Baldwin Observatory A Reality

By Eric Zakin
Times Editor-in-Chief

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The Observatory will also help many of the local schools develop their own astronomy curriculum. Lakeside, Hillcrest, Hamilton, and Page are a few of the local schools that will be visiting the observatory for educational study. "I give lectures and speeches to local schools," said Frydrych, "now they will be able to take field trips and see what they are taught.

As for Frydrych, this has been a dream come true. The thought of the Observatory becoming a reality has taken ten years, but now that it's here Frydrych plans on, "getting things up and running...like advancing the astronomy club, where they take a seminar approach to learning." Once the telescope is up and running, Frydrych would like to get "all the kinks out" and work on "data gathering or sun spot observations develop a continuing study of stars.

The observatory is finally here, and after Sundays dedication, the Aquinas Community can finally have the opportunity to see the "first light."
Insignis Exposed to Holocaust Museum

The members of Insignis were exposed to one of the most dramatic events in history when they visited the Holocaust Museum in Bloomfield, near Detroit. Fifteen students and Dr. Shirley Lewis took the day-long trip as a part of the Insignis class, The Holocaust. The Museum, located in the wing of the Jewish Community Center, houses one of the most extensive databases and research facilities in Michigan. While there, the class was given an opportunity to talk to a survivor, walk through a smaller scale Auschwitz, watch videos and documentaries, and were offered a guided tour.

The whole day was filled with strong emotions of outrage, pain, and anger that the "world sat by and let it happen," said Dr. Lewis. During the Holocaust two thirds of the population died at the concentration camps which included eleven million Jews, Slavs, Poles, gays and other minorities. Dr. Lewis said, "America and other countries let it happen. People are blind and when they see the horrible truth they have a tendency to deny it."

Senior Stacy Larrance said she saw a "display of Auschwitz with a movie screen and filmed footage which was gruesome to see, but people need to see it. It isn't until people see it that it makes sense. People can't think of what they have to do in the future."

Pam Bacon learned that the Holocaust wasn't inevitable. It happened because "the vast majority of people didn't voice their outrage at the sickening atrocities." A wall showing the number of people that died showed that only 71 Jews were killed in Denmark. The reason being that the Danish king and his people "rescued Jewish and all wore the Star of David band" as a sign of strength and not inferiority. There was also "a huge lava monument with a golden tongue through the center, given to the Christians to give thanks to them for their assistance in saving lives," said Bacon.

As the class walked through the museum they listened to audio tapes of Hitler saying his many speeches and the crowd cheering in the background. Bacon noticed that Hitler "was a very charismatic speaker who drove people to hate with a plan that was set over a period of time."

One of the survivors that the students talked to has a hard time with anything organized, including religion, because of how ordinary people were brainwashed and brainwashed to think a certain way and kill others.

Students came back to school and at the end of the day they had a time of reflection by Wege Pond. They formed a friendship circle, were taught a Hebrew song by Dr. Lewis and given an opportunity to voice their feelings about the day. Dr. Lewis said,"I thought that the students were very courageous to take the class, they are also a very sensitive and intelligent group of people who are as saddened and outraged as I am."

With many of the survivors reaching their seventies and eighties, Dr. Lewis feels that "We are on a limited time basis to study their oral re-inactments. Once they are dead, and we have failed to educate ourselves of their history then we might forget what happened. And if we forget then we might repeat the mistakes of the past." Dr. Lewis has plans to teach the class as a senior seminar so she can do her part to promote awareness and change.

Scavenger Hunt A Success For Christian Fellowship

Do you have Ramen Noodles, a Pepsi can, or an acorn in your room? How about fish food, an out of state map, or a troll earring. Whether you personally had these items was beside the point. Finding them, along with a variety of other items, was the point of a scavenger hunt sponsored by Christian Fellowship. Divided into two teams, students embarked on a frantic search for oddities. Things that participants were in hot pursuit for included: a peppercorn stick, play dough, soy sauce, and a hula hoop. More common items included obtaining a copy of a Grand Rapids phone book, a copy of The Aquinas Times, and a letter from home. Although some things were intended to be easy to obtain, they still presented problems, especially the letters from home. Maybe these items weren't so common after all. In fact, one participant claimed it wasn't their group's fault that their parents didn't love them and therefore didn't write. Whether it meant ransacking one's own room, a suitemate's, or going up to a complete stranger and asking, "Pardon me, do you have any fish food?" participants did whatever it took.

Why would one do this? Why not? The point of Christian Fellowship is to grow together by sharing, even if it does mean fish food, but more importantly by prayer, scripture, and friendship.

"(The scavenger hunt) seemed to go over well," commented Suzanne Earley, a participant in the hunt. "It seemed to get people excited about the start of a new school year."

The half-hour project of gathering various paraphernalia was not in vain. It culminated in the naming of a winning team whose members were awarded Aquinas key chains. The evening provided fun for those involved. It even provided a small reprieve from the stack of homework which had been set aside until Sunday night. What a sacrifice—putting off homework for the chance to meet new people, not to mention get free food. Who'd pass this up? If you weren't there you did, so next time grab a friend and come along. Oh, and don't forget the fish food.
According to his testimonies, Palau lives in a world overflowing with successful businessmen, royalty and politicians who, despite looting public funds and engaging in illicit affairs, have given their lives to the Lord.

At another moment, Palau shocked the crowd when he informed them that despite the audience’s appearance, there were indeed drug and sex addicts in their midst. The culmination of the evening occurred when Palau invited the audience to come forward and give their lives to Christ. In this trademark call to conversion, hundreds of people left their seats and joined Palau in a prayer for forgiveness. With this, the crusade ended and thousands of people left the park with quenched curiosity and revived souls. “It was a blessing to be able to come together with all these churches and all sorts of people,” said a happy David Bumanba, a counselor at the crusade.

“I’m awesome! That’s all I can say,” said Tom Stellama, a first time attender. The crusade continued until Sunday, Sept. 18, with Sept. 17 reserved as kids day. Later this year, Palau will be appearing in Chicago for three months.

By Sarah Mieras
Times Contributing Writer
Each fall for the past 13 years, Grand Rapids has been throwing itself a great big party—a party to celebrate the city’s success and diversity. On September 9 and 10, downtown Grand Rapids banged with fireworks, a parade, country and blues concerts in Bicentennial park, and the Hispanic Heritage Festival at Calder Plaza. Meanwhile, across town, Riverside Park pulsed to the drumming of mother earth as hundreds of people flocked to the 33rd annual Grand Valley American Indian Lodge Pow Wow. A pow wow is an American Indian gathering which usually occurs over the course of a weekend. Traders of jewelry and Indian craft-makers camp at the site (if it’s an outside weekend). Traders of jewelry and Indian craft-makers camp at the site (if it’s an outdoor pow wow). Live performers also were featured at the park. Over the course of the weekend there was storytelling, gift giving, praying, and lots of dancing and singing.

Unlike other ethnic gatherings, the pow wow brings in as many, if not more non-Indian people than Indian. There seems to be something special about a pow wow that creates in people is more special. Of it’s simplicity.” Her love of Indian teachings themselves.

“Palau also addressed the evils of pornography, drinking, drugs and college fraternities. Continuing, Palau spoke of the rich and famous’ need for God in their lives.

Pow Wow Held in Riverside Park

By Dave Bult
Times News Editor
“We need better lighting,” said a middle-aged man.

“You should carry a camera whether it’s loaded or not, because that’s intimidating,” suggested an older woman.

“I’ve got a whistle—this thing really works,” voiced a man from the back of the crowd.

These and other ideas were discussed last Wednesday, September 14, in a crowd size muggy Wilcox Park pavilion. Young and old, about 60 area residents attended the meeting, many of them having met each other for the first time. The neighborhood meeting, called by Eastown’s Crime Prevention Organizer, Chris Asplund, was in direct response to the wave of crimes that recently hit the Wilcox Park area. To begin the meeting, Asplund wanted to “dispel myths” about the type and number of crimes that were committed in the area, saying that recently there had been three “purse snatchings” in and around the park. In the September 7 issue, The Times quoted Aquinas’ Director of Public Safety, Bob Ryan, as saying there had been five separate armed robberies in the Wilcox Park area. “There have been no other incidents, except for garages being broken into,” continued Asplund.

But Asplund, wanting to move on to his desired focus of the meeting, crime prevention, asked, “What are the positive things we can do to protect our neighborhood?” George Nobel, a Robinson Road resident, summed it up best: “The Eastown Street Fair gives the students ofAquinas a chance to support the Eastown community, and have fun too.”

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Times recently cut off this funding, being in a state of economic crisis itself. Also, the Russian embargo on Cuba, said Whit. "People think Cuba is a terrible place," said Whit. "I think they are wrong."

"Cuba is an alternate model of development," he continued. "They try to develop people equally."

With a 30-minute slide show and a question and answer period following, Whit informed his listeners about Cuba's recent crisis.

Russia, which for many years had supplied Cuba with technology and economic aid, recently cut off this funding, being in a state of economic crisis itself. Also, the Russian government is no longer trading its petroleum for sugar, Cuba's chief export. Cuba's lack of hard currency gives them little bargaining power with oil-rich nations who demand money for oil, according to the devastating results, said Whit, that is many of Cuba's 10 million inhabitants are down to two meals a day.

Now, the problem of refugees flooding U.S. soil is due to our long-standing trade embargo on Cuba, said Whit. And Castro's allowance of the refugee problem is designed provoke changes in our Cuban trade policy, he added.

"CUBA is not a socialist country, said Whit. "The world is laughing at us. Here is this gigantic country sitting next to this little island conducting a Cold War."

To end the refugee problem, Whit suggests that the U.S. lift its trade embargo against Cuba and respect the country's socialist government.

"Cuba has the highest literacy rate in the world...and is...the least racist country in the world," said Whit. "It (socialism) has a function of wiping out inequality."

Wit says there are dangers in free trade, admitting possible exploitation of Cuban workers, but he stresses U.S. trade is crucial to the existence of "the real Cuba."

ASIDE

By Eric Van Gessel
Times Contributing Writer

ENGHLER VS. WOLPE

Being a little over a month away, it's time to tune into the race for state governor.

Representing the Republican side is incumbent John Engler, and on the Democratic ticket is Howard Wolpe.

The major issue rambling through voters' heads seems to be how each candidate feels about the recently passed property tax reforms. Engler heavily lobbied for and signed a bill that cut property taxes, seeing reform as a necessary step toward ensuring equality of payment in school districts. The bill cut property taxes with schools now being funded by increased taxes in other areas, most notably the increase in state sales tax.

Wolpe attacks the way in which the legislature cut property taxes and then found an alternate source of funding. He referred to the bill, as "the height of irresponsibility.

In agreement with Wolpe's assessment of Proposal A is the powerful Michigan Educational Association (MEA). Senior Jeff Wierenga supports Governor Engler in believing that Michigan property taxes were getting out of control.

"I appreciate the progress he (Engler) has made for Michigan's educational agenda," said Wierenga. "I'll probably vote for John Engler because I like his stance on property tax reform."

Another area where Wolpe attacks Engler is the alleged mishandling of toxic waste at the Palisades nuclear power plant. Wolpe contends that highly radioactive waste is being stored in unsafe containers too close to the Lake Michigan shoreline. The alleged dumping raises a question of whether this issue falls under the jurisdiction of the State or the Federal Department of Energy. In his commercials, Wolpe attacks the conservatives' mismanagement of environmental hazards and he promises not to let these things happen if he is elected governor.

John Engler has, so far, put most of his resources into running a defensive campaign. He asks that "the facts speak for themselves."

One of these "facts" is Michigan's economy which is growing. Another "fact" Engler spoke of is the effectiveness of his welfare reforms. His reforms put a time limit on how long individuals with no health problems could receive state-funded welfare benefits.

"I support John Engler mostly because he significantly reduced the welfare budget," said Aquinas senior Scott Linderoom. "There are people who need welfare benefits, but too many were receiving a free ride courtesy of the State of Michigan."

The last "fact" Engler addressed was the state deficit. Engler says the state no longer has a deficit but instead has surplus funds. This surplus has allowed Engler to allocate grants to areas he deems worthy. Recently though, Engler has come under much criticism for the $3 million grant he allocated to the John Ball Park Zoo. He earmarked this grant to be used for inner-city youth programs at the zoo. In his defense, Engler's staff said that "it is the discretion of the governor to allocate funds to areas he believes are most needed."

Election for state governor is on November 8.

WHY ARE WE INVASING HAITI, PRESIDENT CLINTON?

The United States has the greatest military in the world—no doubt about it. Except for the Vietnam stalemate, our country has conquered its opposition throughout history. We should and do defend our actions and our presence on foreign soil by stating a legitimate claim for war.

Reagan led us to Grenada to protect our nation's security against Soviet interests on the island.

Bush led a gung-ho military into Central America to oust Panamanian leader Noriega when use of the Panama Canal was in jeopardy.

Both later led us into the Saudi deserts where swift and decisive action disbanded Iraq and gave the world victory. Yes, the vital commodity of oil, although a poor substitute for human blood, was the unspeakable, legitimate claim used to defend our actions.

Sugars, unlike oil, is pretty cheap to come by. Surely President Clinton doesn't want to minimize democracy in Haiti because he has a sweet tooth. That would be a pretty silly vital national interest.

Clinton's rationale for U.S. military intervention, to restore democracy in Haiti and to prevent human rights abuses by the Haitian military, aren't vital national interests either.

Acquisitions to human beings, although sad, occur in huge proportion in countries all over the world—in North Korea, Rwanda, and the former Yugoslavia to name a few.

Does Haiti's short distance from U.S. soil give it special treatment over nations just mentioned where vital national interests might be more important? If we lived in an Asian nation, would we help our neighbors in North Korea and leave the Haitians to suffer?

The answer is painful and selfish, but nonetheless, a reality: we cannot be everywhere at every moment to protect every country's peoples from human rights abuses or foreign insurgence.

Being "world police" is a job for all countries in the United Nations, not for the U.S. alone. As selfish as it may sound, when we fight to protect innocent foreigners, the price tag is the lives of our American brothers and sisters. The only way we can rationalize sacrificing U.S. lives to protect innocent and oppressed people elsewhere is by restricting war only to when a vital national interest is at stake. In Haiti, this is not the case.

But if Clinton's legitimate claim for war is to oust Haiti's military leader Cedras and restore democracy to the country, why isn't Cuba's socialist leader Fidel Castro dead yet?
For those of you who have a brother, sister, step-brother or sister, half-brother or sister, one third brother or sister, three and a half brother or sister, or a dog who has a half-relative, this scoop is for you. On a personal note, I have one older brother and a younger sister. I have always been the closer to my sister (you know in that overprotective, who are you dating? big brother way). But my brother and I have never gotten along. In high school no one ever knew either one of us had a brother because we lived such separate lives.

Don’t get turned away by the staleness of the topic, it sort of a Wonder Years look with humor and the like twist. I have one vivid memory that stands out in my head dealing with my brother and me. It was when we were about six and seven, left alone on the house for about fifteen minutes on a beautiful day. For those of you who have a brother, sister, cartoonists, photographers, or any other talent you think should be displayed in YOUR newspaper.

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Dear Editor:

I want to commend Christopher M. Kubik for his excellent and well-written Letter to the Editor in the Sept. 7th issue. There were so many Truths and trite observations, such as the fact that the Pope stands for the oppressed and that he can recognize when a people are being dominated. Also, I applaud the idea of instead of trying to control (and this is the bottom line-control) African families, start showing them how to arid farm.

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Thank you,

Kaye Mitchell

This article was edited for space.

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**Letters to the Editor**

Dear Editor:

I wanted to thank you for your “newsline” editorial (AQ Times, August 24, 1994) on the Pope’s birth control policies. You seemed very sincere and your concerns are obviously genuine, reflecting a commendable awareness of population consciousness and other important issues facing our world today.

However, I believe that some of your concerns and questions on Church policy (the Pope is simply upholding what Catholic doctrine has taught for 2000 years) could be relieved by a little more research.

You ask the question “why does the pope so adamantly reject the use of condoms and contraceptive pills as effective means of birth control,” but have you read any of his writings that explain his reason for this stance? I might suggest Humanae Vitae, Instruction on Bio Ethics and Familiaries Condoms for a start (Available from S.S.Paul Editions, 50 St. Paul Ave, Boston, MA 02130). This would give you a much more educated and informed background, which is certainly a prerequisite for fair journalism. The pope is not advocating “uncontrolled birth,” he is simply defending the dignity of the human person, the sacredness of the sexual union and the divine character of the family. And he is at the same time an advocate of population consciousness, but in ways that do not betray his other goals, such as the use of modern natural family planning, a method proven far more effective than condoms and as effective as the pill without being abortifacient or promoting promiscuity and lack of respect for one’s self or others. His writings and the writings of the Church fathers make this clear and I hope you would avail yourself of the opportunity to be better informed.

Sincerely,

Mike Schmiedicke
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"The Aquinas College Women’s Center is alive and well," proudly announced Shatona Daniel, President of the Women’s Center. In her second year of leadership, Daniel has specific goals for the organization and for the Women’s Center in the upcoming year. The Women’s Studies Club has an ambitious agenda set for this school year. Daniel has plans to bring women’s films and off-campus speakers knowledgeable about gender issues to Aquinas. She also sees the Women’s Center as a place where open discussions on a range of topics can be held and would like to see more people involved in such discussions. Members of the club would also like create an opportunity for traditional age and non-traditional age students to work together on mutual interests. The center has a seven year history of working together to provide both a place and a forum for Aquinas women and their concerns. In the future they would like to network with students at other colleges as well as with local, state, and national organizations promoting the elimination of gender discrimination. Daniel and members of the Women’s Studies Club plan to follow their mission statement by providing a forum for students interested in understanding and making known the historical contributions of women in various fields. They are also interested in encouraging studies and/or acts on current gender-related issues. Throughout the school year they hope to host speakers, show films and cultural events that contribute to an understanding of the role of women as members of society. As the club makes its plans for the year it welcomes a new director to the Women’s Center, Dr. Michaleen Kelly. Former director, Alice Corey, is from the philosophy department. Kelly has taught courses in the Women’s Studies Cognate program house. As the club makes its plans for the year it welcomes a new director to the Women’s Center, Dr. Michaleen Kelly. Former director, Alice Corey, is from the philosophy department. Kelly has taught courses in the Women’s Studies Cognate program house.

AQ Theater Club Stages For the Future  

By Michael Travis, Assistant Director of the Multicultural Center came to Aquinas College last year realizing that our liberal arts college offered no outlet for students to explore their thespian abilities on a consistent basis. As a result with the help of some faculty members the Aquinas College Theater Club was resurrected, given a new name, and Travis named the advisor. Yvonne Hall, senior, says that the Theater Club is “students willing to entertain people in various degrees and an artistic outlet” for those willing to participate.

The project for the new club began last year with an informational meeting in the Wege Ballroom to discuss ideas. Many students attended and 50 filled out questionnaires expressing their interest. Out of the 50, five were chosen to be pro-temp officers because of their past experiences in the arts. The duties of Erica Poole, Yvonne Hall, James Anderson, Bette Swift and Stacey Serrirri are to “decide plays for the upcoming year and act as officers until regular officers are chosen,” said Travis.

It has been decided that there will be two plays throughout the year. There will be a large production in the fall and a smaller one in the spring, due to the annual Black History Month Play (BHMP). The pro-temp officers and Travis are looking at producing Pippin for this semester, but the decision has not been finalized. The story is about an inner journey that a young man takes to find his purpose in life and the ultimate glory that he will bring him. Swift is excited and looking forward to helping out. She says that the performance will “increase awareness on campus... and give people a message to hear.” Barbara McCargar, from the music department, will assist in the vocals and music.

The budget for the year will decide whether or not the plays will be hosted in Keicher Auditorium or in other avenues around Grand Rapids. Ideally Travis said he “would love to use the Carriage House. Whoever is (in charge of the architect), I am begging you to revamp the stage already there so we can do serious productions, build sets and make everything into a campus wide event.”

Travis hopes to direct the first play then recruit interested students to be directors and producers for producing productions.
I'm back in the box, but instead of griping, I've got a pile of information for you regarding what's new in the world of film, music, and theatre. So, without further ado:

**THE SONGBOOK!**

Sheryl Crow

*Tuesday Night Music Club*

By Amy Mazurek

Times Staff Writer

A&M Records

Produced by Bill Bottrell

I've read a ton of reviews praising Sheryl Crow for her ingenious lyrics, sexy voice, and charismatic stage presence and I have only one thing to say: What drugs are those people on?

Crow's weak effort entitled, *Tuesday Night Music Club,* is going to put her up in the category of one hit wonders such as Vanilla Ice and Tiffany.

Come on, this chick cannot hit a note anywhere near that Tiffany singer. And I ask you this; where is good old Tim? Now I last heard her was singing hash at Denny's. Anyway, despite Crow's current hit "All I Wanna Do," which isn't bad at all, I can hardly disregard her as anything truly amazing. She doesn't write her own songs, she helps, with about five of her closest songwriting buds. How many people should it take to write a song? Crow's highest is seven. You mean to tell me seven people came up with such awful lyrics as these (from the song "Solidify") Walking backwards with the pounding of your voice/Makes my soul/Concrete is/as concrete doesn't.

Oh yeah, Deep. If this is the sound of music to come, there is one big problem. And I think her name is Sheryl Crow.

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By Eric Zukin

Times Editor-in-Chief

Produced By Allen Reynolds

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No matter which records I reviewed, I never heard Garth's music on the radio. Or on the regular commercial channels like radio or television. So here's hoping that promotes a segment of our culture that is not popular in commercial circles. I'm recommending that you put this one on your shelf. Of course, there is one major flaw. It's not Garth's greatest hits, but it is a good collection. And I think Garth's voice is going to be around for a long time.

**The Sire Records**

Dinosaur Jr

*Without A Sound*

By John Serba

Times Entertainment Editor

Sire Records

Produced by J Mascis

I Mascis must be the saddest boy in the universe. But he's also gifted; he turns his personal anguish into the brilliant music of Dinosaur Jr, and Without A Sound is another emotional journey into the melancholy.

Musically, the guitarists (vocals performed by J) are the focal point of the album. J sings in his trademark throaty, off-key whine (love it or hate it I happen to love it) that gives the impression that he's aging way too fast. When he croaks "I feel the pain of everyone/Then I feel nothing," you just have to believe it. But J's guitars must be strung with his own guts. They're intensely passionate, whether wailing and squealing on "Grab It" or being gently plucked on the wavery "Seemed Like The Thing To Do."

Of course, the subject matter of the disc dwells on J's bottomless pit of confusion and wrecked relationships. Both "I Don't Think So" ("Does she cry for me? I don't think so") and "Yeah Right" ("So I can live without it/So that's some big surprise/Yeah, right") convey the cynical sadness that J and Dinosaur Jr have done so well since the beginning.

I absolutely love Without A Sound. It's a tad more upbeat and mellow compared to last year's Where You Been, which is my favorite album of all time, but this latest opus is jammed with smartly-composed songs such as my personal favorite "Over Your Shoulder" and "Get Out of This." This disc is the perfect solace for those days when it seems to be raining inside.... Highly recommended.

**I'M BACK IN THE BOX!**

CD REVIEW

By Joe Stumac

Times Contributing Writer

Produced by Trent Reznor

Nothing/Atlantic/Interscope Records

Trent Reznor has done it again. Most of you know him as Nine Inch Nails, but he has been a busy beaver lately. With a full length album out last March, remixes for KMFDM and Curve, a remake of a Joy Division for The Crow soundtrack, a twenty seven song album, and a tour, the man may not have much time on his hands. Nevertheless, it doesn't show on this album. As always, it's a work of perfection. The album is worth it even if you only want the new track by Nine Inch Nails, titled "Burn."

This album has a mix of musicians that you will find all over the soundtrack or compilation you will find L7, Dr. Dre, Nine Inch Nails, Patsy Cline, Leonard Cohen and Bob Dylan. Though it is quite diverse, it holds together. All the songs seem like they belong on the soundtrack. Along with the new song from Nine Inch Nails, my favorites include: "Slidin" by L7, "Pokeboy" by Lard, and "Taboo" by Peter Gabriel/ Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan. As the best tracks overall is "Waiting for the Miracle" by Leonard Cohen.

This soundtrack isn't for those easily offended by harsh language. Many of the songs have dialogue from the movie as an intro between tracks. As a result, the music clicks away similarly to a live recording but it also creates very vivid images. One particular in the sound is so precise that after a woman is shot, you hear the bullet bouncing on the floor. Again, this soundtrack is not for the weak of heart. However, it is a creative piece of work, and I recommend it because of the great diversity and the magical theme that seems to hold the different formats together. It's one of a kind and worth your fourteen bucks.

**SLAK**

*For I was a man, a menace to others, but pure enjoyment to me.*

Slak is a magazine that promotes a segment of our culture that is not popular in commercial circles. I'm hypothesizing that the depressing fall of 1994 Underaged act as a catalyst to it's creation.

Currently in its sixth issue, Slak informs people of up to date occurrences in the music and entertainment community in Grand Rapids. It's not promoted through the regular channels like radio or television. Who, well, who supports Slak then?

Great advertisers like the Intersection, Reptile House, Radio Kilroy, vintage shops, and others.

Enough with the generalities, here is what you will find in Slak. One, you can read great interviews with bands like the Verve Pipe, continued on page 10.
Inch Nails.
soon forgotten.

Inch Nails' latest album, "The Downward Spiral," has garnered much attention. The album is a departure from the band's previous style, focusing on darker, more introspective themes. The opening track, "Closer," sets the tone with its slow, mournful melody and haunting vocals. Throughout the album, the band explores themes of isolation, decay, and the human condition.

The album's title track, "The Downward Spiral," is a sprawling, 17-minute epic that features multiple sections and time signatures. The song begins with a simple piano melody, gradually building to a crescendo of guitars and synthesizers. The lyrics are cryptic, leaving room for interpretation. The song's title is a metaphor for the spiral of self-destruction that characterizes much of the album's content.

Another standout track is "Hurt," which features a minimalist arrangement of piano and vocals. The lyrics discuss the idea of torture and self-inflicted pain, with Reznor singing, "I need to be hurt, I need the pain, to feel alive." The song's raw, emotional delivery and the use of a high-pitched vocal register contribute to its powerful impact.

The album's complexity and depth make it a challenging but rewarding listen for fans of the band. "The Downward Spiral" is a bold artistic statement from Inch Nails, exploring themes of despair and the human experience in a way that is both disturbing and deeply stirring.
**SPORTS**

**SPORTS LOOK**

By Mike Chabot  
Times Sports Editor

This past week in sports has been an eventful one, with Michigan upsetting Notre Dame in South Bend, the Basketball struggle continuing to bore the nation to sleep, and the start of the N.H.L. preseason.

At Aquinas, the Women’s soccer team was ranked tenth in the Region, consisting of five states, the men have been tearing up the soccer field against their opponents, and the rest of the Aquinas fall Athletic program is continuing the trend. However, this week I feel that a different aspect of Aquinas Athletics should be addressed; the fan support, specifically at home soccer games.

Last year was the inaugural season for the Aquinas soccer field. The Athletic department, as well as the rest of the school shed a large sum of money for the construction of the field. According to Men’s Soccer coach Pat Houlin, “the field is in excellent condition, and I commend the maintenance crew for the work they’ve done on it.”

The Aquinas soccer field, in my opinion, can be ranked as one of the best soccer fields in West Michigan, and the competition and skill displayed on the field ranks near the top as well. Which leads to the issue at hand; the lack of fan support at Aquinas home sporting events.

It is a sorry state when the fans from Olivet almost outnumber the fans from AQ. The soccer field, is at most, a three to four minute walk from St. Jo’s and a hop, a skip, and a jump from Regina and East Area. This field was built so that the Aquinas community could partake in home sporting events without leaving campus. The challenge I pose to the AQ community is: Go out and support the AQ athletic program, do not sit and room on a beautiful day and say, “there isn’t anything to do.”

Go watch a game and cheer on AQ. Both soccer teams are performing well, cross country is a well respected team in the conference, volleyball is a force to reck on with, and golf is an up and coming program.

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**Men’s Tennis Optimistic About Fall Season**

By Eric Zukin  
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**Women’s X-Country Finishes Third at Hope**

By Adam Baxter  
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"With such a strong win over Tri-State, our toughest competitor, I think the new squad will be the strongest we’ve had.”

The team consists of; freshmen John Pruitt and Steven Green, sophomore transfer Scott David, juniors Eric VanGessel and Doug Dooley, and seniors Joe Smaila, Brent Wadrop, and Eric Zukin to round off the team.

“We are going to be tough,” said Dooley, “with a team that is solid all the way down the line, I think that we are going to have the best season ever.”

This attitude is similar to that of the returning team members, “With the new guys that we have to fill the line up, we will have a team that is strong, confident, and young” said VanGessel.

The team defeated Spring Arbor 8-1 last Friday and beat Tri-State with an impressive 6-3 on Saturday. This weekend they face an even stronger team of Huntington College.

“I’m excited about playing Huntington,” said Hendrick, “I think this will be the toughest match of the fall season.”

After they face Huntington College on Friday, the team is heading out to Spring Arbor for a doubles tournament. “Judging by what I was told (about the competition), I think that we will have tough matches in doubles, but we should be a dominating force throughout the entire tournament” said an optimistic Scott David.
Men's X-Country Debuts at Hope Invitational

By Adam Baxter
Times Staff Writer

On Tuesday, September 6, the men's cross country team made it debut at the Hope College Invitational. The men finished in third place with 97 points. The debut was a success. Jackson Fox lead the men's team with a fine third place finish. After the race, however, Fox was not in a good mood. Fox ran as well as VanStavem finished with a strong race for the Saints. Belland was glad I overcame the situation to pull off a strong race. The tired Saints were up against the leaders for the first two miles and then broke away from the pack to cruise to an easy fifty-second win. "Fox broke away from the start of the race, it may have been one of the most impressive performances I have ever seen," boasted Rosem. "It felt that it needed more money. What a performance." Freshmen Matt McWilliams was 34th and Wójcikowski was 40th to complete the scoring for the Saints. A note to conference members, this team can only get better. Look out.

Women's Soccer Gains Recognition In Great Lakes Region

The determination and effort the ladies have displayed thus far has achieved regional ranking, stated Coach Allan Allsup, in regards to the women's soccer team. The 2-1-1 Lady Saints for the first time in their three year history are ranked 10th in the Great Lake region. Starting off the season with a victory against Adrian set the Saints off on the right foot. The Lady Saints then went south to face Goshen. The Saints fell short when the clock stopped by a score of 7-3. However, the Saints regrouped to face their next opponent, Olivet. The Lady Saints put together a powerful offense and were able to outscore the opposition 4-1. However, this game also cost the Saints a valuable player. Center fullback Jennifer Balcom, broke her leg and will be out for the remainder of the season. The Saints were then able to get some valuable practice time in a scrimmage against Grand Valley State University. This performance did not count towards the Saints overall record of 2-1-1.

With several days off the Saints welcomed several newcomers to the team. Nikki Tulete, Erika Bataran, and Therese Bocan were the team to bring the roster total for the Saints up to seventeen. Allsup commented, "with the addition of these players we know we can doubtless our efforts, with the players who have been here from the start and the new players." Assistant coach Shannon Besnette said, "the players have a greater understanding of the game...it is not just kicking the ball around; they are playing soccer." The Saints took the field against Northwood University on September 16. The Saints ended the game in a 10-10 tie. Robin Bessette led the Saints with five goals. The Lady Saints have proven that they are among the game’s best.

By David C. Bacche
Times Contributing Writer

In the span of fourteen days, Andre Agassi accomplished what many people only dream about. In those two weeks, Agassi achieved greatness by defeating fourth ranked Michael Stich, 6-1, 7-6 (7-5), 7-5, to win this year’s U.S. Open Tennis Championships in Flushing Meadows, New York.

In a tournament in which the "upset bug" was running rampant throughout, Agassi took two marks which earned him a place in tennis history forever. First, Agassi became only the third unseeded player to win the U.S. Open in its one hundred fourteen year history. The last person to accomplish that was Australian Fred Stolle in 1966. Agassi, ranked twentieth entering the tournament, also made his mark on the tennis world that Sunday afternoon by defeating his fifth seeded opponent. In addition to Stich, other seeded victims included; Wayne Ferreira, Todd Martin and Michael Chang.

Going away from his previous style of flash and luck, Andre Agassi turned to a more conservative manner and forced his opponents to win points instead of giving them away. His new style was never more apparent than in the final match when Stich committed nearly fifty unforced errors and had ten double faults in only three sets. Playing nearly flawless tennis throughout, Agassi was able to survive the "upset bug," which had many victims including first round losers Goran Ivanisevic and Boris Becker. Top seeded, and heavily favored, American Pete Sampras was knocked out of the round of sixteen by the unseeded Spaniard Jaime Yzaga. Only two out of fifteen seeds advanced to the semi-finals which were the fourth and ninth seeds.

By winning the U.S. Open, Andre Agassi won his second Grand Slam tournament of his career, the other being Wimbledon in 1992. The men were not the only ones playing at Flushing Meadows, New York. The women also put on a terrific show in the Finals on Saturday. Top seeded Steffi Graf took on the second seed, Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario. After easily winning the first set 6-1, Graf strained her lower back early in the second set and was never able to perform up to her full potential.

Taking advantage of her opponent's condition, Sanchez-Vicario forced Graf to run all over the court at times forcing Graf to simply watch the shot go by her. Sanchez-Vicario took the second set 7-6 (7-3) and then proceeded to pick Graf apart in the final set winning it 6-4 to claim her first U.S. Open title. This is her second Grand Slam title of the year, her first was the French Open back in March.

In what is considered by many to be the toughest tournament on the tennis tour, Andre Agassi and Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario proved to be the most consistent and durable players. Whether Agassi will now break into the Top 15 or Sanchez-Vicario will replace Graf as the number one player remains to be seen. Whither or not these things happen, these two have proven that they are among the game’s best.