'94 Winterfest Better Than the Rest

By Kelly Chenier
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Swooning audiences, enthusiastic participants, and exquisitely-dressed participants provided a sparkling backdrop for the 1994 Winterfest, which stood out from the rest. Kicking off festivities in the 5th annual faculty/staff vs. students basketball game, twelve faculty members and student representatives from each Winterfest team battled it out. Although the faculty team had the advantage, they fell off a victory in the end. Dan Brooks put in a vote for Timi Hough as most valuable player, due to aggressive nature under the boards. Hough modestly declined the compliment and added that Mary Clark-Kaiser brought more spark to the game as she quickly developed a knack for the sport. Clark-Kaiser stepped onto the court and sheepishly whispered a plea to Hough to fill her in on the rules of the game. "We really had a fun group this year. Other years people have been really serious about it," said Hough. "It really took off this year, and I think people will look forward to it now."

Simulations of game shows provided Wege diners with entertainment on Monday and Wednesday nights. The "Know Your Team" game show featured male and female duos from each team, answering questions in a "Newlywed Game" fashion. With the audience often responding with shrieks of laughter, contestants replied to questions such as "In what grade did your teammate first French kiss?" and "Is he more likely to wear boxers or briefs?" Yahaira Best and Doug Dooley apparently knew each other well, or were good at guessing, because the team won the contest after answering all of the questions correctly, including the bonus.

The "Studs" game show held on Wednesday required some pre-game preparation. Tadd Kimble, James Anderson, Victoria Kessey, Ral Booker, and Emila De La Cruz mingled on a dinner date at Wendy's. Contestants then recorded their impressions from the date, and brought them back to share with the audience. The two men had to decide which date had said what. When asked, "What was the biggest thing your date did to turn you on?" Kimble successfully attributed the quote "He offered me a lick of his frosty" to Kessey. Anderson also correctly identified Kessey's quote "He only took a little at a time and kept going back for more." The innocent quotes from the dining experience didn't seem quite the same in the game show context, and induced cheers from the audience.

The Thursday night activity received equally positive audience reception. Earth Tones, an a cappella group from Alberta, Canada, performed for an attentive crowd at "Ladies' Night." Describing the music, Victoria Kessey, who coordinated the concert, said "Take Boyz II Men, Color Me Badd, NKOTB, add a Canadian attitude, and that's the Earth Tones."

The majority of the audience surrounding the ballroom stage was made up of swooning women, but a few guys jumped in on the dancing as well. When asked how he felt about being one of the few men in the crowd, Chris Onoswki responded, "The band is good. I like their style, and being here is good for us single males." Jason Tylande felt the same, but added he's also "wondering when there is going to be "Guy's Night."

Audience participation was high, especially from Suki Palmer, who was beckoned on the stage by a member of the group. "It blew me away," she said. "He picked me up off the floor, danced with me, and laid my head in his lap. It was hysterical, but I loved it."

A scavenger hunt on Friday afternoon sent Winterfest teams scurrying around campus and across town for obscure items, ranging from Elvis stamps, and Pat Smith's business card to an original video copy of "Grease." With a prize of dinner for five as an incentive, the winning team of Dominican Sisters successfully plotted a strategy and found all but eight of the items on the list. St. Phyllis Mrozinski explained, "We all knew what we were going after. We chined in and said what we could get in our own homes and made our own list."

During the one and a half hour contest, Timi Hough, who organized the scavenger hunt, received a phone call she had to giggle about. "The runs are on the loose," they told her, as Sr. Catherine Williams paraded through Holmdene in order to get Sally Reevse's signature. The Campus Safety team took second place in the scavenger hunt.

Closing the Winterfest Celebration on Friday evening, the 70's dance held in the Comer Cafe attracted students dressed out in clothing appropriate for the occasion. Wearing frizzy wigs, fake sideburns, polyester pants, and platform shoes, they didn't leave out any detail from head to toe. Strobe lights, a disco ball, and songs like Aretha Franklin's "Respect," and The Jackson Five's "Burns, polyester pants, and platform shoes..."
New Discipline for Alcohol Offenders
By Julie L. Williams
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This semester, the residence hall directors and Pam Strobel, director of Residence Life, are enforcing a new educational punishment for students involved in alcohol-related offenses.

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John, a sophomore from Grand Rapids, is already making plans on how he will use his career. He was inspired his freshman year to become a journalist. His future goals are to be a Resident Advisor next year and then further down the line write for Rolling Stone. When asked if he would like to write as organizing tie in activities with local and national events, and using the informational rest room bulletin, known around campus as the Stall Street Journal. Some topics that interest the co-founders include analyzing homophobia, encouraging AIDS awareness, and discussing homosexuality in relation to the Church. Bennett and Sherman emphasized that they do not want the organization to play the role of a social club, which would mean softball games for the women and fashion shows for the men, added Bennett, making a joking comment about the usual homosexual stereotypes. Nor do they want the organization to play the role of a support group which would be likely to focus on personal experience. Instead they would like to maintain an outward focus which concentrates on awareness and education.

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Quick—someone just referred to you as "phat." Have you been insulted? (No.)

What if someone says your homeskillet is "cholo" ("thanks") or you forgot to mônaflaug your crib ("uh-oh")?

You're as uncertain about this hip speech as most people are; consult a list of the hottest words on college campuses compiled recently in a nationwide survey

from Merriam-Webster, publisher of Webster's Collegiate Dictionary. You'll find that being phat, or cool, is a positive thing. A homeskillet is a good friend and cholo means macho, while mônaflaug your crib means hiding anything in your suitcase or room that you don't want your parents to find. As in, "Wait a minute while I mônaflaug my mash."

On the other hand, you wouldn't want to be known as an herb (a geek), a long nose (a liar), or a high postage (a conceited female). Once you've got that down, remember that a circle of death is a bad thing and a blizz is a crazy prank, and a spoink is an indefinite measure.

That's just a sampling of the nearly 50 words and phrases deemed as the most popular on the nation's college campuses today. All in all, about 1,000 different words were culled from surveys taken at 25 public and private schools, ranging from the University of Massachusetts and Bryn Mawr College of Pennsylvania, to Tulane University in New Orleans and Baylor University in Texas, to Santa Monica College and the University of California-Los Angeles in the West. The words were then ranked in order of popularity according to region.

Susan Leslie, vice president of marketing, said the survey was the first conducted by Merriam-Webster of Springfield, Mass.

"We didn't claim it was going to be a wholly scientific survey, but college campuses are often where new words and phrases show up," she said.

A number of interesting trends became apparent, she said. First, the popularity of some words is strongly regional. Second, many of the hop phrases arise from African-American and Hispanic cultures. Third, there was a small, but interesting increase in the use of product brand names to convey certain qualities, like describing someone as "Nike" or "Quaker Oats." Fourth, certain nostalgic words are coming back into use, such as crib (meaning home base). Crib was popular in the 1950s.

"There was a definite regionalism that was coming off," Leslie said. "The absolute hottest word in the east was phat." Phat, sometimes spelled fat, has appeared in The New York Times several times, and some theorize that it's use evolved from the New York fashion industry.

"We've had, on the other hand, a Western/Southwestern word that once was used to describe a Mexican gang member as being extremely macho. Fly is a word that arose from the African-American culture, also meaning cool or good.

The main purpose of the survey was to see how new language is being devised and used and to see whether the words and phrases will catch on and become standard in English or simply fade away.

HOT WORDS IN THE EAST
1. Phat — Gook, special (also spelled fat)
2. Step — Off of (used as a warning)
3. Zone out — To lose concentration
4. Boot — To vomit after drinking alcohol
5. Herb — Geek, loser
6. Crib — Home, abode
7. High postage — Conceited female
8. Take the L train — To lose at something
9. Beauteous maximus — A good deal, thing
10. Chiphead — Computer jockey
11. Fly — Cool
12. Spoink — An indefinite unit of measure
13. Mommaflauge — To hide something you don't want your mom to see
14. Heater — A cigarette
15. Circle of death — A bad pizza
16. Long nose — A liar
HOT WORDS IN THE SOUTH
1. Dog — A friend, buddy
2. Jet — To leave
3. Jimmie — A condom
4. Scam — To cruise for men, women, and children
5. Sauce — Beer
6. Wat up — How are you doing?
7. Kicks — Shoes
8. Buff — Muscular
9. Cheesy — Cormy, stupid
10. Homeskillet — A good friend

"We want to keep track of it for a while and see where it's going," Leslie said.

Supervising the survey was a lot of fun—"cool beans" as they would say in the Midwest or "beauteous maximus" in the East. "I've had a ball," Leslie said.

One of the most surprising reactions came from students' parents when they found out about the survey, she said. "We've had parents from all over calling us up and saying, 'I've got to have these words. I don't understand a word they're saying. You've got to help me out," Leslie said.

Here are lists of top college slang, broken down by regions:

HOT WORDS IN THE MIDWEST
1. Sicked — Excited, pumped up
2. Ken — A guy who cooks often
3. Foreclump — All choked up
4. Heinous — Ugly, revolting
5. Step off — Get away (a warning)
6. 24-7 — 24 hours a day, seven days a week
7. Chog — A New Englander, origin unknown
8. Salt sucker — Hayseed; a Midwesterner who doesn't have sense to close his/her mouth when swimming in the ocean
9. Phat — Very cool, nice
10. Cool beans — Great, very pleasing

HOT WORDS IN THE WEST
1. Bump — To skip or drop ("I bumped that class.")
2. Blizz — A crazy or unrestrained action
3. In the house — Present, here
4. Tag — To mark (as with graffiti)
5. Cholo — Very macho
6. The kind — Drug slang used to refer to whatever is being bought
7. Virtual — Almost, but not quite real. (Like virtual reality: "He has a virtual job.")
8. Hook up — To be romantically involved or to have sex with someone
9. Random — Strange, weird, unexpected

AIDS Exhibit Causes Stir

By College Press Service

BOISE, IDAHO—An exhibit of how AIDS is portrayed in the arts is still having reverberations on the Boise State University campus a month after it closed.

The Idaho Family Forum, a conservative group promoting "family values," and a state legislator, expressed displeasure about the content of the exhibit on AIDS, which was held in the Hemingway Western Studies Center on the Boise State campus.

Although the show basically ran without a hitch, someone took four pictures from the gallery, reproduced them and mailed them to state legislators.

English professor Tom Truxey, who organized the exhibition, said that the show had educational and artistic merit, and in the context of the subject, said its detractors made "murderous misstatements" about AIDS.

"Idaho is probably one of the most conservative states in the West," he said. "I am sure this exhibition drove them crazy."

Both the student government and faculty senate voted to support Truxey, and he said he is considering taking legal action against a state legislator.
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By Holly S. Kent
Times Editor-in-Chief

We have seen some extreme amounts of snow falling this winter, and it’s really starting to take its toll. It’s perfectly understandable for a Grand Rapids resident such as myself to wonder: Where are the plows in this town?

Maybe since I’m originally from Traverse City, I’m just used to a lot of snow being cleaned up in a timely manner. I can’t remember the last time I saw the actual pavement on a road in Grand Rapids. I have seen one plow on my way to and from school since the beginning of winter. I have driven through important roads through as much snow as is on the back roads. There hasn’t been one plow down the road I live on since the beginning of the summer. Wait—I take that back, there was one, but it got stuck!

The reason we used to never have snow days in Traverse City is because if there were significant breaks in this cold spell we’ve been having and all this slush should have been removed. I know the maintenance staff has been working hard and getting here early, but it just seems ridiculous.

And that’s dangerous. When one drives down the road and can barely get through because there is so much snow and one is sliding all over the road, these are hazardous conditions. Taxpayers should demand that more money be spent for snow removal, since it is endangering all of our lives. And if more money was spent on snow removal right when it is needed, less money would have to be spent on repairing those awful potholes that are absolutely all over this town. The roads are bad enough during the summer because they are so bumpy, but now you drive down the road and you’re thinking your whole car is going to fall apart instantaneously. It’s impossible to avoid them.

Now how about snow removal here on campus? There have been several significant breaks in this cold spell we’ve been having and all this slush should have been removed. I know the maintenance staff has been working hard and getting here early, but it just seems ridiculous. The parking lots should be plowed better first and foremost. Cars are strewn in various positions throughout the lot and cause lots of problems as far as finding the correct number of cars where they belong. If drivers can’t see the lines, they don’t know where to park.

And driving through campus is worse than driving the roads of Grand Rapids. One cannot see the difference from one day to the next in the amount of snow. Underneath the surface snow or slush is ice in big chunks. It’s a bumpy ride in between those ice chunks. If slush was removed as soon as there was a thaw, maybe the ice would have a chance to melt once it is brought to the surface. All I know is that my car doesn’t have much life left in it and this winter, between driving on campus and off, it’s taken months off the life of my car, not to mention my safety. The safety of the Aquinas students and the citizens of Grand Rapids should be higher on the list of priorities.

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Dear Great Aunt Ida,

I feel that I am getting what is known as the "Sororors Sorrows," Freshman year was so much fun and I felt so free for the first time in my life. Free from responsibility, parental figures, and I set my own statute of limitations. But know I feel confused. I don't feel as free, though my schedule is not that difficult, and I even have time for a part time job. But my life seems to have hit a crossroad. My social life is diminishing, I seem apathetic about school, I hate my job, and I feel totally alone. Great Aunt Ida what do I do? Sincerely, Suffering Sophomore

Dear Suffering,

Your problem is not unfamiliar. Many students go through this during their second year in college. Unfortunately, their are two symptoms of this problem. Either the student gets very depressed, or they fill their schedule to an extreme which makes them too busy to worry about their problems. But what I found to be a successful antidote is CHANGE. What you need is a change in your social life for starters. You might want to find additional people to spend time with. Perhaps join different groups or local organizations, try to find a job that you might enjoy better, or maybe some volunteer work. Don't worry, it's a temporary phase, just remember CHANGE is the key.

Love, Great Aunt Ida

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GREAT AUNT IDA'S RESTAURANT REVIEW PIETROS

Since I have not prepared a very healthy recipe for you my loyal readers, I thought that I would tell you about a wonderful restaurant here in Grand Rapids. It's called Pietro's Ristorante and it is located on Birchcrest Drive, off of 28th street. It was a Saturday night and my nephew and I went there for dinner. We had a very nice woman as our server who was always smiling and asking us if we were okay. She was a really nice person who enjoyed working there. Our entrées were the same: Penne (pronounced 'penny') with Roppolo sauce (tomato meat sauce). It was an absolutely wonderful meal rich in flavor, and the pasta was fresh from the pasta maker. The bread that came with the meal was fresh and piping hot. I ended my meal with a slice of Tiramisu (a wonderful dessert which I highly recommend), and my nephew had a cannoli. Let me tell you our mouths were in ecstasy for the rest of the night.

For those of you who enjoy a nice glass of wine with your meal, Pietro's has a wonderful selection of wine from Italy and state side. All of the prices are reasonable and you will be pleased if you ask your server for their recommendations.

All in all it was a wonderful evening of tantalizing food and mouth watering desserts. If you need a place to take your family (or a romantic evening for two), then I highly recommend Pietro's. I will definitely be back for more. Ciao!

(The recipe of the week will return next issue.)

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A friendly greeting or smile can always be expected from President R. Paul Nelson. This one man upholds the Aquinas image of friendliness and caring, an image he easily portrays since he is the epitome of these qualities. Yet, there are many things that many members of the Aquinian community might not know about President Nelson.

“One of the unknown things about R. Paul Nelson is that he smokes cigars to this day,” stated President Nelson. “I would never smoke a stogie in front of anybody and I only do outside.” Though he started smoking in college, he doesn’t consider it to be a bad habit. “For me it’s not a habit. I must say that I’m only an occasional smoker.”

President Nelson also admits that he drank in college. “Too much. It took me 10 years to work off all those calories.” Yet President Nelson is a very healthy man. In his spare time, he likes to read, hike, walk, run or jog, watch sports on TV or just be outside. He likes baseball, basketball and football, but he definitely likes baseball the best.

When he was a child, President Nelson wanted to grow up to be a professional baseball player, either a pitcher or center fielder. “I loved the game. In the summers I would play everyday from 8 am to 6 pm... I really loved baseball.”

“In high school, I was so into playing sports that I never studied at all,” he said with a laugh. Later, President Nelson commented, “All through high school I was so into sports that I don’t think I knew that girls existed.”

President Nelson only dated two girls “relatively seriously” before he met his wife, Ruthie. He considers meeting her the best thing that ever happened to him.

“I met her in Cincinnati, Ohio in the spring of 1961 at a party at Knight’s Manor, the house where I lived. I remember looking at her and thinking, ‘Wow, she’s really something,’” said President Nelson.

Their first date was in the fall of ’62, he recalled after debating over the year. Another party was being held at Knight’s Manor and he had to be fixed up with Ruthie Dunfee as his date.

About 25 men lived at Knight’s Manor, “a big ranchstyle old house.” All of the residents belonged to the Knights of Columbus. “It was a grand time,” remembers President Nelson.

Ruthie graduated from Our Lady of Cincinnati, which her future husband had dubbed “Our Last Chance” or “The Ice Palace—Home of the Snow Queens.” President Nelson graduated from Xavier College, OLC’s brother school.

President Nelson enjoys spending time with his wife on the weekends. His favorite music is Protestant Hymns without words. “That’s what I play first thing in the morning. Ruthie doesn’t like it,” he said. He also likes oldies though he generally prefers music without lyrics so he can read while listening to it.

Willowbrook, the Nelson’s home, does not pick up the Aquinian radio station. “I’ve tried several times. I’d like to listen to it, even for a little while. I don’t think the music would be my choice of music,” commented President Nelson.

The worst thing Aquinians’ president has ever done is clean out a pig barn in the spring in Woodstock, Illinois, where he was raised. During the summers of his high school years, he was usually employed to drive a tractor in college. In college, the city of Woodstock hired him to mow their 60 acre park every week. President Nelson considers himself fortunate to never have worked during the school year.

If he won the Lotto, at least half of the money would be donated to Aquinas, “to address some of the needs we have,” some to the school his wife teaches at, and the rest to “probably get into trouble with.” President Nelson was rather stumped by the thought of having so much money and said, “We have two tandem bicycles so we’re all set.”

His bicycle is his most prized possession and the thing he’s most proud of his family. “We’re proud of the relation-ship we have with our children,” he said.

President Nelson is 53 years old, born on January 7. He wakes up at 6:30 am and goes to bed at 10 pm everyday. He has no age limit set on his retirement. “I want to retire into something, not from something,” he commented. Volunteer- ing for an organization like Meals on Wheels greatly appeals to him. The R. in R. Paul Nelson stands for Russell, his father’s first name. “I was never called it,” explained President Nelson.

“All the President’s Men,” “Bridge on the River Kwai,” and “The SIng” are some of his favorite movies though he has a hard time sitting through them. He received four speedoing tickets ever, but never for an instance when he was wayover. “I was mad every time. There’s that great anger at getting caught,” President Nelson mentioned.

After debating between fall and spring, he says spring is his favorite season. In “76 he grew a beard and moustache, then shaved the beard and left the moustache with long sideburns. “I looked terrible.” President Nelson has been at Aquinas for 25 years and became president March 9, 1990.

Do you seriously suspect that somewhere in your evolution your lineage has been crossed with the bear family because all you want to do is sleep all day? Have you fed on chips and chocolate until you’ve got to the point where a friend yells at you “unhappiness is a case of SAD?”

Students also tend to separate depression and stress when in fact they’re actually a combination of erratic schedules, poor eating habits, and falling behind in their studies. In the winter months, the normal stresses of college life are compounded by the lack of adequate light. Long nights and short days are sometimes what push them over the edge.

AQ students Kayla Thomas and Sara Burmeier both live on campus and say that with the severe weather we’ve had, it’s hard to find things to do. Says Thomas, “We don’t get off campus much because of lack of transportation.” They have found that even their outdoor fun is curtailed because of the negative temperatures.

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Steve Singleton, an AQ professor who teaches the Sociology of Mental Illness, encourages us to keep in mind that, “Unhappiness is a normal occurrence. It’s temporary and it’s depth depends on how you have what light you can learn to respond to.” He stresses that some people are predisposed to depression and SAD tends to lay yet another emotional burden on them at this time of year.

WHAT DO YOU DO ABOUT IT?

So now that you know you’re not crazy and alone in your winter dread, what do you do to stay sane?

First off, if you’re feeling worse than the usual boredom, give Student Support Services a call to make sure it’s not serious. You could need counseling and are not alone there to talk. If it is a case of SAD, light therapy, exposure to bright lights each day, could be your answer.

As part owner of Aloha Sun, Dianna Lewis sees a lot of patrons sent by their doctors to use her tanning salon for light therapy. “I’ve had customers purchase three month packages just for the light benefits.” Although they promote tanning for cosmetic reasons only, Lewis is well aware of how you can get light therapy to do for depression.

But what if light therapy isn’t an option? Dennis has some tips she likes to give students who are suffering from depression or SAD.

* Take care of your body. No, really look at how you’ve been eating.

* Keep up with your homework. Nothing can be more depressing than everything piling up during mid-terms or finals.

* Do something creative. Write a journal, bake cookies, or take new pictures of your friends.

* Exercise. We know, boring. But it’s not boring to step out and walk with a friend to the store or through the mall.

* Get enough sleep. No, not the 12 hour marathons you do on Sunday after spending the weekend partying. Says Dennis, “Staying up late on weekends is the same as giving yourself a bad case of jet-lag.”

* Talk to people. Get out of your isolation.

* Most of all, be kind to yourself and remember, this can’t last forever. Spring’s just a few weeks away!
By Julie L. Williams  
Times Staff Writer

Ruthie and her husband, President R. Paul Nelson, will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary June 20 of this year, and their relationship continues to be a strong one. 

"He's made me feel special every day for 30 years," according to Ruthie. She likes to do everything with her husband, such as hiking, walking, or just being together. Ruthie also responded that her most prized possession is "her husband." 

Ruthie first met Paul at a college party when she was a freshman and he was a sophomore, but didn't think much of him. Before dating Paul, she dated a half dozen boys—"none too seriously." 

Though she feels that Paul didn't court her properly since he was too serious of a student, when he proposed to her at her sister's house in Ohio after driving in from Chicago, she accepted. "He was nervous," commented Ruthie. 

The Nelsons have three children—John, Amy and Michael. John currently lives in California and works as an operations research analyst for the US Marine Corps. Amy works in Washington D.C. with one-on-one urban ministry and publishing. Michael still lives in Grand Rapids, works at Amway and is engaged to Amy. All three children have taken classes at Aquinas.

Ruthie considers her three children as the thing she's most proud of. For wedding anniversaries, she likes to have her kids come home.

The two make a great couple since they have a lot in common. Both Paul and Ruthie consider blue to be their favorite color. They enjoy watching basketball, baseball, and football together. Ruthie has smoked a cigarette when she was a college freshman for her initiation. Also, both consider it to be very embarrassing to meet someone and call them by the wrong name.

Ruthie is also very different from her husband. She is a kindergarten teacher and has been teaching for 18 years. When she was younger, she always wanted to be a teacher when she grew up. She likes teaching kindergarten because she loves five and six year olds. Ruthie's favorite food is candy, and her favorite movies are kids' movies. 

Ruthie, who is 51 years old, was born August 23. She wakes up everyday at 5:45 am and goes to bed at 10 pm. She plans to retire the year 2000 and do volunteer work and visit her kids.

The worst thing she's ever done is "sunbathing on the roof at the high school residence, which was strictly forbidden." She likes to listen to "oldies, but goodies," like the Beatles, the Four Freshmen and Johnny Mathis. If Ruthie won the Lotto, she would share the money, and her favorite trip was to Ireland. Her favorite season is summer.

During her high school years, Ruthie worked as a bank teller. Then, in college, she worked summers as a waitress at a show celebrating the likes of Martin Luther King, civil rights leader, Harriet Tubman, Moses of the Underground Railroad, and Rosa Parks, a woman that sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

As we continue our search for the masters of Black History, we dream today are the realities and visions for the future. We must realize that the dreams we dream today are the realities and histories of tomorrow.


**Art & Entertainment**

**CITY OF ANGELS** will open at the Grand Rapids Civic Theatre on February 24 and will run through March 12. This Larry Gelbart musical comedy won six 1990 Tony Awards. Two plots are interwoven—the misadventures of Stine, a young writer, who is trying to write a screenplay for movie producer-director Buddy Fidler, and the enactment of that screenplay. Tickets are $8 for adults and $6 for students on Sundays through Thursdays, $9.50 for adults and students on Fridays and Saturdays, and upper balcony seats are $3 Sundays through Thursdays and $4 Fridays and Saturdays. Performances are Sundays at 3 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., and Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m.

**UNDERCOVER PRODUCTIONS** will present a new slabsquish fae murder-mystery “Murder At The Art Gallery” at the Holiday Inn East on Friday and Saturday evenings from February 11 to March 12. The mystery begins at 7:30 p.m. with a cocktail reception and dinner at 8:00 p.m. Dinner and show package is $25.00 per person. Overnight packages are $105.00 per couple and includes 2 tickets for dinner and show and deluxe accommodations for the evening. For reservations call 949-3797.

**THE BIRTHDAY PARTY** by Harold Pinter will be presented by the Grand Rapids Community College Players at Spectrum Theatre on February 24, 25, 26, and March 3, 4, 5. All performances are at 8:00 p.m., and tickets are $5. Call 771-3946 to reserve seats.

**PUCCHINI’S MADAMA BUTTERFLY** will be performed by the New York City Opera National Company at Miller Auditorium in Kalamazoo on February 25 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $22.50, $18.00 and $10.00 and are available by calling the Miller Auditorium Ticket Office at 387-2300 or 1-800-228-9858 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays.

**THE VIENNA CHOIR BOYS** will be at Miller Auditorium in Kalamazoo on Thursday, February 17 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $18.00, $15.00 and $7.00 and are available by calling 387-2300 or 1-800-228-9858 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

**ROGER WHITTAKER** will perform his “A Touch of Ireland...All the Hits and More” concert at Miller Auditorium in Kalamazoo on Tuesday, March 22 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $25.00 for limited orchestra pit seating, $20.00 and $15.00. Call the Miller Auditorium Ticket Office at 387-2300 or 1-800-228-9858 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays for tickets.

**THE AMERICA TOUR, FEATURING OLYMPIC AND WORLD CHAMPION SKATERS** will be at Wings Stadium in Kalamazoo on Tuesday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $28.50 for ice side and $20.50 for 16th row and higher in the arena. Tickets are available through TicketMaster.

**Arts & Entertainment**

**MUSTARD PLUG**

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By Amy Mazurck

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With a mix of hyperness and just plain happiness, Mustard Plug’s Big Daddy Multitude, is not music to listen to if depressed. There is this undercurrent that makes you want to get up and dance, or possibly just bounce around. So, this is obviously great party music. Guaranteed.

Possibly the greatest song on this CD is “Mr. Smiley” with its don’t-you-dare-just-sit-there-rhythms. Sophomore Stacey Powell said it reminded her of times when she was little and used to watch Captain Kangaroo.

“I don’t know why,” she said. “You know when you’re little, you think you’re cool, and you just bounce around? It’s that type of music.”

Dana Manel agrees. “Stacey just said it all. She’s good like that. It just makes you want to groove.”

Basically, this is no brainer music. How the hell could you possibly analyze songs with titles like, “Merry Christmas,” “I Made Love to a Martian,” “Strain on Ska,” and “Thigh High Nylons?” You can’t.

To give a name to the type of music this is, is virtually impossible. There are a lot of horns and funky vocals which give this music a fresh edge. Since this group is a Michigan band, the fact that it is so good should come as no surprise for those who follow local bands.

“It makes you want to do the Dana dance” freshman Shannon Cassidy explains. “If you don’t know what the Dana dance is, you basically do the chicken dance. Wildly. All chicken.”

That basically says it is in a nutshell.

**The Great Radio City Music Hall Spectacular**

By Holly S. Kent

Times Editor-in-Chief

They get a kick out of legs and it shows from their head to their toes. That commercial featuring the Rockettes is probably the closest many have gotten to seeing the famous Radio City Music Hall Rockettes. But February 1-6 they were here live in DeVos Hall. The Great Radio City Music Hall Spectacular with special guest Susan Anton celebrated its 60th anniversary with a tour throughout the United States including their stop here in Grand Rapids. The show is a nostalgic journey through the past of the Music Hall that caused many others to be created in its image. Some of the highlights from over the years were recreated for audiences all over the country to enjoy.

It was amazing to see that kick that the Rockettes are so famous for, along with the spectacular costumes. All were just watching in amazement as not one toe was out of sync with the others, or even a different size. And the lavish outfit and sets were wonderful to look at.

Besides the scenery and the first few Rockettes’ famous kicks, the show got to be a little boring. Maybe it is just because it wasn’t a plot-type show but more of a variety show. The magician they had on stage to show how the Music Hall provided a variety of entertainment was extremely boring the first time he came on the stage. When he came back, it was a very disappointing moment. He did, however, prove to be a little more entertaining this time. He got people up from the audience the second and third times he was on stage, and this proved to be quite enjoyable.

A just note on Susan Anton. This woman is quite annoying. She did a song about being too tall to be a Rockette. Another dance piece with beautiful costumes and scenery would have been preferable to this lousy piece of self-centered so-called quality music. Her personality that night just radiated the word “fakery.”

After all of this negativity, even the famous Rockette kick started to look lame. C’mon people, how many times are they going to do this over and over and still receive huge applause. They all looked the same, especially after about the fiftieth time.

The two ballet dancers were absolutely fascinating. They were so graceful and captivating each and every time they came on the stage. It’s that sort of thing that makes you want to become a dancer. The show was good and not-so-good on and off, but it was enough to keep the audience interested. College-age students probably wouldn’t appreciate it as much as a plot-type show, such as the last Broadway Theatre Guild Production, “Falsettos.” Coming up is the 1992 Tony-award winning “Crazy For You,” and it’s sure to be a spectacular performance.

**Mrs. Doubtfire**

By Eric Zukin

Times Layout Technician

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Warner Brothers Home Video

One of the best comedies of this past holiday season, and still in the theaters, Mrs. Doubtfire is one that all should see. Robin Williams stars as an out of work actor who, through a broken marriage, loses the custody of his children. The only way he can see his children on a daily basis, and avoiding his wife, played by Sally Field, is to be Mrs. Doubtfire. A complete makeover allows Williams to transform into an elderly English woman who captures the heart of his family as the perfect nanny. The focus of Mrs. Doubtfire, is divorce in the context of family separation. This is not a Disney movie where the parents get back together, and the family walks off into the sunset together holding hands. It’s comedy with the focus of reality, one we rarely see in the movies.
Hello fellow Eskimos, hope everyone is staying nice and warm. Speaking of warm, how about the University of Michigan basketball team? Since a lost to Minnesota on Jan. 27 the Wolverines have not lost a game. They are on top of the Big Ten with an 8-2 record in the conference. They have beaten conference powerhouses Purdue, Illinois and Michigan, filling their game on the road.

Then on Feb. 8 they destroyed their arch-rivals from Bloomington, Ind. The mighty Indiana Hoosiers never stood a chance against an inspired Michigan team. The Hoosiers walked away, heads hung low, with a 91-67 defeat. For Michigan it was a monument win.

A week before the game, the Michigan stars Ray Jackson and Jimmy King were caught stealing 6-12 packs of beer from a local party store. Coach Steve Fisher stepped in and forced the school to discipline the trio longer? Should the NCAA have that game anyway 59-51 proving that Michigan State on the road.

Michigan won the game and has not lost a game. They sit on top of the basketball team. The Hoosiers walked away, heads hung low, with a 9-0 Conference record and 17-8 overall. Michigan decides to suspend the trio longer it will be a tragedy for the trio. Jackson, King and Fields are human beings. Sure, they are idolized all over the country, but they are still human beings. Sometimes we forget that people are human. We are entitled to a mistake or two. Sometimes college students act like college students. I am not justifying stealing by any means. Stealing is not cool. However in a situation like this, sometimes the self-pity is a worse feeling than the actual punishment. Somehow else to remember is that if the school took basketball away for a longer time than it did, the trio might not recover emotionally. I have known people who have gotten themselves into tough situations on college campuses. They lost everything in a blink of an eye. Their lives could have been devastated by one mistake, but they were involved in sports. Sports kept them focused; it helped them vent and feel better about themselves. It also made them feel human. If Michigan decides to suspend the trio longer it will be a tragedy for the trio. Sometimes team and let go is the lesson here.

For those of you who think that basketball is the only sport played at Michigan during the winter. Let me inform you that the Michigan Hockey team is ranked No. 1 in the country. Oh, what a winter it is in Ann Arbor.

The “Road to Lillehammer” is finally complete, and the U.S. Olympic team is ready to go for gold. However, they are up against the best competition in the world. Approximately 1,988 athletes from 69 countries, including the U.S.A., will compete for gold in Lillehammer, Norway, in such events as bobsledding, the luge, figure skating, the ski jump, speedskating, and several other gold medal events.

In 1992 the U.S.A. Olympic team captured 11 medals in all. In this year’s games the Americans are spearheaded by such athletes as: Bonnie Blair, speedskating; Dan Jansen, speedskating; Brian Shimmer, bobsled driver; Duncan Kennedy, Luge; Tommy Moe, alpine skiing; Nancy Kerrigan, figure skating; A. J. Kitt, alpine skiing; Donna Weinbrech, freestyle skiing who will attempt to surpass the medal total from 1992. Several of the athletes listed above are vying for gold in events in which the U.S.A. has not fared well in Olympic history.

Duncan Kennedy, from Lake Placid, N.Y., ranked third in the overall World Cup Luge circuit in 1992-93, and second in 91-92. Kennedy has the potential to be the first American to ever win a medal in Luge, in the sport’s 30 year Olympic history. The European contingent is always strong, and will provide Kennedy with a formidable challenge.

Brian Shimmer, from Naples, Fl., won the overall world cup in 1992-93. Shimmer and the rest of the USA. bobsled team has the ability to win the first medal in 24 years. Shimmer is remembered most for competing with Hercht Walker in the 1992 Olympics, where he placed 7th overall. As Kennedy faces stiff European competition in the Luge; Shimmer faces a strong tradition of Swiss, German, Austrian and Russian bobsleders.

Bonnie Blair and Dan Jansen are the favorites in their respective events. Blair, who has been draped in gold three times and bronze once in 88 and 92, is favored to take the gold in the women’s 500 and 1,000 meter events. Jansen, currently the world record holder in the 500 meters at 36.02 seconds, is favored to win the 500 and place in the 1,000 meter. Speedskating requires endurance, speed, and energy; Blair and Jansen obviously fit this mold, and will give the games 110%, as will the rest of the U.S.A. Olympic team.

Ice hockey to Freestyle skiing; the Olympics will provide hours of entertainment and competition. CHECK IT OUT!

The Red Cross, Ameritech, Diet Coke, and Jan Bennett

By David Buhl
Times Staff Writer

Red and white. The Red Cross uses these colors on its international flag. Ameritech draws readers to the “Business” section of its phone book by using these colors on the page edges. And Diet Coke sippers recognize their drink of choice by the container’s distinctive two-color label.

Aquinas College, on the other hand, doesn’t incorporate its red and white school colors with its famous college symbol. A red and white tree would look funny. But if ever there were a person to take the place of the classic wooden object to grace the front of Aquinas letterheads and paraphernalia it would have to be Aquinas’ own Jan Bennett.

Wearing her red tutleneck and white “Aquinas College” sweater, Bennett, secretary for both the Physical Education and Athletic Departments, works basiy in her Fieldhouse office where above the doorway a sign reads “Home of the Saints.”

“I love it here,” said the 7-year college employee. “I like being around the students and the staff.”

Some of Bennett’s responsibilities include answering phones, scheduling buses, filling out contracts, sending checks and requesting payments, answering student questions, and typing exams for the P.E. Department.

“Tuttle was also recently named the NAIA Division II National Offensive Player of the Week for the week of January 25.

Tuttle’s hard work and determination, combined with that of her teammates, has pushed the Saints to a 9-0 Conference record and 17-8 overall record.

Leading the Lady Saints to victory, Nikki Tuttle. Our pick for athlete of the week. Oh, in Ann Arbor.

I’d be selfish to say I am the only one she helps,” said Athletic Director Terry Bocian of Bennett’s service to both the Physical and Athletic Departments. “She does an admirable job in a tough work setting.

Bennett’s service to Aquinas hasn’t gone unnoticed. In the 1992-93 school year, Bennett won the Outstanding Support Staff Member of the Year Award, a honor voted on by Aquinas students. An award given by the Student Senate, it was presented to her at a ceremony last spring by her son Mike, a junior.

“She deserves it,” he said, also admitting to holding somewhat of a biased opinion. “She does a lot of work over there and she’s well-known around the campus.”

The older Bennett spends time with her son, Mike, by attending many of his soccer games and by helping to rebuild a house where he lives. She also finds time for her other son, Andy, and her husband, Dick. TIME, she admits, that is hard to come by.

“What free time?” jokes Bennett cheerfully. “I like reading and travelling...but I don’t sew and I don’t knit.”

The campus consensus seems to be that Jan Bennett, like the school logo, are fixtures at Aquinas.
Lady Hoops Continued

Becoming the team's leading rebounder, and she has showed this by working to become the team's leading rebounder. "Kim Zdybel is the ultimate team player," says Coach Tihal. With their tremendous work ethic and enthusiasm, Kim Zdybel brings the best out of her teammates. Watching the women play is like watching basketball being played the way it was invented. These women are a TEAM, and they believe that when they step out on the court they can not be beaten.

Track Conference Meet A Success

By Michael M. Chabot

On February 4, the Aquinas Saints men's and women's Track and Field teams competed in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference meet at Spring Arbor College. Participating in the meet were Aquinas, St. Evans Heights, Spring Arbor and Tri-State. While the results of the meet were not what the Saints had hoped for, several athletes on both sides stood out and received All-Conference honors (Top three finishers in each event were considered All-Conference).

On the men's team, Joseph Applewhite was the big star. He had two first place finishes and on third place finish. Joe won the 50 yard dash with a time of 5.6 seconds, after winning his semifinal heat in 5.7 seconds. His other first place came as part of a team effort. He combined with David Buche, Scott Haid and Marlon Dorma to help Aquinas win the four-lap relay. Throwing the shot put also resulted in All-Conference honors for Applewhite. He placed third with a throw of 43'11.5".

In other events, Tim McGahey placed third in the 50 yard hurdles with a time of 7.0 seconds and Marlon Dorma took third in the 440-yard dash in 54.2 seconds. The women's team was very impressive also. Leslie Lake took All Conference honors by placing second in the 300-yard dash and third in the 300-yard run with times of 6.2 and 40.5 seconds respectively. Angela Clouse received honors for finishing third in the 600 yard run in 1:33.7. While her 800 yard run, Penny Towns ended up third with a time of 2:41.7. The women also scored points in the field events with Pauline Burgiozo earning third in the Long Jump. The Saints have two more indoor meets, including the District meet at Hillsdale College. The outdoor season begins in late March and the Saints hope to learn from the indoor season and prove that they are a force to be dealt with.

By Adam Baxter

When the popular children's story The Little Engine That Could was written, the author could have used the 1993-94 Men's Basketball team as an eez-plie. The team keeps moving uphill slowly, but with confidence.

The "I think I can" quote that made the book so famous, has never been more true than it is for the members of the team. Although the road uphill is rough and unpredictable, the men keep climbing it anyway. The Saints have never given up and are not about to.

The reason for the persistence is largely due to the continued support from Coach Rick Albro. From the start of the season, Albro has kept the players' heads up in times of crisis. Even during the lowest point of the season Albro has stopped depression from setting in. Sometimes a coach can only do so much. That is where the team needs on-court leadership. This is where Steve VanVliet ranks, and still stays as popular as he always has.

While the White Sox recently signed Jordan in an attempt to contrast his professional status still remains in question. Hopefully Chicago signed him because he has the potential to become a star and not just to try and draw fans to the stadium. Obviously, Chicago has their reasons for signing Jordan and hopefully they are in the interest of the game.

Why has Michael Jordan caused this kind of controversy? Is it to prove to himself that he can do anything or is it to try and prove to the world that he is the "Superman" that many people give him credit for being? At least one thing is for sure about Michael Jordan, he's not attempting baseball because he needs the money. Who knows, maybe his decision involves his competitive nature and it won't allow him to stay away from competition, no matter what the game is. Good luck to Mr. Jordan in his quest to play professional baseball.

Schick Super Hoops

There were plenty of winners in the 1994 Schick Super Hoops Tournament held on January 20 at the Aquinas Fieldhouse. It was not a three-on-three tournament with men and women's divisions. In addition to the tournament, several contests were offered.

In the men's division finals was All-Go's Good Team (Kian Stewart, Joseph Hines, Anthony Shelton and Myron Gaynor) defeated Upsetters (Robert Smith, Kevin Buchberger, Kevin McDonald and Joe Stacey). The top women's team was All-That consisting of Tresenia Pulliam, Stacie Graham, Yvonne Hall and Abby Elliot. Joe Stacey and Deanna Tolen also won the free throw shooting contest while David Buche and Abby Elliot won the three-point shooting contest.