Homecoming Weekend '96: A Success!

by Juliana Hilton
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Ladies and Gentlemen, Aquinas College's Homecoming has come to an end, and Elvis has left the building.

The Homecoming Spirit Week festivities began on Tuesday with a special guest appearance. The Regina Hall RD, Phyllis Taylor, performed her impression of the "King." She did her own special version of "Heartbreak Hotel," telling everyone how she had to get back to AQ. Even with a few minor technical problems, the performance was greatly enjoyed.

The movie, Rebel Without A Cause, was shown later that evening in the Regina Lounge. Wednesday was designated as Twin Day. Everyone was asked to pick a partner and dress like a twin. As with all of the activities, the Hall with the most participation won the activity.

Hat Day was the theme for Thursday. During lunch there were team games in the Ballroom, a CapriSun chugging contest, and another strange game involving whipped cream and bubble gum.

With all of the games, people were divided into teams, and whoever finished first was the winner. Overall, everyone had a good time.

Friday was "Show Your AQ Spirit Day." The two major events of the week were scheduled for that day. First was the Powder Puff Football game between Regina and St. Joe's.

In the end, Regina was victorious. "The Regina Girls, they came, they saw, they conquered," declared Elizabeth Martin. The raucous atmosphere was evidenced by Regina, as their theme song was "Back in Black" by AC/DC. Even though they weren't serious, they still wanted to win.

In fact, a few of the players were almost kicked out of the game for being too violent. Because of this, some of the more sadistic spectators had almost as much fun as the players.

"Those girls were brutal," commented student Michelle Hill. During half time was the tug of war contest. St. Joe's made up for losing the game by winning the contest.

Later that evening was the Sock-Hop. The Field House was decorated in red and white streamers and Grease was being played in the back.

"It was a big success. We had 124 people and collected a lot of canned foods," said Melissa Wynnoki as with anything, opinions differed. According to an anonymous source, "The most interesting thing about the night was the streakers."

Saturday was the day it was all about. The festivities started at the early hour of 9:00 am. The first event was the Presidential and Concerto Race. The Crescendo Race was highlighted by the East Area being dressed in Togas.

The main event, the soccer games, began at 1:00 pm. The women played a hard game and won. Between games was the crowning of the Homecoming King, Brian Matzke, and Queen, Terra Moore.

The men of Sienna Heights fell prey to a tight Saints defense in the day's men's soccer contest. In the end, the Saints came out on top, shuttering their opponents to the tune of 1 to 0. The homecoming victory boosted the men's record to an overall 6-2.

To top the day off, Domestic Problems performed in concert. The rain didn't dampen the festivities. A crowd of people crammed under the tent to listen and dance.

After the concert was a dance in Keene Hall. Those in attendance enjoyed the evening, which was sponsored by RHC.

US News Ranks AQ Nationally among Top Regional Schools

by Heather Young
Times Contributing Writer

If you've read the Sept. 9 Campus Correspondence you know that Aquinas College's most recent honor has been its first-time ranking in US News & World Report's annual "College Guide." Aquinas was ranked in the second tier of four tiers in the category of Regional Colleges and Universities for the Midwest. Aquinas did not fall into the mix with Liberal Arts colleges because of graduate and other continuing education programs that it offers.

Other area colleges included Calvin, which was placed in the first tier; Grand Valley (which enjoys public funding), Madonna, and Marywood, which were ranked below Aquinas on the second; and Cornerstone and Ferris on subsidiary tiers.

What was all of this tiering based on? The process was quite defined. First, a firm hired by US News surveyed thousands of college presidents, administrators, and advisors on their perceptions of each other.

Aquinas President Paul Nelson described this method as "subjective," since it heavily depends on opinion, who knows whom, and hearsay among administrators. All matters considered, the perceptions accounted for 25% of the rankings.

Other criteria considered were Selectivity (15%), Faculty resources (20%), Financial resources (10%), Retention of students (20%), Value added (using predicted graduation rates derived from test scores) (5%), and Alumni donations (5%).

President Nelson was proud of AQ's ranking and said, "[The ranking] is something for the entire community to celebrate."

Nelson believes pointed to three areas in particular that Aquinas has made strides in, in order to receive the high rating.

See "Ranking," p. 5
Library Research Becomes an Adventure

by Brigid Bulger
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A professor was found dead in the Woodhouse Library. Well, not really. This hypothetical case was brought to the freshman Inquiry and Expression classes to investigate. The murder mystery provided them with the opportunity to discover and use the tools available in the Library. It replaced the tour that freshman once received by creating a hands on experience.

Part of the Murder Mystery game presented to the Inquiry and Expression Class on their tour of Woodhouse Library

Photo by Duffy Cavanaugh

Upperclassmen might have missed out on this investigation, but don't worry. Things up at the Woodhouse Library are constantly changing and waiting to be explored.

"Tomcat is a great starting point for any search in the library," Larry Zytk, Director of the Library, said. "Soon four Pentium computers will replace four of the current Tomcat dumb terminals. Students will be not only be able to check our library files, but other area libraries' files, and the internet," he added.

Need help with the internet? Kim Kenward, Electronic and Educational Services Specialist, is the person to see. She will be offering internet training in November. Those interested should register soon, because seats are limited to ten people per session. Before tapping into this source, remember that one must pass the ECCI exam and obtain a password in order to use the new Pentiums.

To speed up research, a third Periodical Abstracts Research station is being added and the Wall Street Journal and New York Times will be available in full text form. The ten-year-old microfiche printers have been replaced with top of the line Cannon printers to give clearer printouts.

For those exploring art, the Library has on order Groves Encyclopedia of Art, 1996. The first four books are expected to arrive in December. The last complete art encyclopedia is dated 1939.

In order to check out material found during one's investigation, student identification cards are required. Instead of having a separate library card, a barcode is now being added to the back of one's card. Cards may also be used to charge photocopies. Besides many updates in resources, Woodhouse has set 2001 as the year for groundbreaking on a new library. Kenward asked for help. "We want students to come in and express what they want to see. Technology is reshaping library research."

Remember that all good detectives use their resources. These tools are here to make research convenient and efficient. The librarians are always willing to help you investigate. As Kenward said, "We want students to ask questions rather than get frustrated. That is what we are here for."

Monsignor Charles R. Popell Passes Away

by Mindi Evans
Times Campus News Editor

On Wednesday, September 18 Monsignor Charles R. Popell passed away. Msgr. Popell was well known in the Grand Rapids area for his work and commitment to the idea of ecumenism.

During the 1960's Msgr. Popell served as a rector at St. Andrew's Cathedral and Chancellor of the diocese. At this time the Msgr. created the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission (DEC), an inclusive 15 Catholics and 15 Protestants who were dedicated to the idea that differing religions can learn from one another and appreciate the unique gifts each has to offer.

Msgr. Popell was also actively involved with the Grand Rapids Area Center for Ecumenism (GRACE). Aquinas is lucky to have been blessed with Msgr. Popell's generous contributions. Three different scholarships in Msgr. Popell's name have helped students pay for their college education. Endowed library holdings on ecumenism and a CD ROM source to help keep track of library holdings on this subject were also donated.

In addition to the scholarships and library holdings, he also helped fund a lecture series called the Monsignor Charles Popell Theologian-in-Residence Program. This program invites experts in the area of ecumenism to come to Aquinas and share their knowledge and insights:

"Msgr. Popell, to me, was a very gentle and kind man who did much for Aquinas College. He had a real passion for Catholic education and at the same time for ecumenical education. We will miss him, he was a gentle and good soul," said President R. Paul Nelson of Msgr. Popell.

The funeral will be held on October 2 at 11:00 am at St. Andrew Cathedral.

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by Angela Bergman
Times Contributing Writer

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The Debate on Homosexual Marriage

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In early September, the United States Senate approved legislation regarding the legality of same-sex marriages. The bill, which is being called the "Defense of Marriage Act," will allow states to refuse recognition of gay marriages granted in other states. This marriage bill also defines marriage as the legal union between one man and one woman.

Gay rights advocates view this new legislation as blatant discrimination and I agree...to a certain extent. However, I feel that this bill will ultimately act as an aid for the advancement of the pro-family movement. When set into action, this bill will perhaps bring about the long-awaited changes in adoption and custody rules preventing gay and lesbian couples from becoming parents.

In a society where children of divorce are a dime a dozen, we need to bring the total family unit back to focus. A family unit that consists of a strong mother and father figure. Children pattern their behavior after role models and adult authority figures. These figures typically are the parents. As children look to their mothers or fathers for guidance, they are also gathering information that will in turn help them develop their identities.

The presence of a strong female and male parent figure enables the child to become a well-rounded person, society to realize what a family is. Allowing homosexuals to marry would limit their biased reputation of promiscuity and provide for healthier relationships and healthier beliefs about homosexuality.

Likewise, it is ludicrous to deny partners access to hospitals when their partner is dying. Legal relationships, such as marriage, need to be upheld for gay so that their right to comfort at the time of death is not imposed upon. Those who support the bill say that they are preserving "traditional values.

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The U.S. Senate recently voted 85 to 14 to approve a bill that is designed to prevent gay marriages. President Clinton has recently signed the bill. The measure is being hailed as "pro-family" by the Christian Coalition executive director, Ralph Reed. To call this piece of legislation "pro-family" is an absurdity.

The single most important unit that Americans can belong to is the family. A family is formed through marriage. Ban two people who love each other from marrying it, by its nature, anti-family.

By passing such legislation, the Senate has done a disservice to the many children of homosexual partners. Every child deserves a family, whether this family is formed from heterosexual or homosexual marriage or even evant. Marriage is the key to a stable home environment and the only way to guarantee parental rights to partners of gays and lesbians.

Children need stability and a committed relationship between their parental figures. Allowing gay marriage could help these children to value commitment over promiscuity. The anti-marriage bill is intended to ban gays from marrying, however it shows no concern for the children of such partners.

Many supporters of the bill claim that the gay "lifestyle" should be condemned, and is definitely not to be condoned. This bias stems from individuals believing that all gays are promiscuous. Such quick judgments are often passed blindly, yet this bill reinforces such beliefs. Allowing homosexuals to marry would limit their biased reputation of promiscuity and provide for healthier relationships and healthier beliefs about homosexuality.

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In the 1992 election over 57% of eligible people ages 18 - 24 never registered to vote, and even more never voted, according to internet survey of MTV Rock the Vote (http://mtv.com). That's pretty astonishing considering that there are only two constitutional requirements to be eligible. In order to register to vote you only need: 1. To be 18 years of age or older by election day. 2. To be an American Citizen.

If we, meaning college age American citizens, do not vote, we are very quickly going to lose our influence. While it is true that many people (at least one third of the population) do not have much interest in the political process, there are a number of groups that try to encourage people to vote. Our goal is to encourage more of you to vote, not only because it is a Constitutional right, but also because your voice can make a difference in a variety of ways.

One misconception is that you only have to register to vote, and even more importantly, have to vote in the presidential election do not have to declare a party preference. 

Another misconception is that you must join a political party if you register. No one is forced to join a political party which is in line with the Constitution. Just because you register to vote in the primaries you must declare a party preference.

Still another misconception is that if you will have to wait in the long lines at the Secretary of State's Office if you want to register, and many students do not have three hours to kill looking for peacock colored, concrete walls filled with posters explaining how to apply for a driver's license or change your address. This is not true either. While you can register to vote at the Secretary of State Office if you want to avoid the long lines, you can also register right here on campus with Andy Pieper of Senate, or in the mailroom.

Senior April Carpenter of the AQ Senate feels that voting is of utmost importance. "I think it is important to register because voting is the most important tool that a person has in controlling what goes on in his or her life, as far as the government is concerned," said Carpenter.

Another way that is available to register is on-line. Yes, the internet can now register voters. This option is available at <http://netvote96.mci.com/register.html>. Although this way is interesting and easily accessible, after giving your information you are sent forms in the mail. These forms must be mailed back no later than October 6 to be eligible for this year's election.

Politicians do not read graffiti or the bathroom walls to understand public opinion. Instead they pay attention to those who vote. You only have NINE MORE DAYS to register in time to vote in this years presidential election. Don't delay.

"Ranking," cont'd from p. 1.

Retention Rate: Aquinas has been growing considerably each year, partly because of fewer students dropping out or transferring. Facility Resources: Most AQ professors have terminal degrees, and there is an excellent student to faculty ratio of 15:1. Perception: Aquinas has gained esteem among other colleges and their administrators. These qualifications were the big points-scorers in the evaluation for the guidance and helped boost Aquinas' scoreboard.

The guides are not completely reflective, however. President Nelson pointed out that the focus tends to be more output oriented than input oriented. He commented, "It is good to be ranked favorably on positive quantitative measures, but it is more important to deliver the effective outcomes of knowledge gained, competencies mastered, and skills developed. What is missing from the rankings is the value added dimension of what happens between orientation and graduation...and thereafter." President Nelson also added that adequate money pays a role some

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U.S. Senate Candidate Profiles

by Michelle Bottrall

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On Sept. 29, U.S. Senator Carl Levin, the Democratic incumbent, and Ronna Romney, his Republican challenger, will debate the issues of the upcoming elections at Grand Valley State University. The debate, to be held in the afternoon then broadcast that evening, is the first of three scheduled debates between the two candidates, but the only one to be held in West Michigan. Here are pre-debate profiles of the candidates:

CARL LEVIN

PERSONAL:
- Born June 1934
- Raised in Detroit
- Worked in auto assembly lines
- Worked as cab driver
- Graduated from Law school
- 1961 Married Barbara Halpern
- Three daughters

CAREER:
- 1964 Elected Michigan Attorney General
- 1969 Detroit City Council
- 1978 Elected United States Senator

LEVIN'S PLATFORMS:
- Fights for Medicaid, Medicare and Education
- Safety of private pensions
- Leader in Welfare Reform which requires that recipients find work, enroll in job training or perform public service in order to receive benefits longer than 2 months.

- Voted to put 100,000 new cops on the streets

RONNA ROMNEY

PERSONAL:
- Born September 1943
- Bachelor of Arts in Education
- Married G. Scott Romney
- Five children

CAREER:
- 1984 Elected National Committeewoman from the State of Michigan
- 1998-1999 Served on Governor John Engler's transition team
- Hosted a talk radio show on WJR-AM Radio in Detroit.

ROMNEY'S PLATFORMS:
- Supports Term Limits for Members of Congress
- Supports the reduction of the size and scope of federal government by reducing spending and cutting taxes.
- Advocate of the Balanced Budget Amendment and has plans to balance the budget by the year 2002
- Supports welfare reform which emphasizes work, family and personal responsibility
- Supports Health Care reform for Medicare and Medicaid
- Strong supporter of Pro-Life Movement

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That was me, and for the time being, still is. Because of some of the negative responses and passionate feelings this term can bring to the surface it is time we define just what, and who, is an "American." After talking with and learning from Stella Ferris of the Multi-Cultural Department here at Aquinas, I have made the following observations, and have even more questions.

As someone with many ethnic backgrounds, I see no reason to connect myself with any particular one, especially since I really do not practice any of their cultural practices, such as food and dress. I am Belgian, Swedish, German—just about anything you can imagine. I believe the United States has been separating our races for too long and we should now recognize that we now have our own ethnicity.

An American is anyone who lives on the North, Central or South American continents. However, most of the people of these countries name their race, and they are certainly a mixture of bloods, just as most United States citizens. Most Mexicans, for example, are actually mestizos. They are originally, and certainly not purely anymore, Spanish and Native American blood. However, there are Mexicans who have mostly Spanish blood. They consider themselves Mexican simply because they were born in Mexico. The same can be said for Cubans, Puerto Ricans, Dominicans and Panamanians. They all have distinct differences amongst themselves, but are still lumped together as a single culture and nationality. This is interesting, since because we are so diverse in the United States, some think we should not lump ourselves together. As stated earlier, however, "American" is the wrong term for this. I have no good answer as to what this culture should be called. "United Statesian" maybe, or "UnimERICAN" are some strange suggestions. Even "American" seems to be accepted by most US citizens.

The people of the United States should take a proactive measure towards uniting our different backgrounds, by recognizing that they are a single "culture," with many different traditions. This will not extinguish our individual characteristics. Just as the people of Mexico and the Dominican Republic have different factions among them, but they are still "Dominicans." We will still have "UnimERICANs" or whatever from Europe, Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and South America. This diversity is what makes our country so unique, and so great. Uniting ourselves under a common culture has been postponed for too long. For instance, say that "Frank" calls himself an "Irish-American." Frank knows nothing about the Irish culture, history, leaders or traditions. He certainly does not practice any of them. He eats hot dogs, hamburgers, Subway and drinks Coke and Budweiser. In my opinion, Frank is American (or whatever you would like to term him.) The name should hold true for "African-Americans." If they do not practice, know, or feel the African culture, they are not "African-Americans." They are Americans. Keep in mind that this only describes our culture, not our race. The color of our skin is an insignificant physical attribute. What our cultural practices are is something that we tend to distort. We distort our culture because we think people should "know their roots." We can know our roots, but very rarely do we practice them.

"Take some time to think about this, and try to answer the question why the people of other countries are different from each other but still belong to that country's culture, yet those from this country do not. My friend and colleague Ignacio (Dave) Acedov is a light-skinned Hispanic who calls himself Mexican. Well, Dave was raised in the Mexican culture. No matter how white he looks, he is not American, because he knows and lives the Mexican culture. Whatever our culture should be called, there should be no argument that we are all raised in this country and with its own cultural norms, which are a blend of all of our past cultures.
A Letter from the Editor...

Why the big dilemma? It all stems from a misconception that so many students are guilty of subscribing to: We have a right to park where we want to on this campus.

Where does that idea come from? Does it come from the sticker on the back of our rear view mirrors? A sticker that we didn't pay for? A sticker that we didn't have to prove any special need for in order to obtain? What kind of power is that sticker supposed to wield?

It is clear to me that the sticker, since it basically belongs to the college (we don't even pay the few dollars that it costs to print each sticker up), then the college can declare it null and void at any time it chooses. Understandably, it chooses to declare them null and void for certain lots on certain special days (those being the Reflection Award Dinner and Homecoming Weekend).

While this is certainly an inconvenience, it is by no means the end of the world. For the rest of the year, student parking permits here at Aquinas are enjoyed by all students who request them free of charge. This would never fly at any other school.

I know from personal experience that parking is taken a lot more seriously elsewhere across the Midwest. At Alma College, where I spent the first semester of my freshman year, one has to apply for a parking permit and, if accepted, pay a $20 fee for the year. At the University of Dayton, where I transferred before coming to Aquinas, another strict application process was used to prove that I needed a car on campus, then I was charged $75 for a year's worth of campus parking.

At larger, public universities, free campus parking is also out of the question. As painful as they seem as long as solutions are before us, and they're not. On-campus parking problems will get upset about campus parking, what about the fact that faculty and staff parking tickets aren't even enforced? But that is another story for another time.

For now, the Reflection Awards Dinner and the Homecoming Weekend festivities are behind us. Unfortunately, complaints about on-campus parking problems will be around for a while. The solutions are before us, and they're not as painful as they seem as long as they do the job. It's happening at most schools. It can happen here.
Up Close, Personal, and Barenaked

by Curt Wozniak
Editor-in-Chief

"It is quite possibly the greatest album ever made."

That's what Barenaked Ladies' guitarist Ed Robertson jokingly called the Canadian pop band's third release, Barenaked Ladies (Gord) (with Andy being gone, we needed new originals that give a glimpse into the clever wickedness that is Barenaked Ladies). Robertson explained, "It's a real honest record for us. It was fun to make, but it was hard to make as well."

The record was the Ladies' first project since the departure from the band of keyboardist Andy Creeggan. The revised lineup made for a more guitar oriented album, "It freed us up to try things in our instruments, and frankly, it hurt. "He added, "It's never fun to get hit in the nuts with a box of Kraft Dinner."

Capturing a style that Robertson described as, "eclectic pop with an edge," and a loosened-up live sound that the Ladies have been missing since their 1992 debut, Gordon, Born on a Pirate Ship offers a fresh sound. Although they sometimes appear a little rough around the edges, their charm and full throat energy goes beyond their relative inexperience in this musical genre. Lavishly blending the sounds of the banjo, string bass, saxophone, old style electric guitar and the decadent allume off Katherine Whalen's voice, vividly propels the listener into a jazz drenched essence of this album.

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Barenaked Ladies, left to right: Tyler Stewart (drums), Steven Page (vocals, guitar), Ed Robertson (guitar, vocals), Jim Creeggan (bass), and Kevin Hearn (keyboards).

By Eric Mullen
 Contributing Writer
by Tim McGahey
Times Contributing Writer

In a smoke filled sports bar dubbed "Squag's," four fan members of Monkey Chuck celebrated its second album entitled "Going to Ben's." The band was supported on their special night by Domestic Problems and The Teenage Frames. This album is the successor of Monkey Chuck's first project on Yikes Records, ...Good Night! Their steady rhythms and vocal harmonies can also be heard on the WIRD-sponsored "Radio Active," Volumes One and Two. The new album features seven tracks and took only 19 hours to make. The last track was recorded live from "The Small Planet" in East Lansing.

Since the birth of Monkey Chuck, the band has juggled its membership a few times. The only remaining original members are commonly referred to as the "brothers" of the group, referring to the fact that they actually have the same parents. Ted Lowis (vocals and bass) and Larry Lowis (lead vocals and guitar), have been playing together for about 18 years. Chad Beverage, who plays lead guitar, has been playing with the band for only one short month.

The band has played venues from Kalamazoo to Big Rapids and from Detroit to Chicago. Lead singer Larry Lowis commented, "We don't care if we are playing for 25 people, or if its 2,500, we still have fun."

Larry Chuck, like most bands, hopes to make a career out of their music they love. At this point, sales of the band's CD's cover their production costs. However, they hope soon to be able to support themselves totally from music.

They plan to focus their shows in the Michigan area even though their links are being sold nationally. Look for them at their next show at the WKLQ Rock Search on Thursday, Oct. 17. Monkey Chuck takes the stage at 9pm. Check out their home page at: http://monkeychuck.com.

Ted Lowis summed up Monkey Chuck's philosophy by saying, "I know deep down that everyone is a musician."

One thing is for sure, deep down within these four West Michigan musicians lays a load of talent.

Brothers Ted and Larry Lewis keep Monkey Chuck a family affair.

Film Review
Rating System
*Rentable.
**If you have nothing better to do.
***Pretty good.
****See it several times.

EMMA

by Erin Hearn
Times Contributing Writer

Right from the beginning, I loved this movie. It easily conveys the spirit of Jane Austen. The heroine, Emma, is played by Gwyneth Paltrow. I was very doubtful that Paltrow could pull off the English accent and convey the dignity that is needed in Austen's character, but was very impressed to see that she had no problem with either. She puts more charm in the character than I thought possible. You can't help but empathize with her.

Emma is bound and determined to "help" her friend, Harriet Smith (Toni Collette) find a husband. She insists constantly that she does not want to interfere, but does so every time. Emma is often surprised to find out that she has hurt the situation more than helped it. This movie is also about Emma's search for love. Even after she says "I could never find a man that put me so upmost in his thoughts as my father," she finds love in the strangest place. This plot may seem familiar. Clueless starring Alicia Silverstone, was loosely based on Emma.

Paltrow's co-star Jeremy Northam, who plays Mr. Knightly, also does a fine job. If you are familiar with the movie Sense and Sensibility, another Austen novel, you may find that this movie is a bit funnier. And if you are familiar with Sense and Sensibility star Emma Thompson you might recognize her sister (Sophie Thompson) and mother (Phyllida Law), who also star in Emma.

Emma is a great movie to bring a date to, as well as get a little culture. However, girls, if your date minds a sappy ending, maybe an adventure is a better choice. Regardless, I recommend you see this movie. It may seem a bit predictable, but one feels safe and secure knowing things will turn out right in the end.}

Eric's Excellent Adventure
by Eric Mullen
Times Contributing Writer

Sipping a dark roast over my favorite magazine while watching the coming and going of busy people happens to be one of my favorite ways to relax. Luckily, Socrates Newcater, located at 1500 Wealthy (in Eastown) provides the perfect playground in which to indulge in such behavior.

Decorated with intriguing paintings and pictures by local artists and filled with some of the most diverse musical sounds in town, Socrates is a quaint coffee shop with stimuli to captivate your every sense. If you're looking for any magazine or newspaper, obscure or popular, you can bet it will be found on their racks. And if coffee is what you're looking for, the knowledgeable staff will brew a cup that will quickly quench any caffeine need. However, I suggest skipping the coffee and heading straight for one of their monstrous milk shakes. Hungry? Socrates offers many hearty bagels and bagel sandwiches.

During my last visit to Socrates, I asked Mike (one the very friendly co-owners) for an everything bagel and to create a mystery shake for me. As he brought this nutritional meal to my table, he informed me that if I could identify the flavors of the mystery shake, it would be on the house. Despite my failure of revealing the ingredients, I enjoyed the mystery flavors of my shake from the bright colored sprinkles on top to that last omenous swirl. The bagel provided a hearty accompaniment and was very filling. The bagel and the milkshake together were reasonably priced at $3.00.

Above the excellent coffee drinks, milkshakes, bagels, service, the huge magazine and newspaper selection or the very reasonable pricing, there is something more about Socrates that appeals to me. There is an attractive culture which surrounds Eastown. It is a culture which embraces consciousness, takes pride in local talent and skill and is overtly expressive in optimism. When I sat in Socrates I felt that this culture was present and it was something that appealed to me.

If you have never been in Eastown or need a refreshment of this area, I highly recommend visiting Socrates for a healthy slice of this culture. Also, a great time to visit Socrates is Thursday night for Performers Arena, an open mic session from 8:00-11:00 p.m. Great coffee, live local talent and a gathering of friendly people. What better way to avoid studying?

"Houston, Do You Read Me?"
by Eric Mullen
Times Contributing Writer

Apollo Ale
Big Bang Brewery

When I first delved into this six pack, I couldn't help but think, "gimmick." Perhaps it was the blue bottles or maybe the neon yellow "blast-off" tops. Then again, it could have simply been the name, "Apollo, spaced out ale."

Finally I decided to give Apollo an honest try, despite my disgust with their gimmicky look, it is a decent brew and at least the blue bottles will provide an interesting conversation piece.
Women's Basketball Takes New Strides

by Sara L. Holt
Times Contributing Writer

If you have been a fan of Aquinas women's basketball then you are in for a big surprise. Women's Basketball has a new look. Coach Patricia Tibaldi has resigned and Linda Nash has taken control of the mighty Lady Saints.

Tibaldi was at the helm of the Saints for eighteen years, and she ranks as the eighth winningest coach in the NAIA. While guiding the Saints to a 340-136 record during her tenure, she has expected nothing but the best from her athletes and has received only top-notch performances.

Last year's squad went 17-11 on its way to earning a share of the WHAC Conference Championship. Sophomore Danielle Johnson, a member of last year's squad said, "Pat is a pioneer for women's sports not only at Aquinas College but in the greater Grand Rapids Area as well. Her presence under Tibaldi in previous years has been aggressive from the very start. Since Tibaldi's resignation, Nash has been getting the girls fired up and ready for the new season. Many girls participated on summer basketball recreation teams. Coach Nash has the Lady hoop team conditioning in a very tough PEI (Physical Enhancement Institute) site. Nash says, "Their going to be in the best shape of their lives." The intense conditioning program will increase strength, speed, and vertical leap. Nash inherits a strong core of upperclassmen along with Jolene Loomis, a transfer from Grand Valley State University, and tough young group of freshmen. Nash is changing much of the Lady Saints' look, while also making team unity a priority. Johnson said, "I feel like we are more united this year." The team believes it will only make them stronger in the long run when getting into conference play.

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Photo by Duffy Cavanaugh

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AQ Golfers Shoot for the Flag

by Justin Smith
Times Sports Editor

While sports such as soccer, volleyball and cross country have received most of the acclaim this fall, another sport has quietly gone about its business. The sport seeking to claim its place in the fall-sports marketplace is golf.

The Aquinas men's and women's golf teams are in full swing of their fall seasons. In tallying the results of the men's team, the scoring system should first be explained. In the fall season all the conference teams come together to compete against each other. There are five conference teams in golf and points are awarded with regards to the finish order. So teams in the top (first) place receive five points, second place receives four points, third place receives three points, fourth place receives two points and fifth place receives one point. As of the deadline the men's team has recorded eight points through three matches.

The team, led by juniors Andy Pieper, Phil Sinnam, Brian Ebel, Ford Turrell and freshman Mat Grzadzinski, is coach by Tom Gunn. Over the past few years the Saints have been slowed by inexperience, but they have plans of changing that. "We have had a really young team for the past two years, but as we have matured as a team, our level of play has matured as well" said Ford Turrell. "Hopefully we'll be able to finish in the top three in our conference." The other two teams projected to be in the top three are Spring Arbor and Tri-State.

"With our experience we should be able to have more consistent rounds this year," stated Andy Pieper. Consistency is indeed a key factor while hitting the links. The Saints play at Sunnybrook Country Club, located in Grandville on Thurs., Sept. 26, and then travel to Hope on Oct. 10. The Aquinas women's team, in only its second year of existence, is certainly holding its own also. Coached by Gene Kozminski, the Lady Saints have had strong showings in their first two matches, most recently in beating Kalamazoo by 17 strokes. Freshman Amy Bakos led the way in scoring a 44. Bakos has won her first two collegiate tournaments (her women's keep score through match play) as opposed to the men's scoring system.

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Richter, Team USA Surprise Canada in World Cup of Hockey

by Mark Campbell
Times Contributing Writer

Since the game's inception, Canada has claimed itself the home of ice hockey.

Just recently that residency has shifted south of the border. Due to the United States' 5-2 victory over Canada in the decisive game three of the finals in the inaugural World Cup of Hockey.

The tournament, which displayed the finest hockey talent from the NHL and the world, was played over a span of twenty days with eight nations skating for the right to claim themselves master of their domain.

Beginning with pool play on August 26, it was obvious who the favorites would be. Russia boasted some of the NHL's finest talent with Sergei Fedorov, Alexander Mogilny, and Igor Larionov headlining the roster.

The United States also found themselves in contention with a range of NHL talent of their own. The team's foundation was rooted by a strong defensive core, led by captain Brian Leetch and Chris Chelios. The offense was led by hard shooting sniper Brett Hull.

The pre-tournament favorite and the team to beat was definitely team Canada. A country which has produced probably the best hockey players ever, had deep in talent and experience with superstars such as Gretzky, Messier, Lindros, and Richter. Richter featured Canada vs. Russia, Gretzky, Messier, Lindros, and Richter moved to Montreal, with Team U.S.A. to a 5-2 victory over the Russian Team.

The finals were now set. Team U.S.A. against Team Canada in a best of three series. Game one, which was played in Philadelphia, saw Canada pull out the victory at the 103rd into OT. The Red Wing's own Steve Yzerman slipped one past Richter, giving Team Canada the win and a 1-0 lead in the series.

The site of games two and three moved to Montreal, with Team U.S.A. having to win two straight to take the championship. Team U.S.A. pulled out all the stops for game two, as they skated away with just over two minutes to play. Adam Foote gave Team Canada the lead with a wrist shot from the point which somehow found it's way into the net past a screened Mike Richter.

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Never far from home
Taking Steps to Help AQ Alumni Retrace Theirs

Alumni Active Homecoming Weekend and Beyond
by Melissa Ann Pline
Features Editor

Once a year, Aquinas Alumni take the spotlight on campus. Throughout Homecoming Weekend, they see the featured guests, with activities, food, and music in their honor. At festival's end, though, the spotlight fades and most alum return to their homes, families and careers. Others, however, have already started planning for next year's Homecoming events. These are the dedicated volunteers of the Aquinas Alumni Association.

Upon graduation, all students become members of the association. Those who choose to be active can do so in any number of ways from event planning to financial contributions. The main structure of the group, however, is provided by the 20-member board of alumni that represents over four decades of graduating classes. The association's objective, according to Beth Banta, Alumni and Parent Relations Director, is to "Promote Alumni involvement and commitment to the community."

This commitment keeps the alumni quite active planning events, including a Christmas Open House, a Golf Outing, and the Harvest Market Arts and Crafts Show.

Though the organization is very involved with the college, it is completely self-funded. On top of covering operating costs, 60% of their revenue is donated back to Aquinas.

One very visible sign of the group's dedication is the addition of the first Alumni Walk on campus. For $125, alumni could have an engraved brick lain in their honor. 189 bricks were sold, a very optimistic start for the ongoing project for sure.

"It gives the alumni a permanent place on campus," said Banta. The walk was dedicated during Homecoming Weekend.

Other special Alumni events taking place during Homecoming included the class reunions of '46, '56, and '71. One thousand alumni were projected to attend the festivities. That's way up from the 300 in attendance only four years ago.

"It's in a student's best interest to 'Promote Alumni involvement and commitment to the college. For many of the professors currently at Aquinas, that's exactly what happened.

Dr. Lee Jacobs, psychology professor, found himself back at Aquinas as a result of encouragement from his own AQ professors. Encouraged to go to graduate school for psychology instead of mathematics (his major), Jacobs jumped at the offer to come back as a teacher in 1964. For Sr. Katrina Hartman, chemistry professor, the circumstances of her return were more accidental. "After I left Aquinas as a student, I taught high school and got my masters...But I felt I was missing the fine details of science, so I asked if it was possible to teach one class in keep updated."

Hartman was granted a night class to teach then, 6-7 years later, a full time position in the chemistry department. It was a different situation altogether for Sr. Alice Wittenbach, biology professor and alum. "It was my destiny," she chuckled. "I knew when I went to graduate school I'd be coming back here to teach."

One time AQ English student and editor-in-chief of the Aquinas Herald, Sr. Jean Mildrum returned the days when Aquinas College was located downtown. Joining the Dominican Sisters after graduating in 1945, she too found herself drawn back to Aquinas. "It was a different situation altogether when aquinas was located downtown. Joining the Dominicans Sisters..."

Whether by encouragement, accident, or destiny, many professors wound up back at the home of the Saints. Why? Jacobs offered this answer, "It's the people and tradition of caring at Aquinas."

A partial list of alumna still at Aquinas includes: Marilyn Abnehre; Geography; Sr. Charlotte Brehm - Math, Newton Chandler - History; Sr. Amata Fabbro - Religion, Jane Fortier - German; Charles Friedych - Physics; Lee J. Jacobs - Psychology; Sr. Katrina Hainman - Chemistry; Eugenia Konimski - Physics; Sr. Ann Massim - Math; Barbara Wittenbach back in 1970.

Physics Professor Charles Friedych's Senior Photo.

Approaching Alumni Status? New Club Is for You
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With the turn of the tassles at graduation, students are trans­formed into alumni. Their college becomes their alma mater. Their days of campus activities become only memories.

Not if the Alumni Association of Aquinas has their way. Their goal is to keep graduates involved well beyond their college years. And with the addition of the Student Alumni Association this year, the organization hopes to start students down the road of involvement even before the tassles are turned.

"By getting students active on campus now, working to sponsor events, hopefully they'll become active alum," said Heidi Stephan, who has been involved in organizing the new club.

Membership will be determined through a nomination and interview process. Two students from each academic department will be nominated to give the new club a broad base of interests and backgrounds.

"We are looking for students who are active, have demonstrated leadership, and are committed to work­ing," said current Student Alumni Association President Lisa Kachar.

Painting the Wege Entrance for Homecoming Week was the club's first undertaking. After members have been officially chosen later this year, the club will begin planning other activities. They also will be taking on the responsibility of the Senior Challenge, the annual donation of the senior class to the college. Finally, the club hopes to increase contact between current students and alumni.

"It's in a student's best interest going into the business world to have contacts," said Stephan. "Being a small college, these connections are even more important."

After graduation, all students become members of the Aquinas Alumni Association. If they choose to become active in the Association, a special committee, the Young Alumni, exists for alumni who have graduated less than ten years prior to the current year.

Even if graduates choose not to be active in these organizations, a place for them still exists at Aquinas.

"I think the role of an alum is to support their Alma Mater," said senior Stephan, as she approaches alumni status. "Personally, I've loved my stay and would do anything to help students coming in to have as good a stay as I have."

Professor Gene Kozinski in his sophomore year at AQ