Students
March in D.C.
by Melissa Ann Pine
Times Campus News Editor

Five Aquinas students took part in the annual Right to Life March in Washington D.C. on Jan. 22, the 25th Anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion. The Students for Life Club members included president Trisha Tyler, Angela Bagrows, Stephanie Suddo, Andrea Scott, and Angela Bergman.

"This is a great opportunity to show how supportive we still are," said Tyler. "It shows the Supreme Court and legislature that even after 25 years we have not given up. We still believe abortion is wrong and are not going to back down 'til it ends."

The march started at the Ellipse near the White House, headed down Constitution Avenue near the White House, and ended at Capital Hill.

Marchers represented every state.

AQ Remembers Dr. King's Dream in Special Celebration

by Chris Manning
Times Contributing Writer

The fire in the heart of a man killed long ago warmed the celebration of his life on Jan 19. Participants braved cold weather to pay tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr, on the federal holiday in his name.

The Aquinas celebration of the national holiday was organized by J.A.M.M.I.N. (Joint Association of Multicultural Motivating Involvement Now). The club members also played major roles in the ceremony and the events leading up to it. The observance began in front of the Academic Building at 12:15 p.m., where a recording of Dr. King's famous "I Have A Dream" speech filled the air.

After the speech was completed, the group of observers moved to the first in a series of signs on which important dates in Dr. King's life were printed. At each sign, a member of the crowd stepped forward and read. The signs took observers along the road to the final sign at the path to Bukowski Chapel. This final one marked the death of Dr. King in 1968.

The group of marchers included students and a number of staff and faculty members, while both print and television reporters worked through the crowd.

Along the path, sophomore Dan Timmis remarked of Dr. King, "He changed the course of history. He began the process of bringing order to our country."

In somber reverence, the crowd quickly made its way to the Chapel. Here, students Carlos Henry and Xavier Jaramillo led the group in singing the black national anthem. Sharon Magnus followed by reciting The Lord's Prayer. Adding to the slowly uplifting mood was Latara Hearndon singing "His Eye is on the Sparrow."

Former Italian Ambassador Visits Campus

by Andrew Pieper
Times Assistant Editor

Political espionage, diplomatic courting, and building relationships are all a day's work when you are the Ambassador to Italy. So when about 75 members of the Aquinas community came to listen to the former United States Ambassador to Italy, Peter Secchia, Thursday, Jan. 15 in the Wege Ballroom, the conversation was comparable to some points to any great "007" film.

Secchia, Ambassador from June 1989 through January 1993, described a system in which, "The game was to keep track of each other's position electronically."

He said that sometimes there are parts of your job that you wouldn't have to do, but the reality of the international system required you to do your job.

Secchia, in the speech organized by the Political Affairs Committee of Senate, said that his post in Italy was one of the primary players in the capture of a suspect in the PAN-AM air-line bombing.

Secchia also defended the political appointee system of choosing most ambassadors. "The term 'political appointee' probably ought to be phrased differently," he said. "Politicians need to have people they trust to cooperate and fulfill their goals. Why would you want a stranger rather than a friend?"

Secchia said that often non-political appointees are bogged down by the red tape required of the State Department. They need to go through a maze of reports and superiors before any message can be given to the President and often takes weeks to accomplish certain tasks. But in describing a situation
**Good Morning America Coffeehouse Opens**

by Melissa Ann Plie

Times Campus News Editor

There's something new brewing weekday mornings in the Cook Carriage House. With its grand opening Jan. 19, the Good Morning America Coffeehouse served its first cups of steaming coffee. The newly opened coffeehouse also serves continental breakfast items, including tea, hot chocolate, bagels, danishes, cereal and fruit.

The new coffeehouse is part of Sodexo dining services, so students can use their meal plan to eat breakfast in the Carriage House. Individual food items can also be purchased with Flex dollars or cash. "It came about with people wanting to make use of the Carriage House," said Jane Elizabeth Martin. "I think it's appropriate for breakfast, especially during the cold months near Regina." An expansive menu includes mochas, lattes, and expressos. The Good Morning America Coffeehouse will be open 8:00-10:00 A.M. Monday through Thursday. The Corner Cafe will continue to be open for breakfast, serving hot foods and continental breakfast items.

**Plans Finalized for Oxford Summer Trip**

by Mary Kopchick

Times Contributing Writer

England here we come! In five months Aquinans students, alumni and staff will fly to Oxford, England for three weeks to study English literature and explore the European countryside. The program at St. Clare's College lasts from June 20 to July 11. Students were asked to choose which authors they would like to study. The lives and works of Shakespeare, Jane Austen, William Wordsworth and Samuel Taylor Coleridge will be the focus of the trip. In addition to study, weekend trips to Stratford-upon-Avon, Bath and the Globe Theatre in London will be a part of the final plan. While in Oxford, students will stay in Bed and Breakfasts near the college.

Faculty from St. Clare's College and Aquinas have been working together to develop the three-week plan of study, lecture tours of Oxford, day and weekend trips. The college is known for its English programs for foreign students. The summer semesters are reserved for American students. For undergraduate students, there is the option of receiving three English credits for the trip.

Total cost of the trip including airfare, lecture fees, accommodations and ground transportation around England will be $3500. Those taking the trip for credit must be in EH 266 or EH 398 and pay Aquinas summer school tuition.

Gary Eberle, chairman of the English Department, and his wife, Suzanne, a professor of Art History at Kendall College of Art and Design, will accompany students to England. Vicki McMillan, Inquiring and Expression and English Composition professor is one of the staff members preparing for the trip.

"I'm very much looking forward to it. I've been wanting to go back to England for a while," said McMillan. "I think every English major should go on a trip like this." Continuing Education student Susan Vlug is also looking forward to spending time in England this summer.

"I'm very excited. I hope all goes well. I haven't been to England and my husband is coming too. I really hope we can encompass all groups on the trip," said Vlug. Students must make a deposit of $1000 by the end of February and will receive final information on accommodations and an itinerary Feb. 1.
New PR Position Created, Marketing Director Hired

by Bridget Bulger
Times Contributing Writer

What do people think of when someone mentions Aquinas? In order to create a consistent answer to this question, the college has created an Institutional Marketing position held by Aquinas newcomer Elizabeth Jones. Jones, 35, is working from an integrated marketing perspective that will bring together every department on campus. She hopes to communicate a consistent message about what Aquinas is to the community, prospective students, and the tri-state area.

Jones is planning to hold focus groups with undergraduate, continuing education, and graduate students to find out what is attractive about Aquinas. This project is to ensure the school's advertising and printed material reflect the best message. Jones also controls what information is given to the press. The Public Relations department sends out press releases concerning on-campus happenings. Beyond that, Jones screens phone calls from news agencies. As she states, "I avoid locking into a situation before I commit (to releasing information), to find out what questions they have." This gives her the opportunity to make sure the college is portraying the right image.

Marketing is not a new concept worked in Public Relations and Marketing. After 10 years in the Navy, Jones decided it was time to return to Michigan. She took a position at Amway, where she had worked for two years when Aquinas hired her. As Jones said about her new job, "It's a great job in a wonderful setting. I would have been a fool if I did not take this opportunity." Jones said that she appealed for her resume in the fact that the college's vision and mission statement challenge people to make a difference with a value-centered career. "Yes, it's a Catholic college, but we are not selling students what they should think," she said.

Jones is not alone in her new position. Senior Rene Palileo is working as a marketing intern under Jones. His responsibilities include writing news releases and instituting a campus-wide calendar. The purpose of the calendar is to let people know what is going on around campus and make people aware of conflicting events. Palileo is also working on the focus groups to find out what appeals to students. Palileo notes that marketing is important because "it causes an institution to look at itself." For Aquinas this means "we will see our good points and our bad points and be able to work on them. It [marketing] will cause us to realize what we do have and improve what we don't," he said.

The Real Deal Game Show Hits the CCH

by Melissa Ann Pline
Times Campus News Editor

What would you do for a buck? Would you squat yourself with a water gun, stuff your pants with balloons, or fill your face with marshmallows? As part of the Real Deal Crazy Game Show on Jan. 15, Aquinas contestants performed these crazy stunts and more to earn a few extra bucks. Annie Gilhoran, the grand Champion of the evening, took home more than a few bucks, though. Her winnings included a portable television, an electronic translator, and a Real Deal t-shirt.

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"It is very powerful to be with more than 250,000 people that believe the same way I do," said Tyler. Along with being President of the Aquinas club, Tyler is the new student coordinator at the Michigan Right to Life in Grand Rapids. In this position she helps high school students for Life groups get started. After the march, the Aquinas students had the opportunity to attend workshops and speeches, attend a reception hosted by Michigan's pro-life Senator, Space Abraham, and lobby with their representatives.

"I try to make more of a difference each time I go," said Angela Bergman, a third time marcher. "I learn about the issues and the laws so I will be able to become more informed and talk more intelligently to the members of Congress."

"The march is very peaceful and reflective," said Bergman, a sophomore. "As we march, we celebrate life."

F.Y.I.

Semester on an Indian Reservation

Location: The Blackfoot Indian Reservation in Montana, near Glacier National Park

When: Full of 1998

15 or more credits including History and literature courses taught by Mike Denty. Blackfoot Indian Culture and Religion course taught by Long Standing Bear Chief. Natural History of Montana taught by faculty of the University of Great Falls. Among with classes there will be a service component, volunteering as tutors and in a nursing home. Will live in houses with Indian families.

Contact Mike Denty at x4497 for more information and an application.

Library Passwords Changed

Woodhouse Library would like to inform the community that any student or faculty member using ProQuest and FirstSearch should no longer be using last semester's passwords. The passwords have been changed to "woodeuse" for the 1998 spring semester. Questions about the new password should be directed to any library staff member.
Vector Marketing Corporation and the Cutco Cutlery are founded in the true spirit of the market economy and the entrepreneur. These companies symbolize the free enterprise system and are fulfilling what the consumer demands.

When we go to the store, we expect there to be quality, reasonably priced products available to us. Consumers demand satisfaction, so business provides these products and services in order to satiate consumer needs.

In the free market, competition among businesses allows us, as consumers, to make decisions about what we want and who we want to buy it from. Contrary to the popular assumption in our society today, Cutco Cutlery and Vector Marketing are not in business solely to make profits. Vector Marketing’s mission states, “The primary mission of Vector Marketing corporation is to become a premier, international, direct to the consumer, sales and business providing the consumer with many benefits. The unique, direct marketing of Cutco by the Vector Corporation has provided the consumer with many benefits. So, who are the actual sales people for Vector Marketing? Many know we are college students majoring in marketing or business. They are the self-employed, outgoing entrepreneurs of the future. According to Sara Baker-Andrus of Vector Marketing, the company is a member of the National Association of Colleges & Employers. Depending on the institution, students can earn intern credit and participate in an academic program through this real-world sales experience. Vector is a member of the Direct Selling Association, an organization that fosters ethical standards in marketing.

A common complaint about Cutco is that they advertise $10.25-an-hour jobs. Then eager college students attend the initial seminar, some discovering the reality that they may have to actually do work. This cynicism and attitude of getting paid for doing nothing undermines the work ethic and entrepreneurship America once used to value. Quite simply, if someone doesn’t want to do the work, he or she shouldn’t expect to be paid.

Cutco is a symbol of our willingness to allow new businesses to compete in the free-market. These companies provide professional career opportunities, feelings of personal accomplishment to employees, and quality products for the consumer. We need to realize the benefits businesses exert on us before we are so swift to judge them.

Summary:
The advertisements that boost wages of $10.25 per hour to college students pull in curious potential employees for Cutco, a company which sends salespeople, under the direction of Vector Marketing, out into private homes to give demonstrations in hopes of selling knives.

Earning $10.25 per hour could mean a lot to a struggling college student, perhaps even enough to pack a knife (or knives). Myself was lured into the trap last summer when I decided that I was curious enough to explore a job ad in the classifieds which revealed very little information. That should’ve been a clue to me that Cutco was not worth my time. A friend and I arrived in a room filled with around twenty polished young business people and were led through a string of pseudo-interviews, each reminding us more and more of a cult-like experience. The interviewer, Jason (who was obviously some Cutco exec) was probably a year older than me and a junior at Western Michigan. Never before have I seen anyone so possessed by the spirit of marketing a great set of knives capable of cutting through a rope, can, or tomato. Never before have I seen so many people shamelessly exchanging their identities for the ones described by the literature in our hands. We were there, it appeared, not to simply sell a line of knives, but to invoke some sort of kinship/veil deity.

Certainly moving one’s way up a marketing hierarchy has got to teach some lessons about business, salesmanship, and self-presentation. But, if this type of communication amongst young marketers and customers is what we’re in store for in the future, let me out. As a Cutco rep I was supposed to call someone up, convince them to let me come over with my knives (that I was supposed to purchase myself), and do a presentation in which I would zip around the room cutting various props in half with as much faked zeal as Jason the top exec/junior at Western. If I could scare the individual or family enough into buying my daggers or at least letting me complete my spiel, but not scare them enough to kick me out, I would earn my $10.25. Otherwise, I would not get paid for my efforts. Additionally, I would not get paid my $10.25 if I did not complete 40% of these presentations in a set amount of time, but only receive a certain amount of commission.

I found out that my friend and I were not alone in our flight or flight reaction to the Cutco “opportunity.” Aquinas Sophomore Brigid Avery says that she, too was sucked in with the prospects of earning quite a few extra bucks. Unlike me, Avery actually became an employee and impressed the Cutco execs with her natural selling talent. After 10-15 hours of unpaid training, she was invited to an unpaid convention in Ann Arbor. At the event, Avery commented, “It was a race to sell the most knives, and the people who sold over $3000 worth got to stand in front and yell ‘My name is Brigid Avery and I sold $3000 worth of knives!’ and then everyone applauded wildly.” Besides the revival-like convention, Avery was expected to have meetings with her fellow salespeople every Thursday and do some sort of “fun activity” with them like bowling, apparently in order to build some sort of workplace knife-selling fellowship among the ranks.

As an educated person, I know that people need to sell things. College students need to make money. Marketers need to believe that they sell quality products. People want to know that their knives can cut through shipyard rope. Sales people probably even work better together if they bowl on Thursday nights. The Cutco impact on my life and that of others just seemed to be a little too intrusive for a summer job.
Thanks to Grand Rapids citizens, we can breathe easier when going out for a night. The recent drop in burglaries in the city of Grand Rapids is being credited to the residents of this fair city. The development of more anti-crime programs combined with an increase in people fighting back to protect themselves has led to a 31-year low in property theft. Police also began to work directly with the residents to identify problems in the city.

Retiring police chief William Hegarty calls this technique "target enforcement." So far target enforcement seems to be very effective. This cooperative effort contributed to a 14 percent drop in robberies as well as a three percent drop in larcenies while overall crime fell about two percent from 1996 in comparison to 1997. These current numbers may have something to do with past events. The Grand Rapids Police Department received approval from the taxpayers in 1995 to hire 95 new officers. This increase raised the force to 400 strong. Apparently the plan worked as most of the arrests, a record high of 23,007, were made in large by the department's rookie officers.

Hegarty attributed the number of arrests to the strict enforcement of patrol units, Community Affairs Units, and the Neighborhood Patrol Unit. Hegarty stated that these efforts "resulted in greater productivity and efficiency."

With all the positive outcomes of increased police and citizen involvement, Heritage Hill resident Barb Lester cautioned people from dropping their guard in a quote to the Grand Rapids Press. "Our crime rate has been reduced considerably and some things that have happened, people begin to relax a little bit," Lester said.

This warning should be taken seriously since the only major decrease was seen in burglaries. Vehicle theft continued to climb steadily with a five percent increase from 1,071 to 1,122. Arson rose one percent while murder shot up almost 19 percent from 21 in 1996 to 25 this past year.

Despite these setbacks the citizens of Grand Rapids are choosing accommodation against crime. This renewed sense of community provides hope to generations ahead.

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**Date Rape Drugs Are Cause for Worry Among College Students**

Drinkers Warned of Tasteless, Odorless, Roofynol

by Elizabeth Dudek

Times Contributing Writer

When AQ students go to a party, many probably are more interested in seeing friends, hanging out, listening to good music, eating munchies, and drinking; many are not worried about the beverage of choice in their hands. A national trend may make the student population want to worry.

When asked, many Aquinas students were clueless about a drug called Rohipynol. Answers ranged from the common, "I don't know," to "I've heard of it, but don't know what it is." freshman Chris Winslow said, "Yea, I heard about it through the news."

Rohipynol is a legal drug prescribed in Mexico and Colombia for insomnia, but can easily get into the country if it is prescribed for personal use only. A cheap drug, it can be bought for $1 to $5 dollars per pill. Nicknamed the "lunch pill," roofynol (another nickname for the drug) is popular among teens, ravers, and gangsters.

The drug has been used and abused in Texas and Florida and is making its way across the country. Roofynol is ten times stronger than Valium and if taken can sometimes enhance the effects of a marijuana high or alcohol. This was the drug that sent former alternative musician Kurt Cobain into a coma in Rome, Italy when he mixed it with champagnes.

The drug is odorless, tasteless, and dissolves instantly in any liquid. This drug has been blamed on assaults and date rapes on college campuses. The pharmaceutical company that makes Rohipynol for legal use is in the process of changing the chemical make-up of the drug so that a drink will turn blue if spiked.

"It's something of a lot of us haven't heard of and it's coming our way," said Randy MacGeorge, Director of Residence Life. "We need to educate people. You really need to watch your drink and be cautious. We are trying to give the students more information."

The drug knocks out a person's ability to fight back if a rape or assault is about to occur. Rohipynol is said to be detectable in the body only up to 60 hours. It also causes one to completely black out and wake up groggy and disoriented, if one wakes up at all.

Another drug associated with date rape is GHB. This drug, known on the streets as "Easy Lay" can cause an individual to become combative. Phyllis Taylor, Residence Director of Regina Hall said, "People need to be informed and be very aware of who you accept drinks from. Don't think it won't happen to you, because it might. Be responsible."

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**GR Police Credit More Cops For Decrease in Burglary**

by Ellen Harburn

Times Contributing Writer

Oprah in Court to Defend Mad Cow Statements

Animal rights advocates, cattle farmers, reporters and spectators joined outside a federal courthouse Jan. 26 for the start of a beef industry lawsuit against talk show host Oprah Winfrey. Winfrey is accused of falsely spreading a report that American meat could cause mad cow disease in the United States. After the broadcast of her April 16, 1996 show, cattle prices fell to some of their lowest levels in a decade. Media access inside the Texas courtroom is limited and the judge has imposed a gag order on attorneys in the case.

Calves Cloned in U.S. for Drug Research

Scientists in Boston say that they have successfully cloned two identical, genetically engineered calves, a step that may lead to the mass production of drugs for humans in cows' milk. The two male calves, George and Charlie, were created through a combination of cloning and gene engineering. According to U.S. Today, the calves mark the most viable step so far towards "pharming," or developing pharmaceuticals using farm animals.

Martin Luther King, Jr Parade Turns Deadly

A Southern University student suspected of opening fire on marchers at a Martin Luther King, Jr. parade Jan. 19 has been arrested and charged with murder and attempted murder. The shooting by Brandon Johnson, a 19-year-old parade participant, left one person dead and three children wounded. Police said that the dead man was the intended victim, and there was no evidence of a racial, political, or hate crime motive.

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**U.S. College Students Attacked in Guatemala**

A group from St. Mary's College in southem Maryland was concluding an anthropological tour of Guatemala when they were attacked Jan. 16 near the town of Santa Cruz Comagagua. The group of 15 contained 13 students, two teachers and an administrator was forced off a highway and into a sugar cane field by gunmen riding in two pickup trucks. The attackers seized luggage, money and other items from the group and raped five of the women. Police have arrested four men in the attack, all of whom specialized in robbing foreign tourists.
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To start, a few weeks ago the Times mentioned a fact that the editor’s friend lost a jewelry item and it was turned in. Now this past week a student here at AQ lost a bookbag and yet to be turned in. I know that jewelry may cost more, but someone’s education is more valuable. I am not saying someone’s education is more valuable, but this student must now retype everything in that bookbag, and I believe that the information that was once supported by most of us is yet to be turned in. It seems that the Israeli government has determined to lose any international credibility it has. It was once supported by most of the powerful nations in the world, and is now maligning as an antagonist in the Middle East. American politicians, and indeed, citizens, have long supported the Jewish home state. But I feel it is now time to re-evaluate our position.

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This semester marks the conclusion of a multi-year contract between Sodexo and Aquinas College for dining services. Either a new contract must be negotiated or another company brought in to replace Sodexo. It is likely that between three and five other companies will be submitting bids for this contract. While the bids should be carefully considered and balanced, we recommend that a contract with Sodexo be renewed, unless an overwhelming opportunity is offered by another company.

The cafeteria food is perhaps the easiest target for any college student. It is unlikely that any other food supplier is as maligned as college cafeterias around and in the country. Sodexo, while certainly not offering anything close to the Dennys' food we often crave, provides well-balanced meals that are usually edible. This is more than can be said for many other mass-production food providers. Sodexo has done a great job in catering to student needs. They have finally updated their vegetarian menu this semester. They have rearranged their meal plan to offer more flex cash, and they have increased their sandwich and desert selections. Sodexo has usually been willing to cater to student needs and their service has improved steadily in the last four years. In an experiment with alternative meals, Sodexo has created the Great American Coffeehouse.

In addition, Sodexo has been generous in their plans to provide money for charity groups and student organizations who coordinate "Skip a meal" days, when Sodexo gives the money from that student's lunch to the organization. It would be difficult to cultivate such a relationship with another company.

The school will need to provide quality food for its students in these upcoming contract negotiations. Unless an obvious advantage, like only paying for the meals you actually eat, is provided by another food service provider at a significantly lower cost to students, Sodexo's contract should be renewed. Doing so will ensure that affordable, adequate meals will continue to be served here at Aquinas.

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**Letters to the Editor**

In your latest AQ-Times (page 12), I was pleased to read about Christmas traditions in the world. I enjoyed reading about the different traditions.

May I correct you about the festival in Germany? The majority of children "believe" in the Christchild, not in any kind of Father Christmas. Santa Claus or "Christkind" (the literal translation of Weihnachtsmann). Only in the North or in the West (influence from Netherland or England), children believe in the red-robed man with his deer.

I remember when I was growing up, I fought with my friend and cried running home, because she was convinced that Santa brings the presents. I, however, believed in the Christchild coming to the Earth.

Your statement about the Christmas tree is only half-true. One legend tells of St. Boniface, an English missionary of the 8th Century who Christianized all of Germany, who cut down an oak tree where a group of pagan worshippers were preparing to sacrifice a child. In place of the oak, a fir tree sprang up, and Boniface explained that it was the tree of Christ, a symbol of love.

Another legend is about Martin Luther, the sixteenth-century leader of the Reformation. He was walking in the woods one snowy Christmas Eve under a sky full of bright shining stars. He cut down a small fir tree where he set small candles on its branches reminding him of the stars in heaven. German soldiers brought that tree to the U.S. I'm sure this is much more plausible than your article about the Christmas tree.

Why don't you in the future ask him of the stars in heaven. Everyone deserves a fair chance.

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Compiled by Joe Theurerkauf
Times A&E Editor

The chilly night air on a late January evening brings together Craig Gietzen, Matt Plichta, Lou Cantu, Bret Randall Johnson, and E. Lee Grof: the five guys that make up the band MilkHouse, all geared up for a routine practice session at the home of bass player Lou Cantu (a.k.a. Club Lou's). In between trips to the fridge for a bottle of Rolling Rock or trips to the space heater to warm up cold fingers, jokes are cracked and guitars are tuned. The band begins their practice with "September," the first song off Bred To Be Milked released in 1996. The harmony of voices, drums, and guitars come together as they sing "It's in the way the candle lights your eyes, it's in the way that I spill.

Not one of them ever doubted they'd be musicians. It's something that must be in their blood since the passion for what they do reflects in the music. A little background on the band: Formed in 1993, the band earned their name from an old milkhouse they used to play in with former band member Kip Ploego, now of the band Dry. "There is no end to the milk jokes," quipped Grof, "We've always taken our own path, we've kept doing things ourselves. MilkHouse is a vehicle for inspiration." Cantu agreed, "We have to be innovative, all music is recycled and rehashed. When you write something new and it's great, it's like a clock that is constantly ticking." The band has played with local talent such as 256, Knee Deep Shag, and Domestic Problems. The difference between the first album and their newest project, Secondary Culture Spread, is that Spread is a two CD set. Fans buy the first CD of this set in a 2-CD case, and then in another three or four months, the other will be released in a paper sleeve. Then fans have the second shift of Secondary Culture Spread which will fit into the original CD case. "It's a low budget operation, but the end result comes out really well. As for the sound, it's 75-80 percent new stuff," said Grof.

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Calling all fans of the band: MilkHouse, we have a CD release party at the Woodland Sports Center on Jan. 31, playing all their tunes from their newest release, "September," the first song off Bred To Be Milked released in 1996. The harmony of voices, drums, and guitars come together as they sing "It's in the way that I spill."

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Guitarist Shows Crowd What the Heck it’s All About

by Joe Theuerkauf
Times A&E Editor

"I’ll play this song for the men here; especially those who have spent more than 28 days with any woman." This is how Karen Goldberg introduced her surprisingly humorous song, "PMS," during her performance at the Carriage House on Jan. 19. The show, which lasted over an hour, started at 10:00, rather than the announced 9:00, which hopefully explains the rather intimate gathering of students. But for those who did attend, there were laughs and smiles aplenty as Goldberg made herself at home.

Goldberg, who hails from Baltimore, has been performing for 25 years, and seems to always have had a sense of humor to her sometimes downright venomous lyrics. Case in point: "Princess Blues" is a song she wrote for the occasion of performing at a reunion in her small hometown where "one half of the town was pretty well-off, and the rest of us weren’t." The song delivers a strong distaste for the snobbish lifestyle of Goldberg’s old schoolmates.

"And they haven’t asked me back since." Other songs, like "I Have 1101," (done in a tango beat, go fig) tell the various bizarre stories of the various musicians and the bizarre events after any amount of touring. A better example of the bizarre would be "Widows of Amsterdam," which relates Goldberg’s experience at an Amsterdam train station where she witnessed several completely nude prostitutes waiting to pick up "customers" arriving at the station.

Goldberg also mixed in an array of performing at a reunion in her small hometown where "one half of the town was pretty well-off, and the rest of us weren’t." The song delivers a strong distaste for the snobbish lifestyle of Goldberg’s old schoolmates. of cover tunes by some of the great folk artists and recent female pop musicians. Jewel’s "Foolish Games," Tori Amos’ "Silent All These Years," and the Police’s "I’ll Be Watching You" were only some of the best requests filled by the talented guitarist.

Goldberg is an independent artist and acts as performer, manager, and publicist to herself. This was never her plan, however. "I was at a bar one night and some friends dared me to get up and play my guitar, so I started playing a bunch of old Joni Mitchell tunes. (The bar) kept asking me back... and eventually the word got out."

Karen Goldberg performed as part of the Aquinas "What the Heck Night!" series, sponsored by the Programming Board.

This month What the Heck Night will feature R.E.A.L.I.T.Y.

Guitarist Karen Goldberg plays her refreshing music at "What the Heck Night." Photo by Amanda Masiak.

Rod Torreson Makes Odd Poetic Coupling
Baseball Motif Strikes a Homerun

by Joe Theuerkauf
Times A&E Editor

You saw those flyers asking you, "What do poetry and baseball have in common?" Well, some inquisitive Aquinas students got to find out when Rod Torreson read some of his poems at the Carriage House on Jan. 19. The night was hosted by The Aquinas Writers’ Guild, and following Torreson’s reading, student poets were invited to read their own selections.

While not all of Torreson’s poetry deals with baseball (specifically the New York Yankees), the stories to be told about the game, a great deal of his energy was focused into these selections. Torreson turned the classic stories of Babe Ruth and Joe Dimaggio into illuminating and vividly poetic folk tales. The poems made history’s descriptions of already great moments in America’s pastime seem dull and drab. The audience could almost hear the crack of the bat, the cheers from the stands, and just about see the players “turn like a beater around the bases,” as Torreson describes World Series games that this generation can only dream of.

Dan Francis, Aquinas sophomore, was very taken by the imagery. "As a big baseball fan, the stories he was describing are like historic stories," Francis said. "To hear that story put into a poetic format was really interesting. A lot of current fans weren’t alive for things like (Roger) Maris’ 61 home runs, and the way he described them was almost like being there as a kid with him."

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Film in Review...

Kundun

by Mike Loffelman
Times contributing writer

For those who plan on seeing Martin Scorsese’s "Kundun": you probably won’t find what you’re looking for. Some time after the film begins you will come to realize that "Kundun" is an experience, not a story. The film is more a spectacle than a narrative; a deeply spiritual tribute to Kundun (the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet), not a practical portrayal. There is plenty to engage the senses: the splendor and elegance of the cinematography is matched by a stirring musical score in coupling rarely managed in moviemaking, with rich and beautiful colors and textures creating a surreal, even dreamlike picture.

These marvellous sensual effects are not matched by the film’s story, however. There is no true plot in the film; what you are given is an experience, considering that the Tibetan people believe the Dalai Lama is a recurring human factor is greatly lacking as well, as character portrayal appears far removed from it all, despite the seriousness with which he deliberates the fate of Tibet. Sometimes it seems as though the land of Tibet exists only within the walls of the palatial estates. Except for the sweeping grandeur of the countryside, little is shown of the Tibetan life. The focus is ever-intent on Kundun’s words and actions, showing only hints of Tibet’s actual struggle with Chinese occupation.

Kundun’s name means “presence.” This makes sense, considering that the Tibetan people believe the Dalai Lama is a recurring manifestation of their spirit-leader. This brings about a touch of irony. Consider perhaps that any apparent lack of humanity in this film is not due to wooden acting or poor direction, but as a necessity Scorsese to maintain focus on the utterly peaceful and compassionate way of Tibet. Any added dramatics would be more of a distraction than a service to this intent. This consideration, when added to the masterful production, enables the film to function magnificently as a tribute to the Dalai Lama and the peace he stands for, which in itself is reason see it.

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Saints Survive Tough Week in the WHAC

The Aquinas College track team has competed in two indoor meets thus far, and they're off to a fast start. On Jan. 9, the men's and women's teams were in Allendale for the Grand Valley State University Winter Relays, and the following week both teams traveled to Saginaw for the Saginaw Valley State University Open. The Saints were looking good at GVVS as the men won first and the men placed third.

Both teams also placed second at SVSU.

"I was surprised when I found out that I set the record for the 400," said Sackett. "I hope that I'll continue to improve and possibly set it again." The Aquinas women also had other impressive showings in Allendale. Sophomore Kelly Crumba took first in the 3,000 meter run with a time of 11:51.04, sophomore Gisela Classon took first in the triple jump with a bound of 32.5-50, and the 1,600 meter relay team claimed first with a time of 4:16.00.

At SVSU, individuals and relay teams also did exceptionally well. Stacy Berndt tied a school record in the high jump with a leap of 5'2", and Sarah Boom took second in the long jump, winning 16'4 1/4". As for the relays, the 1,600 relay team placed second with a time of 4:17.07 and the 3,200 relay team ended up in first with a time of 9:50.09.

Meanwhile, the men finished third at Grand Valley, but still managed to post some stellar performances of their own. Sophomores Ken Baginski and Mike Milatz both took first in their respective events. Baginski ran the mile in 4:28.00, and Milatz ran the 400 in 52.12. Perhaps most noticeable though were the performances of Jason Carver. Carver, a freshman from Kalamazoo, won the 55 meter dash at GVVS with a time of 6.53. Despite finishing third in the 200 meter dash, he set an Aquinas indoor record by posting a time of 23.17. The very next week at SVSU, Carver bested his 55 meter time to 6.51 and broke his own 200 meter record with a first place time of 22.58.

"I was kind of surprised when I first set the record for the 200 (at GVVS)," said Carver, "I didn't run my best race. At Saginaw, the guy who beat me in the 55 meter dash taunted me, so that motivated me to beat him in the 200. I wasn't as surprised when I set the 200 record the second time because I was more focused." Also at Saginaw, Ken Baginski ran the mile in 4:28.61 good enough for second place, while Mike Milatz improved his 400 time to 51.78 also good for second, and John Lee ran the 800 in 2:00.34 finishing third.

Head Coach Dave Wood explained the reasons for the team's success; "The team is doing better than I expected for them to do so early in the season. A big reason for that has been our competitiveness. Another reason is that our underclassmen have come in at a higher level than normal."

"We've used a lot of players in terms of numbers, now we have numbers and a lot of skill" commented junior Heather Montie.

Still another reason for the early success could be the team unity. "There's kind of a family atmosphere on the team" added Carver, Sackett agreed saying, "We've got excellent team support, which makes it easier to run well."

Whatever the reason for success, Coach Wood knows that the team still has something to prove. "We're not complete yet, but we're making big strides. We're at Grand Valley again on January 30, and that should tell us a little more about where the team is at and what we need to work on."
Aquinas Hockey Proves Stronger than Hope

Saints Beat Dutchmen in Overtime, 7-6

by Damon Bouwkamp
Times Contributing Writer

On Saturday Dec. 13, the Aquinas College Club Hockey Team peppered across the ice at their opponent before the face off and saw a familiar foe. Hope College, clad in their bright orange and blue uniforms with coaches behind their bench, were staring back knowing that they had already beat Aquinas 11-9 back in November.

Hope never expected the fierce competitiveness of the Aquinas club team. The last time these two teams met a fight ensued involving the referee and one of the Saints' players. The penalty box was more occupied than the ice most of the time.

For Aquinas, these exhibitions meant that full contact is legal and full game time is used. In the league that the Saints play in every week, contact is a penalty and the time is short.

The latest installment of this growing rivalry included 46 penalty minutes for the Saints and 34 penalty minutes and a game disqualification for the Dutchmen.

Hope jumped out to an early 2-0 advantage at the end of the first period. Aquinas answered back with 16 minutes left in the second period with a goal by Chris Laska. Joe Schutz tied the score at two at the 6:52 mark of the second. The second period ended with the tally knotted at three with Aquinas scoring with 55 seconds left on a Mark Campbell goal assisted by Schutz and Laska.

The third period would see goals from Campbell, Laska, and Ross Koba, which put the Saints up 6-5 with 2:16 left in the game. Hope came back and tied the score with a goal with 52 seconds left in the game.

Overtime started with Aquinas controlling the puck and taking it up the ice. The first shot taken, by Mark Campbell, found the back of the net off an assist from Brian Ebel to win the game 7-6.

"We had a lot of scoring opportuni­ties and were able to capitalize on them," said senior Matt Flannigan.

"The reason we are starting to win is that we are realizing our potential and play­ing together," said coach Rick Albro.

The re­cent­win­ning that Flannigan speaks of is due to everyone being on the ice. The Aquinas Saints Club Hockey Team defeated Hope in a bone-crushing overtime victory. In this partial team picture, the men and one woman show they are a force to be reckoned with. Check them out in a rematch with Hope this Saturday.

"B-Ball," cont'd.
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and Anthony Staffin's eight steals. Sierra Heights fell to 2-1 in the WHAC, and Aquinas upped their mark to 2-1 moving into a second place tie with Sierra.

"We had outstanding defensive pressure and defensive rotation," said coach Rick Albro. "We shut them out, they were completely gouging the Saints. The magic of television doesn't do anything for that win, Aquinas has beaten their half of the league games on Sunday nights at the Belpknap arena.

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I.M.A.G.E. Renews Spirit, Creates Traditions

by Heather M. Karal
Times Features Editor

It sounds a little strange at first: Students wanted for the Aquinas Brick Yard. Since when does this school offer a major in construction? But the Brick Yard isn’t about rocks and mortar at all. It’s about spirit.

Aquinas’ spirit-raising club, I.M.A.G.E. (Individuals Motivating for Aquinas Group Events), now has a section of blowers at every Men’s and Women’s basketball game taped off and designated as the Brick Yard. All you have to do sit in this enmeshed, spirited section is wear red clothing to show support for the Aquinas teams. “It’s all about Aquinas students to the away basketball games at Tri-State and restaurant. Cavanaugh emphasized, however, that all the participants in the semi-finals and finals will win something. After all, he stated the reason that I.M.A.G.E. wants to do these events is “so we can return something to the students for their spirit.”

The group has also arranged to use faculty members’ cars to take Aquinas students to the away basketball games at Tri-State and Cornerstone. This way the Aquinas community can show support for their teams throughout the season.

I.M.A.G.E. recognizes the importance of school spirit and enthusiasm for both the Aquinas community and the teams. “It’s all about getting people involved,” Cavanaugh says. “As an athlete I’m playing for my school...so it’s important that I see the support of my school community.”

I.M.A.G.E. will continue to do such spirit-raising activities for other sports seasons as well. To find out what they are doing, check out their web page at www.geocities.com/CollegePark/Quad/4141. (It is a case sensitive address, so be sure to type capital letters as needed.)

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Traditions of Aquinas

St. Thomas Aquinas Week Celebrates Heritage

by Amy Briggs
Times Contributing Writer

You’re invited to a five-day party! There will be eating, discussion, singing, a live band...and praying.

The Aquinas community welcomes St. Thomas Aquinas Week Jan. 25-30. Everyone is invited to come together for fun and festivities in honor of our college’s namesake saint.

Celebrating the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas is nothing new—it has been a longstanding event in the history of the college. This year the week’s focus will be tradition and community spirit. Decades ago activities for the celebration were scaled down, but the 1998 St. Thomas Aquinas Week format is projected to be action-packed and exciting.

The scheduled events are diverse, dimensional, and will provide a little something for everyone. Festivities will kick off on Sunday with a Dean’s List Mass in honor of students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement. Other activities during the week will include, a lecture on contemporary faith by Dr. Robert Ludwig of DePaul University, a medieval banquet and dinner theater, choral music, a Dominican Heritage Mass, and a special Women’s Center tea, among others.

The legacy of St. Thomas Aquinas is especially dear to the Aquinas community as he was a famous Dominican, and our college was founded by the Dominican Sisters. “St. Thomas Aquinas was the first in the middle ages to combine reason with faith,” explained Mary Clark-Kaiser of Campus Ministry. “He showed the world that intelligence can involve a combination of the cognitive brain and the religious brain.” She added that St. Thomas Aquinas’ Summa Theologica, “forms the root of this college.”

Aquinas has been observing this Feast since the 1940’s. Originally it was a full day celebration with no classes, a solemn High Mass at Marywood, and a breakfast that included honor students from area high schools like Mount Mercy and Catholic Central.

The Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas was observed in earlier years on March 7, which is the anniversary of his death. After the Second Vatican Council, however, the Feast date was moved so that fewer feast days would take place during Lent.

Now the celebration centers around Jan. 28, which commemorates the bringing of St. Thomas Aquinas’ body to its current resting place in Tailles, France, in the church of the Jacobins.

Though there is a “birthday cake” for him during this festival week, it is not his actual birthday which we remember. “The birthday cake is—well, not a joke really—just a light-hearted approach to the events,” laughs Sister Jean Milhaupt, Aquinas Archivist.

Beside being steeped in tradition, St. Thomas Aquinas Week is about integrating the community. “We’re trying to revive school spirit,” stated Mark Clark-Kaiser, “and this celebration is a great way to encourage comradeship.”

So get involved—show your Aquinas pride! St. Thomas Aquinas Week is sponsored by the Women’s Center, the Lit-Writ Club, the History Club, Insignis, the Music Department, PROGRAM, AQ I.M.A.G.E. and Campus Ministry.

Senior Challenge Continues with Class of ’98

by Heather M. Karal and Susan McReynolds
Times Features Editor and Contributing Writer

Let the countdown begin! Aquinas seniors will begin counting the days remaining in college as of the 100 Days Dinner on Jan. 31 which marks the start of the traditional Senior Challenge.

The Senior Challenge is a ten year standing tradition for Aquinas students. Each senior class chooses something that they want to do to improve the school and leave their mark on their soon to be alma mater. Senior Matt Flannigan explains that it is a chance to “pursue something or improve something that’s memorable as a recognized contribution from our class.”

The 17 member Senior Challenge Committee met for the first time on Friday, Jan. 23 to brainstorm ideas for the senior gift and plan the events that will lead to the seniors’ presentation of their gift to the school. The gift ideas that were generated at the committee meeting will be ranked by the committee and voted on by the class at the 100 Days Dinner.

Committee member Renee Palacki expressed his feelings about the plans for graduation. “The realization that we’ll be done brings a fun and sad mixture of emotions, but [the senior gift] goes along with the Master Plan and President Knopke’s big vision for the college. The seniors have that vision too.”

Committee co-chair Nate Richardson and Amy Richmond are anticipating a positive response at the senior dinner. “We’re really excited about the dinner which will get many of the seniors together to kick off this project as a class,” said Richardson.

There are 250 seniors in Aquinas’ undergraduate program. All of whom will be invited to the dinner so that they can discuss plans for graduation such as ordering caps and gowns. Although it is the seniors’ project, Richmond noted, “A lot of the departments have been willing to help or donate things for the project.”

All seniors will be asked to make a pledge in three annual increments, the first of which will be made before they graduate. The committee hopes to reach most of the class at the kick off dinner, but members not in attendance at the dinner will receive calls from committee members to inform them about the gift and give them a chance to be a part of this project.

As the graduation ceremony the senior class will announce the amount that they have received and hopefully present their gift to the college.