ELECTIONS '95

Voting Begins For Next Year's Cabinet

By Curt Woziak
Times Staff Writer

"May the best candidate win," may come

to be the battle cry of the AQ student body,

who did not attend the debates may be curious

about who the candidates are.

Running for the position of Secretary are

Mary Kay McKenney, a junior from Durand,

Michigan, who is majoring in social sciences

and education, and Thomas Kustrzyk, a

freshman from Sterling Heights, whose plans

for graduation from AQ are, "to become an

investment banker, make a lot of money, and

give some of it back to my alma mater."

Sophomore Janielle Ostrowski hails from

Dearborn and challenges senior Bonnie

McInerney, a native of Marine City,

Michigan, for the position of Vice-Chair.

McInerney is working toward a career in

college student development while

McInerney plans to work in the area of

politics. The candidates for Senate Chairperson are John Niedzielski and Brooke

Davis. Niedzielski is a junior from Bay City,

Michigan, and currently holds the position

of Senate Secretary. A junior from Detroit,

Michael Travis, Chairperson of the Political

Science Department Dr. Glenn Barkan, and

Dean for Student Development Brad

Winkler. The moderators pummelled the

candidates with questions on their

backgrounds, their plans for next year's Senate, and other matters of importance to voters.

The candidates, from left to right are: Mary Kay McKenney (Secretary), Bonnie

McInerney (Vice-Chairperson), Brooke Davis (Chairperson), John Niedzielski

(Chairperson), Janielle Ostrowski (Vice-Chairperson), and Thomas Kustrzyk

(Secretary).

The second debate, which took place on

Tuesday, February 28, was conducted under

a slightly different format. Instead of a

group of distinguished moderators drilling

the candidates, the AQ student body was

informed to ask the candidates any questions

they wished in order to help them, as voters,
making their final decisions before the elections.

Students who took the opportunity to attend

either of the debates could attest to the fact

that this year's field of candidates yielded a

bumper crop of experience and talent. Those

Michigan, Davis is the current Vice-Chair of

the Senate. All candidates possess a richness

of purpose which ensures that good things

will be in store for next year's Senate, regardless of the electoral outcome.

Senior Tadd Kimble was undecided as to

his choice for the Chairperson position,
saying, "I think that it is going to be a close

case. The candidates are of high quality and

good character." Sophomore Elizabeth Prijor

would beg to differ; she said, "I'm voting for

Brooke because she's cuter.

Ballot boxes are set up in the lobby of the

Academic Building from 9:00 - 11:30, outside

the Wege cafeteria from 11:30 - 1:00, and in

Regina and St. Joseph Residence Halls from

4:30 - 6:30.

The Colored Museum

Tops Off Black History Month

By John Serba
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"Our individuality defines society. Our

society is seen in The Colored Museum!"

This line, written by Yvonne Hall and taken

from the program for Aquinas College's

rendition of George C. Wolfe's play The

Colored Museum, best defines the feelings

put forth by that play. Michael Travis, the

Assistant Multi-Cultural Director, directed

Wolfe's drama for Aquinas' annual Black

History Month play.

The Colored Museum made its original

premiere in 1986. It consists of eleven short

skits, ranging from intense drama to satirical

comedy, each confronting many modern

African-American issues.

The first skit was entitled "Git on Board,"

featuring Piper Petete as a mock stewardess

performing a tongue-in-cheek monologue

on how to wear shackles.

Other satirical skits included "Cookin' with

Aunt Ethel," starring Tuniesia Myers in a

take on television cooking shows, "The Last

Mama-on-the-Couch Play," in which

characters played by Brooke Davis, Theo

Henderson, Erica Poole, and Latara

Heardnold all competed for an award for

overacting, "Lala's Opening," in which

Monissa Counts portrayed a Hollywood owner, played by Elisha Wright.

The play successfully balanced the funnier

skits with the more dramatic ones.

Freshman Joe Theuerkauf, who attended

the play, commented, "It was well put

together, and gave a variety of perspectives

from the African-American point-of-view."

He added, "The comedy really lightened the mood."

Actress Chelsea Davis said, "I really

enjoyed working with the cast. I learned a

lot, and the play came off really well."

 Fellow actor Theo Henderson was glad that

The Colored Museum was perceived as

funny—but poignant.

"It shed some light on African-American

issues, without blaming everything on white

people," he said.
Peter Wege Celebrates 75th Birthday
Opens Egyptian Art Collection to AQ

By Douglas J. Dooley
Times Contributing Writer

As a friend of Aquinas College for the past forty years, Mr. Peter Wege has given more time, talent, and resources than nearly anyone in the history of the college. He remains active in the day to day affairs of the college, as he consistently strives to improve the well being of the campus and the welfare of students, staff, and faculty, alike.

An example of his continuing dedication to the community and Aquinas College came last Thursday at the Art Museum, in downtown Grand Rapids. As part of the celebration for Mr. Wege’s 75th birthday, he donated his personal collection of Egyptian art by David Roberts to the museum. On Thursday February 23, the Art Museum opened the collection to members from the Aquinas Community. The event was held by Peter Wege, in conjunction with the Alumni Association as part of their “After Hours Series.” Mr. Wege told the Aquinas group how he came to fall in love with Egypt and the art that surrounded him in the museum. He remarked, “I am very pleased to bring this to Grand Rapids, so that many can enjoy the beauty of Egypt without going to see these architectural monuments firsthand.” His commitment to the art of Egypt and the Grand Rapids Art Museum comes as no surprise for those who have been around Aquinas for years. Beth Banta from the Development Department commented, “No individual, outside of Thomas Aquinas himself, has meant more to this college than Peter Wege.” Mr. Wege has been involved in the operations of Aquinas since 1944.

The Wege family is the distinguished co-founder of the Steelcase Corporation located in Grand Rapids. Now the largest office furniture manufacturer in the world with $2 billion in sales annually, Steelcase began when Peter Wege’s father determined that the use of steel, as opposed to iron or wood, would be more durable and more cost efficient. As a lifetime member of the Board of Directors of the Art Museum, Steelcase Corporation, and long running member of the Board of Trustees of Aquinas, Peter Wege is undoubtedly one of the philanthropic individuals outside of Thomas Aquinas to have such a leader and individual.

Residence Life Forum Responds to Student Input

By Douglas J. Dooley & Curt Wozniak
Times Contributing & Staff Writers

In response to a growing concern for student apathy and the tension of conflict within the Aquinas Student Residence Halls, the Student Senate and the Administrative Retention Committee co-sponsored a lunch-time forum on Thursday, February 16. Its purpose: to address student concerns in the Residence Halls. A panel which consisted of Vice-President for Operations Barry Kanz, Dean of Students Brad Winkler, and Director of Residence Life Randy MacGeorge, fielded questions from the crowd of over 30 students for about one hour, answering all they could while taking note of concerns which required a more in depth follow-up.

Among the topics of discussion was the image of the college’s Resident Advisors. Many students have felt that the R.A. position has lost some of its esteem in recent years because of the growing perception of R.A.’s as more of a police force than floor leaders. Mary Kay Kennelly, a Resident Advisor in St. Joseph Hall, said after the forum, “The enforcement of curfew and the monitoring of student drinking have always been a piece of the R.A. position, but even I am questioning whether this is our main purpose.”

Another issue that drew attention during the forum sparked a powder keg of change, at least in Regina West. Residence Hall policy limits smoking to designated rooms, but some students were unsure about whether or not they could change the non-smoking status of their floor lounges. The panel encouraged students to take the initiative and propose their ideas to their Residence Hall Council (RHC). Since the lunch-time forum, Regina RHC has already approved the conversion of floor lounges in their building into smoking lounges, pending a majority vote of floor residents, and a proposal to allow smoking in Regina’s basement lounge is pending. First and Third West have since been converted to allow smoking in their respective lounges. Heather Dalby, a transfer student spending her second semester on campus at AQ, said, “I, for one, am glad that we were able to do something proactive about the smoking issue.”

Greg Glover, a first-year student at AQ and a Regina Hall resident, applauded the forum’s effort to bring issues out in the open, saying, “There seems to be a constant tendency to put a band-aid on problems and not deal with them. I am glad that somebody finally gave the students the chance to voice their feelings.”

Still, others were more skeptical. Freshman Laura Laskowski left the forum with mixed emotions. “Even though a lot of good things were brought to light, I didn’t get the impression that anything was going to be done about the complaints that students raised because they (the panel) seemed more interested in avoiding the issues than addressing them,” said Laskowski.

MacGeorge, however, spoke confidently about taking in the information he and the other panelists gained at the forum and acting on it. “I definitely think that we’ve found some things that we can make a short term impact on yet this year while working to make next year better. We’re already looking to discuss policy issues with the Residence Life Staff and the Counselling Staff to insure that we’re keeping a healthy living environment while protecting students’ rights.”

Although the discussion became somewhat heated, most of those who attended said that it was productive. Phyllis Taylor, Resident Director of Regina Hall, voiced her opinion: “There were some good suggestions to which we (the Residence Life Department) are always open. It was good to have an opportunity for everyone to get their concerns out.” As far as expressing concern on campus goes, this is only the beginning. There will be several more lunch-time forums throughout the Spring for students to attend and offer their views on such issues as the Public Safety Office, the safety of the campus, and the renovation of the Carriage House, as well as an open forum to ask President Nelson any question on their minds. Keep your eyes open for dates and times.

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IRISH

By Julie Williams
Times Irish Correspondent

While the rest of the Aquinas Irish students opted to visit Galway, Clonmel, London, or simply stay in Tully Cross for their first long weekend, which began on Wed., January 25, Aquinas senior Tim Priest chose a different route.

Instead, Priest walked and hitched to Shannon to catch a plane...back to the U.S.

"I didn't know where the wedding was, so I called everybody, pretending I was in Ireland," said Priest.

Priest's family was in the process of taking pictures when he walked into the church.

"I had a picture of me on a stick so there would be pictures with me in it," said Priest.

"When they saw me, my whole family flocked towards me—except my mom, who just stood and stared at me."

During his three days home, Priest shopped at Meijer's for the goods his fellow Irelanders craved. Items were selected with the help of a list Priest had made earlier in mind when purchasing a new or used automobile. Buying, leasing, interest rates, and practicality are considerations to have in mind when purchasing a new or used vehicle.

"It was a wonderful experience. I'd do it again if the shock value hadn't already worn off," said Priest with another smile. "It felt so good."

Young Alums Sponsor New Car Seminar

By Andy Pieper
Times Contributing Writer

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DNR Holds Baiting Debates

By Eric VanGessel
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An issue that may not be quite up to par with this country's classic, constant, heated debates such as abortion, doctor-assisted suicide, or freedom of speech, but is one of the most controversial testimonies among sportspeople, is the question of whether to bait or not to bait.

In the hunting world, baiting is the practice wherein a hunter sets out food (i.e. carrots, apples, or sugar beets) in order to lure animals into a certain hunting area.

Currently, baiting is a legal practice in Michigan, but in no other states. Many want the practice outlawed, and many are fighting to keep the law as is.

On Tuesday, February 21, the Department of Natural Resources held public forum to listen to both supporting and protesting arguments concerning baiting. The session lasted over five hours. Local television stations TV-8 and TV-13 covered the event.

Each of the approximately 200 people that attended the hearings were required to sign in, and then their names were called in order to give them a chance to speak. Each speaker was allotted three minutes to state their case, specifically on the baiting of whitetail deer.

The morning session was spent conducting "information sessions," the purpose of which was to develop a camaraderie among hunters and their habits, without a true hunter.

The manner in which it was conducted was unique format. On-hand to listen to the arguments, concerns, and suggestions from the public, were DNR representatives Roland Hamrel, Paul Eisele, Mindy Knoll, Rufus Anderson, George Burgoyne, and Keith Charters. Each member listened to the individual speakers from the audience, and took notes, but were not answering any questions at this forum. It was simply a time for the public to be heard.

The decision to bait is often a moral and emotional one, therefore making the two sides very deliberate and coordinated. Some of those speaking were representing various groups, and some were speaking on behalf of themselves. Some had pre-written speeches, some had notes and articles, and yet others just spoke their mind.

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• BAIT ATTRAITS OTHER WILDLIFE WHICH ENHANCES THE HUNTING EXPERIENCE.

• THE DNR COULD ENFORCE LAWS AGAINST BAITING, DUE TO LACK OF MAN POWER AND FEASIBILITY.

EXAMPLES OF ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE CURRENT LEGISLATION

• BAITING IS CRUEL AND UNETHICAL.

• ORVs USED TO HAUL IN THE BAIT DESTROY THE HABITAT.

• BAITING IS NOT NEEDED. INSTEAD, EDUCATE YOURSELF ABOUT THE DEER AND THEIR HABITS, WITHOUT.

"Looking For A Job?"

For those of you who are desperately looking for work for next year, a job fair, such as the one that was held last week, might be a good idea. Job Pursuit '95 was held at the Sheraton Hotel in Lansing, Michigan. On-hand were 54 different companies and organizations eager to conduct interviews and possibly hire soon-to-be graduates. What made it special was its unique format.

This job fair differed from most others in that it was held exclusively for Michigan's private colleges and universities. Graduates from MSU, Michigan, and other public institutions were not invited, and in fact were asked to leave when they attempted to conduct interviews.

The morning in which it was conducted was also quite different than the average, often unproductive, job fair. Instead of the students wandering around in front of booths and engaging in "information sessions," the emphasis was put on individual interaction. The morning session was spent conducting a three minute interview with all prospective employees in an intimate one on one fashion.

In that time, the student would generally hand that employer a resume, and each party would talk for a few minutes and answer each other's questions. If that company wanted to interview you further they would enter your name into a computer. After lunch, a printout would be posted showing all people that were invited back in the afternoon for a more extensive thirty minute interview. This type of format seemed much more personal than the normal type of job fair.

It also had the effect of being somewhat disheartening. In the morning, the number of people interviewing was in the hundreds, by the afternoon that number had decreased dramatically. Several hundred students walked away minus 20-30 resumes, but without afternoon interviews.

Fellow Aquinas students had mixed emotions about Job Pursuit '95. John Mikolajczyk said, "I thought the format allowed for a more personal interaction between the employer and the student. I had the good fortune to be asked back for the afternoon session, and the thirty minutes gave both parties ample time to get to know each other."

Brent Wardrop, also a senior, said about his interview with a major financial service headquartered in Chicago, "I enjoyed the format but I didn't like what that company had to offer. After they told me I'd working on 100% commission for my first few years I lost interest very quickly."

For those of you who missed out on this job fair, there's another one coming up soon. The Michigan Collegiate Job Fair will take place in Livonia, Michigan, on March 31 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is $10 in advance or $20 at the door. Applications to this fair are floating around campus or can be found in the Career Services Office.

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By Dave Bult
Times News Editor

"SAVINGS FOR THE SELF-EMPLOYED"

Lucky #49. Although nobody was lucky enough to guess all the numbers correctly, it was one of six winning numbers in last Wednesday's $29 million Michigan lottery. It was also that session of the new Congress, the 99th, where U.S. House representatives voted 381-44 in favor of changing the taxable income rate of self-employed businesses that buy their own health insurance. The bill would give farmers, business owners, and other self-employed workers a 23 percent tax deduction in health insurance costs accrued over the year.

The bill, its logic seen in a simple argument, is long overdue. Millions of Americans that aren't "self-employed" are "given" employee-paid health insurance benefits which aren't figured in their taxable incomes. Self-employed individuals, who, after buying health insurance make the same wages as their "corporate" counterparts, are taxed on all of their income, instead of having their taxable income adjusted to account for expensive health insurance payments. Legislators rightly changed the tax codes to more equally favor self-employed entrepreneurs.

In the same bill, to make up for the loss in revenue, the House of Representatives eliminated capital gains tax breaks for companies that sell broadcast stations to minorities. Before the bill, the U.S. government didn't tax the profits from the sale of broadcast companies to minorities. So, if a filthy rich minority buys a TV station, the filthy rich seller, paying no tax from the sale, becomes even filthier and richer. How does this "affirmative action" program help minorities? In contrast, the tax break for self-employed individuals who buy their own health insurance helps 3.2 million Americans—including 324,000 blacks and Hispanics. Lucky #49 is the money-saving break that self-employed workers of all races deserve.

By Melissa Wysocki
Times Staff Writer

Move over Mighty Morphin Power Rangers. Retreat back to the sewers. Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. A new superhero is soon to arrive, gracing American television sets and toy shelves with her arrival. From the creators of the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers comes Pretty Soldier Sailor Moon (a.k.a. Usagi). Sailor Moon is a brash, disheveled, 14-year-old Japanese girl who relies on magical brooches, scepters, and comets to transform herself into a fast-hitting, stylish superheroine equipped with sower-rays to ward off evil and sexism.

Immense popularity in Japan, Sailor Moon has said, is due to the way her creators have turned traditional stereotypical female roles around. Soon to arrive, bringing American television viewers the moon when she debuts this fall, becoming the latest new superhero is the stereotype. Little girls don't have to be Barbie, they don't have to be like anything" offered Szczepanski.

While some believe that Sailor Moon is breaking the stereotype by presenting a realistic role model for girls, which says girls can be strong, girls can do what guys do. Dr. Michelle Kelly expressed concern regarding the cartoon's use of empowerment. "Empowerment as defined by this cartoon relies not on inner strength, but on artificial means: weapons, makeup, bright jewelry, mini-skirts, which reiterate women's role as a consumer." Furthermore, Kelly commented on the violent nature of the cartoon, where conflict and fighting, as opposed to peaceful solutions, are promoted. "The world is filled with conflict and evil forces; the best way to deal with them are not as fighters, as men, but as peacemakers," she said.

Though it may be what kids want, parents and teachers are concerned. No, commented Aquinas student Patrick Kreuger, "Sailor Moon is not the type of hero the American public wants little girls to have. She plays with makeup and depends on guys for help," Kreuger said, referring to Sailor Moon's love interest, Tuxedo, who often appears when she is in trouble.

Sam Szczepanski dissented from this opinion, expressing an immediate liking for a girl who Europe around beating up everybody. "All other girls are prissy, like Barbie, Wilma, Betty, and Jane. Women can be strong and powerful too, and Sailor Moon is breaking the stereotype. Little girls don't have to be Barbie, they don't have to be like anything" offered Szczepanski.

Doll Sails To Fight Sexism and Evil
Sailor Moon Is The New Superhero On the Market

By Sarah Mieres
Staff Writer

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C.E. student Faith Kaminski looks at affirmative action programs in a different way, as a loss for those who do gain employment or scholarships based on them. She said, "I feel that anything worth working towards is worth the personal high that you receive from your endeavors." For her, the best way to enforce affirmative action is based on one's opinion because it is difficult to argue that discrimination of any kind is justified. Also, since white males currently still hold 95 percent of all corporation and university positions (according to the University of Florida), it is just as hard to assess whether or not affirmative action simply opens the job market, and creates more skilled applicants for positions, or if it really targets white males in a discriminatory manner.

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Reverse Discrimination
White Males May Be A Target

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C.E. student Faith Kaminski looks at affirmative action programs in a different way, as a loss for those who do gain employment or scholarships based on them. She said, "I feel that anything worth working towards is worth the personal high that you receive from your endeavors." For her, the best way to enforce affirmative action is based on one's opinion because it is difficult to argue that discrimination of any kind is justified. Also, since white males currently still hold 95 percent of all corporation and university positions (according to the University of Florida), it is just as hard to assess whether or not affirmative action simply opens the job market, and creates more skilled applicants for positions, or if it really targets white males in a discriminatory manner.
The recent presentation of Africentric scholars and clinical psychologist Dr. Omawale Marshall, former professor of Public Health and Medicine at Harvard University and Morehouse School of Medicine, consultant to the Office of Substance Abuse, Washington, D.C. and executive director of a mental health agency in Atlanta, was received by such a poor showing of faculty (fewer than five) and African American students (fewer than ten), that the only logical conclusion to be drawn is that there is no racism in La-La-Land (or at Aquinas, for that matter). As the advisor to NSSCA, the National Student Support Council for Africa, the student group that brought Dr. Marshall to Aquinas, came up with the following explanation for such overwhelming lack of interest and support for his Africentric program of counseling and rehabilitation for black at-risk middle school kids, substance abusers and adult offenders. I was puzzled as to why so few faculty and black students attended Dr. Marshall’s lecture oriented toward understanding the impact of racism in the U.S. But then it dawned on me, the lack of support must be due to the belief that there is no need for us as faculty to become enlightened by internationally renowned African-American scholars; because we don’t have a problem with racism (or with understanding it) for that matter if it does exist) here in La-La-Land. This finally puts the ongoing debate to rest regarding whether we as primarily European faculty need to become more knowledgeable about the impact of racism on our culture and society vs. whether we need to have African-American scholars to teach our students about these issues. The answer is obvious — if we needed to become enlightened about these issues from an Africentric perspective, we would have shown up at the lecture (which we didn’t) and if we needed to have a black faculty member given scholars, because black students to learn from an Africentric scholar, they would have showed up (and they didn’t either.) It was a relief to find out that there is no problem with racism in La-La-Land.

-Michaelene Kelly

Guest Opinion

Whether it be its moral inadequacy, psychological implications or its social consequences, “divorce” has flowed from the lips of every American at one time or another. It is becoming an ever more popular solution to a lot of people who spend their weekdays, weekends, and weekends with their head in the sand. The lack of support among some of our own outstanding faculty has surprised, professionally published poets, and veteran scholars, because it is in attempting to prepare the individuals that both the parents and the children can occur. Rationale for this type of program and the need for parents to be better prepared to deal with family issues the less the chance divorce will ever become an issue.

Another growing approach to inhibiting divorce is the possibility of making divorce a more laborious process. Some states require that both the parents and the children complete a course before divorce proceedings can occur. Rationale for this type of program comes from two schools. As I mentioned before some people want to make divorce a more laborious process. The other rationale is in attempting to prepare the individuals for common occurrences inherent in divorce. States like Maryland, Virginia, and New Jersey already have programs like this working.

Other people think that it is just too easy to get a divorce. Fifty years ago divorce was not as economically feasible or socially acceptable. There were unwritten barriers to divorce. Today these barriers have nearly dissolved. In response to the absence of these deterrents many people want to make it more difficult to get a divorce. There is a law under consideration in Michigan that would require one of the two partners to be at fault in order for a divorce to be possible. This law asks many questions. Should written law be concerned in further deterring people from getting a divorce? Is that the purpose of our system, to mold behavior? Would everyone be able to have a fair trial? What kind of negative consequences would a trial like this have on the children?

Some feel that current law is to blame. Time magazine recently stated “Current welfare policy, for example, pays AFDC benefits only when there is no man in the house, thus fueling divorce and abandonment.” While the sure free way of not getting a divorce is not to marry, the frequency of divorce is a growing concern. It is possibly creating negative social consequences which in turn make it everyone’s concern.

1. Sterling Marlin
2. Dom Capers
3. “The Eagle”
4. Glenn Robinson
5. Redford Bishop

Borges
Why should I ask questions? Why does anyone have an opinion? Why does anyone have opinions? Why do I want to express my opinion? Why do people think their opinion is better than other people’s? Why do people let themselves be bothered by things like opinions and issues?

Why is everyone at Aquinas so concerned about apathy? Why don’t students seem to know what apathy means? Why don’t we see any real physical progress on the Carriage House? Why can’t I get a muffin from the Corner Cafe on my meal plan, when that’s all that I want? Why doesn’t the AQ Health Center give out condoms?

Why are the Academy Awards so annoying? Why do radio stations keep repeating songs over and over again by the aforementioned bands? Why would anyone (namely, the Offspring) put the chorus “Hey yeah, yeah yeah, yeah yeah yeah, oh yeah, yeah yeah, yeah yeah” in a song? Why does this not mean a damn thing to me?

Why do people like country music so much? Why are there so many country music stations in Grand Rapids?

Why are people attracted to stupid movies like Dumb and Dumber? Why would anyone want to see a movie about The Brady Bunch? Why are the Academy Awards such a big deal? Why do I want Pulitzer Fiction and John Travolta and Samuel Jackson and Quentin Tarantino to win the awards, when I know that they are my own favorites, and that’s all that matters to me personally? Why is Pulitzer Fiction mentioned in every Tool Box?

Why do people always seem to blame their problems on someone else? Why doesn’t the AQ Health Center give out condoms? Why do people think their opinion is better than other people’s? Why do people let themselves be bothered by things like opinions and issues? Why do people always seem to blame their problems on someone else? Why doesn’t anyone listen to WAQU anyway?

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"What's In the Gate House?"
Check Out Campus Ministry

By Elma de la Cruz
Times Contributing Writer

How many people on this campus can honestly say they know about Campus Ministry? Let alone what it's all about? Campus Ministry, located in the Gate House, is both a service to students, faculty and staff and an opportunity for people on this campus to help others less fortunate than themselves. The challenge of Campus Ministry is to share a perspective that is Christian and finds roots in the spirituality of Jesus Christ. People of all religious denominations, not just Catholics, are welcome to join and become involved in Campus Ministry. Every year, Campus Ministry is involved in hosting and promoting a wide variety of events that offer many opportunities for students to get involved, learn and become more cultured. On March 4-11 the Service Learning Department is taking a group of 12 students to Kentucky, for Appalachia Workfest '95. It is a week comprised of students building homes, learning about a unique culture, and making life-long friends. Junior John Langan, a past participant said, "I had a lot of fun because of the generous, open-hearted and caring people I met. I would love to go back there someday."

On March 24-26 Campus Ministry will be sponsoring a retreat entitled, "The Inner Journey." This retreat is intended to be an intense experience exploring people's individual relationships with Christ. On March 17, Campus Ministry will also sponsor, with BACCUS, a St. Patrick's Day party.

Located also in the Gate House is SAC (Social Action Committee), which is planning an AIDS awareness week on March 26-31. SAC will be bringing a panel of individuals, young and old, who are infected with the AIDS virus. SAC will also be sponsoring a Pax Christi conference with international lecturer, Edward Gicayte.

Another fun thing for students to get involved in is the Ropes Course Retreat held April 7-9. This is a great opportunity for individuals to develop team building skills, as well as to give people a personal challenge by testing their limits of endurance. CAVA (Community Action Volunteers of Aquinas) will hold their annual Post-Graduate Volunteer Fair, April 5 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Wege Basement. The volunteer fair is set up for any post-graduates interested in long-term volunteer programs such as the Peace Corps.

Once again, on April 29, CAVA will be doing Project Pride. Project Pride is a great way for students to help out the Grand Rapids community by cleaning the streets and any other parts of town where garbage litters the landscape.

March 1 marks the date for Ash Wednesday, and during Lent, Campus Ministry will be holding a variety of Lenten activities. That On Monday, March 6, students can look forward to soup and Scripture readings at noon. There will also be a living Stations of the Cross, community services at St. Joseph Hall and Regina, and dial-a-prayer. And as always, Sunday night student mass will take place throughout the semester at 6:30 p.m. in the Msgr. Bukowski Pastoral Center.

"Often times people are troubled because of specific occurrence or feel down for no particular reason. Sisters Catherine and myself are available to help out with difficulties that you might encounter in your personal life," said Mary Clarke-Kane, the director. For more inform. (see call extension 4111)

By Keyonna Christian
Times Staff Writer

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Before you write off The Quick and the Dead (What? Sharon Stone in a Western?), let me point out something important right off the bat: it’s a suture. Sam Raimi, the director behind such cult horror classics as Evil Dead 2 and Army of Darkness, has brought his over-the-top flavor to a new setting, the old west.

The story is nothing new and unexpected, but Raimi’s touch makes it highly entertaining. Stone plays a wandering outlaw who travels to the town of Redemption, where the rich mayor (Gene Hackman—what’s a western without him?), who holds the entire town under his oppressive thumb, is holding a shootout contest. Stone claims that she’s there just for the money, but in reality, she has a personal vendetta against Hackman, who caused her father’s death when she was just a child.

Also involved in the shootout is Hackman’s sharp-shootin’, sharp-tongued son, played by Leonardo DiCaprio (whom you might remember as the mentally retarded brother of Johnny Depp in What’s Eating Gilbert Grape?). The town preacher, who is an ex-outlaw friend of Hackman’s and is routinely beaten, is also in the contest, and eventually becomes part of Stone’s revenge scheme.

The result of the contest is no surprise to the audience. However, getting to the end is a whole of a ride. Stone, Hackman, and DiCaprio are excellent in their roles, and you can tell they had fun making the film. Raimi also goes way overboard with the special effects, which adds to the suture. The humor is sometimes subtle, sometimes not; at points, you can tell that Raimi is making reference to classic westerns, even without knowing exactly which ones. But The Quick and the Dead is not about old films, it’s about greed and revenge. The magic of the film is that it does not take these things too seriously, and it’s a fun of, which is Sam Raimi’s trademark (does anyone remember “Give me some sugar, baby” from Evil Dead 2)? I recommend this film because it’s high-quality escapism for those of us who are tired of the lingo of the vocation. If a suspect does not pay too much attention to the million dollar words that doctors like to throw around, however, it did give me a broader knowledge of the lingo of the vocation.

What’s Eating Gilbert Grape.

This book is fast reading, as long as you do not forget to turn a page every 500 words, which is defintely worth your time. Robbins is a philosopher who has chosen to present his ideas in a fictitious setting. Most of his ideas in Skinny Legs and All are presented through a bean can. His story is about politics, race, marriage, religion, money, and law.

In the novel, religious tension concerning the East is escalating to rage, and in response, a Jew and an Arab decide to open a hair salon across the street from the United Nations.

Everyone from the Catholics to the Jews have a problem with this establishment. Eventually, it is calmed down, and everything is normal. The real tension appears when the patons of “Isah and Ishmael’s” have to decide between watching the biblical Dance of the Seven Veils, a faux Phoenician strip dance, and the Super Bowl.

And the dance begins...and as each of the walls, fields, and rooms are cut into pieces, we get an insight into the universe unveiled to the winnies. The first veil reveals that women have always directed the sexual drama. A rediscovery of the goddess and a return to more feminine values is on its way. The second veil announces that humans do not have power over plants and animals. The third veil—problems are not political, but philosophical. The fourth tells us that religion is stagnant, and a disgrace to the dance of the Divine which is free flowing and shifting. The fifth veil drops the illusion of money and its worth. The sixth veil declares that everyday is judgement day. The final veil simply says: “Everybody’s got to figure it out for themselves.”

So, figure it out for yourself. But if you need help, try Skinny Legs and All. It is not only great story, but philosophical wonder.
By Allyson Criswell & Karen Kulaga

The whole album sounds great but these songs seem to have a comprehensive take on those topics.

Wig

Wig is a band that visited the Intersection this past January. They are currently touring the states and could be anywhere at the moment. Aside from putting on a (great) show, I have their second release, Deliverance, in my hand. It is fairly easy to acquire at any music store because they are on a major label, Island.

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SPORTS

What To Do For Spring Break

By Josh Newman
Times Assistant Sports Editor

Since it is almost that time of the year again, when students from all over the country pack their bags and venture off for a week of leisure and irresponsibility, I thought that it was only fitting that my "Ski Report" be replaced by a column with the season in mind.

If you're like me, you may not have plans for Spring Break '95, or maybe you have a destination but no idea what to do, or maybe you want to change your current plans. Whatever the reason, here are some suggestions for a fun-filled, sporty Spring Break:

BOATING: Get a boat! You can pretty much go anywhere where there is no ice, but I suggest the Florida Intracoastal canal which runs all the down the East side of the state and runs through Spring Break hot spots such as Daytona, West Palm, Poncey Beach, and Miami.

BUNGEE JUMPING: Available in most Spring Break beaches, this sport's popularity may have faded, but the rush is still there.

DANCING: Tango anyone? So you want to dance and be merry. How about New Orleans and the infamous Mardi Gras celebration? Mardi Gras will be in its second week during our break, with plenty of festivities left.

FISHING: Try the trout streams of the Western states of Colorado, Oregon, or Utah. Or, for a warmer climate, and a different flavor, try a charter boat in the Gulf of Mexico.

GOLF: Get warmed up for the summer and head down to South Carolina for a few rounds. Myrtle Beach and Hilton Head seem to be the cities of choice. You can even golf at night on lighted courses.

Kitesurfing: Try perennial favorites out in California and the California Baja, but a bigger and better waves than on the Gulf.

RATTLESNAKE HUNTING: Never heard of it? It's true. The Spring is prime time for Rattlesnake round-ups in the state of Texas. It's fun, and the snakes are really quite tasty. If you can't make it to Texas but are interested in this little cuisine, try TONY'S bar/restaurant in Lansing. Every Spring they bring back the snakes for a cook-in.

SNOBELONGING/ROLLERBLADING: I suggest Virginia Beach. The boardwalk is nice, and there is a great skate park there.

Skiing: Try personal favorites out in Colorado, Wyoming, or Utah. Also, for something a little closer, try Killington, VT, Seven Springs, PA, or any of our fine state's many recreation areas.

SNORKELING: Warning! This may become addictive, and give you a great back tan, but will leave your front-side the same "Michigan-white." Look into the East coast of Florida, or even better, try the Keys. You can also visit any islands, i.e. Jamaica, Bahamas.

SNOWMOBILING: Our-state has plenty to offer for snowmobiles. Try going to Gaylord, or up to the U.P. at Sault Ste. Marie. You can even head for good ol' Canada.

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN

By Mike Chabot
Times Sports Editor

As I sit here contemplating what to write about for this week's SPORTSlook I can't help but think that spring is in the air. As the winter dole drams start to break the sporting world has started to blossom in a full. The N.H.I. is well into the season and the Wings are sitting pretty at the top of the division. The Pistons sit comfortably at the top, but hey, they can't get any worse. However, the best news of all the Major League Baseball Association has started spring training. That's right; the greatest game on dirt, America's pastime, has begun yet another season. But wait a minute, you're probably saying to yourself, "there is something different about this season." You are correct on that point. When spring training opened two weeks ago the professionals stayed home, while replacement players made their way out of the tunnel to shag flies, turn double plays, and throw 70 mph fastballs. The majority of the replacement players are former big leaguers, minor league players who had short stints in the majors, or guys who just tried out. Many major league teams held open tryouts in an attempt to find quality players in order to fill the roster. I happened to be watching NBC nightly news with Tom Brokaw when they had a report on one of the open tryouts. About 300 men, and several women, showed up in make-shift uniforms to strut their stuff. The club only offered one (1) contract to a 36 year-old pitcher.

While the replacement players continue to "polish" their skills for opening day, the professional players and the owners are still no closer to a resolution even with government intervention. Personally, and I feel many share my opinion on this matter, "who cares." It is obvious that neither side is willing to give up any ground to reach a solution to end the strike. Several big leaguers are talking to Japanese clubs about one season contracts worth 4-5 million dollars, but remember the players may have faded, but the rush is still there.

How about "Sparky?" Refusing to manage replacement players, and has not yet reported to training camp as of yet. The Tigers are taking Sparky very seriously, hiring Tom Runnells as the interim manager until Sparky's return. I respect Sparky for his decision for not wanting to coach, but it doesn't really matter; I have no desire to watch him.

American-Amercians Honored

By Josh Newman
Times Staff Writer

To be an Aquinas College student/athlete is something to be proud of in itself, but to stand out and be the model of excellence is an honor that deserves our community's praise.

On Thursday, February 16, at the intermission of the men's basketball game, eight Aquinas student/athletes were honored for receiving All-American recognition in their respective sport.

Four of these individuals were selected as Athletic All-American, and four were Academic All-American. Students receiving All-American honors must display excellence in their sport. Students/athletes receiving Academic All-American must be of at least junior status, having a 3.5 overall G.P.A., and play a varsity sport.

On hand to present the awards, along with the "All-American Board" that will hang in the fieldhouse, were Athletic Director Terry Bocian, and President R. Paul Nelson.

MOUNTAIN BIKING/HIKING: Head for the hills! Try going out West to the Rockies, or for a shorter trip, head down to Tennessee or North Carolina.

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Intramural Hoops Heat Up
For March Madness

By Robert LaBarre
Times Contributing Writer

“March Madness” has begun. No, I am not talking about the NCAA tournament, but the big AQ Intramural Basketball league.

Having begun on February 1, intramural basketball is back, and is sporting one of the most evenly matched and competitive fields in years. With three Women’s league teams, and 11 Men’s league teams (six in Division A, and five in Division B) competing, there is plenty of fun and a lot of excitement.

League leaders “Power Rangers” are sitting alone at the top of the Men’s Division A. Following closely behind are the teams of “We Arrived” and “Team One.” In the Women’s Division, the team “Tough As Nails” is in the first position with “The Eliminators” and “HOOPS” bounding closely behind.

The Men’s Division B is being led by “Bunny Grunts.” In second place is “T & B: Part II.”

Some of the “sharp-shooters” in the Men’s Division A.

Not the Red Wings We Used
To Know

By Josh Newman
Times Staff Writer

Ask anyone who knows anything about hockey what word describes the Detroit Red Wings this season and the answer that you’ll most likely get is “defensive.” Contrary to their free-wheelin’, high-scorin’, attitude of hockey what word describes the Detroit Red Wings? Well it has tied them atop the Western Conference Central Division with NHL scoring title.

“Bunny Grunts.” In second place is “T & B: Part II.”

Rushes by their opponents than winning the entire league. They also have the second best puck out of the net. Even the defense is Osgood and Mike Vernon for the purpose design, the Wings are now utilizing Chris Roy and Dominik Hasek. However the most small feat in a league with the likes of Patrick Roy and Dominik Hasek.

“They suffered a lot of injuries this year, and it is frustrating because it’s hard for us to run,” said sophomore Colleen Cone. Because of the injuries suffered and the size of the team, many runners are forced to run in three or four events. In fact, it is not uncommon for individuals to compete in up to five events. This makes it real hard to stay competitive.

“We have good talent on this team, we just haven’t had no depth,” Tim McGahey commented. “We have dedicated individuals and the coaches are really good, but it is tough when we don’t even have enough to run a relay.” Despite their small numbers, the Aquinas runners came through big at the conference meet.

At Sienna Heights, coach Jeff Brazier’s team tasted success. The ladies came in third in the conference behind only the host school and Tri-State. The ladies were led by Pauline Burgireno, Heather Hengesbach, Angie Clouse, and Lisa Beauty, who combined efforts to take first place in the 4x200 meter relay. However, it was truly a team win, as a number of runners made their individual contributions for the victory.

The next week at the Grand Valley Invitational, it was more success for the track team. The men’s team, lead by Jackson Fox, Joseph Applewhite, along with seniors Scott Belland and Gary VanSwaeren, earned 13 points at the meet. Also, Joseph Applewhite and Robert McCleef both qualified for Nationals in Lincoln, Nebraska with their times in the 50-meter dash.

The women also made a good showing, including some great individual efforts. Junior Heather Hengesbach finished fourth overall in the long jump and triple jump at the invitational. In the 20-pound shot put event, Angie Newcomb finished fourth while Chris Leonard came in right behind her with a fifth-place finish.

Now that the indoor season has finished on a good note, the Aquinas track team is looking to carry over its momentum to the outdoor season.

Aquinas will be hosting a meet with both Aquinas alumni and Tri-State on Friday, March 10. This will be a great way for the team to carry over its momentum, and offers the students a chance to watch this hard working team compete for victory.

As for those who have competed, its been a good year and the second half promises more of the same.

Women’s Tennis Has High
Hopes For Season

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The Aquinas Women’s Tennis team starts the season with a new coach and high hopes.

With three returning seniors and experienced young players, the Saints hope to improve on last year’s record, and make a run for its first title.

First year coach, Karen Visscher, brings an extensive knowledge of the game, and over 20 years playing experience with her to Aquinas. In high school, Karen played tennis for East Grand Rapids, and moved on to play at the college level for Hope College.

Having played college tennis, I know who the girls go through. I realize that it is tough to balance school—work and tennis,” commented Karen. The girls have been practicing hard in the pre-season, in hopes of doing well this season.

“The girls are a very good team, and have the talent and potential to be a very good team this season,” added Kate, “We have a very good chance to win the league, and very possibly go on to nationals.”

With only one, two sophomores, and three freshmen to go along with the three seniors, the Lady Saints have a good mix of talent that will hopefully equal success.