“We Made It” Party a Success!

WGRD, Domestic Problems Rock Carriage House

by Chris Manning
Times Contributing Writer

Aquinas College students, faculty and staff made it through another semester with a full grasp of their senses and hopefully a little optimism left for the Spring semester. That was reason enough for the Aquinas College Programming Board to sponsor the second annual “We Made It” Party. On January 17, despite bitter cold and an early morning wake-up call of 6 a.m., brave AQ students tumbled out of bed and into the Carriage House. Inside, the 97.9FM WGRD radio morning show with Rick, Darla, Scott and Roving Ralph were already filling the airwaves with music, news and some off-the-wall conversation.

For those who awoke hungry and desperately needing coffee, they could find it along with bagels, donuts and orange juice. Those seeking free stuff, no matter what it was, could hang around and wait for the drawings taking place throughout the early morning event. Among the prizes won were t-shirts, S.A.V.E. mugs, Presidential Parking Permits, car window scrapers, CDs and theatre tickets.

While Rick, Darla and Scott banned over the airwaves, hungry students munched on bagels and donuts. Still others flaunted their prizes. Local favorites, AQ’s own Domestic Problems set to play an early morning set for the anxious AQ crowd. Several students lounged around with their friends as they waited patiently for the music. Some even showed up in their pajamas and enjoyed the opportunity to model their sleepwear for their AQ audience.

Finally, around 7:30 a.m., Domestic Problems took to the stage while the faithful spilled out onto the dance floor and got the grooving going. As sophomore Charity Schaefer described, “It was an eye-open.

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Rev. William Sloane Coffin, Jr.
Motivates Aquinas Audience

by Juliana Hilton
Times Contributing Writer

“Hope is a state of mind separate from the state of the world. The opposite of hope is despair. Despair is the enemy.” On Sunday, January 19, Rev. William Sloane Coffin, Jr. gave an inspiring and motivational speech in Kretschmer Auditorium.

Rev. Coffin is best known for his involvement in the civil rights movement and the movement to end the Vietnam War. His involvement in both causes led to his arrest. Throughout his life Rev. Coffin has fought for his beliefs, both in the United States as well as abroad. He has also written The Courage to Love, Living the Truth in a World of Illusions, and his autobiography Once to Every Man. He also has the keys to three cities and is an honorary citizen of three more.

Rev. Coffin’s education is another of his many accomplishments. He graduated from Phillips Academy in 1942, and received a B.A. degree in Government from Yale University in 1949, a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Yale University in 1956, and eleven honorary degrees.

Currently, Rev. Coffin is active in the civil rights and peace movements through lecturing on such topics as the imperative of reversing the arms race, ending intervention, and redressing the economic imbalances with members of the Third World community in the United States as well as abroad. He has also written The Courage to Love, Living the Truth in a World of Illusions, and his autobiography Once to Every Man. He also has the keys to three cities and is an honorary citizen of three more.

“Jesus’ message,” he said, “was the opposite of despair. Despair is the enemy.” On Sunday, Rev. William Sloane Coffin, Jr. motivated Aquinas audience.

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Poor Health Prompts Berrigan to Postpone Visit

by Mindi Evans
Times Campus News Editor

Dan Berrigan, activist, poet and priest, was expected to begin teaching here at Aquinas during the spring semester. Unfortunately, a viral infection has forced Berrigan to curtail all traveling and remain at home until he regains his health.

Berrigan was slated to teach a senior seminar on the Book of Daniel and a literature course entitled “Poets in Trouble.” Registration for both classes was at capacity. I was looking forward to his class. I’m interested in his views on peace in today’s society and how poets were inspired by great events,” said Kevin De Bruin, who was enrolled in Berrigan’s class.

Miriam Pederson, Assistant Professor of English, stated “Of course I’m very disappointed. He[Berrigan] could have brought so much to this campus. We’re lacking in heroes today. Berrigan is a man of God who had an important gift to give to Aquinas.”
**Comedy Gameshow Livens Up Lunch**

**Brigid Bulger**
*Times Contributing Writer*

On Tuesday, January 12, Wege Cafeteria was filled with laughter as students participated in a comedy game show. "You Laugh, You Lose", presented by Krammer Productions, initially drew three comedians to this show to the Aquinas community. Prizes awarded included over fifty dollars in cash, goody bags, and t-shirts.

Scott David was the big winner of the day taking home thirty-six dollars. He withdrew the torment of the comedians during the "You Laugh, You Lose" feature of the show. The challenge of this part of the afternoon, was to refrain from laughing, or swallowing a laugh, for sixty seconds while the comedians tried everything to get the contestant to laugh.

Terri Auston won fifteen dollars as well as a t-shirt during this section of the show. She said, "It was an experience for me. I didn't think I could do it, but I did." Kimberly Thomas also won seventeen dollars as she spun the wheel for points. Other participants won goody bags filled with items like juice boxes and chips for answering trivia questions. One of those questions included naming three of the castaways from Gilligan's Island.

Those who watched the event enjoyed themselves even though they were not on stage. Michelle Hill said, "I must have been hard for those people to not laugh. I couldn't have done it. I commend them. It [the show] added life to lunch." Staci Valley shared Hill's sentiment concerning the challenge "You Laugh, You Lose". "I didn't want to participate. I would have lost." No one seemed to mind that the show's transitions were a bit choppy as Aquinas was the first audience to view this particular show. In fact, Krammer Productions asked Aquinas to pilot this show, offering an excellent rate.

**A Q Student Exhibits Photography at Local Coffee House**

by Jeremy Wood
*Times Contributing Writer*

"Glimpses of moments in life." That's how Anna Budzynski described her current photography exhibit. The exhibit, which is untitled, is on display at the Kava House in Eastown from January 10 until February 10. It has given Budzynski a chance to show off her dynamic photography skills.

Budzynski, a senior English major at Aquinas, says that she had been very pleased with the way in which her work has been displayed. She has also shown her work at student shows and previously at the Kava House. Budzynski plans to continue her photography in graduate school and someday hopes to combine her photography and writing skills to earn a living.

Budzynski says that she has gotten a lot of response to her work, adding that "since so many people go in and out of Kava everyday, it's a really good spot to have it." For more information on the exhibit or how to have your own work displayed, contact Leigh at the Kava House at (616) 451-8600.
simple. He believes that the problem is that people put faith before love. “Make love your aim,” he urged over and over again. Rev. Coffin kept the audience captivated as he went from quoting Einstein to Descartes, from French to Latin and English. “It is better not to live, then not to love. I think Descartes had it wrong. It should be I love, therefore I am.” He then smoothly switched gears and began discussing the “abolition of nuclear weapons.” He addressed the problem as “coexistence or coannihilation. The deterrence depends on the credibility of its use, but if it’s used then it’s the end. The United States is neither intelligent enough or morally in control enough.” He then quoted Einstein by saying, “The release of the power of the atom has changed everything but our thinking.”

The last topic he discussed and probably his most enthusiastic was poverty in Third World countries and in the United States. He explained it as “thoughtlessness. We should think about what other people need, not what they deserve. Cowardice is a communal favor, so is poverty. It takes the power of organized people to take on the power of organized money.” He left his audience with “Some are guilty. All are responsible.”

The turn out for the lecture from the student body was very low, but those who went were very impressed. “I thought he was a great speaker and he got me to really think about a lot of the world’s problems. I, too, thought it was disheartening that more students didn’t show up. If you ever get the chance to go hear him, I really think you should,” Brian Moran said of the lecture.

“I find him inspiring. I left that lecture challenged to stand up for the truth,” Mary Clark-Kaiser, Campus Ministry. She was pleased with the turn-out from the community even though the student turn-out was low. “I believe the students missed an opportunity to hear a man of great character and an extraordinary speaker.”

Many people from the community came to Rev. Coffin’s lecture and left with an appreciation him and his beliefs, whether they agreed or not. Coffin’s life lesson was said to be refreshing. He said to “Make love the core value of your life. Don’t try to be successful, try to be valuable.”

Donation to Fund Contemporary Authors Series

by Andrew Pierp Times Assistant Editor

Aquinas Alumni Tony Foster and Linda Nemes-Foster have donated a gift to Aquinas of approximately $10,000-$15,000 per year to fund a series of literary speakers, continuing the sense of generosity which Peter Wege began last year.

The gift, which was announce last week, will be used to bring five well known and respected writers of fiction, non-fiction, and poetry to the Aquinas campus every year. A committee has been put together to begin the planning of next year’s speakers. The Chair of that committee is Kathy Neis, Head of Reference Services and Inter-Library Loan.

While details have not yet been finalized, the Fosters are to fund the series for many years. The goal is to eventually have the series be an endowed feature at Aquinas.

The series has been tentatively titled “The Aquinas Contemporary Authors Series.”

Ireland Students for Spring 1997

The following Aquinas students and guests are currently studying at the Aquinas Study Centre in Tullly Cross, Ireland: Jessica Mac Bartlett, Bret Brown, Kathleen Casey, Michael Dooley, Ros Allen Earlley, Fillene Fenn, Kristin Marie Fritz, Nolan Gerber, Greg Glover, Nate Jonjievic, John Krajewski, Douglas Kubik, Stephanie Langstaff, Elizabeth MacDonald, Melinda Martin, Shawn McCluskey, Molly McGuire, Kathy Milczarek, Mandy Opperman, Shannon Ottenweller, Antonia Perko, and Ann Walsh.

Looking forward to imported articles in future issues of the *Times* as we utilize these foreign correspondents throughout the semester.

AQ Remembers King’s Dream

On Tuesday, January 21, 1997, schools and organizations around the country celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day with celebrations honoring his work, and calling for a renewed desire to erase inequalities in America.

At Aquinas, students, faculty and staff gathered at the Bukowski Chapel to show unity and listen to various King speeches, as well as readings of some of King’s works.

The gathering was sponsored by the Multi-Cultural Office, and approximately 50 people attended.

Who Needs MTV with Fun Flicks on Campus

by Heather M. Karal Times Contributing Writer

On Thursday, January 17, Aquinas students didn’t have to look like Shaan Khan to be in a music video for the song “Any Man of Mine.” They didn’t have to sound like the Righteous Brothers to dance to “You Lost That Lovin’ Feeling.” With MTV video effects behind them, they didn’t even have to be female to have their picture put on the cover of the Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Edition! All they had to do was show up at the Cook Carriage House between 6:00pm and midnight for Fun Flics, an activity sponsored by Programming Board.

Fun Flics is a company which provides audio and video equipment, props and costumes to create music videos. Using a recording of a song by its recorded artist and some special effects, the video made Aquinas students look like they were in a music video of their own. Students could choose from over one hundred songs and several video backgrounds for their video. They could dress up in costumes including crazy looking wigs, leather jackets or an evening dress and a box. Then all they had to do was get in front of the camera and dance, lip sync, show off talent or just act sily to the song of their choice. Fun Flics provided the rest of the effects.

Another service which Fun Flics provided was creating photo-quality pictures which, using computer graphics, placed the image of a person’s face onto a different body. This was even easier than making a video. This resulted in some in-night to this popular annual event. Around 10:30pm pizza was served which is, of course, always a crowd pleaser at Aquinas. Everyone seemed to enjoy the night. Freshman Daniel Ryszak commented, “This is one of the best activities I’ve been to at Aquinas yet.” The only problem with the
Child Beauty Pageants:
New Heights for Self-Esteem or New Depths for Superficiality?

**Point**

by Mindi Evans
Times Campus News Editor

On December 26, 1996, six-year-old JonBenet Ramsey was found brutally murdered in the basement of her own home in Boulder, Colorado. It’s unfortunate that such a tragic and heartbreaking story has to attract the blinding eye of the media spotlight. However, this spotlight has ferreted out an issue that goes deeper than the Ramsey murder. I find it hard to believe that a world exists in which four-year-old little girls are pitted against one another in fierce competition. What ever happened to Barbies and Barney? It’s sickening to see girls playing on runways. Our very own campus is host to a knock-off of MTV’s Singled Out. This game show consists of a male and female contestant trying to make a healthy sense of competition. The contestants narrow down their field of prospects based on categories which include chest size, weight, height, and so forth. What about intelligence, common interests and personality? AQ’s version of Singled Out may be different than MTV’s in some ways, but the underlying message that an individual has to conform to a certain standard of beauty, is still present. Sadly, we continue to send our nation’s children this debilitating message. Let’s look beyond the painted faces and expensive dresses and find the beauty queen that lies inside all of us.

**Counterpoint**

by Maris Branchbau
Times Local/National News Editor

The recent murder of child beauty queen JonBenet Ramsey has sparked a national debate on the validity of beauty pageants in general. JonBenet’s death was tragic and the pictures being aired of her in her tiara and makeup have begun to haunt many Americans, pageants will likely remain a permanent fixture in American culture. While pageants for little girls may need to be toned down and closely monitored, they should not be eliminated entirely. Pageants are not the epitome of evil, even though what happened to JonBenet could be called evil. There is no proof, as of this newspaper deadline, that JonBenet’s murder is linked to her involvement in pageants.

Pageants teach healthy competition, personality skills, and how to lose with grace. Little girls everywhere deserve the opportunity to compete for scholarships and awards. It is only when parents step in and make these activities the center of a child’s life that pageants have gone too far. It is only when parents step in and make these activities the center of a child’s life that pageants have gone too far.

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AQ Professors Display “Enduring Conversations”

by Michelle Bottrall
Times Contributing Writer

Excited whispers and tentative smiles followed the Calvin Col­lege students who toured the Urban Institute for Contemporary Art (UICA) on Tuesday, Jan.21. The cause of the enthusiasm was the display of poetic works by Miriam Pederson and the clay sculpture works by Ron Pederson. Both are professors at Aquinas College.

"This has probably been the most well attended exhibit of the sea­son," said VanTil, an admin­istrative assistant at UICA.

Entitled "Enduring Conversations," the exhibit is a collabora­tive search for the answer to the question, "What is lasting?" Miriam Pederson explained that the exhibit was conceived during the couple’s twenty-fifth an­niversary. The anniversary and their shared faith really made them start thinking about the things in life that do last, she said.

Indeed, one finds that images of family, nature, and religious belief together the theme of this percep­tive undertaking. The sensitive exhibit is the couples’ third col­laborative effort.

The dramatically composed and sculpted "Prophet," with its emo­tion-filled face and thought-pro­voking poem was a major attrac­tion for the visiting class,

"The Prophet" is definitely the most powerful piece," said VanTil, who was captivated by the texture of the sculpture. Pederson re­marked that what started as a self­portrait, or mask of husband Ron’s face took on a spiritual dimension when he added the large nails in the side of the neck, for support. The addition of these nails brought to mind for Miriam Pederson the old testament prophet Jeremiah and even Daniel Berrigan whom she has been trying to acquire for a lecture series at the college.

"We try to get the poem and the piece to carry on a conversation," said Miriam Pederson. She didn’t want the poem to simply be a nar­ration of the sculpture. This con­versation technique worked espe­cially well with "The Prophet," she said.

Previous efforts of the artists in­clude a series entitled "The West Of Ireland." Here they responded to the poetry and dramatic vistas which they encountered during a semester’s stay in Ireland.

Partners in marriage and artistic endeavors, the couple also partner a course at Aquinas titled "Artists and Writers in Collaboration." This course encourages students to cre­ate images together not only in the visual art medium but in the written medium as well. Because Ron Pederson is on sab­batical, the course is being offered during this up­coming fourth quad with Professor Dana Freeman. The course, which can be used towards a general edu­cation credit, is being offered Tues­day evenings.

The UICA, is located at 88 Monroe Avenue NW, in Grand Rap­ids. The exhibit runs through Feb­ruary 15. Call 454-700 for gallery hours.

Big Changes for Eastown: Bar Is Out, Church Is In

by Maris Brancheau
Times Local/National News Editor

Eastown Works, a former bar located at 1470 Lake Drive SE, will become the new home for Uptown Assembly of God, thanks to the donation of the building by Works owner Mark London.

London, the owner of Sensa­tions exotic dancing establish­ment, donated the bar after at­tempts to sell the building failed. Jessica Lombardo, Aquinas sophomore and Eastown Com­munity Association board mem­ber, said that the donation came as a welcome surprise to the neighborhood.

As of the last Board meeting Jan. 14, the board did not have official notification of the donation. The Grand Rapids Press reported that although the dona­tion was official, London had no comment on his motive or decision.

Lombardo said that the loca­tion of Works, at the virtual center of Eastown, will make a great spot for a congregation.

"The building is an exciting spot for what seems like such an outgoing and spiritual church," Lombardo said.

Bill Trin, the pastor of Up­town Assembly of God, told the Grand Rapids Press that the church will move into their new location in April, after renova­tion of the bar. Works is known for being furnished after an in­dustrial factory.

The congregation isn’t leery about moving into a former bar. "God works in mysterious ways," Trim said.

Lombardo feels that the con­gregation, which is currently 200 people, will probably gain mem­bers because of the publicity of the donation.

"This church seems to be a move to action church," Lombardo said.

Lombardo also added that Eastown has long been a commu­nity known for bars, and that she was pleased that London was moved to make such a de­liberate change in atmosphere.

"Having another community organization will provide an outlet for people, which in turn will bring good things to Eastown."

Wrapping Up Your World

by Heather Young
Times Contributing Writer

Michigan’s Dr. Jack Kevorkian, who has gained a reputation in the past for his beliefs in favor of assisted suicide, has gained yet another piece of bad press. The doctor, who has served jail time and resisted by fasting, is up against the U.S. Supreme Court this time. "You want me to go down there and face nine relig­ious kooks," said Kevorkian, referring to the U.S. Supreme Court Justices. Thus far, Kevorkian has been proven at the deaths of 45 people who chose suicide rather than life with an agonizing and terminal illness.

On his Supreme Court date he said that his actions have been a medi­cal service belonging to a clinic, hospital, or home and not under the scrutiny of a courtroom.

Nation

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ethics have caused the mood change within the walls of Congress. Gingrich has admitted to supply­ing inaccurate information to the House Ethics Committee about using tax-exempt funds for a col­lege course.

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Aquinas was closed, includ­ing Aquinas. Tim Love, a first year student at Aquinas, said that he hoped to use the extra time to catch up on some class work, but "It didn’t work out," he said, "I needed to catch up on sleep." Inter­estingly, commuter Geoff Sink said that he came to Aquinas on his day off to visit his friends here. After that, he said, "I got cabin fever and walked to Eastown."

Nation

Monday, Jan. 20, William Jefferson Clinton was inaugu­rated as President for his second term in office.

The ceremony, which com­menced around noon in Wash­ington, marks the 53rd Presiden­tial inauguration celebrated in our history.

Yet, Clinton is only the 14th President to be inaugurated twice.

The Yahoo Internet Search en­gine provided live cyber cover­age of this event, making it espe­cially noteworthy in today’s mod­ern computer age.
Are only allowed to visit for six player who told me she missed lives from their families, they the longest separation of their was one first year basketball had not seen their families but an incredible sacrifice. There basketball players were allowed to return practicing on December, or maybe even the next day, they back to their homes that evening, on December 21. After getting basketball team played a game what? Athletes should have to or居然 maybe even the next day, they to have yet another great year, Calvin and Hope. Brandon Lowe year. They have beaten both students, are Catholic, or even spent its Easter Sunday on the beautiful Katke Golf Course at Ferris that is having to make unrealistic sacrifices. This spring, the baseball and softball teams will play games on 22 days in April. There are eight days in April they will not play games. That is 22 days where they will probably miss at least one class, if not many. What is the priority of these students in April? I suspect it is not their academics. Worse yet, two years ago there were only four days in April that these students were free to do what they please. After practice, of course. Fortunately for them, they do have Easter Sunday off to celebrate the most important holiday in our Catholic faith. If this spring’s golf schedule follows the pattern of the last two years, the Men’s golf team will be playing golf on the links instead of worshipping at their church community. Last year the tournament on Easter was canceled, but this past year the team spent its Easter Sunday on the beautiful Katke Golf Course at Ferris State. True, not all of our athletes, or students, are Catholic, or even Christians. But as a Catholic institution, Aquinas should take the lead in supporting more reasonable schedules for their athletes. Emphasis should be placed on letting them be students first, athletes second. I know all about the statistics that say our athletes get better grades than our average students, that is that enough? Could that athlete be not only above average, but superior, if given the opportunity to develop their academics with a more reasonable time frame in which to complete their studies? The NAIA and the WHAC Conference determines what Aquinas’ schedule is. But the Athletic Department, and the Administration, should take the fate of Aquinas athletes into their own hands. Only by taking a leadership role in the formation of athletic priorities can we accomplish the delicate balance of athletics and academics. As a student athlete myself, I am a believer in the benefits of athletic teams, both for the individual and the college. But I believe even more in the context this college is founded on. In addition, the benefits of a quality education and quality in family relationships are even more substantial, and our priorities should be in those values.

Ends
“Just one more way TCI is adding value to your cable lineup.” A recent advertisement for Animal Planet, a new cable channel now being offered on TCI of West Michigan, made this bold claim. The campaign was an obvious effort to take the heat off the cable provider whose decision to drop MTV and Comedy Central has upset many of cable subscribers.

The question that literally thousands of cable viewers in the Grand Rapids area have been asking themselves lately is this: How exactly does Animal Planet, with its incessant Lassie and Flipper reruns, add “value” to my cable lineup? TCI General Manager in West Michigan, specifically about the decision to drop MTV.

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In a recent episode of “Wired,” a local cable access talk show, host Phil Tower spoke with Tom Tidd, TCI General Manager in West Michigan, specifically about the decision to drop MTV. Tidd explained that “legislation and corporate dictates restrict choices” in any given market. He went on to say that the constraints in which he had to work had affected the decision he would have made “in a perfect world.”

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THE PEOPLE VS. LARRY FLYNT

by Andrew Pieper
Times Assistant Editor

Perhaps there is no better person to signify the meaning and significance of the First Amendment than the founder of Hustler magazine, Larry Flynt. The People Versus Larry Flynt is essentially a biography of Flynt, and seems to be a big "thank you" from the enter­prising man who has become the self-proclaimed "King of Porn."
The film, directed by Mi­los Forman starts with a young Flynt (Woody Harrelson) making and sell­ing moonshine in his rural Kentucky back­woods. He runs a small strip club in Ohio, where he dreams of producing a newsletter to promote his club. It is there he meets his future wife Althea (Courtney Love).
The movie drags through­out, and eventually you find Mr. Flynt in a courthouse defending his freedom of speech, or in his case, photo­graphy. It seems some of the religious right had a problem with some (G.K., most of) his photos. He loses the case, which on the screen is presided over by the real Larry Flynt. Eventually an appellate court absolves Flynt, and he resumes pro­ducing his porn paradise.

Some scenes are particularly mys­tifying, especially when the viewer is trying to distinguish fact from fiction. For example, I do not know if Rush Carter, Jimmy's sister, was really the person responsible for Flynt's religious conversion. But it is actually quite humorous to con­sider that Flynt still printed his "Hustler" after being born again. Another thing potential viewers should consider is that there is more nudity in this movie than in the last ten R movies I have seen com­bined.

Flynt's religion is soon lost when he loses the use of his lower body by an assassin's bullet, which "takes his manhood." The story continues through many lawsuits, the last of which ends up in the Supreme Court. It is there that the leader of the Moral Majority, Jerry Falwell, argues that Larry Flynt caused "emotional harm" in a parody of the Rev. Falwell's "first speech, or in his case, photo­graphy."

The film is an impressive 10 minute dinner

An Impressive 10 Minute Dinner

by Scott Bacon
Times Entertainment Editor

Courting rituals among America's youth are funny. Young adults usu­ally start with the standards of movies, going out to dinner, hang­ing out at the house, getting coffee, shopping, etc. After the succession of status quo dates takes place, kids often blurt out the words "I want to make you dinner."

"Truth is, you can't cook, and you have really opened yourself up to ridicule if you don't pull this Frug­al Gourmet routine off with saucy style."

Remember, this ten minute recipe will make you look like the king or queen of romance. "Ten minutes?" you say. "I don't want grilled cheese!" I counter with "How about angel hair pasta with primavera sauce, salads, and your own custom french bread?"

1. Put one can of "Dalla Casa Baitoni Contadina Pasta Ready Chunky Tomatoes with Primavera" in a pot and simmer in low heat to warm it up. It looks and tastes better than "Prego" and is chunky and homestyle.

2. Add one fistful of angel hair pasta to a pot of boiling water and cook for one minute. I said one minute. DO NOT OVERCOOK!!! The beauty of angel hair pasta is that it cooks quickly and is not your every day pasta. Also if you mis­judge your amounts, you are one minute away from having cooked enough.

3. Strain your pasta.

4. Slice one loaf of French bread in half and spread lightly with butter. Do not use too much butter or the topic of dinner conversation will turn from your blue eyes to the bread's fat content. Sprinkle the bread with Italian seasoning, Pars­ley, Garlic salt, or anything else interesting. The trick is to make it COLORFUL.

5. Put the bread in the oven at 400 for 10 minutes.

6. Mix together your pasta and sauce.

7. Make salads using lettuce and odd ball things like mandarin or­anges, raisins, pretzels, nuts, etc. Be creative and appear cultured.

8. Eat by candlelight and be a ro­mantic Jane/Joe.

In closing, this disc did serve a purpose; it made me realize if this group of country "stars" were worthy enough to record with the best The rest of the tracks on the disc with an open mind, and the results were very, uhh...mixed. A highlight is Edward Harrelson providing an ad­vocate for his old man, Larry Flynt. Eventually an appellate court sees the man as a bad boy, because he has a hobby that he enjoys but does not condone. He is not a cartoon, but a real person who has made a living selling sex.

However, the film could have been a lot stronger if the script had not been so slow-moving and if the events had been captured in more vivid detail. Overall, it is a worthwhile movie for those interested in the First Amendment and its impact on society.
The Great Daryl Nathan Takes Cable Television by Storm

by Scott Bacon
Times Entertainment Editor

Channel Surfing. An instinctual behavior pattern that takes place when a human being is handed a television remote control. When channel surfing, it is interesting what "special something" it is that warrants more than the usual two second evaluation before flipping to the next channel. Amidst television's mass of infomercials, sit coms, and talk shows, some gems can be found: shark week on the Discovery Channel, an old Bogart movie on A&E, and The Great Daryl Nathan Entertainment Show on GRTV public access television. The show consists of a man playing simple songs with positive messages. The reaction, though, has been anything but simple. Judging by the following that The Great Daryl Nathan has built, he has that aforementioned "special something."

It was two years ago that Daryl Nathan approached GRTV with the idea to have a TV show showcasing his talents. The show would feature Nathan performing songs and poems and a general running commentary on the way he views the world. Shortly thereafter, the one hour show that consisted of Nathan, his keyboard, and the now famous red notebook of lyrics appeared for public review. The combination of programmed keyboard music and a flamboyantly dressed singer were obviously what the greater Grand Rapids area was looking for.

Editor-in-Chief Curt Wozniak and I caught up with the Great Daryl at his Rehearsal Hall in Southeast Grand Rapids. After quick salutations we were whisked away to the room of the house where Daryl sorts out his creative side. Entering the psychedelically painted rehearsal hall (the "space room" as Daryl affectionately calls it), we were greeted with a keyboard and amplifier, good conversation and a healthy dose of a man on a mission to spread his positivism on the world. "I always try to keep my lyrics positive, on positive things...something to entertain" commented Nathan, sitting behind his keyboard dressed simply in jeans and a "Great Daryl Nathan" sweatshirt. His appearance was quite a contrast to the figure that appears on the television show. Nathan commented that the use of make up and a wig, as well as white and silver tuxedos on his television show were all his idea. The Great Daryl feels that his style of dress completes his image of a singer and entertainer. "I can carry the show", Nathan quipped.

The Great Daryl Nathan has been playing the keyboard for three years, and cites Steve Wonder as his main influence. Nathan uses the preprogrammed music from his Yamaha keyboard for his television shows to free him up to take care of his primary concern: singing. A calendar on the wall was a tell tale sign of The Great Daryl's purpose in life, each day was marked with the words "singer's rehearsal." During the visit to the Rehearsal Hall, Nathan showed another side to his talent by putting on an unaccompanied version of "Silent Night" to show his appreciation for our visit. Gone was the usual breakneck backbeat of Nathan's one man Yamaha back up band, and in its place, the sound of Daryl depressing keys the old fashioned way—Daryl Nathan "unplugged," if you will.

A simple vision of a man making his music has blossomed to something greater, and as a result, Nathan has set his sites beyond the West Michigan area. "I'd like to go nationwide if possible," stated Nathan. With all the unexpected buzz surrounding the show, The Great Daryl has been exposed to many of the hassles and politics of being an entertainer. Nathan stated "I want to be around good company that knows how to promote music like it should be promoted," and also stated that "some stuff is just a lot of talk" when dealing with would-be promoters and agents. He wholeheartedly discusses The Great Daryl's option to sell the show's words for the song, "It's a Powerful World," a tune that addresses the "other side" of the music business.

For people that tune in to the show for the first time, a question that is always raised is whether or not the Great Daryl Nathan is serious. Men in make up, wigs and Las Vegas style suits aren't that common in the Grand Rapids entertainment market. In response to some of the critics of Nathan's presentation and music, the Great Daryl simply replies, "Those that accept me, OK, those that don't, OK, I'll move on." On one episode of the show Nathan proclaimed something loosely paraphrased as "if what I do blows your mind, turn the channel the other way."

The Great Daryl Nathan Entertainment Show airs on GRTV, TCI cable access channel 10, Fridays at 5pm and Saturdays at 9pm. Episodes run one hour in length. The Great Daryl Nathan Fan Club Inc. T-shirts can be purchased at the rehearsal hall for $20 each. The T-shirt revenues will be used to place Nathan's well worn Yamaha keyboard with a new Ensoniq brand unit.

"Huber Bock Is a Dandy Drink"
by Curt Wozniak
Times Editor-in-Chief

While the Belgian and British brewing traditions have to me, come to symbolize excellence fine malted beverages, the styles of German brewmeisters have never been too appealing. So, in the hopes of broadening my horizons, and saving a little cash at the same time, I recently uncapped a bottle of Huber Bock. Immediately the phrase "Wisconsin brewed" told me that what I was about to taste would somehow be a poor example of a German celebration beer. The dirt-cheap price (around four bucks for an eight pack—yes, an eight pack), however, delivered big on the money saving tip.

From the bottle, a scent reminiscent of a drive I once took through a heavily industrial section of Gary, Indiana beckoned me to sip. I resisted at first, opting instead to fill a chilled glass with its rich amber.

When I did give in, I found in Huber Bock a flavor that wasn't exactly mellow, nor was it overpowering. It wasn't exactly good, but I can't say that it was bad, either. The cheap, flat aftertaste was preceded on most sips by sweet, almost chocolaty undertones. Since it is rumored that no two bottles of Huber taste the same, I recently uncapped a bottle of Huber Bock.

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Men’s Hoops on the Rise

By Justin Smith
Times Sports Editor

In case you haven’t been following the Aquinas men’s basketball team recently, you should be aware that there has been some good games as well as record breaking performances. Through Saturday the Saints had posted an overall record of 13-8 (2-2 WHAC). Not only are the Saints winning, but there have also been a couple of record setting performances both on and off the court. One of those records came when head coach Rick Albro became the Saint’s head coach 25 years ago. Albro also noted why the Saint’s depth makes them difficult to defend. “Everybody has the ability to step up to the plate any given night. If we need points or rebounds, we can call on anybody. It’s a great asset to not have to rely on the same people every night.”

A good example of this is that the Saints are constantly taking over games and achieving new career high statistics.

When the team played Madonna University, for instance, Jim Richards had a career high in points 26 points and grabbed nine boards while sophomore forward Mike Jackson put up personal bests in both points (14) and rebounds (16). Needless to say, Aquinas won with the help of these efforts.

Despite their depth, Albro does recognize the areas which the team will need to concentrate on. “A weakness of ours is that we lack size, especially in the front court. To our credit though, that shows our toughness due to the fact that we’ve been able to handle opponents down in the paint.”

When asked if anything that concerned him about the team he had the following to say, “More fan support at our home games would be appreciated. I don’t understand why the support is so poor. Our guys are exciting to watch and they deserve to be supported by the students. We’d like to make the gym a place where you can come and add more energy to the atmosphere.”

Guard Brandon Lowe, a 1995-96 NAIA All-American, commented on some of the keys to success for the Saints. “We have a lot of scoring threats that all work well, though we’ve rebounded extremely well. Along with improving our outside shooting, we have to play better team defense. We also have to win on the road, as well as find a way to increase attendance at our home games. People don’t realize how much that would help us, especially in a conference that is so competitive.”

Indeed the WHAC is a conference to be reckoned with as it is solid throughout and contains two nationally ranked teams (Spring Arbor and Siena Heights).

Another record breaking performance came last week. During a several game stint, junior forward Jim Richards was perfect from the field as he made 24 of 24 shots. As a result of his flawless shooting performances, Richards set an NAIA Division II National Record for consecutive shots made from the field.

Sharp shooting has been a trademark all season long for Richards.

AQ’s Indoor Track Team Sets Standards

by Justin Smith
Times Sports Editor

The Aquinas College track and field has begun its indoor season. Through January 25th, the team had competed in two events, two of which took place at Grand Valley State University. Though the season is still young, there has been some notable performances in both the men and women’s sides.

On the men’s side, senior Brian Matzke finds himself placed fourth in the 55 meter dash on the Aquinas All Time Indoor Record List. In a time of 6.94, Not too bad considering that before this season Matzke had never been involved in organized track and field.

Another notable performance on the men’s side came when sophomore Kevin Cook sprung into fifth place on the all time list in the Aquinas Indoor Records in the triple jump with a leap of 43-4.50.

Though the men finished the last meet in sixth place out of seven teams in the most recent Grand Valley meet, they still had a strong showing considering that the competition included Division II powerhouse Grand Valley State University and Saginaw Valley State University. Central Michigan University, Lansing Community College, Siena Heights, and Lake Superior State University rounded out the field of competitors.

Despite Matzke’s placement in the 55 meter dash, the team’s heart and soul seems to lie in the distance category. Sophomore distance runner Justin Ogle commented on the team’s strengths and weaknesses. “We have a lot more personnel in the distance events, and though we’ve held our ground in the sprints, we simply don’t have very many people who run those shorter events.”

Sophomore pentathlete Greg Mileski added his thoughts on how the team will do in future meets. “We’ll be okay once we get going. The season is early yet, and as soon as we get a head of steam, we’ll be tough to stop.”

On the women’s side, the team finished fifth out of eight teams at the last Grand Valley meet. Similar to the men’s competition, the women were matched up against tough opponents. The fifth place finish is deceiving however, as various Aquinas Indoor Records would fall.

Among the school indoor records set was in the men’s 100 meter dash by Maureen Fielder, a freshman from Grosse Isle, finished the race with a time of 11.02.85.

Another record that was achieved was in the 20 lb. weight throw. Senior Kyle Smith threw a distance of 46-0.75 and with that toss, qualified herself for the NAIA Indoor Championships in Lincoln, Nebraska on February 27-March 1.

Still other Aquinas indoor record setters include Molly Ammerino, who finished the 3000 meter run in 11:17.67, but she wasn’t finished there, as she broke her own mark the very next weekend at Saginaw Valley State.

Leslie Ervin also got into the act, as she set a school record of her own in the 1500 meters, by finishing in a time of 5:16.24. The 3200 meter relay team, made up of Leslie Ervin, Mollie Huber, Julie Alpers, and Brooke Vandermeulen finished in 10:01.90, and in the process set another school record at Grand Valley.

This mark would also fall the next weekend at Saginaw Valley, as Ervin, Huber, Vandermeulen, and Maureen Fielder smashed the previous record by nearly 10 seconds.

Vandermeulen commented on achieving the school record as well as the team’s progression. “It feels great to know that we made the school record books, though I think we can do even better. We didn’t get as close to Siena Heights (conference rival) as we might’ve wanted, but we did have some nice efforts. We’d like to do more work in the weight throws, as we simply don’t have very many people who run those shorter events.”

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Women's Junior Varsity Team Shows Heart

by Alan Plum
Times Sports Editor

Anyone who ever participated in Junior Varsity sports during their high school days can remember the long hours of practice, which were rewarded by sparse attendance at games, and maybe a 3-5 sentence game summary in the morning paper.

The same holds true for the AQ junior varsity Women's Basketball Team. These athletes work as hard as any others, only to receive little if any recognition. However, the lack of publicity or notoriety fail to discourage coach Ray Fron, or his JV Lady Saints, who despite their disappointing 0-8 record usually, Fron rarely knows until the scheduling and paperwork up to Linda, I'd rather just coach."

I can still remember sneaking into Aquinas Men's games as a kid," he recalls. "It's great to be back in the West Michigan basketball scene." Ironically, Fron isn't frustrated by the team's record, which he believes isn't the best indication of what the Lady Saints have accomplished this year. Playing with a core of only 7-8 players who play strictly JV, and constantly changing class schedules, Fron hardly knows until the day of a game who will be sitting to his right on the bench, or who will be wearing what number. The main core of players are often joined by two or three others who may perhaps not be getting many minutes in the varsity.

The Lady Saints resumed their winning ways just a few days later as they handled Concordia 73-60. With four wins in their last five games the Lady Saints have pushed their record to 8-8 and have put themselves within reach of their preseason goal of winning the WHAC conference title, which they shared with Tri-State last season. Win number nine would come at Siena Heights, where Bridget Lamoroux poured in 18 points, and hauled down 17 boards, both of which were game highs. The Saints also used 15 points from Jen Forkner and 10 from Sara King to notch a very important conference road win. They would escape from Adrian, and some hostile Siena supporters, with a 72-66 victory. Currently, Aquinas is chasing Cornerstone and Tri-State both 3-0 in the WHAC standings.

The team's latest success comes as no surprise to their coach. "We're making adjustments with a more up tempo style and balance. Player's roles are becoming more defined and we're getting more consistent performances from more players," Coach Nash added.

Balance is the key word for the Lady Saints, as Bridget Lamoroux, Alyssa Dykgraaf, and Sarah King all average in double figures in points with Jen Forkner not far behind.

The Lady Saints hope their recent success will carry them to the top of a well balanced conference.

So far there appears to be no dominant team in the WHAC and the race for the title should go down to the wire.

A big game on tap for the Lady Saints happens when cross-town rival Cornerstone College comes to Aquinas on January 30. The team is looking for a lot of support on a night when hot chocolate and snacks will be offered after the game and the Lady Saints look to continue their hot streak.
How to Get Your Own Web Page

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While plans to provide web space for AQ students who'd like a home page have been alluded to since the Internet's conception here at Aquinas, the college at the moment still lacks the ability to provide web space for students and faculty. Since internet capability is itself still in its infancy on campus, it may be awhile before such plans are seriously taken into consideration.

In the meantime, however, you don't have to just sit around waiting; you can still get your own web page.

There are many servers and home page providers on the net; a simple web search from search engines like Yahoo!® or Infoseek® can lead you to several server choices. Most providers offer free personal pages and are fairly simple to sign on with; those that are not free may offer special options, which are for the most part designed more for commercial use. As a personal rule of thumb, avoid these servers.

Basically, there are three things you need to create your own web page: creativity, a free provider, and basic knowledge of HTML—the programming language designed to run web pages from any text editor.

While the creativity depends on each individual designer, one should never be in want of a free provider. Three of the best home page providers I have discovered and which have been used successfully thousands of times are Angelfire® (http://www.angelfire.com), Creative Connectivity® (http://www.crecon.com), and GeoCities® (http://www.geocities.com).

All three are straightforward in their design and presentation of the specific steps required to get your free home page.

The final step to getting your own home page entails getting familiar with HTML and the other languages available for web site design. There is no lack of information on this subject; books, articles, guides, and web sites devoted to helping are readily available. Two good places to start on the net are The Bare Bones Guide to HTML by Kevin Werbach (http://werbach.com/barebones) or (http://werbach.com/barebones/barebone.html) and A Beginner's Guide to HTML by the National Center for Supercomputing Applications (http://www.ncsa.uiuc.edu/General/Internet/WW/WW/HTMLPrimer.html). Many more can be found through any web search.

AQ Students' Favorite Web Sites

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Aquinas students can be found nowadays on the third floor of the Academic Building surfing the Internet. There is a million places to go, and everyone has their favorite site or newly discovered niche.

Danielle Chartraw, a freshman, catches up on the latest news in the NBA on the net at http://www.nba.com. "I really enjoy basketball and it gives me a chance to talk with people." Eric Hula, freshman, also frequents chat lines. "My favorite web page and chat server [is] The Chathouse at (http://www. chathouse.com). Chatting is one of the coolest things to do on the web without completely zombifying your brain."

Some Aquinas students want to tell some one else a nice day or hello. When Stephani Tadekski, freshman, wants to, she visits Virtual Flowers (http://www.virtualflowers.com). "I like to surprise people with [virtual] flowers, balloons, and teddy bears. It really makes them have a great day!"

On a more serious note, seniors looking for grad schools may have discovered what Rene Gorsky already knows. The search for an MBA program is easier at the web address http://www.gmat.org/mba/programs/. However, it is a lot more time consuming.

Other Aquinas students might share their web experience(s) or read about others' web stories at A Web Nostalgia Storybase (http://discus.isc. vt.edu/cgi-bin/wwow/story). Some research at the Library of Congress (http://lcweb2.loc.gov/homepage/lchp.html), or register their newly created home page at The Central Registry (http://www.centralregistry.com). Still more visit The Electronic Zoo (http://www.enviorlink.org) or environmental places like Envirolink (http://www.envirolink.org) and The Rainforest Action Network (http://www.ran.org). Of course, as Wills points out, "to look up many of the hip places, where it is happening" one needs only to visit http://www.100hot.com.