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**Remembering a Dream...**

**AQ commemorates MLK Jr.’s speech**

by Phil Stimac
Times Staff Writer

On Thursday, January 18, a decent-sized crowd gathered at the steps of the Academic Building to commemorate Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. People from many different backgrounds came in the unseasonably warm temperatures to celebrate the peaceful activism with which King led the Civil Rights movement.

King’s famous “I Have A Dream” speech was aired over loudspeakers as the united crowd listened intently. A tangible seriousness hung over the heads of those in attendance and the atmosphere obviously was one of extreme respect, gratitude and hope.

When asked what impact the speech had on his family, Lauren Jongkind, who foresees using the Internet once or twice a week. “It’s about learning and education,” said Jongkind, and it’s about being able to communicate with family who live out of state.”

Friends remembered Dan as spontaneous and always looking for a laugh. He brought many smiles to those who had spoken with him in the late night gab sessions at the front desk, according to those who knew him from these sessions.

The tragedy of this loss has hit the Aquinas community harshly, especially during the holiday season. Please remember Dan and his family in your prayers.

**Access Gained!**

**AQ updates computer technology**

by Melissa Ann Plite
Times Staff Writer

A whole new world will greet the Aquinas community next fall with the arrival of the Internet on campus. After receiving a generous $400,000 gift from a long time close friend of the college, installation of the new technology has begun, in preparation for the fall semester.

“Let us change our prayer from asking God to help us understand, to asking God to help us accept,” he said.

Concerning the delay, Sharon Freehling agrees. “We’re finally getting it. We’re behind.”

“After the replaying of the speech, the crowd moved to the Bukowski Chapel for a prayer service to celebrate the spirit of Dr. King and his peaceful work for the equal treatment of all.”

**Aquinas Remembers Dan Fett**

by Andy Pryan
Times News and Photography Editor

A tragic loss was suffered by the Aquinas College community over the holidays as Senior Dan Fett took his own life in his room in St. Joseph Hall. He was 23 years old.

When asked what impact the speech had on him, Senior Jason Tydela responded by being overwhelmed by the unity between the Aquinas students and staff.”

Aquinas student responded to the event by citing, “It was a breathtaking sight I was impressed by what a powerful speaker Reverend King was. Furthermore, after hearing the entire content of the speech it became more obvious to me why King had such an impact on the country.”

The Aquinas student responded to the event by saying, “That was the first time I had heard the entire speech.” He added, “I was really impressed by what a powerful speaker Reverend King was. Furthermore, after hearing the entire content of the speech it became more obvious to me why King had such an impact on the country.”

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Around campus, students and faculty are anxiously awaiting their chance to log on.

“IT will make it a lot easier to communicate with family who live out of state,” said Lauren Jongkind, who foresees using the Internet once or twice a week. “It’s about time, though.”

Allowing students to communicate with professors any time of day or night will be another benefit of the system. The coming of the new technology will benefit the administrative parts of campus as well. President Paul Nelson plans to use it to talk with other college administrators concerning issues of higher learning. The Internet, however, will not be available in Holmdene offices this fall.

“The computers should first be in the hands of faculty and students,” Nelson said. “Administrators come last and I am near the end of the line of people who would need it on a daily basis.”

The Admissions Office, through use of their own funds, plans to be on-line in their office in just a few weeks. They hope this will make information easily accessible to those interested in Aquinas.

“Potential students can inquire and receive information in just a matter of time,” said John Baird, Associate Dean of Admissions.

“It will be especially helpful in recruiting international students.”

Plans are currently being made to handle the large demand that will be placed on the computer labs once the Internet is available. Some of the initial ideas are to increase lab hours to 24 hours a day on certain days and to monitor the usage of the Internet.

“We’ll have to do what we have to do to have equality of access,” said Joyce LaFlure, Director of College Computing.

But the time has finally come. Aquinas is finally approaching the on-ramp of the Information Superhighway.
Aquinas, WGRD Host the Party of the Year

infamous morning show visits AQ; Domestic Problems play class anyway so it wasn’t that big of a deal.”

During the show there were many activities such as a long john eating contest, setting off a mousetrap with a sausage dangling from your belt, a card game dubbed “Suck and Blow” and also a pajama contest won by Brooke Davis, Mindi Evans and Mary Kay McKenney.

Freshman Dana Samotis summed up the atmosphere of the dancing crowd by saying “Even though we were up at six o’clock in the morning, the games, WGRD, the friends and Domestic Problems made it worth waking up.”

Insignis Offers "Medieval Drollery"

by Phil Stimac
Times Staff Writer

In the spirit of St. Thomas Aquinas Week, the Insignis program put on a dramatic play in the Cook Carriage House at one of the finest productions of the year. “An Evening of Medieval Drollery” provided uncommon entertainment.

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The play was based on Geoffrey Chaucer’s The Canterbury Tales. This play featured Jason Tylinda, Ted Rosman, Alicia Belchuck, Amanda Boes. “Dame Truth” is an allegorical play written in the middle of the sixteenth century.

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This play received a variety of responses. Professor Chuck Frydrych acknowledged that, “Part of the fun of the event is centered around the fact that the Cook Carriage House is able to once again house drama. One of the greatest assets of a small college is the chance to see these kinds of productions that you don’t find in the mainstream.” He added, “In addition, it is also always enjoyable to witness Ebeler’s Productions.”

Resident Advisor Thomas Kustrzyk added, “It was a thought provoking and exhilarating experience.” For those of you who didn’t witness this event, it was certainly one of the top performance of the year on campus. Hopefully, this will only be the beginning of a long string of excellent performances in the Carriage House. The Insignis program certainly demonstrated the potential for these masterful productions, as they have year after year.

The Vineyard Cafe is a coffee house featuring live local talent in a homey atmosphere. Enjoy poetry readings, dance and a wide variety of musical styles on Friday nights. The doors open at 8:30 PM and entertainment starts at 9:15 PM, in the Classroom Building of Aquinas College on Woodward. Admission is $3.00 and includes a bottomless cup of coffee. Events for early February include: Feb. 2--Garden Party (alternative folk); Feb. 9--Munakuy (Bolivian Folk) and Dan Becker (70’s rock).
Students Greeted by Beauty, Precipitation
By Curt Wozniak
Times Ireland Correspondent

January 12 may seem like it was almost a month ago, but time moves a little more slowly on the Renvyle Peninsula of Western Ireland. Renvyle is the home of Tully Cross and the Aquinas College Ireland Study Center. Twenty-one Aquinas students, two guest students, and advisors Mary Clark-Kaiser, Director of Campus Ministry, and Kurt Kaiser, Adjunct Professor of Art, arrived in this picturesque and largely unspoiled land 19 days ago. Culture shock, jet lag, and some geometrically challenged precipitation greeted them to their new home-away-from-home.

"I'll always remember waking up and seeing horizontal rainfall," commented Brian Hillary on a unique characteristic of the Irish weather. In truth, the weather has been unseasonably mild for this year's Aquinas group. However, from the first impressions of most of the students in the program, it would take more than a little rain to dampen their spirits.

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When asked about the ease he has had fitting in with the Aquinas students, Brian Van Heck, a guest on the program from St. John's University in Minnesota, said, "everyone's been real easy to get along with." Van Heck commented further about his overall experience, "Ocean...mountains...Guinness...is this heaven or Ireland?" Brian Cook, whom the group elected as their "grand poobah," summed up its initial experience, saying, "It's been pretty sweet. I'm starting to get used to everything—even the smell of burning peat. We've even had our first party."

Heck, a guest on the program from St. John's University in Minnesota, said, "It hasn't been hard to adjust at all." Liz Keegan called Ireland "...the most beautiful place I've been to." She continued, "It's been pretty sweet. I'm starting to get used to everything—overall experience, "Ocean...mountains...Guinness...is this heaven or Ireland?"

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"Blizzard of Bucks" returns to AQ

It was raining fives and ones last Thursday night in the Cook Carriage House as the "Blizzard of Bucks" game show made its appearance again in the "What The Heck Night" series. The show started at 11:00 pm and had around 125 people in attendance.

Eleven lucky people were able to take home a combined $252 and those who didn't win had a great time laughing at those who did. However, the big winner of the evening was Freshman Louis Reece who was able to outstand all other contestants and after getting his chance to stand in the "Blizzard of Bucks" machine, he ended up with $162 dollars.

It was Matt Flannigan and Louis who ended up facing each other in the final contest in which they had to stick their faces in a pile of whipped cream and find a piece of bubble gum. The first one to do this and then blow a bubble approximately the size of a half-dollar would win the chance at grabbing $500 from the glass machine. After around two minutes of chewing and manipulating the gum, Lewis was able to appease the judges with the size of his bubble, and was declared the winner.

"The trick was to keep from mixing the whipped cream and the bubble gum and not rub the gum in the cream too much while trying to get it in your mouth," said Louis. He then added that he thought the most embarrassing game was when he had to drink from the bottle, because, even the bib on and a bonnet on my head." Flannigan did not catch on to the whipped cream theory, unfortunately, and said, "The whipped cream liquified the gum," adding, "There wasn't anything I could do about it." The two runners-up were senior Liz Keegan called Ireland "...the most beautiful place I've been to." She continued, "It's been pretty sweet. I'm starting to get used to everything—overall experience, "Ocean...mountains...Guinness...is this heaven or Ireland?"

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What the Heck...?

"I had a bib on my head." The best part of the event, said Assad, was "the build-up of anticipation, which made all of the games even more exciting. Some of the future "What The Heck Night" activities include two comedians, "Fun Flicks," where students make their own music videos, and the Sadie Hawkins Dance.

Check the message of the day for more info.

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**Will Anyone Bend on the Budget Battle?**

### Point

**Clinton should concede defeat and let the Republicans take the credit or blame for the new legislation.**

Perhaps none of you have been directly affected by the partial governmental shutdown of the past month. Maybe you haven’t even known it was going on. However naive or informed you are about the situation, once you realize the facts, (or those things which you perceive to be facts) you most certainly will form opinions on one side of the issue or the other.

Without a doubt, both the stakes and the accusations are high. Secretary of the Treasury Robert Rubin has said that unless Congress allocates more funds or extends the debt limit, the United States could default on the loan within two months. However, Republican leaders claim, Rubin has been making that claim since the beginning of the budget battle and nothing has come of it thus far.

Needless to say, negotiations can only go so far. Sooner or later, one side of the battle is going to have to give in. And unfortunately, American political decisions are usually decided by those who have the most power with the people. Under the Constitution, the Congress of the United States has the power to allocate funds, which must be approved by the President. If the President doesn’t like the package which is given to him, he can veto the legislation. However, Congress is not required by law to submit any funding legislation, they are only obligated by those who voted them into office. President Clinton was voted into office by a mere 46 percent of the population in 1992. The Republican majority of Congress were all voted in by a majority vote of their districts. If they think that the voters want them to cut programs and lower taxes, it is their duty to satisfy those voters. If the budget doesn’t work, then the Republican’s will have to answer to the voters.

Clinton doesn’t seem to realize this. If he is so sure that the Republicans plan will be a failure, then let the public decide. The Republicans are only doing what they were put in power to do. They told the American people that this is what they would do, and now they are doing it. Whether or not you agree with what they are doing, or whether or not you think it will work, it is their chance to take the risk to prove to us that this rhetoric they’ve been feeding us for 40 years. Clinton is living in a world of fantasy if he thinks he can accomplish what he wants without their help. He can’t pass legislation. He can’t fund programs. He needs to make a decision on whether or not he or the Republicans would be hurt with a complete federal government shutdown. While it is true that most of the poor and needy in the country would be hurt more if the Republicans had their way, Clinton should know that some funding is better than none. He should concede defeat and let the Republicans take the credit or blame for the new legislation.

If the Republicans are so sure of their policies, then Clinton needs to let them prove it. They are in power and just as the Democrats had their way in 1983 with Reagan after he raised revenue and then had no way to control what was done with the money. He had to accept what they did with it and realized that he really had little control over how it was spent. However, he did understand that he couldn’t just hold out for what he wanted because it was never going to come. Maybe Clinton should do the same. The Republicans are the majority party in the branch of Congress responsible for the spending of our money, and the burden of proof now falls upon their shoulders.

*The Times welcomes guest editorial ideas for the "Point/Counterpoint" page. Contact sx106 for info. (Andy and Eric often get tired of beating on each other...)*

### Counterpoint

**The Conservative Congress refuses to talk to Clinton unless he bends over backward for them. This is compromise?**

There are a few things that really seem to tick-off voters in this country. One is higher taxes, another is unethical behavior by the political elite, and last is the inability of politicians to stick to the stated objectives they gave while campaigning for office. Let’s step back a second and try, I know it’s hard, to look at the budget debate from the shoes of the President (or the Vice-President as I tend to be called these days) for a minute.

Fifty-six percent of the American public voted Clinton into office, not a huge majority but good enough for our little exercise here. He promised to help balance the budget, bring the economy rolling again, reform health care, and to stick to some traditional democratic values. These include watching out for the poor, supporting abortion rights, and insuring adequate care and support for the elderly. The American people saw this and decided to give him a crack at being President for awhile.

Within two years the voters decided he wasn’t doing a very good job and decided to insert a Republican majority in both the House and the Senate to shake things up a tad. What we got is a somewhat liberal President and a pretty conservative Congress. Now, I’m not a chemistry major but it seems that these two substances don’t mix and the result, as far as the budget debate goes, is the inability to decide on a budget and an inevitable government shutdown.

Whether you agree with Clinton or not he’s sticking to what he was presumably asked by the voters to do. He believes the Republican cuts are too severe in areas like Medicare, Medicaid, welfare, and the environment. He believes that balancing the budget in seven years instead of his proposed ten will put undo hardships on those who can afford it least, the poor and elderly. I can imagine what he’s thinking right now, "Let’s see, I was voted into office on the promise that I would defend the poor, middle class, workers, and the elderly. Now everyone’s mad at me for refusing to sign a bill that would attack these groups like a wild, rabid dog. I don’t get it."

The truth hurts but it has to be said, we’re just as fickle and unable to make up our minds as the politicians. Whether we want to blame the Republicans or the President we can be sure that we created this mess by exercising our right to vote. Each side knows that if they compromise they run the risk of being viewed as soft, which is very dangerous in an election year.

Right now we have a situation where each side points at the other and says “You first.” We, as voters, are in a good situation here. We can demand that some sort of compromise be attained here. What’s the big deal if the budget is balanced in seven as opposed to ten years? Why not balance it in 8.5 years or 9 3/4 years? It’s a game of give and take. The president has given a little but the conservative Congress has sent a message to Clinton that they refuse to talk with him unless he bends over backwards for them. This is compromise? Most of us believe that budgetary reform is necessary, medicare and Medicaid need a lot of work, and that welfare has to be completely retooled. But each of us has different views on how it should be done, they key here is that we have to compromise.

Clinton has given an offer of good faith, he has chosen to meet halfway with the Republicans, but apparently that’s not good enough. They want it all. Or at least most of it. Why is this so? Because the voters of this country have made it pretty clear that whoever compromises the most is playing Russian Roulette with his/her political career. Therefore we’re paralyzing the government and causing the mess we find our selves in right now. This is not what we should do, especially when I’m V.P. next year.
The State of the Union...

by Louise Keefe
Times Contributing Writer

On Wednesday January 24, Clinton made his much-awaited State of the Union address. Many Americans were waiting to hear what the president had to say about a government shutdown, the budget crisis, wage paralysis, and the childish bickering in Washington.

In his opening speech, Clinton assured Americans that the State of the Union was "Strong" and this was the "Age of Possibility." The president made a strong, powerful argument in trying to convince Americans the country was on the right path and assured voters he would work tirelessly to resolve the budget crisis which has paralyzed much of Washington.

One of the major themes of this address was the recognition of Barry R. McCaffrey who may be the next drug czar. Clinton plans to combat gangs and make sure that criminals serve at least 85% of their jail sentence. The President also expressed his concern about the youth of America. He wants to campaign against the use of tobacco among teens, reduce teenage pregnancy, and limit T.V. violence. Clinton unveiled another program to help the underdog in this country by promising to introduce legislation that would guarantee, $1,000 to rehire the time-honored Republican values to "reduce the tax burden, and put our faith, once again, in the basic goodness, wisdom and self reliance of character and the resurrection of traditional American values. Instead of stating quo."

Dole didn't make that strong a case for our plans, but he had little time and seemed fairly areas Clinton has vowed to protect from the Republican budget knife. Next on Clinton's agenda was the push to increase the federal guidelines concerning minimum wage, something business leaders are almost universally opposed to. He did however offer help to businesses by relaxing regulations concerning the environment by offering incentives to those enterprises that voluntarily control pollution. Clinton also said he would crack down on businesses that did hire illegal aliens by taking away their federal contracts.

Although the President could not assure America all the budget problems were going to end, he did promise to work tirelessly with the Republican majority in reaching a settlement on the budget. This issue is foremost in the minds of most Americans. Clinton acknowledged this and expressed his optimism that a compromise was possible if all sides worked together. According to Democratic leaders Clinton made a powerful and intriguing speech to the public, one that showed his willingness to work with the Republicans yet not comprom­ise his own views.

Senator Bob Dole, R-Kansas gave the Republican rebuttal and spoke for ten minutes after the President's speech and called upon giving America "another view, another way."

"Dole's old-fashioned values showed through while he pushed for a new focus in American politics. Dole, the leading GOP presidential hopeful, stated that, "We must rein in our runaway government, return power to the people, reduce the tax burden, put parents back in charge of our schools, unite the hands of our police, restore justice to our courts, and put faith once again in the basic goodness, wisdom and self reliance of our people."

...and the Republicans' Rebuttal

by Maris Brachman
Times Contributing Writer

The United States of America has been "hijacked by liberals and knocked off course."

This isn't a bad sequed to Squid, it is in fact the state of the union according to GOP President Bush. According to Democratic leaders Clinton made a powerful and intriguing speech to the public, one that showed his willingness to work with the Republicans yet not comprom­ise his own views.

Dole proposed scaling back big government but insisted Republicans "will always be mindful of the poor and disadvantaged, education, and the environment"--the exact areas Clinton has vowed to protect from the Republican budget knife.

One AQ student, who favors Dole over Clinton, had this to say concerning the rebuttal: "Dole didn't make that strong a case for our plans, but he had little time and seemed fairly inexperienced with a teleprompter. I wouldn't say I liked Clinton's speech, but he did come off as quite charismatic."

According to many, charismatic might describe Clinton, but Dole portrayed strength. According to another Republican at AQ, "Dole spoke with conviction, and he didn't ramble on about promises this nation can't financially keep."

All in all, Republican or Democrat, Clinton or Dole, most AQ students feel that some kind of bipartisanship compromise will need to happen soon or both parties run the risk of making a lot of voters very angry. Perhaps voter sentiment is summed most appropri­ately by one disheartened AQ freshman, "I don't care what they say on T.V., as long as we still have money in the treasury tomorrow."

Washington Acknowledges Roe V. Wade Anniversary

by Michelle Botrell
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Last week's 23rd anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision to protect a woman's right to choose abortion found an estimated 60,000 pro-life supporters marching on Washington. The rally was peaceful and no disturbances were recorded.

In response to the anniver­sary and the continued pres­ence of anti-abortionists, the White House issued a state­ment last week to define the President's position.

"The President hopes that those here today on the anniver­sary of the decision of Roe V. Wade respect his right to have his opinion, which is that abortion should be a de­cision between a woman and her own conscience, her consulta­tions with her doctor and her own faith. The President supports a constitutional guaran­tee of the woman's right to choose, and he simultaneously believes that legal abortion should be rare and should be safe."

The 1973 decision of the Supreme Court has decided the country into two very vocal camps. As usual the coming election year has intensified the issue. Pro life advocates declared that they view the coming President election as crucial to their cause. The Committee is focusing on replacing Bill Clinton with a pro-life president, said pro-life activist Carol Long. She claims that her organization would buy a strong enough rope, to support Bob Dole, who is a likely Republican nominee for the post, as the eight major opponents in the upcoming election. In anticipation of the support of the Republicans, they plan to campaign against leaders of the Supreme Court if he becomes Presi­dent. "I will appoint jus­tices who will overturn Roe v. Wade," he said. "I will be the most pro-life president in U.S. history."

Said Pat Buchanan on his potential presi­dency, "I will be the most pro-life president in U.S. history."

Prominent abortion rights supporters have also spoken of the coming election by they see the re-election of the President Clinton pivotal to their goal of strengthening a woman's right's to undergo abortion procedures.

Yet another thing to keep in mind when you head to the polls in November.

Capital Punishment: Is Reform Needed?

by Heather Lombardini
Times Contributing Writer

Execution used to be easy, the methods were cost efficient and the time from convic­tion to punishment was usually no more than one day. Since the Supreme Court made execution legal in the United States the whole process has taken on new levels of comp­lication. At first the electric chair was the most popular form of execution, then came lethal injection, but lately two other older methods have found new popularity among those on death row.

In Delaware any convict on death row can choose between lethal injection and hanging. In Utah the choices are the firing squad and lethal injection. Normally this is not a really an issue because of the infrequency in which people were actually put to death, but lately one convict in each state has had to make the morbid decision. Some believe that making someone choose their own form of death is sick, yet others like AQ senior Amy Scozzafave think it is a good idea. "Al­lowing a person to decide which way they would like to die is a fitting idea. The government should give the person the choice to decide which way want to die if they are already going to die."

This situation applied to Billy Bailey from Washington, where the process has been most recently used. Bailey, claiming innocence of any crimes, chose to be hanged as a form of expression. He knew this would be a highly heated issue. He also knew this would be a fitting idea. The government should give the person the choice to decide which way want to die if they are already going to die.

This is a high profile case, but Bailey is not the last time it is used in this coun­try. The United States has been "hijacked by liberals and knocked off course."

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A LETTER FROM THE ASSISTANT EDITOR

Bashing the decision to put the VanAndel name on the arena, I would agree that the last name of a single individual does not represent the efforts and dollars of the thousands of other individuals who have put their stake in the new arena.

But were it not for Mr. VanAndel, the thousands would not have had the opportunity to contribute to this project. For thirty years, West Michigan has tossed around the idea of a new convention center/athletic complex with no results. It reminds me of another idea that sat still until one major benefactor came forward. Two years ago, Peter and Pat Cook came to AQ and laid the financial foundation for a new student union.

The Cooks initially did not want their name on the Carriage House. However, if they would have stuck to this idea, we probably would not have an operational Student Union quite yet. The Cooks’ involvement influenced many a donor, and it was because of the respect and credibility that they brought to this project. The same can be said for the VanAndels. In twenty years or even two years, no one will be upset that the official name is the VanAndel Arena. No one will say, “Hey let’s go down to the Jay” (as Bob Becker alludes). It will always just be the Arena, and there would not be the chance to go to the arena were it not for our neighbors at Amway. Over the next couple of years, the new convention center or even a merged hospital might bear the DeVos name and a new building around this area might bear the Haworth or Prince name and a new building at AQ may have the Steelcase name, and how thankful we will be. We are lucky to have those kind of resources.

The only qualm I have with this name calling is that there seems to be lack of Polish or Irish (save a Wege or Donnelly building) or other names. I look forward to someday when the new AQ tech center has the Niedzielski or Haworth or Prince name and a new building might bear the DeVos name and a new building.

What a day that would be; now, it just takes a few bucks, and I hope that someday this community will accept all these names and the funds they provide as a tremendously positive influence and maybe worry about a few more important issues.

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Milwaukee

For all who have been around town over the Christmas break, we have seen an unusual amount of activity within the Grand Rapids community.

The two major hospitals, Butterworth and Blodgett, finally received the word that the government was going to give them a fight in court as opposed to allowing their merger proposal to continue, and West Michigan attracted national news because of the Byron Center controversy between students, the School Board, and a homosexual teacher. But it seems that the story that has gained the most interest from Grand Rapids citizens these days is the new name we have for our soon-to-be-open downtown arena.

The VanAndel Arena, as it will be known, is in the final stages of construction and there are rumors that it will be ready for an October 25 preseason NBA game between Orlando and Detroit. But it seems that the name of the building seems to be the most important issue associated with this complex, and to this issue I wonder why people care.

For some reasons, many GR citizens have taken this issue as seriously as any.
Super Bowl XXX: Next Time, Call an Audible

by Alan Plum
Times Contributing Writer

Once again it is that time of the year, when millions and millions of people will flock to their televisions to see what has become arguably the most overplayed and disappointing sporting event in the history of humankind. Yes, it is time for Super Bowl XXX.

This year’s edition will feature the underdog Pittsburgh Steelers against America’s Team (shouldn’t that require a national consensus?), the Dallas Cowboys. Simply mentioning these two franchises conjures up images of Mean Joe Greene, Roger Staubach, and Tom Landry, not to mention everyone’s favorite redneck television commentator, Terry Bradshaw.

As the kickoff draws nearer, the anticipation becomes almost unbearable (especially having to sit through the idiotic coin-flip ritual).

The first half begins, and the Cowboys have jumped out to a 10-0 lead on a Jay Novacek touchdown catch, and a 43-yard field goal. We are currently on pace for a blowout, but Super Bowls are never blowouts, right?

As we wait our way through the second half, the Cowboys apparently go up 17-0 after a Michael Irvin touchdown pass. But, oh no, the hand of God has thrown a Hail Mary, giving the Steeler organization some credit, though. How did they manage to trade for Lions quarterback Scott Mitchell during halftime, and get him to take the field wearing that ridiculous looking beard, similar to Neil O’donnell’s? There is simply no other explanation in NFL history. Larry Brown could have picked both of those off wearing a straightjacket. Maybe next year the Lions will make it to the Super Bowl, thus ensuring that the AFC will win the big one some time this decade.

At the very least, this year’s game had some suspense, at least up to the point where that last fateful pass was thrown. Emmitt Smith chalks up two of the easiest touchdowns of the year, and there you have it. One would never think that the whole second half could be summed up in two plays, but it was.

So, for all you people who love football and great competition, for the fifth straight year, the Super Bowl is not the place to find these things. Next year, when every media outlet in the world tells you how great a game the Super Bowl is going to be, you should be laughing a loud and comfortable all with care, enchancing those who stop off to see what wonders fill cold air.

Winners of the Winter is...poetry contest sponsored by East Area RHC and Morgan Higginbotham:

A Furreal in the Snow
by David Plak (first place)

I spot a Furreal in the snow
It looks at me, as if I should know
What he’s doing there sitting in the snow
I start to think, but turn to go
I look to the sky
The snowflakes fall
I begin to try
To catch them all
The Furreal just sits there
Calm as can be
I stop just to stare
I look to the trees
A beautiful bird sings
On a tree as it snows
It takes off on its wings
Because I moved far too close
I still see the Furreal, silent in the snow
It looks at me, as if I should know
What he’s doing there sitting in the snow
I sit down to enjoy the beauty, now I

To Ice and Snow
by Karen Walsh (second place)

Sharp jagged points, each made of Ice
alone the cliffs and walls,
their solid shapes were frozen thrice
to form stone waterfalls.
They catch the sunbeams shining in,
and trap it’s reds and blue
soon blazing with their fresh new limbs
their famine side subdued.
The Snow, it soft, comes falling down.
While laces beds are made.
It coats the Earth without a sound
hard contour lines soon fade.
It wraps its arms round rock and tree
and comforts all with care,
without a sound
To Ice and Snow

From Times staff members

Recently, a group of students approached The Times on a growing problem at open gym each weekday night. Each night that there is not a sporting event taking place, the filed house is open between the hours of 9-11pm. Whether this is enough time or not is the issue. The issue that led us to bring this to the Times is who is and who should be in the gym at these hours.

For instance, on this last Sunday night a few of students went to the gym for open gym. There seemed to be a couple of field house workers working the door and checking people as they came in as always, or were they? We proceeded to walk right by them without being asked to show our school identifications or asked whom we might be visiting. Since Aquinas is a small school and students and alumni know each other pretty well, we thought that the workers knew us (which was in fact the case). When we went to play however, there were upwards of thirty people in the gym, wanting to play basketball. This is understandable since we have a small fieldhouse and basketball is a popular sport. The thing that disturbed us, however, was the number of people in the gym that were not Aquinas students or alumni. Half of the people had seemingly just wandered in without any official affiliation with Aquinas. Even more disturbing as we sat there and waited was the fact that even more people, whom none of us could recognize, were walking in right in front of us, and not one worker was saying a thing or checking identifications.

We have rules at the fieldhouse and they are good rules. Aquinas students may play and may also bring in one guest per person. The problem is when there are more guests than students. We each pay thousands of dollars to come to this school to be educated and to have use of its facilities. It is the library or the fieldhouse, we are the ones that the facilities are there for. There is something seriously wrong when we are only allowed to use those facilities for 2 hours per night and then not able to play for 45 minutes because of people who have no connection to the school and are not paying one penny for the use of the facilities are keeping those of us who financially keep the school going from being able to use what we pay to use. How many health clubs allow non members to come in at anytime and not pay? If they are any out there, please let us know so that we don’t have to wait around at ours.

The bottom line is this: we have rules–let’s enforce them. Maybe we just picked a bad night or a bad set of fieldhouse workers. We know that most of the workers are there to do their job and they do in fact do it well. Maybe this was a one time occurrence (We certainly hope so), but nevertheless we must keep in mind that our students, faculty and administration are what keeps this school open—they should not have to spend the night waiting.

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OPINION
Survive Michigan's Wacky Weather--for Only $5.00!

by Scott Bacon
Times Features Editor

At press time, our fair city was under the oppressive heat of another summer storm. A few days prior, it was 60 degrees and, aside from wind gusts, pleasant. For the next few weeks we will experience that "Crazy Michigan Weather" that has made local folk-lore famous and filled church-house chatter with wacky accounts of springy-ding-dingy warmth and bone chilling blizzards coexisting within a 24 hour period. Anyone affiliated with the Boy Scouts, NexRad, or the local school board will tell you over a warm cup of cocoa that this is the season most dangerous to the motorist, hiker, or casual ice fisherman. Why? Because nature has become so darn unpredictable.

To prevent any unintended or unwanted breach of safety in any endeavor, the Times staff has compiled an easy-to-build, easy-to-find, easy-to-store, fun list of items to make your very own "Crazy Michigan Weather/ Aquinas Times Survival Kit." And the best thing: It costs less than five American Dollars!!

Item 1. Spartan Brand Clear Plastic Wrap. ($1.15) I call this 33 yards of smart. If caught in a blizzard with, say, just a wind-breaker, wrap the wrap around your skin for instant insulation ten times more effective than thinsulate. -OR- On a warm day, what better way to wrap up picnic leftovers to keep your survival items in. While shopping for them, cruise the produce section and tear a bag off the spindle, thump a few melons, and you will naturally thank you and pray you refrain from any other inane small talk, thus speeding up your check out time. You win two for the price of one.

Item 2. Three Kool-Aid packs. (.10 cents each) On a comfortable spring afternoon nothing says refreshment like Shakerberry Fix! -OR- If trapped in a snow drift indefinitely, why not give your life line, the water from the melting snow around your face, a little buzz from your Kool-Aid pack? And Kool-Aid is vitamin enriched.

Item 3. Three Bottle Rockets. (.20 cents each) If you've ever caught with a dead car battery on the highway these make excellent, inexpensive flares. -OR- After dark on an unreasonably warm night have yourself a private, premature Fourth of July you won't have to apologize for.

Item 4. Batwatch Pogs. (.12 cents a piece) No matter the weather, these little gems will make you smile and feel good all over!

Item 5. Two Liberty Lighters. (.99 cents) Not only is this product safe (child-proof feature included) it is also very practical. In snow or warmth they play an integral part in lighting the bottle rockets. Also, in a life or death situation or picnic the lighter is oh so helpful in heating a can of soup. Think of it as a cordless microwave!

Item 6. Scope Cool Mint (trial size 89 cents) After a day of frisbee and pork rinds, your mouth will be as balmy and puck as the litter and dog debris that "Crazy Michigan Weather" has exposed by early thawing snow. Fresh breath should always be a priority. -OR- If lost, cold, and confused in an unfamiliar woodland setting nothing clears the head like a shot of Scope. Make sure to swallow because the 16.6% alcohol will warm you right up. (The Times will take no responsibility for anyone who tries this.)

Item 7. Large plastic produce bag. (Free!!) Surely you'll need something to carry all your survival items in. While shopping for them, cruise the produce section and tear a bag off the spindle, dump a few melons, and casually place the empty bag at the bottom of the cart. When the cashier is checking your items out, make a joke about inconvenient customers and offer to throw the bag out as you exit the store. The cashier will naturally thank you and pray you refrain from any other inane small talk, thus speeding up your check out time. You win two for the price of one.

All shopping done at Fulton Heights the week of 1/12/96

LRC On-line Catalogue
Experiences Identity Crisis

by Scott Bacon
Times Features Editor

The Woodhouse Learning Resource Center provides the convenience of an on-line catalogue to search the whereabouts of the it's books, periodicals, microfilms and microfiche. While it is a convenience, the catalogue suffers from a very serious problem: an identity crisis. It's true, each of the other research databases in the library has very strong and definite identity (not to mention their own colorful sign/nameplates). The psychology database is known as the PsychLit, and the education information database as ERIC.

To remedy this situation it has been proposed that our well deserving on-line catalogue be blazoned with a name. The October newsletter made a request that all faculty, staff, and students suggest names for the catalogue. This request was met and the library received many different ingenious and worthy names.

The next step of the catalogue-naming process saw all the library staff voting to select the top five names. The field was narrowed down to the following:

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Winter Film Review

cure your cabin fever with a good flick

by Duffy Cavanaugh
Times Staff Movie Critic

Action/Suspense

HEAT (****) With Robert DeNiro and Al Pacino. Two men (one a cop, the other a thief) live two opposite lives, but their fate will put them up against each other ultimately. A very intense police type movie—or is it a gangster movie? Watch it and see who you root for. Also starring is Val Kilmer and a number of other recognizable stars with supporting roles. Dress comfortably, it's three hours long! But you're in it the whole way.

12 MONKEYS (***+) With Bruce Willis and Brad Pitt. The future lives underground after a killer biological virus decimates humanity. Willis is sent back in time to research for the virus' beginning so scientists can solve it and contain it before it gets out. Pitt is a deranged (but great) lunatic that lives in the present past that Willis runs into every time he shows back to the past (our present). Good action and suspense with a great paradox to think about.

EYE FOR AN EYE (**) Sally Field, Kiefer Sutherland, and Ed Harris. Sutherland plays a rapist who breaks into Fields' and Harris' house and kills their daughter, then gets off clean. Field is bent on revenge as the story unfolds. You feel her rage and grief throughout the movie as she deals with her emotions and family. Sutherland makes a great villain here, probably his most evil role yet.

FROM DUSK TILL DAWN (**+) Quentin Tarantino, George Clooney, Harvey Keitel. Two of America's most dangerous criminals make an escape through Texas to Mexico to meet their friend whose supposed to take them in Mexico. However, the meeting place is a haven for night stalkers. The idea for the movie is good but the plot is narrow. Fighting is kept short and curt until they arrive in Mexico, then it's just fighting in one room against a lot of vam¬pires. So the same kind of killing happens over and over. After the first fight sequence, it seems as if you're doomed to fight after fight with wooden stakes.

Comedy/Drama

MR.HOLLAND'S OPUS (****+) Richard Dreyfuss. This film spans 40 years in the life of a music educator at a high school (filmed in my home town, Portland, Or¬egon). In the style of Forrest Gump, the music carries you through the decades and events that take place. However, instead of putting Dreyfuss in with famous others, we see how those events change and affect him and the people around him. It's an in-depth drama with some good natural humor added in. Watching this film can remind you of real teachers and students you know. And if you're thinking of teaching, well, this is a feel good movie for you.

GRUMPY OLD MEN (***) Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau. The original Odd Couple are at it again. This time they are not at each others throats — at first... But they get there. This is a quality sequel with a good continued story from an old idea. It seems as if the only thing changed from the last movie was the season. The son and daughter of the two are planning for their wedding and the old guys are putting in their two bits at every chance. Laughter is eminent throughout the whole movie. I'd even suggest getting a few more napkins for the tears of laughter you're going to dry off. Don't forget to stay for the credits, some blooper are put in for fun.

BIO-DOME (**) Pauley Shore, Steven Baldwin. Here is proof that there still is a "campus romp" writer still trying to sell scripts for teenage enjoyment. A pure fic¬tional story of how two under-educated junior college students can be so idiotic as to mistake a giant greenhouse for a mall in which to use the toilet, then get themselves trapped in a science experiment for one year. Of course they find that they do know how to be a team when the chips are down, and the movie just wouldn't be here if they didn't come out as heroes. Bathroom humor gets the desired laughs but lets you down overall.

Here's some movies to watch out for as they are coming soon!

SCREAMERSSci-fi hobbits come out, come out, where ever you are! On a colony planet, in the future, a station of humans find that a organic weapon has turned on them and infiltrates members of their team. The only way to identify one who has the "alien" in them is to beat them senseless until they scream. Then you will know. Seems to be one that will rank with the "Aliens" movies. Opens Fri¬day January 26.

WHITE SQUALL Jeff Bridges. In 1960, a highly selectivefloating prep school — the Ocean Academy — signs on thirteen students that will spend a year on a sailing ship doing their studies and living one of their most demanding years on the "Abarturus." Near the end they go through a condition called a white squall. Losing six crew members, the crew survives only to be wit¬nesses in a trial to convict their captain for neglect and poor seam¬anship. Opens February 2.

BLACK SHEEP Chris Farley, David Spade. It's not quite a "Tommy Boy" sequel, but close to the same idea. Farley is a clumsy brother to a man running for Gover¬nor of Washington State. He can¬paign manager hires Spade to dis¬tract Farley and keep him out of the Governor Elect's way until the elec¬tion is done. Opens February 2.
**HOPS AND BARLEY**

BIG BUCK BEER

If you’re heading up north, and happen to be cruising through Gaylord, Michigan, watch out for the beer... or is that deer?

Nestled just off from the expressway — at 550 Wisconsin St. — sits the Big Buck Brewery and Steakhouse. Inside, the beer flows like the Northern Michigan streams.

I found myself with a bottle of Big Buck in my hand recently. And just as I expected, it was a pretty average attempt at a good microbrew — more for the marketability than the taste of a truly worthwhile beer.

Gold in color and quite carbonated, Big Buck is nothing more than your average Canadian import (of which, some are very good), but Big Buck is hardly worth a special trip to Gaylord.

This beer isn’t bad, but it lacks the distinctiveness and poignancy to set it apart from the rest of the crowd. But if you’re in the Gaylord area, make sure you stop in and give it a try.

Remember though, don’t drink and drive! And that includes snowmobiles, too!

**UNDERGROUND CHUCK**

**TUSCAN EXPRESS**

“PASTA-TIVELY AUTHENTIC” is what it reads under the Tuscan Express logo. And who could argue? From the moment you walk into this new Italian-flavored eatery (located east of I-96 at 6450 28th St. SE in Cascade), you can sense the authenticity.

Whether you’re dining in (which may be tough at times because of its fast-growing popularity) or taking some home with you, you can be assured that the food will be oozing with freshness, quality and poignancy.

After getting my take-out order home, I proceeded to dig in to my Caesar salad, the main dish, Gemellini Primavera, and for dessert, a Torta Di Cioccolato.

The Insalata (salad) was good-sized and with a flavorful dressing that was topped with real croutons (not the little boxed ones like we all have in our cupboards at home.)

The main dish, Gemellini Primavera with pomodoro (red meat sauce), was suggested to me by a waiter, and was an excellent pasta dish that featured a seasonal vegetable medley and was highlighted by garlic and fresh herbs.

For Dolci (dessert) I was talked into the Torta Di Cioccolato, which is a bittersweet chocolate tart topped with fresh raspberries. A rich, delectable treat for dessert lovers of all kinds.

For the price (main dishes start right around $5 for lunches and $9 for dinner) Tuscan Express does everything just right — the atmosphere is good, the service is great and the food is even better.

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**TORI AMOS**

**Boys for Pele **

Atlantic Records

Tori Amos is naught but a snotty little fairy who will instantly pose opposition to every- thing that you say, and, when your back is turned, she’ll yank your pants down to your ankles. But she’s oh so horribly lovable, so elegant, so intelligent...

Boys for Pele (a title alluding to the sacri­fice of young men to a volcano) is a compel­ling challenge against all conventions of sanity. Tori digs out the harpichord on “Blood Roses” and “Caught a Lite Sneeze,” the former being a rather dark and ominous little apparition that flits about, spooking the jumpin’ folk.

Meanwhile, “Professional Widow” is a confrontational rocker-licker that leans from lusty libations to sparkling innocence, from “honey bring it close to your lips” to “beau­tiful angel.” In a similar vein, “Little Amsterdam” harbors a sultry, Zeppelin-esque groove, and “In the Springtime of His Voo­doo” oozes pure sex while blstin’ a little blues and jazz (“me purrs similarly Mr. Sulat/warp speed/warp speed”).

However, Miss Melancholy kicks her head out of the bubbles for the sake of “Hey Jupiter” and “Marianne,” a song about the “quickest girl in the frying pan”—she com­mitted suicide.

Tori's rambling rushing river of conscious­ness flows all over Christianity (and other religions as well), leaving quite a soggy mess. Perk at “Father Lucifer” — “Father Lu­cifer/you never looked so sane...how's your Jesus Christ been hanging” or “we both know it was a girl/fuck in Bethlehem” from “Muhammad my Friend.”

Bottom line: Tori’s lunacy is endearing, and, if any of Boys makes sense to you, then you’re obviously not getting it....
G.R. Mackers Snag First Place

The Grand Rapids Mackers are red hot! At the all-star break, the Mackers had a 17-9 record and 105.5 quarter points (in the CBA a quarter point is given for each quarter won and three are given if the game is won), good for first place in the Eastern Division of the American Conference, and a whopping 34.5 points ahead of the second place Aquas of Connecticut Pride. The Mackers have the best road record (9-4) in the entire CBA and were led by 4 all-star performers. First year head coach and former Detroit Piston assistant Brendan Suhr was named as the All-Star coach. Former Detroit Piston Ivano Newbill (11.2 rebounds per game) was named as the Eastern Conference's starting center. Meanwhile, Ray Jackson (17.5 ppg) was named to the team as a reserve as was former longtime Macker Carl Thomas, although he went as a member of the Fort Wayne Fury.

The Mackers got off to a good start this year going 4-3 during the month of November. More importantly, the team was starting to jell. This became evident as the Mackers breezed through December with a 10-2 record. This was the third best month in franchise history.

The beginning of the new year was marked with a record book performance by Cuonzo Martin. In his last home game prior to the All-Star break, Martin poured in 58 points and tied the team record by hitting 9 three-pointers against the Chicago Rockers on a cold January 12th evening.

Three rookies led the way in the first half of the season. Former Fab Fiver, Ray Jackson was twined named the CBA's Player-of-the-Week and lead the team in scoring. Cuonzo Martin was also named the player of the week once, and his 46.4% of his three point shots. Rookie point guard Matt Maloney was the only Macker to start everyone of the team's 26 games and he lead the league in free throw percentage.

Although not a rookie, Ivano Newbill also found great success in his first CBA season. Newbill was a monster on the boards and ended up as the CBA's second leading rebounder in the first half of the season.

Things went really well for the Mackers in the first half of the season. In fact, things went so well that even when they seemingly lost on December 2, they won. Thanks to a league decision to uphold a Macker appeal of the game, the Mackers were able to replay the final 4+ minutes of the game prior to their regularly scheduled game on January 12. That night the Mackers would end up with two wins, including a victory in overtime in the finish of the appealed game.

Although some of the Mackers' faces may have changed over the past couple of weeks, the core unit and the most respected coach in the CBA remains the same. Look for the Mackers to continue to be at the top of the CBA and to march into the playoffs as one of the league's best teams as the second half of the season begins.

by Angie Walden
Times Contributing Writer

this year's indoor track and field season is off to a great start. Recently, the Saints competed in the early-season Grand Valley Invitational meet at Grand Valley State University.

At the Grand Valley Invitational, there were six participating schools and a few unattached participants. The following schools competed: Aquinas, Grand Valley State, Spring Arbor, Lansing Community College, Saginaw Valley State, and Hope College.

Angela Newcomb shined in the twenty pound weight toss, making it to the nationals with a throw of 41’07”.

Newcomb broke the Aquinas record (35’02”) that she had set previously. Newcomb will travel to this year’s National competition in Lincoln, Nebraska on February 29th.

There were many other outstanding performances from the Saints at Grand Valley that day. For the men’s results, Matt Harburn placed second, throwing 42’00”, in the 33 pound weight. Kevin Cook took second place, jumping 40’06”, in the triple jump. Knut Maass placed second and Justin Ogle placed third in the 1600 meter run. Matt McWilliams took third in the 3000 meter run, and Greg Milecki took third in the 600 meter run. Overall, the men’s team took second place at the Invitational.

There were a number of women who also had some outstanding performances. Tylerie Walters took fourth place in the twenty pound weight. Heather Hengenbach took first place running in the 50 meter dash, as well as taking second in the triple jump. Melissa Pixie placed first and Stacie Kent placed second in the 1600 meter run, and Kathy Milczarek took second in the 600 meter run. The women took fourth place overall at Grand Valley.

The team is looking good so far this season. Angela Newcomb said, “We are looking for a good outdoor season coming up.” Our team has great potential and with more organization and team support, we will be even better,” said Jennifer Wolfinger. Tylerie Walters said, “Track is a team sport. I have fun competing with Jennifer and Angela. Hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication makes our team a team of champions.”

At this point in the season, the team is very content with it’s performance. As Matt Harburn puts it, “The team has performed above and beyond all expectations.”

The Saints’ next meet is on February 12th in Jackson.

Lisa Terhaar dishes it off.

The women’s basketball team ended the non-conference portion of their season during winter break with a record of 6-6. Then, they headed into the tough Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) with a positive attitude hoping to be a competitive force just like they were last year. They opened up conference play by getting a 84-62 win at home against Siena Heights. The team then traveled to Spring Arbor and beat them 61-57. Currently, the team has a 2-1 record in the WHAC conference and they are looking to improve on it.

The starters for the games, such as Nikki Tuttle, Bridget Lamontan, and Nicki Biggs, have been strong. The bench has been an effective force as well for the team.

Jen Foraker has contributed on the offensive end, especially with her ball handling skills and her three point shots. Jen Norman and Carmens Brown are also helping on the offensive end. They have the ability to find the open teammate and have been knocking down their jumpers. Jen Storm and Sarah King have been a relief off the bench by grabbing rebounds: Lisa Terhaar has done a good job with her post defense and her three point shooting.

Third-year returnee and all-everything Newbill has been dominating on the boards and in the scoring department. She is averaging 9 rebounds and 19 points per game. Nicki Biggs is leading the team in assists by averaging three per game. Dana Manel is leading the team with the most steals and blocked shots. Her totals for the season so far have been 8 blocked shots and 31 steals. Alyssa Dyggraaf has been on fire from three point range. So far this season she has made a total of 32 three pointers. She continues to be a dominating threat from three point range.

Along with all of the individual accomplishments so far, the team would like to accomplish some things together. In the beginning, things were hard because everyone was getting to know each other and their talents. Now the team is beginning to work well together. Lisa Bruechert adds “We’re finally coming together as a team but we’re not totally there yet. We hope that by the end of the season, everything has come full circle.” They feel the togetherness will help them accomplish their team goals.

There are very few home games left this season. You can still see the excitement at these remaining home games: Spring Arbor (February 8 @ 7:00 p.m.), Concordia (February 10 @ 1:00 p.m.), University of Michigan-Dearborn (February 13 @ 7:00 p.m.), and Madonna (February 19 @ 7:00 p.m.). As spectator, Katie Murphy says “Every game is filled with excitement. You never know what’s going to happen.” So don’t miss these great opportunities to see the team in action.

Contributing Writer

The Lady Saints are looking to continue their strong start with a solid performance in the WHAC competition. With a 2-1 conference record, they have shown their potential to be a competitive force in the league. The team has been led by their strong performances on both ends of the court, with solid contributions from starters and bench players alike.

The Lady Saints will face the WHAC competition with a positive attitude, hoping to continue their winning streak. They will need to focus on their offensive and defensive strategies to keep up with the strong competition in the conference.

The Lady Saints are looking forward to the upcoming games and hope to continue their solid performance in the WHAC competition.
Men's Basketball Continues Successful Run

by Dana Samotis

If there is one team in that has proved their opponents wrong this year, it is our men's basketball team. Picked to finish towards the bottom of the WHAC, the Saints, with only seven games remaining in the regular season, have a 13-8 record. The Saints are currently on a three game winning streak and have won five of seven games in 1996. Included in those victories are a third place finish at the Warner-Southern tournament in Florida. They won their first game against St. Thomas 85-65, lost their second to tourney champs Life 74-85, and won the third game against Warner Southern 86-65, to bring home a trophy. Brandon Lowe once again earned all-tournament team honors.

On January 10, the Saints met up with Madonna College, a team they beat 89-63 on December fifth. Aquinas fell short this time around and lost a heartbreaker 69-68. "We don't have time for any let downs like this, this late in the season" said Senior Derrick Donnelly, "We came back from a successful trip to Florida, and we did not go in focused. It should be a learning experience."

It appears the Saints did learn from the Madonna defeat, because they clinched the next two close ones. Their first WHAC competition was against Sienna Heights who according to pre-season coaching polls was picked to finish third in the conference (AQ was predicted at a fifth place finish). With less than two minutes to go the Saints led by as many as eight, but Sienna did not lie down. Like the Madonna game only one point determined the winner, but this time the Saints showed their composure and ended up on top, 75-74. The Michigan Christian game was another tight contest for the Saints. The Saints did not waste any time getting started as Troy Wilbon got the opening tip to Brandon Lowe who found the three point man Joe Crittendon for the opening trey. This would be the Saints biggest lead of the half, while six was their biggest deficit. At the end of the first half the score stood at 41-41. Second half action was even closer, both teams managed to keep the margin to no more than five points. Like a see-saw, the Saints were up and then down until 1:40 remained on the clock. It was then that Brandon Lowe hit two from the line that gave AQ a one point lead. The Saints then managed a 7-2 run and won the game 85-81. The man of the evening for the Saints was reserve Myron Guyton who contributed 20 points, nine rebounds and managed to entertain the crowd with two exploding dunks. Other standouts included Lowe with 19 and Crittendon with 12. Wilbon continued to be an all-around player scoring 12 points and dishing off eight assists.

Junior Corey McNeal summed up the AQ victory by saying "It was ugly, but we'll take it." Assistant coach Tim Sailers noted "Even though we have not played the best, we've shown maturity and experience to pull out the last two close tough games."

On January 20, reigning WHAC champs, the Thunder from Tri-State, would not even rattle the Saints. With a total team effort the Saints demolished their opponent 90-38. According to Head Coach Rick Albro "This was probably the best 1-13 (the team) has played for forty minutes on both ends of the court."

Highlights included Derek Donnelly (11 points) from downtown (three times), Wilbon sneaking up through the "Thunder" to grab a board and an electrifying dunk, Guyton (16 points) had another scoring performance with two dunks, and Lowe was hot with twenty-five. Crittendon controlled the glass with six rebounds and Wilbon had eight assists.

The Saints will continue their successful run at home at 7:30 on Jan. 31 against Kalamazoo College. Come see the men of AQ in action.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM LEADERS**

**Points per game:**
- Brandon Lowe: 23.62 ppg.
- Troy Wilbon: 10.90 ppg.
- Joe Crittendon: 9.90 ppg.

**Rebounds per game:**
- Jim Richards: 7.10 rpg.
- Troy Wilbon: 4.35 rpg.

**3-point shooting percentage:**
- Joe Crittendon: .543
- Brandon Lowe: .515
- Troy Wilbon: .445

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