with Aquinas, as well as
give students an opportunity to see their family.

The talent show Friday night at 8
p.m. begins the weekend’s activities. Students with musical and other tal­
ets will entertain parents and fellow
students in Kreischer Recital Hall.
This year, ventriloquist Lynn
Trefzger will MC the show, adding
to the entertainment. The auditions
and rehearsal for the show will be
held Thursday, September 23.

At 9 a.m. Saturday morning, the
Greek Olympic Games involving the
Humanities program will start the
day’s events. Freshman Ryan Eugster
looks forward to throwing the discus
and being a divine honor guard for
the Games. As a divine honor guard,
“I get to carry around professors in
chariots. They said they needed some
strong guys for it, so, obviously, I
volunteered,” said Eugster.

At 11 a.m., parents will be given the
option of attending one of two
classes.” Professor Charles
Frydrych offers parents a Physics
session, while Professor Roger
Remington offers a History lesson.
These “classes” are meant to famil­
izarize parents with the teaching
structure and classroom setting at
Aquinas.

A men’s soccer game is scheduled
for 1 p.m. against Siena Heights. The
parents of Jason Miller, soccer player,
plan to be part of the cheering section
for the game. “They’re coming up
just to see the game and are staying
Saturday and Sunday,” said Miller.

Also on Saturday afternoon, two
more events are scheduled for parents.
At 3:15 p.m., a group panel including
representatives from financial aid and
other departments will be available to
answer parent’s questions about
any problems or concerns. At 4:30, the
resident halls will hold recep­
tions for the parents. During
the reception, the resident director and
resident advisors will be available to
meet parents and answer questions.

Aquinas students look forward to
Parents Weekend for different rea­
sons. Kipp Randall, an RA from
Regina Third West, stated, “It’s al­
ways interesting to meet the parents of
the students. It’s interesting to see
the behavior of the students reflect
the behavior of the parents.” Fresh­
man Jeneil Rickard said, “I’m look­
ing forward to Parents Weekend to
share my school and my school spirit
with my family.”

Yet not all parents are able to attend
this weekend’s activities. “My par­
ents are from the UP, so I really don’t
expect them to come down,” com­
mented James Anderson.

Amy Marben’s parents also won’t
make it this weekend. “I wanted
them too, though. They have con­
flicting schedules and can’t be here
often,” Marben said.

Holistic Health Club

Have you heard about the new club
forming on campus? It’s the Holistic
Health Club. The first meeting was
held on September 1 and was deemed
a success. At the second meeting, a
video was presented with Bill Moyers
titled Healing and the Mind. The
club intends to bring in interesting
lecturers that will inform members of
anything interesting and new.

Mark your calendars for Friday
September 24 at 7:00 p.m. when the
club will sponsor a vegetarian buffet
in the Hruby Hall lounge. There will be
a donation charge of $2.50. RSVP
Lauren at ext. 6435.

Dominicans Honored By Women’s Center
By Alycia Brown
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It would be difficult for students to
attend Aquinas College without rec­
ognizing the presence of the Do­
mican Sisters of Grand Rapids.
According to Alice Corey, Director
of Aquinas Women’s Center, they
are not only dedicated contributors
to the college, they are its “driving
force.” “Aquinas College would not
exist but for the efforts of the Do­
mican Sisters,” she said. Through
these efforts, land was obtained, funds
were secured, and some Dominicans
ev en became teachers here.

Thus, Corey decided to honor the
many Sisters who have had such a
positive influence on the growth of
this institution. She decided to in­
clude, as well as a recognition of
service, a view into the human side
of each nun. The exhibit is displayed
next to the campus bookstore in Wege
Center. The celebration will conclude
with a dinner on March 1, 1994
honoring the work of the Dominican
Sisters. This is especially appropri­
ate since March is Women’s History
Month.

The spark for Corey’s idea came
from the Greater Grand Rapids His­
tory Council which became inter­
ested in the history of women in West
Michigan. They asked different
groups to highlight or honor a woman
during Women’s History Month.
Corey felt that March was not enough,
and has begun to honor them already
and will do so throughout the year.
Corey stresses that the Sisters at the
College are and were not only teachers but also artists, administra­
tors, and staff. Any information on a
Dominican Sister previously or cur­
rently at Aquinas College will be
appreciated by the Women’s Center.

Spanish Club

The Spanish club is off to a good
start this fall. Currently, it has about
fifty members and is still accepting
more.

The weekend of September 11, a
group of members attended the His­
panic festival held in downtown
Grand Rapids. There they observed
and participated in the Hispanic cul­
ture and history which is very much
alive in our community.

The next fall project that is planned
is a trip to see the production “Las
Aventuras de Don Quijote” on Octo­
ber 20. If you are interested in joining or
have any questions regarding the club
and its activities, please feel free to
contact Theresa Huyge at ext. 6121
or Jodi Zimmerman at 784-4076.
Gates Cause Controversy
By Joseph (Dre) Drouillard
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Cutting across campus by automobile has become impossible this year because of a new gate that blocks the only road that extends through the entire campus. This gate has created controversy ever since it was put in.

"I think the gate has enhanced the safety of our students and the environmental ambiance of campus, at some inconvenience," said Aquinas College President Paul Nelson, a true supporter of the gate.

For students coming from Regina Hall and east campus, the gate creates an almost worry free walk. "It also prevents an accident that is waiting to happen," he said.

Many Aquinas students disagree with President Nelson's view that the gate will benefit campus life. "Its kind of an inconvenience because I have to drive all the way around the block to get to school," said one off campus student. This student is not alone. Several off campus students share the same problem.

Students living in residence halls and program houses also exhibit concern. "Safety never seemed to be a problem when the barriers were down. So, let's give the Aquinas drivers a chance," said Ronald Vera, a student living in Burfeindt Hall.

The decision to close the gate was made by the Safety Committee, Aquinas Board of Trustees, and President Nelson. President Nelson also met with the Executive Committee of the Aquinas Community Senate to discuss what the student reaction might be. The response from the Executive Committee was negative. Their views were taken into account, although the Community Senate's opinion was not a factor in the decision to put up the gate.

On September 15, Senate delegated the responsibility of researching the possibility of removing the gate or creating hours in which the gate could be opened to the Student Affairs Committee. Creating hours in which the gate would be open is a possibility, according to President Nelson.

"My overall goal is to have an entirely pedestrian campus," said President Nelson. He also said that this project is a long term goal because of the large quantity of money needed. "I personally think that a pedestrian campus is a good idea, but students should be able to drive through, during certain hours of the day," said sophomore Joe Vagnoni.

Car Theft In Dominican
By Joseph (Dre) Drouillard
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On September 15th, an Aquinas College student, Brian Cook, had his car broken into. This is the first auto theft that has occurred this year in Dominican lot, according to Campus Safety.

In the incident, Cook lost a CD player valued at $400 and 24 CDs. The robbers obviously knew what they were doing, according to Cook.

"Those idiots must have been working on my car for at least 30 minutes," said Cook. They tried to drive a screwdriver through my door lock. They totally destroyed that. Next, they tried to pry the car's small rear window out. Unsuccessful at that, they finally just broke the window and unlocked the door. While in the car, they nearly took the CD player without breaking anything or tearing the dash up. As they were attempting to pop the trunk, my friend came."

The student that witnessed the break-in was Junior Ronald Vera. "I noticed three guys walking around near my friend's car," said Vera. "When they noticed me they were acting very cautious. I asked them what they were doing, and they did not answer. So, I finally ran after them. They were gone by the time that I was 10 feet from the car. After this, I called Campus Safety."

Campus Safety was at the scene of the crime in 15 minutes, according to Vera. Campus safety had recorded their arrival within 3 minutes of the call. This incident brings about the question of whether the Dominican lot is a truly safe place to park a car.

If anyone has any further information on this incident that could lead to identifying the perpetrators, please contact campus safety.

Sr. Aquinas Receives Reflection Award
By Joseph (Dre) Drouillard
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On September 8th, Sister Mary Aquinas Weber received the Aquinas College Reflection Award. Annually, one member of the Aquinas community receives the award because they reflect the values of the college. This was the award's first year.

Several of the most elite members of the Grand Rapids community and beyond attended. The MC of the event was Kent County Circuit Court Judge Dennis Leiber. Sr. Aquinas was selected to receive the award for several reasons, according to Aquinas College President Paul Nelson. Sr. Aquinas has been an influential member of several boards in the area, including the East Town Community Association. She has also played an intricate part in Aquinas fund raising. Finally, she has shared her insights with several students in the classroom.

"I am honored and grateful to have been asked to pay tribute to you. To me you are a colleague, a role model, a mentor, and the personification of the Dominican Charisms of truth, community, mission, and prayer," President Nelson said to Sr. Aquinas, during his speech, at the awards ceremony.

"In a very real sense, Sr. Aquinas, you embody what we strive to be... You have put your life and your prayers into this College and everyday at work and at prayer, you reflect what is best about us."

Upon receiving her award, Sr. Aquinas said that she was honored and proud.

The reflection award ceremony was also a great fund raiser for Aquinas. Those invited paid $100 per plate to attend, and several corporate sponsors also donated to the college. Over $40,000 was raised, according to Aquinas College Vice President of Development Maribeth Wardrop. All of the money raised has been put in a fund for Spectrum Scholarships.

Aquinas Seeking Truman Scholars

Aquinas College is currently seeking students who are full-time juniors to nominate for the prestigious Harry S. Truman Scholarships. Truman scholars receive awards of $6,000 for their remaining undergraduate work and up to $9,000 per year for their years of graduate study.

The Truman Scholarship is administered by the Harry S. Truman Foundation in Washington D.C. Each year, the foundation of over 85 scholarships nationwide to students who have an interest in public service careers.

Eligible students must: 1. be full-time enrolled juniors (either regular or non-traditional age); 2. be committed to a career in public service; 3. be in upper-third of class and 4. be a United States citizen or U.S. national (e.g. American Samoa, etc.). Interested juniors should contact Gary Eberle, Aquinas extension 4486, as soon as possible for further information about faculty nomination.
The Grand Rapids Symphony opens its 1993-94 season with Sam Shepard's Obie Award-winning play, THE CURSE OF THE STARVING CLASS, on Thursday, September 23. The play is a haunting, often funny, compelling look at a family in collapse. By turns poetic and raw, Shepard's language creates a nearly surreal landscape against which the disillusioned, disenfranchised Tate family still dream of outrunning their "curses." The language is adult as are some of the situations.

THE CURSE OF THE STARVING CLASS runs from September 23 through October 2, playing Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays each week. Ticket prices are $9.50 for Fridays and Saturdays, $8.50 for Thursdays. For students and senior citizens, prices are a dollar less. Tickets are on sale now by calling 771-3946 to make reservations. All performances are held in the Spectrum Theatre building, 110 Crescent NE, located behind Butterworth Hospital.

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR, the original rock opera by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice is coming to Western Michigan University's Miller Auditorium for five spectacular performances Friday, October 1 through Sunday, October 3, 1993. Performance times are Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are priced at $35.00, $28.00, and $12.00 and are available now by calling the Miller Auditorium Ticket Office between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays at 387-2300 or 1-800-228-9858.

NATIONAL COLLEGE POETRY CONTEST open to all college and university students desiring to have their poetry anthologized. Cash prizes will be awarded the top five poems. Deadline: October 31. For contest rules send stamped envelope to: International Publications, PO Box 44044-L, Los Angeles, CA 90044.

BANNED BOOKS WEEK will be celebrated this year from September 25 to October 2. Banned Books Week is a week-long celebration honoring the freedom to read books without censure or limitations and the right to freely choose what to read. ARETHA FRANKLIN tickets are now on sale for her concert to be held Thursday, October 21 at 8 p.m. at Welsh Auditorium. This will be the first time the popular Ms. Franklin, known worldwide as the "Queen of Soul," has performed in Grand Rapids. The concert, which celebrates the 100th anniversary of Saint Mary's Health Services, is a benefit for Saint Mary's outreach clinics: Clinica Santa Maria, Heartside Clinic, and McAuley Clinic. Tickets are $45, $31.50, and $25 and available at all TicketMaster outlets, the Grand Center box office or by calling 456-3333.

DURAN DURAN, scheduled to perform at Wings Stadium in Kalamazoo will be unable to perform due to a logistical routing problem. Ticket-holders can obtain a refund from the location they purchased their ticket(s). Patrons who ordered by phone will have their credit cards automatically credited.

GRAND RAPIDS CIVIC THEATRE presents Inspecting Carrol, a new hit comedy by Daniel Sullivan on October 7-23. It gives a humorous backstage look at what can go wrong as a theatre mounts a production. Daniel Sullivan, artistic director of the Seattle Repertory Theatre, wrote the play to poke fun at the theatres across the country who have become financially dependent upon producing A Christmas Carol every season. The target of this satire will follow Inspecting Carol.

UNDERCOVER PRODUCTIONS, a theatrical company from Grand Rapids, in association with the Holiday Inn East and Coopersville and Manse Railway Company will present a solve-it-yourself murder mystery train ride, "The Unsolved Mystery of 1906" on Fridays and Saturdays, September 17, 18, 24, 25, and October 1, 2 at 7:30 p.m. The mystery will be solved by the passengers as they enjoy a box dinner catered by the Holiday Inn East, while riding in authentic cars from the late 1800's and early 1900's on part of the actual track on which the Grand Trunk Railway ran at the turn of the century. Passengers will be actively involved in solving the murder, questioning the suspects, gathering clues and deducing motifs for this mystery that has baffled area police for 87 years.

Passengers are encouraged to come in costume of the period. Mystery, Box Chicken Dinner, and Train Ride is $23.00 per person and reservation may be made by calling the Holiday Inn East at 949-3791.

GERALD R. FORD MUSEUM is exhibiting "World War II: Personal Accounts—Pearl Harbor to V-J Day" at the museum, 303 Pearl St. NW, Grand Rapids. The exhibit, which commemorates the 50th anniversary of the United States participation in World War II, will be on display through January 3, 1994. "Personal Accounts" brings to life the drama of the War from the personal perspective of the Allied and Axis soldiers who served in both the European and Pacific theaters of operation, to the perspective of their generals—Eisenhower, MacArthur, Patton, Montgomery, Rommel and others.

The multi-media exhibition includes popular music and sounds of World War II, as well as diaries, letters, personal effects, photographs and documentary film from participants and witnesses.

GRAND RAPIDS SYMPHONY opens its season of free Concert a la Carte Recitals opens September 22 with Karen Krummel, Cello player. This one-hour recital will begin at noon at the Fountain Street Church Chapel. For their Pops season opener, they will feature Richard Hayman and Kathy Wagner in "Big Band II" on September 24, 25, and 26. The Friday and Saturday performances will begin at 8:00 p.m. and the Sunday matinee concert at 3:00 p.m. Tickets for $10.50 to $36 may be purchased at the Symphony office. Finally, the Symphony opens their Hudson's and FMB Casual Classics season September 30, October 1 & 2 with Michael Bowman and Charley Lea as the featured trumpet players. The Hudson's Casual Classics concerts will be presented at 7:30 on September 30 and at 8:00 p.m. October 1 at St. Cecilia Music Society in downtown Grand Rapids. In Holland, the FMB Casual Classics will be performed beginning at 8:00 on October 2 at the Knickerbocker Theatre on Eighth Street. Tickets for September 30 are $11 and $14.50 and for October 1 are $13 and $17.50 and may be purchased at the Symphony office.

GWENDOLYN BROOKS will hold a poetry reading at Hope College on Wednesday September 29. The reading will begin at 8:00 p.m. Interested Aquinas students should contact Miriam Pedersen who is trying to organize a bus trip.
The New Look of The Intersection

By Alec Hosterman
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The Intersection has been one of the favorite hangouts of students and people in the area. It was a place where everyone could relax and be themselves while enjoying live bands or great specials. In the past several months the Intersection has gone through some major changes. Dave Deaver, owner of the bar, has created a new and exciting establishment for his customers.

“We’ve been planning this since January,” said Deaver. “Since the down time was this summer we went ahead and did it.”

The new construction will unfortunately get rid of some favorite places within the Intersection, though. “Yes, we’ve re-painted the bathrooms. We decided that the old color had to go.”

Some other construction that went on was to get rid of the ceiling and expose the church sized beams. “The building is over 100 years old and we thought that it would look cool to use them.”

There is a new sound system which is hooked up to new television screens placed throughout the bar. New carpeting, bar stools and tables are also seen within the Intersection. Deaver also had a two-tiered deck installed with handicap accessibility. All of the outside construction will help to bring in bigger and bigger crowds.

“We even have a new Living Room area, just Paul from Vinyl Solution that skimped over. Now it’s conveniently known as Paul’s Living Room. Maybe in a year that will change, who knows,” Deaver said.

All of the reviews from the community have been positive and they have enjoyed the new changes. Deaver remarked: “They’re shocked. They love it.”

Even through all of the changes and additions to the family of the Intersection, they have kept some of their traditions. The Monday night Bar Olympics, Tuesday night film festival and the Sunday night Reggae has all been kept the same. They’ve even kept bringing in bands from the community to play on the weekends.

On Saturday, October 9th, Dave will have an Grand Opening party where he will kick off the new bar in style with drink specials and tons of fun.

With all of the construction and changes that have gone on some people in Dave Deaver’s position would be sentimental and regret change, but not Deaver. He embraces it full force by saying “I love it”!

If you’re in the neighborhood, as well as 21 and over, go in and check out the three best of the Intersection. You will be amazed.

To Play It Safe On College Campuses

By Diana Smith
Special Correspondent
College Press Service

You’re finally free. This is college—the big time, or at least the bigger time. There’s no Mom to look over your shoulder, Dad to tell you when to come home. And all of those lovely boundaries are waiting to be tested to the limit.

If that’s what you’re thinking, national safety experts say you’re probably well on your way to becoming a crime statistic, whether it’s as simple as having your math book stolen or as extreme as being as a victim of a violent crime. “Students need to realize that campus crime is just media hype, but there’s good reason to concern. Most is property crime—theft of stereo equipment, books and such—but violent crime also is on the rise. There are a few safety rules that Siegel and Whitman suggest students follow:

1. Be yourself. You’re known your roommate for two years and he’s definitely a thief and a pervert. 2. You’re at the cafeteria, eating alone, and you’ve got a class in a few minutes. You’ve just stepped down the last of that delicious mystery punch, and you’d like a refill, although you can’t say why. 3. You’re in a bar with some friends on Saturday night. You and that bulky bouncer looking for an excuse to beat you up have written an entry in your health science books, which cost at least a couple hundred bucks.

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—A student’s best form of self-protection is to have your driver’s license number engraved on all valuable equipment, such as CD players, TV’s, VCRs and bicycles. If the items are stolen, police have a much better chance of returning the property. Without the ID, you can kiss your merchandise goodbye.

—Drink sensibly if you choose to drink alcohol at all. Designate a driver if you’re driving with a group to an off-campus hot spot. It’s actually a good idea to carouse in groups, or at least in pairs. Being drunk and alone is like wearing a sign that says, “Hey! Mug me.” If you’re too drunk to think, don’t stagger home alone on foot, hang around and drink some juice or water at the bar and wait until you sober up a little.

—Don’t automatically trust other people, even those you know. Not everyone is as honest as you are, and if you leave a wallet lying open in your room or at a study carrel, don’t be surprised if the cash is missing when you get back. To a thief, opportunity is everything.

—If you see something or someone that looks suspicious, report it. Siegel says it’s amazing how often people see crimes being committed, yet no one alerts authorities. Even if you’re not sure, call the campus police or the dorm desk clerk.

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—Write down the numbers of your credit cards and keep them in a safe place. If cards are stolen, you should report it as soon as possible to keep crooks from running up a tab. Whatever you do, don’t write your pin number on your automatic teller bank card or a telephone calling card.

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Gay Students Face Diverse Challenges

By John Williams
Staff Writer
College Press Service

While gay, lesbian and bisexual students have made strides for equality on many college campuses, the national debate on gay rights still impacts them greatly, student leaders and faculty say.

Many gay students either have to hide their orientation from fellow students, faculty and administrators, or if they have come out, must remain vigilant against those who may harm them verbally or physically, officials said.

Several universities and colleges have established gay, lesbian and bisexual centers as resources both for straight and gay people who are trying to understand gay issues. Additionally, many campuses have student organizations, and support and social groups, for gay students. Even with this expanding openness and demands, students are reporting that harassment still exists.

Activists and scholars say that there is still a great misconception about who and what gay people are, and that the problems facing students at college mirror the problems that gay and lesbians have in the "real world" concerning job security and benefits, housing, parenting, safety and education, etc.

Phil Martin, director of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Student Center at Ohio State University in Columbus, said that the university-supported center was created so gay students could have a safe environment and the greater community could better understand issues that affect these students.

"The basic need for the office is to provide factual information about the gay population," Martin said. "People talk about myths that we're child molesters. The myth is that we are weak and sexually deviant. The myth is that women are strong and male drivers. The myth is that we're not really equal human beings."

There is no way to accurately gauge the number of gays, lesbians and bisexuals in the United States — figures range from 1 percent to 15 percent of the overall population.

Martin and others say the same holds true for the college population — the exact numbers aren't known. But it is safe to assume that gay students attend almost every institution in the nation, Martin and other experts in the field said.

But that doesn't mean gay students are accepted.

In the last year, there have been setbacks for gay rights, officials say. Among the occurrences was the Student Senate at Ohio Northern University voting to deny student government recognition of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Alliance, a support and educational student organization. Additionally, a move to have gay and lesbian areas in university housing was turned down at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.

Many students won't report assaults or harassment because they don't want to be open about their sexual orientation, officials said, so it is difficult to get an accurate number of attacks.

A student at the Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Wash., said that he and other gay and lesbian students have been harassed. He didn't want his name printed because of possible consequences.

"We have lots of harassment with phone calls and people being approached. One of the lesbians has gotten death threats on her telephone, and the school refuses to admit there is a problem here," he said.

"When something goes on about multicultural issues we're not mentioned. Once in a while that would be nice."

The university's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Alliance has offices on the campus, and the students are networking with other universities in the Pacific Northwest for support.

"Although I'm a member of the organization I don't wear a sign that says I'm gay. There's a common mythology that straight people can identify who is gay and who isn't. That's false," the student said.

Martin, at Ohio State, said that support is needed especially now because as more people come out of the closet, more resistance to gay people is encountered. He said the vast majority of students and faculty who use the center's services are heterosexuals who are researching gay issues or have questions about homosexuality.

The center has a speaker's bureau for classes and organizations, an extensive library and holds workshops. And it works with gay students on several fronts.

"For issues, first of all, there is campus environment. Is it safe? How much harassment? Job discrimination? Then they have coming out issues. They are away from home for the first time and accepting who they are," Martin said. "Then there's the drug and dependency problem. It starts at this age. If you're raised not to like yourself, you turn to something that makes you forget."

He said that gay and lesbian college students have the typical pressures of college, such as academics and money, but are also dealing with their orientation and their world's reaction to that orientation. "A lot of straight people find them threatening because of religious issues. Certain groups brand us immoral, wrong and sick," he said. "Some students come from that perspective. Even if they don't, let's face it, they know the jokes at a very young age. They are socialized that we are not good people or somehow wrong."

The first gay, lesbian and bisexual student center on a campus was established at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 1985, said Felice Yeskel, director of the Program for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Concerns. There are now 25 centers at colleges and universities nationwide, and many, such as the one at Ohio State, are molded after the University of Massachusetts' program.

Yeskel said that the center provides programs in information and referral, education, cultural programming, harassment and discrimination response and advocacy for gay students.

"We have been able to provide a lot of cooperation. The progress and success of the gay community has organized a backlash that you can see nationally," she said. "People are brought up in a society that teaches them little accurate information about gay people. What we learn is on the playground. There wasn't other information coming to counterbalance the slurs.

"People grow up afraid of something they have no information about. Violence comes out of fear and prejudice. After 12 years of Reagan and Bush, family values was a code to attack queers."

She said a majority of gay college students tend not to be open about their orientation because of hearing anti-gay jokes or knowing about assaults and other harassment. "Schools now realize they need to deal with this," Yeskel said. "(Homophobic) Groups are now targeting more visible gay organizations and people."

Ohio State University has an ongoing teaching program to show faculty members how they can be supportive of a diverse student body, and what issues students may bring into the classroom. The university's Center for Teaching Excellence has done studies on minority students, and last fall published a study on gay and lesbian students.

Nancy Chisom, director of Faculty and TA Development, said 16 students — nine gay men and seven lesbians — were extensively interviewed about issues they face in all facets of campus life. "The coming out process is not over at any given point, and the coming out process is painful and full of anxiety," she said.

"One study said that the faculty needs to realize that during this process their disapproval or displeasure can put the student over the edge. Grades often drop, and these students may drop out of school and come back later."

The study, given to Ohio State faculty members, states that instructors don't have to know if a student is gay, lesbian or bisexual, but that they should "recognize that you do teach gay, lesbian and bisexual students."

It lists special considerations that faculty should take, including not putting gay students on the spot to disclose their orientation, being educated on gay issues and "valuing diversity."

"In the area of any kind of diverse population, universities and colleges tend to first pay attention to student services, but are very sensitive to the teaching part of it because of teaching autonomy and academic freedom," Chisom said. "I am very happy that Ohio State is venturing into this area. It's a complicated situation. But you have to work through that and not be quiet."

LACK OF FOCUS

"Last week, someone put a large rubber chicken in the collection plate."
Domestic Problems-A Sound Statement

By Angela Corradini
Times Contributing Writer

Three young men all possessing a crazy sense of humor took advantage of an Aquinas College talent show to showcase themselves as a band. Around this time last year, what was meant as a playful joke took an unexpected twist. That show marked the evolution of the band Domestic Problems!

Lead vocalist Andy Holtgrieve had written a song titled “Ernie’s Tragic Love Triangle.” This song did not receive a favorable reception from percussionist Christian Hauser. To know how these three joke around with each other, it was not surprising that this was the song targeted by Holtgrieve and fellow musician Billy Kenny to be the threesome’s debut performance. What followed this talent show success was an invitation to perform at Burfiend’s Hall on campus.

The time that elapsed between the performances gave adequate time to acquire new band members. They added musicians and vocalist Sarah Landry and the trio turned into a band of seven.

Shortly thereafter, a local band titled The Small presented a tempting offer; an opportunity to open for their band at Martini’s.

Domestic Problems now has their own Martini’s bar in Eastown. Months later, the original trio, Holtgrieve, Hauser and Kenny, were also looking to expand their performance territory. Targeted are East Lansing fraternity parties at $500 a pop, and also the Kalamazoo area.

Their sound has been described as a conglomeration of blues, jazz, rock, and folk. The variety of music caters to a wide spectrum of devoted listeners. Being part of the Aquinas lifestyle has provided plenty of free publicity for the band.

The message communicated by their music is casual—“it’s enjoyment.” It does not contain a “bent.” Being in a band also has its perks. “It’s the free bar tab!” said Kenny.

So is there a future in all this fun? At present Domestic Problems is recording a tape which will be made available during performances at area bars. They are also looking to expand their performances territory. “Targeted are East Lansing fraternity parties at $500 a pop, and also the Kalamazoo area.”

Band members include: the “parental unit” Holtgrieve; Landry on vocals, sax and percussion; Kenny on guitar, mandolin, trumpet and harmonica; Tadd McCullough on drums; Josh Newman on bass guitar; John Niedjeski on guitar and Jeff Schmidt, the band’s manager.

Where will the band go next? “We’re going to the bathroom,” laughed the original trio, Holtgrieve, Hauser and Kenny, exhibiting the same sense of humor that started this whole endeavor.

New RD Graces Regina Hall

By Julie L. Williams
Times Contributing Writer

The office greets students with the warmth of soft music and photographs from this past summer’s RA training. Pastel pictures of flowers with friendship quotes decorate the cabinet doors.

Not only is the office welcoming, but so is 24-year-old Phyllis Taylor, Regina Hall’s new resident-director. This Detroit native replaces Robin Lynn Grinnell with a friendly attitude and a ready smile. Taylor, who has a Master’s Degree in communications from MSU, compares herself to a college freshman. “Aquinas is so different than MSU—people here want to get to know who you are. In that respect, it’s overwhelming since so many people try to get to know me and I’m only one person,” she confessed.

“I’m pretty outgoing, but I like it when others take the initiative to get to know me. I like it the other way around,” said Taylor.

Before her interview for the position, Taylor had never visited Grand Rapids before. For this reason, she doesn’t know anyone from the area yet. “I hang out with the RA’s as a staff, but it’s not like we go out drinking—not like I drink or anything,” she said. “I need to get out and get to know more people.”

Despite this, Taylor enjoys her job. “I like having my own office,” she remarked with a smile. The staff, the size of Aquinas and its close-knit atmosphere are also good elements, according to Taylor. “On the same point, since the school’s so small and I’m new it feels like everyone’s watching me—but in a good sort of way,” she quickly added.

Though Taylor takes charge of the penalties for Regina students who break residence hall rules, students still possess an open attitude towards her. “Phyllis is a very nice lady,” commented Josh Walden, a resident of First East Regina.

Another Regina resident, Nikkie McCallough, stated, “I like her because she’s understanding, even though the rules are the rules. I realize that she doesn’t like punishing us, but it’s her job so she does what she has to do.”

At first, Taylor planned to continue with her education and obtain her PhD. Yet by July, she didn’t know her plans for this year since she decided she needed a break from school. Through MSU she heard about Aquinas’ open position. Due to these circumstances, Taylor now answers to the role of Regina Hall’s Resident Director— with a smile.
Racism. It’s surrounding us. But as you know, the problem with this subject is education. But who am I to talk about another race? I am just seen as a Caucasian male, a Tim Allen type of guy on steroids and acid. Well I should be different. Unless you were the only heterosexual person in a homosexual bar, or the only Caucasian attending a Southern Baptist mass, or the only thinner stature person around a crowd of heavier set people, or if you spent a period of time in the lowest form of income housing, you would not know what other cultures are like. But then again, who am I?

I can’t speak for the African American male, because I am a lighter shade. But what I can speak for is myself being more of a minority on this campus than the African Americans. They are seen as part of the majority within society, but on this campus there are far more African Americans, than those who choose to wear a six-pointed star around their neck rather than a cross. Growing up in Detroit, I was not considered “White.” My middle school was composed of 50% African American, 20% Arabic, 20% Jewish, and the rest composed of Asian and Caucasian. But then I moved to the heart of the Midwest, where not many people thought much about my religion. There I was forced to educate the ignorant, and from there led me back to being a sole minority here at Aquinas. I further educated myself while being the minority, to help me understand other cultures and religions. And life experience is what I mean by education.

Malcolm X was a man who fought the society around him to educate as well as fight for the Civil Rights of his people and for the Nation of Islam. He was seen as cruel and vicious towards the Caucasians which surrounded him. But what people don’t understand is the fact that he had to do what ever he could for equality. A quote often linked to Malcolm X in regards to equality in the context of violence is, “By any means necessary.” But when you watch the movie you see for yourself that he did not advocate violence. The only time he even made a verbal threat of violence was when his house was set on fire, endangering his wife and children, similar to when he was a child, and the Ku Klux Klan set his house on fire.

Fortress **

By Amy Mazurek

Times Contributing Writer

Have you ever sat through a movie that was supposed to be an action-packed thriller, and just laughed? If so, you have to see Fortress. I would say it’s a cross between George Orwell’s 1984 and Rumble. Instead of Big Brother watching you, Zed, the computer is it. And instead of Sty Stulleone you get a Tim Allen type guy on steroids and acid. Sounds confusing? Heck. I haven’t even outlined the plot yet.

I’m going to make this brief and painless as I can. There is this married couple who are planning on having this baby. Wrong. It’s against the law to have more than one child, but their first one died. They end up getting caught by authorities and are thrown in this maximum security prison called the Fortress (hence that catchy title). This is all set in the future sometime so it’s run by Zed the computer who has these computer animated bats in the prisoner’s inestines. What they did sentencing Zed deemed wrong, the computer could punish them by pain through the device or blow them up. The whole plot is how the couple escape and all the problems they encounter on the way. It’s very bloody and vulgar, which I like. Anyway, there is a happy ending. Duh. I knew you’re itching to go see this flick, but don’t waste your energy; it will probably be out on videotape next week.

The perception of Malcolm X varies. Some see him as “Anti-White” which is shown in the movie. But what people neglect to remember is that once he went to Mecca, as all Muslims are asked to do (if possible), he was shocked to see that he was praying with men of all colors; White, Black, Indian, and other who did not look like him. His whole view changed, but people still continued the hatred, and on their own, continued violence, that which was never enforced by Malcolm X.

A man who saw the light of the Nation of Islam, a man who only wanted equality for his people, the movie, “Malcolm X” in my opinion clearly shows all aspects of the man’s life since childhood, in a non-biased way. Spike Lee shows the facts, and lets the viewer arrive at their own conclusion, some may be offended, but the key is to remember what was going on at the time, and still is going on today. All cultures are different, with their own practices, religions, and their own languages. One can never fully understand the racism and the prejudice of another culture, because they are not, nor will ever completely be a part of that culture. The easiest way to understanding is to educate and fight the ignorance.

Malcolm X

By Julie L. Williams

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If allowed, I would summarize Janet Jackson’s first flick, “Poetic Justice,” with two simple words—Nice Try.

This movie seemed the type to either be stupid to the point of hilarity, like “Breakin’ 2, The Electric Boogaloo,” or as excellent as John Singleton’s “Boyz ‘N’ the Hood.” I hoped for the latter since Singleton also wrote and directed this film. No such luck. “Poetic Justice” lacks flavor but still deserves an entry bit of credit. The story addresses inner city problems while removed from the usual environment. Also, Janet (Justice) surprisingly acts better than expected through the movie’s music was disappointing. Justice believes her performance is a real one but is more than that. The supporting characters are stereotypical and overdone. Overall, this movies caused me to pray for the urge to visit the bathroom.

Aquinas Student Attends Leadership Conference

By Chris M. Kobal

Times Contributing Writer

During this summer, Doug Dooley attended the Michigan Leadership Conference at Ferris State University. This conference consisted of discussions of student leadership issues and situations. Three thousand students applied to attend the conference. Dooley was one of 15 students chosen.

The qualifications were stiff. Students needed to hold an excellent GPA and high position in student government. They were also required to submit three essays. According to Dooley, the essays were the most difficult requirement. He had to explain in detail his political experiences, ambitions, and insight.

The conference featured eight speakers. Three of them were: L. Taylor, First Counsel for Michigan; D. Porumus, a close friend of Governor Engler; and Steve Williams, a successful labor attorney. These speakers gave insight and advice to the young politicians. Some of the topics lectured were how to deal with “gridlock” and prepare for a political career.

“Every leadership position holds a key to success, and that is to associate with good influential people and realize that success depends on allies. Stay ambitious and focus on your goal” said Dooley.

“Our key to our success is to meet people and help them. Hopefully, you will meet them again. Then, they may help you.”

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Fishbone - Give A Monkey A Brain

By Amy Mazerek
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I was pleasantly surprised that I really loved this CD. I didn’t know what to expect since I really haven’t listened to them before, but I am now proud to say that they have a new fan.

All the songs are very original. None of them sound the same (year), so I had a hard time trying to label it as a certain type of music. So I lay it down. Just sit back and veg out; these guys rock. “Unyielding Conditioning” and “End the Reign” were my two favorites. The first one had a catchy beat and I made me want to get up and tango or cha-cha, whatever that dance is. It sounds islandish and is the opposite of “End the Reign” which is a harder tune and more to my liking. I had a problem with “The Warmth of Your Breath”. Hello! Am I getting these lyrics corrected? “May your dog’s colon be familiar with the warmth of your breath.” I don’t know what these boys do in their spare time, so I am now proud to say that they have a new fan.

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The Bottom Line
By Troy Ganser
Times Sports Editor

Hey, let’s see a show of hands. How many of us already need a vacation? (WOW!) I’m really not surprised. For a lot of us, it’s quite an amount of time away from home, family, friends, and those long distance relationships that are oh so sanity preserving.

But let’s get to the point. I’m speaking to you athletes—especially if you’re deaf. Whether or not you’ve been too far away from your comfort zone for too long, odds are you’re still having a bit of trouble staying in the groove of things—being mentally focused, committed, etc.—especially in the physically challenging areas of sports. (And if you’re not, well aren’t you special???) It’s okay to admit—especially if you get older and realize that a lot of what you’re forced to endure really won’t help you a bit and you don’t care about it (this applies to life and liberal arts prerequisites). Thus, let us state THE BOTTOM LINE: SUFFER! HA! No.

It is at this point and for the next 4 weeks that your true test of mettle begins. Here we separate the dedicated from the lazy, the mice from the men, the sheep from the nervous, and most importantly, the ATHLETE from THE EX-CURRICULAR!

I’m talking Wnites here. Champion stuff. Suck it up and move on. Kill the significant other will probably still know you. And that long distance relationship that is oh so sanity preserving. Suck it up and move on. Kill the athlete from the lazy, the mice from the men, the sheep from the nervous, and most importantly, the ATHLETE from THE EX-CURRICULAR!

The weather could not have been more perfect. The temperature was in the low 70’s with a significant breeze blowing. The sun shined bright and temperatures in the low 70’s helped to set off what Coach Wynbeek hopes will be a “year in which the Aquinas men’s cross country team, in an early show of force, placed fourth in the Hope College Cross Country Invitational. The five mile race, held on the grounds of Beechwood Reformed Church, provided the Saints with an early indicator of the challenges that lie ahead. The Saints outraced Grand Valley State University, GR Bible College, Albion, Olivet and Spring Arbor. The Saints have won one on the chin though— as they lost to arch rival Siena Heights, a loss the Saints will have to overcome if they plan on knocking out Siena in district competition.

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