Black Women the Theme for AQ
Play, Black History Month

This month, the nation and Aquinas celebrate African American History Month, and those at Aquinas who have been to the play, the speakers and the displays of African American pride have increased their education in the history of the black culture. Along with the Martin Luther King, Jr. display in the lower level of Wege, which "will most likely become an annual event," according to Director Michael Travis The primary focus of the month was the play "Long Time Since Yesterday," which was performed in the Kretschmer Auditorium on February 16, 17 and 18. Written by P.J. Bennett, the play is the story of five women who were in the cast were Kenyatta Christian, Chelsea Davis, Nicole McCullough, Paula Miller, Piper Peteet, Koreatha Todd, Kamiah Vaughn and Charissa Williams. The play is the story of five women who gather to mourn after an old friend commits suicide. The women bring together many different lifestyles and struggle to cope with why their friend would do such a thing.

Much of the first act is taken up with the women merely reminiscing and mourning, while the shocking, thick part of the plot comes in the second act, where it is revealed that one of the characters had a lesbian relationship with the deceased, which causes huge conflict among the group.

"It really is diverse in that it deals with so many issues," said Travis. "Those issues include intra-racial prejudice between those characters with light and dark complexion, homosexuality and the stress of dealing with the loss of a loved one.

Every year Black History Month has a theme, and this year's theme is "Black Women: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." This was the basis for choosing "Long Time Since Yesterday" as this year's play, said Travis.

"We received a tremendous amount of support from the community," said Travis. "However, we still need more support from students in order to have the kind of impact we would like."

Also, the Multi-Cultural Department has brought in five speakers during African American History Month, with State Rep. Ed Vaughn being the keynote speaker.

Cicely Bridges said, "This year didn't have as big a turnout as other years. It surprises me because it was a nice play. Maybe next year will be different."
Annual Jazz Festival offers top musicians

There are also many colleges which come every year and this year will again feature 8-10 of the top college jazz bands in the country. Included in this group are those performing from Aquinas. The Afternoon Band, the Vocal Jazz and the Evening Band will all represent Aquinas, with the additional possibility of the Jazz Combo making an appearance.

This year’s featured artists are percussionist Charles Dowd and trombonist Gene Smith. Charles Dowd has performed in nearly every state, as well as in Europe. He concentrates his efforts on the West Coast and is a professor of music in percussion studies at the University of Oregon School of Music. Gene Smith is one of the premier clinicians of top notch, nationally known musicians. Many participate in the Aquinas Jazz Festival, and this gives the college and the music department an excellent recruitment tool. Also, Dr. Early said, “This is a fun festival, not competitive. Schools come back because they have fun and like to do it.”

Jazz music in the country, come on out to the Jazz Festival this weekend. Tickets are available at the door.

"Trojan Women" exposes brutality of war

Women, war, and wailing took center stage this past weekend in the Pegasus Players’ presentation of “Trojan Women” in Kresge Hall. Through their interpretation of Euripides’ ancient Greek play, the City High’s portrayal revealed that the horrors of war have not been left in the ancient past. They still exist today. By setting the play in Bosnia-Herzegovina, the actors revealed that war and its brutalities have spanned millennia.

“Though it is a piece of art to be admired, the message of the play is still pertinent today,” said assistant director Jennie Goodlander, a Kalamazoo College theatre major. Originally written in 415 BC, Euripides’ tragedy expressed the horrors of the war between the Athenians and the Peloponnesians. In the original play, an old woman weeps over the mindless brutality of the war as she watches her great city burn.

The City High students first chose the play as an opportunity to explore classical theatre. The play soon turned into an added exploration of modern conflict as Sasha Garafolo, an actor, observed the plays parallels to the current battles between the Bosnians and the Serbs. Acting on this, director Joe Anne Peterson went home and dreamt how the play could be updated.

“It was meant to be,” said the actors’ portrayal of Muslim women in an internment camp. “Wars today still brutalize the vulnerable and innocent.”

To better understand the situation, the students researched and attended lectures about Islamic culture and the Bosnian conflict. As a result, Peterson has seen much growth in her actors.

“They have not only taken and absorbed classical theatre, but their hearts have grown,” she said.

In an attempt to reach out to those whose suffering they portrayed, the group donated all proceeds from the weekend performances to International Aid. The organization is a Christian Relief group that sends blankets, food, medication, and clothes to over 160 countries. The group mainly focuses on women and children.

“Wars today affect more women and children than soldiers,” said Hal Olsen of International Aid.

Earlier this year, the modern version of “Trojan Women” competed in the Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association Theater competitions. At both the divisional and regional level, the group placed second.

Bennett from p.1

while devoting an incredible amount of time to personally helping the students and directing the Chillingham Education program. In 1979 he was awarded the Legend of Michigan Award by the State of Michigan, which is the third highest award given by this state, and in 1981 was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal which is the highest award given in Michigan, as well as many other awards. Awards, however, are not the driving force behind the tireless work Dr. Bennett undertakes.

When asked what he enjoyed most about teaching Bennett commented that he loved not only being able to teach the students a course or topic, but he took much more pride in helping students gain a greater appreciation for the topics of life as a whole. He sincerely believed he was blessed to take part in careers he loved, whether it be teaching a college course or serving his country in the military. This sincere passion for what he does is echoed in his philosophy on teaching, “No matter what else was happening around me I always looked forward to stepping into the classroom and interacting with the students.”

Unfortunately Dr. Bennett will be retiring after this third quarter is over but this deep love for teaching and the constant pursuit to make Aquinas the finest institution possible is something Dr. Bennett should be proud of, and will be greatly missed when he leaves. He can be sure that this school will never be the same when he retires from teaching next week, and from students and faculty alike we can be sure that we are better people because we’ve known him.

Percussionist Charles Dowd, left, and trombonist Gene Smith.
Senior Gift to Fill Vacant Bell Tower

The Aquinas College Class of 1996 initiated their "Senior Challenge" goals, and decided on what to purchase for the school. This year the project is co-chaired by John Langan and Beth Sinclair, with help from administrative supervisor Beth Banta. Nearly thirty team leaders also play a critical role in the organization.

For those of you who do not know what the Senior Challenge is, it is the financial contribution from the graduating seniors to Aquinas as their outgoing gift. It is called a "challenge" because each graduating class challenges the next class to raise more money than they did.

Last year's senior challenge committee reformed the method of collecting funds. In previous years, the plan was to get all of the seniors to donate the last two digits of their graduating year to the school. For example, the Class of '94 tried to get each student to donate one installment of $94. However, this strategy did not succeed too well. The Class of '94 only collected $3,000 with this approach.

So it was this that motivated last year's committee to research the most effective ways of collecting a senior gift. With the help of neighboring schools, they found that the greatest success came with asking each student to donate $300 over a period of three years. Another method of payment was to pay $25 a quarter over the three year period. So, after the Class of 1996 adopted this technique of payment, they earned pledges totaling $13,000 which they voted to spend on a three-foot brick wall enclosing the Pulson Lot and the Fieldhouse.

Excavating Ireland...

Aquinas College has a long standing tradition of sending 20 students one semester a year to study in Tully Cross, Ireland. Almost anyone who has been fortunate enough to enjoy this experience will tell you that they would jump at the chance to go back. This chance may be becoming a reality. Dr. Dan Brooks, professor of English here at Aquinas, gave a presentation on Tuesday February 20 in the Ballroom in which he introduced a proposed second program that would allow students to travel to Ireland.

While visiting Ireland, Brooks was struck by the beauty of the land and its rich historical value. "I went to the west of Ireland and was transformed by something magical in its landscape...Ireland's landscape is an ancient landscape." It is this ancient landscape that offers Aquinas students another opportunity to study and work abroad.

Michael Gibbons, an Irish archaeologist, who is a regular speaker for the Semester in Ireland program, has recently discovered some very exciting finds just outside Tully Cross. Standing stones, which are thought to have been used for determining the winter solstice, have been uncovered. Gibbons' latest work involves a pair of quartz ritual stones.

Gibbons and Brooks have discussed the possibility of having a group of Aquinas students work at an excavation site for a period of 2-4 weeks. The students would be able to earn academic credit for participating in the dig. This program would be open to faculty, staff and alumnae. Brooks says, "It would be a kind of 'working holiday' that would include pub life in the evenings as well as a healthy amount of work in the day."

This new program would be an opportunity for students who never got to go to Ireland or who would like to go back, to experience a real archaeological dig. While there, participants would be living and working in the Irish countryside, learning about the customs and rituals of the ancient people of Ireland and, at the same time, earning college credit.

This program would take place during the summer. The duration of the dig can range anywhere from 2 to 6 weeks, depending on the complexity of the site. Transportation, lodging and full board would be arranged. No special training would be necessary, but participants would have to endure cold and endurance abilities. Drawing and photography skills would be an added bonus.

As with any overseas adventure, participants will have to pay. The specific amount is still in the works, but Brooks estimates the price to be around $1,432.20 for room and board, transportation, equipment. When asked how he feels about this proposed program, sophomore Dirk Steenwyk said, "The price is worth the experience. I'm really excited about this program and I hope it works out."

The addition of Dr. Brooks' program would enhance the Aquinas experience for students and faculty alike. He says, "This opportunity is, I think, a significant one, one that anyone in the Aquinas family could take advantage of, and one that could strengthen our ties to a part of the world many of us have adopted as our second home."
Parking at AQ: Problem or Privilege?

by Andy Pieper

So, you are afraid to walk to Regina from the Classroom Lot? Or maybe just too lazy? I would think that as mature young adults we could think of more important things to complain about than having to walk five more minutes across campus. Yes it is true that Dominican Lot is usually quite overcrowded. Does that mean that the rest of the parking on campus is not good enough for some Regina residents that think they should all have access to Dominican? Parking on campus is a privilege, one that is not granted. However, if the contract with Bldgetor on the Plymouth Lot is renewed, Aquinas will have more than sufficient parking.

Even if the contract is renewed, which is what rumors seem to indicate, I do not see parking as the enormous issue that many students make it to be. True, Fulton lot gets overcrowded behind quads on weekend nights, but why does everyone think that AQ owes them next door parking? There is plenty of parking at night between Plymouth and the Classroom Lot. Also, why is there never anyone in the Brownie Center Lot? I know it is so much closer and convenient than the Classroom Lot, an entire 50 yards. Heaven forbid anyone walk that far. Of course, the same people that want close parking are the same folks that don’t want to walk far. Of course, some good points have been made that want close parking are the same folks that don’t want to walk far. Of course, some good points have been made.

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by Louisa Keefe

Every day students circle Dominican lot like buzzards, Regina students leave their cars at the back door hoping campus safety won’t find them. Others find their car the new home for frogs and fish by St. Joe. All of these situations point to one important fact: Aquinas does not have adequate parking.

Because I am a resident of Regina Hall, I know how inadequate Aquinas’ parking is. Many students know the feeling of despair, circling around the Dominican lot hoping to squeeze in. Unlucky students have to resort to parking in the Classroom Building lot or the Classroom Woods lot—a parking zone that is one of the primary motivating factors to living in Regina Hall. As far as banning freshmen from parking on campus, that would be a huge mistake, for that is one of the primary motivating factors for prospective students. That forces all freshmen to either work on campus or not. There are some parking arrangements which should be looked into, such as long and short term parking, but expanding parking spots should be a last resort.

I do not know where upperclassmen come across the idea that they “deserve” the best parking spots. Get a grip. Talk about discriminating. The greatest improvement would be to have the Dominican lot expanded. This would allow Regina Hall students to have a safe walk while saving time. There appears to be a lot of room for expansion here and it is definitely needed. Aquinas’ parking situation.

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The effects of freeing up more space in Dominican lot could be seen in Topeka when he announced his plans to eliminate the education department. Yes it is true that Dominican Lot is usually overcrowded, Aquinas could finally accommodate all of its students. All Aquinas needs is organization, and support from its students.

Our Republican Candidates: Player Profiles

by Maris Brancheau

Okay, so we all basically know who the front runners are for the Republican nomination. Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, conservative commentator Pat Buchanan, and former Tennessee governor Lamar Alexander, have been all over the news lately. We’ve heard about Dole’s age and (ugh) his prostate. Buchanan’s ties to white supremacist movements have captured a sound byte or two. And how can we forget about how “ordinary” Alexander made an investment of $1,000 and walked away with over $600,000 in scamming royalties? But hey what about the issues? Issues? What are those, you might ask. You know those little things like the environment, the economy, abortion, affirmative action, free trade, term limits, etc. Here’s how the three contenders stand.

Bob Dole. Background/experience: The Kansas native is the current Senate Majority leader and has been a Washington insider since 1960. A US veteran who earned a purple heart in World War II. Issues: Trade—He supports NAFTA and GATT but urges caution on new trade pacts. Taxes—He’s wary of a flat tax but announced in his candidacy speech that he favors a tax credit for children and wants to remove the marriage penalty. Budget—favors a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget. Affirmative action—“another Federal policy out of control” he said to a crowd in Topeka when he announced his candidacy. State rights—wants to reign in big government and give more power to the states.

Wants to Eliminate: The Education Department, Housing and Urban Development, Energy and Commerce departments. Wants The National Endowment for the Arts and The Corporation for Public Broadcast casting for elimination. Quotable Quote: “We need leaders who will summon from each of us the best of our character, who will call us as a nation to our full potential. I want to be president so I can do this for America.”

What supporters chant when they walk in: "BOB DOLE! BOB DOLE!"

Pat Buchanan. Background: A former Nixon speech writer who spends his time as a conservative commentator. He grew up in Washington, D.C. where he has lived beside and preached to the rich and powerful, the ranks of which he soon

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Writer of Mr. Holland's Opus Visits Grand Rapids

Patrick Sheane Duncan has local ties

Duncan smiles and signs books at Schuler's last Friday.

by Michelle Borrall
Times Contributing Writer

This past Friday, February 23, Patrick Sheane Duncan spoke at Schuler Books in Grand Rapids. Wearing a star shaped belt, red shirt and matching cowboy boots, he looked more like a cowboy wanna-be than the screenwriter of the current hit Mr. Holland's Opus. In spite of his appearance it took less than thirty seconds for this screenwriter/cowboy to charm his way into the hearts of every person in the audience. Seemingly at ease with the large crowd, he proved that he has as much a way with people as he does with his writing.

"I'm the only guy in Hollywood who writes from experience, everyone else writes from other movies," he boasted. And he has been able to draw from a life bursting with such experiences. He was born to a poor California migrant worker. The oldest of twelve, he assumed responsibility for his mother and siblings when his father died in a Los Angeles knife fight. He also shared the story about when his father died in a Los Angeles knife fight. He also shared the story about when his father died in a Los Angeles knife fight. He also shared the story about when his father died in a Los Angeles knife fight. When he returned home he went to college at Grand Valley State University and graduated in two years, taking 25 credits a semester. Working in Hollywood for a short time as an accountant, he began to write. Now after eighty-six odd screen plays, he is the third highest paid screen writer in Hollywood.

Along with Mr. Holland's Opus, he has also done two other famous films, Nick of Time, with Julia Roberts and Nick Nolte and A Home of Our Own with Kathy Bates. After an entertaining discussion Mr. Duncan autographed several copies of his first book, Courage Under Fire, released earlier this month. The story is already being made into a movie starring Denzel Washington and Meg Ryan. A timely drama about a female helicopter pilot during the Persian Gulf War, this book is yet another exciting display of Mr. Duncan's work.

Patrick Sheane Duncan wrote from previous
joined. He once referred to Cadillacs as "lemons" and drove a Mercedes (which he recently sold). Issues: Abortion—Will make it constitutional illegal. Trade—opposes free trade, NAFTA and GATT while also opposing the World Bank and International Monetary Fund. Immigration—wants to install a 5 year ban on legal immigration, calling this period a "time out." Budget—backs a balanced budget amendment but promises to "attack" corporate welfare. Taxes—supports the 17% flat tax rate. Military—wants to end American support of the UN. Wants to eliminate: The lack of prayer in schools of choice for the nation's youth. Quotable Quote: "The Dole campaign is hollow at the core, but I will support any Republican nomination because it's better than Bill Clinton." Supporting chant: GO! PAT! GO!

Republican Primaries Heat Up; Mud Slings, Dust Rises

From the mud slogging Iowa caucuses to the snow covered fields of New Hampshire, the race for the Republican nomination for President is in full swing. The field has been narrowed some, but three main contenders remain and a fast pace is expected in the race to the nomination. Lamar Alexander. The Iowa caucuses proved to be a much closer race than once predicted. Dole was able to pull through with 26% of the vote and the win, but Buchanan was only 3 percentage points behind. Alexander made a much higher showing than expected with a substantial 17% of the vote. Publishing tycoon Malcolm "Stevie" Forbes gained a disappointing 10%, although he led the group in negative advertising. Finishing behind Forbes was conservative hopeful Senator Phil Gramm of Texas with only 9.3% of the vote. This upset caused Gramm to pull out from the race and back to Dole as the candidate worthy of the party's nomination. The caucus showed that the Republican party is back on its feet in several directions and resorting to mud slogging, as evident in the number of negative campaign ads. It's a bit ironic that the Iowa caucus took place on the eve of Abraham Lincoln's birthday, one of the greatest Republicans ever, who is famed for saying, "The Republican policy is to give no offense to others." According to Peter Wilmer, the communications director of the Iowa Democratic Party, President Bill Clinton who is running unopposed for the Democratic nomination received more votes than Dole and Buchanan combined.

Once the mud was wiped from the boots of the candidates it was on to snowy New Hampshire for a week of campaigning before the first primary in the nation took place on Feb. 20. Dole had some strong statistics to overcome. For example, though he had won Iowa, no candidate who has ever finished first in Iowa has ever gone on to become President in that same year. Buchanan was facing his own troubles after Larry Pratt stepped down as one of his campaign managers once the media learned of Pratt's strong ties to militia and white supremacist movements. Buchanan has long been considered too extreme to win the nomination and Pratt's connections fueled a bit of controversy. Meanwhile, Alexander was busy walking 100 miles across New Hampshire, in his trademark red and black plaid, claiming to be an "outsider" and dodging questions about how he seems to have mastered the Washington scene.

Primary night was one for the record books. A record turn out for New Hampshire and an ideological upset that placed Buchanan ahead of Dole. Buchanan received approximately 28% of the vote, Dole 26%, Alexander 23%, and the remaining vote was split between Forbes and others. Buchanan claimed victory with a devilish smile and said, "This is a victory for a new idea in the Republican party and in national politics. A new spirit of conservatism of the heart. A dambulled Dole rallied his supporters by proclaiming he won't give up the fight and "We are now engaged in a fight for the heart and soul of the Republican party." Along the sidelines was Alexander, claiming a victory for his candidacy and calling for Dole to withdraw from the race. Alexander told Nightline that "I believe I have the right ideas, Buchanan has the wrong ideas, and Dole has no ideas."

Perhaps the most remarkable percentage of the New Hampshire primary was the 41% of Republican voters who wished that another candidate was available. The following weeks are sure to be a bitter fight for the nomination, a position which is left virtually wide open. Buchanan will open West Michigan headquarters on Feb. 22. Although Buchanan is not supported by the Republican establishment in Washington, he does have history on his side. In the last 52 years, with the exception of Bill Clinton, every New Hampshire winner has gone on to win the Presidency.

One may wonder if the ideological battle within the Republican party will divide forces so strongly that their main objective will be lost. Perhaps once the primary dust settles, Bill Clinton will have an easy ride into another 4 years in the White House.

Lamar Alexander
Background: Former governor of Tennessee, and former Secretary of the Department of Education. Former University of Tennessee President and the founder of a small business. He's known for his 1,000 mile walk across Tennessee wearing his signature lumberjack plaid shirt. Claims to be an "outsider" of Washington and resides in Nashville, TN.

Issues: States Rights—A strong advocate for reigniting the government and giving entitlement programs such as welfare back to the states. Abortion—Opposes a constitutional ban but will give the decision back to the states. Congress—favors a part-time congress with members who spend 6 months with the people who sent them to Washington. Also a supporter of term limits. Education—wants year-round schooling and schools of choice for the nation's youth. Drugs—He would establish a fourth branch of the military responsible for drug control alone.

Wants to eliminate: The Department of Education and the capital gains tax.

Quotable Quotes: "Remember your ABC's—Alexander Beats Clinton."

Supporting chant: LAMAR 96! LAMAR 96!
Excursions...

By John Serba

Well, it's sweeps week here at the Times, so we're trying to pull out our best stuff for you to read. In an attempt to be interesting, I'm going to cater to all the short attention spans out there (like my own) and make random comments about various news items found in the latest issue of a similarly titled publication, Time magazine.

Cover: An artist's rendition of the Republican candidate (I think) says "the Old Guys" shows Pat Buchanan wearing a yellow construction helmet and a blue shirt (with the same color collar, of course), with Alexander, Dole, and Forbes behind him. The painting shows the gentlemen in a warm light, giving them a quite human quality. I and thought Salvador Dali was dead. Page 11: Comments on the Academy Award nominations are up for status. This year's nominations show that pronouns and pigs (Animal rights people, rejoice!) can be human, too.

Page 20-44: A wealth of information about our heroic Republicans faces us, paragraph after paragraph, page after page, candid photo after candid photo. An eye-catching picture of Buchanan wearing a down-to-earth parka and sweater (probably from Sears) standing in front of an American flag suggests that, if elected, he will make America really cold for those who can't afford to buy a fur-lined parka. Score another one for the animal rights people!

Page 46: A story on the drug flow from the Caribbean shows a photo of a massive bust weighing about $91 million worth of cocaine lying around. Perhaps this is the cocaine that wasn't on the ship in The Usual Suspects. Oh yeah, hardly anybody saw that film. Silly me. Ignore the reference to the best film of 1995 that was snubbed by the Academy for a talking pig.

Page 60: A story comparing world chess champion Garry Kasparov with an IBM chess whiz named Deep Blue; the computer won the first match. Frigging Kasparov said "I feel pressure. The computer does not." Here's a strategy, Garry: if you start to feel pressure, talk to a talking pig.

Page 62: A TV movie dramatizes the war between the two most important states in America, Leno and Letterman. Wow, a television program about television programs. How deep.

Page 66: The nominations for the Grammy Awards take a decidedly immoral turn: Alanis Morissette gets six nominations, and she really likes the "f-word." What a remarkable representative of Generation X.

Mighty Aphrodite, respectively, are up for statues. This year's nominations show that pronouns and pigs (Animal rights people, rejoice!) can be human, too.
A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Aquinas College and Community:

Today I experienced the most hurtful and embarrassing moment of my life. As a young white woman, today I have truly discovered how it feels to be a victim of racial discrimination.

In attempt to cover one of the Black History Month Luncheons for the Aquinas Times, I chose to attend the “Women Only” discussion held in the Louit room February 14, at 12:30 p.m. When Multicultural Director Michael Travis spotted my tape recorder, he came over to me and asked if I was planning to tape the discussion. I informed Mr. Travis that I was covering the discussion for the Times, but that I did not have to use the tape recorder.

After confering with the speaker, Mr. Travis returned to my table and informed me that the speaker did not want the media there. I left. I do not have a sincere interest in the role of African-American women in the community. I am left wondering what the speaker had to say that I could not hear—as a reporter and as a white woman.

Sincerely,
Julie Williams
Meet the Senate Candidates

by Scott Bacon
Times Features Editor

The time has come for the Aquinas College community to be active in the voting process to select who is to serve on the executive board of the Aquinas College Student Senate. Senate is one of the three governing bodies of the College and has three available executive positions: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary. Candidates must meet the requirements of being a full-time student as well as having one year of AQ Senate experience as a senator. Each position has a term of one full year beginning April 1. While each of the titles differs in its specific duties the common factor among all the executive positions is the concern of addressing and representing the ideas and interests of the AQ student body. Voting takes place on February 29, within the Residence Halls as well as in Wege and the AB building. The candidates running for office this year are:

Rene Palileo
Hometown: Detroit, MI
Grade Level: Sophomore
Major: Dual Major in Geography/Environmental Studies
Running for the position of: Vice Chairperson
Personal Statement: I am a leader, not a follower. I work hard and am dedicated to Senate. Through my past leadership activities and involvement, I feel that I am a quality candidate for the Vice Chair position. If elected I would...address your concerns, whether they be big or small, to the Community Senate and follow through with the suggestions you may have. I would also do my best to fulfill my duties as Vice Chair.

Elma de la Cruz
Hometown: Dearborn, MI
Grade Level: Junior
Major: Communication Arts
Running for the position of: Vice Chairperson
Personal Statement: I consider myself to be a unique individual with interests in protecting the environment and with an interest in remaining a kid at heart. If elected I would...address your concerns, whether they be big or small, to the Community Senate and follow through with the suggestions you may have. I would also do my best to fulfill my duties as Vice Chair.

Janielle Ostrowski
Hometown: Dearborn, MI
Grade Level: Junior
Major: Political Science
Running for the position of: Chairperson
Personal Statement: I am a leader, not a follower. I work hard and am dedicated to Senate. Through my past leadership activities and involvement, I feel that I am a quality candidate for the Vice Chair position. If elected I would...address your concerns, whether they be big or small, to the Community Senate and follow through with the suggestions you may have. I would also do my best to fulfill my duties as Chair.

April Carpenter
Hometown: Coldwater, MI
Grade Level: Senior
Major: Political Science
Personal Statement: The two things that interest me most are hockey and government, not necessarily in that order. I hope to work in government after graduation, because I think I can make a difference. If elected I would...work towards making Senate a flexible body that will be able to change and evolve in the coming years so that it does what it is supposed to do: Address the needs of the Aquinas student. After all that is what we are here for.

Voices in the Crowd

compiled by Scott Bacon
Times Features Editor

Springtime has arrived and during the week of Mar. 8-17 the students of Aquinas College will leave this place we call home and venture into the real world. While some of us will spend the week in our hometowns, others will be in search of relaxation somewhere in this great big o’ land we call the U.S.A. What we must keep in mind though is it is not too much where you go for spring break it’s what you experience.....With this thought in mind the following question was posted to random students on Aquinas’ campus as well as select members of the Aquinas environmental group S.A.V.E. who have contracted a van to make a pilgrimage to the spring break hot spot of Panama City, Florida.

Where are you going for Spring break and what are your chances of spotting Elvis?? Here is what random members of the AQ populace had to say...

"I’m going to Buffalo, NY, with Tori Swerbensky. Our chances are between slim and none [of seeing the King]."-Kelly Barker, Freshman

"Only in my dreams, but you never know who will appear and in what form, but I’d say my chances are minimal. No big plans for spring break."-Sr. Alice Wittenbach

"I’ll be at home and there is a guy who goes to the party store by my house and looks just like him. Maybe if I go and look, I’ll see him.”-Nancy Timberlake, Freshman

"Key Largo, and not a chance in hell unless we’re really drunk."-Freshman Kate Grigal speaking on behalf of Sophomore Sara Shearer and herself

"I’m going to California with my cousin, I won’t see Elvis because he and I don’t get along."-Perry Diep, Junior

"I’m going to Washington D.C. and my chances have to be around 90%"-Justin Manwell, Sophomore

"I have no idea, I don’t think I’ll see Elvis unless he’s on T.V.”-Hattie Irvin, Senior

"Stay in my pajamas, watch T.V. and eat junk food. Seeing Elvis? Personally I think he’s dead.”-Angela Cerullia, Sophomore

"I’m going home to Allegan. I think Elvis is dead. My mom has a calendar on the wall of Elvis, but I won’t see him.”-Therese Birkam, Sophomore

"I’m going to Panama City, FL with the S.A.V.E. boys and the closest thing to Elvis I’ll see is if I draw in the side burns, put on some sunglasses and look in the mirror.”-Rene Palielo, Sophomore

"Slim to none and slim just left town. I don’t know”-Justin Smish, Sophomore

"I hate Elvis...I’m just going where it’s warm. On this trip I ain’t nothing but a hound dog.”-Al Plum, Sophomore

"Basically I have $300 riding on that I’m going to see Elvis. I’m just using the other guys for a ride. If I find him I’m never coming back.”-Mark Campbell, Sophomore

"I think I’m going to be the one to find him because last night he came to me in my dreams and said he was going to Panama City and none [of seeing the King]."-Kelly Barker, Sophomore

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"I have no idea, I don’t think I’ll see Elvis unless he’s on T.V.”-Hattie Irvin, Senior

"Stay in my pajamas, watch T.V. and eat junk food. Seeing Elvis? Personally I think he’s dead.”-Angela Cerullia, Sophomore

"I’m going home to Allegan. I think Elvis is dead. My mom has a calendar on the wall of Elvis, but I won’t see him.”-Therese Birkam, Sophomore

"I’m going to Panama City, FL with the S.A.V.E. boys and the closest thing to Elvis I’ll see is if I draw in the side burns, put on some sunglasses and look in the mirror.”-Rene Palielo, Sophomore

"Slim to none and slim just left town. I don’t know”-Justin Smish, Sophomore

"I hate Elvis...I’m just going where it’s warm. On this trip I ain’t nothing but a hound dog.”-Al Plum, Sophomore

"Basically I have $300 riding on that I’m going to see Elvis. I’m just using the other guys for a ride. If I find him I’m never coming back.”-Mark Campbell, Sophomore

"I think I’m going to be the one to find him because last night he came to me in my dreams and informed me that I was a member of a long lineage of Elvis’s who are slated to take over the world.”-Tim McGahay, Junior

Cat Wiltenburg
Hometown: Grand Rapids, MI
Grade Level: Junior
Major: Political Science/Communication Arts
Running for the position of: Secretary
Personal Statement: I think that it is important to have as many new experiences as possible, so that we feel comfortable in any setting with any group of people. If elected I would...help increase the integrity of Senate by making myself receptive to student needs. Organizing and maintaining the student offices and Carriage House, and encouraging good leadership skills in cabinet members and senators.
Domestic Problems' Scattered Pieces: A Rundown

by Josh Newman
Times Entertainment Editor

When students at AQ think about what gives this school character (besides the trees and a few Friday classes), the name Domestic Problems probably pops into their minds. For the past few years, AQ has been blessed with the talents of this sextet and has enjoyed the many, many lively performances both on and off campus. And after many, many chapters have been written about the bands history and growth, the members — Job Gresky, Andy Holtgrieve, Billy Kenny, Tadd Kimble, Jason Moody and John Niedzielski — are about to add another.

The band is planning to independently release its first CD on March 23. But nothing to it, they promise.

Song 1: 24 HOURS - A light-hearted tune that is beautifully layered and is highlighted by horns and mandolin. A fairly new tune in DP's repertoire.

Song 2: WOULD I WANT TO KNOW - Pounding drum rolls and great vocals highlight this superb rhythmically structured tune. Nice overall feel.

Song 3: SCATTERED PIECES - Like the album's second tune, the title track explores a different side of DP's sound, in that it has a more serious side to it, unlike many of the band's more "fun" songs. Great break down in the middle, highlighted by Niedzielski's guitar soloing.

Song 4: I THINK IT'S FUNNY - Distorted guitar leads into the song, then it is horn, horns and more horns kicking it to the end. Definitely grooving.

Song 5: LIVING IN A DREAM - This is the song that you usually hear on the WGRD. Great pick-me-up tempo change in the middle.

Song 6: I'M A LINE - This toe-tapper is so catchy that it will make anyone get up and dance. I has an almost country flare to it, but don't be mistaken; it's not country!

Song 7: ERNIE'S TRAGIC LOVE TRIANGLE - A fan favorite, this number has great lyrics, great flute parts will be a treat to have on disc for long-time DP fans. Don't worry, Ernie, people will listen.

Song 8: LISTEN FOR THE BJ - Another fan favorite, this number has great bass runs and slick horn hits. Humor is definitely involved in the lyrics.

Song 9: I KNOW YOU ARE, BUT WHAT AM I - A cool little ditty for all of you jazz cats out there. Improv fans will be delighted.

Song 10: UNTITLED - This song is listed as "untitled" but die-hard fans may recognize this as Holtgrieve's masterful ballad "Neverending Story." Features just vocals, guitar and mandolin, but sounds fabulous.

** Scattered Pieces was recorded at River City Studios, in Grand Rapids. It was produced by Mark Rehl, James Taylor and Domestic Problems.
Folk Singer to Perform at AQ

by Josh Newman
Times Entertainment Editor

On February 29, award-winning folk artist Peter Mayer will come to Aqinas for a special “What the Heck Night” appearance, which is sponsored by the Programming Board.

Mayer, who is a regionally renowned artist, has been a big hit throughout the years at many colleges and musical communities throughout the midwest and the rest of the country. Mayer’s eclectic style combines honest lyrics, passionate vocals and consummate guitar playing to create a sound that is sure to please music fans of all tastes.

Based in Minnesota, Mayer has been the recipient of numerous awards and has won critical acclaim through his years of playing. Mayer will hold a “Master’s Class” at 5:30 pm in the Loutit Room of Wege, in which Mayer will give a workshop on guitar playing. The class is open to anyone and is free.

Feel free to bring your guitar, questions or just sit back and enjoy the presentation. Mayer will then perform his concert at the Carriage House later that night. Performance will begin at 11:00 pm and is free and open to anyone. Refreshments will be served at this performance.

CD REVIEWS

Camp Grenada

by Scott Bacon
Times Features Editor

Today’s popular music scene parallels the one that existed in the 1950’s: record companies trying to capitalize on rebellious youth by cranking out strings of one hit wonders in an attempt to stay one step ahead of a sub culture. Sometimes they hit, sometimes they miss.

In the case of offering Gren a major label recording contract the record industry has missed (by a very large margin).

The album’s songs all largely sound the same with the exception of two songs which are Pixies rip offs, one Nirvana rip off, and a token punk song. I guess what comes to my mind sound like?

No, you don’t see too many drive-thru bagel shops yet, but

ADA BAGEL

by Josh Newman
Times Entertainment Editor

As America turns to even faster food to kick start us in the morning, and because we are becoming more health conscious, it is no wonder that bagels are the new fast food of choice. No, you don’t see to many drive thru bagel shops yet, but just wait.

One place that has been churning out bagels morning after morning, for the past few years, is Ada Bagel Cafe (6250 28th St. SE, east of I-96). The award-winning cafe offers a wide variety of bagels—plain bagels to the infamous “Everything” bagel—as well as a great selection of bagelwiches.

On this trip to the cafe, I tried out the Turkey Bagelwich. The bagel was soft and chewy and obviously from the oven that day. The turkey was also fresh and had great taste to it. The 1/2 slice deli-style dill was crunchy. And the coffee, oh the coffee, Ada Bagel offers Paramount coffees, which, if you’ve never indulged in, will be a definite highlight of your day. Especially when you’re enjoying a trip to the Ada Bagel Cafe.

And, of course? Will, let’s just say that you can bet that the employees will be very friendly and very accommodating. (****)

SEPULTURA

Roots

by John Serba
Times Editor-in-Chief

Sepultura is the sound of clenched, grinding teeth, bones being cracked by blunt instruments, and throat-wrenching wails of the dying. Dirt (rubbed in your face), sweat (cold, soaking your skin), and bile (curdling in your throat), are the life of Roots; and the instruments that inject horrible reality into the veins of the listener.

There’s almost no relief from the guitar riffarama of Roots—but to sense only the pummeling your ears get is to miss the point of this record. “Roots Bloody Roots,” sure enough, pummels and grinds, but it addresses the major underlying theme of this disc: Brutality, violence, and hatred are as old as humanity; dig deep into the past, and the pain was just as unrelenting and intense as it is now.

What goes around, comes around,” barks vocalist/rhythm guitarist Max Cavalera during “Straight垣a,”” and he implies a weird sort of reincarnation—not of souls, but of hatred ("I ask myself why I’m so hateful?Maybe it’s just part of my nature.") Musically, no instrument goes unbeaten; guitarist Andreas Kisser makes his strings grant and squeal like an abused pig; Paulo Jr forces bass lines to grind and cut through air as thick as a thousand pounds of tar; percussionist Igor Cavalera shatters every drum head with a tribal precision that is as the same time organic and oddly calculated.

Max Cavalera has never sounded as convincing or passionate as he is on Roots—his voice shrieks “The only way to get away/Kill your pride” on “Attitude,” and it is felt so low in your gut that it incites any hidden negative emotions to riot.

What makes Roots more than just another collection of thickskulled rantings is its ability to convincingly sway from hardcore to sparse, tribal rhythms (complete with primitive instrumentation)—just listen to “Endangered Species.” The discovery that these rhythms are the heart of all the music on the album, and is even more brutal than all the fretting guitars leads to enlightenment.

Evidence: “Born In Blood,” “Ratamahatta,” and Sepultura’s collaboration with the Xavante tribe in Brazil, “Isi^ari.”

It’s a violent world. Roots does not deny that—it confronts it with soul, mind, and fist.
"New Breed" of Saints Track
Puts Forth Determination

by Chris Hubbard
Times Contributing Writer

If there was one word to describe the Aquinas track team this year, it would be determined. The "New Breed" continues to strengthen its stride as they travel around the country, leaving their mark in WHAC. With the help of their new coach, Dave Wood, the team has surpassed everyone's expectations and continues to perform tremendously.

The team is comprised of a group of excellent recruits and devoted veterans such as Mike Wojcikowski, Matt McWilliams, and Angela Newcomb. Although the team is small in numbers, they are a feared competitor. Sophomore Matt McWilliams said, "The team has improved dramatically over the indoor season. We all put 110% into every practice and meet. This year, we are a definite threat in the WHAC and the NAIA."

On February 16, 1996, the track team returned to Saginaw Valley State University and showed how much of a threat they really are. They competed against some of the best teams in the state such as Calvin, Saginaw Valley, and Ferris. Overall, both the men's and women's teams did extremely well.

The men had their best performance so far this year. Matt Harburn finished fourth overall with a throw of 171.3 inches. Kevin Cook jumped 40 ft. 10 inches in the triple jump taking third place. In the 3000 meter run, cross country star Knut Maas finished fourth overall with a time of 15:58. Brian Shoby ran a 9:40 in the 3000 meter run and took eighth place.

The mile was a very exciting race with the Saints taking four of the top eight places. Justin Ogle, who ran his best race of the year, took second overall with a time of 4:29. Hot on the heels of Ogle was Mike Wojcikowski (4:32) taking third. Rounding up the mile was John Lee (4:53) and Greg Thull (4:49).

The women also performed tremendously at the SVSU Open. Angela Newcomb and Tylene Walters did exceptionally well in the 200 p.d. weight and the shot put. In the weight throw, Newcomb threw 44 ft. 9 in. taking third overall and Walters took seventh with a throw of 36 ft. 2 in. In the shot put, Walters finished sixth throwing 34 ft. 8 in. and Newcomb finished eighth with 320, 6 inches. Heather Hengesbach jumped 30 ft. 9 in. in the triple jump taking eighth also. In the 3000 meter run, Shannon Oinnweller took fourth with a time of 11:27. Angie Batey ran a 12:55 finishing fifth. In the 5000 meter run, Melissa Plte took seventh, running a 20:28.

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Q & A With the Mackers' Ray Jackson

by Brian Matzke
Times Sports Editor

Recently, this Aquinas Times Sports Editor was able to sit down and interview former Michigan Wolverine and current Mackers head coach Ray Jackson about his season with the Mackers. The interview follows. We, at the Times would like to thank the Mackers and Ray Jackson for giving us this opportunity. Currently, Jackson is second on the Mackers in scoring and 13th in the CBA, averaging 17.5 points per game.

Q: "You were a member of perhaps the most heralded recruiting class in history. Why did you choose to go to the University of Michigan?"
Ray: "Basically, everything fell together for me at Michigan. The education and the athletics.
Q: "Do you think that playing in the Big 10, along side of many players who have made it in the NBA, has given you an advantage over other players in the CBA?"
Ray: "Yes, I think that it definitely helps. Night in and night out we went against the best in the country. Not to take anything away from the other conferences, but when I was in school, the Big 10 was the toughest.
Q: "You've twice been named the CBA Player of the Week, but have not been given a NBA call up. What do you think that you have to do to make it in the NBA?"
Ray: "I'm not really sure. I thought that coming in, playing well would help, but I have to be patient. I have to keep bettering myself and wait for the right time and opportunity.
Q: "What have been your high and low points since leaving Ann Arbor?"
Ray: "Well, the low point would have to be not being drafted by the Pistons in 1992. The high points would be going to the NBA with the San Antonio Spurs, but not going, hurts, but there are different paths to success. There have also been many high points. Being given the opportunity to better my game and playing for Brendan (Suhr), the Mackers head coach and former assistant coach for the ex-world champion Detroit Pistons have been good.
Q: "Who do you most admire?"
Ray: "My father."
Q: "What is the best advice that you have been given, on or off the court?"
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Q: "What is your most memorable moment in sports?"
Ray: "Making it to the Final Four was a dream come true for me."
Q: "Where did you get your nickname of 'MONEY'?"
Ray: "Fresno State year J. Rose made that up. We were just sitting around and Jalen just made it up."
Q: "Do you still keep in contact with any of your old teammates?"
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SAINTS BASKETBALL UPDATE

At press time, the Men's Basketball season had just ended with a loss to Cornerstone in their first post-season game on Saturday, and the Women's team approaches their decisive game against Spring Arbor on Wednesday night, the 28th, at 7:30. Good luck, Lady Saints.

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IM's Kick Off March Madness
at AQ

by Angie Walden
Times Contributing Writer

This year's IM basketball season is on a roll with the championship games coming up on March 6th. There are three women's teams and ten men's teams this year. Having only three teams there weren't as many women's games as men's games. The teams usually play on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays in the fieldhouse.

The men's league is very competitive. However, with only three women's teams, there really wasn't a whole lot of competition because two teams couldn't possibly have the same number of games won.

"I wish there could have been more teams, and I also wish some of the players would be more committed, so that there didn't have to be so many cancelled games," commented first Katie Murphy on the general state of the season. So let the March Madness start with the IM basketball championship games.

Q: "You were a member of perhaps the most heralded recruiting class in history. Not to take anything away from the other conferences, but when I was in school, the Big 10 was the toughest.
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**Red Wings Flying, Pistons Trying**

It's great to be a Detroit sports fan again. With the exception of the Detroit Tigers who opened up spring training last week (does anybody really care anyway), all of Detroit's major sports teams should make the playoffs this year. Yes, the Lions left us very disappointed, but they did make the playoffs. Now the Pistons and especially the Red Wings are allowing Detroit sports fans to put last football season behind them. The Detroit Red Wings are the best team in hockey right now, just as they have been all season long. They are 14 points better than any other team in the Western Division, and have the best record in all of hockey. They have the #2 goalie in the league, Chris Osgood (2.19 goals against average), and have given up fewer goals than any other team. This becomes extremely important come playoff time when the game gets tighter and less wide open. The Red Wings are now comfortable winning 2-1 games and are not after individual achievements. This shows that they are truly a team with its focus on the Stanley Cup. In the past, the Wings would build comfortable leads, only to let teams back in because of selfish play. Ever since the departure of no defense Ray Sheppard and the addition of Igor Larionov, individual statistics are not of a concern to the team. The Red Wings have a diversity of players that will become important in the playoffs. They have their physical players in the physical series, and they have the most talented team in hockey. They can skate, pass and shoot with the best of the league (they have the leagues third highest scoring offense), but they do not sacrifice on the defensive end and it is this defense that will lead the Red Wings to the Stanley Cup this season.

Meanwhile, the Pistons have really turned things around. From not having a chance of getting in the playoffs last year, they seem to be on their way this year. The biggest part of their turnaround has been their new head coach Doug Collins who simply will not put up with loosing. He emphasizes playing hard and playing defense every night and this keeps the Pistons in most ball games. Now as the Pistons make their stake at the playoffs it is important for them to keep winning games. While making the playoffs is a good goal for the Pistons, it may not be enough. If they just squeak in with the number 8 spot, they will play the part of sacrificial lambs to the eventual champion Chicago Bulls, the number 7 spot does not look much better as the Orlando Magic would cream the Pistons. However, if the Pistons can move up to the number 6 spot by the end of the season, they would play either the New York Knicks or the Indiana Pacers. The Pistons may have a shot in either of these series, and winning one round in the playoffs could give the team great confidence going into next season.

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**AQ's New Faces: Wendy Walenga and Missy Haima**

As the weather breaks and the spring sports season gets under way the fresh people are not the only new faces on the team this year.

Two new coaches are joining the AQ lineup., Missy Haima is the new softball coach and Wendy Walenga Bowman is the new women's tennis coach.

Haima is a western Michigan native and a 1988 high school graduated from Wyoming Rogers. At Rogers she was a softball standout. Her dedication and skills earned her All-State honors her junior and senior years. After high school she was recruited by Central Michigan as a catcher. She played four years (1988-92) for the Chippewas at catcher and in the outfield. Her coaching experience includes being an assistant coach at Grand Rapids Community College and she also has done several camps and clinics at CMU.

As for her first season at AQ, Haima seems very enthusiastic. She realizes she has a group of young players, but their athleticism and dedication override the experience factor. With the first few weeks of practice out of the way Haaima said, "I am impressed with everyone's dedication, even the young players are stepping up and taking charge." "I want us to come together and play as a team," is one of the goals Haaima has for this year. "We are really emphasizing comminication.

Over spring break the women's softball team travels to Ft. Myers Florida for a pre-season tournament. "I want to give every-one playing time and look toward the end of the week to really come together and find a starting line up," stated Haaima.

Women’s tennis coach Wendy Walenga is also a local from the Grand Rapids area. She graduated from West Catholic in 1991. While attending West she played four years of tennis for the Falcons. Her sophomore, junior and senior years she played number one singles and made the All-City team. After high school Wendy’s tennis success continued at Grand Rapids Community College. At GRCC she was the number one singles player and also played number one doubles. In 1993 she transferred to Aquinas where she also held the number one slot in singles tournaments and doubles during her junior and senior years.

Bowman has coached a junior traveling team from Grand Haven for three years and has been a tennis instructor for the past five years to kids ages five to eighteen. This is her first season not to be as consistent as they come. Although it has been difficult at times to be improved, but the team's youth is very evident, and the brand new faces at head coaching position, both have occasionally been tripped up, and their brutal conference wars may begin to weaken them as the season winds down.

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The weather has started to get warmer, and the close of the winter becomes more evident every day. For all the skiers out there this time of the year can be very depressing. Find any college basketball fan though, and they'll tell you that this is the greatest time of the year. Christmas and the Fourth of July are okay, but nothing can be better than March Madness, the time of year that hoop fanatics live and die for.

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