**Coming Out Day**

**AQ True To Image?**

"Be true to yourself," was a message portrayed at Kretschmer Hall Tuesday, Oct.11, at a National Coming Out Day recital which celebrated homosexuality with autobiographical and poetry readings, music and drama. But was Aquinas being true to its Catholic image by allowing this type of recital to be held?

One Aquinas senior, who requested to remain anonymous, says no.

"I think we’re on the razor’s edge with this," he claimed. "It seems to me, when being recruited to this school, they gave me the impression that they encouraged the Catholic ideals. Since I’ve been seeing these things about forming a gay and lesbian group on campus and having these homosexual activities, I think Aquinas is going completely against what the Pope and previous Popes have said about this issue.

"We’re letting new-age ideas suck the Catholic church dry, and Aquinas is falling into the trap where Catholic ideals are no longer being recognized," he said. "Basically, the Catholic Church doesn’t endorse homosexual activity, so a Catholic institution should not fund or support such groups."

According to Director of Student Activities Timi Hough, the gay and lesbian group preparing to form last year has still not yet been recognized on campus, only because it hasn’t yet been proposed for Aquinas approval.

"I think if it were more of an educationally based group that it would receive approval if proposed," said Hough. "But if it were more of a support group, that would be a decision beyond my control. President Nelson and the group would have to work that out."

When deciding on the Coming Out Day program, Hough chose to focus on what the students wanted instead of whether the recital would be right or wrong.

"I think that Stella (Ferris, Multi-Cultural Director) and I went ahead and had it since our goal with the students is to present issues which are important to them. Whether it’s right or wrong wasn’t the issue I was dealing with, it’s what the students want," Hough commented.

A student group on campus, JAMMIN, also supported National Coming Out Day by passing out purple ribbons on Oct. 10, and showing films involving homosexuality from Oct.10-12, such as Philadelphia and Torch Song Trilogy.

Kenyatta Christian, a member of JAMMIN, said the group was impressed by the turn-out at the film showings and the number of ribbons passed out.

"People were hesitant to wear the ribbons since they were afraid people would think they were gay, but we passed out a lot of them. A lady at the program even came up to me and asked me (if I was gay), and I told her, ‘No, I’m here supporting you,’” said Christian.

According to Christian, JAMMIN’s focus is to recognize cultural diversity and open-mindedness about different cultures. Associate Professor of Communication Arts Penny Avery also chose to wear a purple ribbon on Oct. 10, which she received from JAMMIN members who were passing them out.

"Gay or not gay, we should support the kind of courage that people had in coming out and speaking. I thought the recital was a wonderful first step in accepting homosexuality, though I was unable to go. There were four of us sitting at a table in the Corner Cafe, all faculty members, and we all took ribbons," commented Avery.

Yet Dr. Robert Marko, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, does not agree that the recital was a good first step for Aquinas.

"I thought it might be more appropriate, rather than sponsoring a National Coming Out Day celebration, to offer a kind of academic symposium on Catholic teachings on homosexual behavior, and homophobia," said Dr. Marko. "To speak of respect for persons, as well as articulate clearly the official position of the church, I think that ought to have been done—but that was not my decision."

"It’s obvious that Calvin’s whole theology is, ‘We’re all saved and the rest of you are damned to hell.’ They never would have allowed this kind of dialogue. Aquinas is a college of higher learning, it prepares you for the real world. If Aquinas ever became like Calvin, then it’ll just die," said Vyma, an ’81 Aquinas graduate.

"Homosexuals have gone to Aquinas and are still going there now. Whether the Aquinas community likes it or not, homosexuality exists and affects all of our lives—theologically, economically, politically," said Vyma.

According to Dr. Marko, people in the Aquinas community did not like it.

"There’s a number of people, including a number of people I’ve known and talked to, that think Aquinas was inappropriate. I’ve heard that in the community both from alumni and Christians in the community" said Dr. Marko.

According to Dr. Marko, the current Catholic doctrine on homosexuality states that there is a distinction between homosexual genital activity and homosexual orientation. As a human being, on the basis of humanness, there ought to be dignity and respect for all persons, whether that person is heterosexual or homosexual.

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**Macker Attacks AQ**

For 21 years the Gus Macker tournament has brought every Barbie Fan Club Members, Sesame Street Kids, Ditto Heads, Publishers Clearinghouse Winners and Losers, Ross Perot Look-a-likes, Fab 5 wanna be’s, and every Tom, Dick, Jane and Judy the opportunity to play in the paint, toss the twine, shake and bake, and hit one from the nosebleed seats. Yet never in the history of Gus Macker has there been a Macker at Aquinas. All that changed last weekend. The first annual Aquinas College Gus Macker was enjoyed by some 145 teams, 580 players and roughly 2400 spectators. All wanting to experience the thrill of 3-on-3 backyard driveway style basketball now being played on the hardwood courts.

A great deal of time and effort was put into making the first-time tournament a success. The proceeds from the Macker will help support the Men’s and Women’s basketball programs at Aquinas. The Women’s team will use the money to help support their trip to Hawaii for a holiday tournament. The men will be helped out by having new travel outfits, and overtime expenditures for their tournaments. Thus both the Men’s and Women’s basketball teams put in a long weekend “Gus Busting.” In the Macker there are no referees, thus each player must call his or her own foul. However, as the race for the hardware draws near, the competition gets heated. This is where Gus Busters come into play. Each court has a Buster who keeps things calm on the court. Senior Eric Smith was pleased with the turnout and would like to thank all Aquinas students who participated in the tournament.

I had a good time this weekend, and judging by the people I encountered this weekend, they did too,” commented Troy Wilcox. Aquinas Alumni Shannyn Faubender and Symantha Reenders had a good time, as they helped their team to the Open Division title.

Coach and Athletic director Terry Bocian commented on the weekend. "I was really happy to see so many kids, having fun, but the parents need a lesson in sportsmanship."

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An audience consisting of mostly faculty and staff attended a State of the College address on Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 12:30 p.m. in the Wege Ballroom. The meeting acted as a follow-up to the previous board meeting, held Tuesday, Oct. 18.

Dr. Gary Konow, Aquinas' Academic Vice-President, led the meeting while President R. Paul Nelson recuperated after having minor surgery. After the meeting began, Sr. Marie Celeste Miller, Dean of Curriculum, took the floor.

Miller announced Aquinas' goal for self-study and renewal, while reassuring listeners that no one would be burdened in the process. To accomplish this, tasks will be streamlined and simplified so committees will not be counterproductive.

"We hope this project will be found invigorating and effective, in which all participants can focus on their strengths and their area of expertise," said Miller.

After Miller invited faculty and staff to volunteer to help with the project, John Baird, Aquinas' Associate Dean of Admissions, addressed the topic of student retention.

Baird focused on the cohort retention percentage rate of students, those students who come to Aquinas as freshmen and stay until they graduate. According to numbers from the past seven to eight years, Aquinas' rate is at 45%, which is above the national average.

By Tando Goduka
Times Features Editor

Seventeen Aquinas students, Stella Ferris and Timi Hough received a once in a lifetime opportunity to stay in Oaxaca, located in southern Mexico, for ten days. As part of their service trip, the Aquinas students and the two advisors travelled down to Oaxaca to work with the people, familiarize themselves with a unique culture and learn a little about the hardships of life.

Said junior Curt Wozniak, "The reason that I applied for the Oaxaca trip was because I was going to learn Spanish, since I was going to learn Spanish, and I really wanted to use my Spanish to learn something about Mexico," said senior Becky Reiser.

Another group of the Aquinas students cultivated a field for a family so that they would be able to grow next year's crops. The four acres which they worked on, they were informed, would be used to feed a large whole-sized family for a year.

Other students worked with George, a young boy-aged boy with cerebral palsy. His home was set at the edge of the mountain and his family was very poor. What amazed Reiser was that although they didn't have much, they were the most giving and caring people she had ever met.

The Mexicans and the Zapotec Indians residing in Oaxaca are part of a developing nation. They are economically unsound which has resulted in poverty, poor educational facilities and a variety of other social ills. But, what they lack in economic prosperity, they have made up in their abundant and colorful culture.

One of the cultural traditions which fascinated some of the students was a native dance called Gala Ghetto in which males and females danced together in brightly colored clothing to celebrate life. Another interesting part about the Oaxacan people was their art. Their folk art, whether it be their woodcarvers or pottery is used for decorations and also for non-aesthetic reasons such as to pray to the gods or to ward away evil spirits.

Junior Cathy Tahy said about the people, "They live much simpler than we do and really value the family more than Americans do. They are also more accepting, very open and understanding."

By Melissa Wysocki
Times Contributing Writer

A group of ambitious Aquinas students trekked to the Upper Peninsula and spent six days at Wilderness State Park during full break. The Aquinas volunteers made signs and fixed trails while experiencing "rustic living."

"I didn't know what was meant by 'rustic living,'” commented Dirk Steenwyk, who soon learned. With no water or electricity and just a wood stove, euchre dominated as the primary form of entertainment each night. "It was euchre by candlelight, since I almost blew up the lantern," recalled Mike Steers, who also volunteered for the service trip.

Junior park rangers by day, they worked hand in hand with the park services to help maintain the order. This group spent time together at the end of the work day playing euchre, taking trips, such as to Mackinaw Island, all while managing to stay free from the danger of timber wolves.

Though away from the comforts of home, Aquinas students enjoyed the change. "It was nice to get away from the city," commented Steenwyk.

Group advisor Randy MacGeorge also enjoyed getting away from the city, and spending time with the Aquinas students. He remarked that he didn't feel like an advisor, but "just another member of the group. I know the area and enjoyed the experience."

Offered during both fall and spring breaks, service trips provide enjoyable experiences for all involved and an alternative to spending a week at home sitting around watching old reruns on T.V. So if interested, make sure to pick up an application.

An Associate Professor of English from Grand Valley State University, Dr. Ben Lockerd, lectured and discussed Eliot's work, "The Waste Land," and its religious connotations with Aquinas faculty, staff and students interested in the topic.

"I went because I was interested in T.S. Eliot's works," said English major and sophomore Colleen Black, "I thought the lecture was rather complex with more of a religious focus, but I'm glad I went."

Dr. Lockerd also expressed that he was glad that it was there, but for a different reason. "We have lots of different lectures at Grand Valley, but they're not the same as this. I feel a real sense of safety here, being at a Catholic college, since it's a small community where we can openly discuss religion. That's a pleasure you don't get in a big arena," commented Dr. Lockerd, "At Aquinas, at least everyone has some background on Catholicism so I'm not constantly challenged from the very beginning on everything I say."

Director of Campus Ministry Mary Clark-Helvie: What is your background?

Avery: I did my undergraduate and masters degrees at Central Michigan University. During my masters program I taught there as a visiting instructor. I have some background on Catholicism so I'm not constantly challenged from the very beginning on everything I say.

Avery: I was real interested in being at a Catholic college because it makes for a community feeling. And I think it's important to have on campus. "The lectures are meant to challenge people to reflect intelligently about religious questions," said Kaiser. "We tend to live in a materialistic world, and we should give more thought to the spirit and the body as a whole. We tend to approach reality as just the physical side, but there is a whole arena to explore of spirituality."

Avery also looked forward to the next lecture, scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 10, at 12:20 in the Loutit Room, regarding "God and the Natural Symbolism of Gender."

"(Dr. Mark Moes) is definitely one to catch. He's really funny and he really knows what he's talking about," commented Kubia.

The Campus Ministry Luncheon Lecture Series Schedule:

November 10, 1994 12:20-1:20 pm
Loutit Room
"God and the Natural Symbolism of Gender" - Dr. Mark Moes, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Grand Valley State University

January 30, 1995 12:20-1:20 pm
Loutit Room
"Solutions to Enduring Dilemmas: St. Thomas Aquinas on Faith and Culture" - Reverend Paul J. Philipbert, O.P., S.T.D., Director of the Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame, Associate Professor of Theology at Notre Dame

February 23, 1995 12:20-1:20 pm
Loutit Room
"Women and Religious Change in India" - Dr. Nancy Folk, Professor of Comparative Religion, Western Michigan University

March 16, 1995 12:20-1:20 pm
Loutit Room
"Reconciliation and Community" - Reverend Margaret J. Neill, Rector, St. Philip's Episcopal Church

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Getting To Know New Communications Member Penny Avery

By Robin Helvie
Times Contributing Writer

The following is an interview with a new communications staff member, Penny Avery.

Helvie: What is your background?

Avery: I did my undergraduate and masters degrees at Central Michigan University. During my masters program I taught there as part of an assistantship. I taught their fundamental communications class that involves some public speaking, interpersonal and small group mass media, the full gamut. I have a secondary certification for high school, although beyond student teaching I didn't pursue that. After I finished my masters degree, my husband and I worked for a professional children's theater for 2 years that was based in Missoula, Montana. That was a great deal of fun, but after 2 years of living out of a suitcase, we decided we needed to have a little bit of a shift in occupation. That was also the first two years of our marriage so that was quite a test of faith. After that I came back and taught at Central full time, again, as a visiting professor. I taught small group communication, public speaking, interpersonal communication. After that phase, I knew I really wanted to teach at the university level, but I also knew that without a Ph.D. in hand, it would be difficult to have job security so that's when I decided to start my Ph.D. at Michigan State. I did a four-year Ph.D. program there. My two areas of focus were family and interpersonal communication. And I also have an interest in the area of mass media. So I was hired here after that program.

Helvie: What classes are you teaching this semester and next?

Avery: This semester, I am teaching four sections of the fundamental communications course. Next semester I will be teaching two sections of the fundamental course, one section of interpersonal and one section of mass media. The fundamental course covers all the context—interpersonal, small group, organizational, mass media, public speaking—you get a little taste of all of them. Then when you take the upper level courses, you take a whole semester on interpersonal, mass media. Those are two areas I have some expertise in and will be teaching in. Part of my interest in interpersonal and mass media has to do with my research interest which my dissertation is on and I haven't completed it yet, so I say is instead of was, is on acquaintance rape and interpersonal and mass media has to do with conflict and interpersonal communications are obviously relevant and then the mass media are relevant because a lot of what we believe and assimilate into our attitudes come to us through mass media. So in part what we need to do in terms of educating groups to behave and to think differently is to first attempt to influence the media and what information we're given in terms of what's acceptable behavior.

Helvie: What are your hobbies and interests?

Avery: My number one interest is to move into our house. We have been commuting from the beginning of the year from about an hour away because we bought a house in Jenison and we haven't been able to get into it yet. But once we get in there, I have a lot of interest in the area of mass media that I haven't been able to pursue. My new number one interest will be my three-month-old son, Benjamin (shows me picture). I also like to garden, read, and my husband and I both like to downhill ski. Although I don't know if I'll be able to do any of those things now that I have a little one to take care of. Too. We also like to ride bikes, a lot of outdoor stuff like camping. My husband is an extra-curricular drama teacher at Jenison High School. He teaches English and debate and speech but he does all the extra-curricular drama. We're really interested in drama so we go to a lot of plays and attend those kinds of functions.

Helvie: Why did you come to Aquinas to teach?

Avery: I was real interested in being in a place where they put teaching first. And I enjoy doing research but I wanted to be able to focus my energy on creating positive environments in the classroom and effective learning environments and sometimes that's difficult if you're at a research one institution because you have limited amount of time you can dedicate to putting together good lessons. I wanted to be in a smaller place so I could focus on that. I also like the Catholic-Christian orientation here because I think it makes for a community feeling.
FULFILLED PROMISES WILL HELP ENGLER TO WIN

Governor John Engler knows what it takes to defeat an opponent. He did it in '90 to incumbent James Blanchard, even while being behind in the polls most of the race. Promising to pull Michigan out of its economic slump and even promising to voters little things such as selling the state helicopter helped the underdog candidate, Engler, to win. Four years later, on November 8, Engler's success in following through on his promises will be evident as voters re-elect him into office over Democratic candidate Howard Wolpe.

During his four-year tenure, Engler followed through on the promises he made to his electorate: to get Michigan out of its stagnant lack of growth.

He turned Michigan's $1.8 billion budget deficit into a $312 million surplus, but in doing so, he cut many social welfare programs. This move further separated the poor from his electorate, but more importantly to Engler, it further established middle and upper class loyalty.

Engler also followed through on his promise to lower Michigan's unemployment rate and create new jobs—June's jobless rate in Michigan was 5.4 percent, a 20-year low, and since 1991, almost 400,000 new jobs have been created in Michigan.

And, even though in reforming public school funding, Engler raised the state sales tax 50%, what's remembered more is that he drastically cut property taxes.

This is perhaps what will help Engler the most in the election—by cutting taxes, turned the massive state deficit into a surplus, and decreased welfare spending to please the middle and upper classes. And the new jobs that Engler promised (which only some can be credited to Engler, the rest to a healthy and growing economy), pleased his working class and unemployed electorate.

Engler's large electorate field is going to keep him in office in '94. But thereafter, the state economy must stay in tact for Engler to keep the working class as loyal supporters.

There is hope for Wolpe though if he decides to run again in '98. If the economy starts to stumble, which eventually it will, so will Engler's credibility. Then '98 might be a better year for Wolpe, with his motto being the same as Clinton's in the '92 Presidential elections: the economy, stupid.

Other winners:
- U.S. Senate—Bob Carr (D)
- U.S. House—Vern Ehlers (R)
- Secretary of State—Richard Austin (D)
- Attorney General—Frank Kelley (D)
- Michigan Senate (30th District)—Glenn Steil (R)
- Michigan Senate (32nd District)—Dick Posthumus (R)

CONSTRUCTION TIME AGAIN

By Sarah Mieras
Times Contributing Writer

There are many things in life that one just doesn't care about until it effects their lives directly. Road construction is definitely one of these things. How many people honestly care about road construction, unless it keeps them from getting where they are going? Not many. Yet, in Grand Rapids it seems there are many people who care more about road construction than any other road construction.

Although road construction is annoying, there really isn't much one can do about it. It can't be stopped just because it causes delays in getting to work or class.

Gail Stout, a commuter from Saugatuck, was upset at first "because I don't know Grand Rapids too well. But I found a quicker way to go that has less traffic. Now I turn left at Michigan and then turn onto Alter. It takes me right to the campus driveway. So for me, it worked out kind of nice."

However, not all Aquinas students see construction as rewarding. Stephanie Mickaans thought it only helped people to drive crazier.

"There are so many idiot drivers in this town. I hate getting stuck behind them when they can't figure out where to go," said Mickaans.

Undoubtedly, there isn't much that can be done about road construction, it must simply be endured. However, it should be a relief to those plagued by traffic jams and detours to know that when the snow appears, the construction will disappear.
Spence Abraham: Let's "Shake up Washington."  
- Abraham attended Harvard Law School where, with private support, he launched the first issue of the Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy. This alternative conservative journal clashed with the school's seven liberal law journals.
- Abraham served as Michigan's Republican Party Chairman in 1982. He also served as Deputy Chief of Staff to Vice President Quayle.
- Abraham proposes Congressional reforms including a 10% Congressional pay cut until the budget is balanced, and limiting the U.S. Senate to two terms.
- "I want to fight for Michigan families—cut taxes, protect children from debt, lead a real war on crime, create jobs and shrink the government before it takes more of our pay and controls more of our lives."

Glenn Steil: A Conservative with Compassion.  
- Steil won a special election six months ago to fill Ehler's old 32nd District seat. Reapportionment changed the district from the 32nd to the 30th.
- In 1992, Steil served as State Co-Chairman of the committee that put term limitations on the ballot.
- Steil supports Engler's budget-cutting measures to balance Michigan's budget.
- Steil supports lower taxes and cuts in government spending but wants to preserve important services.

David Doyle: Who Better.  
- Doyle coordinated the Grand Rapids Public School system's first substance abuse prevention program.
- Doyle ran the Kent County Jail expansion campaign.
- Doyle was the first Executive Director of Silent Observer.
- As elected President of the Grand Rapids Board of Library Commissioners, Doyle ran the campaign to keep neighborhood branch libraries open and assure long term funding.

**SUMMARY OF THE FOUR BALLOT QUESTIONS FACED BY MICHIGAN VOTERS:**

1) **Proposal A:** Asks voters whether they favor a constitutional convention for the purpose of revising the State Constitution. This question must appear on the ballot every 16 years.
   - *Yes Vote:* Will convene a constitutional convention to make changes to the Michigan Constitution.
   - *No Vote:* A constitutional convention will not be convened.

2) **Proposal B:** Asks voters whether they favor amending the State Constitution to forbid criminals who have pled guilty from appealing their convictions without permission of the court.
   - *Yes Vote:* Will forbid convicted criminals who have pled guilty from appealing their convictions without court permission.
   - *No Vote:* Will continue to allow convicted criminals to appeal their conviction following a guilty plea.

3) **Proposal C:** Asks voters to decide whether to implement Public Act 143. This law offers a series of revisions to Michigan's no-fault insurance system. Proposal C will let the voters decide.
   - *Yes Vote:* Will allow a number of changes to the no-fault insurance system, that have been approved by the Michigan Legislature, to take effect.
   - *No Vote:* Will block these changes to Michigan automobile insurance law.

4) **Proposal P:** Asks voters whether they favor amending the State Constitution to stop the diversion of funds from the Natural Resources Trust Fund.
   - *Yes Vote:* Will add a constitutional amendment to eliminate the diversion of funds from the Natural Resources Trust Fund.
   - *No Vote:* Will allow diversions from the fund to continue.
It seems strange to think that one simple little incident will take control over your life. That your routine schedule of the daily blaths, will be shattered by the drama of a real life scenario. While most of you were sitting on your duffs at home being pampered by your parents, or working to the grind for a job that doesn’t pay much over this past break, let me tell you, what happened over my break was quite an experience.

A near death experience happened when I walked into the door last Sunday night after returning home from dropping my sister off at Michigan State. I walked into the door and was happily greeted by my overanxious puppy, when I heard the voice of the person closest to me come through the bathroom door. “You have to take me to the hospital, I’m having an asthma attack.” I opened the door to the steam-filled room, to see her face whiter than a ghost, lips the darkest purple I have ever seen.

We drove to Bridgport Hospital, and after many hours in the Emergency Room, they finally had her breathing somewhat regularly again. After many hours, many attempts to take blood samples, and many moronic first year out of med school imbeciles with no compassion for the human existence, poking and pronging this human being as if she is one of the many lab rats they worked on. I’m sorry, but when someone screams in pain, while you are poking them with a four inch needle in the side of the wrist and jabbing a metal cone in their ear, I would think it has to hurt.

It’s not the medical field that disgusted me over this whole scenario. The staff who watched her in Intensive Care, were quite professional and extremely compassionate. The problem I have after this entire life threatening incident, deals with the people who call themselves her friends, and the other selfish people who care about nothing but their own petty lives.

This is a personal slam from yours truly to all of the people who have known her for the past three years, and these same people who have classified her as one of their friends. This comes strictly from myself, and if I am insulting these people, I really don’t care because I don’t even think they are literate enough to read the Times. People who don’t have the decency to call a friend to see how she is, or the humanity to walk a whole mile across Aquinas’ campus to the hospital to see how she is doing, because they are too caught up in their pathetic little “where and how am I going to get wasted tonight” partying lives and their part-time jobs to actually give a rats behind... deserve to be rapped on. I have to say there was only one person who took time out of this group, to spend time, to play games with, and to say as simple as a “How are you doing?” when my friend was in the hospital, and she stands above the rest of them. I don’t feel I need to name names, because they probably won’t even realize who I’m talking about until someone points it out.

A funny thing happened at around 5:30 last Tuesday morning. While I was painfully sleeping in a chair in the MICU (Medical Intensive Care Unit) room, a respiratory therapist came into the room to give her a breathing treatment. It was a shock to see, and a nice surprise to see a familiar face. Christian, a student from Aquinas, someone from one of her classes even, was there to give her treatment. Neither one of us knew that he worked there. But it sure made me look twice at what people in the real world do, compared to the world of the college student.

Since our lives succumbed the whole hospital experience, it makes me relax about everyday life, that the world can change in a matter of minutes, there is no need for so much stress, and that many, many, many people around us are living in a sad monotonous world. A world of daily planners and weekend parties.
Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to the letter from Miss Koren in the October 5 issue of the Aquinas Times.

I was very irritated upon reading the letter that Miss Koren wrote stating that she was not in support of the Carriage House Renovation. She was obviously misinformed about how the Carriage House Renovation was being funded.

Peter and Pat Cook donated $225,000 specifically toward the renovation of the Carriage House for a student union. I do not know how Miss Koren could compare the Wege building a student union when it closes regularly at 9:30 pm on weeknights and at 6:30 pm on weekend nights. Occasionally the Wege building will remain open later on weekends if there is a special event in the Ballroom or the Loutit Room.

As for the security of the students, the Department of Public Safety offers escort service from dusk until dawn. So, there is no reason for people to be walking around when it is dark, feeling threatened or insecure.

I have one question for those of you who are still questioning the renovation of the Carriage House. Have you ever been to a Student Senate meeting? These meetings are informative, and for the students. I encourage anyone with a doubt about the Carriage House renovations to come and voice your opinion at one of the Senate meetings.

The Carriage House renovation is a process that started in the 1991-92 school year because of the demand from surveys that were distributed, and the plans are finally being materialized. If you are unhappy with an issue, I suggest that you become informed about it before you make accusations. There are plenty of people willing to answer questions.

Just a personal note, as editor of the yearbook, I can’t wait to have an office in the Clock Carriage House just for the yearbook.

I can anticipate that other clubs and organizations on this campus are also looking forward to the use of the Carriage House for meetings and for planned activities.

Sincerely,
Amy C. Marben
Students Travel to Louisiana

By Chelsea Davis
Times Contributing Writer

The Motivating Aquinas Youth Program House, known to some as the MAY House, is starting the year off with bigger and better things. This year, along with the well-known Sunday night study tables the MAY House members are mentoring Aquinas minority freshmen. If that is not enough they also sponsor a bus trip once a month to the Grand Rapids Public Library. This gives students an opportunity to have access and become better familiarized with the library. The motivating Aquinas youth idea was first brought to life by four bright Aquinas women: Jan McGhee, Kathy Poole, Ayanna Starks, and Danielle Threats. These four young women thought of the MAY House idea because they were having problems with their classes. Like most first year students they found it hard to adjust to college life and thus persevere. They were also basically having a hard time maintaining the grades they were accustomed to earning while in high school. As a group they decided that students should not have to go through what they went through alone and felt that a support group of some kind would help students feel less alienated. The mighty four, along with the help of the Admissions office, thus developed the MAY House to help get students to college, keep them enrolled, and encourage them to earn good grades.

Presently the MAY House program members live in Meijer Hall, located in East Area. The three contact persons are Sara Burney, Primrose Givens and McGhee. Poole and McGhee also serve as senior advisors to the group. Any of these ladies can be contacted for more information about the program. Felicia Buchanan, one of the group’s newest members, feels that the mentoring program assists the minority freshmen in feeling more comfortable on campus and helps them to become better adjusted to college life. Buchanan also enjoys the progress of the study tables every Sunday night from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Academic Building. She encourages everyone to attend saying that, “it is a good place to get homework done.” Suffice it to say, the MAY House is working hard to keep students motivated and eager. The Bridge to Success mentor program, Sunday night study tables, and once a month van trip to the library are all activities intended to provide tools to better grades.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE SPEAKERS

International Student Union is sponsoring this event Tuesday, November 8, 1994 in the Ballroom at 12:15

There will be International students from countries like Russia, China, Spain and Germany answering questions about their countries.

MAY House Helps Others
A couple of weeks ago, I had the privilege of traveling to Stratford, Ontario to experience the Shakespeare Festival (even though they are now featuring non-Shakespearean performances). Now, I’m not a huge fan of theatre, but I love literature, so I can appreciate and enjoy the occasional play.

The first performance of the group I traveled with watched was Twelfth Night, a Shakespearean comedy. I have really learned to love Shakespeare’s comedies ever since I saw Kenneth Branagh’s film version of Much Ado About Nothing, and I have grown somewhat tired of the melodrama of tragedy. Thus, I really enjoyed Twelfth Night, in all its absurdity. It has a pretty wacky plot, dealing with a sister and brother both thinking the other is dead, and the sister taking on her brother’s guise. Of course, there’s a ton of hilarious situations that occur as a result. And there’s three meddling characters who are quite often chugging “spirits” and being drunken morons, and there’s a jester who sings all the time, and I’m sure this all has symbolic meaning, but I was too busy being entertained. Isn’t that the point of a comedy, anyway?

The other play I saw was a modernized version of Othello. The play was adapted to the style of the 40’s in America, but the costumes and sets were somewhat drab, what with all the khakis and browns and whites. I’ve never been a huge fan of Othello, it is an interesting story, but this performance did not impress me at all. The man in the leading role kept bellying his lines so loudly that I could barely understand him. And the acting was quite bloated, as well— I know Shakespearean tragedy is overdramatic, but this was still to the cheese department. The only other times I have laughed at people dying is while watching Quentin Tarantino films.

While I was in Stratford, I stayed at a bed-and-breakfast place, which is basically someone renting out a room in their house, and they feed you a continental breakfast. The woman whose house Curt Wozniak and I stayed at fed us homemade bread and rolls and fresh fruit, and she made us take the stuff home with us. It was quite a warm, fuzzy experience.

Okay, what’s my point? Well, if you even have a faint glimmer of interest in Shakespeare, I recommend attending the Stratford festival. I had a good experience (despite the overdose of cheese in Othello), and I encourage everyone to go at least once.
For the month of October, Sean O’Conner masqueraded as Professor McBeeFY in Professor McBeeFY’s Travelling Vaudeville. The Vaudeville, which was hosted by Professor McBeeFY in Eastpown, ran every Wednesday for the month of October.

The show was produced by Small Productions, a local production company, along with Brian Gentry, and Sean O’Conner. Approximately nineteen people donated time and energy to watch the production become a reality. Posters and other media coverage clattered the minds of young college students seeking entertainment with an unusual twist. The posters promised “comedy rare live footage,” and indeed Professor McBeeFY and friends delivered.

Kim Schneider, and Aquinas senior, and her roommates eagerly anticipated the event: “We look forward to strapping on our party pants for Vaudeville night.”

The entertainment included a variety of local talent. In the October production, four characters appeared regularly, although there were many sporadic characters such as John Engler’s wife, Michelle. Musical guests included Karmic, Blissar Pisones, Pigeon Hole, and Domestic Problems. Andy Holtgreve, the Ironman for Domestic Problems, said “It was an honor and privilege to play for the Vaudeville.”

The Aquinas community can look forward to seeing Professor McBeeFY’s Travelling Vaudeville once again early this winter. The time and place are tentative as of yet, but the posters promised “comedy rare live footage,” and indeed Professor McBeeFY and friends delivered.

Vaudville Comedy Promised and Delivered

By Sara Glover
Times Contributing Writer

Tori Amos at her finest

Her song, however, was “Precious Things” off her debut Little Earthquakes. Tori quoted her pal Trent Reznor (of Nine Inch Nails) in the introduction to the song, “she sang "I know myself today/To see if I still feel" before raging into "Precious." The band’s sound was the oddity of the night, but the audience was on their feet. The band’s look, as unusual as the sound, was, in a word, weird.

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In the two-and-a-half-hour set (which included three pleasing encores), the band was able to convincingly recreate their studio sound, which ranges from heartfelt folk (check out “What a Good Boy” off their first album Gordon) to hotel lounge swing (“Box Set”) and spans the gamut in between. Fan favorites from BNL’s freshman effort meshed well with the tunes off Drive as well as a brand new song, “Scared,” which featured an unorthodox drum solo by Stewart, who tapped away on everything in sight. Almost overshadowing the diversity of BNL’s sound was the oddity of the night. Barenaked Ladies are sheer entertainers—no flash but tons of fun. Check them out for yourself on December 16th at the Chrysler Theatre in Windsor...and don’t forget your Kraft Dinner.

The Best Thing on Stage?
BARENNAKED LADIES

By Can Wozniak and Josh Newman
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By Joe Staim
Times Contributing Writer

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A W O W O F C L S...

The 1994 Major League Baseball season was never completed, the awards given to the best players in the league were still handed out over the last few weeks. The two most prestigious awards, the Cy Young and the Most Valuable Player were the last awards given. In the American League, David Cone and Frank Thomas. Cone won the award not despite not leading in any of the major categories. Cone finished the season with a 15-8 record and a 2.94 ERA. New York Yankee Jimmy Key(17-4, 3.27 ERA) finished second behind Cone by 12 points.

Thomas, known as "The Big Hurt," won his second consecutive MVP crown beating out Ken Griffey Jr. and Albert Belle. Thomas received 24 of 28 first-place votes, finished 139 points ahead of second-place Griffey Jr.. For the season, Thomas was among the leaders in every offensive categories with 3 home runs, 333 batting average, 101 RBIs, 106 runs and 109 walks. Roger Maris in 1960-61 was the last player to win consecutive awards in the American League. Cy Young winner Cone finished a distant ninth in the voting.

Unlike the American League, the voting for the Cy Young in the National League was much more predictable with Atlanta Braves ace Greg Maddux winning his third consecutive Cy Young. Maddux became the first pitcher ever to win three straight awards, the sixth in the history of the award to win it three times. Receiving all 28 first-place votes, Maddux outdistanced second-place finisher Ken Hill. Maddux beat Keith Hernandez and recording a time of 1.56 ERA. He also led the National League in innings pitched and complete games.

Although Jeff Bagwell doesn't have a nickname like "The Big Hurt," he put up many big numbers that put a hurt in other pitchers and teams. Putting up those types of numbers earned Bagwell the 1994 National League MVP Award. In 110 games this season, Bagwell hit .368 with 39 home runs and 116 RBIs. He finished second in average and home runs behind Tony Gwynn and Matt Williams respectively. Behind Bagwell in the voting were Williams of San Francisco, Moises Alou of Montreal and three-time MVP Barry Bonds of San Francisco.

Rounding out the awards for the year were Buck Showalter of the New York Yankees and Felipe Alou of the Montreal Expos. The two were named managers of the year in their respective leagues.
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The fourth game was an epic battle that saw the lead change hands several times. In the end the Lady Saints were too much for the Cougars. The win over Spring Arbor averted last year's season-ending loss to the Cougars.

The team has Siena Heights and Concordia left in the WHAC season. The game against Concordia will be for the WHAC title. So show some support and watch the vastly maturing Saints run amuck in the WHAC.

By Adam Baxter
Times Staff Writer

Welcome back sports fans. Remember only 52 more shopping days until Christmas. Speaking of Christmas, if anyone at Aquinas wants to buy me a Christmas present, they can buy me a videotape of the Monday Night Football game between the Kansas City Chiefs and the Denver Broncos on October 17.

An epic duel between two certain Hall of Famers, this game only enhanced those chances. Coming into the game both quarterbacks were tied for second on the all-time game winning drive list. That was bound to change after this game. It did. With roughly five minutes left in the game Montana and the Chiefs had taken a 24-21 lead. Elway calmly drove the Broncos down the field, like he has done for years. Cleveland Browns fans are still haunted when Elway's name is brought up. So here on this Monday night Elway was pulling magic out of his bag. Time was dwindling and Elway hit his favorite target Shannon Sharpe—wait what is this a FUMBLE! The Miracle Worker failing it could not be. The Chiefs had the ball. Montana, who is no stranger to game-winning heroics (see Super Bowl XXV), was going to win. With a full moon haunting the field, chief running back and another future Hall of Famer Marcus Allen, fumbled the ball. It could not happen twice in a row. Elway had lacked out. Then two plays later Elway took the snap and went untouched into the end zone. With 1:12 on the clock Elway showed the world with one crowd grabbing spike in the end zone, that he thought he was the greatest. Calmly Joe Cool took the field. Montana being the Master that he is, had ice in his veins. Montana sliced the Denver defense apart. One could sense the aura around Montana this night. With :08 left Montana found his wide receiver Willie Davis in the end zone. Final Score: KC 31 Denver 28. Take that Elway.

If you cannot find that tape, I will survive, just like I have survived without baseball and hockey. This week was a little bit tougher due to the fact that hockey would be in full swing and the World Series would be starting. The World Series has enhanced my love of sports. It started with replays of Carlton Fisk and his game-winning home run in game six of the 1975 Series. It continued with the Tigers in 1984. I watched in 1986 as Bill Buckner watched the ball roll through the wickets as the Mets beat the Red Sox. I mourned in 1989 as the San Francisco area was destroyed by an Earthquake. Time stood still, and Game three of the Series was postponed for 12 days. In 1991 I watched the heart-stopping battle between Minnesota and Atlanta. Those are now memories of a game that has gotten too big for its britches. Personally, if they never play again I do not care... just kiddin. It has been tough but I have managed.

By Mike Chabot
Times Sports Editor

Saints Square Off Against Hope

It all came to a close on Saturday October 29 when the men's soccer team fell short and lost 2-0 to the Flying Dutchmen of Hope. After a scoreless first half, the Dutchmen scored two goals within two minutes late in the half and sent the Saints home with a loss. The game was highlighted by strong defensive performances on both ends of the field, with freshmen goalie Alan Plum making nine saves against the nationally ranked Dutchmen.

The Saints season came to an end with an overall record of 9-8-1 and a 4-6 record in Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference play. The Saints were led throughout the season by Co-captain Jan Hrouda, who led the Saints in goals. Also, contributing to the Saints' offensive output were sophomore Tim Fulton, freshmen Nate Richardson, and Co-captain Dave Bult. Defensively the Saints' were led by Co-captain Dan Doan, with strong support from seniors Justin Faltineau, Josh Newman, and Mike Bennett.

The Saints suffered key injuries, at times lacked intensity in important situations, and were unable to convert offensive opportunities to produce the wins needed to get to the playoffs. The Saints were a young team with five underclassmen in the starting lineup. This will help the Saints next season in the search for the conference title. The Lady Saints also squared off against Hope on Saturday. The game and the regular season came to an end in a 3-1 loss. The Saints' defense was unable to stop the powerful Hope offense, with Saints' goalie Dave Bult. The Lady Saints were only able to manage six shots on goal. On the other end of the field the Lady Saints were only able to manage six shots on goal.

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