Hard Work Pays Off for Women's Soccer

by Justin Smith
Times Sports Editor

Being on a college level sports team requires a lot of hard work, dedication, and sacrifices. It entails countless hours of practice, working out, running, and even eating and living to the max to be able to compete. The Lady Saints had compiled a record of 7-0-2. As this isn't an impressive enough, the team also is ranked fourth in the Great Lakes Region for the first time in school history.

Two of the biggest games this far have come against Tri-State and defending W H A C champion, S i e n a H e i g h t s, both of whom have been the conference powers as of recent years. Aquinas certainly had something to prove in competing in the conference. The lady Saints ended up tying Tri-State 1-1 and beating Siena Heights 1-0. Two of these games will definitely be a highlight of the 1995-96 season. See "Soccer," p. 10

Unique Festival of Faiths Arrives at Aquinas

by Angela Bergman
Times Contributing Writer

What is a Sufis Universal Peace Dance? Does Raja Yoga actually link the individual soul to the Supreme Being? Is the concept able to mysticism and spirituality? Six Grand Valley State University students will also be discussing "minority" faiths, and relating their experience to the idea of "religious pluralism." Sister Pratima (Brahma Kumaris, Chicago), will present a workshop on Raja Yoga, portraying some of its truths to the individual soul and the Supreme Being.

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### Campus Safety Undergoes Management Changes

**by Mindi Evans**

**Times Campus News Editor**

This year Campus Safety has been experiencing some changes within the structure of their program. In prior years, Campus Safety has been run by one Director to oversee the general activities and functions of the service. Bob Ryan, who was Campus Safety’s last director, left at the beginning of September to take a job with the FBI. At this time, Campus Safety had to decide whether they would hire a new director or adopt an entirely different approach to the department’s management.

Realizing that their decision would affect the entire Aquinas community, Campus Safety’s main objective was to find a way in which to better serve that community. Keeping this in mind, an innovative system was developed. A management team comprised of six supervisors will now head Campus Safety’s activities. Each member of the team has specific duties and responsibilities.

Frank Courtney is in charge of equipment and coordinating special events. Jennifer Bieneman and Kevin Kwiatkowski handle issues dealing with the budget, fire systems, alarms, traffic and parking. Mark McCann deals with recruiting, investigations and community relations. Legal issues and annual reports are managed by Paul Cardenas and Bob McCarty directs Residence Life Presentations. At least one of the six members of the Campus Safety team is on 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It is arranged so that shifts have two hour overlaps to enable communication between the members of the management team.

“Between the six of us there is always someone here. This enables us to provide better service to the students and everybody else at Aquinas,” said Paul Cardenas of the new structure.

There have been concerns expressed to Campus Safety that without a director, the program will lack direction. Cardenas asserted, “We are still doing the same job that we’ve done in prior years, but we’re going at it in a different approach.”

Cardenas continued, “Above all, the safety of Aquinas College and all the community here is what we are always striving for.”

### Clean-up of Wege Pond Promotes Clean Environment

**by Angela Bergman**

**Times Contributing Writer**

On Saturday, September 28, Tri Beta, the Aquinas chapter of the National Biology Honor Society, united with the ladies of S.A.V.E. (Students Against Violation of the Environment), and uncovered a variety of unusual rubbish—including bottles from the 1950s—in a successful attempt to preserve and promote a clean environment on campus. The groups weren’t just satiating a desire to find out what kind of stuff they could dredge up, but were participating in a pond clean-up.

“It was really a productive day,” commented Tri Beta President Joanna Polizzi. Armed with garbage bags and gloves, about 15 environmentally conscious students fished trash out of the stream running from Wege Pond to St. Joe’s, carefully protecting living organisms by not stirring the silt along the bottom. Dams that had been built by children, obstructing the flow of the creek, were torn down. As part of W.M.E.A.C., the Western Michigan Environmental Action Council, the project also included a macro-invertebrate sampling, used to monitor the natural health of the stream.

Tri Beta has sponsored the clean-up project for two years, and has recently begun to involve S.A.V.E., increasing “social interaction,” while allowing everyone to “work towards the same goal,” as Polizzi stated. “I was really pleased at the turnout of people this year. Effort helped make the clean-up fun!”

Molly Huber, transfer student from Ferris State University and member of S.A.V.E., wholeheartedly agreed, and is optimistic about the impact the project can make. “I think it’s important to recognize that there are things right here on campus, such as picking up trash, which make it our responsibility to head groups such as Tri Beta and S.A.V.E. More people really can make a visible difference.”

Upcoming plans include another clean-up project in the spring.
In more recent years, Fr. Berrigan has concentrated his efforts on writing and teaching. The body of works that has come forth from the pen of Fr. Berrigan is impressive to say the least. His first book, *Jesuit, greatly urges Aquinas students to take advantage of the chance to explore world religions. “I believe that the world shifts, and the conference is a great opportunity to understand and respect different religions,” she states. “This is the only known conference on world religions in the United States, and it’s taking place right here on campus.” Registration for Aquinas students is free, and can be done on Friday night at 7:00 pm, in Wege Center. As the conference is a reoccurring event, hosted by Aquinas, Calvin, and Grand Valley State University, many students, as well as scholars, educators, clergy, and spiritual leaders traveling from all corners of the United States, are expected to attend.

For more details or questions, contact Mary Clark Kaiser in the Campus Ministry Office at extension 4111.
Third Party Presidential Candidates: Are They Worth Our Time?

**Point**

by Mindi Evans
Times Campus News Editor

As election time draws near, voters look to the upcoming debates to see which of the two Presidential candidates will come out on top. At the same time, Reform Party candidate Ross Perot is just looking to see whether or not he'll get the chance to hash out the issues with Bill Clinton and Bob Dole, respectively.

Recently, Perot was told by the Commission on Presidential Debates that he would not be allowed to participate because it was determined that Perot did not have a "realistic chance of being elected." In response to this ruling, Perot is suing for an injunction that would reverse the Commission's decision and allow him to take his rightful place beside Clinton and Dole.

This ruling will be a precedent setting case for the role of third party candidates in future Presidential debates. Perot, just like Clinton and Dole, is on the ballot for all fifty states. Why shouldn't third party candidates be given the chance to voice their opinions on the issues? Perot supports claim that Perot will only distort the focus of the debate and draw Republican fire away from Clinton, making Dole look even worse than he does now. In reality, however, the presence of a third party candidate will allow for greater perspective and bring wider attention to the issues at hand.

As a voter, I like to be fully informed before I make a decision. The only way to make a truly educated decision is to know all sides of an issue. The variety and new viewpoints a third party candidate will bring to a debate is valuable. If Perot is denied the chance to be a part of the debates, this reservoir of information will continue to go untapped.

Third party candidates are viewed by some as outdated and radical. However, you never know when a seemingly inconceivable idea will result in a viable solution to a national problem. The fact that the Commission on Presidential Debates is made up of only Republican and Democratic candidates and that it is privately funded makes one wonder about its motives. Are they trying to eliminate third party candidates because they offer a threat to the present two party dominance?

If this is the case, Republican and Democratic candidates shouldn't shy away from confrontations with third party candidates. If anything, they should jump at the chance of having an additional party participate in the debates. If Perot welcomed the challenge from Perot, would it not show voters that he isn't afraid of facing a challenge?

The public would surely view this support of a third party in a positive light and perhaps it would help Dole improve his chances of being elected. Perot is simply fighting for a chance to help his party gain the public's support. If Perot is defeated, he will not allow either real candidate to have every right to run TV ads and stand up to a challenge.

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**Counterpoint**

by Maris Brancheau
Times News Editor

Ross Perot, the Reform Party candidate for President, does not belong in debates between major candidates. The Commission on Presidential Debates has taken this stance, and a federal judge has turned the decision over to the Federal Election Commission.

Both Perot and John Hagelin of the Natural Law Party sued to be allowed to debate against President Bill Clinton, Demo­crat, and Republican challenger Bob Dole. Their case has been denied, and they are left with no recourse but to face Dole in the November elections.

A vote for Ross Perot is a wasted vote. While Americans are fed up with the Republican-Democratic duopoly, Ross Perot is just looking to grab a piece of the presidential pie. Americans can easily judge where each candidate stands for, and the real candidates deserve to face each other head on.

The Commission on Presidential Debates said that there is no First Amendment right to participate in a debate. This decision should be applauded. Third party candidates should not try to disturb the Constitution in ways that it was not intended. Perot and others have every right to run TV ads and stand on street corners, in order to exercise their right to free speech. But in the context of a Presidential debate, not every Ross, Dick, and Susan needs to throw in their two cents. Several million dollars worth. The debates are run under a tight time schedule, and Clinton and Dole both deserve to dominate that time.

America needs to realize that Clinton and Dole are the only real candidates for President. Most people realize that no one else is a serious contender. Just because Perot has bought himself onto the ballot again doesn't mean that he should be allowed to distract from the real race that is taking place: the race between Clinton and Dole.

Choosing a President, and we must choose wisely.
Clinton vs. Dole:
Their Stances on The Issues

by Michelle Bottrall
Times Contributing Writer

With the Presidential Election looming just ahead of us on our calen­
dars, the main campaign issues are to balance the federal budget in
public psyche. Following is a general breakdown of the main
issues in this year’s campaign which we hope will be provided
by America On-line and Republic­an and Democratic National
Campaigns Headquarters.

HIGHER EDUCATION

The Clinton Administration claims that it has made it easier for
5.5 million Americans to borrow money for college this
year alone. They also claim to have expanded Pell Grants. The
President is looking to make up $10,000 a year of college tu­
ition tax deductible and provide a $1,000 merit scholarship for
the top five percent of graduates in every high school.

Bob Dole supports the Republi­can Budget plan, which pro­
vides for an increase in funding for student loans of almost 50% over the next seven year. This is
an increase of $11 billion. In addition, for the first time since 1906 taxpayers will be able to
deduct a portion of the interest paid on student loans. Republi­
cans have also proposed to in­
crease the maximum Pell Grant award for the most needy stu­
dents.

ECONOMY

The Clinton administration claims that their responsible eco­
nomic policies have cut the defi­
cit in half just over three years. President Clinton has proposed to balance the federal budget in
seven years while protecting

low impact exercise.” He feels that
biking is faster than walking or running, and is a

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the campus to necessitate a path. If one
students may wish to check out the
bike path near Aquinas might be a

TAXES

President Clinton supports tax
relief for working families. He
supports the expansion of the
Earned Income Tax Credit by $21 billion which he claims will
cut taxes for over 40 million American families. He has also
$10,000 tax deduction for col­
elgacy and insists on a tax
break for middle-class families with

CRIME

President Clinton’s Crime Bill is
adding 100,000 police to our streets. The Clinton Adminis­
tration is also imposing stricter
prison sentences for violent
criminals. The President fought
for and signed the Brady Bill,
which has prevented over 60,000
people with criminal records from
buying guns. He also fought for par­
ents to keep gun in the death­
liest assault weapons off of the
streets. The Clinton Administra­
tion also claims it has been working
drug prevention programs as well as treatment for addicts users.

Bob Dole has been a consistent
supporter of the death penalty
throughout his career. He also
supports the abolition of parole for
violent offenders. He is a
leader in the effort to combat

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POLITICAL OBSERVATION:  
A Day at the Debate

by Maris Brancheau  
Times News Editor

The contenders were both wearing black and white suits. The audience was ready, eager for them to begin. The tension was visible between the two, she with a nervous laugh, he with an eager look above his spectacles. They met in front of the crowd for a casual handshake, while those watching knew it was less than cordial.

Press filled the back of the room, scrambling for a photo opportunity or a quick quote before the start. We knew that once the real action began they would be isolated from the fight. The crowd and the contenders were quickly hustled into the studio, and then with a sound check, they were off. It was Gov. vs. Romney Round One.

A citizen’s town meeting between U.S. Senator Carl Levin, a Democratic incumbent, and his Republican challenger, Ronna Romney, on Sept. 29, at the Meijer Broadcasting Center here in East Lansing and Detroit, and an equal number of questions came from each geographical area.

The debate was aired the evening of the taping and opinions have been surfacing on which side was victorious.

As a member of the press, I attempted to remain impartial as I gathered with other reporters around a small live monitor in a separate studio. Some of my colleagues made comments, while others watched quietly, tape recorders running non-stop.

A group of Grand Valley students had gathered in the media area making comments as they saw fit. I noticed some Romney supporters, evidently by the pins they wore. One young man from Holland, active on Romney’s campaign, wore a dollar bill folded to resemble an AIDS ribbon.

Basically the debate seemed to be following a general format. As determined by the rules, an audience member would ask a question directed at either candidate, that candidate would have two minutes to answer, followed by a one minute response from the other side.

It seemed fitting that Romney sat on the right of the stage and Levin on the left, with nothing but a small table separating the two. A mediator was present but sat quite a distance across the stage.

During her opening statements, Romney appeared nervous and glanced down quite a bit. She talked of the 200,000 plus miles she had put on two cars traveling across Michigan listening to voters. She focused on the strengths of Michigan and on Levin’s distance from the people.

Levin remarked on the deficit reduction that is taking place in Washington and the growing median income of all Americans. He spoke of the concerns he sees as important to the average American: affordable healthcare and safe neighborhoods.

Romney seemed to be portraying herself as the voice of voters, attempting to show that Levin, who has spent 18 years in Washington, is too far removed from 

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Every once in a while, something happens that really makes you feel good about something you believe in. Anyone who truly believes in the principles of capitalism and social awareness cannot help but to hold the example of the Prince Corporation in Holland as a model of honorable capitalism.

Two weeks ago the founders of the Prince Corp., an interior auto parts manufacturer based in Holland, gave bonuses of some over $10,000, to their 4,700 employees. They have given to numerous theater guilds, Christian foundations. They seem to imagine, but think of the benefits to the community more than they ever provide the generous gifts and foundations. They have given the Holland community the money they give out to area, arts, buildings, museums, and foundations. They seem to focus on the money Amway gave to the Republican National Committee last year, and judge their wealth based on this gift.

It is a sad commentary on our society when we only focus on the greed of those who seem to provide the generous gifts and grants that our community has come to rely on. West Michigan has been blessed with companies and wealthy citizens who care, and too often they do not get even a thank you from their benefactors, just complaints about their name being on everything. Next time you visit the Meijer Gardens, go to a hockey game at the VanAndel Arena, a symphony at DeVos Hall, play pool at the Cook Carriage House, or shoot some hoops at the Knape Fieldhouse, DeVos Hall, or shoot some times used her response time to his advantage. After point ing out that the rules allowed for no interruptions, Levin proceeded to say "Let me tell you why it's not nonsense." The media surrounding her scribbled feverishly on their notepads. Some smiled. The Grand Valley students chucked under their breath.

My partner, freshman Angela Bergman, saw the debate through her own perspective. "Debates are funny, in that every viewer will see something different, looking through their own tinted glasses." A highlight for Bergman was a handshake from Romney, who moved through the crowd making light conversation.

Bergman pointed out how each candidate played the political game. "It was interesting to see how each candidate reacted to each other and their different tactics.

Levin and Romney also debated on Sept. 30, this time at the Economic Club of Detroit. After that debate, Romney said to The Grand Rapids Press, "I think I won this one." Her supporters would probably argue, and Levin's disagree. The debates are really not won or lost because they are perceived in many different ways. The real victory will be shown in the election results on Nov. 5.
The Gufs
Atlantic
by Tim McCabe
Times Contributing Writer

I have been taught not to read a book by its cover, but no one ever mentioned CDs. My interest in this album was the Gufs fifth release. The album's cover art led me to believe that I was going to have to brush up on my techno-dance terminology for this review. Not the case what-so-ever.

Each of the thirteen cuts on the album have genuine sounding lyrics written by dualing guitarist/vocalists Dejan and Goran Krajl. The album is checked full of vocal harmonies that perfectly complement lead singer, Matt Dawley's acoustic guitar.

Of the tunes on the album, "Smile" is by far the highest in quality. This song envelopes the band's harmonic, yet energetic nature. The worst tune on the disc has to be the aptly titled sixth cut, "Wasting Time." In this song, the band surrenders the singer's voice to be synth that sounds love, unrequited love, broken hearted? Caffeine addicted on your CD player. Everything Sucks.

The fifteen songs on the disc have a life different by breaking away from your usual entertain-

ment mainstays. Five out of five liberal arts professors recommend a little "culture" on a regu-

lar basis.

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phony, conducted by Catherine Comet, will have performances in their Classi-
cal Concert Series on Oc-
tober 25 and 26. Student tickets for these performances are half-price. For more information or to pur-
chase tickets call the Grand Rapids Symphony office at (616)454-9451 or Ticketmaster at (616)456-
3333. To purchase tickets in person, stop by the Sym-
phony office at 109 Louis Campbell Promenade, Suite One, Monday through Fri-
day 9:00 am to 5:00 pm or stop by any Ticketmaster outlet.

* The Grand Rapids Youth Sym-
phony will open its season Octo-
ber 27th at Lowell High School. Conductor John Varinou will lead the "Symphony of Tomorrow" through Spanish music by non-
Spanish composers. Tickets are $4 for students and seniors and $6 for adults. Tickets can be purchased at the door or at any Ticketmaster outlet.

* The Urban Institute for Con-
temporary Arts gallery is cur-
rently hosting "Three Viewpoints," an exhibition of photography which includes the work of Aquinas alum-

nus Amy Sharp. The gallery is open

daily 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

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tact the theatre office at (616)459-7146 for more informa-
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* Last, but not certainly not least, Aquinas College (No, you don't have to travel far from home for a little culture) hosts our annual fac-
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There is Entertainment in Grand Rapids Outside Studio 28

Catherine Comet conducts the Grand Rapids symphony as they gear up for their Classical Concert Series Oct. 25th and 26th.

Photo Courtesy of Charles J. Lewis

Tuesday-Friday from 11 am to 5 pm, and on Saturdays from noon to 4 pm. "Three Viewpoints" runs through Oct. 25th. The U.I.C.A. will also be the place for beer and jazz in October. The second An-

kian adventures in kayaking, ski-

ing, rock climbing and hiking on October 11. Actor playwright Jeff Daniels will visit Schuler on Octo-

ber 14 at 7:30 pm to do a staged reading of his play, The Vast Dif-

ference. Daniels is a nationally rec-

ognized actor currently appearing in the film "Fly Away Home." Pre-

Halloween story-telling will occur on October 30 when professional storyteller Myrna Granderson spins tales of the supernausal. All the a-
foresaid Schuler Books events are free to the public. Who says nothing's free anymore?

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The Drovers Satisfy an Appetite for the Sublime

by Eric Mullen

Times Contributing Writer

Sitting down, with my fork in hand, I loomed over the most recent release by The Drovers, Little High Sky Show. Since mainstream music has left me famished with it’s lack of substance and flavor, I tightly gripped my knife and fork and prepared myself to dig into this Chicago band’s latest effort in hopes of finding some fulfilling nutritional value.

Although my first bite seemed light and airy, I quickly realized that this disc is no salad. The songs, which all seem simple at first, evolve into a sound of rich and textured layers, somewhat similar to a thick pan of homemade lasagna. Entice, yet bittersweet, David Callahan’s vocals dance along with the Celtic influenced instrumentation of the violin, viola, tin whistle, pump organ and earthy drum beats.

Taken as a whole, this disc seems almost overwhelming. Complex, winding and often times misleading, Little High Sky Show is not a one time consumption. After time and digestion, the music evolves completion. Sitting back in my chair, I took a while to let the dark and bright sounds settle in my head and concluded that I had experienced a unique and well-crafted musical meal.

After speaking with The Drovers’ Sean Cleland, violinist, I became aware of the actual thought and detail that went into this release. Sean agreed that the sound of Little High Sky Show carried a paradox between simplicity and complexity. However, this sound was not intentional. Instead of this dynamic feel arising from the instrumentation and augmentation of the music alone, this paradox developed from the various engineering techniques implemented during recording.

The Drovers (Left to Right): Paul Bradley, David Callahan, Sean Cleland, Mike Kirkpatrick.

Little High Sky Show was recorded over an eight month period. Over this time, The Drovers traved to different sites to elicit unique sounds. Much of the recording was done in a warehouse in Minneapolis. The Drovers made the best of what this large facility offered, recording their songs in rooms of varied size and acoustics. Some of the recording even took place in a stairwell.

According to Cleland, it was the dynamic acoustic dimensions of the individual rooms in which the songs were recorded that added the complex sound to their once simple musical arrangements. At times this musical format appears congested and difficult. Yet, this format allows the listener down a winding path of lush sound and sublime emotion.

The bill, of course, arrived with the standard American staple, fortune cookies. The pricing was reasonable as our complete meal was Dew 5/7. However, my companion and I left Mikado’s with high energy and enjoyed our experience completely. If sushi is not your thing, Mikado also offers an exceptional variety of other Japanese delicacies. But, be brave. Go ahead and even try the “really creepy things.” You might find your next favorite cuisine.

The Return of Woody

by Eric Mullen

Times Contributing Writer

Woodchuck Draft Cider has long been a mainstay amongst my favorite brews. Now, I realize I am stating that a hard cider holds high standards next to classic beers. Yet, do not fret. For I have not turned into a wavered down, domestic beer drinker. Woodchuck, my friends (for those who have not tried it), is not a feeble wine cooler. Rather, Woodchuck Draft Cider is a fine beverage, abundant in taste and complexity. It is both tart and candied. Brewed from the sweet Macintosh, this cider captivates the pearsomeness of fruit, the dryness of wine and the depth of a dark beer.

There are two types of Woodchuck draft cider, Amber and Dark & Dry. Although I speak highly of Woodchuck in general, I must claim my paternalism to the darker version. The Amber Woodchuck is good. However, it relies too much upon its light sweet taste, then ends without developing any other quality.

The Dark and Dry, on the other hand, is a rollicking sensation. It shares the slight vinegar aroma as the Amber, then opens into a stark dryness which bends into a mellow sweet finish. The Dark & Dry just has more drama than its counter part.

Yet, don’t let my favoritism dissuade you. Try both and decide for yourself. For those who are Woody veterans, test a Snakebite (half Woodchuck, half your favorite lager) or a Smoothie (float a stout over half a glass of Woodchuck). Can’t decide on a beer for a chilled Autumn day? Warm some Woodchuck with a cinnamon stick for a bitier, cold day treat.

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by Lori Anna Budzynski

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Dig Those Lady Saints

Women's Volleyball Sets Pace in W.H.A.C.

By Dana Samotis

According to coach Sharon Schauta, this year's AQ Volleyball squad is "the most well balanced team we have had at Aquinas."

Schauta went on, "Many times, well balanced teams are just okay, but we in addition to being balanced have a high level of talent."

Whether it is balance, talent, or a combination of the two, the Lady Saints have been getting the job done.

As of October 5, they lead the WHAC with a 4-0 record. The Saints' overall record is also respectable, with eleven wins and five losses. Coach Schauta expressed enthusiasm with the team's performance thus far and noted that bringing home the conference championship is an achievable goal.

Although it can not be predicted whether or not the Saints' performance will lead them to an extended post-season this year, in some aspects they have already gone further than last year's squad.

Senior middle hitter Angela Asaad pointed out one advantage this year's squad has over last year's. "We started off where we left off last season as opposed to starting from point A. We came in more controlled and more skilled."

There are many contributing factors to this solid start for the Saints. According to Schauta, "Not only do the captains show leadership, all the players on the court contribute and act as leaders."

Not only does the coach see strengths in the chemistry and leadership of the team, but the players are aware of this as well.

Transfer Crandle Burke, who attended Northwood University last year, commented that she had "very good" feelings about the team and feels that "We're actually a team, not ten individuals."

Angela Asaad continued with positive comments on the advances the team has made since last year. "It's a total, 100% team. As I watch from the sidelines I notice an improvement and when I step on the court the feeling only intensifies. It's a tremendous difference."

Emily Schultz also had good things to say, "We have a lot of dominant personalities. We are a very fundamentally sound team. Since we have so many returners we possesd so many of the majors."

One current "block" the team has encountered is the tendency to fall to the level of the opponents. For this reason Asaad described the team as "unpredictable." Even though the girls have managed to win a majority of their games, they have had moments of chaos and hope to 'get set' and make a smooth transition into the rest of the season.

Next on the schedule for the Saints is a trip to Texas for a tournament that has traditionally offered stiff competition. The next home event is a conference match against Spring Arbor on October 13th.

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Numbers, that's all they are.
No way. 303, 49, 140, 311, 48, 146, 308, 42, 129. Those are the numbers. That's all they are. They are not ten individuals.

As it takes one or two hits to knock a team out of a race, the Saints may need to have two or three hits to break into the conference."
**Men's Soccer: Not Losing Heart After Heart-Breaking Losses**

October 9, 1996

by Alan Plum

Sports Times Sports Editor

Blessed with the opportunity to organize and lead a team, coach Mark Wujek would have been able to do just that. But he's been forced to do a lot more than that. His team, the Men's Soccer, has been one of the most successful teams in the WHAC.

Wujek's team has been ranked No. 1 in the country for the past three years. Despite losing several key players to graduation, Wujek has been able to put together a strong team for the 1996 season.

The team's success is due in large part to the leadership of senior captain Mike Williams. Williams has been a key player for the team since his freshman year and has helped lead the team to numerous conference titles.

The Men's Soccer team has been a model of consistency, winning over 90% of their games and finishing in the Top 10 every year. Wujek's team is looking to continue this tradition of success in the 1996 season.

*Photo by Duffy Cavanaugh*

AQ X-Country Moves Into Nation's Elite

by Mark Campbell

Times Contributing Writer

Coming off their big homecoming victory over Siena Heights, the Aquinas men's soccer team was revved up for yet another win of competition.

On September 25, the Golden Eagles of Cornerstone College invaded 1607 Robinson Road, with hopes of recording a win against their former coach, current Aquinas coach Joe Vod.

Both teams came into the game with equal records, and needed a victory to go ahead in the WHAC standings.

In the first half, Cornerstone struck first when Kerm Matthews blazed a shot past Saint keeper Dan Doan. Aquinas could not find the back of the net, as they reached a half-hour mark AQ found the net, several shots. Finally, at the 54:00 minute mark AQ found the net, eight minutes later, as he added an insurance goal to lead the Saint's to a 1-0 win.

The Saints from Siena Heights took the number three spot in the WHAC, though, as both secured spots in the latest NAIA national polls. The Aquinas runners took eight of the top 20 women's spots.

Tannian accredited the comeback win due to the Saints' hard work. "Both teams came out and played their own style. In the end, our style of playing was too much for them.

Three days later, the Saints traveled south to Spring Arbor with hopes of continuing their winning ways. However, this proved not to be the Saints' day as they could not find the back of the net. As a result, the Saints walked off the field suffering a 2-0 defeat.

"We came out strong, and they came out strong. We made mistakes and they capitalized. We'll beat them next time," said Richardson regarding the loss.

Aquinas started the month of October off with a bang, as they traveled to Concordia and blanked the host Cardinals. Richardson led the onslaught with two goals, while Shearer and Andy Williams each netted one goal.

The Saints' next game was played on Parents' weekend, as Madonna University visited AQ. The Saints were charged and ready to go, but it wasn't meant to go their way as they fell two-nil to the visiting Crusaders.

The boys' next game is a rematch of their Homecoming triumph, as the Saints play at Siena Heights on Oct. 12, then head on to Cornerstone College for a match on Oct. 16.

*Photo by Duffy Cavanaugh*
Polish Beauty Reigns at AQ

by Caitlin Dillon
Times Contributing Writer

She grew up on Polaski Road. Her hometown is Posen, Michigan, sister city of Poznan, Poland. And with a name like Szczerowski, who could be a better candidate for the Pulaski Days Queen Pageant? That’s what Ronald Weaver thought when he decided to nominate AQ Senior Jolene Szczerowski last May to represent the Polish Hall at St. Stanislaus Parish.

While studying in Ireland last year, Szczerowski took advantage of her spring break to delve into her roots, visiting Poland. She summarized her trip, saying, “In Poland, everything that I’ve learned about [Polish culture] will find McKelvey doing a slightly different type of watching: bird calling and bird watching since before he can remember. “My mom was into birds,” said McKelvey. “She had feeders in the backyard and would point them out.”

Avid bird/Melrose Place watcher Dr. Jeff McKelvey. Photo by Dolly Cavanaugh

He’s never been to the circus, nor does he plan on becoming a clown, but for Wade O’Boyle, a chemistry major from Lowell, riding a unicycle is one of many interesting things he enjoys. O’Boyle rides his unicycle purely for transportation. “It is a little faster than walking, and with biking you have to spend time locking it up,” O’Boyle said. So far, none of his professors have complained about his bringing it to class with him.

Wade’s interest in unicycling stems from his family, with over ten members riding unicycles.

Biology Professor Jeff McKelvey Is a Bird of a Different Color

by Melissa Ann Pline
Times Features Editor

He has been known to communicate with birds.

With only a few calls, Biology Professor Jeff McKelvey can convince a chickadee that one of its kind is near. The bird, flying eagerly from tree to tree, responds to the calls in turn. “After awhile they get agitated,” admitted McKelvey. “They hear the sound, but can’t find where it’s coming from.”

McKelvey has been bird calling and bird watching since before he can remember. “My mom did it all,” said McKelvey. “She had feeders in the backyard and would point them out.” Furthering his birding interests were visits to his step-grandfather’s cottage in Maryland and an ornithology class he took in college.

In the world, there’s over 9000 species of birds. Of these, Dr. McKelvey has seen 380 species. He is confident, though, that he could identify any of the 700 species that live north of Mexico in North America.

During his years of bird watching, he has not only seen interesting birds, but interesting bird behavior as well. “I once saw a Canadian Goose pin a kid who had gotten too close to her eggs,” he said. “The child’s mother had to come to the rescue.”

For the past seventeen years, Teusink has held the position of Mayor in the town of Cedar Springs. Population 2,800 people, Cedar Springs is located twenty miles north of Grand Rapids. As a lifetime resident of Cedar Springs, the politics of the town interested him enough to become involved in the city council. As for mayorship, it runs in the family.

“My mother was the mayor of Cedar Springs for two years before me,” said Teusink. Described as a bedroom community, most of Cedar Springs’ residents commute to Grand Rapids for work each day. That does not make Teusink’s job any easier. He works between 5 and 15 hours a week, presiding over the city council. This is in addition to his Aquinas College roles as Chair of the Biology Department and Coordinator of Sciences, but he enjoys his work.

“I find satisfaction in completing various projects,” said Teusink. Currently, the town is planning the installation of their own sewage treatment plant. Mayorship, however, does come with a few negatives. “It’s a focal point for complaints,” said Teusink. “Late night calls are not uncommon.”

The mayor is chosen by the city council from among the council members. Every four years, on a rotating basis, the council members come up for reelection. Teusink is up for reelection to the council this November. He doesn’t plan on being mayor forever, though, “A few more years and I’ll have had enough.”