Tuition Increases May Decrease But Won't Disappear

By Laura Bennett
Times Contributing Writer

Tuition will increase 7.75% for the 1994-95 school year, President R. Paul Nelson announced at the recent State of the College address.

“Tuition in dollars, that means regular, full-time students will pay $806 more next year, bringing the price up to $11,208 for one year of schooling,” he said. Continuing education and part-time students will pay $17 more per credit hour, going from $223 to $240. The new rates for the Master of Management is $281 per credit hour, and $252 per credit hour for the Master in the Art of Teaching.

Nelson said that room and board costs will remain the same.

“And with that 0% increase, the net increase for traditional-age students living on campus is 5.55%,” he said. Although the tuition increase is greater than the cost of living increase, Nelson said, “We at Aquinas College are dealing with a different market basket, different from the general price index. Three factors are taken into account: financial aid, capital improvements, and debt service.”

Recent changes in financial aid have forced colleges to dip into their operational budgets to assist students, because the government is pulling back on grants and issuing more loans, he said.

This trend, along with Aquinas’ own financial obligations, such as capital improvements on buildings and the debt from the Reformed Bible College land purchase, are taken into account in the tuition calculations, he said.

By Julie L. Williams
Times Staff Writer

Cigarette Tax Won’t Deter Most Students

Due to Proposal A, cigarette smokers anticipate a distinct rise in prices. On May 1, each pack will cost $50 to $75 cents more than the average $1.70 to $2.10 at which they currently sell. Carton prices could rise as much as $7.50, and smokers are worried.

“I’m going to be a poor man,” said Rob Flagg, who has been smoking for four years. “I’m not too worried though because I think the cigarette companies will keep the prices down a little. I don’t think they’ll go over $2.50 a pack.”

“It’ll really put a damper on my pocketbook,” said Melissa Voichick, a pack-a-day smoker. “It won’t make me quit, though, if I have the money to buy them, I will.”

Many smokers don’t plan to let the price increase sway them to quit.

“It kind of stinks because I’ll probably have to cut down a bit,” said Nathan Keesler, who smokes a pack and a half a day. “Other people will have to cut down too. Smoking isn’t going to be as much as a hobby for people as it is today.”

“Our plan is to be a factor,” admitted Colleen Capalbo. “I guess it’s better because a lot of people will quit now. I planned on quitting before this whole thing, but, I’ve planned on quitting for five years now,” she said with a laugh. Though the habitual smoker only plans to cut down, try to quit, or not change his smoking pattern at all, the occasional smoker will probably quit all together.

Jeff Johnson, who only smokes about five cigarettes a day and only started a year ago, says he will probably quit because he can’t afford it. Despite this, he doesn’t believe others will quit due to the increase.

And the pricing process is an involved one. It starts with the pricing committee, which is made up of administrators, faculty and staff. This group sets figures and gives them to the Cabinet, and then they are passed on to the Enrollment Management Committee. The members then give their recommendations to the Board of Trustees, where final approval is made, Nelson said.

And this is an annual event, according to senior Kathy Bukiewicz.

“Every year around now, since my freshman year, the new rates come out,” she said. “And so I’m not surprised.”

Some of the local colleges also are announcing their figures for the upcoming year.

Calvin College will increase 8% for tuition next year, said Joanne Oosterhouse of Calvin financial services. While higher percentage-wise, Calvin tuition is still $100 less than Aquinas at $10,250 per year.

Kendall College of Art and Design is increasing tuition by $13 per credit hour, said financial aid officer Lori DeForest. Davenport College and Grand Valley State University have no official figures set, according to campus representatives. And Grand Rapids Community College is not expecting to increase tuition next year.

And Nelson said that Notre Dame’s tuition will increase 6.5%.

Tuition rose 7% at Aquinas last year, and 8.5% the year before, according to Aquinas statistics. Nelson said he hopes to see the percentages decrease in future years.

“I think it will go down due to two things: the levelling-off of financial aid, and the growth in students served,” he said.

Nelson expects a growth in enrollment over the next few years due to new marketing strategies, and sees this as enabling the college to slow down tuition increases.

“I don’t foresee an absence of increases, but I do expect to see smaller ones,” he said.

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The 'Tuck-Ins' were very successful. A Sigma Theta chapter comprised of Aquinans for their efforts.

On Tuesday, March 29, the shrouds 'Tuck-Ins' raised funds for Habitat for Humanity. Students were offered the opportunity to send or receive a lullabye bedtime story. Costing $1.00 to $2.00, the recipients with a little bit of magic to aid their sleep. On average, grades and the Greek system came across as much fun. On Tuesday, March 29, the shroud dorm residents, the rumors of promiscuity surrounding the 'Tuck-Ins' led to an unexpecting yet rosey-cheeked new order of the Aquinas Holistic Health Club. Not since the Louise Skolnick-led panty drive for the remainder of the school year by young students (12 known cases this year at AQ) who have changed forever. Wilson herself sums up the holistic approach to health care. Students who wish to transform their lives into one that is used to help rid one of emotional turmoil, tiny presence has caused. Danielle Threats, also a new single mom, has had her food stamps denied by a punchy, yet reflective Crystal Smith said "Delta Sigma Theta Inc., Skima can happen as expected. Two-month-old CJ. coos in her sleep, unaware of the turmoil her birth, any present has caused. Danielle Threats, also a new single mom, has had her food stamps denied by a punchy, yet reflective Crystal Smith said "Delta Sigma Theta Inc., Skima..."
The Streets Are Safe with Eastown Security "On Patrol"

By Laura Bennett

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AIDS Spreads Among College Students

By Jennifer Burgess
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With an estimated 1 in 500 college students infected with the HIV virus, students are becoming aware that they must learn how to protect themselves from getting AIDS, health officials say.

The startling figure was found in a study conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and the American College Health Association.

The experiment was conducted by testing 20,000 blood samples drawn at 35 college health centers. The blood was drawn for purposes other than AIDS testing, and the non-identifying demographic samples were drawn between September 1989 and December 1990.

AIDS cases are expected to increase because risk factors associated with AIDS are evident among college students.

Risks, such as having sex with a number of partners and not using a condom during every sex act, exist for students on campuses nationwide. Information from university health centers also indicates that students use alcohol and other drugs that may impair their judgment when it comes to sex.

"It may take 50 times before they're infected, or it may take one," said Sharon Douglass, director of the HIV/AIDS Institute at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. "But it's going to happen.

HIV infection and AIDS are the sixth-leading cause of death among 15- to 24-year-old men and women in the United States, according to CDC statistics. The only way for college students to protect themselves from becoming infected is to become aware of the risks and take precautions, officials said.

The HIV/AIDS Institute, a non-profit institution founded in 1977, is designed to educate students at UCAP about AIDS, and do research and give service to the Central Florida community regarding AIDS.

In an effort to dispel myths about the disease, a class at UCF is taught exclusively about AIDS. The course, "HIV Disease: A Humant Concern," is designed to teach students intellectually and emotionally about the effects and risk of contracting AIDS.

Douglass, the founder of the institute and professor of the course, said her class of about 200 students per semester is always filled. She said students are eager to learn about AIDS and the class has been a valuable tool for giving students a message about AIDS to the students.

"It goes in one ear, sticks, and stays," Douglass said.

Since the class is designed to appeal to students emotionally, people with AIDS are often guest lecturers. Students also watch a slide presentation about people who are dying from the disease.

"Seeing how AIDS victims actually suffer made me think about the fact that I have to take precautions at all times if I don't want to suffer like them someday," said an anonymous student's evaluation of the course.

Douglass said sometimes students enter the class with the attitude that AIDS is something that could never happen to them. She said that before taking the class, many of her students were sexually permissive and did not take any precautions to protect themselves against the disease.

Douglass said she thinks her class is changing attitudes of the students who take her course. She said many of her students tell her that they are asking more questions before deciding to jump into bed with someone. She said her former students tell her that they are waiting longer before having sex with a new partner and are now practicing safer sex by using condoms.

"AIDS Spreads Among College Students"

Survey: Freshmen Aspirations Hit New High

By Diane Smith
Staff Writer
College Press Service

At one cooperative house at Stanford University, residents are known to explore "less clothes states," while another accommodates the needs of vegetarian students.

Cooperative houses, once all the rage in the early 1970s, are regaining popularity in the 1990s, although for different reasons. With the high cost of tuition, room and board, more college students today are seeking alternative housing that fits their budgets as well as their lifestyles and academic pursuits.

"This is the '90s, and students are scaring," acknowledges Theresa Johnson of the Stanford News Bureau.

The residents also think cooperative houses are more fun than dorm living. "We take a lot of pride in the house," said Ann Lurkemeyer, a senior American Studies major who has lived at the Enchanted Broccoli Forest for three years along with 51 other graduate and undergraduate students. About half the residents are vegetarian.

"We all take turns cooking and cleaning; we have live bands every other Wednesday night. Everything is entirely student-run." In most cooperative houses, students pay a lower fee per semester or quarter for food and utilities than they would in regular dorms or apartments. They share rooms and facilities and pitch in on common chores such as cooking and cleaning. At Stanford, the cost runs about $450 per quarter, about one-third of what dormitory food service would cost.

"That's a big draw," Lurkemeyer said.

"And I think our food is just as good, or better, than you'd get in most campus dorms."

The result is a living arrangement that encourages independence while fostering responsibility to carry out chores as promised. In a cooperative house, you don't "forget" to cook dinner without incurring the wrath of fellow residents.

Other universities also have created or endorse the concept of "affinity" houses for students of similar backgrounds or academic pursuits who need the support such housing provides.

For instance, Dartmouth College, which has the highest percentage of Native-American enrollments in the nation, has a Native-American house where students live in a culturally supportive atmosphere, said Alex Hoppe, director of Dartmouth's News Service.

Cultural and ethnic theme houses have become important in recent years. Going away to college is difficult enough for the average student, and living with others who have similar backgrounds and experiences can help ease the transition.

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Dear Editor:

I usually make it a point to skim through the new AQ Times whenever it comes out, but before today, I confess, I have never actually read an entire issue. Finally, however, I have become bored with the old magazines which line the sill next to my toilet and today when nature called I answered with your latest issue under my arm. Two things about it impressed me greatly.

First, I loved Dr. Whit's book review, not as much for the content (which incidentally was fascinating) but just because it was great to see faculty making such a concerted effort to involve themselves in what's basically a student publication. I know Dr. Brooks does a lot of advisory work behind the scenes, but I think more faculty by lines would be a nice way to spotlight the love and concern that exists between faculty and students (unless it doesn't really exist and we've all been playing for fouls).

Secondly, I loved the stark differences between the Mazurek and Serba reviews. I think more faculty by lines would be a certain not the answer to alcohol offenses on campus. Basically, it's the same as the alcohol class that used to be required of offenders, only longer. Every person is an individual, and this treats everyone who drinks alcohol as an addict. Even if they are, this program certainly isn't going to make them quit. It just treats the students of Aquinas once again like children, when in fact, we are adults, capable of making our own decisions. I'm just glad I got out when I did, and only had to endure that ridiculous class, instead of a detention. Hauser was right on the money when he said this concept might be much more appreciated at the nearest high school, or even middle school for that matter. Come on, Aquinas dorm-dwellers! Stand up for the injustices that are imposed upon you. The punishment should be individualized for each case, but no one is even listening to your side!

It's just that coming to college is such an exercise in independence in the first place, and a chance to really be the adults we are, and therefore we should be treated like that, especially when we're paying to live somewhere.

But back to the RA question. I know some people who were very effective RAs when I lived in the dorm. They were easy to talk to, and did their job when they were presented with a situation that was harmful to people. That is what they are there for. College is a difficult transition, and they are there to help, not hinder, that process. So, a message to the RAs for next year: CHILL OUT. No one is asking you not to do your job, but I guarantee most of this campus will praise you for your record write-ups.

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I'm graduating this year, my family is moving and I don't have a job. What do I do? I feel that I don't have a future what so ever here and I am lost. Where can I go? Please help me.

Signed,

Lost in space

Dear L.I.S.,

Warning, warning. Danger, danger. Will you ever listen to me? I feel my job might be threatened. But in my case, I think that since you do not favor country as much as your boss seems to, I would suggest that you purchase a headset of some kind, or a small portable radio, so you can listen to your taste in tunes. Or if you would rather not listen to any music, I know that Revco carries a wonderful selection of ear plugs. Either way, you won't have to listen to your boss' music. But who knows, maybe it will grow on you; like moss on a slow cow's hide.

Everyone has different tastes in music. I particularly like Benny Goodman, Dizzie Gillespie, and even Frank Sinatra, and this combination is not liked by too many people either. But in your case, I think you should decide for yourself if you want to be at such close ties with him. But the key is communication. You have to talk with him, about the two of you, if he still feels the same about you, and how he feels about this other girl. But going to a park with him sounds like a lot of fun. Just be careful that you aren't taken on an emotional roller coaster, rather than the one that might make you sick.

Love,

Great Aunt Ida

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April 13, 1994

Opinion

A Personal Note From Great Aunt Ida

I would just like to say to all of you that before I depart this year I am pleased knowing that my advice has done some good. Keep your feet planted on the ground and don't let a crazy wind blow you away! There is a lot to seek out there in the real world, and I hope you all can find your dreams.

But don't think that I am leaving you so soon. I will still be sharing my wonderful advice with you in the final issue of the Aquinas Times. Dry that eye little camper, I'm still here.

Love,

Great Aunt Ida

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A junior and music major, Evans is employed by St. Alphonsus Church where the establishment deducts taxes from each of his paychecks. "I don't like managing my money where by tax time I have a large amount I owe. If they (St. Alphonsus) take out a little bit each time, it kind of deadens the blow," saida Evans reluctantly.

Although wanting to spend his refund check on his own interests, Evans says he'll probably make more practical expenditures. "I'll probably put the money towards school...or towards car payments. They both have to be paid off," said Evans.

Wells also wishes she could frivolously spend the money from her IRS return, but the continuing-ed student and biology major realizes she has debts to pay off. "My husband and I bought furniture and we need to finish paying on it," said Wells.

"There's also some school tuition that needs to be taken care of," Wells added. "I think it's going to be a large sum of money back."

Wells summarized her undisciplined nature in finance by stating: "Financial planning is not my strong suit. I'm a biologist."

As associate academic vice-president and dean for academic programs and services, Dr. John Romero is a very busy man. Although his number of responsibilities would seem to consume all of his time and energy, Romero still finds time for other things.

After being in the air force for many years, Aquinas offered Romero a position in 1987. Since then, he has been in charge of curriculum, off-campus programs, the Ireland program, the course catalogue, and removing obstacles in scheduling for faculty and students. Also, Romero sits on a lot of committees, is the college consultant-evaluator for the North Central Association, an accrediting association, and works with students on academic probation or dismissed students who would like to return. The list goes on.

"It's a very responsible job," summed up Romero.

Though he doesn't like the amount of paperwork involved, Romero says his favorite part of the job is, "Simply helping people—students, faculty or staff. I like interacting with them to help solve problems."

As a child, Romero dreamed of being an astronaut due to his love affair with astronomy and outer space. Instead, this 53-year-old chose to pursue a doctorate in higher education administration, and today he goes to bed at 1:30pm or midnight and wakes up at 5:30am to help the Aquinas community.

Originally from Colorado, Romero states his most prized possession is, "The four P's: my faith, my family, my free time and my friends."

He and his wife, Lovada, are from the same hometown in Colorado and have known each other since first grade. They have been married for 29 years.

Romero is the father of three children, one of whom graduated from Aquinas. He has no pets, but would like a dog. "I would love to have a dog. We'd like an outdoor dog but we don't have a fenced-in property. As soon as I build a fence, then we can get a dog," said Romero.

In his spare time, Romero enjoys playing tennis and taking walks. His love for reading carries him from one favorite author to another, which is currently Tom Clancy. Also, Romero likes to listen to the oldies.

Romero admits to a sweet tooth, likes to watch "Coach," "Prime Time Live," and the "ABC Nightly News" on TV, and says his favorite color is blue since it reminds him of the mountains and sky.

Though Romero says he talks too fast sometimes, his strong points include being very conscientious, dedicated, disciplined and very sensitive to other people's needs. Of his dream for Aquinas, Romero states, "I would like every part of the Aquinas community, every person to be able to realize that we're all in this together. We all have our role to play. I look at our students, faculty, staff. We're here for one purpose only—to provide the best education for our students. We should all be working for the same goal."

Aquinas College is currently seeking students who are full-time juniors to nominate for the prestigious Harry S. Truman Scholarships. Truman scholars receive awards of $3,000 for their remaining undergraduate work and up to $27,000 for two years of graduate study. Students must be nominated by the faculty of their colleges.

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

Public service, as defined by the Foundation, includes such areas as government service in any branch of government (at any level, i.e., municipal, state or federal), and also includes the armed services, public-interest organizations, nongovernmental research and/or educational organizations, and public-service oriented non-profit organizations such as those whose primary purposes are to help needy or disadvantaged persons or to protect the environment.

Eligible students must: 1. be full-time enrolled juniors (either regular or non-traditional age) as of next academic year; 2. be committed in a career in public service as defined above; 3. be in the upper 25% of their class and 4. be a United States citizen or U.S. national (e.g. American Samoa, etc.). Interested sophomores who will be full-time juniors next year should contact Gary Eberle, Aquinas extension 4480, as soon as possible for further information about faculty nomination. Preliminary applications will be screened by a selection committee composed of Aquinas faculty.

Aquinas may nominate up to three students for this award. One Truman scholarship is awarded per state of U.S. protectorate, with about 35 scholarships given to students at large.
Hiram, Ohio—Immortality as a theme is becoming increasingly more popular in modern literature. The Tale of the Body Thief, the fourth book in the "Vampire Chronicles" series by Rice, those who have read the first three will be familiar with the main characters, the Vampire Lestat and David Talbot of the Talamasca. However, even those who have not read the previous three books should find this story fascinating. This is one very good quality of the book in that, unlike many of Rice's other novels, stands well on its own and does not depend on previous stories to make sense or encompass the whole theme.

In the beginning, Lestat introduces himself and describes the events leading to his suicide attempt. Lestat, powerful and nearly immortal, has become tired of vampire life. However, before he attempts suicide, he informs his elderly friend David Talbot that he wants to die. Worried about the "Dark Gift" of immortality which David refuses, his suicide attempt fails not from lack of effort, but merely because he is too powerful to be killed, even by exposure to the sun, which is sure death for vampires. When Lestat is given the chance to live a new type of life—to become human again, to switch bodies with another man—he does, and his troubles begin.

This body that is taken over—Raglan James—is unscrupulous, mean-spirited, and vicious. Lestat, now in the body of a human being, doesn't have a chance against him—not alone, at least. He and David Talbot finally team up against Raglan James.

Although the concept of "body switching" seems to have been used in many movies and books (Freaky Friday, Like Father, Like Son, and the Phaze-Photo series by Piers Anthony, to name a few), Rice makes it fresh and exciting.

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The Paper

Directed by Ron Howard

As an employee of the newspaper publishing world, I would have to say that as such an employee, this is the best movie I have ever seen. But as a human being, that is a person not structured by deadlines, constant typing, researching, caffeine rushes, nicotine cravings, and last minute photograph searching, I thought the movie could be summed up in one word, adequate. The Paper, stars Michael Keaton as a managing editor, battling with his boss, the Assistant Editor, played by Glenn Close. Keaton and Close have a childlike relationship, where both actors are taken back to their childhood through constant whining and temper tantrums. Keaton is a man living through his work and neglecting the things around him, such as his eight month pregnant wife, played by Marisa Tomei. The Paper focuses on an issue that is characterized through all that are captured in the lifestyle of working for a professional paper. The job takes over your life, and you seem to neglect the important things around you. This is shown by the Editor-In-Chief, played by Robert Duvall, whose daughter won't even speak to him.

The Paper has a well filled cast, a good director, and a relatively decent plot. But unless you are a newspaper slave, you won't appreciate the pressure of being anal-retentive with a constant dead-line, as well as working with others who are as annoying as you are. If you have time to kill, you're blown off your homework, go see it, if not wait until it's a buck and a half.

A Man Without A Face

Directed by Mel Gibson

Making his debut as a director, Mel Gibson has succeeded in making a film with actual acting! I am taken by surprise at this, because the first of Gibson's tasks, is to make himself unattractive. A stunning surprise for us Lethal Weapon fans. A Man Without A Face is a story between a retired teacher, and a young boy who is either stuck living with his mother and her "tacky" husband, or taking summer school classes. But first, what is the tale about:

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Raglan James desires it along with the power that goes with it. Lestat learns to desire it when he loses it and knows that he cannot, so to speak, live without it. Death is too uncertain. It is true that Lestat attempted suicide, but I feel that it was not so much disgust with his life, as his boredom with immortality. To Lestat it seemed exciting to be mortal, but when faced with death and sickness, he becomes afraid. David Talbot and Louis (another vampire) seem to be the only two characters in the book who do not desire immortality. However, David learns to accept and embrace immortality and Louis, who refuses to bestow immortality on others, does not condemn others for their own immortality. Rice makes it a desirable characteristic, and compared to the depiction of the human condition in the tale, it is.

The tale is highly enjoyable, but is also very evocative, making the reader think about what it means to be human.
The first thing that comes to mind when listening to Jawbone is: Haven’t I heard this somewhere before? This disc reminds me too much of REM; my roommate inquired “Is this the Toad the Wet Sprocket?”. Well, Jawbone plays “alternative” pop in the same vein as those two groups, but they lack a distinct, original style and sound.

This Grand Rapids-based band writes some decent pop songs, but they lack originality. “Mr. Jones” has some excellent, funky basswork, but the tune is watered down by a truly annoying keyboard melody and cliched vocal harmonies. “Insecurity” combines folkly acoustic guitars with a jazzy baseline, but the same lyrics and keyboard beds ruin the feel of the song. Some energy is put forth in “Sad Songs,” but it eventually resorts to the same pop formula as the rest of the album. The lyrics also lack depth and originality, and are standard pop fare (“I need to know that you believe in me/You know the truth will always set us free,” from “Trust In My Name” is just one example).

However, Jawbone does show some promise in their musicianship (especially their bass player), but they need to develop their own unique style to stand out from the other bands in Grand Rapids’ local scene.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Ronnie Vera correctly identified the April Fools story and won free movie passes for two at Studio 281!

The fake story was Amy Mazurek’s review of Neil Diamond.

**NEW CONTEST!**

Here’s some AQ Trivia for you:

1. What did the Carriage House originally house? (And don’t say carriages!)
2. How many different types of trees and shrubs are there on campus?

Drop off your answers at the Aquinas Times, located in Lower Level Weights!

**HAPPY 20TH BIRTHDAY TO**

**AMY MAZUREK**

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**Arts & Entertainment**

FIRE, AIR, EARTH, AND WATER is a new exhibition at the Grand Rapids Art Museum running March 1 - May 1, 1994. This exhibition showcases four West Michigan sculptors—Tricia Chasaty, Carol Johntson, Joyce Recker, and Nikki Wal—who work together on the basics of art that explores spiritual connections to nature.

**THE TIMES OF MESSIAH: THE HOPE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS** is a forum emphasizing the commonalities of Christians and Jews in set for April 19 and 20 at the Holiday Inn Crown Plaza. Registration should be sent to Blyssoming Rose, Times of Messiah Forum, 306 West Pine St., Cedar Springs, MI 49319. Registration for April 19 $40, April 20 is $30, or $60 for both days single or $100 with spouse.

**SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION** is Actors’ Theatre’s upcoming production, opening Thursday, April 7. Inspired by a true story, the play by John Guare follows the trials of a young black con man, Paul, who insinuates himself into the lives of a wealthy New York couple. The show runs through April 7 through 16, and Thursday and Friday performances begin at 8:00 p.m., and on Saturdays, two performances at 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Ticket prices are $8 for Friday and Saturday, $5 for Thursday. For students and senior citizens, prices are a dollar less. As a special promotion, those who attend either of the Thursday performances will receive a two-for-one coupon for Actors’ final show of the season, “Eyes Together, Teeth Apart” in June. The box office for Six Degrees of Separation will open on Monday, April 4. Call 771-2946 to make reservations. The public is invited to the open dress rehearsal on Wednesday, April 6. Admission is $2.00 at the door.

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Athlete of the Week: Troy Wilcox

By David C. Bueche
Times Staff Writer

This week's Athlete of the Week is Troy Wilcox. Troy is a member of the Aquinas Men's Tennis Team and was a member of the men's basketball team this year.

On the basketball court, Troy was a very dominant factor in leading the Saints to a strong second half finish. His quick hands and tough defense helped spark the Saints. His quickness and agility wreaked havoc for the opposing teams in the WHAC as well as non-conference foes.

Wilcox is wreaking havoc for foes once again, only this time it is on the baseball diamond, putting up some impressive numbers once again. Troy is one of the Saints' top starting pitchers on the team and when he isn't pitching, he is playing outfield.

As of April 7, Troy had an impressive 5-0 record on the mound in five starts (including one shutout). Wilcox has given up only 19 hits and seven runs in his five starts and has struck out 44 batters (almost two per inning). Troy's ERA of 2.33 is the second lowest of the team.

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The Men's Tennis Team

By Eric Zukin
Times Layout Technician
Photography Editor

The men's tennis team has been keeping with the tradition of last year. Last year's co-champions have taken this season beyond their point of success. With an 7-3 record so far this season, the team is looking for a WHAC Conference title, to achieve the ultimate goal of heading to nationals.

Wilcox has been to: Northwood, last year's co-champions, Tri-State University 6-3. In 460 B.C. the Athenians defeated the Persians in the Persian War. A young Greek soldier was sent from the town of Marathon to the city of Athens to share the joy. The young boy reached his destination in the streets of Athens, then collapsed and died. To celebrate this heroic run, the Persians decided to call a 26-mile run a marathon.

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The Saints' pitchers. Opponents are batting a very poor .192 against Wilcox, best on the team.

When Troy isn't hurting the opposition on the mound, he's hurting them at the plate. He is among the team leaders in many offensive categories including home runs, RBIs, slugging percentage, and stolen bases. Troy is hitting .319 with three home runs and 13 runs scored. He has also driven in 12 runs and stolen six bases. In addition to a high batting average, Troy has a slugging percentage of .553 (third highest on the team). Troy Wilcox is one of the leaders on a Saints team that is racking up wins and is looking to win the WHAC and District titles.

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The team is also backed with junior Joe Stimac and senior Matt Drolett, playing numbers five and six as well as number three doubles to round off the line-up.

Facing Baptist, Albion, and Kalamazoo College this week the team is confidently looking ahead. That is to Spring Arbor for the Conference tournament in May. Valley, and G.R.C.C. This year the team pocketed wins over Grand Valley and G.R.C.C., which is a complete turnaround from last year. Last year they lost 5-4 to Grand Valley and 6-3 to G.R.C.C.

On Saturday they defeated last year's co-champions, Tri-State University 6-3.

Compiling singles wins from their top four were: VanGessel, Morris, Dooley, and Zukin, and doubles wins at number one (VanGessel/Dooley), and number two (Morris/Zukin). "With this win, we are looking to own the conference title this year, which is our ticket to nationals," says senior Bill Morris.

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The Saints then won five straight against St. Mary's (twice), Olivet, Grand
By David C. Bueche
Times Sports Editor

The First Fan. The First Team. The media throughout the United States must have felt that the relationship between President Clinton and the Arkansas Razorbacks was the biggest thing in the entire NCAA tournament. The only "First" that should have been talked about should have been the possibility of any team winning its first National Championship.

The day after winning the title, almost every newspaper in the country had a picture of President Clinton holding the trophy and standing next to one of the members of the team on at least the front page of the sports section if not the front page of the entire paper. Arkansas deserved to get a lot more attention than they did. It is very unfair to have a tremendous effort overshadowed by one person. If the media wanted to play the "first" theme to the fullest, it should have voted Arkansas star Cortfiss Williamson the First MVP. What about Nolan Richardson being named the First Coach or the title being called the First National Championship?

What if the Razorbacks would have lost the Championship or any game leading up to that? Would they have been called the First Losers or the First Runners-up? Enough about President Clinton and the "Firsts." The Arkansas Razorbacks played an outstanding game against two-time champion Duke. They deserve a lot of credit for their performance as do the Blue Devils. A terrific tournament was capped off by a tremendous final.

The scariest thing about Arkansas is that the only senior on the entire team is the player who was injured earlier in the season. Look for them to be right there next year as well.

The Saints can hit, run, and pitch, all of which are tools necessary to win. They have put it all together to become a very feared team on at least the front page of the sports section if not the front page of the entire paper.

Saints Baseball Stomps Competition

By David C. Buicche
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The Aquinas College men’s baseball team has become a wrecking crew this year, destroying one opponent after another. Tremendous hitting combined with solid pitching has propelled the Saints to very impressive 22-6 record entering this past weekends games.

As a team the Saints are hitting .327 with 18 home runs. Through 28 games, the team is averaging almost six runs per contest. With a lineup that is very deep and powerful throughout, the Saints hitting attack has no weaknesses and has made it difficult to face the team.

The Aquinas mathematics major and varsity soccer player Nate Robertson showed excitement after hearing about the new arena. "Yeah, I’d like to use a good indoor facility," said Robertson, a junior. "I think it would be a good idea for Aquinas to put a team in the league...just being able to kick around together in the off-season is good."

Alley Miesch, a senior from Muskegon, is excited to play at the new arena, but her favorite sport isn’t soccer—it’s volleyball. "Since I was young, I’ve been bouncing a ball around," said Miesch, a physical education major and AQ volleyball player.

"I’ve put in countless hours to build youth soccer...Grand Rapids may have five times the population, but Holland has three times the amount of youth players."

Cortes plans to build beach volleyball courts and outdoor soccer fields next spring, which is great news to Miesch, who is a beach volleyball player as well. She likes the location of the American Sports Arena. "It’s nice because its kind of like a center point for my friends and I to meet."

After the completion of the indoor soccer arena, Cortes plans to hold an open house showing off the new facility. She also wants to entice the public into enrolling teams in the various leagues. "I’m definitely looking forward to it," said Cortes.