Peace Activist Berrigan to Visit Campus

by Mindi Evans
Times Campus News Editor

Renowned peace activist Father Daniel Berrigan is expected to begin a five-day on-campus residency Tuesday, Sept. 16. An informal dialogue session will be held in the Kretschmer Auditorium at 9 p.m. The following day at 7:30 p.m. at the Church. The reading has a fee of $6 for the general public or $3 for students and USCA members.

Berrigan will wrap up his time in Grand Rapids with a retreat at Marywood on Friday, Sept. 19 and a final public lecture on Monday, Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Kretschmer Auditorium.

Berrigan is a poet, peace activist, Jesuit priest, theologian and a teacher. In 1968 Berrigan, along with his brother Philip, burned draft files in protest to militarism during the Vietnam era. He is also the author of over 30 books, including Time Without Number, the winner of the Lamont Poetry Award. A press release said Berrigan "has committed his life to the pursuit of peace, compassion and justice." Berrigan was scheduled to teach a senior seminar on the Book of Daniel and a literature course entitled "Poets in Trouble" last semester at Aquinas, but was forced to cancel this commitment due to poor health.

Through Pouring Rains Come Lasting Memories

by Becky Wallis
Times Contributing Writer

After pushing a van that ran out of gas and backpacking and setting up a campsite in the pouring rain, a group of 14 students and sponsor Mary Clark-Kaiser were rewarded with time to explore and reflect on South Manitou Island.

The group of Aquinas Students left on Friday, Aug. 29 at 4 p.m. and traveled to Traverse City where they spent the night. Early Saturday morning they continued the trip to Leland where they took a ferry for an hour and a half to South Manitou Island. Upon arriving, in the pouring rain, the group backpacked to the campsite, set up camp, cooked dinner, and huddled under a tarp to avoid the rain.

"If anyone needed help everyone pulled together, someone always stepped in, no one complained even through the rain," said freshman Jeanette Shaieb.

Overjoyed to wake up to sunshine on Sunday morning, the group held a prayer service on the beach followed by a seven hour hike in small groups. Along the hike the groups saw an old shipwreck and a 200 ft dune. Sunday night the group went for a swim in Lake Michigan, watched the sunset along the beach and told ghost stories around the campfire.

On Monday, the group packed up and headed back to Aquinas. The South Manitou trip is held annually but this year fewer people attended due to ferry overcrowding.

"It gave me the opportunity to meet really nice people I never would have met. I'd definitely do it again," said freshman Susan Webster.

AQ Community Welcomes Knopke

by Mary Kopchick
Times Contributing Writer

There was a re-sounding positive attitude around the Aquinas campus last Wednesday as students gathered in both Holmdene and Wege to meet the new Aquinas president Harry Knopke. Since officially replacing former president Paul Nelson this July, Knopke has been busy dividing his time between preparing for his first year as president and, most importantly, getting to know the students.

John Krajewski, a junior, was impressed with his initial encounter. "He is a sincerely nice guy and a great listener. He has the ability and rapport to take Aquinas where it needs to be. Aquinas is in good hands with our new president."
Aquinas freshman gather in a dorm room. Photo by Brigid Bulger

Largest Freshmen Class Bombsard Campus, Packs Residence Halls
by Elizabeth Dudek Times Contributing Writer

On Aug. 20, 1997, the Class of 2001 set foot upon the campus of Aquinas College. For incoming freshman, this was a new experience that none will soon forget. New faces to see, new classes to attend, and a newly found independence will typify this class' college experience. Made up of commuters and campus residents, this is the largest class the college has ever seen with a class size of 332.

A few changes have been made to accommodate those living on campus, especially the freshman class. Randy MacGeorge, Director of Residence Life, stated, "The number of students living on campus grew from around 516 to around 532. We had to do a lot of rearranging to accommodate those coming back to the campus."

Some of the changes that took place are: Regina Hall no longer has a guest room for those visiting the campus. The former guest room houses a resident advisor. Hruby Hall, traditionally for upperclassmen, is now occupied by a few freshman as well.

Some juniors and seniors were denied their requests for single rooms, according to MacGeorge. MacGeorge also stated, "Fifth year students were also a big help to us. They let us know as soon as possible whether or not they were going to live on campus."

Judy Serba, Administrative Assistant in the Residence Life Office played a vital role in matching up-roommates and suitemates and trying to fill all hall and floor requests. Serba commented, "I had no problem matching people up with who they were going to live with, just a problem with the lack of space. Everything worked out for the best."

People around campus appear excited about the new class. "They are an energetic class, very enthusiastic. It is going to be a good year," said Phyllis Taylor, Resident Director of Regina Hall. Others agree with Taylor's thoughts. Darlene Grein and Stephanie Fochtman, both Resident Advisors, agree the freshman class is full of new and excited faces and they are willing to go out and do new things.

The freshman class is left with advice from Taylor, "Don't get lost in the shuffle. Find something you like to do and get involved. Make connections that will keep you here."

Peter Wege, Chairman of the Wege Foundation, Patrick Quinn, former CEO of Spartan Foods, President Dr. Harry Knopke, who gave an eloquent introduction, and former Aquinas President R. Paul Nelson, who gave a closing benediction.

But the honored guest of the evening, was certainly Jarecki. Jarecki currently lives across the street from Meijer Hall, in a house he built four years ago.

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He is the sponsor of the Clare Jarecki Center for Advanced Learning, to be constructed on the current location of the Manor House. It will house distance learning and the most up-to-date learning communications technology.

Jarecki was president and chairman of the board of the Jarecki Corporation, which was the largest tool and die operation in the world at one point in its corporate history.

He has served Grand Rapids on the boards of Blodgett Memorial Hospital, the YMCA, and the Community Chest. It was Jarecki who was the driving force behind the construction and development of US 131 through downtown Grand Rapids. He is married to Grace D. Jarecki.

Retired Judge Stuart Hoffius served as the keynote speaker, and thoroughly noted Jarecki's accomplishments. He noted that Jarecki not only serves the community all that he can, but that he enjoys doing it. "All of his work, he does it for fun," said Hoffius.

After accepting, the award, which is a mirror graced with the aquinas emblem, Jarecki said that he felt a connection to Aquinas. "Now that we practically live on campus, we became more interested in the workings of the college."

Aquinas came to Jarecki requesting that he support the renovation of the Manor House, but after remodel estimates became too expensive the decision was made to build a new building.

"I believe, as Peter Wege said, that through better education we will have a better world," said Jarecki. "Today's students are tomorrow leaders," he added, "and hopefully those better educated students will be better leaders tomorrow."
AQ Gets a New Look
Updates Greet Students

by Mindi Evans
Times Campus News Editor

As the 1997-98 school year begins, students at Aquinas can expect a variety of changes. Along with the official installment of Dr. Harry Koepke as our new president and the addition of the largest freshmen class ever, some significant improvements have been made to the campus in general.

All residence halls have undergone extensive repair and maintenance work. With the help of Sullivan’s Carpeting, at least 30 rooms in Regina and St. Joe received new carpet this summer. In addition to the rooms, Second and Third St. Joe halls were repainted and recarpeted. Dominican Hall was redone with new carpeting throughout the entire building. Knape, Meijer and Burlendt were also involved with an interior paint job. “Our goal is to make the rooms look like they’ve never been lived in,” stated Doug Greenslate, Director of Maintenance, who was involved with the changes on campus.

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Boys Will Be Boys
The Undy 500 Chapter V

The 5th Annual Undy Run took place on Sept. 3 and included men from First Joe’s as is the tradition and others who wanted to relive their Undy glory days. The masked men ran through the halls of St. Joe’s and some floors of Regina Hall. For the last 5 years the men have been breaking silent hour rules by storming through the halls at midnight. This year Campus Safety officers stopped the men in the Regina basement, where this photo was snapped by the Times photo editor.

Freshmen Reach Out to Local Grade School

by Julianna Hilton
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Project Unite was held at the Hillcrest Elementary School on Lyon NE. during freshmen orientation. For this year’s freshmen it was not only a chance to meet new people, it was a learning opportunity. “I think that it was good because it introduced them to service up front,” said Chris Manning, a Regina Hall RA.

The response for Project Unite was not only favorable at Aquinas, but the employees and faculty at Hillcrest Elementary were very happy to have the help. The janitorial staff and the principals said that the volunteers were an immense help.

As for the freshmen themselves, the majority said that they had fun and that they would do it again. Most also seemed to agree that the lunch was the best that they’d had so far. The fact that Project Unite was required didn’t deter many volunteers either. Most said that they would attend again even if not required. Freshman Tim Stafford commented that “It was nice to be able to help and do something besides school work.”
America’s first woman B-52 bomber pilot, Lt. Kelly Flinn, was a national heroine who impressed and inspired us with her courage, determination, and endurance. She devoted her life to the Air Force, and to protecting and preserving our lives. At only 26, she achieved excellence by graduating in the top 15% of her class as the “most distinguished.” America showed her with fame and glory—along with investing over a million dollars in her training and granting her the responsibility of nuclear weapons. We honored her, respected her, trusted her.

Sensationalism in journalism exploded when Lt. Flinn was court-martialed by the military. Her crime: Adultery. The media portrayed Flinn as an innocent woman who fell for an evil seducer. In reality, there was no one Flinn found acceptable to date within her ranks, so she discovered Marc Zigo, civilian husband of a fellow air woman. Adultery was not her only crime: the Air Force pilot lied under oath and disobeyed orders to end the relationship. We have a right to be disappointed.

Given the achievements of Lt. Flinn, one could assume that she knew the severity of military law. Article 134 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice states, “all disorders and neglects to the prejudice of good order and discipline in the armed forces, all conduct of a nature to bring discredit upon the armed forces...shall be punished at the discretion of that court.” Adultery is listed as one of these acts. In about half of U.S. states, adultery is still considered a crime. Likewise, recent polls show 75% of Americans believe adultery is wrong.

Some say the military is overreacting. Remember, the military is a bureaucracy and exists this way for a reason. The military code of law is severe to enforce discipline.

Our first woman B-52 bomber pilot lied and did not follow orders. Is this who we want to operate our nuclear powered bombers? Is this who we want to defend America in the heat of war? We shouldn’t put our lives in the hands of a liar.

The Air Force has also dealt with the issue of precedence. Only 36 adultery cases were court-martialed in 1990, while in 1996 the number grew to 67. Lt. Flinn felt that she was made an example. With respect to precedence, she was. The military is rightly enforcing the law. And, beginning with Lt. Flinn, they are enforcing it equally.

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Air Force Pilot Kelly Flinn: Justly Punished or Wrongly Discharged?

by Angela Bergman
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Months ago, Kelly Flinn, the first female B-52 nuclear bomber pilot, was relieved of her duties because of a “flawed” personal life and an honest mistake.

She had been court-martialed after a string of offenses centering around her love affair with the husband of a fellow air woman brought to the attention of the Air Force by a lieutenant also under investigation for misconduct and assault.

Typically, this just seems a case of enforcing moral conduct, but the story has more crucial details. For starters, Lt. Flinn graduated “most distinguished” in her B-52 training class and, by that time, had become an investment of the US Air Force worth over a million dollars.

The fame she gained by her honors however, turned out to be her downfall since she became a public figure and her case, a symbolic stand.

Marc Zigo, the civilian that Lt. Flinn became involved with was a married soccer coach on base. He had not only told her that he lied about his age and place of birth. So it wasn’t adultery that Lt. Flinn thought she was committing, just love. After their relationship came to light, the two agreed to admit only a platonic one to authorities. Again, Zigo lied and crushed his promise to Flinn by stating that theirs was a sexual relationship. Later, Zigo attempted suicide after his wife made accusations about yet another affair he was involved in. This third woman was probably more fortunate, because unlike Lt. Flinn, she would not suffer for the crimes of adultery, frazzlerization, disobeying an order, false statement, and conduct on becoming an officer and a gentleman...all after failing victim herself to the evils of Marc Zigo.

Just as the Supreme Court chooses cases based on the precedence that they will set for the rule of the nation, 2nd Lieutenant Kelly Flinn was punished, not for the gravity of her “crimes” but instead because the military judicial system wanted to make her an example.

This is a sad statement on behalf of the US military that details and circumstances truly don’t matter. It doesn’t matter that Flinn didn’t know Zigo was lying. It doesn’t matter that she hadn’t dated among the ranks before she had personal convictions that it might undermine military order. It doesn’t matter that men in her position have escaped with only a fine. It’s much more black and white then that. Kelly Flinn, the first woman B-52 pilot, is grounded.

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Counterpoint

by Heather Young
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Monroe Mall Revamped, Businesses Suffer

by Hash Nguyen
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The "Blues on the Mall" festival featured on summer Wednesday evenings and "Summerstock," featured on Thursday evenings, brought mingling downtown crowds to a historic setting in order to listen to music and hang out with friends in an urban atmosphere. Yet, some recent changes to the Monroe Mall have left empty storefronts and spaces for lease. The Monroe Mall's history deals as the mecca of some of downtown's oldest and most successful businesses that have seen the mall's face change many times over the past ten years. One of the "hubs" of Monroe Mall used to be a complex called the City Centre. It housed various stores such as the retail giant Lazarus, newsstands, fast food franchises, gift shops, a yoga studio, and a fully suspended train for children to ride.

With interest in the area dwindling and increasingly fewer customers frequenting the downtown area, many stores were forced out of business. During recent construction, business owners, a downtown management board, and city engineers have been brainstorming ways to bring crowds back to Monroe Mall. One of the strategies may be the opening of businesses, in an attempt to familiarize people with the stores in the downtown area. One controversial attempt at revitalizing downtown has been the construction of a street which will run through the preexisting courtyard. Businesses along Monroe Mall have suffered economically due to the road construction. "This is the biggest fate and disaster known to man, or at least to Grand Rapids," said Hal Froot, owner of Downtown Pizza.

The already closed businesses include the once-popular Wendy's restaurant; Three Crowns restaurant; Curio gift shop and design center; Otto Poppe's popcorn shop and Dr. J's Jaz Coffee House. Although the jazz coffeehouse has been closed for the summer, it has plans to reopen. When looking in the storefronts, the lease signs outnumber the open signs. However, when the mall formally reopens in November, many empty storefronts will greet the first vehicle traffic in 20 years. "They'll have a beautiful street without any business," argues Tom Rodriguez, owner of Texas Cafe, located at the corner of Division and Monroe.

Monroe Mall construction: a pedestrian's nightmare. Photo by Mario Branca

Mother Theresa Dead at 87

by Jennie Lareau
Times Contributing Writer

Mother Theresa, founder of the Missionaries of Charity, died on Sept. 5 in Calcutta, India. The 87-year-old nun suffered a heart attack and had been ill for some time. India will hold a state funeral. Businesses along Monroe Mall have suffered economically due to the road construction. "This is the biggest fate and disaster known to man, or at least to Grand Rapids," said Hal Froot, owner of Downtown Pizza.

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Crash Kills Princess Di

by Heather Young
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The abrupt end of Princess Diana's life has traumatized millions of her devoted admirers and left others in a state of disbelief. Diana, 36, Princess of Wales, was pronounced dead in a Paris hospital after suffering from massive internal hemorrhaging and cardiac arrest caused by the auto accident which also killed her boyfriend, Dodi Al-Fayed.

Seven people are in custody on charges of chasing the Princess's car in pursuit of photos of the Princess with her lover. They could be charged under France's Good Samaritan law for neglecting to help the victims. Diana's brother stated that he had always suspected that the media would bring Diana's end, but never expected it to be literal. However, subsequent tests revealed that the chauffeur of Diana's car had a blood alcohol level over three times the legal limit.

Diana had recently made publicity with the sale of her dresses for charity. The princess had become a spokesperson in aid toward poverty, leprosy and other causes, visiting Rwandan refugees last month, and befriending Mother Theresa of Calcutta. Di was a woman who had battled with raising two future heirs to the throne of Great Britain, eating disorders, an unsuccessful marriage—all under the scrutiny of the British and worldwide media.

Due to her popularity and charisma, Diana's premature and tragic death will surely become a marker in history. She is faced to join the ranks of heroines such as Eva Peron and Grace Kelly.
I would caution readers that this column consists of the personal opinions and comments of the writer, and in no way represents the thoughts or ideas of anyone else on the Times staff, its advertisers, nor the college. In other words, anything you read here is my thoughts, and I take total responsibility for what I write.

Unfortunately, there are some in this wonderful land of ours who choose to blame others for their misfortunes. They feel the need to claim victimization in cases of personal lapses. Specifically, there was a deal struck this summer which epitomizes the weak character of many citizens, and reveals the greedy attitude of corporate lawyers.

In case you are lost, the major tobacco companies surrendered to the anti-tobacco forces and agreed to pay an astounding $358 billion—the GDP of Australia—as retribution for selling a legal, heavily taxed product in America. In short, the deal is a disaster for the cigarette companies, that reason and fairness has slipped their minds. Just because corporations made some money by selling a product, we feel it is necessary to punish those corporations for the adverse effects, even if the consumers knew about and ignored the dangers. The “reasoning” behind the suit was that the health-effects of cigarette smoking is shameless in their attempt to dupe themselves and the American public. It seems that our representatives (in this case, various state Attorneys General) are so caught up in the political advantages of “slaying” the big tobacco companies, that reason and fairness has slipped their minds. We have the freedom to buy as we please, but why allow someone else to force that same freedom upon us so strong.

The 1969 Federal law required specific warnings on cigarette packs, and the Supreme Court ruled in the 1992 Cipollone v. Liggett Group that people who began smoking after 1969 cannot sue cigarette companies on the grounds that they had not been adequately warned of the dangers of smoking. Anyone who can contend that they were not aware of the dangers of cigarette smoking is shameless in their attempt to dupe themselves and the American public. It seems that our representatives (in this case, various state Attorneys General) are so caught up in the political advantages of “slaying” the big tobacco companies, that reason and fairness has slipped their minds. Just because corporations made some money by selling a product, we feel it is necessary to punish those corporations for the adverse effects, even if the consumers knew about and ignored the dangers. The “reasoning” behind the suit was that the health-effects of smoking have cost the states so much money into Medicare. The federal tobacco sales tax cuts current tobacco settlement forces the cigarette companies to advertise their products. "Superman Syndrome" (my term). Anyone who can contend that they were not aware of the dangers of cigarette smoking is shameless in their attempt to dupe themselves and the American public. It seems that our representatives (in this case, various state Attorneys General) are so caught up in the political advantages of “slaying” the big tobacco companies, that reason and fairness has slipped their minds. Just because corporations made some money by selling a product, we feel it is necessary to punish those corporations for the adverse effects, even if the consumers knew about and ignored the dangers. The “reasoning” behind the suit was that the health-effects of smoking have cost the states so much money into Medicare. The federal tobacco sales tax cuts current tobacco settlement forces the cigarette companies to advertise their products.

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Finally, where might the lawyers stop in their attempt to blame manufacturers for the sale of their legal product? No one would claim that liquor has many health benefits, and it certainly has its downsfalls. It is addictive. It causes personal health problems. And it causes societal problems, such as drunk driving and domestic abuse. Will liquor companies be the next victims? Or, maybe we will punish those evil dairy farmers, producing such fattening items as milk, ice cream, and cheese. After all, heart disease kills hundreds of thousands each year too. Surely our dairy farmers should agree to pay for the treatment of such problems. Perhaps we should return the responsibilities of our country back to the citizens. Big tobacco is no friend to the American citizen, but freedom is. This tobacco deal could set a dangerous precedent for the future of free market economies. Americans have many freedoms. We have the freedom to buy as many packs of cigarettes as our pocketbook allows. We have no quota or ration. But we must use that freedom with discretion. If we ask others to provide for us when we make choices which will obviously have negative effects, then we as a society are straying from the self-reliance which has made us so strong.

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It’s no wonder that the paparazzi nean sold for a reported $5 million. Princess Diana was the most photographed woman in the world.

Even the consumer who doesn’t buy tabloids should feel a sense of guilt for allowing an individual to be so scrutinized by the press. Princess Diana was incredibly interesting. She had survived ridicule from the Queen of England.

Her ex-husband, Prince Charles, admitted on live television that he never loved her. She had been seeking a new life partner who could accept her high profile life as the single mother of the future King of England. And everywhere she went, she was chased by the glaring eye of the media. Diana didn’t lock herself away, the way most of us would in the face of such extreme pressure. Rather she remained a figure of grace, beauty, and compassion. Diana was active in helping the poor, working for the banishment of land mines, and she was an AIDS activist.

In fact a children’s AIDS clinic in Thailand was preparing for a November visit from the princess. But that was before her short life was snuffed out in a Paris tunnel as the limo carrying her fled from the press.

The drunk driver that was carrying Princess Di was not the regular driver of her boyfriend, Dodi Al-Fayed. The official driver was sent in a decoy car to fool the unfaltering photographers. If only the decoy wasn’t necessary maybe Di would still be alive. If only we didn’t participate in the market for her pictures; if only there were stronger laws against the paparazzi.

There are many “if only’s” surrounding this tragedy. If only the 36 year old mother of two sons (ages 12 and 15) had shut herself away from the public. If Di had chosen a life of seclusion, our world would have lost out. Instead, she decided to be the “People’s Princess” and for that she lost her life.

Princess Diana spoke up for what she believed in and was able to fight and retain her honor against criticism from the crown. We should not let her be forgotten. Di accomplished in 36 years what some of us never do in a lifetime. Her untimely death should serve as a wake up call to our society. Perhaps her message to us is this: Tell the people close to you that you love them. Take a stand on an issue important to you. And most of all, use your privilege and gifts to help others who are less fortunate.

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9/20, 12-7pm -- Schuler Books celebrates its 15th anniversary with in-store performances by local talents Baxter, Domestic Problems and Fat Amy. Admission is free, but donations are accepted and go to benefit Kent County Literacy Council.

9/21 -- The Aquinas Art and Music Center Gallery welcomed a collaborative exhibit featuring sculpture by Art Department Chairperson Ron Pederson and poetry by Assistant Professor of English and Miriam Pederson. Stop by and be enlightened.

9/24 -- The Intersection Lounge hosts Clutch, Karma to Burn, & A-frame for a slammint' groovin' round of target practice. Anyone over 18 can be admitted, but you must have your ID. Advance ticket sales are available through Ticketmaster.

9/15, 7pm -- Aqinas welcomes noted poet Marilyn Nelson to the Classroom Building for the first of several planned campus readings in AQ's first annual Contemporary Writers Series. Check it out for FREE (CB 109).

9/11, 7pm -- Arts' Hometown Music Search kicks off with yet another round of local bands battling it out for fame and fortune at the Orbit Room. Call 778-INFO for (duh) info.

9/17 -- Snow Pony (comprised of former members of the band, Siereolab), says, "Hello, Intersection!" with guests Edison and Lotus Crown. Give it a shot. Cover is $5 at the door for 18+ with valid ID.

9/13 -- Eastown Street Fair!!!(See article, p. 9)
Eastown Street Fair Brings Community Together

The streets of Grand Rapids’ Eastown area will be cleared for fun and festivities on Sat., Sept 13, to welcome their annual street fair, one of the major events that happen in Grand Rapids each year. With a little something for everyone, it is an excellent chance for members of the community and people from everywhere in the city to gather together and meet, greet, and have a great time.

Approximately 2,000 people are expected to flood Wealthy St. from the 1400 block to the main “intersection” to participate in music, business booths, and activities of all kinds. With three stages set up and several bands expected to perform, there’s rarely a dull moment. Between bands, visitors can browse through the diverse selection of booths set up by local businesses and enterprising individuals. “Last year we had a fire-eater come in,” says planning committee member Jessica Lombardo, also an Aquinas junior, “it was crazy to watch him.” In other words: be prepared for anything.

Bands expected to perform on the two main stages include Mustard Plug, Baxter, and Aquinas’ own Domestic Problems, but bands will be playing all day long. On the third stage will be local Christian music groups, including gospel singers and Christian bands from the Grand Rapids area. Uptown Assembly of God, located in Eastown, is scheduled to kick off performances on that stage.

“We want this to have a warm atmosphere, where people can bring their kids to the youth activities while they look around at the other attractions,” says Lombardo. “We’re going to have face painting, a basketball tournament, and all kinds of fun things.”

Festivities begin at noon, and continue on into the evening with a live remote from WGRD. The street fair is known as a great opportunity to go and see what Eastown is really all about.

CD REVIEWS

Piston
Number One
Atlantic

So I heard that if you play this album while watching The Wizard of Oz, you can see Dorothy singing with Henry Font’s growl-then-screech vocals. Well, I doubt it. I did, however, notice a coincidence between the progression of songs and how well I did in the video game I played while listening. Unfortunately, I wasn’t doing well that night on the game, and I personally blame the CD. With such a strong start (“Parole”), the band makes you believe this will be a heavy-hitting album with only vague images of Atlantic Records censoring the artwork and the actual band name (Piston was formerly known as Pist-on).

However, they quickly mellow out in the next few songs, breaking the growing monotony with their radio-track, “Grey Flag” (“thank you for being so bold...”). I guess it’s good for those who like bar bands with old school metal foundations, but I moved away from that and this album only had the impact of a vague nostalgia.

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**Women Kickers Hoping to Repeat as Conference Champions**

by Ryan Smith
Times Staff Writer

Undefeated in conference play, an overall record of 11-5-3. The number four seed and the opportunity to host an NAIA Great Lakes Regional soccer game. These are all pretty impressive statistics for a WHAC selection Christy Townend, the 1997 squad looks to build on last year’s success. Along with those returning, the team will look to fill the holes with 12 freshmen including Kim Eager, Ellen Firn, and Amy Panse. Despite the departure of some key players including All-WHAC selections Robin Bessette and Lauren Mullane, the team is looking to go even further in regional play. Even though the Lady Saints lost 3-1 to Transylvania, Kentucky, in their first round of Great Lakes Regional play, the 1996 campaign was still a huge success. Several Saints received post season honors, in addition to Holly Butryn, being named as the 1996 WHAC Player of the Year.

If the coaching staff is any indication, the Lady Saints are well on their way to experiencing last season’s prosperity. 1997 is Head Coach Shannon Bessette’s third year at the helm. In her first year in charge in 1995, she was named WHAC Coach of the Year. She didn’t stop there as she guided the Lady Saints to an undefeated conference record and a WHAC Conference Championship helping her repeat as the Coach of the Year in 1996. Bessette will be joined by this year’s tri-captain and All-WHAC selection Lauren Mullane. The two hope to help the Lady Saints reach new heights in 1997.

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**College Football Preview, From Tennessee to LSU**

For all of you college football fans, here’s a little preview for the young 1997 season. What would we do without a top 10 list and some marquee match-ups? Though the season line already begun, the best is still yet to come.

1. Tennessee-An ace college football fanatics are aware, quarterback star Peyton Manning has returned for his senior season. Not only is the Heisman Trophy predicted for Manning, it’s expected. If you take this into account and then add the fact that the Volunteers have five returning starters on the offensive line, it’s no wonder they’re excited in Knoxville. By the way, the Volunteers have seven returning starters coming back from a defense that was ranked #1 in the SEC last year.

2. Nebraska - The Cornhuskers will dig into their seemingly end-lease supply of gigantic linemen and agile 1-backs as they continue to feature the option. Quarterback Scott Frost also has another year of experience under his belt. The defense returns only three starters, but they’re all national honors candidates.

3. Washington -The Huskies are supposed to be in the Pac-10 this year. They are led by tailback Rashean Shheec and quarterback Brock Huard. The defense features seven returning starters, including linebacker Jason Chorak who was the 1996-PAC-10 Defensive Player of the Year.

4. Penn State - Perhaps the best storyline for the 1997 season is scheduling. Their two toughest games, Ohio State and Michigan, will both be played in Penn State’s backyard. The offense will center around tailback Curtis Enis. Defense might be a question, though PSU usually has no problem producing great linebackers.

5. North Carolina -The Tarheels believe in ACC quarterback Chris Kirkland is now healthy, and the Tarheels have a great young offensive line. The defense retains the entire secondary along with national honors candidates Melvin Daniels at end and Keey闵 Minor at linebacker.

6. Florida State - The state of Florida is known for producing great football prospects, and Seminoles coach Bobby Bowden is well aware of this. They’ll need it because of the departure of six starters from an offense that ranked third in the country last year.

7. Notre Dame - This is it for fifth year senior quarterback Ron Powlus. No more excuses. He finally got a pass oriented offense under his new coach. The Fighting Irish will be strong on the ground with 1,000 yard runner Arvy Denson at tailback. The defense retains the entire secondary along with national honors candidates Melvin Daniels at end and Keey闵 Minor at linebacker.

8. LSU - Season opening at end and Kory Minor at quarterback. The Gators will be in a similar situation to Florida State, but needing to keep every team from slipping too far off the chart.

9. Florida - The defending National Champions will suffer from the departure of Heisman Trophy quarterback Danny Waters. The Gators will be in a similar situation to Florida State, but needing to keep every team from slipping too far off the chart.

10. LSU - Kevin Faulk and Randall McMillan stay a good backfield that gained more than fair yardage last season. The defense will also be tough to run on because of its interior stature. Look out!

**Mens’s Soccer Hopes to Repeat Success**

by Damon Bouwkamp
Times Contributing Writer

The Aquinas fail sports schedule is well underway and if you haven’t been out to see any of the action...Wake Up! One of the best shows around is our very own men’s soccer team. After posting a 14-7 record one year ago, the team is poised to make another run at the WHAC conference title.

Guided by coach Pat Hoatlin and assistant coach and recent Aquinas alum A b r a h a m Shearer, this year’s team is counting on a solid core of 12 returning players and the addition of 7 talented newcomers.

Included in the returning group are co-captains and All-Conference selections, senior midfielder Nate Richardson and junior defender Andy Williams. After losing the services of goalkeeper Dan Doan, and All-Conference performer Tim Fulton, and Shearer, Hoatlin will depend on the experience of last year’s victory in the WHAC Tournament Final and the Saint’s berth in the NAIA Great Lakes Regional.

“Our returning players are going to play nearly flawlessly, while our freshmen will need to play consistently in order for us to repeat last season’s success,” predicted Williams.

Stepping in to fill the void left by Doan’s departure is senior Nolan Gerber and freshman Sean Fuchbach. Anchoring the defense along with Williams will be sophomore sweeper Damian Vicic, and juniors Mark Stockillo, and Kristian Rarden. An old face in new place is senior Alan Plum who has hung up his goaldogging gloves to give his services to the defensive corps. A key loss that could hurt the overall depth of this team is the injury to senior marking back Justin Smith, who tore his anterior cruciate ligament over the summer.

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**Marquee Matchups**

- Colorado at Michigan, Sept. 13
- Tennessee at Florida, Sept. 20
- Nebraska at Washington, Sept. 20
- Michigan at Michigan State, Oct. 25
- Florida State at North Carolina, Nov. 8
- Michigan at Penn State, Nov. 8
- Notre Dame at LSU, Nov. 15

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Shooting and Scoring
Sports Commentary
September 10, 1997

Chemistry Lesson Helps Spikers Pass Test

by Alan Plum Times Sports Editor

With only one week of classes under their belts, the Aquinas volleyball team has already learned an important lesson in chemistry. The tutoring didn’t take place in the classroom though. It happened in California while the team participated in the Summit Adventure program in the Sierra National Forest.

While most students were preparing to finish off their summer vacation, the Saints spent their last week of summer tackling the terrain of the rugged California mountains. It was there, ten 10,509 ft. above-sea-level, where the team learned about each other and team chemistry.

According to head coach Sharon Schatz, the California trip showed the team what it would take to be successful. “The trip to California definitely put my mind at ease about a lot of things,” she said. “The situations the team endured surely would have weeded out the weak, selfish or the judgmental.”

For senior Christy Cook agreed, “Our time together in California helped us set standards for ourselves as well as the team. It helps to be friends off the court before you go into battle as a team.”

After arriving back in Grand Rapids, the team had three days before beginning the season in yet another different environment. Beginning this season the team will now train and play all of their home matches at the USA Volleyball Center, which Schatz calls the country’s "premier volleyball center." Although admittedly some of the players were slightly skeptical of leaving the confines of the AQ, Schatz remained optimistic though, despite losing 10 hours of preseason practice. “Better illness than injury,” she reasoned. “More court time would have been good, but we have a very close team, and that helped overcome some of the lost practice time.”

Not many coaches can call a team with six new faces and less than three weeks of practice “close,” but Schatz insists that the trip to California is already paying dividends. “By experiencing the Summit Adventure we’ve become a team that’s very committed to our goals and each other,” she said.

As school began, most of the team had shaken the affects of the illness, and their sights turned to their season opening tournament in Midway, Ky. It was there, that all the preparation and hard work of the past three weeks came to fruition, as the team got off to a great start posting victories over their first two opponents. The Saints swept their hosts from Midway in their first match, 15-4, 15-10, and 15-6, and finished the day by outlasting Spaulding University 12-15, 15-11, 8-15, 15-13, 16-14.

“We came out stronger than any team in the past 14 years,” said Schatz. “Plus, those who didn’t get the opportunity to play demonstrated great support and enthusiasm.”

After losing a heart-breaking five game match to Georgetown, Ky., 17-15, 9-15, 15-13, 11-15, 15-13, the team rebounded to beat Lindsey Wilson, Ky., 15-1, 15-3, 15-9, finishing the weekend with a 3-1 record. Schatz praised Cook and Liz Overkamp for their leadership as senior co-captains, along with the blocking of Tara Becker, and the setting of junior Alison Kissinga. For her outstanding efforts, Overkamp was named to the all-tournament team.

Chemistry certainly has played a huge role in the Saints season already, as the team has mixed a new facility with dedication from the returners as well as the newcomers, which combined with strong sense of team unity should produce some exciting action at the USA Volleyball Center.

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With all the hype leading up to the season, the Lady Saints couldn’t wait for the season opener on Wednesday, Sept. 3 against Grand Valley State. "Anytime you have a preseason scrimmage win over a very strong team, you feel good," said senior Carrie Albert, "plus at times there were too many distractions in the fieldhouse.

Little did anyone on the team know that getting used to the new facility would become the least of their concerns. Just as the Saints had settled into their new home, Schatz was forced to cancel the last two days of double practice sessions after eight members of the team became infected with strep throat.

"Soccer," cont'd. from p. 10

Valley countered with two second half goals to take the lead and eventually the win 2-1. Even with the loss, the Lady Saints are ready to move on.

After traveling to Olivet on Saturday, the team will come home and enjoy a seven game home stand that includes some key conference matches against the likes of Spring Arbor and Sienna Heights. Those are important conference games for a team looking to defend last year’s title. The Saints know they are the team to beat. They also know that everybody will be out to get them. Those two ingredients make for an interesting season. They also make success necessary.

Tannian scored all of the scoring Aquinas would need with two goals in the first half. Cavanaugh drew assists on both goals, as the Saints took a 2-0 lead 10 minutes into the second half.

Four minutes later, though, Tannian would strike again as he set up Richardson, who beat the keeper cleanly to make it 3-1. Richardson scored another insurance goal five minutes later with the pass coming from Williams, who closed out the scoring with a goal from 10 yards out in the 77 minute mark, making the final score 5-1.

The Saints begin conference play on Sept. 10 against Cornerstone.

Sports Calendar

9/9 Men’s Golf vs WHAC Schools (L.E. Kaufman Golf Course) 10:00 pm
9/9 Women’s Golf vs OLIVET (L.E. Kaufman Golf Course) 2:00 pm
9/9 Women’s Soccer vs ALBION (AQ Soccer Field) 4:00 pm
9/11 Volleyball vs CONCORDIA (USA Volleyball Center) 7:00 pm
9/12 Cross Country AQUINAS INVITATIONAL (Riverville Park) 4:00 pm
9/13 Women’s Soccer vs NORTHWOOD (AQ Soccer Field) 1:00 pm
9/18 Women’s Soccer vs GOSHEN (AQ Soccer Field) 7:00 pm
9/19 Women’s Golf vs KALAMAZOO (L.E. Kaufman Golf Course) 12:00 noon
9/23 Women’s Soccer vs SPRING ARBOR (AQ Soccer Field) 4:00 pm
9/23 Volleyball vs TRI-STATE UNIVERSITY (USA Volleyball Center) 7:00 pm
9/24 Men’s Soccer vs SPRING ARBOR (AQ SOCCER FIELD) 4:00 pm

The listing above includes only home games, so get out and support your Aquinas athletic teams! Remember, fan support means a lot.
This suspicion was confirmed on a Tuesday when an amniocentesis revealed an infection in the amniotic fluid. Labor was induced immediately and two hours later, at 10:55 p.m., their baby boy was born. He weighed only two pounds, four ounces. Eric and Maryann were warned "Sometimes the baby will look translucent and blue."

They were told that any labors would not be developed enough and his skin would look translucent and blue. He would have only a 70% chance of living. To the doctors' surprise, his parents proudly recall, David was three weeks old, Eric and Maryann went to St. Mary's hospital and learned that the cramps were contractions with intervals of two to three minutes. Maryann was going into labor.

Because St. Mary's does not have neonatal treatment, Maryann was transferred to Butterworth Hospital, where doctors administered drugs to prevent labor. Maryann was also given a steroid to speed growth of the baby's lungs in case he was born early and an antibiotic was given to prevent labor. Maryann and Eric were especially impressed by Mary DeWys, the developmental specialist. She taught them specialized care techniques for their premature baby, such as how to tell his particular signs for hunger and how to bathe him. When David was three weeks old Eric and Maryann took turns holding him against their chests and giving him infant massage so he would feel and benefit from skin to skin contact with his parents. This is especially important with high risk infants so that they do not anticipate all human touch to be some sort of medical treatment.

David arrived home on Aug. 21, but this has not ended his specialized care. He is still attached to a respirator and his heart rate had to be monitored. His weight later dropped to 1.5 pounds and his parents proudly recall, David has a memory chip which is sent back to the hospital periodically so that the doctors can keep a record of David's health. So far, though, he is healthy and his parents are quite optimistic about his continued health. He weighs five pounds, and has gotten visibly bigger in the past few months.

Although he requires a lot of specialized care David is similar to most other babies. "He loves to be sung to," Maryann commented. He also wakes Maryann and Eric at 3:00 a.m. everyday to be fed. Still, they could not be happier. On Sept. 2, he rolled over by himself for the first time. Maryann and Eric want the Aquinas community to know how much they appreciate the support they have received. "Aquinas has been fabulous, the staff, the students, everyone," Maryann said in response to the many cards, flowers, prayers, meals and gifts that have been sent to them. "We want to say a big thank you to Aquinas," Eric stressed. "We really want to show off little David," Eric promised. "And we will as soon as the doctors allow it."

The Aquinas grad joins the Counseling Center

Denise Solomon has found her way back to AQ and is ready to counsel students.

By Heather Karal
Times Features Editor

There are new faces everywhere around Aquinas this semester and the counseling office in Hruby Hall is no exception. Denise Solomon, the new counselor, has recently arrived on the Aquinas scene. "It's like coming back home," she commented. Solomon is an Aquinas graduate who graduated with a dual major in psychology and religious studies. While attending school, she worked on campus at a residence hall front desk, the library and Wege cafeteria. She was also involved with campus ministry activities including singing in the choir and liturgical dance.

The interests Solomon developed at Aquinas are reflected in her life today. She is still a liturgical dancer and is a part of the Association of Contemplative Sisters, an ecumenical group for women who share a belief in contemplative prayer.

After graduating from Aquinas with a Bachelor of Arts, Solomon attended Western Michigan University and earned her Masters degree in Social Work. She was working as a counselor at Arbor Circle Counseling Services before coming to Aquinas this fall. Solomon aids that the best part of working at Aquinas is that she can work with college students. She is excited about working in a Christian atmosphere. The beautiful campus and friendly faculty and students are just another plus for her. Finally, revealing her strong tenure of family, Solomon admitted that she likes the fact that her job at Aquinas will allow her more time with her two sons, eight year old Aaron and six year old Justin. Solomon has many skills to offer Aquinas as well. She looks forward to working with students, as she still vividly remembers what it was like to work and attend school at Aquinas. As a play therapist, Solomon approaches her job as a counselor in a unique way compared to many social workers. Although students should not expect to simply play with toys when they come to see her, she does use creative methods of helping people find for themselves what is going on inside them. "I walk with [the student] on a path and they go in a direction, and I go with them."

Solomon feels that the most important thing about being a play therapist is that it is non-intrusive. Too often, she said, people are afraid to seek help because they think it is going on inside them. "I walk with [the student] on a path and they go in a direction, and I go with them."

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"I hope people will feel free to come and talk to me," Solomon said.