clearly demonstrated the abilities that have Thursday, March 16. Bom, raised, and welcomed community leader and national Hoover’s “Business and Society” class, and Aquinas Young Republicans, Woody event this year, President R.Paul Nelson, the

By Douglas J. Dooley

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Devo’s speech outlined her development in politics, from a student at Calvin College up to her election as National Committeewoman for the Republican Party. She said about her interest in politics and government, “I appreciate the role of government and the compromise and cooperation involved in policy, I like to debate and sometimes argue, and I see politics as a natural extension of my upbringing and active outlook on life.”

Outside of her political activity, she is President of the Windquest Group, Inc., and its cultural and economic development, as well as their involvement in and support of the Republican Party.

Much of the question and answer session involved the school of choice movement that DeVos is actively involved with. Many students questioned the logic that if schools are forced to compete with one another for their students, rather than having students based on their location, the education system as a whole would be better off. Student Dave Bult saw this type of reform as an ill-fated, cyclical process saying, “The students of lower class families would still lose out, as they are in the present system.” DeVos acknowledged the fact that wealthier students will probably always have some advantages, but that the entire system would be improved for all.

For over an hour and a half, the members of the Aquinas community were treated to a community leader with nearly unmatchable skills and experience. Matt Klein, President of the Young Republicans, said, “We played them tough,” said junior Doug Dooley, “Steve (Greene) and I went three sets at number two, as well as my singles match. Three doubles also lost pretty close (6-4, 6-4), that match could have gone either way.” This match only prepared the men for a tough city tournament this past weekend against strong teams of; Calvin, GVSU, and G.R.C.C.

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Betsy DeVos Comes to AQ

By Nikkie McCullough

The Men’s Tennis season started hot during the first week of Spring Break at Cocoa Beach, Florida only to cool down against some tough competition back home.

On March 5, Aquinas began its season by knocking off Embry-Riddle University 6-3. Senior Scott David (FD) had the best individual performance winning both his singles and doubles matches.

The next day, Aquinas played well and walked all over Wabash College in an 8-1 victory.

Tuesday’s foe was St. Ambrose University, a school consistently ranked in the NAIA top 25. Aquinas was up to the task and prevailed 5-4, with the position two doubles winning to decide the match.

Thursday staged the nationally-ranked team from Florida veterans Miami Dade Community College, Aquinas won 5-4 in a close match, while fighting off the wind and cold. Captain Eric VanGessel and freshman John Proulx were key in the win, coming from behind to win the decisive match at number one doubles.

Friday brought on Aquinas’ only loss of the week. The exhausted Saints took the courts against Indianapolis University and lost 6-3. Scott David fared the best, winning both of his matches at number two singles and third doubles with senior Eric Zachin.

Despite ending the trip on a sour note, Aquinas led after the first day of finishing doubles. Number two double (Dooley/Greene) triumphed with a close win over Calvin 3-6, 6-3, 7-5, and number three doubles (David/Zakin) swept Calvin with a 6-4, 6-3 win.

Saturday made the difference for the tournament. Calvin swept the tournament with wins in the top five positions. “It was a close tournament,” said Eric VanGessel, “Calvin just had a stronger line-up all the way down, but I think the outcome will be different in the dual match later in the season.” The only singles title held by Aquinas was a three set match at number six, John Proulx.

The team has had some tough competition this year,” said coach Jerry Hendrick, “but as strong as we are right now, I know we are going to be a tough team to beat in the dual matches.”

Freshman Stephen Green crushes a winner past Calvin last Friday. NMK

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Senior Challenge A
Huge Success

By Andy Pieper
Times Contributing Writer

As many of you may already know, the Class of 1995 at Aquinas College is in the process of collecting money from its members for a gift to the college. Every year the members of each graduating class donate a certain amount of money to give something back to Aquinas.

Traditionally, each student has been asked to give the number of dollars of the year in which they graduate. For example, a member of the Class of 1992 would have given $92 over a three-year period towards the Senior Challenge for that year.

Beth Banta, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations, said, "After asking many other comparable colleges in the area, we found that we were asking a low amount from our graduates compared to the others. Other colleges were collecting as much as $20,000 from their students.

This year we were not even approaching that amount. Some students have expressed an interest in changing that this year."

With the help of student organizers Stacy Syer and Mary Kay McKinney, who have coordinated a larger scale Senior Challenge, whose goal was to collect more money from its graduating class. The idea that was adopted was to ask each senior to pledge 10, 15 or 25 dollars each quarter for three years after graduation. These payments would begin one year after graduation and give each person a chance to secure a steady job and settle down. This adds up to a total donation of 120, 180 or 300 dollars.

The decision to be made was what to spend the money on. A group of senior leaders was formed to make this decision and carry out the pledge campaign. Members of this group included Dawn Amsbault, Beth Cowdry, Laura Messing, Janelle Breske, Carolyn Brocavich, Brent Wardrop, Tadil Kibble, Janet Pelik, Mary Beth Williams, Julie Osborneburn and Margie Swindell.

Their ultimate decision was to construct an arch over the Fulton Street entrance. "We want to have a brick entrance that makes Aquinas College stand out," said Krause. Thus far, the drive has been very successful.

Banta said, "The campaign has just started and we have had over $6,000 pledged. This shows how much they believe in this institution. This curvity will be already over 100% of any past Senior Challenge donations."

This year's seniors have set an example of dedication, this could not be possible. Krause said, "Ideally, we would like to have a brick arch erected over the entrance, but the actual architecture has not been drawn up yet." He added, "If any extra money is left over we have visions of a Big Ben type clock tower."

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"I liked the fact that everyone was really short at that time so I got to hit my head on the other. That was really interesting. I guess they didn't want a co-ed school," said Jackson.

Jackson also appreciated the Cranganowen exhibits. "It was a lot of fun. It got us all away from here and I think we all had fun as a group and the weekend as a whole."

Ireland

By Julie Williams
Times Ireland Correspondent

Aqunais' Ireland students ventured to Ennis for their first overnight group trip on February 11-12. A feast at Bunratty Castle highlighted Friday evening, complete with food, medieval entertainment, mead, and wine.

Junior Drew Gerencer was one of many who thoroughly enjoyed the Bunratty feast. "From what I remember, the food was good, the entertainment was good, the wine was good, and don't ask me anything after that," commented Gerencer.

"I loved the ribs and the soup was excellent—very filling," commented senior Kathy Poole. "The mead on the other hand...let's say the rousing song of 'Plano Man' really"

Jackson. The Bunratty entertainers, who occupied the feaster's attention with music and song, then served a course, also provided snuff at the end of the meal.

"It was like sniffing pepper, but I just kept doing it," commented junior Krista Kable. "They were drunk, they actually were drunk. The only two people who weren't drinking were me and Luke," Priest said confidently, now sharing a common bond with Dr. Brooks' and Dr. Coogan's eight-year-old son.

"I liked the fact that everyone was really short at that time so I got to hit my head on the doorwells," commented a 6'3" Gerencer, who added that he was more "castle-like" than he expected.

While some members explored the castle, others investigated the different buildings of the Folk Park.

Ireland is Famous For

By Morgan Higgens/beh
Times Contributing Writer

The Senators of the 1995/1996 school year have been selected following a grueling campaign and a close race. There were six Aquinas students to choose from to fill the positions of Secretary, Vice-Chairperson and Chairperson. This year was also the first time in which every position was contested.

Mary Kay McKinney who has been a Resident Advisor (RA) for the past two years, emerged as the winner for Secretary. McKinney feels she will make an excellent secretary next year because, "I am well organized, listen objectively, looks at the big picture, and keeps things on track."

Senior Elections Conclude
Niedzielski, McNerney, McKinney Emerge As the Victors

By Morgan Higgens/beh

Bonnie Mcinerney, a junior, who has been involved with Senate since her freshman year won the Vice-Chairperson position as Vice-Chairperson of the Senate, next year, she will be busy as an active member of the Programming Board and being on one other Senate committee. Currently, she is an RA and works in the office of Curriculum and Academic Programs.

John Niedzielski, who won the top position as Chairperson, plans on bringing many changes to the Aquinas community. He is currently involved in the Carriage House renovations and revamping, Niedzielski, who has been in Senate for three years and is currently the Secretary said about the elections, "I honestly did not think that I would win." He did, though, ensuring the Aquinas community that it will be bigger and better than ever with his leadership.

The candidates felt that this year's elections and debates were the best that Aquinas has seen so far. There were some complaints from the candidates about the voting facilities, and the poor involvement at the debates. However, this year's race brought out the most people and our new executives are optimistic for next fall.
College Students traveled to western Kentucky to assist with the repairing of numerous homes in the area. Twelve students and an advisor from AQ left at 3:30 a.m. on Saturday March 4 on an adventure that would put them through both heat and ten inches of snow in one week.

After arriving in Inez, Kentucky late in the afternoon, the Aquinas group made up of Robert Toole, Maureen Bartlett, Mindy Martin, Melissa VanderMolen, Elma De La Cruz, Melissa Guzenda, Laura Allen, Darrell Faner, Rob Doode, Matt Flannigan, Rosie Stepke, Jill Veenstra, and advisor Timi Hough had an opportunity to meet with students from four other colleges and universities. In total there were 51 volunteers for the week. Aquinas was proud to have the most students in attendance.

Monday at 6:30 a.m., the breakfast call let the group know it was time to begin the day. The groups were on their way to the worksights by 8:00 a.m. Most groups arrived from laying floors, to insulation, vinyl siding, drywalling, and putting on a new roof. Upon returning to their accommodations, the students were exhausted but excited about their adventures.

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"Republicans Care Too Much"

“I’m a big cheerleader for the party,” Michigan Republican national committeewoman, Betsy DeVos, told a group of about 50 people at a Thursday morning lecture in the Louit Room. Sponsored by the Aquinas College Republicans, DeVos spoke of her role in the Republican party, and what the current agenda of Congress is.

DeVos is also one of 15 people on an advisory committee to help Newt Gingrich decide what the House’s next initiatives should be. But the thrust of her speech, was to answer criticism that Republicans have cold-hearted ideals. DeVos disagreed with the criticism and said Republicans “care too much.”

“Republicans care too much for the family,” DeVos said. “We care too much about education,” she later added.

Republicans care too much? That’s a good one. The only thing Republicans care too much about (or all politicians for that matter), is their re-election. If Republicans truly care too much about balancing the budget, for instance, why did the proposed Balanced Budget Amendment call for cuts in every area of government spending except for national defense and social security?

The answer is simple: it’s because Republicans care too much about maintaining order (not cutting fat) in our military. Republicans also care too much about pleasing the mass of their electorate—elderly social security recipients.

Following her speech, DeVos answered questions about the proposals she thinks can better our educational system. DeVos would like to see public schools privatized, and parents be given tuition money from the state to be able to shop around in a marketplace of schools.

Efficiency-wise, the idea of competitive schools would be great. DeVos even cited an example that public schools, per square foot, spend three times the amount that a retail business like Meijer does on maintaining its buildings.

But like the efficient world market and the injustices that result from it, so will injustices follow in an entirely privatized school system.

Integration in public school systems, based on residential segregation of the rich from the poor, are evident today.

If schools were forced to compete with one another for tuition, why would the story be any different? Parents would realize that “the best” schools offering the most education, were not free. DeVos would like to see public schools privatized, and parents be given tuition money from the state to be able to shop around in a marketplace of schools.

DeVos relied very little on empirical data in her arguments calling for change. Instead she cited unproven personal convictions—“I believe that...” and “I have a friend who...”—phrases known not to a political scientist, but instead to a politician.
only problem with finding answers is that they lead to new questions, and once we find the answers we are ready to deal with them?" he said.

Other students see the powers of the universe to be superior to the human mind. Mac Dewildt offers no disbelief that individuals will someday discover the answers, but he added, "We humans will probably never live to know them."

In a biology lecture, Dr. Alice Wittenbach offered the awesome power of God as one explanation of how the universe was constructed. "There is no limit to the power of God. God constructed the world, and he can intervene with it in any way he chooses," commented Wittenbach. "While science will lead us to new discoveries...we'll learn about life systems and inner relations among them...there will still be elements that require belief in faith," she said.

To the present, faith is what holds theories together. "The universe is so large," commented Justin Maxwell, "we're never going to know all the answers."

Yet with new technology hovering on the edge of monumental discoveries, few will remain content to sit complacently for very much longer. "I don't think we'll ever know (the answers)," said Jenn Leet, "But it's the human condition to strive to know."

Last week, as hospital officials thought its approach $1.9 million. An additional costs them $263,752. They estimate the double murder charges, most don't know reading the polls in '96.

"Is O.J. Getting Special treatment?"

By Andy Pieper
Times Contributing Writer

While many people are aware of the millions of dollars O.J. Simpson is giving high-priced lawyers in defense of his double murder charges, most don't know that the taxpayers of Los Angeles County are also footing a large part of the trial bill. This has caused an outcry among some people whether or not the local taxpayers should have to pay for the extra police protection and jury sequestration.

Los Angeles County officials say that for each month they sequester the jury, it costs them $365,752. They estimate the total jury bill by the end of the trial will approach $1.9 million. An additional $87,000 was spent on police overtime when the jury visited the crime scene last month. The bill for the county thus far has totaled almost $2.5 million.

Aquinas freshman Kenny Gethers does not think the local taxpayers should have to pay for it. "I think the Federal Government should kick in the money to sequester the jurors," he said. "Also, the trial has taken too long already. Each side has had ample time to build their case and they are drawing the trial out too long." Freshman Rene Palileo disagrees, saying, "I don't think the Federal Government should pay for it because it is not a federal crime. If they would treat it like any other normal case they would save a lot of money. He also thought it was taking too long to complete the trial, adding, "It seems to me like it's just entertainment."

One problem with the excess spending is that it is taking money away from the county that was supposed to be used for other things. The sheriff's department is letting positions go unfilled, which they think is having an impact on the public safety.

Sarah Larson agrees the trial is taking too long. "I think they are giving him special treatment," she said. "I'm not really sure who should pay for it."

Brian Ebel, a freshman, thinks the lengthy trial is a problem with the judicial system. "I think the entire court system is a joke. Everyone deserves a fair trial by jury but it shouldn't last two years. The entire justice system needs to be revamped so the taxpayers don't get ripped off," he said.

One group that may we think is making money from all of this hoopla is the broadcast networks. But they, too, are losing money. Robert Navarro of the Los Angeles CBS affiliate says his station has already lost over $1 million in advertising revenue. That's on top of the $1.25 million that networks spent putting the cameras and wiring systems in the courtroom.

Don't Get Caught 'Dead' In Tampa

By Dave Bult
Times News Editor

Three weeks ago, Tampa's University Community Hospital made a big mistake. Surgeon Rolando Sanchez mistakenly removed Willie King's good leg instead of his gangrenous right one. Before surgery, King even joked with hospital staff to make sure they knew which leg to amputate.

Last week, as hospital officials thought its luck couldn't get any worse, a respiratory technician at the hospital mistakenly removed a ventilator from 77-year-old Leo Alfonso, causing his death. The technician was supposed to have taken a different patient off a ventilator. "We determined that our procedures work, but in this case they were not followed," hospital spokesman John Andrews said.

Now, University Community Hospital is taking new measures to avoid further communication breakdowns. It announced it was beginning new operating-room safeguards—such as marking "NO" on a good limb—to prevent similar disasters such as King's.

"Is O.J. Getting Special treatment?"

UPDATE

By Eric VanDessel
Times Contributing Writer

"Fed Debates Public vs. Private Student Loans"

Are you a student who depends on loans to help finance your college expenses? Do you wish the terms of your loans were different? If this sounds like you, listen up because a debate is surfacing in Congress that will probably affect how you pay for college. This debate was sparked by the current Republican majority in Congress. They have placed countless numbers of bureaucrats and programs under fire, among them the Department of Education and federally subsidized student loans.

The debate, so far, centers on whether these programs should be under the jurisdiction of the federal government or whether private banks and investment corporations could do a smoother, more efficient job at administering these loans. On one hand, banks would like the federal government to stay out of the loan business because they stand to lose several billion dollars in business. One of the main reasons the banking lobbyists give for the government to stay out is efficiency. They contend that the government is notoriously inefficient at administering anything, therefore they could offer the same services at a cheaper price (due to lack of bureaucratic red-tape).

On the other hand, the Clinton Administration would like to see the government become a more active member because of the potential savings to taxpayers. By eliminating the middle man, in this case the banks, government officials state that several billion dollars will be saved. Students may then be in a position to pay lower interest on their loans, since the government will not be concerned about turning a profit like banks would be. Also, the terms for repayment would be loosened, which could make it more affordable to the average student.

The Clinton Administration and the new Republican Majority, needless to say, do not see eye to eye on how education should be funded. One plan, offered by the Republicans, is to cut loan subsidies to students while they are in school, saving an estimated $9 billion and affecting roughly 6 million students. Clinton has proposed increasing federal funds for college students by 10%, or about $35.8 billion as part of his middle class "Bill of Rights."

In the coming weeks, the battle between Republicans and the Clinton Administration will certainly intensify. This is because some of the reforms passed in Clinton's national service program, initiated in 1991, will begin to be phased in. One of these reforms is a gradual increase in the government's role in providing loans directly to college students, instead of providing incentives for banks to do so. This means an expansion of the Department of Education and certain parts of the IRS. With Republicans looking to slash every government program in sight, considerable debate is sure to ensue. Yet many Democrats, and indeed Clinton himself, support increasing government involvement in a program like this.

Whatever the outcome of this debate will be, we can be sure that it will drastically affect those who depend on loans to finance their education. It essentially boils down to whether the government should play an active role in helping students finance their college educations, or whether private industry can handle it more efficiently. If you're a student, it could probably be one of the most important things to keep in mind when you head to the polls in '96.
Judgement upon judgement over on you. "Opinion." This letter presents mine, freshly read the indifferent, they'll probably not bother to above paragraph. The word: apathy. favorite buzz-word.

Personally, I've gone one step further, taking some importance to you, my fellow student, the responsibility I feel to share the thoughts responsibility to pick it up and explore issues say, involves some degree of personal

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weeks, so don't be outraged...everybody's entitled to several. Defeat apathy, and you open yourself up to responsibility. Open yourself up to responsibility, and you tell society that you are prepared to give up your home field advantage and play ball on its terms, regardless of whether or not you are prepared to do it. Life is the ultimate game of laughter ball—remember laughter ball from grade school gym class? Protect yourself, realize that other kids will try to do the same, but really that you can do whatever you want to make the game fun for yourself. A simple

is the so-called apathetic student, the one who has the NASA logo sewed on the wrong side of his uniform either. Does this

"What an amazing shot, by such a talented young man-"

It doesn't matter what sport it is, children in our society blantly look at athletes as their role *

A KeyCorp Bank
By Holly S. Kent
Times Copy Editor

It's spring in case you all haven't noticed, and this spring is especially triumphant for many of us who are graduating in May. My how things have changed since that first spring after freshman year.

When I was searching my brain for topics for this opinion column, I was told by an old friend that I should dig up the old "Voice of Ethel" from the archives of my sophomore year at this college. Does anyone out there remember the Voice of Ethel? I remember it well. I remember thinking those guys were so cool, and they were my friends. That's why I wanted to print their immature and completely irrelevant idea of life on this campus. I revealed in every moment I spent with them and rejoiced when we all didn't get caught in my dorm room for drinking even though they were often throwing things out my window and screaming. And I thought that was cool. I thought that was just the best—be like them and not worry about what I wanted to do in life, but just have fun.

As time went on, though, I realized that I didn't want to spend most of my time drunk. And they realized it too. Eventually, one has to realize that the only way to get what you really want is through responsibility. And they realized it too. Eventually, one has to realize that the only way to get what you really want is through responsibility.

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Only recently have I had the biggest change in my life. I have realized, and really internalized, that there is so much baggage that we all carry around with us from our lives. Whether it is lost loves, family problems, or even academic or friendship concerns, we carry it around with us and beat ourselves to death over how things could have been, instead of digging a big hole and dumping it all in. In this way we accept what has happened to us and learn from it, but stop it from hurting us and those who love us anymore.

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Students Go To D.C. Over Break
Multi-cultural department sponsors trip

By Kenyatta Christian
Times Staff Writer

Most people, for their spring break, went to a place such as Miami or the Bahamas, but several students had the ultimate and exhilarating experience of going to a conference, and enduring four long days of workshops and classes from eight in the morning until five at night. This break included six other travelers in the midst of the politician-to-be dream place of Washington, D.C.

Michael Travis and Stella Ferris of the Multi-cultural Department were the advisors.

On the very first day of the conference, with a presentation by a Native American lecturer, Jack Gladstone, who will be performing here at Aquinas next week explained that, although it is very much hidden, racism is still quite alive. Wilson was absolutely outstanding because Wilson made people realize that there is no way to reverse it. How do you do that?

Finally, Stella Ferris, advisor, said, "I am pleased to see that we are different. May we together become greater than the sum of both of us."

The seven travelers, walking among the National Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Smithsonian African Museum and Asian Art Museum, all have an abundance of experiences. They are all different, which is just that. There is no way to reverse it. How do you do that?"

"The conference, "Discrimination is you. In order to have true diversity everybody needs to be involved. It is not a black thing or a white thing, it is a human thing. The Multi-cultural Department is looking into bringing Wilson to the Aquinas campus."

The conference also had some fun attributes to it. There was a dance held in which the Aquinas group mingled and networked with over 300 other college students and faculty. Aquinas student Chelsea Davis said about the conference, "Discrimination is you. In order to have true diversity everybody needs to be involved. It is not a black thing or a white thing, it is a human thing."

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Davis represented the Resident Advisor department.

Yvonne Hall, representing the Programming Board as Multicultural Representative, attended Dr. Dawson's speech and absorbed that,"Affirmative Action is not reverse discrimination. Discrimination is the quality or power of finely distinguishing, which is just that. There is no way to reverse it. How do you do that?"

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Yvonne Hall, representing the Programming Board as Multicultural Representative, attended Dr. Dawson's speech and absorbed that,"Affirmative Action is not reverse discrimination. Discrimination is the quality or power of finely distinguishing, which is just that. There is no way to reverse it. How do you do that?"

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**MOVIE REVIEW**

**By Joe Stimac**

Times Entertainment Editor

As my eyes were filled with credits done in the off greens and oranges of the seventies, and my ears were pierced with music comparable to an x-rated film, I began to wonder if I should leave the theater before even watching the first frame. Although I probably should have, the dollar fifty that I had spent would not allow me to.

The one thing that bothered me throughout the entire movie was the fact that it was so stereotypical. For instance: the girl that lives next to Disneyland gets raped, the African-American boy from the hood thinks the world is against him, and all the athletes that we know of are African-Americans. The frat boys do nothing but drink beer, manipulate girls and spend daddy’s money. The only professor in the movie has all the answers to every one’s problems. And finally, the socially inept boy from a small town becomes a white supremacist. Honestly, I cannot think of an easier way to develop characters; all one has to do is watch five o’clock news.

A particularly annoying scene was toward the end of the movie. The main character, an African-American, while saving the day and beating the crud out of a white supremacist who had just finished shooting some people, gets caught by the police and receives nothing short of an exact replica of the Rodney King beating while the skinhead wanders off seemingly unnoticed. This scene serves only one purpose, it feeds the fire of the ignorant.

The one thing that I did like about the movie was the overall message. In order for the gays, the wide diversity of races, and the sexes to get along, it takes a conscious effort. This was vaguely displayed if one was paying attention to the five o’clock news.

as the warmth of spring begins to thaw my blood, the thought of sitting through a movie is almost a given during this brief fever. But don’t forget about cards, chess or something more conscious effort. This was vaguely displayed if one was paying attention to the five o’clock news.

Overall, this is one of those rare movies where the soundtrack is better than the movie itself.

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**Richard Tamas**

The Passion Of the Western Mind

Ballantine Books, 1991; $14.00

Looking through past issues I figured, as an Entertainment editor, that the book reviews have been more or less dominated by fiction. I figured that it is about time that we put in something that a hard core intellectual could bite their teeth into. The book that I am figuring that it is about time that we put in something that a hard core intellectual could comprehensive show the world view that make up a world view.

From this present day world view, Dr. Tamas attempts to predict what the world view of tomorrow may look like.

The book is wonderfully written. All 445 pages are clear, and the information given is unquestionably valuable.

The Passion of the Western Mind is written by Richard Tamas, currently a professor at the California Institute of Integral Studies. The book is an easy-to-swallow intellectual history of Western thought. Written in almost a story book form, the Greek age flows into the Medieval ages as an uninterrupted narrative.

One of the goals of the book is to comprehensively show the world view possessed by people in certain segments of Western thought. In other words, he remains true to yourself, and doing what you want to do, regardless of the amount of work required or outside influence. Rollins doesn’t sing or write for his fans, he does it for himself.

It is the sense of honesty and strength in the self that holds this collection of journals together. His writing style is blunt, simple, and refreshingly honest; he minces no words, leaves no feelings untouched.

Through Rollins’ writing, we can see his development as a person and as an artist. We can learn about a lifestyle that is different from our own, and we can hopefully learn something about ourselves in the process. Highly recommended.

Get in the Van can be found at Schuler Books on 28th street, and Argo’s Books on Robinson Rd.
This latest release from country singer Joe Diffie will sound extremely familiar to you country fans who are familiar with his old style. As for those of you who are not country fans, this CD fits into the classic style of country you have learned to hate.

The first release was the title cut "Third Rock From the Sun." Every song on the CD tells a story, and this one relates a wild, wild west cowgirl story. The rest of the CD contains mainly two varieties of songs: the classic country love ballad, and the latest fad in country music, the humorous "kick" songs. "That Road Not Taken," "So Help Me Girl," and "From Here On Out" portray the pure country reminiscence of Diffie's earlier cuts, "My Own Backyard" and " Ships That Don't Come In." They are all sure bets, but "So Help Me Girl" already in the top five on the charts.

My favorite cut is a slow dancing ballad called "Wild Blue Yonder," which is the name of the bar he frequents when he needs to forget her memory. "Pick-Up Man" is one of those love-it-or-hate-it songs that has become something of a humorous country classic, on how women supposedly are attracted to guys who drive pickup trucks. "Good Brown Gravy" is another entertaining song with an upbeat tempo about a secret gravy recipe (which is supposedly another way he attracts women).

Diffie goes a little bit overboard, however, with the lame "The Cows Came Home," which doesn't quite entertain like the other upbeat songs on the CD. "I'm In Love With a Capital "U,"" "I'd Like To Have A Problem Like That," and "Junior's In Love" round out the upbeat portion of the CD only as competent but not bad songs.

In all, it's a good album, and is a good buy for the country fan. A song or two may be enjoyed, by the non-country fan, who, unfortunately, will have some of the others.

By Josh Newman

Epic Records

Joe Diffie

Acid Fever Runs Wild In G.R.

Are you into "FOOLISH SEX," and feel the need to vent your frustrations? Hard, deep pum ping grinding, and often melodic music from the Lords of Acid will help to soothe your aches.

Playing in front of a near sell-out crowd at the Orbit Room, the native Belgian quintet Lords of Acid veered the audience into a chaotic frenzy on their first visit to Grand Rapids, part of their first ever tour.

Formed in 1988, the group is known for its hard-driving rhythms, intelligent samples, and provocative and even sensual lyrics. Members, including Lady Galore, Erhan, McGinnes, Shai De La Luna, and Lord T. Byron, quickly had all preconceived notions as to the bands ability to perform. Lurching onto the stage amidst hundreds of lights and dense fog, the Neil Diamond anthem "Coming to America" was beginning when the fans that were patiently waiting. Lords kicked into the first single from their release Voodoo-U, and never looked back.

From the start, it was obvious as to who the stars of this show were. Lead singer, Lady Galore, and keyboardist/vocalist, Shai De La Luna, combined efforts to treat the crowd to a very visual and powerful performance. Galore often yelled out to the crowd, making sexual suggestions, and even advances towards her own band mates. Armed with a whip and a blow-up doll, the Lady of the evening provided a theatrical performance that hinted of the Alice Cooper days.

Verve Pipe: Signed, Sealed, and Awaiting Delivery

"We signed right before the show at St. Andrews in Detroit," exclaimed an excited Don Brown, drummer of The Verve Pipe. "If you still haven't heard the good news, Verve Pipe members Brown, Doug Corell, AJ. Dunning, and brothers, Brad and Brian Vander Ark, signed a major recording deal with RCA Records. The long-awaited signing brought sighs of relief from the group that hails from the West Michigan area. "We'll be stopping by the area in early April, but before then we'll be going to St. Louis, Dallas, Boulder, Memphis, and quite a few other places. It's a pretty busy schedule." Known for their consummate musicianship, strong song-writing, powerful backing vocals, and energetic live shows, The Verve Pipe has a huge fan base here in Michigan and growing support throughout the Midwest and the rest of the country.

"We're just really grateful to everyone who has helped us along the way. The people in the music scene and everyone up in Grand Rapids has been really great. We appreciate all of the support, and like I said, we're very grateful for everything."
March 22, 1995

MARCH MADNESS

Well it’s March Madness time and everybody and their brother are making predictions on who will win the NCAA basketball tournament. With the second round complete many of those predictions have already fallen to the wayside: the number 3 seed Villanova was upset by number 14 Old Dominion, number 3 Michigan State was upset by number 14 Weber State, number 4 Oklahoma was upset by number 13 Manhattan, and number 5 Arizona was upset by number 12 Miami of Ohio.

For many area fans Michigan State’s first round blowout was tragic. Jud Heathcote’s last season and possibly one of his best teams losing in the first round was unhinkable, but anything can happen when the one team’s fate lies on the shoulders of one player; Shawn Respert. Respert played well but was unable to help the Spartans defeat underdog Weber State. I was disappointed in the loss, hoping to see State at least make it to the sweet 16 and face North Carolina. In my pre-tournament predictions I had State losing to North Carolina. Consequently, my overall picks were not hurt that much by State’s early loss.

On to bigger and better things, Michigan. Oh, that’s right they lost in the first round as well. When the pairings were first announced I was appalled that Michigan with a record of 17-13 even made the tournament. It just goes to show you what name recognition can get you. I feel sorry for Ray Jackson, who will make an impact for the Saints with the Michigan Wolverines. In the final round of the tournament, Aquinas will now begin to gear up for regular season and conference play.

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AQ Baseball Fares
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