Spring Fling Has Sprung Again

by Angela Bergman
Times Contributing Writer

Although Spring Fling—Aquinas College's annual spring formal dance—fell on Friday April 11, those expecting a warm evening encountered something else—a cold, snowy and windy night. The absence of spring weather, however, did not dampen over 300 Aquinas students decked out in their finest formal attire from arriving at Rembrandt's in Bridgewater Place downtown Grand Rapids.

Sponsored by Programming Board, tickets sold for $25 dollars each and included dinner, dancing, refreshments, cameras, and photo albums. Sophomore Dan Wickersham said, "I like the atmosphere that was created because it was classy and entertaining."

The evening began with socializing in the elegant atmosphere that Rembrandt's provided. Freshman Matt Wickersham said, "I love the atmosphere that was created because it was classy and entertaining."

Before dinner, Russ Pits received an impromptu blessing for each class: freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors. When each graduate received both laughter and sentiment. Pitts received enthusiastic applause.

JesMare Productions provided the after dinner music that packed the lower-level dance floor. Black leather sofas were relaxing to those who preferred to observe the dancers or socialize with friends. A balcony overlooking the dance floor gave an overhead perspective of the festivities.

Sophomore Gwen Johnson said, "My favorite part of the evening was taking pictures like crazy whenever we arrived, and it was entertaining to watch everyone from the balcony. I enjoyed the scenery." Even though many came with dates, Spring Fling was not exclusively for couples. According to freshman Mary Fournier, "Not having a date made it more fun, for I didn't feel attached to anyone. I had fun being with a group of friends."

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Heather Lock, a freshman, gave Spring Fling her approval. "For my first college dance, it went really well!"

General Education Changes for CE Students Approved

by Heather Karal
Times Contributing Writer

On Wednesday, April 9, 1997, the Academic Assembly discussed changes in general education requirements for Continuing Education (CE) students. Plans for these changes began in the summer of 1996 when a committee of five Aquinas faculty members and an advisor from DePaul University began to formulate a plan for this aspect of the curriculum.

Dr. Shirley Lewis, Professor-in-the-College and a member of this committee, explained, "In the past we really didn't have a plan (for general education of CE students) at all."

The committee worked to make Aquinas' general education requirements take into account the fact that continuing education students usually have more real world experience than the traditional age student.

For example, some CE students enter college with experience in the military or in the work force. Therefore, the committee concluded that requirements for these students should be based on competency. The committee wrote a competency statement which was centered on this idea and sent it to the entire faculty.

Next, the committee formulated two plans and got feedback about them from the faculty. They condensed and combined the competency statements from these plans.

Then, twenty-one Aquinas faculty members wrote indicators to determine whether or not a CE student was competent in a specific area. The indicators, such as giving a presentation or written demonstration, are the way in which a CE student can prove competency in a specific area.

This reduces the number of general education courses which they are required to complete. The entire plan was presented to the faculty at a forum where they discussed their concerns.

The Advisory Council for General Education, which oversees the See "Requirements," p. 2

A Night of Awareness Sheds Light on Sexual Assault

by Maris Brancheau
Times Local News Editor

A 1995 Aquinas graduate took the stage at the Take Back the Night rally to tell the story of her rape in an effort to increase sexual assault awareness in the Grand Rapids community.

On Friday, April 11, while many Aquinas students attended Spring Fling, the fifth annual Take Back the Night march, 5k run, and rally took place in downtown Grand Rapids. Rape survivor Carol Vaughn-Furr, who holds a Psychology degree from Aquinas, took the microphone to "speak for the silent ones."

"I speak out because I'm able to," Vaughn-Furr said in an interview. "It's liberating in a way and a step towards complete recovery, if there is such a thing."

Vaughn-Furr was raped seven years ago while a student at Aquinas. She took three years off from her education to recover and then returned to finish her degree as a Continuing Ed student. After
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general education program at Aquinas, addressed the concerns of the faculty.

"We added a Humanities component and an assessment workshop," Lewis commented.

Also, according to Lewis, the one credit hour assessment workshop will be an opportunity for CE students to "demonstrate the personal and social value of life long learning" and give Aquinas an opportunity to assess the prior learning of incoming CE students.

The added Humanities component will be a unique class designed specifically for the Continuing Education student population.

A third concern addressed was the fact that CE students are required to complete nine more credit hours of natural science. However, this requirement was kept.

A plan was now been constructed which outlines seventeen areas of competency for Continuing Education students to demonstrate. Students can demonstrate oral and written abilities, research skills, and critical thinking in problem solving.

The International Studies department developed an indicator which allows CE students to demonstrate ideas of a culture other than their own.

This final plan was the one voted on by the Academic Assembly on April 9. The plan was passed with only a few minor additions.

Faculty hopes are that reducing the amount of general education requirements for CE students will attract more such students to Aquinas.

The plan was reviewed this week by the North Central Accreditation Association during their reaccreditation visit.

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**Campus Cocktail Party Offers Alcohol-Free Alternative**

by Mindi Evans

Times Campus News Editor

On the evening of Thursday, April 3, forty eager students crowded into the Cook Carriage House for the first ever Wine and Cheese Cocktail Party.

The event, which was co-sponsored by Student Activities and Programming Board, offered Aquinas students some free refreshments and an opportunity to come together to talk, laugh and listen to music.

Angela Berman entertained the crowd and set the mood of the night by displaying her talent on the piano. Sparkling non-alcoholic wine and a variety of cheeses comprised the evening's board of fare.

Programming Intern Bridig Bulger, who helped organize the Cocktail party stated, "The Cook Carriage House provided an environment that was the perfect setting for the event." Co-organizer Heidi Stephan said, "I would like to see more events like this happen more often in the Cook Carriage House. I would also like to see the Wine and Cheese Party continue in the future. It's a good opportunity to get together with friends without alcohol."

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**Housing Decisions Finalized for Fall 1997**

by Bridig Bulger

Times Contributing Writer

As the school year quickly draws to a close, the time arises to begin thinking about next year. Registration for 1997-98 housing takes place this week in the Resident Life Office.

Randy MacGeorge, Director of Resident Life, is enthusiastic about life in the dorms next year. "We're not only excited about the staff that we have for next year, not only about the students that are returning and the new students we have already met through campus days, but in the evolution of our Resident Life program this year, we really focused on getting a lot of input and feedback from our residents. Next year we're ready to take it to the next level of trying to develop a lot more of resident-centered leadership in actually developing a more positive floor and hall community."

The tentative Resident Advisor placement is as follows:

Regina Hall:
- First East: Greg Mileski and Scott David
- Second East: Darlene Grein and Stephanie Forchman
- Third East: Sharon Kukla and Eva Berumen
- First West: Kamilah Vaughn
- Second West: Justin Manwell
- Third West: Carlus Henry and Chris Manning
- Fourth West: Gwen Johnson and Elizabeth Martin

St. Joe:
- First: Mark Pittman and Wade O'Boyle
- Second: Tim McGahey and Nikostra Griffin
- Third: Charity Schaefer and Johnelle Burden

Hruby Hall:
- First: Sherry Glaza
- Second: Knut Mass

East Area:
- Dominican: Michelle Barnicky
- Knape: Tiffany Moore
- Burfeindt: Andy Pieper

Residence Life also announced the East Area Program Houses. Some programs already familiar to Aquinas will be returning. For instance, Students Against Violation of the Environment (SAVE) will again be living in Burfeindt and Knape Halls.

In addition, Motivating Aquinas Youth (MAY) moves back to Meijer Hall.

East Area will also be home to some new and exciting programs. In Woodcock, Youth Oriented (YO) will be working as role models and friends to youth. Dominican Hall will be home to three new programs. Aquinas United in Revitalizing Activity (AURA) is a new program which focuses on health and wellness for Aquinas students and the Grand Rapids community. Project Andy will volunteer as tutors at St. Andrew's school. Individuals Motivating Aquinas Group Events (AQ Image) will be encouraging campus-wide spirit.

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Panel of judges who will award WLAV Radio's Christie Swan, also eligible for door prizes. Festival on campus in the Classroom Building from noon to 4pm. Samples of some of Grand Rapids' professional and amateur chefs' creations will be available for tasting. Participants are able for tasting. Participants are also eligible for door prizes. State Senator Glenn Steil, State Representative Dan Koomdyk, a past Jaycee President, will make up a Grand Rapids Jaycees will be sponsoring a Chocolate Lover's Festival. by Angela Bergman Times Contributing Writer The opportunity to dress up for a pleasant dinner dance attracted students to the Dinner Nite Club reception Friday April 4. Many came toting packed suitcases to the Donnelly Center in aspiration of winning an all-expense-paid night at the Amway and weekend in Chicago. A candlelight dinner began at 7pm, served by willing faculty and staff members including Visiting Instructor-in-the-College Russ Pitts, Assistant Director of the Multicultural Office Michael Travis, Assistant Professor of Political Science Roger Durham, Assistant Professor of Communication Arts Dave Weinandy, and Student Activities Director Dana Masucci, among others. Salad preceded a buffet line featuring roast beef, twice-baked potatoes, pasta primavera, and broccoli. Rich cheesecake made an indulgent dessert while students toasted to sparkling water. After dinner, music, inspired by the travel theme, showcased tunes from far off lands including Ireland, the Caribbean, and Madagascar. Small prizes were given away for various trivia questions throughout the night, but everyone was dreaming of winning the grand prize weekend get-away. Towards the end of the evening, all of the suitcases were placed on the dance floor. The D.J. selected senior Roseanna Stemphy's packed duffle bag. Accompanied by junior Alicia Belchak, Stemphy was immediately whisked away to the Amway where she spent Friday night. Early the next morning, the Amtrak brought the two to Chicago where they visited the Navy Pier and stayed in abet on the magnificent Mile. After a Catholic mass at the Cathedral Sunday morning, they returned to Aquinas. "I was very surprised," Stemphy said, "I totally did not expect to win." She was also very thankful for the "relaxing break away from studying." Those who were not so fortunate still enjoyed the dinner and the dance. Freshman Tammy Elkins commented, "It was a great time for a group of friends and it was nice to be served by our teachers." Apparently, Mr. Russ Pitts was a big hit on the dance floor. "It was fun teaching Mr. Pitts the Macarena," said Elkins.

Second Annual Ability Awareness Week

Members of the Grand Rapids Pacers wheelchair basketball team race down the court during a game against AQ students. The wheelchair basketball game was just one of many experiences that made up Project Open Heart's second annual Ability Awareness Week.

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Suitcase Dance Gives Worldly Flair to Dinner Nite Club

Students brought their appetites, dancing shoes and luggage to the Dinner Nite Club Suitcase Dance.

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Michigan State Representative Harold J. Voorhees has proposed House Bill 4100 which would make English the official language of the state. The bill is currently in the House Oversight and Ethics Committee of Michigan's Legislature. Grand Rapids 3rd Ward Commissioner, Eric Williams, wants the City Commission to pass a resolution saying that the city does not support Voorhees' initiative. Allowing the government to declare what language is preferred or official is completely un-American. This country was founded on freedom, and the freedom to speak in any language that one chooses should continue to be protected. Commissioner Williams has said that an official language is discriminatory, and it most certainly is. Making English the official language of Michigan sends a message of intolerance. It says that unless you conform to our tongue, we won't accept you. Unless you can speak English, you will be denied the right to vote-and that includes language, our country most citizens learn English. Yet limiting the use of a native tongue and cutting funding for English as a Second Language programs perform major disservices to our newest immigrants. HB 4100 should be exposed for what it is: legislative discrimination. GR should not support this legislation. Our heritage has been enriched because of the Dutch and Hispanic cultures. Michigan citizens respect the rights of its citizens and, in so doing, respect the rights of all Americans.

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Israel Government Housing Project Sparks Violence in Middle East

by Jennifer M. Johnson Times Contributing Writer

Violence has once again erupted in Israel as part of the ongoing Israeli/Palestinian conflict in the Middle East. The most recent events of violence have occurred in the past four weeks and include the bombing of a Tel-Aviv cafe by Palestinian extremists that killed three Israeli women and wounded 40 others. In addition, one Palestinian student was killed by Israeli soldiers during riots, while another was fatally shot by Jewish seminary students.

A recent Israeli initiative to construct 2500 government-sponsored Jewish apartments in East Jerusalem sparked this new outbreak of hostility. This idea has not been well received by the majority of East Jerusalem citizens who are primarily Palestinian.

Grand Rapids Holds 5th Annual Take Back the Night

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graduation she began working closely with the YWCA sexual assault program, a sponsor of Take Back the Night, along with FOX 17. Vaughn-Furr reminded the audience that men should "not be ostracized in the fight against sexual assault but said that the solutions involve both men and women.

If you want to cure our society," she said to the crowd, "We must involve all of society." Sarah Holland, FOX 17 Community Relations Manager, said that Take Back the Night is a way to do something about the issue of rape and sexual assault.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and bringing the issue to the forefront is an important goal of the rally. "It's not just a women's issue," Holland said. "It's a community issue." Holland said that FOX 17 and the YWCA wanted to demonstrate that it's good to talk about rape. She said that when individuals don't ever talk about the issue, it perpetuates a kind of shame. That shame is something that Vaughn-Furr and the YWCA sexual assault program is trying to do away with.

"The shame should be on the perpetrator, not the victim," Holland said.

Holland, the rally, which was moved inside due to the weather, included a self-defense demonstration which stressed the idea that "we are worth protecting.

Troll for Trout, a local band, performed for the crowd. In keeping with the theme of the night, Troll sang a song titled "If a n a s," which was written about healing. The band donated all of their CD and t-shirts sales from the night to the sexual assault program. An estimated 500 people turned out for the march, run and rally combined despite sleet, snow, and rain. The run started and ended at the YWCA, 25 Sheldon Blvd. SE.

City Commissioner George Heartwell read a declaration from the mayor and had some advice for the men in the room. He challenged men to come into the light and "come out of the night of ignorance."

Submissions Sought for Eastown Street Fair

Submissions are being accepted until June 3 to be displayed at a Gallery Hop during the Aug. 16, 1997 Eastown Street Fair. Everything from sculptures, prints, paintings, poetry, short stories, film and graphic art will be judged by local artists and professors for cash prizes. The work will be displayed in 11 Eastown area businesses on and before the street fair.

Submissions must be ready to display—for example sculptures must have a base—and paintings either a hanger or a frame. According to the 1997 Eastown Street Fair coordinator and 1995 Aquinas grad, Scott Sargent, this is a "Covenant of Dissent" circulating the U.S. in opposition to the new call for war.

African-American Architectural Amazement

Detroit's Museum of African-American History is scheduled to open its impressive burned 600 lb. doors on April 12. This spectacular marriage of architecture, education, and history is bound to be the pride of Michigan's largest city as its creation is supported by the city, the Ford Motor Company, and community leaders.

The museum will feature an enormous photographic display, the recreation of a slave ship (containing sculptures which were made by using body casts of area high school students), and listening rooms offering oration by prominent African-Americans. The building is an awash in wood, with its rotunda style and accommodating rooms adorned with art treasures.

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Hooters' Alcoholic Adversity

The 28th St. Hooters restaurant and bar will open on April 22 even though the state has denied it a liquor license. Owners said that they will open dry while continuing to pursue the license. Area residents and businesses sent over 1,500 postcards to the Grand Rapids City Commission, voicing their opposition to this newest iteration to commercial 28th St.

Yet while the City approved the Hooters liquor license, Michigan's Liquor Control Commission responded by rejecting.

A Berry Unfortunate Situation

A shipment of frozen strawberries from Mexico caused thousands of students nationwide to receive inoculations as a precaution for the possible contraction of the hepatitis A virus. Many area schools required that students have a strawberry in line to receive their shot, safeguarding them against the disease which causes a mild liver infection, jaundice, darker urine, and flu-like symptoms.

Results continue to pop up as the symptoms of Hepatitis A normally appear 28 days after the exposure which, in this case, took place three weeks ago. Michigan is thought to be the hardest hit state in the nation, with other states receiving limited shipments of the contaminated fruit.

Sargent Presbyterian's Lonely Hearts

The Presbyterian Church of the United States has passed an amendment requiring all unmarried church officers to be sexually celibate. This amendment directly affects ministers, deacons, and elders of the Presbyterian Church.

While more conservative members of the denomination are happy with the change as they cite its closer adherence to the Scripture, there is a "Covenant of Dissent" circulating the U.S. in opposition to the new ordainment mandate.

Local/News
A Letter from the Editor...

A 21-year-old California native is experiencing what many would call a defining moment. After achieving astronomical success in the amateur ranks, the sports phenomenon known as Tiger Woods has won the most prestigious prize in professional golf—the Green Jacket.

This past Sunday, Woods shocked no one, and everyone, by winning the Augusta National Golf Club's Masters Tournament, breaking the Augusta's clubhouse, giving it a new name, and setting the allure of Augusta for all time. With the Masters victory at 21 years of age, Woods has raised the bar for Tiger Woods' career as one of the greatest in golf's history. Woods' victory has given even the most cynical observer, has been unfolding before me for the past four years. Everyday on this campus, in the proverbial shadow of the great boughs of the Augusta tree, defining moments occur that parallel Woods' most recent triumph.

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Actually, I should rephrase that. I don't really believe that Gloria Binkowski is stupid, but her judgment does leave much to be desired. You see, Binkowski is suing Pennsylvania claiming the state is infringing on her right to practice her religion. How? Binkowski claims that her religious conviction says that hunting is immoral, and therefore she should have the right to talk with hunters in the field to persuade them to stop hunting. In her mind, the hunter-harassment laws, which exist in every state, prevent her from practicing her freedom of religion.

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This is the first time that freedom of religion has been used as a tool to intimidate and interrupt hunters. Other arguments, primarily freedom of speech and assembly, have been struck down by the Supreme Court. The Court maintains that the right of the hunter to hunt is infringed upon by those who harass them in the woods. What protesters would primarily do is sit down and just talk to the hunter or play music, which essentially eliminate the hunter's chance for success.

The Court has also ruled that it is in the interest of the state to maintain proper wildlife populations through controlled hunting. But does Binkowski have a valid claim? Quite simply, no. She still has a right to protest hunting. But she must not interfere with the hunter's right to hunt during her protest. The Court has ruled that protests can protest, but chaining themselves to abortion clinic doors is outside the realm of acceptable. It prevents people from actually getting into the clinic, and therefore denying that woman her legal right to an abortion.

Really, the rights that we all have are only hindered by the rights of others. Any right that we claim to have must first be measured by whether or not it infringes on the rights of others. "See "Whole," p. 7

THE WHOLE TRUTH

by Andrew Pieper

Simpler, still, than any of these, defining moments can come in the sublime beauty of the budding trees notice of the first spring on a walk through campus with a friend. In the satisfaction of completing a final project for a class you've really enjoyed. In the reception of a sincere "How are you?" from our esteemed President. The tree would relate all of these.

In the school year's last month, we traditionally take the time to wax nostalgic about all the great people and events that have fostered the growth of individuals on this campus throughout the year. In doing so, let's not forget that defining moments are more prevalent during these years of our lives than perhaps at any other time.

The eye of the sporting world doesn't need to be focused on us. A million dollar purse doesn't need to be at stake. Events like Spring Fling and Commencement mark this time of year, but the defining moments aren't confined to those dates on the school calendar.

A masters victory at 21 years of age may mark Tiger Woods' career as one of the greatest in golf's history. At Aquinas, victories are earned every day, and lives are similarly marked for greatness.
Freedom of speech does not give me the right to walk into a crowded restaurant and yell “Fire!” Freedom of assembly does not give me the right to bring all of my friends into the Capitol Building and protest the strawberries being used on the desert at State dinners. The rights of others are to be able to experience that restaurant and the Capitol Building without having to hear my drivel.

Binkowski does have the right to talk to hunters about their actions, but on their terms. They have a legal right to be on that land shooting animals, and not be disrupted by animal-rights activists. Religious freedom has been used to justify many things, and this case is an example of someone going too far. There may be people in this country who claim that selling food to someone of a different race is against their religion. But that person has as much right as anyone to buy that food. Do you see what I'm getting at?

Hunters have a legal right to be out in those woods, and this lawsuit could introduce a minor rage of McCarthyism against hunters. Whether you agree with them or not, hunters are in no way breaking the law. It is just another frivolous example of how the law can be twisted. Let's hope the Court recognizes that, and puts an end to this ludicrous battle.

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They Might Be Giants: A Must See

by Curt Wozniak
Times Editor-in-Chief

Like many bands, the eccentric pop duo They Might Be Giants never expected to make it to the big time. The consistent critical success they’ve enjoyed since John Linnell and John Flansburgh joined forces in back in 1981, however, is refreshing in a music world full of would-be-hisonders that do.

“We were attracted by song writ­ing—strictly because it was some­thing that gave us pleasure,” said Linnel on a tour stop in Richmond, Kentucky. “We didn’t really be­lieve at that point that you could make a living doing that kind of stuff, but I don’t think we were that worried about it. I think that now­days if we had to make those kinds of choices we’d do much more con­servative about risking everything just to fool around with songs.”

High school friends since the mid ’70s, Linnel and Flansburgh moved to New York in 1981. They began making tapes of songs on home recording equipment and performed under the name They Might Be Giants (taken from a film, They Might Be Giants, produced in the early 70’s) in 1982.

More home recording and live performances allowed the group to take shape and in 1986 forced Bar/None Records to take notice. That year, the self-titled They Might Be Giants was released, and footing around with songs had, as Linnel put it, “kind of legitimized itself.”

Five studio albums, several E.P’s, and over 1000 live performances later, They Might Be Giants have a legitimate claim to success, both as performers and songwriters.

“We’re both kind of control freaks,” Linnel confessed, refer­ring to TMBG’s songwriting pro­cess. “We’ve al­ways been like that. So that’s why we’ve gotten into doing our way as opposed to acting like the Rolling Stones and making up a riff and copying­—the other guy.”

What exactly is their way? Foc­used and clever with a bent to­ward originality and fun. TMBG standards like “Don’t, Let’s Start,” “Particle Man,” and “Istanbul (Nost­Constantinople)” have established it. The songs on their latest effort, the 1996 release Factory Show­room, have continued its development in a new direction.

Before the 1994 record John Henry, TMBG recorded and toured primarily as a duo, piling up tracks in the studio and pumping in prere­corded rhythm in concert. “We’ve had a band for the last four years now, and we’re still growing into it,” Linnel explained. “We’re do­ing a lot of improvisation in our shows and we’re learning more about listening to each other.”

Linnel and Flansburgh will bring the full band to Calvin College here in Grand Rapids on Monday, April 21.

What does the least immediate fu­ture hold for TMBG? Said Linnel “I think we’ll probably continue to do it (making music) after every­one stops paying attention and we’re living on a pension.” He con­tinued, “We haven’t dried up cre­atively so we have a lot of stuff that we’d like to continue to try out.”

And the Winner Is...

AQ Times Entertainment Poll Results

by Lori Anna Budzynski
Times Entertainment Editor

The results from the Aquinas College entertainment survey are in and have been released. Of course, as with all surveys, the results are representative of only those who’ve participated, but the voters have made their voices heard and here are the results!

FAVORITE LOCAL BAND
The winner in this category was AQ faves Domestic Problems with a close runner up being the Ensonique keyboard wizard The Great Darrell Nathan.

FAVORITE BAND
The entries for this one were ex­ tremely varied but The Dave Matthews Band got a majority by three votes.

FAVORITE MOVIE GENRE
Comedy was the winner here.

FAVORITE RESTAURANT
This went to the tapas bar and restaurant, San Chez.

FAVORITE ACTRESS/ACTOR
Lori Anna Budzynski
Times Entertainment Editor

There were no clear winners here because the entries were too varied! They ranged from old stars like Meg Ryan. Some of the male entries included Tom Waits and Johnny Depp.

FAVORITE NIGHTCLUB
This went to neighborhood fa­vorite The Introduction.

FAVORITE RADIO STATION
WGRD got this one, hands down.

FAVORITE THING TO DO ON THE WEEKENDS
One might think that parties would be the big winner among college students but the sad reality is that catching up on homework and sleeping were the big winners here.
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ENTERTAINMENT

No More Working for the Weekend
Fun Isn't Just for Friday and Saturday Nights Anymore

by Lori Anna Budzynski
Times Entertainment Editor

So you finally have a break from the daily grind of work and school. You feel like going out but there's a problem. It's one of those days between Sunday and Thursday when you can't think of anything going on.

You say to your friends, "What do you want to do?" Then they reply "I don't know." You go back and forth like this for awhile and finally decide to stay in. Sound familiar? Here are some remedies, an entertainment idea for every day from Sunday to Thursday.

It's Sunday night and you're bored. How about some Karaoke? Diver­
sion offers a wonderful selection of hundreds of your favorite songs. If your not brave enough to sing on stage then watch your friends and sing along from your seat (the words are displayed on video screens). If you need a break from the singing than you can play pool or go dance to techno music in the adjoining dance room. It's located on 10 Fountain street and the only prerequisite entering is that you're 18 or older and have and open mind. Although the crowd is diverse, it is primarily an alternative lifestyles club. Their number is (616) 451-3800.

Now it's Monday and you want some excitement to start the week. Got a talent you'd like to show­case? Check out the Intersection's open mike night. A lot of great local bands got their start here. The age is 18 and up and it's located in Eastown at 1520 Wealthy SE. (616)459-0977.

Tuesday is now here and it's a perfect night to go bowling at the Clique. Bowling can be fun for everyone from the athlete to the uncoordinated. The Clique, which is located on 533 Stocking N.W. is a two story alley with great 1960's charm and friendly service. There's open lanes on Tuesday nights but you can also go in on Friday night, Saturday afternoon or anytime during the day on Sunday.

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No More Working for the Weekend
Fun Isn't Just for Friday and Saturday Nights Anymore

by Lori Anna Budzynski
Times Entertainment Editor

So you finally have a break from the daily grind of work and school. You feel like going out but there’s a problem. It’s one of those days between Sunday and Thursday when you can’t think of anything going on.

You say to your friends, “What do you want to do?” Then they reply “I don’t know.” You go back and forth like this for awhile and finally decide to stay in. Sound familiar? Here are some remedies, an entertainment idea for every day from Sunday to Thursday.

It’s Sunday night and you’re bored. How about some Karaoke? Diversions offers a wonderful selection of hundreds of your favorite songs. If you’re not brave enough to sing on stage then watch your friends and sing along from your seat (the words are displayed on video screens). If you need a break from the singing then you can play pool or go dance to techno music in the adjoining dance room. It’s located on 10 Fountain street and the only prerequisite entering is that you’re 18 or older and have an open mind. Although the crowd is diverse, it is primarily an alternative lifestyles club. Their number is (616) 451-3800.

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Aquinas Baseball Enjoy Power Surge

by Justin Smith
Times Sports Editor

The last issue of the Times reported an article on the Aquinas baseball team's recent plague of inconsistent play. Granted, a 7-4 record wasn't bad, but this team had very high expectations. After a string of seven wins in the Saints' last seven games, however, the squad has not lived up to expectations.

Through April 6, the Saints had improved their overall record to 14-4 and their conference record to 2-0. In the past nine games, the tally reads like this: nine wins, no losses, two WHAC Players of the Week, and a coaching milestone.

Winning WHAC Player of the Week honors were seniors Jason Switzer and Chad Addicott. Switzer earned the award the week of March 23-30. During that span, the catcher from San Diego, California batted .750 with a 1.375 slugging percentage. For the season, Switzer has a .391 batting average and driving in 11.

Chad Addicott won the award the following week going 9-14 at the plate (good for a .643 average), smashing two home runs, batted in, a .300 slugging percentage and 45 total bases. Switzer and Addicott aren't the only Saints contributing offensively. Juniors Ryan Veltani, an outfielder from Lakewood, currently has a .434 batting average with 10 RBIs. Jason Blakechowski has hit .388 and B. J. Barnard has batted .381 with 17 runs driven home.

Seniors Matt Stankiewicz and Chad Bocian are making their cases for the stats sheet as well. Stankiewicz is hitting .417 and Bocian .372. Also notable, sophomore Travis Hardin has been on a tear as of late. Hardin totaled a .400 average while hitting three taters and driving in 11. Hardin has also stolen nine bases in nine attempts.

Why the sudden increase in success? "A combination of people thought that we overachieved last year, and we have quite a few returning players who are expected to perform. That's a confidence builder, but it's also easy to get lazy with that extra confidence. Summing up, Stankiewicz continued, "The thing that's gotten us to where we are is hard work." "The chemistry is almost flawless," added Addicott. "The hitting is obviously there and a lot of people can step up, but the pitching has been great, too. As a team, we needed to settle down and get used to playing with each other in game situations. We did, especially on the defensive side. Good pitching will continue to be the key to our success."

Freshman hurler Scott DeKock has yet to give up a run, neither earned nor unearned, in 16 innings pitched. DeKock has struck out 17 while walking only three. The Grandville native has held opponents to a .130 batting average while posting a 2.00 record. Junior Chad Rattinger has also been impressive, matching DeKock's 2.00 record with an ERA of 1.93. Junior Terry Conaty posted a 4.00 ERA, good for a 2.0 record after pitching 18 innings. Shawn Veenstra has a 4.15 ERA while throwing a team-leading 26 innings.

Along with all the playing statistics during the Saints' recent winning streak, Head Coach Terry Bocian chalked up a shot that shines with the rest of them. Bocian recorded his 300th career win against Tri-State Thunder on April 3 (See full story, p. 11). When asked about the team's latest surge, Bocian said, "We're really coming around in the past few weeks. We have unlimited potential and we are capable of even more. I expect the best from our players in terms of effort and attitude. In my opinion, we're only getting there. Our best is still to come." 

"I think if anything, it (the losing streak) made us work that much harder over the lay-off. We worked hard in the cage so we could come back out and put those losses behind us," Bocian continued. "Clearly, the Saints did this, as they proceeded to go three and one over the next two days. They split with the Cardinals and swept the Tri-State Thunder 3-2 and 4-3 the following day. The victories over Tri-State raised the Saints WHAC record to 5-3, and pushed their overall record to 13-11-1.
GR Hoops Push Beachdogs to the Limit

by Alan Plum
Times Sports Editor

About two months ago, the Hoops coach Brendan Suhr abandoned the Hoops (then 20-19), to take a job with the NBA's Toronto Raptors. The coaching reigns were handed to victory in game five. Indeed they will. Congratulations Coach Bocian!

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Track and Field Makes First Homestand Ever

by Justin Smith
Times Sports Editor

On April 5, the Aquinas College track and field team experienced something a little out of the ordinary—a home meet. During the indoor season, the team travels continuously. That's usually the case during the outdoor season, too, but it didn't hold true last week. Houseman Field was the sight, and despite the inclement spring weather, the team had quite a few followers show up to cheer them on.

On the men's side, senior Brian Matzek finished eighth in the 100m dash with a time of 11.6 and fifth in the 200m with a time of 23.8. Freshman Mike Milatz tied Matzek for fifth in the 200m. Milatz then went on to win the 400m in 50.30.

Moving to the distance, Justin Ogles finished 1500m in 4:05.8, which was good enough for third place. Greg Thull finished fourth in the 3000m, running it in 9:18.50. The 1600m relay team also had a good showing with a third place finish and a time of 3:32.20. In the field events, Greg Mileski recorded a third place finish in the pole vault as he catapulted 12'9". Milatz also went on to record a fifth place finish in the long jump, as he touched down 18'7.75" from the starting line. Sophomore Kevin Cook ended up posting a first place finish in the triple jump, where he bounced 44'8". Matt Harburn tossed the hammer 130'9" for a third place finish and Mark Patman threw the javelin 103'8" to finish in fifth place.

On the women's side, Cari Blind took fifth in the 100m in 13.50 and Danielle Hamter placed fourth in the 200 in 22.60. Maureen Fielder and Nicole Miehkle finished third and fourth respectively in the 400m with times of 61.50 and 62.30. Sophomore Brooke VanderMeulen won the 800m with a time of 2:25.8 and the 1500m with a time of 5:00.8. Molly Huber finished fourth in the 800 in 2:32.8 and Holly Heitman finished fifth in the same race in 2:36.2. Huber also clocked in at 5:05.2 in the 1500m and placed third. Courtney Rodgers posted a fourth place finish in the 3000m with a time of 11:34.3. Abby English and Heather Monde stole first and second in the 400m hurdles in 1:09.0 and 1:10.7. The 400m relay team took second, posting a time of 52.10 and the 1600m relay team also placed second, recording a time of 4:15.7.

Leaping to field events, Tami Orendorff placed fifth in the high jump with a jump of 4'8". Nicole Miehkle showed some hops as she recorded 15'1.5" and a third place finish in the long jump. Mary Foumarier finished fourth in the triple jump with a mark of 31'5".

Tytie Walters finished second in the shot put, throwing 32'9" and came in third in the discus with a toss of 112'10.25". Walters also placed third in both the hammer (109'7") and the javelin (98'8").

Jennifer Wolfinger placed fourth in the hammer, heaving it 108'11". Nikki Corbet finished fifth in the javelin, exerting herself for 68'2". "I'm happy with the results so far this season," said head coach Dave Wood. "We have a really young team to go along with a new system."

Wood continued, "I'm also excited about this team's future. Recruiting is going well, and we'll be a lot more experienced with our kids who are returning," Wood added. "This team will continue to make some noise."

The next meet at Houseman Field will take place on April 25th at 1pm. Why not show some support?
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“I have learned more than I taught and I have gained more than I gave,” reflected Paul Nelson on his years at Aquinas. When asked what the immediate future held in store for him when his resignation takes effect this summer, Nelson replied, “Through the generosity of the Wege Foundation, I will be on sabbatical. During this time I will study, reflect, and interview people as I focus on why people work. Through writing and speaking, I will share what I find.” — Paul Nelson

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