Knappe Honored with Reflection Award

By Rene Palileo
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The values of Aquinas College are represented in integrity, commitment, vision, service and loyalty. The recipient of the third annual Aquinas College Reflection award reflects these values honorably. Mr. Raymond E. Knappe, Chairman of the Board and CEO of Knappe and Vogt Manufacturing in Grand Rapids, was presented with a large mirror with the Aquinas Insignia imprinted upon it, symbolizing the reflective spirit generated by an individual. The award presentation took place at the Brown Center on September 6 with cocktails at 6:15 and dinner at 7:30.

The honored guest, Mr. Raymond Knappe, has been deeply involved with the Aquinas Community for a large part of his life. A graduate of Catholic Central High School and Georgetown University, he also received his MBA and law degree from the University of Michigan. His roots are here in Grand Rapids, and he credits the Dominican Sisters for developing in him strong Catholic beliefs. "I like the Catholic liberal arts and smallness of Aquinas," Knappe states, adding, "A big school isn't for everyone, and the Dominican sisters promote an excellent education." Mr. Knappe was on the Board of Trustees of Aquinas College for 19 years, as the Treasurer for 13 years and the remaining six as Chairperson.

However, his involvement with Grand Rapids did not end there. Mr. Knappe is also active in a wide variety of local organization which include St. Mary's Hospital, Junior Achievement of Grand Rapids, the American Cancer Society, the Kent County Hospital Authority, the Symphony Board, the Davenport Foundation and the Employers Association. When asked about the feeling of receiving the Reflection Award, Knappe simply answered, "I told Paul (Nelson) that I didn't deserve it." Then he said that because "it's a pretty big fundraiser for the school and if Aquinas will benefit from it then I will do it," referring to the $125 per person donation at the reception, which is donated to Aquinas. "It will help balance the books," he said, referring to helping the scholarship program.

When asked for any advice to give to the students of Aquinas, Knappe replied, "I think that everyone should perform to the best of their ability because that is the way to succeed. Students should have an overall objective in school, something to keep them motivated, because if they are without motivation in school, they'll lack motivation in life."

Upon receiving the award, Mr. Knappe turned the mirror to face the crowd, giving the impression that what is reflected is everyone else, not only him. Mr. Knappe's humble spirit reflects what Aquinas College stands for, to succeed and get the job done and move on to the next goal. The next time Mr. Knappe is on campus, he will probably go unnoticed to the students, but his persona will not. Raymond Knappe reflects the integrity, commitment, vision, service and loyalty which symbolizes Aquinas College.

An old English proverb reads, "The best mirror is an old friend." This year's Reflection Award recipient is an old friend to Aquinas College...Congratulations and many thanks to Mr. Raymond E. Knappe.

Two years ago the General Education Writing Focus Committee came together to voice their concerns about the way Aquinas students were learning basic writing and speaking skills. This first meeting was the beginning of the new Inquiry and Expression class that has been implemented as the required curriculum for freshmen.

Further research and investigation followed this initial meeting. Pam Waterbury visited colleges around the state such as Grand Valley State University, University of Michigan and Michigan State to compare their English courses to Aquinas'. Waterbury discovered that Aquinas was meeting only a minimal amount of what students should be learning in regard to writing and oral communication skills.

The Humanities course that had been in existence prior to the new Inquiry and Expression class was focusing primarily on content, placing secondary importance on how to improve students' own work. "Too many students were falling through the cracks," states Waterbury. "Only a few students were developing the skills needed to help them in other courses."

After she reported her findings to the Writing Focus committee, which was comprised of faculty from all departments, they began drafting plans for a new skills course. Essentially the committee came up with three plans, one of which that would start where the student was an individual and then move on to incorporate the student as a family member, then the student as part of a greater community and finally the student in a diverse America and Universe.

John Niedzielski, Cathy Tahy, and Doug Dooley pose with Peter and Pat Cook.

Aquinas as a whole voted on the plans submitted by the Writing Focus Committee. This summer the faculty that would be teaching the course had extensive workshop sessions to develop unit plans and a syllabus. They also met with experts from a variety of fields to gain information on the different aspects of the class. The faculty involved with the Inquiry and Expression class still meets on a weekly basis.

The Inquiry and Expression class is an integrated skills course. In addition to the primary focus of writing, there is added emphasis on oral communication, thinking critically, reading critically, researching efficiently, and technological literacy. The unique addition to this course is the collaborative activities planned to coincide with class learning. Such activities include trips to museums, dating and values workshops and biking trips.

Student feedback seems to be positive on the whole. Mary Beth Pniowski, freshman, stated, "I really like this class. It's taught in a style that I enjoy learning from."

Freshman Monica Honk had this to say, "My Inquiry and Expression class isn't boring. My teacher doesn't drone on in a monotone about pronunciation and grammar. She doesn't teach off the wall subjects-she teaches things that I can relate to."

Future feedback and evaluation will determine if this course will become a permanent part of the Aquinas curriculum. It is only the beginning of the liberal arts experience for these freshmen, who are still required to take the humanities course next year.
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Students Travel to South Manitou Island

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Orientation organizer Timi Hough put together a fun-filled week in which the new students were introduced to their roommates, separated from their parents, and acquainted with the people whom they will be spending much of their time with during these next four years. Hough said the main purpose of the program was to, “Bring the freshmen together, develop class unity, and meet one another as a group.” The Orientation began at 1:00 PM on Wednesday when the parents of the new students were able to attend various presentations about things like letting go of their child and various informative workshops about the campus of Aquinas College. At 3:00 PM, all of the students and their parents were invited to the Freshman Convocation at St. Thomas Catholic Church. After the parents and their sons and daughters said their last good-byes, the students met the rest of their freshman class at a party at the soon-to-be-opened Cook Carriage House.

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“The living room of the campus,” proclaimed Timi Hough, “is not the residence halls. It’s not your roommate. It’s a place where you and the people you choose to bring with you can make memories of your own.”

During which the student leaders presented their plans to potential donors. This determination paid off when Peter and Pat Cook of Grand Rapids pledged $25,000 to the Carriage House Fund. Initially presenting $125,000, the Cooks challenged students to raise an additional $257,000 in order to receive the remaining $100,000. A fundraising drive then followed in which faculty, staff, and students of Aquinas were solicited for donations to fund the Carriage House. Door to door drives took place, and what were made, donations were collected. The time arrived, and ground was broken.

Last spring, the workers of JIJK Construction have been working to make the dream of a student union a reality. Students helped with the addition of a deck built to overlook the soccer field. This deck would also provide students and guests with the opportunity to enjoy food and drinks outdoors during soccer games and other events. The two indoor levels were renovated with the first level designed for having a main assembly area. Within this area will be a small stage for activities such as open mike night, comfortable seating, and a kitchen area to help provide a cozy coffee shop-like atmosphere. Along the northwest wing the Student Activities and Program Board offices will be found while the Student Senate, The Aquinas Times, and the Aquinas yearbook office will reside upstairs. In addition to these offices the second level will also host a large game room complete with pool tables, ping pong tables, games, as well as a spacious lounge complete with an entertainment center.

How does gathering on Thursdays with friends “sound” Euchre commented Funk. Tom Summers shared a similar viewpoint, “It is a great idea... about 3 1/2 years ago a study was done just to see what could be done, but it was these students who made it happen.”

A ribbon cutting ceremony held in mid-August, marked the official dedication of the Carriage House. John Jackoboice, Vice President of the Board of Trustees, introduced Cathy, John, and Doug to thank the many people who had joined and contributed to make this dream a reality. Keys to the Carriage House were then presented to John Niedzielski and Timi Hough. Funk hopes to obtain an occupancy permit as soon as possible, which would allow students to enter while minor details such as painting and trim are being completed. A grand opening celebration will be scheduled in a couple weeks when the Carriage House will officially open its doors as a student union to all.

Over the school year, when you are hanging out at the Carriage House with your friends, take a minute to think about the hard work which was put in to making it a reality. Many students put many long hours into giving Aquinas something to be proud of. Years from now, the Carriage House will continue to be the center of the Aquinas community, and one that is built on the dreams and ambitions of all Aquinas students.

Nancy Timberlake called the retreat “a weekend of friendship and renewal and a great start to the new year.”

Robert Dodde said that the retreat was a great time and called it an “adventure of hiking through the woods.” Dodde added that “the bonds made between new friends during our discussions culminated in a weekend retreat like no other I have ever experienced.”

If you are interested in the other service-learning trips, contact the Campus Ministry office in the Gatehouse.
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**In the News**

By Andy Piper

**Point:**

Fiasco for Nothing

By Eric VanGessel

**Counterpoint:**

Women Deserve a Shot

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So, who's next in line? Now that Shannon Faulkner has dropped out of The Citadel due to the overhearing stress and pressure of being the first female to be admitted to the all-male school since its founding in 1842, who will be the brave soul to take her place? Imagine the pressure she must now feel after the entire country views her as a quitter. Regardless of whether any other women are admitted to the institution or not, The Citadel has made a great case for its long-standing rule of exclusivity: NO WOMEN ALLOWED!

Let us venture back in time to 1993, when the then 18-year-old Faulkner applied to become a cadet at the revered military academy. She gained acceptance and knew of the expectations placed on a cadet at the school. However, when the school caught wind of her sex, they withdrew their invitation. She then sued the state-funded school for discrimination.

Federal District Judge C. Weston Houck ruled in her favor, ordering the school to allow her into the academy. She was allowed into the classroom, but her hair cut off would stigmatize her as a woman. This is ridiculous, because the reasoning behind the court's nullification of the Citadel's discriminatory policies which allowed her into the college was that men and women should be treated as equals.

There is no rule that states women's hair is more sacred than men's, so the court's decision this time was biased against the men. Of course, once allowed into the academy, she was not held to the same physical standards that the men were. This brings me to my main point. The question of whether or not the Citadel should allow women to be as hardworking as men in other military schools (and now the Citadel) are not held to the same physical standards as men.

The 135 women in West Point's freshman class are only required to run as far as the men, not as fast. What sense does this make? We are supposedly training these people for combat, so why should we allow the minimum score on the ACT. Faulkner did. Just as the other males who weren't physically prepared should be dismissed until they can.

Now, should some woman who is bigger and stronger than I am (as Shannon Faulkner is) be allowed to slip in through the cracks? It wouldn't happen in the college world. A student is admitted only when he or she receives the minimum score on the ACT. The same should be applied to people to whom are training to be in combat. If they are physically unable now, they should keep working until they are physically up to it. Many women hold Shannon Faulkner up as a pioneer to the women's rights movement. Unfortunately, she will only be remembered as a failure. Would anyone have remembered Jackie Robinson if he had quit the Major Leagues one week after he began? Of course not. It would have been left up to the next African-American ballplayer to forge the trail of success. Now it will be up some other woman who can finish what Faulkner started.

It is a sad commentary on our times when the Citadel judges people according to their sex. "Out-dated" and "false" describe whatever belief system the academy is trying to hold on to the idea that women are not as physically able as men. However, in this case, the woman wasn't. Photographs and observers say she reported to the academy as much as 20 pounds overweight—hardly the kind of condition you would expect a powerhouse woman, ready to make a bold statement to the world, to be in. She bragged and boasted for two years and then had to stick her foot in her mouth.

Faulkner may have done some good; now may be some female soldiers will be encouraged enough to come forward and prove that they can handle the standards set by the academy. When it comes to the proving grounds, however, Faulkner did an injustice to women. She implied that she could do something that she could not, and it reflected poorly on women.

Equality is something that will eventually be achieved in this country. Unfortunately, because of incidents like Faulkner's, it continues to be delayed.

One of the most prevalent news items this summer, during the O.J. Simpson trial, was that of Shannon Faulkner and her attempt to gain admission to the prestigious military institution in South Carolina known as The Citadel. Many of us watched as two years of bitter court battles ended with a final decision forcing the school to open its doors to women. The question on everyone's mind is whether Shannon Faulkner should have been allowed to join what has historically been an all-male institution.

Faulkner wished to attend The Citadel because it is considered one of the finest prep-schools in the country and similarly has a long history of producing excellent officers for the various branches of the military. Many of those who graduate from this academy are in prime shape, both physically and mentally, to enter the military and enjoy fruitful careers as commissioned officers. This institution has been around for more than 150 years and is world-renowned for its high standards of excellence and professionalism. For these reasons alone we can see why Shannon Faulkner, as well as many other prospective students, would like to enter the citadel academy.

Many wonder if the extended court battle was worth all the time, money, and effort since she quit anyway. Furthermore, many columnists wrote that she was unfit for such physical torture as faced by all new students. It is in the opinion of this writer that they are correct, but only to a certain extent. It seems obvious that she was simply not prepared for the intense physical training that all new cadets are put through.

In addition, anyone who has ever been to the South during the peak of summer can attest to the fact that some of the most oppressive heat and humidity found in the entire United States is felt in the Southeast. With this in mind we can see why it takes a very special kind of person to endure the initial "boot camp" that cadets are subjected to.

It must be acknowledged that this lack of physical fitness is a characteristic particular to Faulkner and not necessarily to all women. Every branch of the military has realized that in order to stay competitive in today's highly technical world they need intelligent people who are able to adapt, learn, and think on their feet. Yet there is still the need for physical stamina and strength. They further realize that these special needs can be filled by women. To give an example, each service has standards that must be fulfilled before they will consider a person for commission as an officer. The Air Force requires officers to have a college degree and be proficient in four basic areas: Communication Skills, Leadership and Management, Professional Knowledge, and Defense Studies. All officers are required to participate in physical training and sports activities. Physical standards are the same for men and women as are age requirements, citizenship status, criminal history, and academic achievement. On top of this they must attain a certain score on a military standardized test before they can gain admission.

All branches of the military follow these general guidelines including more "grant oriented" services like the Marines and the Army which do have different physical requirements for men and women. The key idea to keep in mind is that all branches require applicants be in shape, but they realize that there are physical differences between men and women (aside from the obvious). One aspect that is universal to all branches is the intellectual requirements and the physical requirement to be admitted to any branch in the military. What is most important is that these branches work towards the common goal of equality.

Furthermore the military realizes that to remain the most effective fighting force in the world it will need intelligent, hardworking individuals. These characteristics, we know, are found in both men and women. The point to be made here is that most requirements of today's military, as stated above, deal with academic and leadership abilities, not sex. The Citadel has deviated from its mission of preparing quality people for the military by not offering females the opportunity to participate. This school has cheated our armed forces out of some undoubtedly qualified individuals by basing part of the application process on sex. We must not forget that this is a school funded by tax dollars, tax dollars collected from both men and women in the state of South Carolina. If women help fund it they should be given the same consideration that acceptance for men are given. If they wish to remain an all male institution then they should declare themselves a private institution and renounce all public funding.
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Life, to use a cliché, is a journey. We make journeys every day, whether they are small (journeying to class), or large and more significant (leaving home to go to college). We travel through our lives, too often unnoticed, or at least not recognized as important (leaving home and going to college). We travel through our lives, too often busy year ahead...,” let me begin my first excursion here in this office, and on the wall hangs a picture of a man hanging from a rope on the side of a mountain, and emblazoned above him is the word “challenge.” Obviously, the photo is designed to be motivational, and encourage people to “touch the sky.”

However, not all challenges are as majestic as touching the sky. For some people, just getting out of bed and facing the day is a challenge. Regardless of the magnitude of the challenge, it’s your attitude toward the challenge that determines success. Maintaining a positive attitude is the key. Now, this statement may seem cheery and pulled right out of a high school pep rally (P.M.A. all the way!), but it is the truth in my (quite possibly naive) eyes.

Personally, my position as editor of the Times is a challenge, and quite possibly the biggest one I have ever faced. But facing this challenge will make me a better, wiser person; I will make mistakes, and learn from them; I will gain invaluable experience in the process, experience that is essential towards personal growth. This is the essence of learning, which is the process of challenging and expanding the mind. Isn’t that why we, as students, are here? This is one of the questions I am constantly asking myself. Am I pushing my boundaries, or am I only doing what is comfortable? I assume many people my age, in an attempt to find or further themselves, ask these same questions.

Well, I guess I have bubbled enough, and it’s time to get to the point, which is: if you’re not challenging yourself, you’re cheating yourself. Believe me, I understand the fear that comes with facing a challenge, but to face it, conquer it, and learn from it is ultimately fulfilling.

Now, I want to explain why I tackled such an issue. Ordinarily, my column is more commentary on outstanding social issues. I want to do something different with this column; social issues do affect us greatly, but I do personal issues. I want to steer Excursions towards such personal philosophical issues not just because I want to, but because everyone faces these issues; I am attempting greater universality. This is my challenge to myself, as well, this year, and maybe, just maybe, I’ll reach someone.

**THE RAMBLING PADDOKA**

*By Curt Wozniak*  
Times Copy Editor

My first column. There’s something about the promise of a new academic year coupled with this new opportunity to connect with the entire body of Times faithful on a bi-weekly basis that brings a twinkle to my eye, and a small mountain of crumpled papers to the corner of the Knape Hall den (a.k.a. “Paddoka Central”). It amazes me, not in a bad way, but in a sense that any historian or social studies teacher would understand, since I’ve so much I need to learn, or re-learn, but there’s something about driving a forklift for fifty hours each of her 15 weeks that works against any ability I had in the spring to generate profound thoughts. What opinions, advice, or ponderances do I have left to share with my college community? As many as there are wads of notebook paper strewn from my writing desk to the wall. As many as there are metaphysical paper wads strewn about the den of my mind. But quality opinions, advice, or ponderances (there’s that anachronism creeping up again)...that’s what I want to share.

Well, there’s a saying that goes, “You teach best what you most need to learn,” so, since I’ve so much I need to learn, or re-learn
"You've got to fight for your right..." In this, the first issue for the year of the Times, I have chosen to address an issue that nearly every student living on campus will encounter this year, and I believe it is one that has badly divided a large segment of the student body in the past few years. Call it what you want depending on your personal persuasion: rules, privacy, the law, what goes on behind closed doors, responsibility—whatever you want. What I would call it is personal freedom, and it's not the type that would politically classify anyone, rather personal freedom only as it relates to being an Aquinas College student.

In the past few years, we have seen a great increase in the number of "documented" incidents between RA's and resident hall tenants. With the beginning of this new year, I ask the Residence Life staff to just give the kids a break. We all understand that there are rules that must be observed and that the Resident Advisors must uphold some of the rules that are in the best interest and safety of all students. But many of us, who have been around for a few years, are also aware that the relationship between RA's and the other students has dramatically deteriorated because of the level of intrusion into the events that occur on First East and Third West and First St. Joe's and Dominican Hall and any other closed door on campus. Even though some of the rule breakers could be classified as such, the RA's are not babysitters and no student should be under such supervision.

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The word “holocaust” was defined by Germany’s Nazi party to mean a burnt sacrifice offered to God. During World War II, eleven million people, including six million Jews were exterminated because the Nazi regime proclaimed certain people unfit to live in God’s world. David Mandel, retired Grand Rapids busi­nessman and holocaust survivor, was in Dr. Shirley Lewis’ senior seminar class to speak to her students. “Every time I speak of the Holocaust it pains me,” Mandel said. “It’s agonizing to me that there are Revisionists who say it never took place. I speak because it’s my responsibility to bear witness to the horrors that took place, and with the hope that I can teach a lesson for the world to know and learn that one man was capable of inciting hatred.”

When asked about the value of having speakers like David Mandel come to Aquinas, Dr. Shirley Lewis responded, “When you see a movie about the Holocaust or read a book about it, it moves you. When you hear a survivor’s account of the horror, it takes your breath away.”

Mandel was born in Czechoslovakia in 1929, and remembers the Nazi army marching into his hometown. “It was a time of jubilation for a little boy like me, but little did I know what would happen. Hatred spree­d all over and people aggregated under an ‘embellishment of hatred, with Jews as the scape­goats,’” said Mandel. As was often the case, he and his family were uprooted from their homeland, to be resettled in a ghetto in Hungary. Mandel lived there for days and nights in a railroad cattle car, with no place to sit and no water to drink. “Chil­dren were crying, and mothers were weep­ing as we disembarked in Auschwitz. We were told men over 16 to the left, women and children and old men to the right,” It was the last time I saw my mother, brothers and sister,” said Mandel.

The living conditions in Germany’s most famous concentration camp were beyond any comprehension. Prisoners were on a starvation diet, with most people dying within 90 days of arriving. “Hunger brought out the animal in us,” Mandel explained. “To see father and son fighting over a piece of bread that was survival.” Clothing constituted pajama pants and tops made of thin cotton, worn throughout the year. Physi­cal and mental abuse were commonplace, and prisoners were used as guinea pigs for medical experiments.

While he and other prisoners were being sent to another locale, Mandel escaped. He was fifteen years old and weighed 70 lbs. Months later he found his father, emaciated and weak, and nursed him back to health. In April of 1945, “I went back home and waited for family, friends and neigh­bors. My brother arrived in the middle of the night and woke me up.” The brothers finally had their opportunity to leave their horrendous past behind.

In 1946 the surviving members of Mandel’s family came to the United States, and eventually settled in Michigan. His brother married and settled in Detroit, and lived there with his family. His father starved to death, with most people dying as we disembarked in Auschwitz. We were told men over 16 to the left, women and children and old men to the right.” It was the last time I saw my mother, brothers and sister,” said Mandel.

The freshmen have suddenly, nearly over­night, taken on major responsibility in their lives—when to go to class, when to study, when to sleep... leaving one rather flustered with all these new decisions. Leslie Dennis, from Counseling and Care­er Services, says that the number one thing is not to get buried. “Any change causes stress, whether it is good or bad,” says Den­nis. “Certainly, freshmen are experiencing a lot of change right now. That means they are also experiencing a lot of stress. Don’t let it build up. Schedule your time and set priori­ties right from the start. If it is more helpful, make a written list. When you arrive at the point of “overload,” you will have something new to look at to show you what your concerns should really be. Don’t waste time worrying about trivial things.”

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By Tim Ziegler  
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Wow! What a Change! It doesn’t take long to see what all the excitement is about. It is the new look of the AQ bookstore. This was the summer that C.O.A.S.T., the com­pany that owns Aquinas’ bookstore, had made plans to totally remodel the interior of the store.

Most would agree that the renovation was long overdue. When word came from the powers that be that changes were in the works the bookstore staff was very en­susted.

Deb Gutierrez, the bookstore manager, said “We were looking forward to having a place in which customers felt more comfort­able shopping in.” It seems that Deb got what she was looking for. Bookstore staff have even heard students commenting on how much more enjoyable it was to buy books this year, a highly uncommon state­ment considering it usually involves spend­ing a couple weeks’ salary. While we all know that buying books will not be the most enjoyable thing we do while we are here at school, the new store does allow for easier access to all the text books, supplies, sportswear, and gifts the AQ Book­store has to offer. Many students have commented on the improved AQ Book­store. Melissa Gedris, a graduate student at Aquinas, said “The changes have made it a lot nicer place to shop, and it is also easier to find what I am looking for.” Similar reac­tions can be heard from other students as well as from the AQ faculty and staff.

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Homecoming ‘95: Not Just for Alumni

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Gary Eberle Publishes

Angel Strings

By Curt Wozniak
Times Copy Editor

What makes a novel entertaining, for most of us, could be any of a variety of elements. An interesting plot, leading interesting characters through interesting situations is a start. Take those interesting characters and develop them so that our interest is held, and while you’re at it, add a touch of romance. According to all preliminary indications, Professor Gary Eberle has written an entertaining novel.

Eberle, whose body of published works includes many short stories, newspaper columns, and last year’s non-fiction book, The Geography of Nowhere: Finding One’s Self in the Postmodern World, smiles with a glimmer of satisfaction when talking about Angel Strings (Coffeehouse Press, $12.95), his first published novel.

For Eberle, the book is the realization of a goal that has been simmered over for the past twenty years. The history of Angel Strings itself goes back for thirteen of those years. Eberle excavated the piece with intentions of writing a short story. However, the short story ran for about thirty pages—too long for a short story, but containing all the elements of an infant novel. Other projects took precedence as the novel was placed on hold for a few years. Then, four years ago, when going through his files, Eberle came across the piece again and spent that summer tying loose ends and filling in gaps.

Eberle sent the completed manuscript to Coffeehouse Press, a small, but well-respected publisher. Coffeehouse returned the novel with a two-page rejection letter. They were intrigued, but wanted to see some changes made before they would publish it. Two years and two rewritings later, Angel Strings is set for nation-wide distribution.

Summing up his novel, Eberle said that, “The book is about love, romance, and life happening to you when you least expect it.” Eberle’s protagonist is a heavy metal guitarist named Joe Findley, who sees a lot of life, everything from angelic visitations to FBI investigations. Joe’s sights are set on Stardust, but life just has to keep popping up and happening along the way. Also popping up are some richly drawn characters, one of whom Eberle describes as, “a Tibetan monk with a fetish for French fries.”

Reviews of the novel have been very flattering. Publishers’ Weekly gave it much praise, which is almost unheard of for any novelist’s first published effort. Rebecca Emfinger of the Detroit Free Press called it, “...what every book lover secretly hackers for: a good read.”

If you are hankering for a copy of Angel Strings, it will be available in the bookstore.

Monroe Mall, which continuously drew in thousands throughout the Summer.

Another highly successful weekend activity was the WKLQ-FM (94.5) Summerstock series. The series highlighted local artists and up-and-coming national artists such as Brother Cane, the Tooties and more recently, Wanderlust.

Competition was stiff though as rival station WGRD-FM (97.9) had it’s own Tuesday night Music Club in the Eastown hub lot, featuring local bands like Knee Deep Shag, Aquinas’ own Domestic Problems and RCA recording (and local gods) the Verve Pipe. WGRD also hosted the IT concert which featured popular morning radio personality Kevin Matthews (from Chicago) and featured bands like the Goo Goo Dolls and the Caufields.

Wows! All of this good and more for free! But even the stuff that wasn’t free was well worth the money.

Grand Rapids drew in bands like Lords of Acid, Filter, Fairhouse, My Life With The Thrill Kill Kult, and many more this Summer.

The Summer in Review

By Josh Newman
Times Entertainment & Photography Editor

If one was to take time to write down all of the fun and exciting events that took place in West Michigan and throughout the rest of the state this summer, chances are they’d probably still be writing when next summer rolls around.

Grand Rapids’ residents rarely had much “dead-time” to deal with as it seemed that nearly every weekend (and many weeknights for that matter) were chock-full of excitement. From the weekend cultural festivals such as the Polish Festival and the Italian Festival to the full-blown multi-purpose events like Festival ’95 and last weekend’s Celebration of the Grand, rarely was there a dull moment.

Weeknight festivities varied, but most notably was the West Michigan Blues Society-sponsored Wed. night blues series on the.

The shows out of town were even better. Big-time Summer touring acts like Jimmy Buffet and the Grateful Dead (before the death of Jerry Garcia) continued their great tradition of sold-out, tail-gaing madness. Also, rising stars like the Dave Matthews Band, Hootie and the Blowfish, Seal, Better Than Ezra, etc. etc. etc. flew through our great state. Oh, and let’s not forget the star-studded H.O.R.D.E. Festival (Blues Trav­eller, Black Crowes, Sheryl Crow) and the not-so-lucky Lollapalooza thing.

With all of this, maybe it is time to take a well-deserved rest.
NO WAY!

This autumn season is just starting to heat up and is picking up where the summer left off. Here’s a few things coming up in the weeks ahead that may be of interest:

Sept. 15-17: Mexican Independence Day Celebration, downtown at the Calder Plaza.

Sept. 16: Eastown Streetfair featuring 17 different bands on two different stages. Performances start at 11:00 am and run all day. (Hint — Domestic Problems plays at 6:00 on the Wealthy Stage.)

Sept. 17: Letters to Cleo at the Repulse House.

Sept. 19: 311 w/No Doubt and Dog Eat Dog at the Orbit Room.

Sept. 22-24: German Oktoberfest Celebration, downtown at the Calder Plaza. Food, dance, music and tons of fun.

QUICK NOTES: ** Tickets go on sale at 10 am Saturday, Sept. 16 for PHISH, who will perform Friday, Oct. 7th at Wings Stadium.
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trayal of the aforementioned nasty emotions.

Songs like album-opener “blind” (“I can see, I can see, I’m going blind”) and “ball tongue” (“you were my brother/where does the friendship end...how can you doubt me?”) accurately reflect the confusion people face when dealing with inner feelings, while “faget” takes the stance of a guy man facing the anger and fear of his life (“all my life/who am I”). Even more disturbing, though, is “daddy,” an emotionally shredding first-person account of the abduction and rape of a small child, which concludes with Davis collapsing into a frenzy of grief, sobbing and crying, as if the song was his outlet for a lot of pent-up despair.

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Musically speaking, Korn wanders around the edge of hardcore metal, but thankfully avoids that genre’s trappings and clichés. Grinding guitar riffs are complemented by a groove big enough to drive a truck through (complements of Fiddy and David, on bass and drums respectively). However, it is vocalist Johnathan Davis’s disturbing yowl that gives the band character, as do the disjointed squeaks and squalls of guitarists Brian and J. Munky Shaffer. As a result, Korn is utterly convincing with their portrayal of these emotions.

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Jagged Little Pill

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Men's Soccer Undefeated

Saints Start Off at 5-0

By Josh Newman
Times Entertainment & Photography Editor

There is a sign floating around that reads, "Saints Baseball — We don't rebuild, we reload." But with all due respect to our outstanding baseball program, that sign could easily have Saints Soccer moniker added to it.

After losing six starters from the '94 lineup, it would seem that '95 would be the year to shape and mold some of the team's many young players for their future prospects here at Aquinas. And with John Oly being the lone Senior on the team and only four other returning starters, some might think that this year's team will not be as strong as some of the previous AQ teams. Think again.

This year's team is off to a quick 5-0 start and is setting the pace for what could be a AQ's most successful season to date. The Saints — led by third year coaches Pat Hoatlin and Jerry Nyanor — captured the Cornerstone Classic tournament title over the Labor Day weekend by defeating top-ranked Christian College team Moody Bible (3-1) on Saturday and then Marygrove College (3-1) on Friday.

"We have a lot of offensive threats and our defense is playing tough," said Junior midfielder Tim Fulton. "It seems like we have found a balance on offense and defense. We're playing well as a team and we're starting to click."

"I think that this will be a test for us in these next two games. Both teams are very strong and are better than any of the teams that we've faced thus far. We're really going to have to come together and play hard," Fulton agreed. "Hope is always tough and is always a big game for us, and Tri-State is a conference game so we're really going to need a win. We just want to take it one game at a time and play our best."

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New Look and Attitude for Women's Soccer

It's a whole new ball game this year! From uniforms to attitude, the Lady Saints' soccer team has composed a whole new look. This year's squad is composed of only five seniors. Four Juniors, two Sophomores, and fourteen freshmen round out this year's roster. Another new face in the crowd is that of first year coach, Shonn Bessette. In her first year, Coach Bessette wants to change the way that the women's soccer team has typically played in the past. "We are not going to play the defensive ball that the previous teams have played," said Bessette, "Instead we will be more offense-oriented, taking our game to our opponents."

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Although last year's major league baseball strike seemed to have turned fans against professional baseball, Western Michigan White Cap's fans proved just the opposite. On August 25 the WhiteCaps broke the all time attendance record for class A baseball. By the end of the game a record total of 481,868 fans processed through the turnstiles at Old Kent Park. This broke the old record, which was set just last year by the WhiteCaps. The previous record held by the old Denver Bears in 1949, had stood forty-six years.

Among the crowd of 8,638 on this day, was a portion of the Aquinas freshman class who went to the game as an event during their Freshman Orientation. "This was my first WhiteCaps game ever, and I must say that the atmosphere was truly exciting," said freshman Mindi Evans, one of 30 freshmen who were lucky enough to get tickets. Tickets have been hard to come by all season, but this is a good sign for the WhiteCaps. The previous record held by the old Denver Bears in 1949, had stood forty-six years. But to break the record last year was an amazing accomplishment, but to break our own record in just a year is an even greater accomplishment. Needless to say, everyone in the WhiteCaps organization is incredibly proud of the record.

The WhiteCaps final attendance count of the season came to 507,909, which is also an amazing accomplishment. No other class A team has ever gone over the 500,000 barrier in attendance in a single season.

AQ Freshmen Attend Game

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It has been said that, "Life is a marathon, not a series of short sprints." The Aquinas cross country team agrees with this statement. This hard working crew of 15 men and 17 women has already put in many miles to prepare for this year's season.

This grueling practice has already paid off for the team. The results of their first meet proved it on Tuesday, September 5, when the team traveled to Holland for the Hope College Invitational. Competing against the Saints were five other schools including Hope, Siena Heights, Olivet, Adrian, and Cornerstone. Both the men's and women's teams were able to place third overall. Top men finishers for AQ included Justin Ogle (13th overall), Scott Belland (19th overall), and John Lee (50th overall). Finishing in top spots for the women were Shannon Ousterweller (17th), Melissa Pline (18th) and Colleen Cone (23rd).

Upcoming meets include the Parkside Invitational on September 15th and 16th and a meet at Notre Dame on Friday September 22.