"We must seize command of our own future," wrote R. Paul Nelson, Aquinas' president, June 30 in a letter addressed to all staff and faculty which announced cut backs and changes for the upcoming year focused towards balancing the budget.

"We were very conscious of making these decisions," said Nelson. "We wanted to look at opportunities for combining areas of responsibility in order to be more effective, efficient and to produce economy."

The decisions made included the elimination or reduction of 8 staff/administrative positions, the creation of a faculty committee to develop recommendations for achieving a 16 to 1 student to faculty ratio, the creation of a Welcome Center and unification of student services in Hruby Hall, and turning over the Aquinas bookstore to the College Book Stores of America utilizing the present staff.

In order to create the Welcome Center, students who would have lived in Hruby basement were placed by the Residence Life staff in Regina or St. Joseph Hall. With this new space, all advising, counseling, continuing education and graduate studies offices will be located in the same building, dubbed "one-stop shopping."

"For almost everything except for attending class, it's where you'd go to get everything taken care of," said Sr. Maureen Geary, vice-president for business and finance.

This will also give staff an "integrated assessment" of each student since graduate programs and continuing education will combine, and career services and personal counseling will move from the Career Development Center and integrate with academic advising.

"Hopefully, it will be more student-centered," said Michael Keller, vice-president of enrollment management.

The career development building will be leased after services are moved to Hruby. The tenant will be a non-profit organization that collaborates with the mission of Aquinas. The date of the move remains uncertain in order to prevent services from disruption, but they will relocate by January.

"Our first commitment is to serve the students," commented Geary.

Another group of services will be integrated in the Academic Building. The technical services group will provide faculty scheduling, telephone services and faculty support.

"Once again, it's a matter of trying to bring together similar kinds of functions, hoping to achieve a kind of synergy," said Keller.

The student to faculty ratio will increase to 16 to 1 by 1996-1997 under the leadership of Academic Vice-President Gary Konow. This ratio was recommended by the North Central Accrediting Association.

By turning over the bookstore to College Book Stores of America, little change will be perceived by the student. Only the workers may be affected due to a difference in training, yet the management team remains the same.

"What they (College Book Stores) can do, what we couldn't as our own little entity, is they can provide different merchandise, they have access to some vendors we didn't, so there might be more offerings," said Geary.

Scheduling will also become tighter with fewer electives offered and the development of fewer core requirements.

"We are currently brainstorming ways of delivering the instruction more effectively and efficiently," said Nelson.

"We knew we had to make some changes because the first responsibility, at least my first responsibility, was to get that budget balanced," said Geary. "So some changes had to happen. What we said was, 'How can we make those changes be made in a way that provides a positive effect on students and serve needs best.'"

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After the faculty and staff received Nelson's letter stating the changes, a state of the college meeting was held for faculty and staff August 4. At this time President Nelson answered questions from the task force, "People of Quality," and handed out a mission statement regarding the future of Aquinas.

This mission statement is a working document which puts numbers to goals and objectives, according to Keller, the state of the college was a pivotal point towards reaching the new goals. "We've turned the corner and are heading in the right direction," said Keller.

**MISSION**

To provide a liberal arts education with a curriculum and cocurricular experiences relevant to the demands of the 21st Century. Students will assume responsibility for increasing numbers of students who seek a diverse but inclusive learning community that will enable them to increase their knowledge, hone their competencies, develop their character, and answer God's calling to use gifts and talents to make a positive difference in our world through their lives, work, and service. Aquinas strives to graduate students of competence, conscience, compassion, and commitment.

**VISION**

Aquinas College aspires to be the college of choice for increasing numbers of students who seek a diverse but inclusive learning community that will enable them to increase their knowledge, hone their competencies, develop their character, and answer God's calling to use gifts and talents to make a positive difference in our world through their lives, work, and service. Aquinas strives to graduate students of competence, conscience, compassion, and commitment.

**STRATEGIC FOCUS**

By the year 2000, Aquinas College will serve more than 3,000 students through a more focused educational program of interrelated curricular and cocurricular experiences relevant to the demands of the 21st Century. Students will assume responsibility for increasing numbers of students who seek a diverse but inclusive learning community that will enable them to increase their knowledge, hone their competencies, develop their character, and answer God's calling to use gifts and talents to make a positive difference in our world through their lives, work, and service. Aquinas strives to graduate students of competence, conscience, compassion, and commitment.

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**ORIENTATION**

**SUMMER FUN**

**CIRCLE THEATER**

**THE POOP SCOOP**

**NEW RD IN ST. JOE'S**

**THE CROW**

**FALL SPORTS SEASON**
Aquinas welcomed more than 230 new students this summer during three freshman orientations.

"My overall impression of the freshmen was that they were all very excited," said third-time orientation leader Carolyn Brocavich. "They asked a lot of questions about clubs and organizations and seemed really interested in getting involved, which always gets me geared up.

First-time orientation leader and sophomore Nancy Hengeschbach also received a good impression of the freshmen.

"They were all really friendly and willing to try new things," said Hengeschbach. "I didn't know what to expect since at my freshman orientation we were all like high-schoolers, even though we were high-schoolers, and acted like it but they weren't at all. They were very mature and had an excellent attitude."

"I think they had better feelings about orientation than groups in the past years."

Now Class, What Did You Do This Summer?

By Kenyatta Christian
Times Contributing Writer

Gazebo, country picnics, and little league baseball games. These are things you think of in summer. Camp counselor, summer intern, and summer school student are normal things that normal college students at normal schools do. But, not Aquinas, we reach beyond the realms of the norm to be different to dance to the beat of our own congo.

Brooke Davis, vice-chair of Senate, was not in a campaign office learning the ropes this summer, she worked for the Department of Recreation of the City of Detroit. Davis worked with ninety inner-city children aged four to fourteen as a team leader. Davis also said she would definitely do this again because it helped her work on her patience. Also Davis learned a few hand games that she would be glad to teach you. Cicely Bridges, Lexie Baker, and Tunetia Myers were also team leaders at local Grand Rapids community parks. Mike Chabot and Nicole Almond had the pleasure of building sets and being light and sound technicians at Circle Theatre here in Grand Rapids as summer interns. Mary Kay McEneny worked the Gus Macker tournaments and was able to travel and network with influential people from all walks of life. The most courageous story of all was junior Chebeza Davis who endured living with three boys, a pit rottweiler dog, and eight puppies. Talk about a summer to remember!

Troy Wilcox, junior, had the experience of travelling to Holland with his summer baseball league. Wilcox also appeared in local news while he was still in Europe because of a winning game he pitched in. Tom Vos, senior, also accompanied Wilcox to Europe. These are definitely two names that will be headlining sport news in the near future. Tando Goduka, junior, went home to Johannesburg, South Africa. When we think of South Africa we usually think of chaos and revolution but the South Africa that Goduka described to me was rejoicingful and beautiful with its exotic plants and animals.

Goduka also explained how the people are so strong and persevered so much after finally on April 27th having multi-race elections. Goduka was given a dinner in her honor to welcome her home to her homestead. Finally Goduka said one of her most treasured memories was when she stood among Africans and Europeans singing the national anthem Nkosi Sikelele a Afrika (God Bless Africa) together on the strong foundation and calm winds of South Africa. Brian Hillary spent his summer travelling in England, Paris, Scotland Isles, Wales, Bath, and London. Hillary along with five other students, two of which are Aquinas students Joel Funk and Angie Clouse, studied English classes while in Europe. Hillary remembers rock climbing in Edingbore and also being stopped by the police in London. All in all, Hillary enjoyed being with his friends and also being exposed to different cultures and attitudes of life.

Summer's end is already here and school has started, but, if there is any creativity spark in your soul let it loose and illuminate it this year with your AQ spirit!
Aquinas Students Dazzle Audience at Circle Theater

By Kenyatta Christian
Times Contributing Writer

Hosting a few Aquinas interns this summer, Circle Theatre had a wonderful season of fun and music. The theatre is in the perfect scenic location in John Ball Park on north Fulton. The theatre opened up the season with Chess, a musical about the story of C.S. Lewis and his love affair with an American woman who dies from cancer. The story is of the struggle of a man to realize he has the ability to love and be loved. This play proved to us once again that he is a man of many talents.

The fourth show, Shadowlands, was the story of C.S. Lewis and his love affair with an American woman who dies from cancer. The story is of the struggle of a man to realize he has the ability to love and be loved. This play is definitely a tear jerker. Circle had many sold-out performances of Shadowlands.

Gardner harvests lawsuit after killing rat

The Associated Press

HILLSIDE, N.J. - Frank Balun pointed to the crime scene; the tomato patch where he bashed his victim to death with a broom.

"I killed a rat and I’m a criminal," he said.

The 69-year-old gardener was charged with animal cruelty after he killed a rat that had been eating his tomato plants. Balun whacked it as it tried to escape from a trap he had set for the rodent.

But Prosecutor Andrew Rucolino Jr. has asked local officials to dismiss the charges, brought by the humane society, saying the matter is beyond the legal process. "Frank Balun was a World War II veteran. He doesn’t have to be a rat martyr," Rucolino said.

Aquinas Students Bring in your Student ID and Receive $2.00 off any CD or Cassette or 2 for 1 Coffee
I want to start off by saying “Welcome” to all of the new students that have journeyed from far away lands, (or five blocks) to attend this wonderful school which we call home. With all of the changes being made on this campus, I thought that the newspaper could use a little “touch up.” With ten people on staff, I don’t think we will have a problem filling all of your precious heads with some of the most important information ever to be dropped on this campus.

If I may, I would like to start off by warning all of you who have never been exposed to the toxic fumes of my writing. You know I think re-runs of Speed Racer are more exciting, yet this story had to take over those silly little ones about Haiti, or Rwanda. I don’t think they even have cars there, do they? Here he comes, here comes Speed Racer, he’s a demon on wheels... what is it, “Save the Juice, shoot an orange”, or something like that... who knows what the case is, but hey, our finest reporters will be watching it everyday. To address something more relevant to all of you people walking around campus, here’s a few tidbits I think you should keep in mind:

1. If you must color your hair, at least keep it within the primary colors of the rainbow... It’s like a bowl of Lucky Charms out there in the Quad!
2. To all freshmen and transfer students, you see that tall thin man walking around campus, that’s our president, R. Paul Nelson. He is a great guy, and if you tell him your name once, he’ll know it for the next three years. There are facts that have proved this. He won’t bite, don’t be afraid to talk to him.
3. It is just me, or is it ever since we acknowledged smoking on campus, everyone and their dog has a light on them? R.J. Reynolds would be proud. Speaking of R.J. Reynolds, I would just like to say that with all of my “Cameled Cash,” I got the new Joe Camel Oxygen Tank. They come in a variety of colors. 4. And on a serious note, CAMPUS SAFETY USE ‘EM!

You may wonder what the title of my Editorial means, though it is pretty obvious to me. Anyway, “Poop Scoop” what does it infer? A whole bunch of, as we say down in the cornfields of Iowa, “fact and information, relevant to the subjects being exposed in a certain time-frame of calibrating existence transformed into matter that can be restructured.” Otherwise known as finding out what the “poop” is and showing it to you all! So this is what you are in for. Freedom of the press is a wonderful thing, so I would like to hear what you have to say.

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ANSWERS

If you would like to place a classified or a personal ad, just drop it off in the Times office, located in the lower level of Wege.

Classifieds cost $10 for approx. 20 words, and personals are $.50 for approx. 10 words.
Ever heard students groan, as they shuffle to their next class, about how nothing ever has to do on campus? Well, if you're one of those students or you know someone like that, it's time to rethink your thoughts.

This semester has been jam-packed full of activities to satisfy everyone's needs. On the first weekend of school will be the annual welcome bash at the Regina Bowl sponsored by the Programming Board. "From 8:00 pm till midnight," said Timi Hough, "there will be an MTV style music video party." For seafood lovers there will be shrimp, also cheese and crackers and plenty of fruit for all to enjoy.

If you're interested in joining a club or organization on campus, but don't know how to go about doing it, be sure to be at the Wege Mall during lunch on Wednesday August 24. Clubs approved by the Community Senate will be there offering information, pamphlets and other things to take home.

Sports is a big part of college life. In store for Intramurals, headed now by Eric Bridge, will be Open Gym where students are given a chance to play basketball, work with some of the new weight equipment, fitness machines and an indoor track for walking and running. For outdoor events around campus, bring your signs and spirit to the home games of the women's and men's soccer teams, cross-country invitational, volleyball games and the SK Run sponsored by the Fitness club.

The Programming Board will be bringing the movie "MTV Style Music Video Night." From 8:00 pm till midnight, students can sit and watch the world as it dances. "This will be a great opportunity to see Aquinas," said Eric Bridge, a former R.A. at St. Joe's, says that with Eric as one of the hosts from last year learned a lot from the encounter in spite of the language barrier. She says that she enjoyed, "learning some Japanese and being taught how to talk at their bars."

On Tuesday, August 30 there will be a picnic at President Paul Nelson's home to officially welcome everyone. Wednesday evening Aquinas and Japanese students will be putting on a variety show filled with skits and music to entertain each another. The 7 p.m. event at Kretchmer Auditorium is free of charge.

When not involved with the residence halls or intramurals Bridge enjoys spending quality time with his fiancee MaryAnn Musial. The couple got engaged in June and plan to marry in July of next year.

So, if you have any bridal books or wedding suggestions, don't be a stranger and be sure to stop by at the first floor of St. Joe's to say hi!
The Crow

By John Serba
Times Entertainment Editor

A man and his fiance are brutally murdered on the eve of Halloween, also traditionally known as “Devil’s Night.” One year later, a single crow lights upon the murdered man’s tombstone, and, through some unknown magical power, he returns to the land of the living armed with super powers to seek revenge on his murderers.

This story is the basic premise of "The Crow," which is arguably one of the best movies of the past year. Based on a comic book of the same name, this film captures an eerie, dark quality that is a highly accurate interpretation of the comics. "The Crow" succeeds where "Batman" failed in capturing the essence of comic books; the rooftop and action sequences of "The Crow" are more visually exciting than the two Batman films combined. Some may find the violence in the film excessive, but it just further enhances the comic book feel of the movie. The plot of the film is pretty basic for the fantasy genre, but the visuals makes the Detroit setting seem like a whole other world. A world drapped in perpetual gloom, constant drizzling rain, and rotting garbage. In fact, there is only one brightly lit scene in the whole film, and it is a three-second dream sequence.

But the true creepiness in the film lies in Brandon Lee’s performance. His tragic, untimely death on the set of the film makes the audience feel as if his ghostly presence is the true heart of the film. I can only say that Brandon Lee was born to play the Crow, and this film is a fitting epitaph. The irony in his character’s rising from the dead gives me the creeps...

The music from the film is also superb. Rarely has a soundtrack so fittingly merged with the overall feel of the film. The Cure’s "Bum" is absolutely brilliant, especially when it lends its power to the scenes where Brandon Lee’s performance. His tragic, untimely death on the set of the film makes the audience feel as if his ghostly presence is the true heart of the film. I can only say that Brandon Lee was born to play the Crow, and this film is a fitting epitaph. The irony in his character’s rising from the dead gives me the creeps...

The Crow's performance as a man with an IQ of 75, who experiences everything from being a football star to meeting presidents to fighting in the Vietnam war. But through his performance, it makes him truly shine in their roles.

Well, this was my summer. I look forward to the Fall season, with the release of Dinosaur Jr’s new album, and the Nine Inch Nails show at Pine Knob. A good year lies ahead.
In the past summer the sports world has witnessed some tremendous and tragic events; from the fall of a legend to the fastest man in the world. The highlight of the summer not only in the United States but all across the world was the O. J. Simpson story. Simpson, the Hall of Fame football star, fell from hero to possible murderer in the eyes of the American people. Simpson was arrested on charges of the murder of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

Possibly the greatest sporting event worldwide took place this past summer in the United States: the World Cup. Sixty-four nations participated in the event that literally billions of people watched or attended.

The World Cup brought soccer fever to U.S. soil and the United States team did not let its team down. The U.S. team made it to the second round, with a loss to Brazil finally eliminating them from competition. Brazil went on to win the entire cup defeating Italy in an overtime shoot out. Brazil's victory established a new record on the books, its fourth World Cup title, the most by any nation.

The World Cup also brought tragedy to the summer with the brutal murder of Escobar. The Colombian soccer player who inadvertently scored a goal against his own team causing Columbia to be eliminated from World Cup play.

The great American pastime: Baseball. Strike! That is what the players union is on right now. Why? Because of the all-mighty dollar and a proposed salary cap by the owners. Players, who make on the average over $1 million dollars for a season that doesn't even last a year. Baseball is no longer a game, but a business determined to rain itself. It is no longer the American pastime.

Due to the strike and the quality of minor league baseball, people have turned their attention to other sports that provide excitement. Dream Team II began international play in it's drive for the gold medal at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta. The team has taken on a totally different look from the original Dream Team. The team's backbone is made up of young NBA talent such as: Shawn Kemp, Larry Johnson, and Shaq. The Team's backbone consists of an experienced backcourt of Mark Price and Joe Dumars. Dream Team II is well on it's way to the Gold in '96.

The NFL has made some interesting changes to the game in order to increase the score, as well as the excitement. First, kickoffs will be moved back five yards to decrease the number of touchbacks. Second the two point conversion has been adopted by the NFL to add another element to the game. The National Football League has determined that these and several other changes will enhance that game and improve the excitement ratings. The preseason is in full swing and the road to the Super Bowl will begin soon.

Even with the strike in full effect in Major League Baseball, West Michigan is certainly not at a loss for the game. The West Michigan Whitecaps, in their inaugural season, are captivating the hearts of the people of West Michigan and displaying the true meaning of baseball.

In other sports that frequently get lost in the shuffle of the four majors, Pete Sampras won an impressive second consecutive Wimbledon men's singles title. And finally, Leroy Burrell became the world's fastest man setting a new world record in the men's 100 meters.

AQ Preparates For Fall Season

Welcome back Saints to another year of action packed sports provided to you by the Aquinas College athletic department. This year look for the men and women Saints of Aquinas to continue the strong tradition of fierce competition in the Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC). The program, conditioning and practicing has prepared our star athletes for a very competitive year.

The fall sports program consists of the following teams: men's and women's soccer, men's and women's cross country, women's volleyball, and men's golf. All teams will compete in the WHAC pursuing a possible national title in NAIA Division III. However, standing in the way will be Aquinas' rivals in the WHAC conference.

The men's soccer team is coming into this year with an experienced squad spearheaded by Dave Bali, Dave Hebestreit, Mike Bennett, Josh Newman, and other key players who are coached by Pat Hoatlin.

Women's soccer is coming off it's first season and well on it's way to establishing a strong Aquinas tradition. The team is led by Robin Bessen, Lome Mulane, Ali Lakovich, and many other solid players. The Lady Saints are coached by Allan Allsup, who is in his second year.

The women's cross country team is off and running again, with sophomores Colleen Cone and Angela Clouse leading the pack, with support from a strong freshmen class and competitive runners. The men's cross country is led by seniors Gary VanStaveren and Scott Belland. Both teams are coached by Buzz Wysenbeek and assisted by Ellen Dykstra.

The women's volleyball team spikes with nothing but authority. The Lady Saints have been a formidable squad for years, and hope to continue this trend. The team is led by Pauline Burgorino, Alley Miesch, and Deanna Thelan.

The Saint's golf team is led by Nazar Massouh. The golf team has unfortunately been unseeded by the Aquinas community, and in recent years has developed into a powerful force in the WHAC. The Saints' fall sport competitors are looking for your team spirit and support in the upcoming season.
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