New Student Activities Director Looks Forward to Busy First Year

by Carolyn Willery
Times Contributing Writer

Who is that woman that’s been calling and leaving voice mail messages for you every day? You may or may not know, but she is Dana Masucci, the new Director of Student Activities.

Masucci attended Loyola University in Chicago and while there, she concentrated her studies in counseling and working with the students here presents her with the opportunity to utilize her skills. She also said that the prospect of working for Paul Nelson was a major draw for her.

When asked about her plans for the rest of the school year, Ms. Masucci said that, due to the fact that this is her first year at Aquinas College, she would be following the footsteps of her predecessors. This, she assures, does not mean that everything will remain the same.

“While many things will be similar,” she said, “there will be others that change.”

For those of you who are still unsure as to exactly what the Director of Student Activities does, perhaps this will help you. The answer entails quite a good deal more than some may think.

For example, she was instrumental in orchestrating the orientation activities for incoming freshman and organizing and distributing the student date books. She also tackles the overseeing of the Student Senate, planning Welcome Week, setting up new clubs and organizations.

As Programming Board Director, she helps plan and put together the Spring Fling and What the Heck Nights. Despite all of that, she still makes time to talk to and get to know the students.

So remember, when you’re listening to your voice mail and you get a message that starts out, “You have one new message from...Dana Masucci...at extension 4126,” never fear, the new Director of Student Activities is hard at work keeping the student body informed.

Rumors, Vandalism Raise Questions about Safety

by Mindi Evans
Times News Editor

At the beginning of this week, many students came back to school after a long holiday weekend to hear rumors going around about a mystery man running through campus shirtless and with bloody hands. Unfortunately, most heard more rumor than actual fact.

On Sunday, September 1, sometime after 12:00 am, a Central Grand Rapids high school student was seen vandalizing cars in various parking lots on campus. The Grand Rapids police and the East Grand Rapids police were on the scene. The individual was never found. These were the facts available from Campus Safety.

According to witnesses, the high school student was kicked out of Dominican Hall. He then appeared very upset over the situation, and began kicking in the roofs of cars. One of the car owners apparently was walking out to his car and caught the individual. The owner then allegedly stabbed the individual. The individual, who was not alone, ran away from the parking lot. The owner then chased the individual across campus. As the owner approached St. Joe’s, he ran into Aquinas Senior Brian Matzke.

According to Matzke, “The guy was disturbed. He said he was

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Men’s Soccer Passes Early Tests

by Alan Plum
Times Sports Editor

On August 12, while most students were just beginning to realize that summer was winding down, the men’s soccer team was already hitting the books...the playbooks, that is. The team enters this season, with many of the same personnel as last year, along with a few new faces, a hard-nosed attitude, and some stylish red soccer shoes.

One of the newest faces is one that may confuse even the die-hard Aquinas Soccer fan. New this year to the Saint’s coaching staff is one Joe Veal, the former coach at arch-rival Cornerstone College.

The combination of Veal, alongside coach Pat Hoatlin, should prove to be a difficult puzzle for opponents to solve. The acquisition of Veal has allowed coach Hoatlin to spend more time working with the goalkeepers.

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by Mindi Evans
Times Campus News Editor

In the past, the field house was the only major weight-lifting facility on campus, with the exception of a few pieces of equipment located in Regina and St. Joe basements. This year, however, fitness enthusiasts and athletes alike can enjoy new facilities located in the basement of the St. Joseph the Worker Hall.

"Aquinas had a real need for an area that a whole team could go into together and practice," said cross country coach Dave Wood, who has been a key figure involved in the development of the new weight room. With the help of a $12,500 donation, the Athletic Department was able to construct and furnish such a facility.

The weight room in St. Joe's basement is clearly intended for athletic teams and open recreation. The area in the field house will only be allowed weight-lifting athletes and open recreation will mostly weight machines, stationary bikes and tread mills. The new weight room is fully functional. Everyone Romine, who was also involved with the implementation of the weight room, asserted that, "The weight room is being used by all regular students and athletic teams. We are willing to incorporate more recreation time... We are waiting to see what the interest level will be."

The area in the field house will be available for use. However, the equipment in the field house is mostly weight machines, stationary bikes and tread mills. The new weight room will have primarily free weight equipment.

Plans for future additions in the weight room are already being considered. Two possibilities are a sound system and an area for aerobics.

Overall, the campers of the South Manitou Island retreat found the weekend to be a very rewarding and enriching event. "I found it to be a totally learning and growing experience. I would definitely go again!" said Jill Veenstra.

Fellow camper Ann Leen wholeheartedly agrees. "It was an experience of a lifetime. I would recommend anyone to go on this trip if they had the chance."
The Internet Arrives

by Heather Karal
Times Contributing Writer

Aquinas students finally have the chance to experience the world without leaving the campus. How? Aquinas students now have access to the Internet and World Wide Web.

The Internet is a service which connects Aquinas' computers with other computers all over the world. This allows students to find research material for papers and projects which would have previously been impossible to find. There is also information about professional fields, graduate schools, and millions of other things. In fact, no matter what you need information about you can probably find it on the Internet!

Aquinas students are enthusiastic about this new development. Maybe they realize the endless possibilities it offers or maybe they just feel it is a necessary step toward becoming a competitive school in the 1990's. Either way everyone seems to have a very positive attitude toward the Internet.

What have Aquinas students actually found so far? Some people have found useful information for their classes like the history of the Michigan third congressional voting district. Others have not had quite so much luck. "I wanted to find stuff about modems for my Apple computer." Said Stephanie Izdebski, freshman. "But all I could find was something about a contest that Windows95 was sponsoring." Will the time students spend searching be worth it? That remains to be seen.

Eventually, Internet access will be available to all students. Internet training sessions are available primarily to first year students, but upper-class students will be able to get their training very soon. Call College Computing at extension 3730 for more information and welcome Aquinas to the computer age.
The Weight Room Controversy

by Alan Plum
Times Sports Editor

Although there will now be two weight rooms on the Aquinas campus, these long overdue changes have created new problems. Much of the controversy has been focused only on why certain people should have the rights to utilize the new facilities, and why others should not. One thing that everyone should realize is that the new facilities will benefit everyone who will be able to use them. Anyone who chooses to utilize the weight rooms in the Fieldhouse in previous years can attest to the problems with those facilities. The space in the fieldhouse was extremely limited, and the amount of equipment available was insufficient for the number of users. In addition, anyone wishing to avoid the crowds in the cage during the winter and spring seasons, risked the danger of being pelted with stray baseballs or softballs, and let me tell you how good that feels. NOT VERY GOOD!

I'm not complaining about baseball or softball practice. I realize that they need that space to practice when the weather won't allow them to play outside. The bottom line is, that the facilities were inadequate. Which brings me to my next point: the need for the new space in St. Joe to have hours set aside for regular student use. When I say this, I am not implying that students who participate in intercollegiate athletics should not have their own space. These students work hard at what they do, just as students in Student Senate or Aquinas Times work hard at what they do. However, both of these groups each have their own space. Members of various Aquinas teams are well aware of the present lack of facilities, which is why this new weight room is eagerly anticipated. To say however, that non-student athletes should not be given access to the new area is ridiculous. No, I'm not stupid. I realize the legal ramifications should a student injure him or herself why lifting unsupervised. However, as a student paying student to this institution, I feel I should have the same to take advantage of everything this college has to offer. The college should make every effort, and I believe they will, to ensure that supervision will be available in the new St. Joe facilities, so that students can enjoy the improvements. Even though the equipment in the fieldhouse will be new, overcrowding could still be a problem. I don't believe hiring a student supervisor for three hours a night for 5 or 6 days a week is going to break the bank. Having transferred from another school where a student supervisor monitored the weight room, I observed no serious safety hazards with this type of supervision. The student on duty simply ensured that the room was kept clean and orderly, preventing dangerous clutter. If you want more safety, have the student supervisors take a course in lifting safety, and/or first aid. Problem solved.

As far as the denial of fieldhouse access to the RA staff, I believe there are other options. All or most of my best friends here at Aquinas were made partially while playing midnight hoops in the fieldhouse. This was available because our RA's offered us up. This was a great floor activity. Ask any of my twelve housemates, whom I met predominantly in this fashion, and I'm sure they'll agree with me.

The new facilities that have been donated to the school are long overdue. I hope we don't ruin the gift by acting or thinking too quickly when policies are established. In the words of the United Way, "Let's make this work for all of us."

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FDA Targets Advertising in Teen Smoking
Crack Down

by Michelle Bottrall
Times Contributing Writer

On Friday, August 23, President Clinton declared nicotine an ad-
dictive drug and approved mea-
sures which will regulate the use of
tobacco.

After centuries of being unregu-
lated, these new measures will give the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authority over tobacco. Although every drug that has been labeled as addictive is either banned or available by prescription only, FDA officials insist that these mea-
sures won’t be taken with tobacco. They do have to seek seri-
ously reduce the amount of adver-
tising that is currently used.

The FDA has proposed that the only tobacco ads in popular teen-
age magazines like Rolling Stone would be black-and-white text.
Cigarette billboards within 1,000 feet of schools would be illegal and pictures would no longer be allowed on them. Goodbye Joe Camel.

Smoking by minors is already illegal, but over 3,000 teenagers a
day are becoming addicted to ciga-
rettes and over 90 percent of all
smokers start before age 18.

Although many contend that the new regulations are just the next
step in the Clinton administration's war for re-election, Clinton vigorously
defended the proposal in a speech
made Friday. "With this hisoric
action we are taking today, Joe
Camel and the Marlboro Man will be
out of our children's reach for-
time before, let's say it again: ciga-
rettes.

The tobacco companies have
promised to fight these new me-
dates in court.

Philip Morris, Inc. claimed that
such regulations will "set the stage
for restrictions that could lead the
agency to do even more to deprive
adults of their rights, by unilater-
ally forcing the prohibition of ciga-
rettes."

Bowing to the threat of long-
term litigation, White House Chief
of Staff Leon Panetta did say that
the Clinton administration would
consider backing off the FDA
regulation of nicotine if the to-
bacco companies voluntarily com-
plied with the new advertising
rules.

Locally, Target stores will stop
the sale of tobacco products by
the first of October. The company de-


ates that the decision "was strictly a
business decision handed down to
us from corporate headquarters.
There is really high overhead in-
volved, and it only generated
something less than one half of
one percent. It's just not profit-
able to sell them."

Minimum Wage Increases

by Heather Young
Times Contributing writer

Recently, Congress has been bat-
tling over a proposal that may af-
flect nearly every wage-earner in
the nation.

The minimum wage, once con-
dered generous, is under the spot-
light once again and destined for
increase. President Clinton has
signed into law a bill which in-
creases the minimum wage to $5.15
over two years.
The $4.25 wage will increases to $4.75 on October 1, 1996 and to $5.15 on September 1, 1997.

Clinton had much to say about the increase. "This is a truly remark-
able piece of legislation. It is pro-
work, pro-business and pro-fam-
ily."

Many are debating whether a raise
for minimum-wage-earners is a step in the right direction, or an
economic failure. Republicans consider the proposal an insult to small business. Its
imp-


Gaining a challenge to small-busi-
tess owners who higher paid employees will also demand more
money. Most of those interviewed at Aquinas, however, seemed com-
peted to providing the raise, per-
haps from being recently at or near the minimum wage themselves.

Grand Rapids Citizens
for AIDS Awareness Sponsor
AIDSWALK 96

by Mario Branchu
Times News Editor

As of April 30, 1996, Kent
County had 173 cases of AIDS.
This statement, which comes from the Kent County Health
Department, was published by
Citizens for AIDS Awareness, a grass roots organization
located in Grand Rapids. Citizens for AIDS Awareness is looking for participators in its Septem-
ber 28 AIDSWALK 96.

AIDSWALK 96 originates at Calder Plaza at 9 a.m. and is a 5.5K walk through the Heritage
neighborhood. According
to Citizens for AIDS Awareness, their proceeds will benefit Grand
Rapids service organizations in their efforts to support those af-
tlicted with the virus HIV, or those suffering from AIDS.

The walk will also help promote public education about the disease,
which is now the leading cause of
death among Americans ages 25-
44, according to the Centers for Disease
Control.

The goal of AIDSWALK 96 is $100,000, with an individual goal of $100.00 per walker. Participants
are urged to find at least 10 spon-
sors who will donate $10.00 each. Citizens for AIDS Awareness will also be giving away donated prizes, to those walkers collecting the most donations. A minimum of $2,000.00 is required for the grand prize of 2 round trip airline tickets
to anywhere in the Continental
USA.

Aquinas students are encouraged to attend. Flyers and sponsor sheets
are available at tables around cam-
pus and in Wege Center. One can
also obtain them by contacting

Grand Rapids Citizens for AIDS Awareness.

The mission statement for the group is "To provide leadership and
organization for an annual AIDSWALK in the Grand Rapids
metropolitan area that in-
creases awareness of HIV/AIDS needs, through collaborative
community efforts that encour-
age diverse participation."

AIDSWALK 96 is a terrific op-
portunity to support this cause and to enjoy a walk through an his-
toric area of Grand Rapids.
The apprehension that accompanies a child's first day of school, an adolescent's first drive, a "wet behind the ears" Aquinas Times Editor as he embarks on putting together the year's first issue—there is some part of us that forces us to trudge blindly into the unknown with little or no regard to whether or not we will be able to walk away with ego still intact.

Why do we ever let that part get the best of us?

Apprehension is a natural phenomenon, a built in emergency restraint device. Its fool-proof protection from embarrassment, regret, and change that has been standard in every model since production began on humans centuries ago.

Recently, however, manufacturers have issued a recall. The problem? It seems that on certain models, a faulty imagination was installed which draws power away from the apprehensive impulse.

When this happens, drivers can, at any time, find themselves careening off roads into that vast ditch of possibility.

Reports of faulty imaginations have been coming in from all across the country. A recent U. S. News Reader Presidential poll exposed the seriousness of this problem. Their readership choked out their apprehensiveness concerning third party politics and gave the nod to consumer advocate Ralph Nader of the Green Party saying to all of us, essentially, that "if things were run differently around here, maybe they actually could be better!"

Now, fully tuned-up human beings in this country are very likely to share that disgust with the two-party system. Two variations on the same hopeless option every four years isn't much of a choice. However, for those of us still possessing a functioning apprehensive restraint system, the idea that someday all that could change is ludicrous.

Next thing you know, people will be imagining a country where everyone doesn't need a car. A place where public transportation is efficient and easy to use.

And then what? People will probably imagine an end to poverty and really start working toward changing the system so that it could come about. Discrimination would probably follow suit.

All that plagues our society could be conceivably snuffed out, first in the minds of men and women, and then through the social action which would be inspired by that picture of change, beautiful and clear in their thoughts.

Eventually college newspaper editors like me will just sit and imagine what a quality publication our staffs can put out. We might even imagine an active student readership who continually push us to put out a better newspaper.

Fortunately, however, as long as we're afraid to push the car out of the box, we will be able to live and die without having to be bothered with too much change in between. Keep our apprehensions tuned up and even the normals from acting up will insure a safe, if not exciting, existence.

The effects of the historic welfare reform legislation passed by Congress this past summer and subsequently signed by President Clinton are finally beginning to be seen in homes of the everyday American.

Depending upon whom you ask, these effects are either the necessary negatives of sound public policy, or hideous acts against the poor by rich white men. Regardless of how one sees the situation now faced by many Americans, one thing is clear—many non-citizens are also facing tragic living conditions, and this can provide quality services to our country. However, the day they are allowed to enter, a board determines whether or not the immigrant would be an asset. If they are found to be a detriment rather than asset to the country, they are not allowed in. It should follow that if they ever become a detriment, as they are if on welfare, then they should not be allowed to stay as non-citizens.

America should welcome with open arms any immigrants who can provide quality services to our country. However, the day has passed when Americans are willing to have the government take their money to support those who do not produce.

It is a harsh reality of the current American mindset, but charity is listed as job description for the U.S. government.
Dear Timothy, Kristi, Melinda and Rod,

I was deeply touched by your letter, and I apologize for the grief I have caused you. The responsibility for the decision is mine alone. My intention was not to cause you any hurt. The decision was mine to make, and the responsibilities for the decision are mine. The reason given was that we were of a lower social stratum than faculty members. Learning that the privilege was refused. Learning that the privilege was refused simply because we were of a lower social stratum than a faculty member truly hurt.

What should have been one of the proudest moments of our lives was tarnished by the arrogance of your Alma Mater. This is understandable, but should be directed at me—not Aquinas College. As you know, I am ashamed of my Alma Mater. That cannot be altered.

Sincerely,

R. Paul Nelson
President

On May 11, 1996, my daughter Kristi Fryling and I graduated from Aquinas College. We were, and are, extremely proud of our achievement of working full time and finishing our degrees part time. It is a tough commitment to make and even tougher to keep. Kristi and I wanted this to be a very special day for our family. We had petitioned several sources at the college over several months to allow us to walk together through commencement but were refused. The reason given was that we were receiving different degrees which put us out of sequence in the program. We accepted this decision and determined not to let it spoil our big day.

Imagine our surprise when the daughters of Charles Corradini—Kristi and Kristi—were listed as daughters of Charles Corradini. It is not uncommon for the college to make errors and put students in the wrong category. We were aware of this when we received our degrees and to be maintained the order and decorum of the college. Kristi is my step-daughter and we have had a sometimes rocky relationship. Attending college together helped us forge a true father/daughter bond. The prospect of walking together during commencement genuinely excited our family and we were very disappointed when the privilege was refused. Learning that the privilege was refused simply because we were of a lower social stratum than a faculty member truly hurt.

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Sincerely,

Timothy E. DeMarce
Melinda K. DeMarce
Kristi M Fryling
Roderick J. Weerling

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1. Accordionist (abbr.)
2. Hawaiian food
3. Respect
4. Distance
5. Frozen water
6. Behold
7. Vegetable
8. Energy
9. Used to form past tenses
10. Shield of Zoro (abbr.)
11. Title
12. Make angry
13. Religious symbol
14. Brewed drink
15. High card
16. 2,000 pounds
17. Brown sugar
18. Cawayana
19. Vowel (abbr.)
20. Person
21. Friend
22. Fifth letter of the alphabet
23. Irish
24. 7th Greek letter
25. 2,000 pounds
26. Very little light
27. Teaspoon (abbr.)
28. Mineral
29. Frozen water
30. N.Y. district (abbr.)
31. String
32. WP state (abbr.)
33. Blue pencils
34. Painting
35. Rhododendron (abbr.)
36. Isolated
37. Jewelry symbol
38. Navy officer (abbr.)
39. Large
40. Arrow
41. Inquire
42. Answer
43. High card
44. Surname
45. Small drink
46. Thursday
47. Follow, pal (slang)
48. Form

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1. Understand
2. Green grass
3. Fish eggs
4. Indiana
5. Just gets by
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CD REVIEWS

Type O-Negative
"October Rza"
Roadrunner

by Joe Theuerkauf
Times Contributing Writer

I didn’t think anything from these guys could top their 1993 release, Bloody Kisses. I was wrong. But at least they tried really hard and came close. October Rza, the band’s latest, is a series of flowing dirges dealing with death, love, and Christ.

When I listen to Rza, I’m forced to compare it to Bloody Kisses because of the perfection of that album. Rza has its high points (and low ones) which make the whole effort worthwhile, but it’s missing a lot.

Don’t get me wrong, I like the album (I even plan on checking Type O-Negative at the 3/11 Room in support of it on September 15). I just found it a little too much to take at times. These guys are known for the gentle nature of their sound, but this can be taken to extremes. I guess they meant it when they sang on Bloody Kisses: “Don’t mistake lack of talent for genius.”

Sublime
"40oz to Freedom"
MCA

by Scott Bacon
Times Entertainment Editor

Sublime’s amalgamation of ska, punk, funk, reggae, pop, and L.A. rap is a welcomed new sound in a music market saturated in melodramatic, dissonant, guitar rock.

This self-titled release is a great introductory tour through Sublime’s diverse influences. Using single guitar riffs layered with heavy bass and varied percussive noises, Sublime creates thick and complex songs topped off with clever lyrics. This release is worth a good listen and holds potential three or four hit singles.

However, this disc, taken as a whole does not capture the true Sublime sound. A group woven on four-track recording loses some of it’s charm when it’s dragged into the modern production studio. If you are interested in hearing Sublime in their best form check out their first two releases.

Unfortunately, we are only left with these three releases on Sublime lost their lead singer/guitarist, Bradley Nowell, to a heroin overdose.

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Won’t You Be My Neighbor?

by Tim McGahay
Times Contributing Writer

Put on your eye-dye and get out the hair wraps and hacky sacks...its that time again. The Eastown Street Fair will be kicked off Saturday, September 21st at 11 am. The event is sponsored by WGRD and the Intersection, and all proceeds from the event go to the Eastown Community Association to help with projects and area development.

This year’s fair will feature local music on two separate stages. Stage one will be located in front of the Intersection, at the intersection (hence the name...) of Wealthy Street and Lake Drive, while stage two will be in the Eastown Hub Lot.

This year’s stage times will be arranged with 40 minute sets for each band, with a 20 minute changeover between each band. So come ready to listen to a lot of spectacular music (See the stage schedules at the end of this article).

Music, however, is not the only option offered at the fair.

There will also be a children’s stage on Ethel Street next to the Eastown Food Co-op. If you’re an art fanatic there will be artisans and craftspeople exposing their wares along Wealthy Street and various parking lots.

Last, but certainly not least, refreshments of all sorts, from cotton candy to soda pop, will be peddled by vendors in their little white portable franchises.

Gospel music, always a fan favorite, will be featured on Stage One throughout Sunday.

Every year the Eastown Street Fair offers a wonderful opportunity for newcomers to get to know the area around Aquinas College. Eastown is located northeast of Aquinas’ campus and offers a plethora of fun in the forms of bars, shops, and eateries. So bust out your bell bottoms and introduce yourself to a neighbor.

P.S.—Did you realize that all of this entertainment is absolutely free? Pretty downright neighborly.

For more information visit the Intersection homepage at: www.section.com

Street Fair Music Schedule

Stage #1

Calder City Brass
Band...11am
The Torpedoes...12 noon
Karmic...1pm
Dangerville
Wittens...2pm
Demonic Problems...3pm
Daddy Long Legs...4pm
Milkhouse...5pm
Mustard Plug...6pm

“The mystery headliner???”...7pm
Stage #2

Oscar and Lori...12:30pm
Mary Ann
Rivers...1:30pm
Oter Loomancy...2:30pm
The Folk
Lizards...3:30pm
Blue Absence...4:30pm
Nertan...5:30pm
Troll for Trout...6:30pm

Domestic Problems will start toes tappin’ around stage #1 at 3 pm on Saturday. Show up and give drummer Tadd Kimble the rock star treatment he deserves.

Photo by Anna Budzynski

Photo by Tim McGahay

*GOOD OLE HOT DOGS* AT 1505 WEALTHY ST. (EASTOWN)
Catch a Fire: Indika and Devon Brown Team Up at Intersection

by Scott Bacon

Times Entertainment Editor

A match made by Jah himself. Take an award winning back up band and team them up with an award winning frontman, and what do you get? For the Reggae enthusiastic of Grand Rapids it equals a September 12th performance of rasta greats Indika with special guest front man Devon “Devon Devon” Brown.

The first half of this rasta super group is the Chicago based Indika. When international Reggae artists come to the U.S., Indika is often the band who gets the call to provide musical backup, and it’s no wonder why. The Chicago Reggae and World Music Awards has issued Indika the bragging rights to the best lead guitarist, DJ, drummer, and male vocalist. Indika prides itself on being a well rounded band that is experienced in all facets of Reggae from calypso, to studio one, to dancehall style. This is a band that has been labeled a “must see” and one who “does not confine itself to the monotonous stereotypes of other reggae bands.”

What better addition to an amazing line up than a fireball of a frontman? Devon “Devon Devon” Brown (no, not Divine Brown) was born in Kingston, Jamaica where his musical background consisted of singing in his family’s church group, and much to the disappointment of his parents, experimenting in Dlinj and rapping at the public sound systems. When Devon moved to America as a college student in 1985, he quickly immersed himself in Chicago’s growing Reggae scene. Devon quickly went from a shy, inexperienced performer, to a whirlwind of flaming limbs and dreadlocks. His powerful voice, coupled with his energetic stage show, has earned him the nickname “Fire Dread.” Devon’s rap sheet includes “best entertainer” in Kansas City, Missouri and recipient of best entertainer, best male vocalist, and best song by the Chicago Reggae and World Music Awards. “Fire Dread” has opened for international acts such as Shabba ranks, Third World, Burning Spear among others.

Brown has also employed his talents in advertising, participating in a commercial for Ambusher-Rush in the U.S. as well as an ad campaign for Bubble Up Cola in Jamaica. Need something to do tomorrow night? Go to the Intersection located on Wealthy street in Eastown and feel the Reggae vibe. Cover charge is $5 for 19-20 year olds and a mere $3 for all of you 21 and over. Jah Love, Jah Guide.

The message of “one love” will make its way through the sound system of Eastown’s Intersection when Reggae greats Indika with special guest Devon Brown (pictured) perform on Sept. 12. File Photo

OPEN THE HANGER

Lunch Date at the Rhythm Kitchen

by Angie Schlosser and Scott Bacon

Times Contributing Writer and Entertainment Editor

The Rhythm Kitchen Cafe is the type of place that seems to be plucked from downtown Chicago and dropped in to good old downtown GR. Offering an extensive “all meals” menu and live music 5 nights a week it is the perfect “go anytime” place.

The decor consists of exposed brick walls adorned with pictures and paintings of blues and jazz greats and accented with old 85rpm records. Despite it’s extensive offerings of time and events a warm Tuesday afternoon to sample the lunch menu with my partner in crime. All lunch entrees were in the $4-$7 dollar range. The following entrees were sampled.

The “Greek Gyro” is listed on the menu as “seasoned beef and lamb/tomatoe, feta cheese, onions, lettuce, tomato in a pita with cucumber sour cream sauce.” It is served with coleslaw (cabbage, horseradish, dill, spices, amazing), potato chips (lean on your server a bit and American fries can be substituted) and a pickle. This sandwich is a Hero among Gyros. The meat is good and spicy. The condiments are in balance as well. Let me tell you, it’s been more than once that a Gyro experience has been ruined for me when the first bite yields a fire hose of over applied cucumber sauce cascading out of the sandwich. My only gripe would be directed at the small pita bread. Imagine trying to cram all of your Gucci luggage in a Misia. Nothing wrong with either component, just a poor match. My advice—pack this sandwich in an appropriate sized pita and you’ve got a winner!! - Scott

The “Chicken Fajita Sandwich” carried the description of “marinated shredded chicken, red and green peppers, onions wrapped in flour tortilla with lettuce, tomatoes, and sour cream.” The dish arrived with two generous sized fajitas and the chips, slaw, and pickles as mentioned above. The tortilla was loaded with vegetables and had nice proportions of lettuce, tomato, and sour cream. The chicken was nicely seasoned but existed in Newt Gingrich portions (that is conservative for you non-politicos). Bottom line: either add a little more chicken or change it’s name to the “Pepper Fajita Sandwich.” - Angie

Along with succulent cuisine, the Rhythm Kitchen serves up a smorgasbord of sultry hot rhythm and blues music. Their latest musical adventure was the Thursday night review of the Rhythm Kitchen Cafe tomorrow night. Call the Cafe at 774-4199 for details on Foley’s performance.

Beer Snobs Beware

by Scott Bacon

Times Entertainment Editor

Okay beer snobs, I hear you chuckling. “Michelob?” you say. Please hold your judgement until after class. When I first looked at the bottle I was drawn in, a tastefully designed black label adorned with red trimmed gold letters. “Amber Bock,” it whispered, “only made with the finest ingredients.” I picked it up. The glistening dark brown bottle was cold in my hand as I removed the cap. Then I noticed it. The word “Michelob” was woven into the logo in such an understated manner that I easily fooled the surrounding beer snobs into thinking that I was drinking something very fine and very un-American. I prayed as I poured the contents of the bottle that I wouldn’t be met with the sight of that pale yellow bitter water that some domestic brewers pass off as beer. I took comfort in the stream of maple syrup colored liquid that filled my Pilsner. Whew, close call. Well, now was the true test. Michelob Amber Bock had the packaging of a fine import or domestic micro-brew, and it didn’t look like a cheap American beer, so how did it taste? Think Killians Red. Think Killians Red. You can taste across your mouth’s whole palette as you swallow. A taste that’s so full bodied and smooth (I know cliché, cliché) that you don’t even think about making “the bitter beer face” (somebody stop me) even after it’s taken you 45 minutes to finish the bottle. All drama aside this is good beer that is damn cheap. A 6-pack of bottles can be obtained for less than $5. Bargain for you, yes? Just think, with the money you save on the beer you can upgrade to gourmet pizza. Sun dried tomatoes anyone?

Monkey Chuck Rocks!

Don’t miss the CD release of the Monkey Chuck’s sophomore effort “Going to Ben’s”. The event will be a Special CD release party installment of the WORD sponsored Tuesday Night Music Club. The event will take place at Sluggo’s Down Under on Tuesday, September 17th. Opening bands will be the Teenage Frames from Chicago and AQ’s own Domestic Problems. Stay tuned for a review of “Going to Ben’s” in the next issue of the Times.
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hanced emphasis on defense should serve the team well. The result has yielded a team that now possesses a great deal of technical skill, as well as the raw desire to shut down the opposition.

However, the Saints were unable to find a pre-season scrimmage opponent, which left the team with some question marks going into the opener on August 30 against Kalamazoo College.

Having only faced their teammates in practice, the Saints' defense started to find a preseason scrimmage opponent, Justin Smith (Junior) and Kristian Randsen (sophomore), and sweeper Damian Nicey (freshman). Near the 30th minute, a Kalamazoo attacker ran free in front of the net and put home a short cross.

Determined to stay in the game, the Saints countered five minutes later on a header from Nate Richardson (senior). Senior netminder Dan Doan registered the assist. The first half ended with the score knotted at 1-1.

The second half was tight as the Saints' repeatedly denied Kalamazoo's pressure. Kalamazoo held a considerable edge in shots and corner kicks, but the Hornets were unable to punch the ball past Doan.

Aquinns continued to work hard, and eventually Kalamazoo committed two errors that cost them the game. High pressure by strikers Richardson and Tim Fulton (sophomore) caused the Hornets to lose the ball deep in their own end twice. Both times, Fulton was there to send the ball over the head of the Kalamazoo netminder. Richardson was credited with an assist on both goals.

The Saints' next contest was September 3 against the Tigers of Grace Bible College. An early goal by Fulton gave Aquinns a 1-0 lead. Richardson earned the assist. The Saints then relaxed, allowing the Tigers to mount some pressure. Senior netminder Dan Doan held them at bay however, and the half ended with Aquinns still leading 1-0.

The second half would eventually see the ball finding the net a total of seven times. Scoring for the Saints were Duffy Cavanaugh (46 min), Nate Richardson (51 min), Tim Fulton (57 min), sophomore P.J. Tannian (71 min), and senior Andy Williams (83 min). Collecting assists were Richardson, Fulton, Tannian, and Cavanaugh.

Saint netminders Doan and Nolan Gerber (junior), would each surrender a goal in the second half. The final tally read "Aquinas 6, Grace 2."

The Saints' next test came Friday against Rosary College in the Cornerstone Classic, an invitational which the Saints had won the two previous years. After falling behind 1-0 in the first half, Tim Fulton took matters into his own hands by scoring two unanswered goals. Aquinns would hang on to win 2-1.

The next day, the Saints played Baptist Bible College out of Pennsylvania. Playing with a depleted lineup, the Saints managed a 3-2 win at the half. The absence of four starters midway through the second half caused the half to end without a goal. The final score read Baptist 3, Aquinns 2, thus ending the Saints' hope of a three-peat. Look for AQ to rebound, though, as they face non-conference foes Olivet (9-11) and Adrian (9-14).

It appears as if this may be one of the most exciting years men's soccer in recent years. The team will continue to work hard, and appreciate any fan support. "It was great to see all the students who made the trip down to Kalamazoo to cheer us on," remarked freshman Damian Nicey.

A lot of people enjoy the season of autumn. After all, what's not to like? After all, with autumn comes everyone's favorite fall activity: watching college football.

Aside from the presidential election, no other topic has more potential for controversy. Some of this year's most pressing questions are: Who are the top Heisman Trophy candidates? What is the game to watch for? And who is the real Big Ten?

The pre-season polls had Nebraska ranked #1 with Tennessee #2, Florida, Florida State, Colorado and Notre Dame following. Though Nebraska lost quarterback Taimi Prater who had been heralded as one of the best options quarterbacks ever, the Cornhuskers still have a majority of last year's team in tact. Nebraska possesses a new quarterback in Scott Frost, and sophomore sensation Adrian Green. Frost may not run like Tommie Frazier did, but he is said to have a better arm, while the Heisman hopeful Green gained over 1,000 yards in impressive fashion on 7.7 yards per carry during the 1995 campaign.

Despite the suspension of All-American candidate Terrell Fairley, the Huskers also return a plethora of defensive starters. They're going to need all their weapons with the competition of Big 12 (former) known as the Big 8.)

Tennessee recently replaced their staff to seek more players. Is there strength in numbers? The fans in Knoxville certainly think so. Led by Heisman candidate Peyton Manning, the Vols have a ground attack in tailback Jay Graham. Tennessee is by no means exempt from the ferocious SEC schedule, but it just so happens that they face two of their toughest opponents (Alabama and Florida) at home. Incidentally, the Tennessee vs. Florida game will likely determine the SEC Championship.

Florida returns with Danny Wuerffel who set an NCAA record with a 178.4 passing efficiency rating last year. He will still have a great target in the Hilgard. The Hilgard question mark again for the Gators will be defense. Sure, Florida has proven it can put points on the board, but it’s too inexperienced to remember that offense fills the stadium while defense wins championships.

Three other schools that have been given a realistic shot at the national championship are Florida State, Colorado and Notre Dame. Florida State might focus more on the ground this year with Senior standout Warrick Dunn. The Seminoles should once again sweep the ACC conference competition under a rug and then stash it on. As always, Florida State will also give the Sunshine State.

Colorado is expecting big things from Heisman candidate Koy Detmer (quarterback and brother of BYU standout Ty Detmer) and Matt Russel (linebacker). Look for a classic showdown when the Buffaloes face Nebraska late in the season.

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Florida's biggest opponent will be Georgia, a team that dominated the SEC last year. Florida will also have to deal with a tough SEC defense. Florida are expected to provide most of the offense. The Wolverine vs. Spartan game should provide plenty of excitement as always.

There you have it, a preview of the teams that should be in contention for the nation's #1 ranking in early January. Even though a lot can occur from now until then, look for a possible matchup between Tennessee and reigning champion Nebraska in the Sugar Bowl. My predicted outcome of this national title game, Nebraska for a third year in a row.

Men's Soccer starters, Back L to R: Kristian Rainsen, Andy Williams, Dan Doan, Rob Bovdy, Damian Nicely, Justin Smith. Front L to R: Tim Fulton, Duffy Cavanaugh, Abram Shearer, Mark Stockoski, Nate Richardson.

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The Aquinas women’s volleyball team started another season last week with a third place finish in the Midway Kentucky Invitational. The team went undefeated in pool play, knocking out University of Michigan Dearborn, Midway College, and Union Grove College. The ladies then lost in the semifinals to Spalding College and finished with a 13-1 record.

The team is extremely excited about their new season, with two new faces and a host of veterans, they have big hopes and demands of a championship. The loss of last year’s senior Ali Mierch and Cathy Gray may have hurt the team, but so far they haven’t shown it.

Pauline Burgerino, senior middle hitter and co-captain, added a little drama to the team last semester when she transferred to attend school in Milwaukee, but she decided to return this year to play for the Saints once again. Sophomore setter Alison Kissinger has stepped up her play to fill the complex setter spot. Kissinger is fitting into the post of team leader, and can be seen calling out plays and demanding more from each player on the court.

Kissinger played an excellent tournament proving that she was ready for the position. Fine play in the tournament also came from Liz Overkamp, Pauline Burgerino, Carlie Albert, Emily Schultz, and Chrisy Cook. Kissinger was injured during the tournament when she and Oldfield on the court.

Burgerino discussed developing a strong squad which will run thirteen deep. "The men’s squad runs thirteen deep. The mastermind behind the team is the U.S. women’s soccer team won the gold medal at the Olympics. Although the summer is just coming to an end, the preparation for the 1996 Aquinas women’s fall soccer season has just begun. At the time of publication the women’s soccer team has played no games, but put in countless hours of hard work to some intense training sessions.

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by Melissa Ann Pline

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The Haiti Connection: Thinking and Acting Globally

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For Lia Brower-Mix, AQ Junior and president of The Haiti Connection, it was "a trip into pre-technology."

Said Brower-Mix, "It was completely obvious that [Haiti is] a Third World country because the rich remained so by keeping the poor uneducated."

The lacking education for the vast majority of Haitians is indeed noted. There are no public schools in the countryside, were so well endowed that "the people, especially in the countryside, were so welcoming and kind."

Overall, the first connection for The Haiti Connection provided a time for reflection and service. "Going to Haiti, I realized as an American I have more than I need. (Haitians) have everything but money, but we have just money," Gerber remarked. "It made me think about the injustices in the government of Haiti and the role our government has in maintaining the situation. I think it made me think more globally, about the big picture."

For more information, contact the Service Learning Office at ext. 4112.

AQ students "connect" in Haiti. Front to back: Stella Ferris, James Fifelski, John Krajewski, Lia Brower-Mix, Jill Howey, Angela Assad, Danielle Strope, Rosie Stempky, Nolan Gerber. Photo by Fr. John Grathwohl

**All the World's a Campus**

by Melissa Ann Pline

Contribution Editor

They have been studying the language since high school. Having put in countless hours memorizing vocabulary lists, listening to language tapes, and attending classes, language majors feel prepared. They eagerly await the chance to try their tongues at the language in its native home. For most, the first opportunity comes in the form of a semester abroad.

"Students go as a captive to their majors," said French professor Donna Polizzi. "But its not only a completion of their majors, its the experiences such as living with a family."

About 5-7 students take advantage of the opportunity each year. Aquinas students studying abroad this semester include Chris LaPorte in LaCoste, France, Amy Hammond in Tours, France, Rebecca Roof in Seville, Spain, Jason Tylenda in Madrid, Spain and Amanda Boes and Anne Tyler in Paris, France. Michael Peterson will be in Paris studying for a year. Students stay with families while studying at universities. They take classes in language, liberal arts, history, current events, business, civilization, and phonetics.

Colleen Cone, a German and secondary education major, spent last semester in Salzburg, Austria. At first language was a barrier. "There was so much out there, it frustrated me," said Cone. "But it was also a motivating factor. While you're there you gain a pride in the language. You speak it day in and day out so it becomes natural. Soon you don't have to translate, you begin to think in German."

Aquinas now has a Department for Overseas Study which coordinates student travel. Overseas study isn't limited to language majors, though. The semester long program in Ireland is open to all Aquinas students. Opportunities to study in other English speaking countries also exist.

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