The Great Flood Of '94
Library and Copy Room All Washed Up

By Kelly Chenier
Times Contributing Writer

Disaster struck Aquinas last Friday when a broken water pipe in the Academic Building resulted in damage to the Woodhouse Library and Copy Room.

A clogged pipe on the third floor didn't make it through the repairs it was undergoing, and water poured out, hitting the library on the second floor.

Due to reconstruction in the mid-1980's, the blueprints given to the maintenance staff provided no assistance in finding the correct valve to turn off. They were forced to turn off the main water valve for the Academic Building, five to ten minutes after the leak started.

The first word of a problem came from a student in the quiet study area of the library, who reported that a leak was spurring from the drinking fountain. By the time Librarian Pam Luebke got to the area, water was pouring from the ceiling onto the floor. Luebke was unable to find the correct valve to turn off the water.

Meanwhile, Mary Dean, Faculty Secretary, was overwhelmed when a water leak started. "It got to be louder, and louder," she explained. "It was coming down so hard it was like standing under a waterfall," she explained.

The minute the water started falling, Luebke was able to get a tarp over one section of books. The staff plans on buying several others as a precaution against future leaks. The tarp had been borrowed for a previous leak, and had never been returned.

"Within 48 hours, if you don't take care of things so soon," Luebke said, "the books come back if there was permanent damage.

"We are fortunate we were able to take care of things so soon," Luebke said. "We didn't have to turn off the main water valve for the Academic Building, five to ten minutes after the leak started.

Although housekeeping responded quickly to the scene, there was already two inches of water on the floor, and it spread to other areas. "It was coming down so hard it was hard to move anything though. It was like standing under a waterfall," she explained.

"The train stepped up to its first challenge in great form on Saturday, Feb. 26, defeating Siena Heights 80-59. Nikki Tuttle led the Saints with 25 points, and as a team AQ hit 66% of their shots.

This Freight Train's destination is Oregon and Nationals, and common sense tells us not to get in front of an oncoming train, especially one that is determined to get to its destination. This is fair warning to all the Lady Saints' opponents. Choo-choo.

The Engine That Could Is Now A Freight Train

By Matt Stankiewicz
Times Contributing Writer

Picture if you will a freight train: lumbering along, basically running over anything in its way, and not stopping until it reaches its final destination. This comparison describes the Aquinas Women's Basketball team. A Freight Train.

How else can you describe this team? On Fire? Hot? In a Zone? How about all three? Either way the Lady Saints can be described as a team on a mission.

As for Districts, sophomore Stacey Powell claimed, "Now we know what a 'Zone' means," said freshman Denise Craft.

The team had a remarkable regular season. A season that twelve games ago looked mediocre. After that loss to Grand Valley, they were 7-8, mired in a sub-500 slump that looked as if it wasn't going to go away. But immediately they had a spark, and the rest of the way they obliterated their opposition. They won their final twelve, count 'em, twelve regular season games, the last being a 64-61 smacking of Madonna University on February 19. On the way, they annihilated all their league opponents, going 10-0 and taking the WHAC title. Not bad for a team that was predicted to finish third.

"We began to feel confident. I guess we started to realize how good we could be," said freshman Dana Mamed. "After that, we started to expect a lot more from ourselves."

"We expect a challenge, but we're ready to step up to it," said freshman Denise Craft.

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Sibling Weekend Fun For All Ages

By Kathy Denton
Times Staff Writer

The major slumber party of the year happened this month during AQ's Sibling Weekend. Brothers and sisters of all ages were sighted touring the campus and eating in the cafeteria with their older siblings. Thanks to a lot of hard work and planning, there was lots to do and see.

Friday night brought dinner, a music recital, and movies were shown in the dorms. A puppet show was given in the Wege Ballroom by the Friendship Company from Lake City's United Methodist Church. The show was directed and performed entirely by children. The music their puppets danced and sang to, and the audience were invited up to the stage could see it better than Keds!

Saturday many of the siblings woke to find it hard to get to sleep in the dorms. Basketball and volleyball reigned, but small hurdles were also set up and various sizes of balls were propelled by little bodies that ran themselves to a happy sweat. A big game of duck, duck, goose broke out in the middle of the court that had young and old chasing each other around.

Sunday started with a big happy place where they (the children) could stay and catch the Varsity's home game. With her at the party was her sister Rachel. The busy toddler stole the show by waddling out with her bottle to dance and sway with the music as did a few of the other children.

After the performance, all of the kids in the audience were invited up to the stage to create their own hand puppets from socks the Friendship Company had donated. The end result was a pack of happy puppets chasing each other around.

Ami Zamzow enjoyed the music with sister Ashley who brought her doll, Sarah. Beth Priest came with her smiling 18 year-old brother Matt who proclaimed, "I love dancing!"

After their morning snack, they take part in an activity called Circle Time which consists of stories, art, finger painting, plays, or songs. The Center has welcomed guests of different professions, such as: a police officer, an aerobics teacher to teach fitness, and since February is Dental Hygiene month, an oral surgeon taught the children about proper hygiene. And when the weather is suitable, they can play on the Center's playground, or the volunteer students take them throughout the campus, to the library, the Field House, or the Art and Music Building. But Gerrity wishes for a bit more space for the Center. The playground situation seems adequate, but Gerrity wishes for "separate playgrounds for toddlers and preschool," consisting of a smaller playground, with a sandbox and baby swings for the younger children. Overall she is pleased with her position, "I really enjoy this job I have my responsibilities, but I spend quite a bit of time with the kids."

This Spring watch for the little red wagon, and a group with the giggles. They'll put an awe in your heart and a twinkle in your smile. They are our future and the product of the Child Development Center.

Matt and Megan Militzkar play for the Children's Pop Concert. Photo by Kathy Denton

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Meehan is nothing but complimentary about the work of the Center. "It's a small nurturing environment (where) student volunteers take them throughout the campus, to the library, the Field House, or the Art and Music Building.

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By Kathy Denton
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Senate Candidates Run
Unopposed

The ballots weren’t in yet, but the
two nominees for Student Senate enjoyed the
taste of victory before voting began.

“I’m the best guy for the job,” claimed
John Niedzielski who is running for of­
Office. Looking out over the lunch crowd
came to hear their platforms during
the Senate’s last Tuesday, John also added with a grin, “That’s because I’m the only one who ran for Secretary.”
As a matter of fact, all three candidates for
Senate positions are running unop­
posed. That may sound a little too easy,
but each one is taking their position seri­
ously and operating their cam­
paigas as if there were contenders.
Douglas Dooley will take over as
Chairperson, Brooke Davis as Vice Chairperson, and John Niedzielski will be Secretary.
The major theme of all three hopefuls is
communication. They all agree that there is still a gap between the Senate and the
students and will work toward a closer bond.
Brooke Davis, a sophomore majoring in
Communications, would like to see the
Senate refocused. “The Senate is supposed to work more closely with the
students...to be more personable, ap­
proachable, and productive.” She wants
students to feel they can come to their
Senate leaders with a positive attitude and not to have to worry about negative reactions from them.
Because the Senate is involved in
funding various clubs, Davis believes that the Senate has a duty to support and help
monitor the clubs and to personally help with their progress.
The third concern of her campaign is to
develop and maintain a relationship be­
tween the Senate and Residence Life. “It’s the other organization that has a
direct link between the students.” Davis
feels that “...together we can address a lot more and encourage RAS to become
involved with the Senate because it keeps your involvement with the students.
John Niedzielski, a sophomore majoring
in Business and Fine Arts expresses the
same sentiments. “There seems to be a
split between the student body and the
Senators. It’s feeling that the Senate is a
separate entity, but our purpose is to represent the students. There shouldn’t be this lack of
communication.”
He also wants to see the indi­
vidual senators become more involved
with the students and
would like to see them working toward
“keeping in contact with their initial sup­
porters who signed them on to keep a
network going.” Along with that is the
hope that the lines of communication remain open with the staff and faculty.
“We hope to make the Senate appear
more fun and appealing,” says
Niedzielski, “without losing profession­
alism.” He feels that holding Senate
meetings on a regular basis and working
with people rather than against them will help the students to see that the members of the Senate are very approachable people.
Douglas Dooley, a sophomore majoring
in Economics and Political Science is
ready to take action on many issues on
the Senate重新 funded. He likes what
the Senate does but points out, “I think
too many students’ issues are not ad­
dressed. The Senate was established to
respond to what the students need.”
The Senate recently completed a sur­
vey which revealed the strong sentiments of students for renovation of the Car­
riage House for the Student Union. Says
Douglas, “90% of the students said it was
a top priority...and the Student Senate has already donated $10,000 toward the
project.”
Douglas also wants to help raise money
for the school and would like to see more students like himself get involved with
major fundraising for Aquinas. “I think
we can influence new donors and take
some of the pressure off of those who have been doing all the work.”
All three candidates stress that they are
there for student support and questions.

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"Colored People's Time" Celebrates Black History Month

By Julie L. Williams
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Aquinas students celebrated the end of
Black History Month with the production,
"Colored People's Time," written by
Leslie Lee and directed by Michael P.
Travis. The play was held in Kretschmer
from Feb. 25 to 27.
"Colored People's Time" began with
African music and the prologue, ques­
tioneing the significance of time and what it really means. The two acts then pro­
gressed to display different events in
history from a personal view.
Though each event seemed rather in­
significant compared to the life of Mar­
tin Luther King Jr., all the scenes came
together to depict the play’s meaning—
each event in the past, big or small, brought society to where it is today. The
production showed this serious message
through humor and music.
A solo sung by Jenaira Glover high­
lighted this year’s play. Another solo
was performed by Cara Williams. The
costumes highlighted the perfor­
mances.

The fourth annual Black History Month
Production was dedicated to seniors
Crystal Smith and Faustina Morrow for
being involved the past three years. Morrow and Rosalind Sample wrote the first play, "Black Is Like," to share the
experiences of black people.

Morrow and Sample continued to write
the plays until this year, and last year’s
production was written with the help of
Leslie Lee and directed by Michael P.
Travis. The play was held in Kretschmer
Play, it will revitalize the drama depart­
ment of Aquinas and has opened up a
door to that.

Acoustic Coffee House
A Fresh Alternative

By Julie L. Williams
Times Staff Writer

For students who would like something
different to do on campus, an acoustic
coffeehouse has been started in the
classroom building. The coffeehouse is
open from 8:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. two
Fridays a month.
Chris Snider, a part-time Aquinas stu­
dent, decided to start the coffeehouse in
the classroom building since his church
met there on Sundays. Since many
members of Snider’s church are young
and artistic, he decided, “There’s a large
need for these people to have an outlet
for themselves.”
Yet Snider stresses that anyone is wel­
come to the coffeehouse, and it’s not
there to force religion on people.
“Whatever your bag, you’re welcome,”
said Snider. He also compares this at­
titude to that of the Reptile House.
“It doesn’t matter who you are or where
you’re coming from—everyone’s wel­
come.”

Rick Beerhorst, an established artist
and musician in Grand Rapids, helps
Snider with the coffeehouse. Beerhorst
plays occasionally, but usually he gets
his friends to play. “If we get in a pinch
sometimes, then he’ll play,” said Snider.
“It has a threw together feel right now,
and we’re groping our way through this.”
Snider confessed. Yet Snider is open to
anything that happens. He hopes to
move the coffeehouse into a store
someday, but if it doesn’t happen, then
it’s OK.

“It’s just to have something to do for
people that don’t always feel like sitting
in a bar,” said Snider. He claims he has
nothing against bars, but he considers
coffeehouses to be “a great alternative.”

The next acoustic coffeehouse night
will be March 4 starting at 8:30 p.m. It is
a casual environment, and free coffee
and tea is served, though they do accept
donations. Coffeehouse nights will end
the second or third week in April due to
exams, and start up again in the fall.
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Local News

By Kathy Denton
Times Staff Writer

Martini’s

The Hotspot of Eastown

School, he tried college but dropped out after a couple of years. "It just wasn’t my thing," he stated, but is very supportive of the Aquinas College community. Dawn Minnokata, who has waited at Martini’s for the last six months credits Martines with keeping her in college. "There was a time I was really depressed about my life and I thought seriously about quitting school. Ossie talked me out of it and now I’m so thankful I didn’t do it. He’s been great support."

Some AQ students have even utilized the bar for internship credits in business management. Leaning over one of two pool tables in the back is Steve Guerrero, an AQAlumnus who graduated last year. "I just stopped in for some pool action," he says while making a shot. "Sometimes I come down three or four nights a week to play. People are pretty friendly here. It’s a fun, sociable kind of place." Echoing that sentiment, Martines notes that blues lovers tend to be more laid back. "They all seem to know each other," he comments. "I’ve never seen an argument during a blues show."

Even though there have been occasional fights, extra security has never been needed despite the homicide that tainted the Eastown area this past year. "The day I need security," he defends emphatically, "is the day I get out of here." Martines believes that other groups of Grand Rapids are more crime ridden but that Eastown is singled out more than others. Martines (call him Ossie when you stop in), welcomes AQ students by offering them a discount on cover charges with their student ID. On Mondays during Open-Mike night, he can savor Long Island Iced Teas for just a buck. On Tuesdays you too along your own mug they’ll fill it for a buck also. The atmosphere is laid back, hospitable and it shows. Says Ossie, "I ask all my friends to join in. "We’d like to get a student group from Aquinas down here for free to join in."

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By Dave Ball
March 15 Election Considers Proposal, Replacement

A new system of funding for Michigan public schools will soon be put into place and the state’s residents will have a chance to approve or reject the proposal in the upcoming March 15 election. The issue, Proposal A, is to replace currently non-existent school funding avidly last year by Governor John Engler. The governor cut the funding in an attempt to reform the burden of school finance away from property owners. His new ballot plan, Proposal A, would decrease residential property tax by over 80% and business property tax by over 35%. Other decreases in the governor’s plan include a 2% decrease in income tax. The plan offers funding through a 2% increase in sales tax, a new 2% real estate transfer tax, and a 50 cent tax increase on packages of cigarettes.

The backup plan, the "No" answer to Proposal A, will go into effect if the proposal fails. Like Proposal A, the backup plan calls for a decrease in both residential and business tax, although the residential tax decrease is less substantial than the decrease proposed in the governor’s plan. In the backup plan, residential property tax will be decreased by over 65% and business property tax and sales tax will see the same decrease as in the governor’s plan.

On March 15, Grand Rapids-area voters will go to the polls in a special primary election to determine the finalists to fill the empty Vern Ehlers seat in the Michigan State Senate. Candidates appearing on the primary ballot are Democratic candidates Aly Alt and W. Paul Mayhew, and Republican publican candidates Mike DeVriendt, Kenneth J. Kaipers, and Glenn Steil. The winners from each of these parties, plus one other candidate, Libertarian Dan Carpenter, will compete in the April 26 general election with the top vote-getter holding the 39th District office until January 1, 1995.

By Kathy Denton
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Calling All Poets

Perched on the edge of a white easy chair, Linda Lester mesmerized her audience in prose prose and spoke with the mutual disdain we’re all feeling toward this terminally cold season... "Without ceasing, each day seems longer than living should be..."

Nestled in the Socrates News Center in neighboring Eastown, a modest crowd hunched over steaming mugs of hot chocolate and cappuccino to share in the age-old tradition of poetry reading that has undergone a remarkable resurgence in recent months. Myra VanderMeulen, who had come to listen, was pleased. "There’s been a big poetry boom. It gives more people an opportunity to hear our local talent and to experience the essence of poetry reading itself."

Aquinas alumni Mike and Sara Sample, owners of the Socrates News Center on Wealthy Street, have cultivated the weekly readings. After falling in love with the village appeal of Eastown while attending AQ, they decided it would be an ideal place to open their magazine/book store ten months ago. Says Sara, "We both liked the student atmosphere." Friendly listening is encouraged at the Center, which is originally a drug store and soda fountain.

Strong believers in the community spirit that Eastown offers, the Samples have opened their doors for weekly poetry readings and encourage others to feel free to join in. "We’d like to get a student group from Aquinas down here for readings," adds Mike. Impromptu pianists and musicians are also encouraged to slip in for a jam session during readings or on weekends. There are also local groups who meet to discuss politics and local developments and chess boards lay open and waiting for opponents to brood over on Saturdays from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

If you would like to get a group together to start a reading night, give Mike and Sara Samples a call at 454-8999.
Babies Need More Than Love
By Cheryl Alkon
Special to College Press Service

A new baby can be a lot of different things—cute, cuddly, a living doll. It can also be hungry, fussy, sick. But would you believe they are also unbelievably expensive? If you’re fantasizing about having a little darling anytime soon, you might want to think about these questions: 1. Once you are pregnant, it is important for you to be healthy so your baby will be healthy. How much does it cost to visit the hospital for prenatal care? a. Nothing.  
   b. About $100-$150, a one-time charge  
   c. Anywhere from $3,500 to $6,000 and $10,000 for a Caesarean birth (surgery where your abdomen is opened to lift the baby out, as opposed to natural, vaginal delivery).  
2. If you have your baby at a hospital, without having full health insurance to cover it, how much will you be paying in bills afterwards?  
a. Nothing.  
b. About $100-$150, a one-time charge  
c. Anywhere from $3,500 to $6,000 and $10,000 for a Caesarean birth (surgery where your abdomen is opened to lift the baby out, as opposed to natural, vaginal delivery).  
3. Congratulations, you’re a new mom! Of course, you know there are plenty of things baby needs. A crib, a car seat, food, toys. Even though the newborn is healthy. How much does it cost to visit you to be healthy so your baby will be healthy? How much does it cost to visit the hospital for prenatal care? a. Nothing.  
b. $7-$11 a week, cloth or plastic.  
c. $2-$5 a week, cloth or plastic.  
4. One thing that just about every baby goes through quickly is a box of diapers—cotton or plastic. Every week, prepare to spend:  
a. $2-$5 a week, cloth or plastic.  
b. $3-$7 a week, cloth or plastic.  
c. $12-$15 a week, cloth or plastic.  
5. Though you love your baby, sometimes you want to go out for a night without him or her. Or maybe you want to get to school or work and you need to put the baby in day care. How much will baby-sitting put you back?  
a. Nothing.  
b. $10 the first time, $5 for each following visit.  
c. $150 for an initial visit, $75 each afterward.  
6. If you have your baby at home, how much will it cost to put the baby in day care? How much will it cost to put the baby in day care?  
a. Nothing.  
b. $75 per week  
c. $25 per week  
7. How much will it cost to go out for a night without your baby?  
a. Nothing.  
b. $25 per week  
c. Nothing.  
8. How much will it cost to get to school or work and you need to put the baby in day care? How much will it cost to put the baby in day care?  
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Pregnancy, Poverty Go Hand in Hand
By Karen Neustadt
Special Correspondent
College Press Service

Statistics on adolescent sexuality, pregnancy and childbirth show that a pregnancy can be a crisis in a young woman’s life, but the reason has more to do with poverty than age, say researchers who have conducted an extensive study into the problem in the United States and United Kingdom. In addition, the study reveals that despite an American stereotype depicting a poor minority woman as the typical mother, 68 percent of all adolescent births in the U.S. are to white teens, and over half the births are to unmarried mothers. “Some of the negative consequences that have been attributed to teen-age pregnancy in this country appear also to be partial causes (such as poverty),” said Deborah Rhode, a Stanford University law professor and co-author of the book, “The Politics of Pregnancy: Adolescent Sexuality and Public Policy” (Yale University Press). While social tolerance for unmarried mothers has increased in the past several decades, educators are concerned that high schoolers and college women who become pregnant will drop their education and seriously jeopardize the quality of their lives. Rhode’s findings, however, reveal that “most young mothers leave school before becoming pregnant, rather than the converse, and that mothers who give birth while in school are just as likely to graduate as their peers.” Still, poverty is the No. 1 problem these young, single mothers face. Nearly a quarter of single women in the U.S. had borne a child by June of 1992, which is up 15 percent from a decade earlier, according to a new report from the United States Bureau of the Census. The proportion of single mothers increased regardless of education, more than doubling for college-educated women and almost doubling for those with high school diplomas. “There is a common misconception in this country that teen-age pregnancy is somehow a problem of minority groups,” Rhode said, noting that because African-American and Hispanic teens have higher pregnancy rates according to race, people think minority teens lead in actual births. Rhode noted the stereotypes of young women who are pregnant are based on public debate about sexuality, pregnancy and abortion that distorts facts to serve “political purposes.” Among the author’s findings: —An estimated 45 percent of all U.S. female teen-agers have premarital sex. Most are not consistent contraceptive users. As a result, an estimated 40 percent of females become pregnant at least once before age 20, and about four-fifths of these pregnancies are unintended. —Twenty percent of female teen-agers in the United States bear a child. These rates of pregnancy and childbirth are the highest among Western industrialized nations. —About half of those young women are unmarried, and less than 5 percent give the baby up for adoption. Fewer teens have babies in Great Britain, but an even higher proportion—three quarters—are not married when they do. —In U.S. families headed by 15– to 21-year-old females, more than four-fifths of children are poor compared to one-third of children in households headed by a young male. —Abortion is more frequent among young women with higher economic backgrounds.

TEN PROVEN STRESS REDUCERS
The California Aggie

Some tips to stressed-out students:
1. Add an ounce of love to everything you do.  
2. Be kind to unkind people—they probably need it the most.  
3. Get out of bed 15 minutes early to avoid the morning rush.  
4. Eat healthful foods and don’t overeat—always feel a little hungry when you leave the table.  
5. Procrastination is stressful. Whatever you want to do tomorrow, do today; whatever you want to do today, do now.  
6. Relax your standards. The world will not end if the grass does not get mowed this weekend.  
7. An instant cure for most stress: 30 minutes of brisk walking or other exercise.  
8. Make everyday purchases by cash or check; save credit cards for major planned purchases.  
9. Do nothing which, after being done, leads you to tell a lie.  
10. Remind yourself that even Babe Ruth struck out 1,330 times.

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There seems to be a lot of discussion on the subject of the Carriage House being turned into a Student Union. The problem, it seems, is not the idea of a Student Union on campus, but the problem of Aquinas needing a new library. It’s my turn to state my piece.

The big argument either way is about recruitment of new students. I must admit as a traditional-age student looking for somewhere to spend the next four years of my life, I didn’t pay much attention to information on library facilities in the literature I received in the mail. Maybe I’m the exception to the rule, but I doubt it. If the school has a library, that’s about good enough for me. Whenever I need it for something, it seems to do the trick quite well. And our library certainly isn’t the worst I’ve ever seen. It gets the job done, right? And if the money is just not there, then why fantasize about it, I’m personally tired of hearing the same thing over and over.

Dear Editor:

It’s amazing what stories one sees side-by-side in the Aquinas Times. On the front page of the Feb. 2 edition, President Nelson announced a $500,000 renovation of the Carriage House as a student union. On page 2, Nelson is quoted as saying Aquinas is saddled with financial problems and thus must postpone library plans indefinitely. The choice of what Aquinas will put its limited resources toward is the truly amazing part. While a new student union might be nice, its need is certainly debatable. By contrast, the need for a new library is well documented. Aquinas’ accreditation body, the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities, has cited the college before for its lack of an adequate facility. In last year’s survey of students, the Times reports in this same issue, the library was rated one of the major areas of student dissatisfaction. Nelson maintains that the new union would be a marketing tool to attract traditional-age students. The library, however, would serve, and help to attract, traditional and continuing-education students both. Granted, the money to refurbish the Carriage House certainly won’t build a new library. But earmarking that $500,000 penny pinching to the Dutch community, he not only offended those of Dutch ancestry, but more importantly contributed to the proliferation of stereotypes in general. Perhaps Sean would be more sensitive if an article about the closing of a local tavern included references juiced up old Irishmen weeping profusely at last call. While Sean’s remarks may have been written in jest, they were in fact careless, damaging and worthy of a retraction.

After reading this article, and it’s unfortunate cultural ridicule, I too felt, “...that a little slice of what it is to be an American has been lost.” In Sean’s pathetic attempt to illicit laughter by attaching outdated labels of

Dear Editor:

I am writing in reference to the article “99 Cent Movies A Thing of the Past.” In this piece, Writer Sean Maher stated, “January 30, 1994. Remember this date....” In this piece, Writer Sean Maher stated, “January 30, 1994. Remember this date....” It is this date that single handedly took the word “Dutch” out of Dutch treat. It is this date that marked the closing of the Quad 6 Movie Theater, the end of 99 cent movies, and the death of a very expensive night out...”

After reading this tabloid trash, I couldn’t help but think that this passage might be better read, “February 16, 1994. Remember this date. It is this date that saw Yellow journalism and xenon stereotypes invade the pages of the Aquinas Times.”

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And no matter how many times President Nelson tells us there just isn’t that kind of money in our future, there seems to be quite a few people that just won’t digest this information. Go to the Grand Rapids Public Library, or use the InterLibrary Loan program to get what you want, or donate the money for the new library, but stop complaining about it. Since a Student Union is a more realistic recruiting tool, and the money is there, I don’t see a problem with it at all. I think it’s a great idea. My first two years here, I probably would have spent a lot of time in a facility like that, especially that close to Regina. No matter what anyone says, Wege is not serving this purpose for the students. Basically, the only reason people come into this building is to eat. I don’t know anyone who sits around wondering what to do and decides to go hang out at Wege. As a commuter, I can’t say whether I would be there very often, but those commuters that live fairly far away would love the opportunity, I’m sure, to meet and hang out with other students. Most commuters feel very separated from the rest of the students because they don’t have that dorm experience, and this would be a good way to get them involved. I must admit I will be spending a lot of time in this building if they put our office over there, and I think that will be a better set up for student-run organizations such as ourselves. It will provide better contact with the student body, instead of hiding us in the basement, where we are only lucky enough to see students if they are going to the Corner Cafe for food.

But as far as the debate between the two of them go, it’s comparing apples and oranges. It’s attempting to choose the impossible over the possible. If your going to debate whether or not we need a Student Union, then stick to that issue instead of dragging the poor library into the whole thing.

Sincerely,

Walter Bakes
Aquinas Alumni
Well my loyal readers, this month I have deemed “Addiction” month. All of my letters this week and next have to deal with people’s addiction to items such as smoking and planners. I hope that those readers out there who didn’t write in, but are having problems shared by these individuals, take heed and use the advice yourself. Read on and enjoy my fans.

Dear Great Aunt Ida,

I’m confused! As I have grown older, I thought I was doing the right thing by trying to become more organized and responsible. So I bought a Franklin planner. At first I couldn’t wait for the coming of a new year and a new filler just jam-packed with organizing materials. My whole life changed; I didn’t miss a meeting or appointment, and for the first time in my life I sent a birthday card to each of the friends and family members because I had them listed. Then some of my friends began to poke fun at me, saying I couldn’t function without it. Haughted, but as time went on I found myself getting more dependent on my Franklin. I feel absolutely lost and naked without it. Is such an addiction possible? Are there support groups out there somewhere? Please help me!

I’ve scheduled an appointment with a therapist and need to know if I’m on the right track so I can confirm or cancel the appointment—oh no, now you see how desperate I am!!

Signed,  
Hooked on Franklin

Dear Hooked,

Alas, you are not alone on this crucial world of daily planner mania. I too am a Franklin user and was worried about what might happen to me if I relied on the planner too much. One rule that was given in using it is that you shouldn’t have the planner rule your life, you should rule it. Never become attached to it to the point of scheduling your free time in it. I recommend that you start by only putting your classes and meetings in the Franklin for the day. Then leave the planner at home once everything is done. You will go through withdrawal for a bit but you can make it. You might get the shakes, break out into a rash and have a fever every so often. The Franklin Planner Patch does help the side effects as well. Once you conquer that, it will all become easier. If you need to find another person to help you go through this process it will be easier. You will make it, my friend. Write me soon to keep me updated on your progress.

Love,  
Great Aunt Ida

Dear Great Aunt Ida,

I am a smoker who goes through two packs a day. I really am tired of wasting my money every week on my habit. All of my clothes smell like smoke and my teeth are starting to turn yellow. I do have friends who smoke and they have tried to quit, but they go back right to it. I have heard of many different programs to quit smoking but I really don’t have the money to do them. What can I do?

Signed,  
Always Puffin’  
Dear Puffin’

Well congratulations, young person, I commend you for wanting to kick a very addictive habit. My Great Grandmother Irma was a smoker who never quit. She smoked two cigars a day and had a corn cob pipe she smoked in the barn. The point is this, smoking is addictive and will kill you one day. I just read that second-hand smoke kills people faster than the actual cigarette. It even seeps into pregnant women and infect fetuses. It is deadly. I just read another new article (I like to read the current journals that states if you can make it through the first two weeks, you will be successful in quitting smoking. When you feel like taking out a cigarette and start smoking, chew a piece of gum instead. Start telling your friends not to smoke around you and try to respect your new journey. It’s a slow process, but you will be successful.

Find a support group on campus that will help you through this process. Good luck.

Love,  
Great Aunt Ida

Mass Media vs. the Olympics
The Case of Dan Jansen and His Tragic Fall

By Alec Posterman  
Times/Business/Advertising Manager

I am not an avid sports fan like some of my friends are, but every four years when the Olympics come into our living rooms, I sit down and watch the world unite as one. But for some reason this year I am really troubled by what I see happening on the television.

I was watching the 500 meter speed skating events on Monday the 14th. Dan Jansen was competing against some other magnificent skaters when something happened. He was going around the curve of the rink when he slipped. This slip changed the course of the night when he ended up in sixth place overall. The reaction of the crowd was obvious; the team was stunned. His hope for the gold was gone when he ended up in sixth place overall. The curve of the rink when he slipped. This happened. He was going around the curve of the rink when he slipped.

And the last thing they would like to be crucified with Dan’s coach. They asked him “Was the ice too slippery?” and his coach responded (as best I can remember) “Ice is always slippery.” I laughed because I know what he was thinking. How dare anyone talk to him now when his friend was hurting. I laughed when I heard the answer.

I really wish that the media would realize Dan Jansen is human, like the rest of us. He is not this infallible person who isn’t allowed to make a mistake. Maybe he wasn’t destined to win a gold medal. He has something far more valuable than a gold medal. He has participated in an event people only dream of; and he hasn’t done this once, or twice, but rather he’s done it three time. That is a feat unto itself, a marvel which we should cheer over, not jeer at.

Let the controversy go over Jansen, and any other athlete who makes a mistake. The last thing they would like to be remembered as is the “Only if he didn’t slip…” athlete. They are representing the United States of America in the Olympics. We should be proud of them, not tearing them apart for what they didn’t do or didn’t get.

Remember what your father told you when you were little? It isn’t whether you win or lose, it’s how you play the game. Obviously the media has forgotten this little phrase. For every athlete that wins a gold medal we cheer and shout. About for every athlete that didn’t win a medal we should cheer and shout even louder, because it was the United States team that represented us in Lillehammer, not just the medal winner.

Signed,  
Alec Posterman

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Fun for AQ

By Kenzaytta Christian
Times Contributing Writer

Denny Dent and His Two Fisted Art Attack, Dinner Nite Club with hypnotist Ronnie Romm, and Fun Flicks—these are just a few of the many activities that the Aquinas Programming Board has brought to Aquinas. The Programming Board is a small group of diverse students who bring entertainment and educational activities on campus. Timi Hough is the organization’s advisor and always encourages students to come to all activities.

During the months of January and February the board sponsored, “What the Heck Nites” in the fieldhouse to bring sheltered residence hall students out on cold dreamy nights. Some of the “What the Heck Nite” activities that have passed were: Funflicks; Karoake; Regency, an acapella group; and Floor Hockey. One activity that you can still catch is “Blizzard of Bucks” on Thursday, February 17 in the Fieldhouse. “Blizzard of Bucks” is a gameshow in which you go through a series of stupid ties, saying, “There’s only about fifty friends and half your floor went, regret my decision, feeling like I’m sitting all day in my room wondering where all your excitement was.”

The next time you’re sitting alone in your room wondering where all your friends are, just call the Programming Board at 7:00 on February 16. For all you business buffs, lecturer Laura Peterson will be in Kretschmer on March 16 at 7:30. Bring a friend to the year’s 2nd Dinner Nite Club on March 18 in the Ballroom. On this classy evening the Board will bring the classic humor of D. McGoe. Pull out those dusty old prom dresses and put on your dancing shoes, because Spring Flying is on April 15 at the Areway Grand Hotel. The board is also sponsoring a limo ride that evening. “Thank God It’s Spring,” a festival of the wondrous warmth (something we can appreciate now) of the new season. TGIS takes place on April 16, so pull out your tropical print shorts. Two more activities scheduled for this year includes Punchline, a crazy interactive gameshow and Carmette and Maher, two energetic guitar players.

More activities for the serious or outrageously goofy in nature are in the making so watch out for details. If you have any questions contact the Student Activities Office. All activities are posted in the Programming Board office door. The next time you’re sitting alone in your room wondering where all your friends and half your floor went, remember that message you star-sized early that day which held all the day’s activities, saying, “There’s only about fifty days left.”

Dr. Konow:

Coach and Communicator

By Tando Goduka
Times Contributing Writer

Dr. Gary Konow is a quiet, deep and philosophical man who loves to laugh and smiles easily. He has an inner glow that comes from a strong spirituality and a love of life... As he would put it, he believes that, “my life began when I stopped striving for my own personal gain to seek God’s guidance and follow what He wants me to do. I have learned to stop worrying about career advances or where my next meal is coming from and put my trust in God.”

Dr. Konow has a wealth of knowledge, not only from books, but also from experience. He came to Aquinas College twenty years ago as a drama teacher. From that position, he worked his way up to become Chairperson of the Communication Arts Department and finally Academic Vice-President. By his superiors and peers, he is thought of as a “true Christian gentleman and an effective communicator with deep spiritual values that play a role in shaping his life and his decisions,” said President Paul Nelson. Timi Hough feels that “Dr. Konow is a man who tries to do what is best for the students at all times.”

By the students, he is thought of as “coach”—a man who treats people with great respect and "instills confidence in people," said Sister Rosemary O'Donnell.

Dr. Konow has watched Aquinas change and grow in the past twenty years. Most of the changes have been good, so he would like to continue the tradition of excellence started by his predecessors. One way to do this, he says, is by becoming more diverse academically.

He would like to have more people of color on staff, start a home-grown program where alumni from Aquinas come back after they finish their graduate studies to teach. Another alternative he states is to start up an exchange program between professors of Aquinas and those found in African-American colleges and universities. He would also like to implement a student support service for first generation students and those who have learning disabilities.

When not at Aquinas, Dr. Konow likes to spend time with his family. He believes that “the most important things are found in relationships; material possessions are unimportant.” He and his Swedish wife, Katherine, have been married for thirty years. The best thing he’s found about marriage is the companionship. He jokingly adds that asked twenty years ago the answer would have different.

Together, they have two children, Kris and Ingrid. The names, both Swedish, are a reminder of their roots and heritage, something Dr. Konow values very much.

During his spare time Dr. Konow enjoys listening to jazz, gospel music and contemporary Christian praise music. His other hobbies include collecting Wyandotte toys, working with his database and studying his family genealogy.
CRAZY FOR YOU will be presented by the Broadway Theatre Guild at DeVoys Hall March 8-13. This new Gershwin musical comedy is the winner of every major 1993 prize for Broadway musicals, including the Tony. "Crazy For You" musically follows the story of Bobby Child, a rich, pampered 1930's New York playboy who is sent to a small western mining town in Nevada to foreclose the mortgage on a long-dormant theater. Upon arrival in the small town of Deadrock, Child immediately falls head-over-heels in love with Polly Baker, the theater owners' daughter, and the only girl in a town of 157 men. Performances and ticket prices are as follows: $12-$17.50 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 p.m. and Sunday, 3 p.m.; Thursday, 2 p.m., $12 and $20; Saturday, 2 p.m., $12 and $25; Friday and Saturday 8 p.m. performances are $15-$45. Tickets are now on sale and may be purchased in person (with cash only) at the following The Broadway Theatre-Guilds' Stage Door in Benton Village, Grand Center Box Office, Believe In Music, Boomtown Sound & Video, Harmony House, Hudson's, Vinyl Solution, or any TicketMaster Outlet in Michigan. Charge by phone by calling TicketMaster at (616) 456-3333. Students and seniors may purchase tickets for $10 on the day of the show (all performances), and groups of 20 or more receive a discount.

FIRE, AIR, EARTH, AND WATER is a new exhibition at the Michigan State University Museum. The museum remembers and honors her with an exhibition of her paintings, drawings, silhouettes and miniatures. Her tradition of art that explores spiritual connections to nature.

THE TIMES OF MESSIAH: THE HOPE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS, a forum emphasizing the commonalities of Christians and Jews is set for April 19 and 20 at the Holiday Inn Crown Plaza. Registration should be sent to Blossoming Rose, Times of Messiah Forum, 306 West Pine St., Cedar Springs, MI 49319. Registration for April 19 is $40, April 20 is $30, or $50 for both days single or $100 with spouse.

TRIPPING DAISY and Eve's Plum will be at the Reptile House on March 12. Initial costs $5 at the door.

COPELIA—THE DOLL SHOP will be presented by the Rapids Ballet on Friday, March 25, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 27, at 2 p.m. at Devoys Hall. This story is a combination of "The Nutcracker" and "Cinderella." Tickets are $21 for adults, $15 for students, and $7.50 for upper balcony seating; and are available at the Grand Rapids Ballet office, the Grand Center Box Office, or any TicketMaster outlet.

OKLAHOMA! the all-time, all-American-classic Rodgers and Hammerstein Broadway musical is hoofing its way to the stage of Ottawa Hills High School Thursday, February 24 through Saturday, February 26, 1994. Advance ticket reservations for the Friday and Saturday performances of Oklahoma may be made by calling Sue Lawrence at 247-0962. Tickets are $5 for Adults, $4 for students 11-18 and $2 for children 10 and under. Tickets for Thursday evening, February 24 are $3, and are available at the door. Performances are at 8 p.m. at Ottawa Hills High School auditorium.

ICE CAPADES—CINDERELLA—FROZEN IN TIME featuring Rus­sell Flowers—trumpet, Times of Messiah Forum, 360 W.A.R.? Records

Two Tool performances at Orbin Room

"Tool live can be limited to four words: minimalistic, intense, cathartic, and, most of all, ugly. Their no-frills show seems best summed up in their own words: "Twice as clear as heaven/ Twice as loud as reason." "Cold and Ugly" was Tool's way of kicking off the set and slipping the Orbit Room crowd into attentive submission. Other songs included "Intolerance," the ugly reality of "Prison Sex," "4 Degrees," an introspective probe into one's psyche, and, of course, the hit "Hoover." Guitarist Adam Jones, bassist Paul D'Amour, and drummer Danny Carey were impressively tight, heavy, and consistent throughout the entire 75-minute set. But it was lead singer and West Michi­gan native Maynard James Keenan who stole the show. Keenan was continually spinning around, twisting his body in bizarre, spas tic movements, or practically beating on himself, especially while belting out lyrics like "I feel dead/Dead inside" from 'Bottom,' or "Undertow's" brutal "Why don't you kill me? I am waiting." The only person comparable to Keenan intensity-wise is Henry Rollins (which is quite a compliment).

But the show was not always heavy and violent. Keenan joked between songs about his parents' attendance at the concert; he also sarcastically dedicated the song "Opiate" (which toys with Karl Marx's "religion is the opium of the masses" philosophy) to Satan.

Tool's most impressive performance came with "Flood," which seemed to drown everyone in attendance with unsympathetic, pulsing waves of sound and Keenan's powerful vocal se­trises. They closed the show with a thankfully non-antiaclimactic two-song encore featuring "Swamp Song" and the surging "Jerk-O-Let." The latter was fitting to end the set considering the moral question it poses: "Someone told me once/That there's a right and wrong...If conse­quences dictate my course of action, then I Should just play God and Shoot you myself!"

Actually, all of Tool's songs are individualistic masterpieces of ugliness, whose themes come across with incredible sonic clarity in a live setting. Watching Maynard's eyes roll back into his head as he sings about self-hated, double, and emotional introspection is quite a scar­ring sight. Tool seems to thrive on the "it's so ugly—yet I can't look away" feeling that we all experience at times. Thus, Tool is real. They do not fall back on corny stage antics, explosives, or million-watt light setups; but they rely on the power and strength of, simply enough, four men with musical instruments.

The only way I can describe Tool is using vague terms such as intense and minimalistic. One really must see the show to understand what I'm trying to describe here. With their uncat­egorizable, original, sound and lyrical intensity, Tool turns the listener inside-out and exposes the true core of being inside all of us. If you have missed Tool this time; but you missed Tool this time; be sure to catch them next time, for the sake of experience. If you don't, hey, it's your loss. This is necessary.
PRONG
Cleansing

By John Serha
Times Staff Writer

Epic Records
Produced by Terry Date and Prong

I love being in the position to choose the CDs to review—-it gives me a chance to give an underrated band like Prong some much-deserved praise. Cleansing is their fifth album, and even though it's not their best, it still beats the heck out of the latest White Zombie and Megadeth records.

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Baseball Has Experience on Its Side

By Matt Stankiewicz
Times Contributing Writer

It is now March, it is very cold, and I am very sure that everyone is pretty darn sick of it, too. Well, then it's time to bring up a topic that brings optimism to millions across the nation. Sure, we could talk about the upcoming Spring Break, nice weather, birds-a-chirpin', and so on. But we won't because the real gist of the story is that baseball season is poppin' around the corner.

The Aquinas baseball team has been practicing for the past month or so in the friendly confines of the Fieldhouse in preparation for the 1994 campaign. The team has great optimism for this year despite a slightly different approach to their game plan. The squad, to be exact, is pretty much at the opposite end of the spectrum compared to the softball team, age wise.

The Aquinas baseball team is coming off a 1993 season that included a run at the National Title, with a team that was loaded with juniors. Now this team is loaded with seniors, seasoned with experience from the previous season and ready to make that second run at the "Big Dance." The 1994 NAIA World Series, Led by Senior All-American Kurt Huizenga and thirteen other Seniors, this team has perhaps the most realistic shot to get there, and the players themselves truly believe it.

"The 1994 Saints are looking to build upon what we started in '93," said senior Matt Perry. "We need to take our game to that next level, and I think that we will.

When talking about the season, other seniors claimed that senior leadership and team unity is the key to this squad's success. Tom Vos stated, "We have a lot of senior leadership and we have one shot left, therefore everyone is working hard to make this the best year ever.

This season, we can expect the Saints to be pretty much set at every position, thanks to the Seniors. And barring any bizarre injuries (knock on wood), the pitching staff looks extremely tough as well.

"The team's goal is to take Bo (Coach Terry Bocian) to his first NAIA World Series," Huizenga added.

Well, if last year gave us any indication, the sky's the limit.

The Unheard Voice

By David C. Baeche
Times Sports Editor

A lot of stink was made over NBC's coverage of the Summer Olympics in 1992 with their "Triplecast" and how it was very poor and a waste of money for those who purchased it. It's a good thing that CBS didn't follow NBC's example this year.

If CBS were to have charged for coverage of this year's Olympics, I would personally have demanded my money back. This year's coverage has been the poorest that I have ever seen. CBS has placed way too much emphasis on the bad things that happened either prior to or during the Olympics, i.e. the Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan story and the tragedies of Dan Jansen.

In regards to the Dan Jansen story, I am very disappointed in the amount of praise Jansen received after he won his gold medal. There wasn't nearly as much said about the fact that he finally won and at the same time he set a world record. I think CBS needed to realize that Jansen had some unfortunate things happen to him and he did the best he could and he needs to be given credit for what he did accomplish.

The Harding-Kerrigan story: nothing needs to be said because CBS talked about it way too much. Another complaint I have about CBS's coverage of the Winter Olympics is the events they chose to focus a lot of their attention on. For example, I don't know how many times I turned on the television and saw Ice Dancing and CBS talking about the return Great Britain's Torville and Dean. While others may have enjoyed it, I personally don't care for this event or about Torville and Dean.

There were approximately 160 athletes from the United States competing in the Olympics and CBS seemed to focus their attention on about 25 of those 160 athletes. It would have been nice to see how all of the Americans did and to see them compete in their respective events.

CBS's coverage of the Olympic games was poor as a whole, but there were two things about it that I did like. First was the coverage of the U.S. hockey team. I enjoyed seeing all of the games in their entirety, especially knowing that many members of the team may be playing in the NHL soon. The other thing I enjoyed were the features the network did on many of the athletes at the games, and not just the Americans.

I don't know who has the rights to televise the 1996 Summer Olympics from Atlanta, Georgia but I hope the coverage is better than it was in these Winter Olympics.

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Greetings and Salutations sports fans. This week I have made a monumental decision, after years of undying love for the Detroit Lions, I, Adam Baxter, have decided to change hats. Yes sportaholics, I am rooting for the Chicago Bears this fall. This week they signed the ex-Lion quarterback Erik Kramer. Kramer, as we all know, was going to be the starting quarterback this fall. Coach Wayne Fontes guaranteed us that. Once again, Fontes showed that he has no clue. Fontes as coach they will never win the organization, and with a baboon like Kramer has only guided the Lions have a talented team and with two of the last three years. He has proven he can win, and Coach Fontes has now just decided to make him the starting quarterback. Kramer however walked away with the last laugh. I am very happy for Erik. He will finally get to play for a team that respects his abilities, and he will finally be in an organization that is concerned with winning. The Lions need to start thinking like a winning organization, and with a baboon like Kramer as coach they will never win the big one. There is hope however. The Lions have a talented team and with guys like Chris Spielman and Barry Sanders, they have exceptional leaders on the field. The Lions have the potential to wake up! Kramer has only guided the two of the last three years. He has proven he do. So the next time you think auto racing is boring. Think of the person driving the car and how much fun they are having. Remember you can turn the TV off, they do not have that option.

**Men's Tennis Returns With Experience**

By Brett Wardrop

The men’s tennis team is returning this year as co-champions of the WHAC conference. With almost the entire line-up returning, the team is looking for another successful year. “Our goal is to establish Aquinas tennis as the best team in the area,” says coach Jerry Hendricks. With the returning line-up consisting of sophomore Erin VanGessel, senior Bill Morris, sophomore Doug Dooley, and junior Eric Zukin the team is showing some high aspirations. “I think we can go to Nationals,” quotes VanGessel, “but we play some tough teams this year.”

The men will be facing Northwood, Ferris State, and previous National Champions of Division III, Kalamazoo College, in addition to tough teams such as Grand Valley, G.R.C.C., and last years co-champions, Tri-State.

As well as being co-champions, the men’s tennis team has a few other things to boast about. Eric VanGessel and Doug Dooley were crowned Conference champions at number one doubles. Dooley took the number four singles title, and Eric Zukin took the title as number five singles. VanGessel-Dooley were undefeated in Conference for doubles, and Dooley and Zukin for singles. To add the icing on the cake, VanGessel and Zukin were named All-Conference for an outstanding performance.

Dooley is quite optimistic, “I think our team will be able to defend our conference titles this year.” Bill Morris seems quite philosophical, “If we think we can, or can’t, we are correct.”

To assist the returning four are: senior Matt Drolett, junior Joe Stimac, and freshmen Ryan Kiel. Coach Hendricks is excited to have a younger line-up, “We’re looking for him (Kiel) to help this year, we are also looking to build from a good season, and establish a tradition for Aquinas Tennis.”

The team starts the season off March 16 by heading to Midland to take on last years District 23 champions Northwood, and then to return home for a city tournament that weekend, against Baptist, G.R.C.C., and Grand Valley.

**Winter Olympics: The Cold and the Gold**

By Adam Baxter

Now that the Nancy vs. Tonya Soap Opera on Ice is finally over, we can give due recognition to the efforts of the other Olympians in Lillehammer. First the United States ski team dominated the hill like no U.S. team ever has. Led by a gold and silver performance by Tommy Moe, the rest of the team left the world in awe. Two golds and two silvers later the U.S. proved itself worthy.

Secondly the host Norwegian team continues to excite the country. First speedskating star Johann Olav Koss won the 500 meter. Then countrymen Bjarne Dahlen continued his dominance in cross-country skiing, and then waged one of the most exciting battles in Olympic cross-country skiing history. In the 40 kilometer relay the Norwegian and Italian teams battled fast and furious. The Italians were spurred on by the idea of upsetting the host team. The Norwegians were trying to save pride. It came down to the last legs. Maurillo De Zolt of Italy versus Dahlhie. In the end DeZolt held off Dahlie by .04 seconds for the gold.

Also in team competition, the German ski jumping team defeated Japan on the very last jump. Individual champion Jens Westpholfg of Germany soared 444 feet while Japan’s Masahiko Harada only sailed 319 feet. Westpholfg’s jump robbed Japan of its’ first ski jumping gold since 1972.

Other exciting moments were Dan Jansen finally winning a gold medal in speed skating, and Bonnie Blair became the most decorated female Olympic athlete in United States history when she won the 500 meters. Lastly will the United States perform another miracle in hockey? They will if they beat Finland in the opening game of the medal round.