Christmas in Mexico

By Dr. Marilyn Beirling

In Mexico, the Christmas celebration begins on December 16 with the celebration of the Posadas (posada means "inn" in Spanish). Families often get together for nine nights before Christmas, forming processions that include two children who represent Mary and Joseph. The procession goes from house to house or from door to door in the same house, carrying candles, singing, and asking if there is extra room. When the people in the procession finally arrive at a place that will accept them, they enter and find a party awaiting them. There is lots of food and usually a pinata filled with fruits, small gifts, and sweets. Each child is blindfolded and has three tries to flit the pinata with a stick. This is not easy, since the pinata hangs on a rope which is pulled so that the pinata moves up and down. When the pinata is broken, all the children scramble for the contents.

Traditionally children do not receive gifts on December 25, but rather they set their shoes outside their windows on the evening of January 5. The children fill their shoes with hay in order to provide food for the camels of the three reyes magos (wise men). The next morning, if they have been good, they will find that gifts have replaced the hay. If, however, the children have been bad, they may find coal (or sweets in the form of coal) in their shoes.

Hough Celebrates in Style

By Alec Hosterman

Hough Celebrates in Style

The lights were out, the voices hushed, and the crowd was ready. When the door opened the lights went on and a loud cheer of “Surprise” echoed throughout the ballroom. It was a gathering of friends for the 30th birthday of Timi Hough, Director of Student Activities.

On Friday, December 10th, an all campus party was held in the ballroom put together by Tando Gaduka and Jesaira Glover. The event was a secret to Hough, who thought that a dance was going to happen. Needless to say a bit more happened than just dancing.

Gaduka and Glover code named the project "J.T." They sent letters out to all of the friends for the 30th birthday of Timi Hough, Director of Student Activities.

"It was really hard to keep it a secret from her (Hough) since she is very nosey. I had to do a lot of lying and being snooty to keep it away from her," Jesaira commented.

Hough arrived a bit after 8:45 and was given the surprise of a lifetime. Glover gave Timi the center seat and brought up each gift and read the cards attached. Timi was embarrassed and excited all in one. "It was a very nice honor and a surprise that the students remembered me. Even thought I didn't want to remember my 30th, it was a nice way to celebrate it," Hough remarked.

"I was disappointed that more of the students didn't show up to support her, but overall it turned out excellent. I'm thankful for everyone and Tando for helping," Glover remarked again.

By the end, people were packing up and leaving and saying their congratulations and goodbyes to Timi. The secret plan that had been planned for the previous week was a success. The student body celebrated Timi's birthday and gave her a night that she won't forget.

Track Gears Up for Season

By Matt Eugster

As another year winds down, already another track season approaches. The season begins in mid-January and the Saints look for a strong showing from a veteran team. With the loss of last year's Academic All-Americans Kurt Schmidt and Jeff Fedewa, the Saints place their hopes in veteran runners and new talent alike.

All-District runners Marlon Dourma, Scott Haid, and Mike Chabot lead a strong group of sprinters, while Leslie Lake and Angie Klouse stand out on the women's team. Tom McHugh, Erin Irwin, Scott Belland, Adam Baxter, and Gary Vanstaveren will try to follow-up good performances from the Cross-Country season in the distance events as Penny Townes and Missy Harvey lead the women's distance team.

Coach Jeff Brazier looks for the Saints to be highly competitive this year even though they are much smaller than last year's squad. With a large group of seniors, it seems this will be a peak season for our team. Please support the Saints as they battle for this year's WHAC Conference Title.
MERRY CHRISTMAS!! It's so hard to be a college student for Christmas, isn't it? I keep thinking about when I was a child and couldn't sleep at all the night before Christmas in anticipation, and to see if I could hear Santa so that I could reassure myself it wasn't my parents buying the presents. I used to wake up by 5:00 a.m., even though now that's when I go to bed most nights. I was always anxiously awaiting the stereo to go on (it was on a timer thanks to my dad) and for "Joy to the World" to blast through the house telling us it was time to get up. I will never forget the first Christmas I actually went right to sleep the night before, and woke up to the music instead of way before it. I thought something was definitely wrong with me; and I didn't like it very much either.

Well, I was reminded of all this when I was in class Tuesday night thanks to Merri Warren. She read the following piece to my class and it really made me think (as so many of the things she reads do to us). I thought I would love to share it with the entire Aquinas community as a follow-up to last issue's "For Play." I hope you like it as much as I do. I don't know who the author is, but it's definitely worth reading.

THE LOST CHRISTMAS

There is nothing sadder in the entire world than to wake up Christmas morning and not see the Christmas tree. Not to feel the cold on your bare feet as you rush to the Christmas tree in the living room. Not to have your eyes sparkle at the wonderment of discovery. Not to rip the ribbons off the shiny boxes with abandon. What happened?

When did the cold, bare feet give way to reason and a pair of sensible bedroom slippers? When did the sparkle and the wonderment give way to the depression of a long day? When did a box with a shiny ribbon mean an item on the "charge"?

The Christmases you loved so well are gone? What happened? Maybe they diminished the year you decided to have your Christmas cards printed to send to all of your "closest" friends. You got too busy to sign your own name. Maybe it was the year you discovered the traditional Christmas tree was a fire hazard and the needles had to be vacu­uumed every three hours and you traded its holiday aroma for a silver one that revolved, played "Silent Night" and snowed on itself. Or the year it got too much trouble to sit around the table and put popcorn and cranberries on a string. Or the year that the ornaments from your children made in kindergarten party "march" your decor and were boxed and sent to the attic. Possibly you lost your childhood the year you solved your gift problems neatly and coldly with a checkbook or gift certificates.

Think about it. It might have been the year you were too rushed to bake and resort to slice-and-bake with no nonsense. Who needs a bowl to clean—or licks? Children of Christmas are givers. That's what the day is for. They give thanks, love, and gratitude, joy, and themselves to one another. It doesn't necessarily mean you have to have children around a tree. It's rather like lighting a candle you've been saving, carving when your feet are cold, building a fire in a clean grate, grinding tinsel deep into the carpet, licking frosting off a beater, and giving something you made yourself. It's laughter, being with people you like, and at some time falling to your knees and saying, "Thank you for inviting me to your birthday party." How sad indeed to awake on Christmas and not be a child.

Student Union Top Priority

Dear Editor:

As a concerned student, I would like the chance to express the importance of the conversion of the Carriage House to a Student Union, from my perspective.

Presently, the supposed Student Union of Aquinas College is the downstairs of Wege. This set-up is not what most would consider a Student Union nor can it accommodate the overflow of offices which are contained in it. The combination of the Food Service Bureaucracy and the Health Center eliminate this area from being exclusively a "Student" union. It is this fact which is one of the noted advantages of a new union. The union would contain offices which are operated only by students. In addition, a central location could logically and genuinely be getting together both on-campus students and commuters. Most importantly, a new student union would greatly enhance the atmosphere and spirit on campus, and undoubtedly boost recruiting as well as retention of current students.

In response to the library proposal, the difference between changing focus from a new student union to a library is not as easy as switching priorities. The cost of a new library would exceed 8 MILLION dollars, while the cost of a new union would be approximately $350,000. Plus, Aquinas' library is designed to accommodate a college of our curriculum, not that of Grand Valley or Calvin. Essentially, the combination of the discrepancy in funding, between a new union and a library and the current sufficiency of Aquinas' library, prove that a new union is the only sensible option. Finally, it is top priority of the students, it is top priority of administration, and would be the best overall addition to our campus.

In the end I hope that all students are aware of the significance of a new union and will realize their support makes all the difference.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Johnson

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How many of you still believe in Santa Claus? I'll be the first to admit it—I do. In fact I would bet that almost all of you out there believe in him in some way or another. He's a legend that has transcended from generation to generation and has become an icon of our nation, the same as Elvis and the Easter Bunny. But he is much more than that. He is a symbol of hope and prosperity and comfort to those who embrace him.

There really was a Santa Claus, and I can prove it (in fact my father is writing a book on the legend of Santa Claus as we speak). It began long ago within the books of ancient mythology. You can trace St. Nick back to the Greek God of the sea, Poseidon, where the Feast of St. Nicholas was celebrated on the same day as that of Poseidon. From there the legend becomes even more developed when in the 4th to 9th centuries A.D., a bishop from Myra by the name of Nicholas was performing "miracles" throughout Europe. He came across a house which was very poor, poor enough in fact that the father couldn't fill his daughters' dowry, and he was going to be forced to sell them to prostitution. Nicholas heard this and under the cover of the night he threw three separate bags of gold through the window of the home. In one account they landed in stockings hung by the window and in another they are thrown down a chimney. But as you can clearly see, Santa was not just created in the minds of the mothers and fathers of this country, but from ancient mythology and folklore.

Through the years the myth has grown and finally came over to the United States in the early 1800's when Clement C. Moore and Thomas Nast became two people who pioneered the myth into our own mythology through "Twas the Night Before Christmas" by Moore, and the drawings of a pudgy old man with a white beard holding a pipe from Nast. From then until today where we see Santa on Coke bottles and every television, the legend is alive and well. Of course this doesn't mean anything unless you have the spirit that St. Nick holds. It's not anything that can be put into words or written down in an editorial of this nature. It is deep within all of us and everyone knows it is there. It is of peace, love and a feeling that you hold no animosity towards anyone. It is a feeling that pervades Christmas day. I try to hold that feeling for 365 days a year, instead of just one day.

Put this column has no point to it, and maybe it does. Realize that the legend of Santa Claus is real and lives within all of us. We are jolly old St. Nick to the person you meet on the street. We are the gift-giver and symbol of hope to our friends and family. Inside all of us is a pudgy old man with a white beard smoking a pipe waiting to come out. I have a button that I wear on Christmas that has a picture of Santa on it and the only word written is BELIEVE! So take heart and look for the gift-giver this year. You will find him; it's really not that hard. All you have to do is close your eyes real tight for a minute, and then open them up and BELIEVE!!

Top Ten Fabulous Christmas Gifts

10. Incredible Hulk Underoos
9. Sea Monkeys
8. Fruitcake (the brick variety)
7. Voltron Combat Cats
6. Hooked-On-Phonics (Worked for me!)
5. A Cat Toy
4. Sports Illustrated Shoe Phone
3. Oral/Anal Thermometer
2. Zampirr Master of the Pan Flute CD
1. Halloween cookie cutters (They were on sale.)

Happy Holidays From
The Aquinas Times

Santa Alive and Well At Aquinas

By Alec Hosterman
Times Business/Advertising Manager

Aunt Ida's Famous Fruitcake Recipe For The Holidays

Add three eggs
One lb. enriched flour
Four cups of buttermilk
Two lbs. powdered sugar
One tablespoon of vanilla
Two cans of dried fruit
Three cans of Mixed nuts
Two cans of bacon bits
One qt. ACME quick dry cement
Bake at 425 degrees for forty days and forty nights
Serves a family of four

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December 15, 1993
Say goodbye to some of your friends because on January 6 some Aquinas students are heading off to Ireland for a semester of traveling, learning, and having fun in the process. This year, as in the past 21 years, Aquinas students are taking advantage of the opportunity to go abroad to Ireland. The semester in Ireland program, sponsored by Aquinas College since 1972, is taking 23 students this year. The students plus faculty advisors Miriam and Ron Pedersen will be spending second semester in Tully Cross, Ireland.

Out of the 40-45 students who applied 23 were chosen to represent Aquinas in Ireland. To be eligible to go you need to be of sophomore status, have at least a C average, and be a traditional aged full-time student. Aquinas also accepts applications from other colleges. The 21 women and 2 men that were chosen to go had to go through an interview, application, recommendations from faculty, and write a statement saying what they feel they can contribute to the group. These people were chosen because they were open-minded about new experiences and cultures.

Tully Cross, located only a half hour from the mountains and the ocean, is a small rural community in the west of Ireland. Since Tully Cross is a small town consisting mainly of a pub, church, and grocery store, there are no distractions from a big city like Dublin. Since there are no shopping malls nearby or other amenities, the students stay at home, they get used to going for long walks in the countryside.

"Winter Wizardry" Motivates Aquinas At Christmas Dance

The annual Christmas dance started off the month of December with a new look and a new location for the students of Aquinas. "Winter Wizardry" was held on Friday, December 3, in Donnelly Center. It was the first time in a while that the dance was not held off campus. The Residence Hall Association decided to bring the event to the campus to try and attract more students and bring them all together. "We tried to connect both sides of campus since East Area is farther away from the students," senior Chris Cowdry acknowledged. "It was a good size for the amount of people there, but it could have been decorated more," said junior Mike Chabot.

James Anderson, Senior Disc Jockey for WAQI, decayed the dance. A variety of music from top 40 to alternative to some classics (like "Y.M.C.A." by the Village People) grace the ears of the participants. "I thought it was great because it was alcohol free and smoke free. It was a good way to spend time with friends too," remarked senior Maria Fernandez.

The tickets that people bought were in the form of Christmas ornaments. When the people arrived they could hang their tickets on the Christmas tree in Donnelly. By the end of the night the tree was full of decorations and the dance floor was crowded with participants. "I thought it was jammin,'" junior Allyson Criswell said.

All in all it was a very enthusiastic evening full of Christmas cheer and fun for everyone who attended.

Over the mid-semester break the students will be required to vacate the residences in Tully Cross, and travel for the whole two and a half weeks. The students get together in groups of two or three and vacation somewhere of their choice. Romero said some of the most popular places to visit are Italy, Spain, Germany, and the British Isles.

The students participating are: Shelley Acers, Dawn Archambault, Erika Batara, Lisa Burrows, Paul Clark, Angela Corradini, Sara Corradini, Elizabeth Cowdry, William Crowther, Janet Filek, Sara Glover, Kristin Kilway, Sarah Landry, Joanne Marsack, Julia McHugh, Laura Messing, Leslie Middaugh, Laurie Patterson, Darlene Pelak, Karin Smith, Stacy Syrek, Julie Weiner, and Mary Beth Williams. Other students are going to other countries next semester. Deb Adamick and Maggie Swindell are going to Spain. Wendy Alexander will study in France. Susan Holloran and Ted Rosenman will be in Germany, Austria is the host country for Stacy Larrance, Kristin McBurney and Julie Osborne, Pam Manley is going to Japan, and Theresa Huey and Leslie Richlich will spend the semester in Mexico.

The Ireland students will return to the United States May 2, just in time for graduation. If you are thinking of going abroad to Ireland there will be informational sessions held in February and March, and if you have any questions you can go to room 107 in the Academic Building to pick up materials.

AQ Republicans Active

The Aquinas Republicans were off to a flying start with various events, such as the special election, the Unity Breakfast, the Annual Fall Dinner, and a Canned Food Drive.

Kent County had to have a special general election due to the unfortunate death of Congressman Paul Henry. Students of Aquinas supported the candidate of their choice for the primary election. Out of the eight candidates, Vern Ehlers won the primary on Nov. 2. The Aquinas Republicans supported Ehlers and help with volunteer hours at the Republican Headquarters or the campaign headquarters of Ehlers. If anyone is interested in helping with this campaign, call 258-8078 for more information.

The Unity Breakfast was held Nov. 3 at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel with guest speaker Governor John Engler. Six Aquinas students represented the Aquinas Republicans.

The Annual Fall Dinner, held Nov. 12 was attended by the top eight volunteers of the club. A table of eight was donated to Aquinas. This $100 a plate dinner was held at the Welsh Auditorium with guest speaker Bob Michel, the House Minority Leader.

The Republicans will also be collecting canned goods for the Governors Canned Food Drive. If you have any questions or would like to become more involved call Pat Miller at X6239.

Twentv-three Students to Participate in Ireland Next Semester

By Amy Mazurek

The students will be housed in thatched cottages, traditional in design, but equipped with central heating, electricity, and cooking facilities. Three to five students are housed in each cottage, and the students are able to pick who they want to room with.

According to John Romero, Assistant Academic Vice-President and Dean for Academic Programs, the students will be spending the semester traveling, taking classes, and learning about the Irish culture.

The students will be required to take three core courses taught by faculty advisors Ron and Miriam Pedersen. The classes, Irish Literature, Irish History, and a values seminar will be taught like the quads here on campus. They will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from 6:30-10:30, in one of the cottages that is used as student center/library/classroom building. The students will also be able to take elective classes also from the Pedersens, with Ron teaching a class in art, and Miriam in writing.

An average day in Ireland for the students starts off getting up in the late morning, due to the fact that it usually dark out this time of year. After that they usually do homework or go for walks, because according to Romero there is no time pressure in Ireland compared to the United States. The student's then go to class, and afterward go to the pub.

The "pub is more of a gathering place for students to get to know people in the community, than a place to get drunk," said Romero.
**November Senate Meeting Productive $10,000 Passed Towards Carriage House Renovation**

By Erin Irwin
Times Staff Writer

The Community Senate helped clear the path towards the transformation of the Carriage House into a Student Union by passing a motion to place $10,000 toward that goal at its November 17th General Senate Meeting. The motion was brought before the Senate body by Public Relations Chair John Niedratch, Political Affairs Chair Doug Dooley, Budget Director Bob Reynolds, and Senator Cathy Talty. The four made a lengthy presentation to the Senate. The research behind the four included meetings with Mary Beth Wardrop, Vice-President of Alumni Relations, and Sr. Aquinas Weber, along with an open-house of the Carriage House, complete with blueprints and refreshments. Talty, speaking for the group, says that the meetings with Wardrop were helpful in determining how students could best show support to potential donors. The Senate funds are contingent on donor action taken before the end of the current school year. If donors cannot be secured at that time, the funds roll back into the Senate budget. Additionally, the Community Senate has full say where the $10,000 will be spent in the Carriage House.

In other Senate actions, Senator Lisa Kachur presented a plan that called for decorating certain Aquinas landmarks with Christmas lights. This effort will tie in with the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony, held at President Nelson’s house.

Kim Schmitz, Community Relations Chair, presented the Club/Organization of the Month Award to the American Chemical Society (ACS). ACS was presented with this award for its involvement with the Benzene Banquet, a spaghetti luncheon for the Aquinas community held on November 3rd at Albertus Hall. The Senator of the Month Award was presented to Cathy Talty. Talty was honored for her involvement with the screen printing operations of the Public Relations Committee, along with her leadership role with the Carriage House/Student Union movement.

In other Senate matters, Senate Chair Matt Eugster and Kim Schmitz announced their findings from a recent meeting with Residence Life Director Pam Sterbel. Their meeting provided both sides the opportunity to address the RA selection process. Eugster and Schmitz announced that their efforts to make the selection process more representative of student input would continue. Amy Sherman, Student Affairs Chair, announced that her committee was pursuing the establishment of a homosexual rights club for the Aquinas campus. Her committee was in the midst of contacting the University of Notre Dame for information on its homosexual rights club. The next General Senate Meeting is scheduled for January 26, 1994 at 12:30 PM in the Wege Ballroom.

**Lights Adorn Campus With Holiday Spirit**

By Julie L. Williams
Times Staff Writer

Students decorated the Aquinas campus with Christmas lights Sunday, December 5 between 2 and 4 p.m.

Lisa Kachur, an Aquinas sophomore, gained funding from the Community Relations Committee of the Student Senate. “Walgren’s gave us a discount on the lights which was cool,” said Kachur.

Kachur bought 4800 lights. 4500 of these were used to decorate Holmdene, Wege, the Academic Building and Touchdown Mary. “I decided to bring more holiday spirit to campus and more color because it’s so blah outside,” said Kachur.

Seven other people participated in the decorating. The blue light shining on Touchdown Mary “was Kipp’s idea,” commented Kachur.

“I feel that the lights contribute to the Christmas feeling. Love, peace and happiness is the result within all the campus residents,” commented Joy Bartek.

A Regina resident advisor, Katy Schmalz, said, “I think they’re wonderful. I especially like the ones leading into Holmdene because they’re bright and they flash.”

To all who volunteered, Kachur stated, “Thanks to all who helped because I think we had a really good time with it.”
It was the big main event. Aquinas College was the place. December 2 at 7:00 PM was the time. And two lawyers and a former scientist were the participants. Sound like a bad World Wrestling Federation set-up?

The 3rd District Congressional Debate held in Ketchamma Hall was somewhat of a fight minus the ropes, the ring, and the tights. The 3 candidates, Democrat Dale Sprink, Independent Dawn Krupp, and Republican Vern Ehlers used some "big time" moves to defend their own characters and to give a clear portrayal of their messages.

"Mean Gene" Doug Dooley, a representative of the Political Affairs Committee and on stage as moderator, asked questions raised on paper by the small audience. Vera "The Nuclear Scientist" Ehlers began the "match" by giving background information about herself including her science teaching stint at Calvin College. Ehlers, a former state Senator, proudly explained that his hard work accounted for his bills being passed seven times more frequently than those of other Michigan legislators. Ehlers, who was confident about what he could accomplish in Washington stating that he was "experienced with starting and getting legislation passed immediately."

Dawn "The Attorney" Krupp opened by defending her stance as an Independent by saying that there are too many Republicans and Democrats in Congress. "I'll come to Congress with no political baggage," said Krupp. "You should treat this forum like it's a job interview, not a campaign," she told the audience.

Dale "The Other Attorney" Sprink stressed the importance of controlling the National Deficit stating that the root of the problem lies in Congressional spending. "Congress has an 800% budget increase each year; that's three times the normal rate of inflation," said Sprink.

When the opening statements concluded, Dooley questioned the candidates of their feelings on NAFTA. Believing in NAFTA's negative effects, Krupp and Sprink tag-teamed on the supportive Ehlers. Krupp, questioned fellow candidate Knee's stance by asking that "Because of NAFTA, Americans will lose jobs and it will exploit Mexicans." Says Sprink, grudgingly, "It's hard to stay so we have to deal with it." Sprink, agreeing with his Independent opponent but not with President Clinton of his own party, says that future benefits of NAFTA might be good but short term effects will be harmful. "This agreement will be too detrimental for the average and below average worker for the next five years," said Sprink.

Ehlers, who is for NAFTA, says that the agreement will benefit our nation. He also thinks it will better Mexico's economy.

On the issue of Campaign Funding, the consensus among the three candidates was the same: the system needs reform. Sprink, who has spent $300,000 of his own money campaigning, says that he took no PAC (Political Action Committee) money because of strong feelings for reform's necessity. Krupp also took no PAC money, spending only $15,000 on her campaign. She bodily slammed Ehlers, criticizing his acceptance of PAC money. "It gives the illusion of preference," said Krupp. Ehlers pushed Krupp off and defended his donations saying that most of his money comes from small, individual "grassroots" contributions.

Ehlers also came back and piecemealed Krupp when the issue of Ross Perot was brought up. Krupp dismissed Perot's character but agreed with and could relate to his self-funding campaign, although admitting that the '92 presidential candidate spent too much. This is when Ehlers gave Krupp the backbreaker. "Per cent, age-wise, Perot spending $60 million was less of his net worth than what his counterpart's ratio was," said Ehlers of Krupp's $15,000 campaign.

The three office-seekers ended the action-packed event by giving closing statements. "Clinton and Foley won't affect me by cornering," said the moderate-standing Sprink. Said Krupp, "Clint went crazy with spending—I won." Ehlers wrapped up by looking past the issues and abstractly reminding the audience of his "scientific" qualities.

"If you elect one of my two opponents, you're adding one attorney to the 181 already there. With me, you're adding a nuclear scientist where there's only one other in Congress," said Ehlers.

On Wednesday, December 8, Republican Vern Ehlers won the third Congressional District Federation. Ehlers ran the race by touting 67% of the vote. Democrat Dale Sprink finished second with 23% of the vote and Independent Dawn Krupp finished last with 10% support.
Underage Drinking: Who's Accountable?

By Karen Endicott

Dartmouth Life

Special to College Press Service

HANOVER, N.H.—"If I see something that needs to be changed, I try to change it," said Trevor Burgess, a senior at Dartmouth College.

He got his chance when, for a sociology course called "Alcohol and Community," he made a music video about drinking on campus. The result, "Viva Sine Amentia Moris"—"Life Without Friends is Death"—examines what it's like to be the only non-drinker in a crowd of party-goers.

The video's ultimate question, explains Burgess, is: "Are they really your friends or are they just drunkenpeople?"

Many students have already had the chance to ponder Burgess message. Last year his video was shown in a freshman seminar and in the "Alcohol and Community" class, and this year more classes will see it.

Meanwhile, Burgess, a government major with a minor in film studies, and junior Owen Gottlieb have made a second video. In the video "A Moment of Sobriety," they interview two fraternity brothers about various aspects of the drinking life.

The men speak candidly about such matters as competing for notoriety as chuggers, drinking games, drinking 10 to 15 beers at a stretch, vomiting to clear oneself for more drinking, and sexual behavior while drunk. The video, says Burgess, "exposed what everyone knows goes on but nobody talks about."

He reports that when the video was shown on campus in the cold light of sobriety, the audience actually booed the characters.

But it was social blindness that was really under attack. In a film technique as direct as truth, Burgess and Gottlieb had simply invited drinkers to talk to the camera and let the answers speak for themselves without further embellishment.

"I don't make judgments about people's behaviors," Burgess said. "I want people to take a look at their own actions and see how it affects them and realize it also affects others."

Films Chronicle Drinking

Lying, Cheating and Stealing: It's the Campus Way

By Diana Smith

Special Correspondent

College Press Service

If you've ever wondered who commits crime on campus, look around. It could be the woman sitting next to you in class, or the guy who lives down the hall in the dormitory. Then again, it could be you.

A series of surveys conducted by a University of Nebraska criminal justice professor indicate that a majority of American students—more than 50 percent—candidly admit to stealing money and property, driving drunk, cheating on tests and vandalizing property, to mention a few crimes.

Even more surprising are results that indicate most students also consider themselves to be good citizens and think the "real" criminals should be given harsher punishments for their crimes. And the problem isn't confined to the United States. A survey of students in New Zealand produced similar results.

"The students view themselves to be high-minded, law-abiding citizens, yet their behavior indicates otherwise," said Chris Ekstrand, who teaches at the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

In the surveys, 3,417 students at the University of Nebraska-Omaha were queried over an eight-year period (1984-91) about whether they ever had committed any of 22 criminal acts. A group of 542 students at the University of Canterbury at Christchurch, New Zealand answered the same questionnaire in March and April 1992. Ekstrand compared the data and presented his findings at the annual meeting of the Western Society of Criminology in February.

Statistics adjusted to compensate for variations in age, gender and other factors showed that:

- 58 percent of American students, compared with 57 percent of New Zealanders, admitted stealing less than $10.
- 75 percent of Americans and 50 percent of the New Zealand students said they had driven while drunk.
- 81 percent of the Americans and 52 percent of the New Zealanders cheated on a test.
- 64 percent of the Americans said they had stolen items from motels or hotels, while only 42 percent of New Zealanders said they had done so.
- 53 percent of Americans smoked marijuana, compared with 51 percent of New Zealanders.
- 11 percent of the Americans said they had stolen from their roommates, compared with 9 percent of New Zealanders.
- 20 percent of Americans said they had carried concealed weapons, while 17 percent of the New Zealanders admitted doing so.

By Karen Nuestadt

College Press Service

When Kelly Griffin 17, and her friend Sonia Johnson, 18, sat laughing and chatting at a popular University of Florida hangout one winter night in 1991, she had no idea that in just a few hours, a tragedy would occur that would change her life forever.

On the way home from Leonardo's Pizza by the Slice, Griffin, a Gainsville high school student, smashed into an oncoming vehicle on a narrow two-lane road. The passenger side of the car took the impact, and Johnson, who had just completed her first week at the University of Florida, was killed instantly.

No one at the pizza parlor had asked for their IDs.

Two years later, Sonia's mother still breaks into tears when the local Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) representative calls the house. Friends say the family is still in deep mourning.

Kelly, who was injured in the Jan. 11, 1991 crash, has charges of DUI manslaughter against her dropped because of snags in the investigation. She lives in Gainsville with her family, trying to pick up the pieces of her life.

When the families filed lawsuits against Leonardo's Pizza by the Slice, owner Steve Solomon reported the net worth of the eating spot was $17,000 just a juk­es and some old pizza ovens.

The Grif­fins settled for an undisclosed amount. But when Solomon, who owns a number of Gainsville restaurants, offered $5,000 to the family of Sonia Johnson, it was refused. They asked that the money be given to the Alachua County chapter of MADD. The University of Florida is located in Alachua County.

Study Warns Against Drinking Games

By College Press Service

POTSDAM, N.Y.—Chug-a-lug and other drinking games are not as harmless as college students may think, warn two researchers in a recently published study.

Nearly 4,000 alcohol-consuming students from 58 American colleges and universities were surveyed about the games they play when drinking. The study was done by David Hanson, a professor of sociology at Fredonia Col­lege of the State University of New York, and Ruth Engs, professor of applied health science at Indiana University at Fort Wayne, Ind.

While students who identified them­selves as "light" or "moderate" drinkers experienced few alcohol-related prob­lems, those who played a drinking game within the preceding year significantly increased the probability of negative consequences in 15 of 17 drinking-related behaviors, the report says.

The behaviors included missing classes, getting low grades, trouble with the law, violent behavior or property damage. More than twice as many game players as non-game players experienced diffic­ulties in most categories, such as driv­ing while drinking. Twice the number of game players as non-game players also had fears that they may be alcoholics.

Chug-a-lug contests, which identify winners by those who consume the most alcohol in a time period, and "quarters," a game that involves flipping a quarter into a mug of beer to designate the person who has to drink the contents, were identified as two popular campus drinking games.

Hanson and Engs stated that drinking game behavior should receive greater attention from campus alcohol prevention programs and messages. The two re­searchers concluded, however, that messages that stress abstinence from drinking have proved to be ineffective among college students.
It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas, that is, if you don’t count the fact that there isn’t any snow yet. Don’t worry though. To get in the Christmas spirit just look in all the dorm windows at all the lights, or around campus itself. This is the first year the campus has been decorated with lights, so we should applaud those who made the effort to add a little Christmas cheer to our school.

Speaking of Christmas cheer, don’t you think you should bring some to someone? Christmas is the season for giving, so grab some paper and markers and make a Christmas card for an elderly person at a nursing home who might not get one this year. Just call up a nursing home in your hometown and ask which of the occupants doesn’t get much mail over the holidays, or someone who doesn’t have any family at all. All you have to do is sign it “someone who thinks you are special,” and you have given a part of yourself to someone who really will appreciate it.

If making cards isn’t something you want to do, how about running down to your nearby church and telling them you’d like to “adopt” a family or a child for the holidays? They will be more than willing to help you find someone in need. Once you get your family, you don’t need to buy expensive gifts, just little ones you could probably find at The Dollar Tree or other discount stores in your area.

Another way to give something of yourself is to do things with your family. Help wrap presents with your mom or dad, offer to help bake all those Christmas cookies your mom has to make for your younger siblings’ school party, watch It’s a Wonderful Life together for the 24th time; it really doesn’t matter what you do just the fact that you do it together.

You should also realize that Christmas is not celebrated by other religions, and you should take the time to appreciate and learn from other people’s celebrations. The world is filled with people of all kinds, and to take the time to realize that and celebrate the differences is also a way of giving of yourself. During this part of the year if you open your cars and minds you will hear, “Happy Hanukkah,” as well as “Merry Christmas.”

So, before you head off home for the semester, give a little bit of yourself in a way that’s unique to you; you’ll be surprised at what you get back in return.

**Tell Tillie the Tree What You Want For Christmas**

**By Amy Mazurek**

**Times Staff Writer**

Standing proud and tall in the middle of Eastbrook Mall is the world’s most aptly named Christmas tree in the English language. Not only is she a literate genius, the tree also shares compassion and caring for all who pass, young and old. The lights which ornately decorate her 12-foot frame glitter with the brilliance of a thousand angels and reflect their radiance in the sparkled eyes of curious children who stop to gaze with enchantment. Who is this magic tree, you may ask, that has become the symbol of love, life, and beauty in a generation full of malice? Who is this goddess of green fur whose Eastbrook Mall is the world’s most applauded place?

Here, he’d sing, “They call her Tillie, only indoor surviving spruce without a motherly voice compensating for her overdue need of a make-over. Tillie asks a young boy who stops with his older brother and mother. “I want a bumbleball,” says 2-year-old Cole excitedly. “OK, I’ll see what I can do. Have a Merry Christmas, Cole,” answers Tillie cheerfully.

Tillie, with large snowflakes falling above and red cardinals landing on smaller trees that surround her, is the epitome of every child’s dream of a Christmas tree. She is the answer for children who look for a new Christmas role model after being shocked by seeing Santa Claus frantically rip off his beard to “light one up” in the corner of the mall following a shift change.

Tillie, facing the same self-survival skills as good ol’ St. Nick, is originally from Grand Rapids and not the North Pole. “It’s too cold up there,” voices the talking tree. Tillie can be seen until Christmas Eve with daily hours of 10-2, 2-30-5-30, 6-8:30 and Sunday hours of 12-3, and 3-30-6.

Who really is Tillie and why is Dr. Dan’s son scared of her?

**AQ Public Restrooms Rated**

**Many Male/Female Inequalities Noted**

**By Julie L. Williams**

**Times Staff Writer**

The strong urine smell leaking from Regina Hall’s men’s bathroom has always been a mystery for some residents. It may have inadvertently led to students having a fear of the public restrooms on campus and therefore a study was conducted in order to calm the fears of the Aquinas community so that the truth might be known.

Upon examination, the aforementioned restroom did not look as awful as it smelled. It was a bit smaller than expected, considering the odor, with only one gray stall, a urinal, and a leaky sink. Yet it must be mentioned that the majority of the men’s public restrooms were nicely deodorized in comparison. Most urinals contained a strange round deodorizer thing that kept the aroma quite lovely.

These same deodorizers may be the cause of the odd citrus smell that strongly fills the nostrils when entering the men’s restroom in the Academic Building’s basement.

Another interesting factor in the men’s public bathrooms was the thoughtful splash protectors in the wallpapered ones. These handy plastic sheets bolted around the urinals were quite a clever idea. Unfortunately, there was some difficulty locating the men’s bathroom in the learning resource center of AB. Isn’t it curious that one does not exist inside the library itself? Yes, indeed, some unfortunate male must search high and low to relieve himself on the second floor.

After a brief search, the men’s restroom was discovered down the little hallway outside of the library. A rather nice bathroom, no smell, and the man seen leaving its comforts appeared satisfied; yet one may wonder if this may be a case of sexism since only a women’s bathroom is located in the library.

The sexism possibility may be proposed again when considering the size of the men’s public restrooms compared to the women’s. Both Regina and St. Joe’s women’s bathrooms hold three stalls compared to the men’s one. Main floor AB’s women’s bathroom has a nice green leather seat cover and a full size mirror with a makeup counter. No Aquinas male will ever enjoy such luxuries as these.

But the men of Aquinas should never fear since they do have some advantages over the women. Even though women’s bathrooms tend to smell much nicer, the colors of the women’s bathrooms aren’t nearly as exciting. The women’s stalls only vary from shades of pink or green. Men, on the other hand, have a much more attractive and exciting variety. In AB, a male can choose from a nice mauve, a medium and mint green combination, teal, a stunning avocado green color. The dark sea blue stalls on the Wege Ballroom level are also ones not to miss — the effect is stunning.

Despite the phobia people may possess about public restrooms, the Aquinas community can relax since the restrooms here rate pretty low on the disgust level.
LONNIE BROOKS will bring his high-energy blend of Louisiana swamp rock, driving, electrifying rock 'n roll and raw, grungy Chicago blues to Grand Rapids on Friday, December 17th at Martin's, 1437 Wealthy St. Show time is 10:00 p.m.; admission is $10.00 and $15.00.

SECOND CITY COMEDY TOUR is returning to Grand Rapids for one night only! Friday, January 21, 1994 at 8:00 p.m. at Fountain Street Church, 24 Fountain N.W., Grand Rapids, MI. For information call PSC Box Office at 616-404-2000 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. or TicketMaster Outlets.

LORRIE MORGAN with special guest Billy Dean will perform Friday, January 28, 1994 at Wings Stadium. Presented by Cellar Door, the doors will open 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are $35.00 for Limited Gold Circle seating (first 10 rows) and $18.50 for all other seats. Tickets are on sale now at Wings Stadium Box Office and all TicketMaster ticket centers.

THE GRAND RAPIDS SYMPHONY presents five Old Kent Holiday Pops concerts on December 16, 17, 18, & 19. The sounds of the season will ring throughout DeVos Hall and the performances, a celebrated West Michigan tradition, will feature Associate Conductor John Varineau leading the Orchestra, which will be joined by the sixteen-member Dallas Brass Ensemble and the 150-voice Symphony Chorus. Concerts will be filled with some of the world's best loved holiday music, including Angels We Have Heard On High, O Holy Night and Joy To the World. There will also be a selection dedicated to children's music and a sing-a-long where the audience can join in singing Let It Snow, Jingle Bell Rock, The Christmas Song, I'll Be Home For Christmas, and All I Want For Christmas. Evening performances will begin at 8:00 on December 16, 17, and 18 and two 3:00 p.m. matinee concerts will be held December 16 and 19. Tickets for $10.50 to $36 may be purchased without a service fee by obtaining them in person at the Symphony office, 220 Lyon NW, Suite 415, or on the day of show at the Grand Center box office. They may also be ordered by calling TicketMaster, 456-3333, or at outlets including Vinyl Solution, Believe in Music, Boogie Records, Harmony House and Hudson's. Tickets purchased at these outlets will include a TicketMaster service fee.

FEMALE FULL-TIME JUNIORS are invited to enter Glamour magazine's 1994 Top Ten College Women competition. The competition, now in its 37th year, honors outstanding students from colleges and universities across the country who demonstrate leadership abilities, involvement in community and/or campus activities and academic excellence. Each winner will receive a cash prize and an all-expense paid trip to meet with top professionals from a variety of fields in order to attend an awards ceremony. She will also be profiled in the October 1994 issue of Glamour. Applications — which must be postmarked no later than January 31, 1994 — can be found in most Student Affairs or Financial Aid offices or by calling the magazine at (212) 880-8141.

ON BORROWED TIME will be presented by Civic Theatre. This well-known sentimental fantasy by Paul Osborn shows how Death is tricked by a boy and his grandfather and chased up a magical apple tree. The play was originally written in 1938 but its charm carries well to the present day. Theatre-goers will be moved by the love shown between Gramps and his lovable grand- son, Pod. Season tickets are $57 for adults ($7 admisions) and $25 for students ($7-Thursday admissions). Individual tickets are: Sundays-Thursdays, adults $8 and students $6, Fridays and Saturdays, adults and students $9.50, upper balcony, Sundays-Thursdays, $2 and Fridays and Saturdays $3. Performances are from January 6-22, Sun’s p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m.

ADULT ACTING CLASSES will be offered at Civic Theatre beginning the week of January 3. Classes for beginning, intermediate and advanced adult actors meet evenings and Saturdays for two and one-half hour sessions. Ar- eas covered are: character development, improvisation, scene analysis, movement and stage study. Tuition is $105. A Voice and Text Workshop for adults will be offered Saturday and Sunday, February 26-27, for one and one-half hours each day. The fee is $40. Registration deadline is December 21. To register, call 459-3732 for a brochure and regis- tration form.

AQUINAS STUDENTS THE VOICE IS HERE GREAT AUNT IDA is coming to Aquinas and she wants to hear from you!

Arts and Entertainment
CD Review

Neil Diamond

The Christmas Album

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By Heather Mills

Times Contributing Writer

Sony Records

This one is for you Amy. Being that I'm a newly reformed Neil fan, I'm not quite as enthralled by him as a couple of my friends. Not yet anyway. But this album put me in the mood for Christmas. And let me tell you, before listening to this, Christmas was the furthest thing from my mind.

The album was pretty much half and half with slow and fast songs. Maybe it was the mood I was in, but the fast songs just did not appeal to me. Except for one particular song, "I'm Dreaming of A White Christmas." Great song. Totally Christmas. Decent. Liking it.

My all time favorite song on this album, though, is "O Holy Night." It is one of the most beautiful songs I've heard in a long time. It just went down into my soul and brought out the ultimate Christmas spirit. All I have to say is WOW!

Because I only liked half of the songs, I can't give Neil four stars. Sorry, Amy and Shannon. But because the songs I did like, I loved, I'll give him three. Good Christmas music.

CD Box Set

Metallica-Live Sh*t: Binge and Purge ***

By John Serba

Times Staff Writer

Elektra Records

Hardcore Metallica fans, start drooling. This is the ideal box set: three CDs and three videos, all live performances, and a 72-page booklet packed with pictures and (mostly trivial) information.

The CD set was recorded in Mexico City during the Metallica album tour, and the band plows through everything from "Whiplash" to "Enter Sandman." This three-hour-plus concert has excellent sound quality, but Metallica's performance is somewhat uneven. The high points are when the band goes off on experimental tangents, such as Led Zeppelin's "Dazed and Confused" and a ten-minute, improvisational version of "Battery." However, the bass and guitar solos tend to drag, as does the 18-minute crowd sing-along version of "Seek and Destroy," this tends to zap the energy out of the rest of the material. They also inexplicably play only half of "Master of Puppets," which is arguably its best song.

The videos, however, are excellent, despite the fact that they are somewhat overproduced (there's too many annoying camera angles) for the band's style. Two of the videos are from one show of the Metallica tour, thus much of the material from the CDs is repeated, but the visuals make the concert more exciting. The real treat of the box is the third video, which was filmed during the...And Justice For All tour. They blust through intense renditions of the epic "Blackened" as well as the full version of "Puppets."

Being a die-hard Metallica freak, I ate up everything here despite the flaws, and the set to be well worth the $30 price tag. But, being a well-established act, the band tends to be a little too relaxed on stage. I long for the days of Master of Puppets, when Metallica was more intense, and had something to prove. But I highly recommend this monstrous package, just be careful not to overdose on Metallica in the process.

CD Review

Air Supply

The Christmas Album

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By Holly S. Kent

Times Editor-In-Chief

Arista Records

Produced by Michael Lloyd for Mike Carb Productions

Arista Records

This is what you are all thinking: First, we at the Apainus Times get on this Neil Diamond kick, and now we're trying to promote Air Supply? But let me just tell you, this is Christmas as it gets.

I have always liked to listen to Air Supply, I grew up on it, my mom used to play it in the car on the way to school a lot. So when I realized I owned absolutely no Christmas music and had to pick some out, I picked this. It was not disappointing.

They sing all the old favorites like "Silent Night" and my all time favorite "The Christmas Song." They also sing some originals: "The Eyes of a Child" (which reminded me of the poem I relayed to you all in my editorial) and "Love Is All" (Air Supply couldn't let an entire album go by without a love song) that I found myself singing along with after the third time I listened to the tape. The sound is comforting, festive, and really portrays to me the real spirit of Christmas. Admittedly, their voices are a little high for two grown men, but the harmonies are great and their voices blend so well together.

So pick it up, try something new for a change, or walk by the Times office the rest of the week because it will be blaring constantly.

CD Review

Nat King Cole

Coles Christmas, and Kids

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By Heather Mills

Times Contributing Writer

Capitol Records

I wasn't too sure if I'd like this CD. But I figured, "Hey, it's Nat King Cole. I love him. I'll give it a try." Now I'm glad I did.

How shall I describe this CD? Well, I'll try this approach: have you ever wanted to go back to a childhood Christmas when the whole town gathered at the townhall to light the biggest tree? Or you could hear the carolers outside the door while the whole family (cousins, aunts, uncles) are inside unwrapping presents. And everything was just perfect. Life couldn't have been better. Then I suggest that you get this CD. It brought back similar Christmas memories that I had completely forgotten.

Where Neil was more for the adult Christmas lover, Nat sings for the kids. Songs like, "All I Want For Christmas" and "Mrs. Santa Claus" that I had completely forgotten about. Wonderful kid songs.

I liked this one so much that I'm at a complete loss for words. I just don't know how to describe it! All I can say is get it and listen to it yourself. I haven't wanted to be a kid again this bad for so long! I listen with visions of sugarplums dancing in my head.
The Question of Who's #1 Comes to an End

By Adam Baxter
Times Contributing Writer

WHO IS NO 1? That question is supposed to be answered on Jan. 1. The answer is etched into the history books and the issue is closed for another year. This year however, it will not be easy. In fact it may not even be fair. The possibility could arise that a team could go undefeated and not win the National Championship. West Virginia is 11-0 and will play Florida, the SEC representative, in the Sugar Bowl. If West Virginia wins and Nebraska loses to Florida State in the Orange Bowl, West Virginia should have a shot at the title. They will be the only undefeated team in the country. That is what the criteria has been, and until a playoff system is created, this is the only way. Yet West Virginia may not even be considered because Florida State and Nebraska are ranked number one and number two in the country. It is a sad day when money determines the National Championship. Now on to a less "bitchy" commentary. David C. Bueche and I have been discussing the bowl games this year and have thought it would be different to offer our bowl opinions this year. So, Aquinas, here is the second part of the Great Debate.

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NATIONAL CHAMPION

Florida State Seminoles

By David C. Bueche
Times Sports Editor

For all of you college football fans, the greatest single day of football is quickly approaching. January 1 is a football lover's dream. Nine games are scheduled to take place on this day with several of them having national championship implications. The games are spread all over the country from Miami to New Orleans to Dallas to Pasadena and several stops in between.

The biggest and most anticipated bowl this year is without question the Orange Bowl. The Florida State Seminoles and the Nebraska Cornhuskers will meet to determine who is the best. These same two teams met in the same place last year and will play Florida State in the Orange Bowl, West Virginia plays the mighty Badgers from Dairyland face the Bruins of UCLA.

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The Orange Bowl is for the National Championship, even though Florida State was beaten by the Fighting Irish from Rudyville, Florida State has the Heisman Trophy Winner quarterback Charlie Ward. The offense moves and the defense does not. The Cornhuskers are in for a long day. The Cottonbowl features the Holy Haden from Notre Dame against the Texas A&M Aggies. A&M plays in the SWC (commonly referred to as the Probationary) Conference, due to the number of teams on probation every year. A&M needs a prayer or two to be answered if they want to upset the Irish.

On to the Rose Bowl. The Mighty Badgers from Dairyland face the Bruins of UCLA. The Badgers should enjoy the change of scenery and beat the Bruins in their own backyard. In the USF&G Sugar Bowl, West Virginia plays the Florida Gators. Florida averages 44 points a game. West Virginia has a stingy defense so it could make for an exciting game.

Lastly the Hall of Shame, I mean Fame Bowl. Michigan plays North Carolina State. North Carolina State lost 62-3 to Florida State just a week ago. Michigan is the hottest team in the country and does not lose in a bowl game (unless it is the Rose).
A quinas Hoops Enter District Play

By Adam Baxter

Times Contributing Writer

While many of us will be enjoying a well-deserved three weeks off, your Aquinas Men's and Women's teams will be playing some of the toughest basketball of the season. The women will host Rosary College (IL) on the December 30, and they will begin District 23 play at the University of Michigan-Dearborn on January 6. If the girls continue to play like they did in their most recent game the District race is over before it started. Kelly McNiff turned in a fine offensive performance by pouring in 16 points against the visiting Lakers from Grand Valley. The Saints were sparked defensively by the front court trio of Ronna Russell, Kim Zdybel and Nikki Tuttle. The trio harassed the Lakers front court players all night long, as well causing many of the Laker players to walk away black and blue. On offense two freshmen Dana Manel and Denise Craft, provided the Saints with the big plays when needed. You can guarantee Coach Tibaldi will have the Saints charged up when 1994 rolls around.

Turning to men's action. Do not let the 0-6 start fool you. The Saints may be one of the finest winless teams in the conference at the moment, and come District time they should be able to prove that. At the moment the men are playing with a competitive heart and enthusiasm. With only ten players on the bench right now, due to NAIA transfer rules, there is only so much they can do. Starting guard Derek Donnelly remains upbeat when he says "We are young, but determined." Donnelly also went on to say that the Saints schedule is not favorable. They have already played Hillsdale, the pre-season favorite to win the GLIAC. The Saints have also buttressed teams with Ferris State, Grace College of Indiana and Wittenberg College. Wittenberg is ranked in the top 20 in Div. III. The schedule and the present circumstances will only make the Saints stronger for their District opener against Concordia College.

The Unheard Voice

By David C. Bueche

Times Sports Editor

It doesn't seem to matter whether or not the Detroit Lions play with or without Barry Sanders. They have the same problem either way, their offense can't score points. Even when the Lions are lucky enough to get points, the majority of the time it is obtained through a field goal from kicker Jason Hanson. The Detroit Lions offense can be summed up in one word: Pathetic.

The Lions have one of the most talented offenses in the NFL. When healthy, Barry Sanders is the best running back in football. Herman Moore could be an excellent receiver if he could get the ball. Willie Green and Bret Perriman are very good receivers and are able to complement Moore the way John Taylor does Jerry Rice in San Francisco. The Lions spent a lot of money in the off-season to beef up their offensive line, which was supposed to solidify their offense. With all this talent, what seems to be the problem? The problem lies in two areas: the coaching and the quarterback. Whoever does the play-calling for the Lions needs to be fired or taken in for a problem? The problem lies in two areas: the coaching and the quarterback. The Lions need to beef up their offensive line, which was hurting the Lions' passing game, and I mean something other than a screen pass. Even if the coaching staff were to change their play-calling, they can't go out and play the game. Without Barry Sanders, the Lions need to develop their passing game. Rodney Peete is not the one who will lead the Lions to the Playoffs, especially without Barry. If Detroit wants to pass the football, the man who needs to be the quarterback is Erik Kramer. He is the best passer the Lions have and he can hand it off as well as Peete.

Remember earlier in the season when Coach Wayne Fontes said of Rodney Peete, "We're going to strap a saddle to his back and ride him to the end?" Well, coach, the end is here and its time to remove the saddle and give it to Erik Kramer otherwise the team will be sitting at home watching the playoffs in January.

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leagues has been very fierce and competitive. The winners of each will have definitely earned their crown. When asked to summarize intramurals for first semester, Director Randy MacGeorge said, "Participation was really great. I think things were well organized and people got better competition." MacGeorge also encourages more women to participate in intramurals and would like to remind everyone that the sign-up date for the basketball league is January 14.