President Gerald R. Ford Comes Home

On Tuesday, November 7, Aquinas College held the distinct honor of hosting a hometown hero, former President of the United States, Gerald R. Ford.

Ford spoke in the Wege Center Ballroom to an audience of Aquinas College faculty, staff and freshman Inquiry and Expression students. Also on hand were various political science students.

Brought to Aquinas through the efforts of various members of the Aquinas Community such as Peter Wege and others on the Board of Trustees, Ford spoke of his life in Grand Rapids and his experiences in college.

President Paul Nelson began the event with a warm round of applause and began to describe how the Grand Rapids area shaped his life; he also stressed the importance of mastering the art of communication, both written and verbal. He told the freshmen about the difficult times he had during his first year of college at the University of Michigan. Ford then related an anecdote about how he was forced to write a 1,000 word essay for every Monday morning class during his first year at the university.

Ford said he often visited Aquinas and the surrounding colleges while he was the U.S. Representative in the Grand Rapids district. "In politics you too often spend time with old folks and don't concentrate enough on the young people of the country," he told the audience.

He noted that since he lost his Presidential election bid in 1977, he has spoken at 181 colleges around the country. "From that grassroots exposure from speaking to those schools," he said, "I am absolutely convinced that having a college education gives a higher degree of strength and security in your job, in your marriage, as well as your life in general."

Former President Ford finished the session by answering some questions from the students in the audience. When asked to describe his experience as president in one word, he replied "Busy."

Ford said that the most difficult domestic decision he made while president was to submit a budget proposal which would lower spending and keep the deficit lower, but it would not allow the economy to recover as quickly, and therefore hurt his election possibilities. He said he very easily could have submitted a budget which would have made him look better in the public's eyes but would have increased the deficit too much.

Most of the students were quite excited to have a former U.S. President speaking to them. Freshman Angela Fruin shared the consensus by saying "I thought it was a real honor to have him come and speak to us."

"I was surprised to learn that he was actually coming to speak to us," said Kelly Hanrahan, a freshman student who attended the event. "It is an honor to have a former President in our community for a former president to come and let us know how he was influenced by the community."

Local Murder Exposes Harsh Realities

By Mindi Evans
Times Contributing Writer

The harsh realities of life are all too soon forgotten, especially here at Aquinas. The campus' infamous trees function not only as Aquinas' trademark, but also serve as a barrier that separates us from the surrounding communities.

Only 3 weeks ago 20-year-old Jason Stanfield was shot at Fulton Heights Foods at approximately 7:20 p.m. The suspect was a 15-year-old whose get away transportation was a bicycle bearing a child seat on the back. Stanfield's wounds proved fatal. He died later at St. Mary's Hospital.

News of this incident spread quickly to the Aquinas campus. Randy McGeorge, Director of Residence Life, notified Regina, St. Joe and East area resident directors, who in turn left voice mail messages to all resident advisors.

The initial campus reaction to this violent crime was one of fear and shock. Many Aquinas students come from small towns where shootings and other violent crimes happen only on the nightly news.

"Coming from a small town I never imagined that something so terrible could happen so close," said freshman Mary Beth Pielak. "This campus makes me feel as if I'm living in a safe, protected, innocent environment." She then added, "I no longer feel safe making a simple trip to the grocery store."

Fellow freshman Josh Heddy was doing just that on the night of the shooting. "I was there (Fulton Heights Foods) 15 minutes earlier to get a toothbrush," said Heddy. "I didn't think I was in danger."

"I'm living in a safe, protected, innocent environment," she then added, "I no longer feel safe making a simple trip to the grocery store."

Fellow freshman Josh Heddy was doing just that on the night of the shooting. "I was there (Fulton Heights Foods) 15 minutes earlier to get a toothbrush," said Heddy. "I didn't think I was in danger."

see Murder, p.2
by Melissa Ann Plint
Times Contributing Writer

Abandoning dorm rooms and Wege food,Aquinas students set out to enjoy their fall break. Some students headed home to their cozy old beds and mom's home cooking. Others, taking advantage of trips sponsored by Aquinas, found themselves embracing unusual and challenging living conditions.

This was especially true for the 18 faculty and students who traveled the ruins of West Virginia on the Whitewater Rafting Trip, October 20-22. Despite cold, wet conditions, the group made the best of camping and rafting in the great outdoors. "It was a blast," said Mike Steers. "It had been a dream of mine to go whitewater rafting."

Sponsored by the Student Activities Department, the trip was meant to give students a chance to experience nature. "I found that students like outdoor activities," said Director of Student Activities, Timi Hough. Along with being a recreational trip, it was a learning experience. "Teamwork was important," said Amy Bishop. "We had to work together so we wouldn't fall out of (the raft)."

Participants in the Whitewater Rafting Trip were: Laura Allen, Amy Bishop, Kelly Cory, Dephney Creszier, Darrell Paraci, Nick Hopkins, Mark Lyon, Melissa Martin, Shawn McClenskey, Chissey Mueller, Shannnon Oestravoller, Beth Priest, Mike Steers, Marcie Witkowski, and Jill Veenstra, along with their advisors, Steve Guerrero, Adrian Lamar, and Jennifer Ireland.

Stayin in a cabin and cooking their own meals, the students partook in the Oaxaca Service Trip Also experienced a change in living conditions. From October 15-20, Sheila Aalsburg, Alyssa Dykgraaf, Greg Glover, Chris LaPonte, Rebecca Roof, Beth Sinclair, Melissa Twing, Jason Tylerenda and advisors Dr. Susan Gaaster, Associate Professor of Languages, and Sister Catherine Williams, O.P., Associate Director of Campus Ministry, lived and worked among the Zapotec Indians in Oaxaca, Mexico.

Oaxaca is one of the poorest parts of Mexico with the average family earning $3.00 a day. Hamburger costs $6.00 a pound. Despite their poverty, the students found the Indians to be very generous people. "I saw people with nothing-sharing with others," said Sheila Aalsburg.

During the trip, the group worked with street children, poor families, and the elderly while learning to live amongst those they helped. For the months prior to the trip, the group met to discuss issues they would face. After the trip, some students decided to continue their studies of Oaxaca as a three credit class.

The remainder of his time in office saw the onset of many serious issues. One of his first official duties entailed pardoning ex-president Nixon of any criminal activities he engaged in while in office. Ford's reasoning for pardoning Nixon was that there wasn't this distraction to deal with. "There wasn't this distraction to deal with. That could work more efficiently at his job if there wasn't this distraction to deal with."

The remainder of his time in office saw the president break new ground in delicate negotiations with the Soviet premier over arms negotiations. He believed, as stated in his speech last Tuesday, that a lasting deal could have been engineered if he would have been re-elected. Although he campaigned successfully against California governor Ronald Reagan in the Republican primaries, he eventually lost the general election to Georgia statesman Jimmy Carter. Although he didn't win the election, we can be sure that, for a short period of time, we had an extraordinary individual leading our country.
Knake Hall Residents Sell Themselves (and Their Services) at Auction

By Ann Walsh
Times Contributing Writer

The Knake Hall service auction held on October 10 in the Wege cafeteria was a tremendous success, raising over $400 for improvements in the recycling program at Aquinas. “The main purpose was to raise money for recycling efforts on campus. We met our needs and had some fun with it. Hopefully the money earned will establish the recycling bins on campus for the poly styrene cup collection,” said Brian Mark, Student Activities Chair. 

The S.A.V.E club was founded by the members of Knape Hall. One of their main issues is the recycling program. They are in charge of recycling in all of the Knape Hall buildings on campus and also in the corner cafe.

The money raised from the service auction will go towards a bin that will take the styrofoam that is used in the Corner Cafe. S.A.V.E has been driving to a recycling center in downtown Grand Rapids every day with a truckload of styrofoam, so the money earned will be a great help.

“We were hoping to make a couple dollars to replace our depleting funds and to keep up with our recycling efforts, but we never expected such a great response,” said Tim McGahey. The students showed an overwhelming response at the service auction. Many students as well as staff members participated in the bidding and showed extraordinary school spirit.

“At first it was a joke between myself and a friend. But Nolan seems like a great guy and a good home cooked meal doesn’t sound too bad either,” said Courtney Parker, one of the participants who purchased the services of a member of the program.

There were twelve men in the service auction. They all agreed to give two hours of service where they will do everything from cleaning bathrooms to doing laundry. Along with the services they give, the guys at Knape Hall made a five course home cooked meal for all of their donors on Sunday, November 5. After dinner they all watched a movie. Although it may sound cliché, it never was, perhaps, never more applicable. A good time was had by all.

“The worst part was the moment of truth and feeling like a piece of ground chuck,” said McGahey, speaking about the feeling of standing in front of everyone, worrying about whether anyone would want to buy you. The men of Knape Hall would like to thank everyone and hope they enjoyed it as much as they did themselves.

The Women's Center's "Bold New Move"

By Sarah Mieras
Times Contributing Writer

Students walk past it daily on their way to the Corner Cafe, but how many have taken note of the Aquinas Women's Center's bold new move?

Aside from hopping down the hall in Wege Center's Lower Level to occupy the vacated Community Senate office, the Women's Center has changed in a number of other ways. The center has a new advisor in Dr. Rebecca Coogan, Assistant Professor of English, as well as a new intern, June Anderson. Together they will keep the center open from 9:00-3:00 Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for programming and drop in visitors.

Anderson, a Communication Arts major, saw the internship with the Women's Center as a new career path. "I wouldn't say that I'm a feminist," said Anderson, "I'm more for gender balance and gender equality. I link the word feminist with things more radical than the center."

As the Center's new director, Dr. Rebecca Coogan's focus has been to "develop programs that are meaningful for students." Currently, the center hosts tea times on Wednesday afternoons between 12:30 and 2:00 p.m. outside the center. Topics for discussion include the meaning of the word "feminist," the media perceptions of women, domestic violence, and other topics related to Women's Studies. The tea time discussions are open to all.

Another one of the center's ongoing projects is their newsletter, "On A Mission." The newsletter, which began circulation last year, has continued to spread news of campus events, Women's Center plans, information on the Women's Studies Cognate as well as creative pieces, book and film reviews, editorials, and essays on women's issues. The newsletter is open for submissions from anyone in the Aquinas community. The deadline for submissions is the first of each month.

Some other programs already lined up for this year have included a panel discussion on the history of Women's Studies, a film festival, as well as collaboration with the newly reborn Women's Studies club on a variety of other events.

Comedian Brings Laughs, Message to Carriage House

By Phil Stimac
Times Contributing Writer

The Cook Carriage House hosted its first stand-up comedian on October 13. Comedian Mark Britton from Colorado entertained students for nearly an hour.

Britton's experience includes performances all over the country, including an appearance on "Comedy Central." Attendance was light, with around 35-40 people bringing their funny bones down to the stage at the new Student Union. However, the small crowd was energetic and appreciated Britton's brand of humor. Students Mary Jakob and Lisabeth Keegan praised the performance, rating it as "Excellent." Laura Kohler also added, "The act was an enjoyable hour. The comedian was very funny and he involved the crowd in several of his jokes." Jakob, Keegan, and Kohler shared the thought that "More comedians and entertainers need to come to Aquinas."

Britton's arsenal of jokes began with just a simple introduction followed by a killer opening joke. Next, he entertained the crowd with typical stand-up jokes. However, to add to the humor he had pre-recorded material which he played while keeping the crowd guessing as to how he was doing some of the sound effects. Some of the recordings were executed with perfect timing and Britton's acting ability made these moments especially hilarious. Britton proceeded to try some of his new material which also passed the funny test. To conclude the show, Britton combined comedy and music à la Weird Al Yankovic, singing altered lyrics to two songs which were very creative and amusing.

In addition to the humor which Britton shared, he also brought with him a message. He seemed to delicately highlight racism as something which could be laughed at. He mixed this theme with his jokes right from the start and ended with a song which condemned the Ku Klux Klan. The net result of the comedic jokes was a room full of people laughing at the absurdity of a society so ignorant that it allows racism to exist within its framework.

Britton provided a good time and was really appreciated based on the laughter and final applause. However, attendance was still on the low side. Many thought that the key to further success would be to have more events during the week that would draw in more people. Gillette said that the turnout was "not bad either," but more people were needed at future shows.

The place where life’s questions are answered!

E V E R Y S A T U R D A Y N I G H T
6:00 PM - CALVARY CHURCH

E N Y E "YEAH!!"

- Music...You’ll like!
- Drama...Just right!
- Talks...You’ll follow!
- Real Life...Not hollow!

Come try it...Come see...
It’s your life’s guarantee!!

E V E R Y S A T U R D A Y N I G H T
6:00 PM - CALVARY CHURCH
1-96 at East Beltline

Immediately following... Singles Viewpoint; Narcotics Anonymous; Just the Facts; Alcoholics Anonymous; Breaking Free; Messianic Fellowship
Car Stereos: The Cause of Noise Pollution?

by Andy Pieper
Times News Editor

Point

Do you like your car’s stereo system? Do you play your system loud enough to be heard from about fifty feet away? If you answered “Yes,” you had better watch yourself in Grand Rapids from now on. Under a new city noise ordinance, if your vehicle’s system is “clearly audible” from a distance of 50 feet between 7 am to 7 pm or “distinctly audible” from a distance of 25 feet between 7 pm to 7 am, it is possible for you to be arrested for noise pollution.

I would like to know just what exactly “clearly audible” means. Could somebody please do me that favor? Also, does the police officer whose auditory judgment could result in my arrest need to be able to understand the lyrics? Identify the artist and album title? Or maybe they can tell me what key it’s in along with the time signature?

Another possible question: What exactly do the circumstances need to be for a person to violate this ordinance? Is this a details nightmare just waiting to happen. Every single case can, and surely will be contested because it is unreasonable to believe that residents will actually get out of bed at night or chase a car down the street just to retrieve its license plate number.

The 25 foot distance is also a little tight. That means that if you are driving down the road and someone on the sidewalk can hear your radio, your radio is too loud. This is ridiculous, especially considering it is illegal at 7 pm. If just the volume of a car radio audible at 25 feet is enough to disrupt your sleep, you’ve already got serious sleeping problems.

Now I know that many of you are sitting back thinking that you love the law because you think it’s stupid for these jerks to think that they have the right to force us to listen to their “so-called” music and that the law suits you just fine. I can understand that because I don’t like that music and I also don’t understand how spending $4,000 or more on music can improve your ego. I also find it pretty sad that some of these people are more proud of these systems than anything else they have or have ever done.

Regardless of whether or not I understand this behavior, I don’t have to understand it. It’s none of business what they listen to or how loud they choose to listen to it. I think the case of car systems waking people up in the middle of the night is blown out of proportion. There should be no punishment just for being crazy enough to ruin your hearing (other than maybe higher premiums for ear problems on their health care). However, the Grand Rapids Police Department disagrees with me and will enforce this law with 90 new police officers they are hiring thanks to a tax increase. Thank goodness we now have all of these uniformed officers out in the streets to protect us from the evils of inner city life...i.e. music that we don’t like played at volume levels we feel are excessive.

I think the question comes down to whether or not the systems actually harm us as much as we think. If you have honestly been waken up in the middle of the night by a car radio, then I am truly sorry. I think you are one of the vast minority of people. Maybe it will take you mind to know that the punishment stereo system users get fits the crime; the fact that everyone who isn’t in the car is not really aware of them, only laughing at their pathetic attempts to impress us.

While I agree that car stereo systems are too loud, I really don’t think suggesting that citizens sitting up and waiting for cars to go by listening to Rush Limbaugh a little too loud and writing down their license plate number is the answer. I think this would cause an epidemic of 75 year old men sitting in a lawn chair 26 feet from the road waiting for those darn hoodlums down the street that just knows are going to come by one of these nights. And disgruntled, he’s going to be there when they do. Maybe that is what he considers being kept awake by the car stereo systems.

Counterpoint

Picture this. You’ve just sat down for dinner at your apartment at the corner of Fountain and Grand; by your side is a nice tall glass of Coke, and in front of you is a steaming plate of spaghetti. Suddenly you notice that little waves are vibrating in your drink, then you hear a thump, thump, thump. Quickly your mind flashes back to visions of Jurassic Park and the T-Rex that is surely running down the middle of Fountain Street ready to eat anything in its path. Petrified, you immediately sprint to the basement to avoid being devoured.

Your fears get tossed aside when you see, through your basement window, that the sound is coming from a soaped up 1982 Ford Escort with a stereo worth more than the car itself. Your immediate reaction is relief, relief that your life has been spared. Your second response is anger directed toward the moron who decided to disrupt your dinner once again.

Recently a city ordinance was passed in Grand Rapids aimed directly at those who flagrantly disrupt others in their homes by playing music at obscene levels. While the details of the law are controversial, what is generally felt is that finally there is something that is being done to combat this public nuisance.

Local governments around the country have, for a long time, needed a tool to deal with the enormous amount of complaints they are receiving from residents over this issue. Grand Rapids has responded by passing specific ordinances detailing what level of sound at certain times is considered acceptable.

Many people have tried to elevate this argument to a debate over free-speech. Their reasoning is that people deserve the right to listen to whatever they wish. Any limits placed on this, whether it be decibel level or type of music, is a clear violation of the individual’s free-speech rights. This is an obvious attempt to create a correlation where none exists. Opponents of this law have portrayed a sign of hypocrisy by the City of Grand Rapids by saying things like: “How can the city put limitations on music while allowing certain groups, like the KKK, to spread trash which is worse than any music that can be played?”

The problem here is that they are completely missing the point. A person has the right to walk away from a rally or protest, to go home and not listen should they choose to do so. This right is taken away when what you don’t want to hear enters your house anyway, especially in the middle of the night. When this happens there is no choice, no freedom to walk away.

For those of you who live in the Residence Halls, there are rules which put limits on the volume of music, allowing for a more peaceful living environment. This same logic shows why most parties (off campus) are broken up prematurely, because they are usually disturbing the neighbors. The police (even the 90 new ones) are acting within their authority to break up the party, and the R.A’s have a similar “power” to ask people to turn the music down. Why shouldn’t we extend this same courtesy to those who have to endure exceedingly loud car stereos?

For those of us who grew up in a suburban environment the problem of noisy car stereos never really presented that big of a problem. But when we enter a college atmosphere we realize the need for compromise, since we are suddenly living in a situation where small disruptions have the potential to create a volatile atmosphere.

For someone who lives on a busy street in Grand Rapids, the constant bombardment of loud music seriously erodes the quality of life. For residents of Grand Rapids, there are two goals that will hopefully be realized by this law: one, decrease the noise level of their neighborhoods, and two, prevent the reoccurring ring of problem people finding friends comatose with fear in the basement.

by Eric VanGeisel
Times News Editor

Continued from page 3
Ex-Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin Assassinated

The attack occurred Saturday night at a peace rally in Tel Aviv—and in an instant one of the most dynamic leaders in the world, and in the history of Israel, was shot down by an assassin’s bullet.

Yitzhak Rabin, who was one of the promoters of the Israeli-PLO peace accord, is scheduled to be buried today. According to preliminary reports it appears that a 27-year-old law student, Yigal Amir, allegedly shot Rabin in the back with three blasts from a 9mm Beretta. Neighbors of Amir report that he belonged to an extreme right-wing group fiercely opposed to the newly implemented peace agreement. This organization, known as The Eyeal Movement, has been one of the many groups present at protests that were increasing in number before the assassination of the Prime Minister. The suspect should be satisfied upon realizing that Rabin had, indeed, died from his injuries. The only regret held by this man seems to be that he was not able to kill the foreign minister and had, indeed, died from his injuries. The only regret held by this man seems to be that he was not able to kill the foreign minister and had, indeed, died from his injuries.

Rabin started his career in public service as a soldier in World War II. During this time he participated in an elite sabotage unit that attempted to prevent the Nazis from occupying land in the Middle East. He quickly rose through the ranks and was in charge of a military detachment known as the Palmach which was a guerrilla army fighting for control of Jerusalem. Fifteen years later, he was promoted to the position of Chief-Of-Staff of the Army.

Perhaps one of his greatest accomplishments came on June 5, 1967 when, as Commander of Israeli Forces, he managed to repel simultaneous attacks by Egypt, Jordan, Iraq, and Syria. This conflict, known as the Six Day War, solidified Israel’s position as a major power in the Middle East. During this war, Israel captured the areas known as the West Bank, Golan Heights, and the Gaza Strip, land that was supposed to be governed by the Palestinians under the new peace accord.

Quickly thereafter he was appointed as ambassador to the United States where he developed a personal relationship with Secretary of State Henry S. Kissinger and President Richard Nixon. He returned to his native country and led a successful campaign for the position of Prime Minister. A scandal forced him from office when it was found that he violated Israeli currency rules by having a bank account in the United States. Not one to leave gracefully, he returned in 1993 to recapture the seat of Prime Minister and was intent on creating an agreement that would, hopefully, lead to a lasting peace for his country.

Jews all over the world mourned the death of this man, and at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, sirens signaled two minutes of silence. People got out of their cars, phones were silent, and a general hush fell over the country as Israel is twice its silent tribute to Yitzhak Rabin.

Members of the international community similarly sought to show their final respects by attending the ex-Prime Minister’s funeral. Some notable Americans that were present were President and Mrs. Clinton, Secretary of State Warren Christopher, former presidents Jimmy Carter and George Bush, former Secretaries of State Henry Kissinger, Cyrus Vance, and George Shultz, among many other dignitaries from all over the world. Noticeably absent, however, was PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, who decided not to attend due to security problems that would undoubtedly occur if he decided to attend. Although the world has definitely lost a great leader when Rabin died, there is the sincere hope that the peace process will continue on its present course. There is no doubt that this accord was, indeed, at a very delicate stage in its development, but each side has expressed willingness to press forward. It appears that Rabin paid the ultimate price for his country. In the words of President Bill Clinton, “Prime Minister Rabin gave his life to Israel, first as a soldier for six freedom, then finally as a martyr for its lasting peace.”
Excursions...

...By John Serba

Last week, I was in front of the television, flipping through the channels, when a light, sudden, and intense, flooded over my stu­died form; bathed in this luminescence was the Angel of Death. "Yikes! It's the Angel of Death!" I exclaimed, terror oozing through my pores. "I-I—"

"No, but it will be soon, if you don't change your ways," he said, his voice crack­ling with electricity.

"Oh change my ways? I'm not doing evil things. I'm not killing people, or stealing, or parking illegally at Aquinas! I-I—"

"No, you're not. But you're doing something just as bad."

"What? What am I doing?"

"You, evil one, have violated the unwrit­ten 11th Commandment: You covet the television. You are weak of mind and spirit. Do you think you will find grand knowledge by watching 'Ricki Lake'? Or 'American Gladiators'? Or the Home Shopping Net­work? Do you really need another porcelain tric eels were nipping at it viciously. Then, the television was still flickering: on it, a light, bony finger pointing at the wall, on which was the Angel of Death. "Yikes! It's the Angel of Death! "I exclaimed, terror oozing through my spine, as if tiny elec­tric eels were nipping at it viciously. Then, surprisingly, the realization hit me: the giant purple vegetable on the couch me, over­doned with "K90110" and MTV. "Aaaaah," I yelled. (Or maybe it was, "Eeeeeeoo." It was definitely a vowel, though.)

"This is your only warning. Heed it, mortal."

"The television was still flickering: on it, a man held up a can of Miller Lite and pro­claimed, "Life is good." But this man was not your typical young, study beer drinker. I instantly recognized him as Lucifer. His eyes pierced mine like a pair of hypodermic needles: "Life is good, monkey. Drink up.""

Horror snaked up my spine, as if tiny elec­tric eels were nipping at it viciously. Then, surprisingly, the realization hit me: the giant purple vegetable on the couch me, over­doned with "K90110" and MTV. "Aaaaah," I yelled. (Or maybe it was, "Eeeeeeoo." It was definitely a vowel, though.)

"This is your only warning. Heed it, mortal."

"The television was still flickering: on it, a man held up a can of Miller Lite and pro­claimed, "Life is good." But this man was not your typical young, study beer drinker. I instantly recognized him as Lucifer. His eyes pierced mine like a pair of hypodermic needles: "Life is good, monkey. Drink up.""

I froze, suddenly faced with the great un­answerable questions of life. "But—but I watch PBS and the Discovery Channel, too," was all my quivering lips and suddenly parched throat could muster up.

"It matters not. Look," he said, his long, bony finger pointing at the wall, on which suddenly materialized an image: an egg­plant on a couch. 

I gazed at it, bemused, my mind struggling to stay afloat against the tide of thoughts suddenly forced upon it. My mouth dropped open.

"Cretin! What does it take to convert you feeble-minded ones?" Death bellowed. His skeletal hand grasped my cranium, my brain a dead battery, his fingers jumper cables. Horror seared up my spine, as if tiny elec­tric eels were nipping at it viciously. Then, surprisingly, the realization hit me: the giant purple vegetable on the couch me, over­doned with "K90110" and MTV. "Aaaaah," I yelled. (Or maybe it was, "Eeeeeeoo." It was definitely a vowel, though.)

"This is your only warning. Heed it, mortal."

"The television was still flickering: on it, a man held up a can of Miller Lite and pro­claimed, "Life is good." But this man was not your typical young, study beer drinker. I instantly recognized him as Lucifer. His eyes pierced mine like a pair of hypodermic needles: "Life is good, monkey. Drink up.""

I froze, suddenly faced with the great un­answerable questions of life. "But—"
A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Aquinas Times:

It was with great interest that I read your "Point/Counterpoint" columns in the last issue [issue two]. I believe that the real reason Aquinas College has never endorsed fraternities/sororities on campus has more to do with the Dominican Sister's educational tradition of inclusivity than anything else.

As a student here in the late 60's (please, no eye-rolling), I was proud to attend a college that had no fraternities. Indeed, the "Greeks", were and still are, honor societies established for the purpose of scholarly pursuit in certain fields such as biology (Beta Beta Beta), English (Lambda Iota Tau), and history (Phi Alpha Theta). Other clubs and organizations brought students together for social action, athletic boosting, or professional fraternality. These groups were open to all who were interested, and their get-togethers were far from stuffy or prigish. I recall "Polish Night" in the dorms, toga parties, intramural football's Super Bowl, "Friendly Floyd's Funeral Parlor" which was a front for a "speakeasy" in the Ballroom), and theatre cast parties in the Moore Room or at Coach Know's.

The point is, that, with a bit of creative abandon, students always will be able to make wonderful and memorable "happenings" without resorting to establishing "secret societies," such as fraternities/sororities. With the opening of the Cock Carriage House student center, I suspect that students will put their heads together and create many of these convivial and imaginative gatherings this year and in the future. May the Muses speak!

Pat Kozal '70
Academic Advising

The Times received the following commentary in the mail, unsigned. Because it addresses an important issue, we are printing it without writer credit due to the personal nature of the article and the privacy issues therein.

In December of 1993, the Metro Times, a publication out of Detroit, MI, published an article about the personal abuse they have suffered since. An 18 year old girl wrote a letter to their editor searching for some relief. As a child she experienced a tragedy that cannot be described with words, a tragedy that tears away the lives of many. She was sexually abused.

Sexual abuse is one of those taboo subjects that no one wants to think about, much less discuss. It has not been until recently that people are openly fighting back. The hardest of these battles come from the survivors themselves.

The Metro Times agreed to print a letter she wrote to her mother. As I read this piece I brought out pain and confusion that I had been hiding for years. Her attempt to reach her abuser brought me around to confront my own abuse. I only wish I could find her to say thank you. I am writing this letter in hopes that maybe I can reach someone out there the way she reached me.

I spent my first 20 years living in confusion. I couldn't trust my friends, my family or myself. I lived in perpetual fear of the dark, of the monster in the closet. My thoughts and feelings were constantly scrambled. I figured I couldn't hurt if I didn't think.

It wasn't until making love to my boyfriend of two years that I had the first flashback that tore me apart. The man I loved touched me and my body remembered something buried so deep inside that for a moment all I could do was wail. For hours afterward I was reduced to a quivering child that could not yet talk. For days after I shut down all feelings, I didn't sing or cry or smile.

The man that did this to me took everything away. I lost my confidence, the ability to love. He took away my first love, my ability to love. He took away my second. No matter how many people tell me that I can't give up on love, I can't. I know now that I can't do this alone and that I can't give up on myself until I find myself. I have a childhood to experience, a life to live. I've lost almost 22 years of my life and it's time to get it back.

I wrote this letter to show the other survivors out there that this isn't just about them. It isn't about their pain alone. This affects everyone in their lives. I don't want to see anyone else lose like this.

If there is any one person who can relate to this, then please reach out. Let someone help you. There is a counseling service right here at AQ. Use it. They can help you, whether here or at any one of the services offered here in Grand Rapids. Don't let your abuser take anything more from you.

I know this is a touchy subject, but it is out there. This is a small campus, but statistics show that even in a group this size there are many people out there fighting this battle. Everyone of every race that reaches out only one person, all the controversy in the world means nothing.

Let's reach out to others in their time of need. To those that have been forced to stay in the shadows. I can at least tell you that this is not just about you. There is help out there for you. I hope this helps you in some way.

Pat Kozal

A LETTER FROM THE ASSISTANT EDITOR

It is not that no one has made plans or talked about this issue, because for the last two and a half years we have been told that Internet access will be available for the beginning of that school year. First it was the fall of 1993, then the fall of 1994, then the beginning of this year, and now I hear it should be the beginning of the second semester. Now, I don't know if there has been a change in priorities recently, but I know that after all the delays there is not one student who is watching their mail for a notice to sign up for their new E-mail address. I have all but given up on having that access before I graduate, but at least I have been fortunate to have outside Internet access.

The number of reasons for having Internet access are many, and they are as symbolic as they are practical. Communication Arts continues to be one of the most popular majors on campus, and yet we are not teaching and learning the most innovative methods of communication since the invention of the telephone. Beyond easy communication, the on-line services gives students an unimaginable amount of research possibilities. But even more important, the Internet is simply the stepping stone to the future, for it is only the beginning.

A few weeks ago, a survey was passed around campus asking the student body whether they would prefer to have a new field house, new academic programs, a new library, or internet access. I think it is terrific that the opinions of the student body are at least being considered, but let me suggest that those judging the results, not consider the question of Internet access. It should not be an either/or question. Aside from balancing the budget and maintaining enrollment, the initiation of on-line computer access for the entire campus should absolutely be at the top priority of Aquinas College in the next six months. There can be little justification for another month, let alone another year, of delay. When hundreds of students come to campus in the spring to determine whether they will be here in the fall, I hope they will be asking if we have access for all students, for this is one of the most important elements of a college. We already have many of the others (accessible professors, a growing campus, a diverse student body, and excellent regional resources for finding a job), but we are lacking one of the most important. Aquinas College is an excellent school in one of the fastest growing economic and cultural areas in the country. But for however bright the future is for the college, we are not ready for the 21st century and our students will not be ready for the future and a changing workplace. We don't need to be on the same technological level as businesses, but we need to compete with other schools and most every other school is way ahead of us in on-line access for students. Maybe we can talk with some of the world's top companies that we have in this area, and see if there are any arrangements that we can make for technological assistance, or maybe we just need to spend the funds and put this campus on-line. Whatever we do, there should no longer be any discussion about timing, for it has passed.
AQ's Fuzzy Friends: The Mystery Unraveled

By Tim McGahey
Times Staff Writer

Would you go to a school for its trees? What about if those trees had something more to offer than shade? Something more than leaves? Something like a home? The local squirrel population in the Aquinas College area has developed a special attraction to the wooded AQ campus. In return, students have, throughout the years, developed a special affinity for the furry little creatures with whom they share living space. Athletically teams don the name "Saints," on their jerseys and warm-ups, yet the actual Aquinas mascot sports a squirrel-looking-thing costume and is named, "Gipper." Stories of "crazy squirrels" running up students' legs for candy bars, jumping in Residence Hall windows to nab a cheez-it, or running in circles outside of Wege are commonplace throughout this institution of higher learning.

However, these squirrels that seem to rule the Aquinas campus in the warmer months of the year soon disappear to the white blanket of winter. One might ask...where do those squirrels disappear to? The Aquinas Times recently took up the scientific pursuit of that inquiry. "They hibernate to Florida and South Carolina, because they all have a time shared down there," commented Junior, Scott Schmidt. "That's true. I've seen it. They call it the 'March of the Squirrels,'" agreed sophomore Mark Campbell. "I think they spend the winter hibernating in the crotches of the trees here on campus," pondered Becky Pylar, a first year student. "I don't know, get the heck out of my office. Ask Dr. McKelvey upstairs...he knows everything," offered a playfully whimsical Dr. Paul Bieneman, Chairperson of the Geography Department. Instead of asking the Aquinas Community Senate for funding for a project tag and monitor the squirrel, it was decided to take the advice of a very wise man (that would be Dr. Bieneman). According to Dr. Jeffrey McKelvey, Associate Professor of Biology, the squirrels don't hibernate...nor do they hibernate. They simply sleep for a few days at a time, wake up if the temperature rises enough for them to leave their nests and dig up the walnuts they hid earlier in the fall," reported Dr. McKelvey. Apparently some ground squirrels, like woodchucks and chipmunks, do indeed hibernate during the cold winter months, but they lack the bushy tails of the Fox Squirrels with which to curl up.

So that solves the mystery, we now how those "crazy squirrels" cope with the winter months. We can now be left to ponder the more trivial things in life, like: If tall poppy is ground tall, what is baby powder? What are those plastic things at the end of shoe laces? And who put the "bop" in the "bop-sha-bop-sha-bop?"

One of AQ's Sciuruses niger perches on a window ledge.


The Academic Achievement Center in AB 320 needs to fill several volunteer(s) for credit/paid positions in the following areas:
1. Tutors in all subjects
2. Individuals to organize study groups in specific courses
3. Readers for the disABLED
4. Peer tutor coordinating internship
If interested please schedule an appointment with Karen Broekstra at extension 3711

Damon's Restaurant is now hiring
All positions
Great pay
Flexible hours
Apply in person at: 3850 Alpine NW in Comstock Park.

Wanted!!!
Individuals, Student Organizations to Promote
SPRING BREAK Earn MONEY and FREE TRIPS
CALL INTER-CAMPUS PROGRAMS 1-800-327-6013

**The question of student access to the "Information Super-Highway" has been entertained around the Aquinas campus for years. The prospect of linking students (as well as faculty and staff) to the Internet is a constant, along with a new library and an updated fieldhouse, on nearly every campus evaluation survey students are asked to fill out. Most recently, it was addressed by Assistant Editor Doug Dooley in his "Milwaukee" column (see pg. 7). But what do the voices in the crowd have to say about it?**

* Rob Swider, Senior: "In the past, E-Mail has been a luxury reserved for business executives. Now-a-days it's no longer a luxury—it's a necessity. We're starting to see a division among students; those who are connected, and those who are not. It's naive to think that those without access are not at a serious disadvantage."

* Alicia McClure, freshman: "I think it's a good idea. It would make communicating with my friends at other colleges cheaper and easier."

* Jeff Kloosterman, sophomore: "My friends from other colleges keep asking me for my E-Mail address and they can't believe it when I tell them that I don't have one."

* Steve Gerrerro, RD for St. Joseph and Hruby Halls and Director of Intramurals: "Everybody should be aware of its benefits, including staff. I look forward to having access for everyone at Aquinas."

* Rebecca Drenovsky, Junior: "I can't believe that we actually have a scale model of our solar system made out of boulders and we are still not hooked up with E-mail. Instead of saving the college's money for a few good things, we squander it on a lot of mediocre things. Boulders, bad! E-mail, good!"

* Chelsea Davis, Senior: "We are behind the times. We are doing students a serious disservice by not having E-mail."

* Duffy Cavanaugh, sophomore: "Having access to the Internet at Aquinas would make sports recruiting a lot easier. We shouldn't accept the fact that we don't have it just because we are a small school, because other small colleges in the NAIA are already using it."

NOTE: "Voices in the Crowd" is compiled by Curt Wozniak
If you like heart pounding excitement and breathtaking thrills, you’ll enjoy the action-thriller “Seven.” Morgan Freeman and Brad Pitt are the lead characters in the fast-paced film in which the scenes change quickly and may perhaps shock some viewers. Freeman is fantastic as the street-wise detective, but his character does not seem to have an identity until late in the film. Freeman gives a perfect depiction of the teacher and wise man. The violently shaking camera work also adds to the excitement of some of the chase scenes and makes the viewer’s heart pound even faster, as it does during the many climaxes of the movie. One minor downfall of the movie is an abundance of graphic scenes. Most of the corpses are shown without much regard to decency, (which is probably exactly what is meant to be portrayed). The bodies are gruesome and sometimes some of the messages could have been illustrated without the bluntness with which they were.

Verve Pipe guitarist A.J. Dunning at a recent show in Lansing.

Domestic Problems: A "Shot in the Dark"

Before the show even started, Domestic Problems seemed as if they may have been in trouble.

Mandolin/trumpet player Bill Kenny had forgotten the mouthpiece to his trumpet, and then, guitarist John Niedzielski slipped and fell as he was running across the Orbit Room.

"When I fell on my ass, I felt like one," Niedzielski exclaimed with a chuckle. "Thank God the stage lights were off so only half of the people saw what happened. It was good tension breaker."

Kenny agreed that tension may have had something to do with the group’s near fatal start.

"We were all pretty nervous," the tall, lanky blues lover admitted. "I can’t believe I forgot my mouthpiece! If it wasn’t for the crowd going into it, we probably wouldn’t have won. They (the crowd) made us feel at home."

It’s hard to call a relatively huge venue like the Orbit Room home, though, and the stiff competition didn’t make it any easier. Local acts Knee Deep Shag, Boffly, Karmic, 256 and the Carpet Knights all put in quality performances, further proving the riches that rest in the West Michigan music scene. But thanks to a lot of help from the excited crowd, and the popularity of the band, "We got to come home and play in our hometown and have a good time. It’s as-yet-unreleased RCA debut, but the quintet looked if they had never taken a break from touring in order to spend minutes at the studio.

"I don’t think that, as a band, we could ever go on tour and say that we are any better or any more talented than any of the bands that played," said the enigmatic lead singer/songwriter Andy Holghrieve.

"To say that we’re any better than Knee Deep Shag, Boffly, Karmic, 256 or any of the bands that just wouldn’t be true," Holghrieve continued. "We just happened to have had a good energy level and I think that was due to our fans. Otherwise, I can’t tell you why we won."

Indeed, band members were a bit surprised. Kenny said that he thought the it was a "shot in the dark" and that it didn’t really sink in that DP had won until the next day. "It was a strange feeling, it didn’t really seem like we had won anything. But it’s a good feeling, now, even though we didn’t really beat anyone."

DP may have not beaten anyone, but they were deserving of the honor. The sextet — other members include drummer Todd Kimble, bassist Jason Moody and sax/flute player Job (rhymes with lobe) Grotsky — played a six-song, 30-minute set that was chock full of quality tunes and lots of energy. And although DP’s performance in the finals arguably wasn’t as good as it is first round victory in the competition, it still impressed record company representatives from Atlantic and Reprise Records, who acted as judges for the competition.

There is no word as of yet, but maybe, just maybe, DP impressed one of those judges enough to ...

No, let’s not even say it. Let’s just wait and see.

Good luck guys!

THE VERVE PIPE, Saturday, November 18 at the Intersection (155 W.L.Q., 92.1 FM, WGRD-AM (97.9). Tickets will be available at the door to those 19 and over. Doors open at 9:00 PM.

By Josh Newman
Times Entertainment & Photography Editor

After nearly a three month touring hiatus, newly signed RCA Records recording artist the Verve Pipe hit the stage in East Lansing as part of WDBX-FM’s 92.1’s Edge’s annual Oktoberfest last month. The celebration played host to many national touring acts — including Babes in Toyland, Gwen Mars, and Seaweed — but for the many fans who showed up on the chilly Sunday evening, the opportunity to see the Verve Pipe for free was a chance that couldn’t be missed.

Exuberant fans found room in the crowded streets of north Lansing to body surf, form mosh pits and dance as drummer Donny Brown, guitarist A.J. Dunning, percussionist Doug Holtgrieve, bassist Corey and the sibling duo of singer/guitarist Brad and bassist Vander Ark whipped up their usual, exciting-hour sets. Comprised mostly of new songs that will be featured on their as-yet un-released RCA debut, the quintet looked if they had never taken a break from touring in order to spend minutes at the studio.

"I think that it was good for us to be back up on stage. It felt pretty good to be playing in front of people. After being in the studio for so long, I think that it was good for us," Brown concluded.

Brown also said that the band had just finished recording in California, and was getting ready to head to New York to do the mixing for the album. Look for the release sometime next early year.

The band will begin a small club tour this month and will play shows in Kalamazoo, East Lansing, and will be in Grand Rapids on the 18th.

Catch John Niedzielski (above) and DP at the Intersection on Monday, November 13. Stage just before the band began it's performance in the finals of the Sixth Annual WKLQ-Aris Hampers' Hometown Rock Search competition held at the Orbit Room. Luckily though, a loyal fan (Mike "Jesus" Flannigan) had retrieved the mouthpiece...
by Josh Newman
Times Entertainment & Photography Editor

New Jersey’s Outcry Continues Carriage House Series

For the past five years, drummer Jon Leidersdorff and his band, Outcry, have been making waves up and down the Jersey Shoreline. The Monmouth County, New Jersey-based quartet is now looking to turn some heads in our neck of the woods, as well.

Though the band has played in Grand Rapids before (opening for the ever-popular Veruca Salt at the Intersection), Leidersdorff and company — guitarist Stephen Bryant, bassist Gerry Staneck and guitarist/vocalist Jason Stanley — have never been to our campus. The special acoustic performance that alternative pop sound,” said Barringer. “It will be really cool for us to get out and do the acoustic set (at Aquinas) and then play the club (the Intersection) later.”

Evan Colby, a Programming Board member who was at the NACA convention and saw Outcry’s performance, was excited to have the band on campus.

“I think it’s great that they are coming to campus. They have good songs, and they’re very entertaining.”

Other Programming Board members agreed. Krista Barringer thought that Outcry would be a hit with the students. “Their style and sound is what is popular right now — that alternative pop sound,” said Barringer. Molly Boruta thought likewise.

“Outcry is a lot of fun … very entertaining. They are good performers and I think that people will really like them if they come out to the show.”

OUTCRY will perform an acoustic show TONIGHT, November 9, at the Cook Carriage House. All are welcome to this FREE show, sponsored by the Aquinas College Programming Board and WAQU. The band will start at approximately 8:30 PM and play a 90-minute acoustic set. Outcry will also perform a “plugged in” show later tonight at the Intersection in Eastown. You must be 19 or older to attend.

Not only has the band’s live performances been getting rave reviews, but the foursome’s debut Schoolhouse Records release, entitled “Wentworth,” has been raising some eyebrows as well. The album was produced by Peter Denenburg (Spin Doctors and Eve’s Plumb), and has been getting national attention from radio stations and critics alike.

But one critic may have summed it up best:

“If the Beatles, Bruce Springsteen, U2 and Live make your beat float, you’ll be cruising to Outcry.”

by Josh Newman
Entertainment & Photography Editor

HOPS AND BARLEY

Brewed by the Frankenmuth Brewing Co.
Bad Frog — he’s mean, green and obscene, beer with an attitude, an amphibian with an attitude, do it froggy style — just a few of the slogans thrown in the marketing scheme of this new Michigan-brewed amber ale.

O.K. so the bark is worse than the bite, but at least the company is not trying to jump on the “Red” bandwagon (just imagine, Red Frog Beer). Our friends in Frankenmuth have managed to come up with a “run-of-the-mill” golden amber of sorts (a la Bugweiser, Molson, and Labatt’s), which isn’t too bad.

With a good golden color, Bad Frog’s taste is robust with a light kick. The pleasant aftertaste makes for an easy drinking beer, especially when served ice cold — a perfect “anytime” beer.

The only quirk with Bad Frog is the price tag that comes with the beer. It is a bit costly compared to some of it’s competitors, which leaves this company at a disadvantage in competition because of it’s taste. If this beer can become more distinguished (such as a Samuel Adams, a Bell’s, or a Stern Nevada), then maybe it will be around for a while. (**1/2)

(All scores are based on a possible four stars. Beers are judged on the packaging/marketing, appearance and, most importantly, taste. The Aquinas Times in no way encourages or condones underage drinking, drinking to excess or drinking and driving.)
Volleyball Team Dominates at Tournament

Lady Saints look forward to post-season

Once again, the Aquinas College volleyball players spent their Fall Break in the gym. Even though the team was quick to move while so many other students simply vegged out and relaxed, the ladies have no regrets, realizing that their hard work has already begun to pay off.

The shortened break was well worth it for the AQ ladies, who not only improved their record, but also brought home a trophy. On Friday, the team traveled to Calvin for a two day tournament where they finished second.

Coach Schatz is very proud of the weekend play, "We played calm, cool, and stayed together as a team." Schatz also credited the Saints' schedule for preparing the players for the tournament. "We've played a lot of tough competition, and we have also had more time off then other teams, so they were tired and were rested...so that was an advantage.

The Saints' great tournament play began with pool play, in which the Saints did nothing short of dominate the opposition. AQ was too much for the ladies from Hope, who fell in three games (15-4,15-6,15-12). The Saints' next victim was Olivet College, whose ladies were similarly stopped in three games (15-4,15-12,15-9).

Advancing to the semifinals, the Saints met up with NCAA Division III standouts Kalamazoo College—currently ranked number five in the nation. The Kalamazoo squad challenged the ladies and took the first two games (11-15,12-15). In the third game the Saints won (15-12) and never looked back. They took game four (15-9) and grabbed the match winner in the fifth game (15-10).

"All our tough competition this year really paid off in the Kalamazoo match and the experience pulled us through," said Saints outside hitter Christy Cook.

In the finals the Saints faced the hosting Lady Knights of Calvin College. The ladies were pumped from their exhilarating performance in the early rounds of competition and stepped onto the court ready to give it their all. A seesaw battle began with a 15-8 win for Calvin. AQ took the second game with a win of 15-13, only to fall behind again in the third game 15-8.

With the fourth game, it was looking pretty dismal for the Saints when the Knights jumped out to a 14-2 lead. On Calvin's game point the Saints sucked it up, however, and in a miraculous show of determination, managed to come up on top 16-14.

"Coming from behind from a 14-2 deficit was the best come back we've had this season," stated sophomore setter Brandi Rhinehart.

With a score of two games to two, the match went into the fifth and championship deciding game. Eventually the Saints came up short 11-15, placing themselves second in the invitational.

Coach Sharon Schatz, reflecting on the finals, said "Calvin is always very tough at home and even though we lost, it was a good match.”

Not only did the team bring home a trophy but a new spark. Junior Angela Assad enthusiastically expressed her feelings from the tournament, "Placing second and picking up our play like we did was a big step for us. Usually we peak at the beginning of the year and kind of plateau, but this weekend we pulled it together at the right time, it was SO EXCITING, I got psyched just talking about it." Due to their performance at the Midwest Volleyball Invitational, the Saints are now ranked tenth in the region. A league title will guarantee an automatic bid for regional play and an extended season. The ladies are pumped and ready to close out the year with a bang.

Aquinas 2 for 1

Drag a friend in, let them pay, and you skate FREE

Michigan National Ice Center (Patterson Ice Center) 2550 Patterson SE 940-1423

WED: 6:30pm to 8:30pm
FRI: 10:30pm to 12:30am
SAT: 10:00pm to 12:00am
COUPON EXPIRES: 12-3-95
November 9, 1995

The Whole Story in One View

by Brian Matzke on Sports

November 9, 1995

The Detroit Pistons: Are they still Motown's Bad Boys?

They're back!
It was only 5 years ago when the Detroit Pistons were on top of the basketball world. They had just won back-to-back World Championships and were partying in the streets of Detroit.

My, how things have changed.
After just two dismal seasons, however, the Pistons seem to be back on the right track.

Soon after Doug Collins was named the Pistons new head coach (replacing Don Chaney who replaced Ron Roethstein, who replaced the seemingly-irreplaceable Chuck Daly), he vowed to take his team in the right direction.

It appears to be doing just that. The first thing that he did was allow Oliver Miller (the extremely "Big O") to go in the expansion draft. With the team's weight problem gone and locker room morale improved, Collins could now get down to serious business.

Collins made a pre-trade that brought the Pistons Otis Thorpe, a veteran who will toughen up the middle. He then drafted 'Thoo Ratliff, Loe Roe and Don Reid, all of whom could make significant contributions to Collins' team in the coming years.

Adding these guys to a mix that already has a young NBA superstar in Grant Hill, a great young shooter in Allan Houston, and the All Star Joe Dumars, and a winning team clearly begins to take shape.

However, there is one thing that the Pistons do not have: experience. Coach Collins realizes that winning will take time and Piston fans must realize the same.

The team jumped out to a great start in the pre-season—a very good sign—but they have a long way to go. The rookies will have to learn the ins and outs of the long NBA season, and the team must learn how to play with each other a little bit better.

At least, the Pistons are heading in the right direction, despite their early regular-season struggle (they started out at 0-3).

The playoffs this year are indeed a possibility, though probably not a probability, but don't worry. Just wait. This season will at least be exciting and fun to watch, and the rest of the NBA should look out—it is just a matter of time before the Pistons will once again take the NBA by storm, and don't worry, Detroit. They'll be partying in your streets again.

---

Atlanta Braves Conquer the World (Series)

by Angie Walden

Times Contributing Writer

This year, Major League Baseball's World Series revived excitement in frustrated fans with two deserving (if not politically correct) teams clashing in a contest of heart and emotion. The Cleveland Indians, whose long World Series drought had been well publicized and even became the theme of 2 Major League movies, and the Atlanta Braves, who were starting to become known as baseball's equivalent to the National Football League's Buffalo Bills (the perennial "close, but no cigar") provided enough magic moments throughout this year's "Fall Classic" to not only fill a number of highlight reels, but perhaps also to rekindle America's love for the game which had been her national pastime.

The series got off to an exhilarating start in Game 1, as the Braves got great pitching from Greg Maddux before a hometown crowd to beat the Cleveland Indians by a score of 3-2. This narrow margin of victory was the case, however, as the Braves came back and took Game 4 of the series by a score of 5-2.

The Indians' backs were now against the wall as they were trailing 3 games to 1 and were set to face the best pitcher in baseball. However, the Indians refused to let their hopes fizzle just yet. In fact, they hit Maddux hard and found themselves on top when Game 5 ended by a 5-4 count. Hope was again high in Cleveland, but not for long.

After an off-day for travel, game 6 was played back in Atlanta. This game may prove to be one of the all-time classics. Dave Justice's home run would be the only run in the game, offering testimony to the dugout proverb that good pitching always beats good hitting.

In this game, World Series MVP Tom Glavine combined with Mark Wohlers on a one hitter as the Braves beat the Indians and won the series by a score of 1-0. Atlanta celebrated as the Braves had finally brought home the big prize.

Cleveland played a good team, but Atlanta had a little disappointment that their beloved Indians had come up short. But remember Cleveland fans: even in the movies, the farthest Charlie Sheen and the boys got was only winning the pennant.

---

Men's Soccer Wraps Up

by Josh Newman

Times Entertainment & Photography Editor

It was a season of highs and lows for the Aquinas College Men's Soccer team. After winning it's first five games, the Saints could only muster up five more wins in their next 15 games, finishing the season with an overall record of 10-9-1. But considering that the team only had one senior, John Oly, their record is better than many may have thought it would have been.

"I think that we did pretty well," said Oly, "better than people thought we would, because we were such a young team."

"We had some disappointments in our league play — we probably should have done better against Cornerstone and Concordia — but we played some really good games."

The Saints finished fourth in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) by finishing with a disappointing 3-6-1 record. A fourth place finish was enough to land the Saints the final spot in the conference tournament (the top four teams make it), but Aquinas bowed out to perennial conference favorite Tri-State University.

Losing by a final score of 5-0, the Saints played the Thunder strong in the first half, keeping the game at a close 1-0, but gave up four goals in the second half, leaving Angola, Indiana, with next season to think about.

"This team has a good future ahead of them," said Oly, who was a bit disappointed that his college career is over. "They are a strong, young team that will do very well here in the years to come."

Evidence of this not only came with the Saints winning record, but with the individual honors as well. Juniors Tim Fulton and Abraham Sheared both received All-Conference honors, and Fulton and freshman Zack Fales were both named WHAC Players of the Week at one point during the season.

The core Aquinas team is already preparing for next season at the Soccer Zone indoor soccer complex in Grandville. The team plays on Wednesday nights. For schedule information John Oly at 451-9314.

---

AQ goalie Dan Doan dives for a save.

The Saints finished fourth in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) by finishing with a disappointing 3-6-1 record. A fourth place finish was enough to land the Saints the final spot in the conference tournament (the top four teams make it), but Aquinas bowed out to perennial conference favorite Tri-State University.

Losing by a final score of 5-0, the Saints played the Thunder strong in the first half, keeping the game at a close 1-0, but gave up four goals in the second half, leaving Angola, Indiana, with next season to think about.

"This team has a good future ahead of them," said Oly, who was a bit disappointed that his college career is over. "They are a strong, young team that will do very well here in the years to come."

Evidence of this not only came with the Saints winning record, but with the individual honors as well. Juniors Tim Fulton and Abraham Sheared both received All-Conference honors, and Fulton and freshman Zack Fales were both named WHAC Players of the Week at one point during the season.

The core Aquinas team is already preparing for next season at the Soccer Zone indoor soccer complex in Grandville. The team plays on Wednesday nights. For schedule information John Oly at 451-9314.

---

X-Country Goes the Distance

Since the National Catholics Invitational at Notre Dame, the Aquinas cross country team has continued to stride forward, making their name known in the NAIA as a contender for success. The Saints have improved greatly since their first meet at Hope College and have earned their spot in the regional rankings.

On October 7, the Saints travelled to Alma College where the mens team stormed the Alma course. They finished third overall, only five points behind the host. At the meet, the Saints defeated conference rival Spring Arbor by more than 15 points. Coming in first for the men's team and seventh overall was freshman Knut Maass with a time of 27:17. Freshman Justin Ogbe also ran well, finishing second for the Saints with a time of 27:45. Rounding up the top five were senior Scott Belland, freshman Greg Thull, and sophomore Matt McWilliams.

The women's team also continued its bounds of improvement. The Lady Saints finished sixth overall, just six points behind Calvin College. The women's team was led by Shannon Greenswell, a first year student, finished 13th overall with a time of 21:09. Also showing strength were freshmen Melissa Pline, Siobhan Kent, and Jennifer Perry as well as junior Angie Clouse.

The Saints qualified for nationals with a fifth place finish at the NAIA National Championships but were unable to compete due to a lack of team depth.

On October 22, the Saints competed in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference meet at Spring Arbor.

The Lady Saints were led by Melissa Pline with a time of 21:51. Jennifer Perry, Siobhan Kent, Lisa Beatty, and Angie Clouse.

On October 22, the Saints competed in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference meet at Spring Arbor.

The Lady Saints were led by Melissa Pline with a time of 21:51. Jennifer Perry, Siobhan Kent, Lisa Beatty, and Angie Clouse.

On October 22, the Saints competed in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference meet at Spring Arbor.

The Lady Saints were led by Melissa Pline with a time of 21:51. Jennifer Perry, Siobhan Kent, Lisa Beatty, and Angie Clouse.

On October 22, the Saints competed in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference meet at Spring Arbor.

The Lady Saints were led by Melissa Pline with a time of 21:51. Jennifer Perry, Siobhan Kent, Lisa Beatty, and Angie Clouse.

On October 22, the Saints competed in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference meet at Spring Arbor.

The Lady Saints were led by Melissa Pline with a time of 21:51. Jennifer Perry, Siobhan Kent, Lisa Beatty, and Angie Clouse.

On October 22, the Saints competed in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference meet at Spring Arbor.

The Lady Saints were led by Melissa Pline with a time of 21:51. Jennifer Perry, Siobhan Kent, Lisa Beatty, and Angie Clouse.