WAQU Kicks Off on 550 AM

By Amy Mazurek
Times Staff Writer

After a long wait, the Aquinas radio station is finally on its feet full time. On Sunday, November 28, at six o’clock President Paul Nelson and his wife Ruth kicked off the station with a dedication and tape cutting ceremony. Directly following, donuts and apple cider were heartily consumed by Aquinas students who came to support the new station. Jennifer Mather, Assistant Manager, said she is “relieved. We finally got it turning and things are happening.”

The Aquinas station, located at Regina Hall in room 133 West, has two offices and the studio itself. Bill Carter, the station advisor, said that there are still positions available for DJ’s, so if there are any interested people they should drop a letter of intent down at the office. “The more people that want to be D.J.’s, the more air time the station will have,” Bill said.

James Anderson, Senior D.J., said that they have around 40 people trained for air time, and after Christmas Break everyone should have a routine down. They need to work around everyone’s schedule and they will not know for sure when they are available until second semester starts. Kipp Randall, Stage Manager, hopes to have a wider variety of music by next semester.

Among the D.J.’s are Cara Williams with a House music format, Jesaira Glover with a Gospel show, Erin Irwin and Joel Funk with a ‘70’s/Alternative program, and a Mathies Snyder is going to have a comedy show on the air. Carolyn Brocavich, who wrote the case report for funding approval from the Senate, said she is very excited about the whole thing.

“I put a lot of work into it this summer. It’s good to see it’s finally taking off,” she commented.

The station, she said, would help people who go into communications get hands on experience. The position of Station Manager would be kind of be like an internship, the station would also be a new way to advertise campus news, and be a way to increase school spirit. Freshman Mary Stankiewicz said, “The station is a happenin’ way for students to hear the tunes they like. I like it.” When asked if he would listen to the station regularly he responded, “Hell, yeah!” Junior Lendell Hoard said, “Yes, I’m gonna listen. I’m just ready to explode over the whole thing.”

The new station, full of excitement and motivated people working for it, seems to have a good future. “I think it’s gonna pick up when people realize they’re on the air. We hope to go to F.M. someday,” James said confidently.

Bill Carter said it best, though, when he ended with this parting sentiment, “We’re just excited to embark on a new adventure.”

Great Issues

Discussion of Marijuana

By Erin Irwin
Times Staff Writer

The Aquinas community was presented with a discussion on the use of marijuana at the latest Great Issues forum. The forum started at 7:00 PM in the Louit Room of the Wege Student Center. Thirty-five students sat in as the merits and downsides of marijuana were debated.

The panel consisted of four speakers—three of which were against the use and legalization of the drug. Patti Zimba, Prevention Director for Project Rehab, along with Mary Reed, a pharmacologist for Blodgett Hospital, and Randy MacGeorge, Resident Director for Cam-

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The Aquinas Times
Parking Lots Unsafe

Dear Editor:

My car was broken into in the Hruby parking lot between 11:30 p.m. Monday, November 8 and noon the next day. My window was smashed, both of the front locks were broken, my tape player was stolen, the cover of my right front speaker was removed, my trunk was opened, and my jumper cables were taken. The damage totals about $500.

I understand that in the next five days following my break-in, three more cars were vandalized while parked in Aquinas lots. One of these cars was parked in the Hruby lot.

More protection is definitely needed for the cars parked on campus. More thorough patrols, including ones done nightly, would be needed. The issue here is Christmas, and what it means to me and the rest of us as Aquinas students. I know this seems a little early, but I want to give you all time to take my words of wisdom and make this Christmas better than any other, because of your attitude and love for your fellow man.

I’ll admit, I’m having anxiety attacks with the best of ’em over what to get for whom and how I am going to get the money to treat others in a Christian manner. God wants us to love one another. That is the number one rule. Just think about what could be accomplished by each and every one of us each day if we all treated each other with respect and love. We could accomplish miracles.

Think of the last time you were having a bad day and you didn’t say hi to someone or talk to a friend because you were just too damn grumpy. I wonder what kind of difference you could have made in their day, and in yours. I believe there is no greater feeling than that of being needed and loved for your kindness and caring.

We’ve all heard the lectures in church about not getting caught up in all the commercialism of Christmas and worship God and know that this season is for Him. I know that if as a child Christmas was not cloaked in commercialism, I never would have gotten so excited about it in the first place. Now, the excitement over the commercialism part has gone away, but it has left in me a deep understanding of what Christmas is NOT, and a clear picture of what it IS. This is why I have chosen to make an effort this year to be more giving, not of presents, but of my own special gifts.

Aquinas holds some of the most unique, caring, and special individuals I have ever come across, so let’s help each other and love each other and support each other, especially this holiday season, but also for the rest of our lives. We are celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ; we owe it to Him to do our best to be Christ-like. We need to forgive, we need to think of others before ourselves, but most of all we need to love. If we love others and ourselves, we will most certainly be loved in return.

Sincerely,
Alicya Brown, Hruby Hall

New Services in Dining

Dear Editor:

Dining services plays a major role in the quality of life at Aquinas College. It is our ultimate goal to provide efficient, courteous service with quality meals in a pleasant surrounding.

In response to our customers, we implemented a number of new and exciting programs this year. Listed below are just a few of the improvements we made to better satisfy you:

—3 entree selections minimum
—vegetarian entrees and healthy choice selections
—omelette bars
—super salad and soup bar
—grill n-go fast food
—computer and dietician consulting
—menu specialty bars
—room service
—bonus dollars for resident students at no charge
—diner’s express cash
—TCBY yogurt
—computerized access card reader for commuter and faculty
—increased dinner meal hours in Wege in response to student athletics
—bookstore financial voucher plan
—full-time hostess
—extended hot breakfast hours until 10 a.m. in the Corner Cafe
—increased missed meal hours at lunch

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Rebellion Leads to Knowledge

Dear Editor:

As I read Daniel VanderMeulen’s piece (“Rebellion Against Authority Leads Nowhere,” Aquinas Times, 17 November 1993), I fervently hoped that I was reading a parody. Tragically, it appears that Mr. VanderMeulen is serious. Being “pummelled by new ideals, logic and behavior patterns” is one’s privilege, a luxury accorded to the university student who undertakes the collegiate challenge. Certainly, Mr. VanderMeulen, this exposure is not only “unavoidable” but should be aggressively and graciously pursued! One’s undergraduate years should be filled with rebellion against various authorities, whether they be prevalent ideas, religion, science, art, or politics. Virtually every discipline demands examination—rebellion against the status quo.

I do not advocate anarchy, nor do I suggest that no extant ideology is sound and acceptable. What is catastrophic, Mr. VanderMeulen, is your blithe internalization of the “system” as the sole credible authority. It is this same system that rallied, Ptolemy as a heretic; the Vatican (I, too, attended a Catholic university), new ideas were the lifeblood of the campus, and challenge was constant. The “real world” and the banity of conformity that, for the most part, describes corporate America will indocrinate the college graduate into the “system” all too soon. Even the strongest of wills grapple with business orthodoxy. College is the time to develop the ability to decipher a situation elementally and not be deceived by a priori assumptions.

D. Kathy Land,
Graduate Management Program

By Joseph R. Drouillard
Times Assistant Editor

On occasion, an Aquinas College student will see a Campus Safety officer in action. Normally the officer will be seen running from one building to the next, attempting to keep our campus a safe place to live in. The sad reality remains: Aquinas College parking lots are not crime free. Dominican lot was revamped a couple of years ago to accommodate cars of students living in Regina Hall, yet parking lot crimes continue to be a problem. From July to June last year three vehicles were stolen, and it seems that vandalism to student’s vehicles occurs on a monthly basis.

In the opinion of the Aquinas Times staff, the Department of Public Safety has no hard working employees and a fine director.

Currently, Campus Safety consists of five supervisors, twelve student employees, and a director, Mike Palmer. The real problem is that not enough students work for campus safety. Is this staff large enough to adequately protect the parking lots and provide all other services involved with public safety? The answer is NO.

The solution to the problem is two-fold. Students need more reasons to work for Campus Safety. Currently, the position only pays $5.00/hr. That’s not enough for a position that is both dangerous and physically taxing. Also, campus safety officers should be stationed at both Mayfield and Dominican lots. People will be far less inclined to bust into cars with a guard sitting right there. If this solution is implemented, the problem will decrease dramatically. With increased safety in the campus parking lots, the extra cost to implement this plan will be well worth it.

Campus Safety In Financial Need

Dear Editor:

In the recent past or perhaps it was in another life in a parallel universe, the college administration gave a list of reasons for the acquisition of the RBC campus. The reasons included the need for additional residential space for the Aquinas students. The fact that the campus also provided additional parking, a few classrooms and a few offices would be of some help in alleviating crowded conditions. The administration also stated that Donnelly Center would be used for rentals and that Wege Student Center would be devoted to being used for the Aquinas students.

Six million dollars later the Aquinas students still do not have a student union. Rather than investing $350,000–$500,000 in the Carriage House, I believe the administration should work with the Aquinas students and turn Wege Center into a student union.

The last I heard, the Aquinas operating budget was very tight. In fact most Aquinas employees need only use one finger to count the wage increases over the past four years.

Aquinas has a long wish list of needs that will require money. The student union does not require any additional expenditures. All that is required is to turn Wege Center into student union.

Larry Zysk, Woodhouse Library Director
During Hunger and Homelessness Week, November 15-19, Aquinas students took time to increase their awareness of the homeless and contribute to a solution. After the sign-up at Wege the previous day, a homeless panel spoke in the Loutit Room at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16. The panel included a former homeless person as well as a current one. Paul Haagman from Degage Soup Kitchen and one of his volunteers also spoke. “The turn-out wasn’t as great as expected,” said Abby Elliott who played a great part in coordinating the week’s activities. “But everyone that went was enlightened. The speakers were so real that they touched everyone that was there.” The panel addressed the issue that ignorance is a by-product of fear so people shouldn’t judge others or be afraid to volunteer until they know what it’s like, according to Elliott. A speaker also mentioned that others often hide behind their possessions and focus on materialism when they speak. “Since these people don’t have any possessions to hide behind, they have nothing to speak but from their heart,” commented Elliott. Later that day, Aquinas students volunteered at Degage and were given the chance to see for themselves. While at the soup kitchen, the volunteers served left-over pizza for the diners. The Aquinas students and a small group from a Sparta high school took charge of preparing and serving all the food. They also had the opportunity to visit with some of the people. “We had to work as fast as we could so since the people were hungry and pizza is a special thing for them. We were just flying through it,” said Elliott. “But it was a very positive experience since everyone wanted to go back again. Not everyone who signed up could go because of numbers, but we’ll be organizing more trips in the future.”

Hunger and Homelessness Week also raised funds for Degage, God’s Kitchen and Heartside Ministries. Students were given the opportunity to forsake their Wednesday Wege dinner. For each student who signed up to sacrifice a meal, the cafeteria donated $1.75 to the three organizations. Wege also provided alternative meals to those who participated. The meal served in the ballroom consisted of soup, iced water and bread. Over 100 students gave up their Wege dinner to help the homeles.

The week ended Friday night, November 19, with the spooldown in front of Wege. Though few participated due to the cold, Elliott and Katy Schmaltz outsold the others and stayed outside until 3:30 a.m. Those who attended were given a cardboard box to sleep in for the night. Wege remained open for the bathroom facilities and hot chocolate and tea were provided. Paul Haagman from Degage also spoke to the small group ready to brave the cold.

“It’s scary being in a closed box like that,” said Elliott with a smile. “Since there are no windows it’s really dark unless you want to open the flaps and freeze.” Those that missed the Hunger and Homelessness Week activities can still help. John Langan, another member of the Social Action Committee, is currently running a canned food and clothing drive until December 3.

“We’re doing it until December 3 since I thought people could go home during Thanksgiving and bring things back,” stated Langan. The items collected from the drive will be donated to Degage and Heartside Ministries. Boxes are located in lower level Wege, Regina Hall, St. Joseph Hall, Frothy Hall and the east campus houses for students to drop off their donations. “We’ve had a better response this year since more people are involved. We’ve collected almost as much within the last week as we did all last year,” said Langan.

“To summarize the past week, I think those that participated found it definitely worth their time and increased their awareness. People don’t always realize how real homelessness is until they see it first hand. The events and experiences definitely helped to make us more aware since we weren’t ‘seeing it as if it were on TV and far away,’ said Elliott.

J.A.M.M.I.N. With Talent and Fashion

On Friday, November 19, J.A.M.M.I.N.'s 4th Annual Talent/Fashion Show took place at The Art and Music Center. Hosted by Michael Burnham, this two hour program featured dancers, singers, and a variety of fashions ranging from leather to formal wear. The show also displayed various people from different groups on campus, from the traditional to the Soccer teams.

The show started with the National Anthem which was sung by LaCie-AWhile Perkins, then, the fashion explosion. The first segment of the show titled, "Demand Diversity" featured models wearing traditional fashions from various countries. The models also danced to reflect the traditional way the people danced. Models in this segment were Felicia Buchanan, Kenyatta Christian, Doug Dooley, Nancy Hengesbach, Nicole Almond, Eva Benumen, Yahaira Best, Paula Choponis, Jesaira Glover, Todd Kibbile, Ramila Temple, and Latrice Wood.

Next was Jesaira Glover’s moving rendition of “The Wind Beneath My Wings.” Sister Alice Wittenbach commented that Jesaira’s song was “very spirited and quite passionate.” Vikki Kenzey thought she, “rocked the house.” She received a lot of applause, and to Shannon Cassidy, it was the highlight of the evening. “She just has a great voice. She put her whole self in it, and you could tell,” Shannon said.

Following the song, the dance and the fashion scene in the segment titled, "Provocatively Diverse." Opening this part was a dance to Janet Jackson’s song "If." Choreographed by Lexie Baker, this was definitely a hit with the male part of the audience.

"All I have to say is wow. And I mean wow," Sophomore Chris LaPorte said about the dance.

Freshman James Anderson said, "Lexie is the awesomest choreographer I’ve ever met in the flesh and she’s the coolest girl I’ve met period.”

When asked what was his favorite part of the program Larry Yff simply answered, “Everything Lexie did.”

Next, came a dance and dramatization by Brooke Davis, Kenyatta Christian, and Shawn Rosser. Following that was the evening wear presentation which featured formal clothing for both males and females. Fashions ranged from funky to traditional. The Kappa Alpha Psi Step Show followed the Evening Wear and was quite the show-stopper.

"Those guys were hot. I was very impressed," said freshman Kathleen Roberts.

The final followed, and some of the models were Sister Rosemary O’Donnell, Randy MacGeorge, Phyllis Taylor, and Timi Hough. This part of the program was choreographed by Brooke Davis, and featured fashions that ranged from sporty to trendy.

A reception followed in the Corner Cafe.

All the proceeds went directly to the Kindred Homes to provide Thanksgiving baskets, and all the cans collected were donated to the Hispanic Emergency Food Bank.
Many of you don’t remember November 22, 1963 when John F. Kennedy was shot. Most of us weren’t even born yet. But the events that happened that day changed the course of history forever. Gary Robertson, a statistics professor here at Aquinas College, has come to be an expert on the events of that day, and today he teaches a course here called the “Kennedy Assassination Revisited.”

Robertson started looking at the events of that day more critically when such books as Sylvia Meagher’s book Accessories After the Fact came out criticizing the Warren Report. “Kennedy inspired confidence and idealism in all of us. He moved the nation toward a better way of life. When he was shot people started to question the events of the day,” remarks Robertson.

Starting in 1976, Robertson has taught the Kennedy course here and every year there seems to be a growing interest in it. As a part of the course you look at some of the theories that are out there from Mafia involvement to the CIA to some of the strange occurrences that happened after the assassination. At one time Robertson used to incorporate Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King’s assassination into it, but do to more and more information coming out every year it becomes harder to fit all of that into one class.

Robertson has also attended two national conferences held in Dallas, Texas to compare theories with some of the acclaimed experts on the Kennedy assassination. Among the “experts” he has met Mark Lane (author of Rush to Judgment), David Lifton (author of Best Evidence), and Bob Groden (author of High Treason). Robertson has also met Lee Harvey Oswald’s widow Marina Oswald.

In addition to the conferences Gary has been on all of the major networks here in town (channels 3, 8 and 13). Recently he appeared on “Front and Center” (Channels 8) at 5:30 with Suzanne Gehr to talk about the assassination. Earlier that day he was on WGOV talk radio and later that night he was at Schuler books with another local expert to talk to people about the assassination. In late 1990 Robertson appeared in the Grand Rapids Press as a result of the anniversary of JFK’s death. The article attracted a bit of a response from a supporter of the Warren Commission’s findings when David Belland wrote to Gary (care of the Press) and criticized him. Robertson had the chance to respond and talk to him but nothing big came of it.

Asked whether he has his own theory on the assassination, Robertson thought “Castro couldn’t have missed him; he wouldn’t get away with it; we tried to kill him a dozen times. He would have been nuts to try it. There was no Soviet involvement. So who stood to gain the most: Americans. Some group of Americans killed Kennedy.” Unfortunately Robertson didn’t “expound” on which group of Americans it would be.

Gary also recommends several books for persons who might be interested in the assassination, but don’t know which books would be good. “Jim Marr’s Crossfire, Lifton’s Best Evidence, Groden’s High Treason, Meagher’s Accessories After the Fact, and Lane’s Rush to Judgment are all good books to read on the assassination” Robertson said.

But of course if you really want to get more information on the Kennedy assassination the best thing to do is to take Gary Robertson’s course. Who knows, maybe you will solve the 30 year old murder and become earn world wide fame; but remember who started you on that quest.

By Alec Hosterman
Times Business/Advertising Manager

Professor Keeps JFK Assassination Theories Alive

Fall Jazz Night A Success Despite Late Arrival

By John Serbu
Times Staff Writer

On Sunday, November 21st, the annual Aquinas Fall Jazz Night was held to a responsive audience. The evening featured the Aquinas Jazz Singers and the Aquinas Jazz Band; the featured guest was Aquinas alumnus, singer Edie Evans-Hide.

The concert began with the Aquinas vocal group. Their program got off to a rough start due to their missing bass singer, but vocal instructor Kevin Roberts filled in until the missing performer appeared halfway through the set. Despite the slight confusion, the crowd reacted well to the material being performed, which included “Kansas City” (featuring the jazz band), the ballad “Smile,” and “Georgia on My Mind,” which featured guest vocalist Evans-Hide as soloist.

“We still have some areas to work on, but overall, the concert went well,” stated vocal instructor Steve Sanocki, a sophomore. “The crowd reacted well despite a few minor mistakes,” he added, and the fact that they were missing a singer for the first half of the performance. “There’s always room for improvement,” Sanocki said.

Next, the Aquinas instrumental group performed several numbers. The songs included “Have You Met Miss Jones,” “Robin’s Nest,” a jazz waltz entitled “Happy Hour,” and the drum-oriented tune “Latin Import.” All songs featured lead solo breaks by various performers, mainly on saxophone, trumpet, or bass. But the highlight of the evening came with Evans-Hide’s performance. She sang with the jazz combo group (which features bass, drums, and piano) as back-up. They went through “love” songs to “a String,” which Evans-Hide proclaimed as one of her favorites, “Feel Like Making Love,” a tune penned by Roberta Flack, and “Teach Me Tonight.”

“We were glad to have a former student of our music department, Edie, here tonight,” stated Bruce Early, the head of the Aquinas jazz department. “We were also glad our bass singer showed up for the second half of the set; the singer apparently had a commitment with the track team, which made him late, according to Early. “But overall, the concert went well. We have new vocal and instrumental groups this fall, and they performed some challenging material.”

In the meantime, jazz fans may want to watch for the Aquinas Christmas College Concert in December, and the big two-day jazz festival in the spring.

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THEIR HAVING A BABY!

Campus News

By Eric Irwin
Times Staff Writer

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Citizen Circle Explores Racism in Grand Rapids

By Gretchen Thomson
Times Staff Writer

Racism. Everyone is familiar with the name and what it implies. Maybe what some of us don’t know is what Grand Rapids is doing to make this problem begin to fade away. Right now in Grand Rapids there is a program sponsored by the Citizens League of Greater Grand Rapids. It is a non-profit organization, sponsored in part by the Frey Foundation and Robert Woodrick, C.E.O of D&W grocery stores. The Citizen Advocacy Committee is a subcommittee of this.

The purpose of this Citizen Advocacy Committee is to look for issues in the area and form Citizen Circles. The issue of these circles is racism and race relations, the reason this was chosen as the topic is because it is such a widespread issue. You find racism everywhere; school, work, church, sometimes even at home. These Citizen Circles are comprised of five to 15 individuals. In each circle there is a Convenor who originates the circle and gets people involved. There is also a Facilitator who runs the circle. These circles are based on a volunteer basis and will meet at least three times between January and March. The whole purpose of these circles is to bring members of the community together to help deal with the issue. They also share personal thoughts, feelings, and attitudes in the hopes that what they say will raise attention in the influential members of the community. They do this to make recommendations to community leaders, City Council members, and others in the community.

This is the first year something like this has been implemented in Grand Rapids. The goal of the organization is to form thirty-five Citizen Circles, discuss topics and to try and come up with personal experiences, ideas and suggestions as to what can be done to improve the situation. The model they are using is a method from National Issues forum. This is recognized throughout the United States, and has proven to be successful. A format similar to the one here in Grand Rapids was used in Lima, Ohio. The results were successful and a change was noticeable even after the circles had broken up.

Some of the organizations here in town which have expressed an interest in these circles are: Steelcase, Burger King, and Aquinas. If this sounds like something that would interest you, you can receive more information by calling either Carol Bennet, the Executive Director, at 235-6908, or Kristi Rasikas at 458-4791.

Election December 7 to Replace Paul Henry

Health Care Main Issue Among Candidates

By Dave Bult
Times Staff Writer

Republican state Senator Vern Ehlers supports universal health care coverage for all Americans. Democratic candidate Dale Sprik has the same feelings. Independent Dawn Krupp favors the current system with an added “pool” for the uninsured and uninsurable. The only problem is, none of the 3rd Congressional District candidates answer the question of how their ideas will be financed.

The three office-seekers expressed their views in a recent Grand Rapids Press article.

According to Lody Zwarensteyn, vice president of the Alliance for Health, a local health care planning organization, deciding on how to pay for the care is going to be pivotal as the proposal is debated over the next few months.

"That three-letter word is in there somewhere," said Zwarensteyn referring to the inevitability of taxes having to pay for the proposed new changes. Ehlers agrees. He is skeptical about President Clinton’s cost saving projections. "My first concern is that costs are going to be higher than anticipated," Ehlers said. But Ehlers isn’t clear how he would extend the privileges if the current system was extended to the uninsured.

Sprik endorses some of the Clinton plan but he steers clear from the President’s new tax proposals to fund the system. “I'm not convinced about how he's proposing to pay for it,” said Sprik. Independent candidate Krupp opposes the Clinton plan opting for the preservation of much of the current system. For those with no insurance, Krupp proposes a curtain on the insured who carry employer or governmental coverage. The uninsured would then be covered and those with now-reduced insurance would then be able to purchase better plans.

The candidate for the 3rd District to replace Paul Henry’s seat will be voted on December 7.
A record one in six college freshman had major concerns about the spiraling cost of education in 1992, according to a survey conducted by the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California-Los Angeles.

The results reveal the highest concern over money by freshmen in nearly 30 years, researchers say.

Anxious students are scrambling for financial aid, grants, loans, work-study positions and part-time jobs to pay the bills. Despite warnings that grades suffer when students work more than 20 hours a week, many are working well over 20 hours a week in school.

It's not just coming up with thousands of dollars in tuition, supplies and high school fees that freshmen are coping with, but the increasing academic demand to own a personal computer or word processing system, college officials say.

In addition, students are opening wallets for expensive textbooks, some as much as $75—or higher. The cost of 100 widely used freshman and sophomore textbooks has risen 91.5 percent in the past 10 years, according to Campus Marketplace, the newsletter for The National Association of College Stores.

It is difficult to know which students give up on college because of financial difficulties, says educators, because often the problem is hidden. However, officials say college completion rates are closely tied to family incomes.

"You see students who have for what appear to be academic problems, but the real reasons may have to do with finances, and income, the College Board said.

According to the survey, tuition and fees run:

- $575 (6 percent) more at four-year private colleges.
- $139 (4 percent) more at four-year public institutions.
- $421 (7 percent) more at two-year private schools.
- $113 (2 percent) more at two-year public colleges.

The increases were roughly the same as those reported last year. Nevertheless, the higher costs make it difficult for students to pay for college without relying more heavily on financial assistance and loans.

"The nation must find ways to help improve the financing of higher education so that all who want to go to college can afford to do so," Stewart said.

The board, a non-profit association, lists tuition and fees and other expenses for more than 3,000 colleges in an annual guidebook and computer software.

The College Board also develops sample budgets for a year of education, based on average tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, transportation and personal expenses.

This year, the sample budgets range from $5,372 for a student who lives at home and commutes to a two-year public college to $17,846 for a student who lives on campus at a private school.

The survey results were applauded by private school administrators.

"We are pleased to see that for the third straight year, the average increase in tuition and fees at private colleges and universities has held steady or declined," said David Warren, president of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

Warren said private colleges were doing everything they could to cut costs and provide more financial aid to students from low- and middle-income families.

"Top priority should be given to student financial aid funding by state and federal governments, so that an individual can make a true choice between a private and public institution based on fulfilling educational aspirations and not on price," Warren said.
C'mon, we've all been guilty of it: saying that Grand Rapids is a boring city. And now that winter is fast approaching, the dreariness of days will seem endless. Works will drag on and pile up like an unmanned conveyor belt full of Wege trays. The winter nights will further chill our dampened moods until ceaseless screams of insanity will fill the moonlit sky.

But, winter doesn't have to be like this. In fact, the only people believing in this apocalypse version of the ivory white season have come to love are bullied kids whose worn faces show the torment of daily beatings, and starved sun junkies who crave a tanning booth fix. Dogs bark. Babies start crying. Is junkies who crave a tanning booth fix. Dogs bark. Babies start crying. Is junkies who crave a tanning booth fix. Dogs bark. Babies start crying.

But why sleepwalk through winter's beauty at a movie theater packed with other drowsy bears when experiences await you in the great outdoors? So get your hide outside and visit the winter wonderland found in Grand Rapids.

Here's a list of some things to do this winter.

- Ice Skating—Starting in January, the downtown Monroe Amphitheater offers outdoor ice skating.
- Downhill Skiing—Cannonsburg and Pando ski areas offer day and evening skiing starting in December. Lift tickets are around $20 and ski rates around $10.
- Cross-Country Skiing—At Robinette's, you can ski through the apple orchards and onto Provvin's County Park trails. Afterward, you can enjoy hot spiced cider and donuts in the Apple Haus. Two hours of skiing costs about $6.
- Sledding—If Wege trays behind Regina don't exactly float your boat, the hills of Johnpark Road (196 and 28th St., SW) and Richmond Park (Richmond and Tamarack, NW) are ideal for the Zippy Whooper enthusiast.
- Snowshoeing—This sport uses shoes resembling large tennis racquets as a quick means of transportation through heavy snow. Provvin's County Park trails are ideally suited for snowshoeing.
- Horseback Riding—Only one place in Grand Rapids offers public horseback riding—Flying Horseshoe Ranch in Middleville. For times and rates call 1-795-7119.

Winter Camping—It's not as cold as you think and the idea is quite simple. You dig snow away from under your tent and put it around the outside for insulation. One candle lantern inside will keep you toasty warm. Call campgrounds for availability.

Walking—This is a no-brainer for guys who normally consider bowling or binge as exciting dates. Walking is not boring. A walk in the park on a beautifully snowing winter's day is considered both romantic and impressive.

White Zombie Plays At Eastbrook
By John Serba
Times Staff Writer


Well, not really, that's just the image they portray. But, the Zombie managed to create an atmosphere akin to a sensory nightmare when they attacked the packed house at Club Eastbrook on November 16. The concert is an experience I'll never forget, because it's continually played out in my nightmares...

Anyway, the Zombie took the stage with a huge presence and a seemingly bottomless vat of energy which pervaded their 75-minute set. Kicking off the show with "Grindhouse (A Go-Go)," they poured their energy into the crowd, who reacted accordingly by going insane. Singer Rob Zombie (real name: Straker) belied forth his obscura lyrics from underneath a skull-laden hat and waist-length dreadlocks which seemed to perfectly portray the tongue-in-cheek "Satanic" image of the band. Entertaining as Rob Zombie was, the night belonged to the band, who were as tight as the crowd packed at the front of the stage. Bassist Sean Yseult whipped her bright green hair around as she cranked out grooves over drummer Phil Buerstatte's pounding, rhythms and guitarist J. Yeager's feedback; this induced the now mandatory mosh pit (which occurs at practically every concert save for Neil Diamond nowadays. Yawn."

The Zombie plowed through mostly tunes from their album, La Sexorcisto: Devil Music Vol. 1, which included "Thrash," "Black Sunshine," and "Soil Crusher." "Spiderbaby" led into the oh-so-popular, overplayed MTV favorite: "Thunder Kiss '65," to which the crowd reacted byreaking each other senseless. But the surprises came when they played two new, untitled, and as-yet unreleased tunes; also, from the upcoming "Beavis and Butthead" (yes) came the appropriately titled "I am Hell." And for the encore, the Zombie kicked into Black Sabbath's classic "Children of the Grave," to which Rob Zombie added, "Let's pretend we're in the '70s!"

Well, the show certainly wasn't a let-down. I guess the sound quality was just awful, but it sounded fine through my earplugs. Actually, the Zombie showed good tone(!) in their quality microphone (which seems to contrast the intentionally cheesy horror-movie lyrics). Yet they still can't teach the live power of Slayer or Pantera or the Rollins Band, but no one else has given me such horrible nightmares...

Forget The Movies: I'm Going Snowshoeing

A Little Extra
Program Houses Recieve Annual Award

By Gretchen Thomson
Times Staff Writer

Friday November 12, 1993 the program houses on East campus received the Youth in Philanthropy Award from the National Society of Fundraising Executives. They received this award because of the combined efforts of the houses over the past three years. The award is presented on the basis of a group or individual less than twenty-one years of age demonstrating extraordinary manner of positive example for others to follow through in initiative and commitment to volunteerism and philanthropy.

Five Aquinas students went down to pick up the award in Kalamazoo, Michigan at the Fetzer Center on Western Michigan University's Campus. These students were: Troy Ganser from the YMCAs part of Dominican Hall, Kathy Poole with the M.A.Y. House, Christine Cowdrey and Carolyn Bocovich who are part of the RAP tutoring program, and Rhonda Smith form the Imoni Umoja House and the Imoni Umoja houses and all others who were recognized for their efforts!
The show stars Gregg Edelman, Stephen Bogardus, Carolee Carmello, Adam Heller, Julie Prosser, Sivan Cotol, Brett Tabbesh and Heather Mac Rae. The music and lyrics are by William Finn and the book is by Finn and James Lapine. Lapine is also the director. The story opens with Amahl, Whizzer, Trina, Mendel, Jason, Charlotte and Cordelia. Marvin divorced Trina to be with Whizzer after realizing that he was gay. Jason is their son, and Mendel was Marvin’s psychiatrist until he and Trina fell madly in love. As one can probably imagine, this little set-up causes many problems. They attempt to all be a happy family, but Marvin and Whizzer have problems: Trina and Mendel can’t understand, and actually neither can they. Poor Jason is stuck right in the middle, first questioning if he’s going to be gay as well, then he seems to get confused with having so many parents trying to plan his Bar Mitzvah and fighting about it the whole time. Charlotte and Cordelia don’t enter into it until the second Act, but they are definitely worth waiting for. They are the two lesbians from next door at Marvin’s apartment, and very good friends of his. Their personalities are hilarious and extremely entertaining. The music in this show is absolutely incredible. During some of the numbers I wanted to dance in my seat, especially the opening number, “Four Jews in a Room Bitching.” There were also beautiful songs that made me want to sob on my companion’s shoulder (who thought I was being a ridiculous over-emotional person) and though one feels sorry for him, his personality is such that as part of the audience I felt he partly deserved it and he wasn’t working hard enough on the relationship. But he has some great friends, the lesbians from next door, that really help him out in the beginning of the second act. When Jason invites Whizzer to his baseball game, things start up again between Marvin and Whizzer. Then, during a racquetball match, Whizzer suddenly collapses. This takes place in 1981 when AIDS was just being discovered and hardly anyone knew about it. Charlotte is a doctor and so she has read about it and it is determined that in fact Whizzer is infected and dying. Jason’s Bar Mitzvah is held in his hospital room, and then Whizzer passes away.

The entire show was moving and emotional. I was either laughing hysterically or sobbing throughout. Some very relevant points were portrayed in such a way as to strike down stereotypes about gays and lesbians and illustrate that family is so important in life, not just blood family, but those who really care. I would recommend seeing this play to anyone and everyone. Only those as closed-minded as the people in the audience getting up to leave at intermission didn’t get anything out of the show, and maybe if they would have stuck around, they would have learned something. This show wasn’t for homosexuals or heterosexuals or men or women or parents or children, it was for everyone. It was about friends and loving people and the joys that come of it.

The rest of the season for Broadway Theatre Guild includes “The Great Radio City Music Hall Spectacular,” “Crazy For You,” “Jesus Christ Superstar,” “The Will Rogers Follies,” “Guys and Dolls,” and a reshuffled “Carmelot.”

### THE NUTCRACKER

**THE NUTCRACKER** will be performed by the Grand Rapids Ballet for six performances. The show will be in DeVos Hall with the Symphony Orchestra. Performances are Thursday, December 9, 1993, 8:00 p.m.; Friday, December 10, 1993, 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, December 11, 1993, 2:00 p.m.; Saturday, December 11, 1993, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, December 12, 1993, 2:00 p.m.; Sunday, December 12, 1993, 7:00 p.m. Tickets are $21.00 for adults and $13.00 for students; upper balcony seats are available for $7.50. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster, the Grand Center Box Office, and the Grand Rapids Ballet office. For information, call the St. Cecilia Music Society Royce Auditorium, 24 Ransom St. SE. It is the story of a crippled boy who is visited by the three wise men and a fairy steals some of the gold for his son. The wise men tell the child they are seeking will have no need of riches and his kingdom will be built on love. She returns the gold and the boy offers his crutch in case the child is born lame. Through his selflessness, Amahl is miraculously healed and he joins the kings on their journey. Tickets are $7.00. For tickets, call the St. Cecilia Music Society at 459-2224.

**WMU’S MILLER AUDITORIUM** is delighted to present the Tulsa Ballet Theatre’s production of “The Nutcracker” in three performances with the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra and local children. The performance dates are Saturday, December 4 at 2 and 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 5 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $24.00, $18.00 and $12.00 for adults and $12.00, $9.00 and $6.00 for children. Tickets are now available by calling the Miller Auditorium Ticket Office at (616)387-2300 or 1-800-228-9858 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekday.

**ST. CECILIA MUSIC SOCIETY** and the Heritage Theatre Group have combined talents to stage the production, “Amahl & the Night Visitors,” a wonderful Christmas opera for the entire family. It will be presented Wednesday, December 1 through Saturday, December 4 at the St. Cecilia Music Society Royce Auditorium, 24 Ransom St. SE. It is the story of a crippled boy who is visited by the three wise men and a fairy steals some of the gold for his son. The wise men tell the child they are seeking will have no need of riches and his kingdom will be built on love. She returns the gold and the boy offers his crutch in case the child is born lame. Through his selflessness, Amahl is miraculously healed and he joins the kings on their journey. Tickets are $7.00.

**SUZANNE POWELL,** an elementary teacher at Lakeside School and elementary instructional coordinator for the East Grand Rapids School District, will sign copies of her book, The Pueblos, at Schuler Books December 9 from 4-5 p.m. Powell received a grant to study Native American culture in New Mexico. As a result of her trip, she produced this book, a look at the Pueblo people from both a historical and social perspective. Copies of The Pueblos will be available at the signing. Refreshments will be served.

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**THE ORCHESTRA** is currently rehearsing for their December 4 performance.
Smashing Pumpkins
Slamem Dream ***
By John Serba
Times Staff Writer

Produced By Butch Vig
Virgin Record Company

Smashing Pumpkins is a beautiful and
psychedelic entity; melancholy, yet up­
lifting. Singer/guitarist and supreme
songwriter Billy Corgan incorporates
subtle vocals and masculine riffs with
light, delicate melodies, creating a vari­
ey of moods. Guitars are the focal point
of the songs, and are sculptured into
great swirling masses of sound. The best
songs here contrast each other in style:
"Disarm" incorporates cello, violin, and
reverberating chimes to create a float­
ing, airy, effect, while "Quiet" is a very
up-tempo, energetic number with a
throbbing, pulsing main riff. Other
standouts include "Cherub Rock," with
its ironic, sarcastic lyrics regarding the
state of music ("Who wants honey? As
long as there's money...Let me out") and
"Spaceboy," a dreamy, sad, acoustic tune
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Men's Soccer Finishes Season

At the beginning of the year the men's soccer team established a number of goals that it wished to accomplish, the biggest one being winning districts. The team was very confident in their ability to attain their goals due to the tremendous amount of individual talents. The amount of talent on this year's team was arguable the best Aquinas has ever had.

Tom Osborne has told the media all year that his team has not been defeated and the only controversy would be who is number two. The 'Noles were considered by many to have the best team in the country at the beginning of the year with their only hurdle being arch-rival Miami. With Florida State having one loss, the Nebraska Cornhuskers feel they deserve to number one after having defeated the Florida State Seminoles.

The Florida State Seminoles were bumped from the number one ranking, where they had been the entire season, after their November 13 loss to Notre Dame 31-24. Had they taken the "legends" of Notre Dame seriously they would still be undefeated and the only controversy would be who is number two. The 'Noles were considered by many to be the best team in the country at the beginning of the year with their only hurdle being arch-rival Miami. With Florida State having one loss, the Nebraska Cornhuskers feel they deserve to number one ranking as an undefeated team. The Cornhuskers have stoutly defeated every opponent they have faced this year with their only struggle against Colorado. The "Huskies" have a very potent offense but have yet to be tested by anyone. Nebraska coach Tom Osborne has told the media all year that his team has not gotten the respect they deserve. If all works out, Nebraska will get its chance to prove how good they really are in the Orange Bowl against Florida State.

West Virginia can make a small claim to number one after having defeated the Miami Hurricanes and going undefeated on the season. While not playing that difficult of a schedule, the Mountaineers came up big with a win over the Hurricanes. Having stayed in the shadows of the "powerhouses" all year, West Virginia has moved its way up the ladder to contend for the title.

After suffering a heart-breaking loss at home to Boston College, the Notre Dame Fighting Irish lost their number one ranking and along with it, the control of their own destiny. In order for the Irish to win the title, they will not only need to win their bowl game, but they'll need some help from several other teams. The Irish still have one big advantage; they defeated Florida State once this year so it if comes down to those two teams, Notre Dame should be awarded at least part of the championship.

The Auburn Tigers are in a very bad predicament this year. The Tigers are undefeated this year and would have a shot at both the Sugar Bowl and the national title if it were not for one small thing. They are on probation and ineligible for any post-season play. There goes their shot at number one. While still ranked in the AP poll, Auburn is not ranked in the USA Today-CNN poll because of their probation.

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IM Volleyball Ready To Serve Up A Championship

With the colder weather now upon us, the intramural scene switches its focus from the outdoor fields to the indoor courts. One of the most popular activities in intramurals takes place during this time: six-on-six co-ed volleyball.

Twelve teams signed up to vie for the championship this year. The teams involved are very diversified in their make-up. The teams consist of people who played together last year, people who had never met until this year, on-campus residents, off-campus residents and even members of the faculty and staff.

The volleyball league began play on October 31 and is scheduled to run for the next couple of weeks. The top four teams qualify for the post-season tournament that begins on December 12. If a tie exists between teams for the fourth spot, a wild-card match will be held on December 7.

As of November 27, Showtime was the only team that was undefeated. Several other teams remained very much in the hunt for the title having only one or two losses each. While no team is yet to be "mathematically eliminated" from playoff contention, there appears to be a few teams who are destined for post-season play.

The season is drawing to a close and the race for the playoff spots is getting tight. Good luck to those teams that make the playoffs and congratulations to the others for a good season.

Men's Basketball Kicks Off New Season

This weekend the Aquinas Men's basketball team kicked off the 1993-94 season. The Saints played at the Grace (IInd) College Tournament. The Saints took two on the chin, losing to the host team on Friday and then losing a tough battle to Rosary College on Saturday. On Friday, the home fans and the "nomer" referees did not make our visit pleasant. Steve VanVliet and Derek Donnelly paced the Saints with 28 and 26 points respectively. Still the combined effort was not enough. On Saturday VanVliet poured in 30 points and was named to the All-Tournament along with Donnelly.

Even though the Saints suffered some setbacks, VanVliet seemed optimistic about the future. "We have some guys who are still adjusting to college basketball. It is early in the season and the kinks still have to be worked out." Due to NAIA eligibility rules a handful of transfer and guest students are not eligible until January. When they do start playing the present Saints will have the kinks worked and will be ready to roll.
A View From the Bax
By Adam Baxter
Times Contributing Writer

Greetings and salutations Aquinas sports fans. If you love college football, then the last two weeks have been a joy for you. First Notre Dame and Florida State played what may have been one of the greatest football games ever played. Notre Dame, who was not given a chance proved their detractors wrong again. Notre Dame won and became the number one football team in the country, Florida State who had sat on top of the polls all year dropped one notch. However, as the skies of November turned gloomy, Notre Dame's success became short-lived. The Boston College Eagles stormed into Notre Dame and then left with Notre Dame's dreams of the National Title tucked snugly in their pockets. The Eagles upset victory of the mighty Irish left people asking who is number one? That I do not know, and I do not want steal some of Dave Beuche's column either. All I do know is this: Michigan beat the then number five team in the country, the Ohio State Buckeyes 28-0. The win was Michigan's third in a row. The humiliating defeat left the Buckeyes wondering where they will play on New Year's Day. Will it be the Rose Bowl or will it be another prestigious bowl? Again I do not know. Predicting a college football game is like predicting the weather in Michigan. It cannot be done.

Who would have guessed that the Big East Conference who have such an impact on football. The Big East has been a dominant basketball conference over the years. The conference decided to add football to its repertoire only in 1991. The conference added the University of Miami to help boost its chances in football. The conference succeeded, and now with Boston College re-emerging as a powerhouse and with the Mountaineers of West Virginia beating Miami (Miami's first loss ever in conference play), the Big East has now become a football powerhouse. In fact the Mountaineers are still undefeated and could play the National Championship.

With all these unstable shifts in college football the question of number one keeps popping up. I think I have found the answer. Boston College beat Notre Dame who ranked No.1, while Northwestern beat Boston College. Therefore the Northwestern Wildcats are the Number One team in the country.

Women's Basketball Competes In Press Tournament
By David C. Bueche
Times Sports Editor

While many of us took the Thanksgiving weekend to relax, the Aquinas women's basketball played in the Grand Rapids Press Women's Basketball Tournament. In Aquinas' bracket were Lake Superior State, Northwood, Grand Valley and Aquinas. On Friday, Aquinas won their first game in the tournament by defeating Northwood 69-48. Aquinas was led in scoring and rebounding by Nikki Tuttle who had 23 points, shooting 60% from the field, and nine rebounds. Dana Manel led the team in with five assists.

In Saturday's final, The Aquinas Saints played the Lake Superior State University, who defeated Grand Valley on Friday 85-56. Playing without April Johnson and Kelly McEnhill, the Saints led by as many as 15 points in the first half. In the second half, the Lakers switched up defenses and slowed down the red hot shooting of the Saints. Coming back from an eight point deficit at halftime, Lake Superior State went on to win the game 74-65.

As she did in the first game, Nikki Tuttle led the Saints in scoring with 18. Ronna Russell and Dana Manel also contributed scoring 17 and 11 points each. Two Aquinas players received honors over the weekend. Kim Zdybel and Nikki Tuttle received All-Tournament honors. Nikki Tuttle was named the Most Valuable Player for the tournament in Aquinas' division.

Paul Low Competes Nationally
By Matt Eugster
Times Contributing Writer

The Aquinas Men's X-Country season came to an end last Friday as sophomore Paul Low competed in the NAIA National X-Country Meet in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Low was the only national qualifier from this year's team, and finished in a time of 26:50. Low led the Saints' team throughout the year, earning All-Conference and All-District honors (this being no small accomplishment in a district dominated by two nationally ranked teams).

Low, a graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School, has developed into a dominant X-Country runner usually peak as upperclassman. With two more years of college eligibility look for two more good seasons from Paul, and look for his name to come up again when you read through placing times from prestigious summer road races.