Tuition to Increase by 2 Percent

Hike is Lowest in AQ History

by Andrew Pieper
Times Assistant Editor

In an effort to show dedication to student needs and financial responsibility, the Aquinas Board of Trustees approved the smallest tuition increase in the history of the college. The increase, two percent, is below the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which is determined by the State Treasurer as the average increase in the price of living.

In a statement released to the Times, President Knopke said, "This policy underscores the college's commitment to keep costs down. It ensures students receive a competitively priced, yet high-quality, education, and that their parents receive the information needed for long-range financial planning."

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Leadership Conference to Bring Big Names to Campus

by Julie Hilton
Times Contributing Writer

Heard much about leadership lately? The Aquinas Community Senate is sponsoring its first Leadership Conference on Saturday, March 21, 1998 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

"Lead On!" will focus on gaining leadership skills based on each participant's potential and opportunities. Learning new leadership techniques, discussing personal ideas, and meeting new friends are a few of the goals the committee has for conference participants.

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Throughout the day a variety of speakers will give workshops on topics including motivation, creativity, conflict resolution, career concerns, and multiculturalism. Some of the speakers will be Jeff Copic, an AIDS survivor who speaks motivating for a positive lifestyle, Dave Weindaly and Penny Avory of Communication Arts.

The decision to keep the increase below the CPI was based on a Board resolution passed last October. That resolution committed the Board to holding tuition increases for the next three years to three percent or the U.S. Consumer Price Index, whichever is lower for that year.

Community Senate Executives Elected with Large Voter Turnout

Johnson, Krajewski, Kwiatkowski Earn Seats

by Mary Kopchick
Times Contributing Writer

In record numbers, Aquinas students elected the new executive members of the Aquinas Senate on Feb. 26. Junior Danielle Johnson won 924 votes over Baldwin's 168. In a closer bout, senior John Krajewski defeated sophomore Amanida Spitzley for Vice-Chairperson by a margin of 33 votes. Freshmen Joelle Kwiatkowski ran unopposed successfully for Secretary receiving 384 votes for the position.

The newly elected officers are full of ideas for improvements to Senate once they officially take office in April. Johnson hopes to see more students and staff at Senate meetings in order to familiarize the student body with the issues around campus.

Spring Break Service

Murder Mystery Dinner

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Student Art Impresses

B-Ball Bragging Rights

Lady Hoop Stars Rest

Healthy Relationships
Medieval Women Writers Come to Life in Lecture Series

by Angela Bergman
Times Staff Writer

Dr. Rebecca Coogan, English professor and Women's Studies Center Director, presented "The Politics of Literary Reputation" March 3 as part of the Aquinas Lecture Series. But before her presentation, she conditioned her audience with a "Chaucerian disclaimer," stating that if one didn't approve one could "turn the page."

At the conclusion of the lecture, however, the disclaimer proved to be visibly unnecessary.

Coogan retained student and faculty interest throughout the lecture with her analysis of three fascinating medieval women writers: Juliana Berners, Margery Kempe, and Margaret Paston.

A few audience members identified with the woman associated to the "first modern trout fly," Juliana Berners who wrote The Book of St. Albans in 1486.

Next, Coogan enlightened listeners with a glimpse into the life and trials of Margery Kempe. Married with fourteen children and a deeply religious pilgrim, Kempe wrote her autobiography entitled The Book of Margery Kempe. Coogan described Kempe's personality, as "his creature." Kempe is also described as "a religious pilgrim, Kempe wrote her perspective that..."

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In a passage of Middle English, Kempe referred to herself humbly as "his creature." Kempe is also known for "imaginative devo­tions," or religious role-playing.

The total vote count for this year was 438 as opposed to 300 last year.

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for the student body," said Johnson.

Time and time again students cite that one of the most significant aspects of Aquinas education is the chance to take part in a service learning trip. Thirty-six students and faculty from Aquinas took advantage of this incredible opportunity over spring break.

Dr. Rebecca Coogan enlightens her audience as part of the Aquinas Lecture Series. Coogan spoke on the literary reputation of women writers. Photo by Katy Tucker

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The Christian Appalachian Project works with families who live in one of the poorest sections of the United States. This region is known as Appalachia, which is located in Kentucky, West Virginia, and some portions of Tennessee. Volunteers help build, remodel, and extend living space for families who need help beyond what welfare can offer.

This year the Appalachia trip was characterized by some of the roughest weather ever to hit the region. Record low temperatures, snow, and rain were such a part of the work day for the students as dealing with the tasks at hand. Volunteers Stephanie Izdebski and Heather Young worked at putting on a tin roof during the rain, a slippery task. Freshman volunteer Amy O’Boyle said she had a reason for spending her break freezing in the midst of poverty.

"It was a chance to help people," said O’Boyle who was teamed up with college students from across the country to put up a porch and fix a home.

The service learning trip in Florida was organized through the National Relief Network. This network is an agency that sets up relief zones whenever a national disaster site has been established. The students were "originally slated to work in North Carolina, then North Dakota, and finally ended up heading to Florida. However there is disaster there is the NRN.

"I have no complaints with the final location," said participant John Krajewski.

This trip concentrated on debris removal and packing emergency and food supplies for the tornado-racked county of Osceola, Florida. On Feb. 23, tornados ripped through portions of the state, killing 40 people. In Osceola County alone, 23 people died, 147 were injured, and the damage costs were estimated at over $37 mil..."
Iraq Teach-In Helps with 'Lack of Knowledge' about Crisis

by Melissa Ann Paine
Times Campus News Editor

While the bombing of Iraq has been avoided, there is still reason for concern. That's the message delivered by the Iraq Teach-In that took place at Bukowski Chapel Saturday, Feb. 28.

Co-sponsored by the Institute For Global Education, Aquinas College Social Action Committee and Campus Ministry, the event attracted a group of 20 concerned students and community members.

"Though the bombing won't take place, the killing continues," said Randy Bond who spoke about the human effects of continued sanctions against Iraq.

"Without medical supplies, food and clean water, children are dying."

Calvin archaeology professor Bert Devries contributed to the afternoon. For half an hour, participants mingled, introducing themselves to one another in their new roles. "Ima Giv-U-Ahug," "Roosie Ra-Ra," and "the Devil" were some of the creative names given to the gathering of rock stars, cheerleaders, and movie stars.

After mingling, students were seated and the show began. Actors from Comedy Capers set the stage by welcoming their audience to the Johnny Arson Show, a radio music show.

As part of the radio show's production, students performed the YMCA and I Will Survive. Then, as senior Rene Palileo made a student appearance playing Sidney and Dawn Woodcox playing Spike took the stage, the producer of the show dropped dead from an amphetamine overdose.

The producer was pulled off-stage as a group of student actors performed a short skit. A detective soon arrived to set the stage for the murder investigation.

A Mexican buffet dinner came next for the hungry investigators.

In accordance with Dinner Night Club tradition, faculty and staff members served drinks and dessert to the students. Then it was back to the radio show and the murder mystery.

The detective began by systematically investigating everyone who had a motive for revenge against the producer. The detective questioned several people and finally realized that the dressing room played a major role in the murder.

Throughout his interrogation process, clues were dropped to help the student detectives solve the crime.

At the end of the evening, students submitted their solution to the crime. The dressing room scene was re-staged, and it became obvious that the criminal was Lance the stage manager. Yet, he had not acted alone. He was aided by Dr. Feelgood, the victim's former doctor who knew his chemistry and how much amphetamines it would take to kill him.

Kelby Aldrich, an advisor to Programming Board, found the program to be a success. "The overall program was exciting," said Aldrich. "Students had the chance to solve a mystery."

Freshman, Joelle Kwiatkowski said, "The entertainer's ability to incorporate involvement from the audience was impressive."
Summary:

Last semester a Times Features story drew attention to the Catholic Church's proposal to mandate meatless Fridays year-round. With the Lenten season upon us, the question of whether or not the Church should go back to the tradition of meatless Fridays has been raised again. Archbishop Adam Maida of Detroit supports the idea.

Point

by Angela Bergman
Times Staff Writer

The season of Lent is here for Roman Catholics as a traditional time of penance and fasting. On Ash Wednesday and on Fridays during Lent, Catholics abstain from eating meat as a penitential gesture. Self-reflection, repentance, and awareness are the purposes of this sacrifice.

Catholics should be required to abstain from meat on Fridays year-round in order to fulfill their Christian duty. The Apostolic Constitution on Penance by Pope Paul VI states, "All Fridays through the year and the time of Lent are penitential days and times through which we go around the universal Church," Friday is significant as the day that Christ was crucified. Additionally, this same document implies "abstinence [from meat] is to be observed every Friday which does not fall on a day of obligation. The Church is aware of the intrinsic duty for people to fast, yet is reluctant to make it a requirement.

The Church originally waived the requirement of abstinence from meat on Fridays to encourage more penitential works of service such as serving the elderly and volunteering in hospitals.

Sadly, the tradition of Friday as a day of penance collapsed when it was not required. Restoring the obligations has been proposed by the United States Bishops' Committee, and we need more than ever to support it.

According to Warren H. Carroll, Ph.D. of Christendom College, "Friday abstinence is familiar and still widely remembered and its restoration—though certainly it would not be universally obeyed—would have some chance of being widely accepted. Its abandonment was one of the Church's worst strategic mistakes."

The requirements of fasting will not be burdensome to those who place importance on the Church's teachings. The Church must require abstinence from meat because some of us need that extra guidance and motivation. Simple compliance with the requirement will hopefully lead to stronger devotion.

Catholics living in the United States enjoy many freedoms and luxuries that we are appalled at the prospects of having to follow another of the Church's rulings. We are focused so much on the strain of another requirement that we have lost sight of the purpose of sacrifice and fasting. It is time for Catholics to grow up and stop complaining about too many rules.

It is time for all Christians to open their eyes to the world. We are plagued by war, hunger, disease, human suffering, violence, poverty, and countless other human injustices. The visionaries of Medjugorje in Croatia report, "The best fast is on bread and water (Wednesdays and Fridays). Through fasting and prayer, one can stop wars, one can suspend the laws of nature."

Abstinence from meat does take a sacrifice if you don't know that "sacrifice" they were making. It's not a sacrifice if you don't know that you're doing it.

If the Vatican decides to make it a religious law, fasting from meat will become part of the weekly routine and practitioners will forget the meaning of taking it for granted.

If Wege cafeteria began serving nearly all vegetarian options on Fridays, even non-Catholics would be fasting from meat without realizing it, so how could Catholics be expected to appreciate the "sacrifice" they were making? It's not a sacrifice if you don't know that you're doing it.

Further, in today's America, skipping meat is no longer that big of a deal. Rare are the true believers who prepare a hefty meat loaf or roast beef for every meal. For health-awareness purposes, many families only eat meat a couple of times per week anyway. Again, no big sacrifice to moving fish or pasta Monday instead of Friday instead of Wednesday or Thursday.

Another fault with mandatory meatless Fridays is that once the practice has been around for a generation or two it will become routine. Children will do it simply because it has always been done. Once something like that becomes habit, it is done without effort or meaning.

The whole idea of sacrifice is that we should break away from our comfortable habits. The reason that the no-meat mandate during Lent works is that it only comes once a year, and to avoid meat on those Lenten Fridays is a step out of the ordinary. One proposed benefit of the rule is that it will help promote change in the world. In theory it would be ideal if the social ills of our time could be resolved due to less consumption of meat. Even though sacrifice can be good personally, it will unfortunately take more effort than dietary changes to cure humankind of suffering.

Meatless Fridays were practiced year-round in the past with the hope of purifying Catholic souls and in turning help cure larger problems. Continuing the tradition during Lent is a special touch, but the Church shouldn't latch on to the hope of making real social change through a meatless mandate.

Finally, the weekly fasting from meat will visibly separate Catholics from other Christian denominations. Kids going to public schools will notice that their Catholic friends cannot eat what they do. This will work against the ideal that Christendom strive toward unity.

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Counterpoint

by Heather Young
Times Local/ National News Editor

Doing a good thing because someone told you to has absolutely no meaning.

Catholics sacrifice in order to show their devotion to God, in order to break out of habits that are comfortable so that they can make an external demonstration of faith. If the Catholic Church decides to make abstaining from meat on Fridays mandatory, all of the beauty involved in a voluntary, self-imposed sacrifice will be stolen.

I have been really impressed when I've seen some devout Catholic fasting in some sort of way out of his or her sheer desire to serve God. That is an individual act of self-control and devotion.

If, however, the Vatican decides to make it a religious law, fasting from meat will become part of the weekly routine and practitioners will forget the meaning or at least take it for granted.

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Car Crash Claims Lives of Local Nuns
Dominicans, Community Mourn

by Andrew Pieper
Times Assistant Editor

The Grand Rapids Dominicans are mourning the deaths, and celebraing the lives, of two of their longest serving sisters this week. Sister Mary Angus Black, 93, and Sister Marie Emilie Rivard, 73, died last Saturday while driving near Lakewood, north of Grand Rapids. According to the Grand Rapids Press, the nuns were traveling on M-46 en route to Saginaw to take care of the belongings of an order member who died.

Police say the accident occurred when the nun's car, driven by Sister Dolorsia Martinez, who survived, began turning out of control. The 1994 Taurus then collided with a snow plow truck driven by a Grand Rapids man. The women died instantly.

Sister Marie Angus joined the order in 1923, and recently passed her time by visiting the nuns in Aquinana Hall, the Dominican Sister's health-care wing of Marywood. She also bopped approximately 80 loaves of bread weekly. This was her 75th year as a Dominican.

Sister Marie Emilie became a Dominican in 1944, after which she became principal at Sacred Heart parish in Mount Pleasant and later at Immaculata Heart of Mary's in Grand Rapids.

Margie Szczepanek, mother of Aquinas Freshman Lyndsay Szczepanek, remembers Sister Rivard with fond memories.

"I mostly remember her as strict but fair," said Szczepanek, who attended HIM during the late 1960s. "Of course, back then, they all wore the long habit. I can remember the long mummy hanging from her waist and the Kleenex in her sleeve."

Szczepanek remembers her as a nun who was approachable, and did not see her again until recently, when she received a scholarship reception at Aquinas.

"She was really a neat person, and it is really such a sad way to pass school," she said.

Sister Martinez is the counselor of mission and ministry for the Dominican Order. She suffered a broken shoulder and was released after treatment at Butterworth hospital.

Aquinas College was founded by the Dominican Sisters, and many Dominicans still teach and work at the college.

Funeral services will be today Wednesday at 4:15 pm, at the Dominican Chapel, Marywood, just East of Aquinas on Fulton Street.

U.S. High School Seniors Rank Near Bottom
Low Scores are not a Surprise

by Hanh K. Nguyen
Times Contributing Writer

In an international study of high school seniors on the subjects of math and science, the results show that the U.S. is far below average. Surprising or not, the U.S. high schoolers did not make the grade. Twenty-one countries participated in this exam and the test results present a declining assessment of American students in their last year of mandatory schooling. Even the scores of the academically elite-those who take either physics or advanced math courses-were a disappointment.

Some causes believed to contribute are the differing curricula from country to country; the main reasons for the faller are that school curricula are stronger in other countries, American students spend less time on homework than their international peers, and that many more American students are working. However, American students reported watching roughly the same amount of television weekly as students abroad and use computers more often.

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Some of the nation's top business leaders have expressed major concern. They're worried about American competitiveness in the global economy. Businesses have been pressuring schools to exhibit more academic progress and make the strictest of demands. "Other countries are advancing with their techniques and we're still the same as we were 30 years ago. They’re in school much longer and have more demanding academics," said sophomore Darlene Greene.

One bright spot on the test for the U.S. is that, unlike the other countries, the scores of male and female students were roughly the same.

In Correction

The Aquinas Times would like to apologize for an oversight in the Feb. 25 issue. The article on the Grand Valley simulation of the Arab League did not name Jen Johnson as a participant. Johnson, a member of Polis, did take part in the event. We at the Times regret this error.
The following conversation was overheard at a Georgetown restaurant over Spring Break between a high ranking Dept. of Commerce official (DC) and the lawyer representing the tobacco industry (LT).

DC: "We've got to have some guarantee in this deal that controls you by getting those kids hooked on cigarettes." LT: "You are assuming, of course, without scientific evidence, that our cigarettes are addictive." DC: "Seriously, now, you are making the US look like the bad guy here." LT: "Well, we've actually come up with a plan that will make all parties involved happy." DC: "Don't keep me waiting. I'm paying for this table by the hour." LT: "A pack of cigarettes a day." DC: "How much?" LT: "Well, since we are really doing it just to end the famine, we like to call it fertilizer. Additionally, we will end unemployment, because second of all, our experience in the fields is that ashes are spread on. DC: "What will the US get out of it?" LT: "Well, first of all, the public will quit whining about this deal that is never going to happen anyway. They will see the truly humanitarian effects cigarettes can have. It will be a symbolic victory of the innovation of capitalism over the waste of socialism—practically another Cold War, but without the dangerous weapons." DC: "What about the lack of rain?" LT: "Well, not wanting to burst your bubble, we have had a report kept away that proves that some of the added rainfall that has been so helpful to the Midwest and California is really a result of higher levels of smoking. With all these Koreans rejuvenating their land, it is quite possible that their rainfall may increase by 20% within weeks of the initial shipment of fertilizer." DC: "I thought you wanted to send cigarettes?" LT: "Well, since we are really doing it just to end the famine, we like to call it fertilizer. Additionally, we will pay the workers to fertilize the fields." DC: "How much?" LT: "A pack of cigarettes a day."
Times View:
An Editorial Comment

"I may disagree with what you say, but I will defend to my death your right to say it."—Voltaire

Aquinas College has provided its students with a wide variety of educational opportunities through its liberal arts curriculum. Additionally, programs such as Ireland, Montana, Chicago internships, and Haiti give our students the opportunity to experience different cultures, people, and environments away from campus.

However, while these advanced levels of exposure are nice, we think that there is a serious hole in what should be a very basic service to the AQ community, right here at home. The Women’s Studies Center needs a full-time director in order to fulfill needs even more basic than the overseas and extra programs provide.

Currently, the Women’s Studies Center is directed by Dr. Rebecca Coogan, who is also a full-time professor of English. She receives a one class reduction in her schedule to run the Center.

Her responsibilities are very important, and as is usually the case, time consuming. Office hours, intern supervision, weekly teas, numerous meetings, head of the Women’s Studies Board, cognate advising, budgeting, curriculum support—they all add up in a job where appreciation is not always acknowledged by the College as a whole. It is elementary to most thoughtful people that those tasks easily take more time than one additional English class would.

However, Dr. Coogan, due to time commitments with departmental and Center schedules, is stepping down. Just as her constant presence and advice are missed, another door is opened for growth. This is an excellent opportunity for Aquinas to show its commitment to women’s issues. President Knopke was instrumental in the establishment of a Women’s Center at Alabama, and we feel this is an excellent opportunity for Aquinas to show its commitment to a Women’s Studies Center.

The hiring of a full time director would show that Aquinas is strong in its dedication to diversity and equality issues as well as supportive of campus involvement in community activism on the behalf of women. The Center, which has been hurt by the College’s budgeting cuts in the past, could use the financial support of Aquinas during this crucial transition phase in the Center’s leadership. Currently, the Multi-Cultural Office has a full-time director and a part-time assistant. It would be not only appropriate, but essential, for the College to hire a full time director for the Women’s Studies Center. This would allow that person to devote his or her full attention to the advancement of women’s issues, and therefore the advancement of the College towards the now famous goal of Mr. Peter P.

The other day a close friend called me a femi-nazi. He laughed about it in a way saying that anyone who is into the promotion of women is a man-hating, gung ho, baby-kill ing, domination seeking feminist. Here we are in the middle of Women’s History Month. To me the fact that feminist is a bad word to many is a real disappointment. When I look at the world today, I’m proud to be a feminist and glad that I am one in the United States. Just this month in Pakistan a woman was sentenced to die because her family did not approve of her choice for a husband. Her husband was shot for marrying her in secret. This modern day Romeo and Juliet opened my eyes to the luxuries that I enjoy as an American woman.

In Israel all women have to be home by midnight, especially if you happen to be married. This is much prettier than the overseas and extra programs provide. It is into the promotion of women is essential. I am proud to be a feminist and glad that I am one in the United States.

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PHYSICAL FITNESS

**Joe's Big 8**

When students return from a week of R&R sun in March, one topic of conversation gets abused. So many people talking about the same thing, and on a nationwide scale it nearly endangers the possibility of things returning to normal. So to combat pollution in my own way, I'll ask once and that'll be the end of it: how was your break?

(3/19) AQ Cook Carriage House: Regency a cappella group. It's always a good time to have people singing for you. Check this out, get details at Student Activities, x4126.

(3/19) Orbit Room: John Valby (a.k.a. "Dr. Dirty"). I couldn't find much information on this guy, but my guess is that it's going to be one of those "adult-funny" shows. Hey, we're all adults here. Ticketmaster, must be 18 (456-3333).

(3/20-21) Walker Arena: The 13th Annual Shrine Circus. Hey, despite the whole animals-in-cages thing, it could be a good time. And it's CHEAP! $4 through Ticketmaster. Call venue for directions: (616) 726-2400.

(3/20) Jordan Valley Express: Cinderella. An overpriced, should-have-known-what-they-had-and-left-it-that-way band. But hey, I know there are fans out there dying to know. $18.50 Ticketmaster; (616) 536-5678 for directions, etc.

(3/21) Intersection: Aware Records Tour brings 19 Wheels, Train, and Downfall Inaint to town. Should be a good show full of happy music and people having a good time.

(3/25-26) Walker Arena: WMU Student Showcase. Exactly what's being showcased, I'm not sure, but it also is inexpensive, and WMU is always good for their talented students. $6, Ticketmaster.

(3/29) VanAndel Arena: Country star Clint Black with the Kinleys and Trace Atkins. Hey, it's a big name, and it's in Grand Rapids. What more could you ask for?

(3/31-4/1) DeVos Hall: "Dreamgirls." Broadway making an appearance here. Tickets are $40-125. Call the GR Broadway Theater Guild for info (236-6285).

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**Tom Cotter Brings Last Minute Laughs to Cook Carriage House**

by Heather Kanal and Joe Theuerkauf
Times Features Editor and A&E Editor

On the Thursday before Spring Break (March 5), many Aquinas students were already heading to their vacation destinations. Unfortunately for all of those who booked, they missed an enjoyable evening of laughs and entertainment right here on campus.

Comedian Tom Cotter performed in the Cook Carriage House that evening. Cotter has been seen on television programs on Comedy Central, Disney Channel and NBC Entertainment before his first appearance at Aquinas on March 9. He is also the winner of the 15th Annual Seattle International Stand-up Comedy Competition. The students who attended enjoyed a fast-paced evening of laughs.

While many comedians get on stage with a set agenda for their act and stick to it, Cotter visibly played off the responses, reactions and interests of his audience.

He interacted with the students who were present and smoothly worked their responses into his performance. The result was an excellent and unpredictable comedy act that got laughs from everyone present.

His routine ran through a full spectrum of topics. He spoke on college life and the things all college students experience at one point or another (drugs, sex, and the gloomy job of choosing a major), all the way to his outlook on what people name their pets, specifically small "toy" dogs like shi-tsus and chihuahuas.

He made light fun of various audience members and took advantage of the situation of people arriving late from quad classes. His ten minute routine on funny problems in the English language (most of them sexual in nature) got a huge response from audience members.

While not exactly politically correct—in fact far from it—his material was something nearly everyone present could relate to in some fashion.

"The only aspect of the evening which might have been improved upon was the decision to bring such a talented comedian to Aquinas on an evening when many students were leaving campus. Because of the date which Cotter appeared, the student turnout for this event was somewhere between 30 and 40 people. Hopefully, Cotter will be brought back with a greater student attendance. His act was the last "What the Heck Night" of the year.

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**Student Art Exhibit Continues Tradition of Talent**

by Joe Theuerkauf
Times A&E Editor

Paintings, drawings, sculptures, photography. It's all on display right now at the Art & Music Center Gallery. The Student Art Exhibit is one of the most significant displays to take place at Aquinas each year. Each class in the art department takes its finest work and proudly puts it up for the public to see.

The opening reception for the exhibit took place on Sunday, March 1, and the exhibit will be on display until April 3.

"This exhibit is representative of consistent quality and talent present in our art students," said Ron Pederson, Art Department Chairperson. "It's all about a rendering of skills that these artists possess. Pieces like Mary Reusch's "Levels of Being" were created during the Spring Art Show. These works demonstrate the skills involved in the creative process. The oil on canvas piece of a flag by a student is a testament to the talent of our students. It is a powerful piece that should not be missed by any visitor to the exhibit."

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seems to lead the observer in one direction, but contains subtle hints that the scene is not exactly what first impressions tell you. Sculptures, like Celtic Memory by Nate Richardson (Sculpture I), show how even an intro-level class can be a gateway to exploring creative territory, and that it's not all predefined projects one after another. Brigid Avery's Full Circle, from Photography I, also demonstrates the ability of a student to add several dimensions of meaning to the piece and its title.

"We want the students to choose pieces that demonstrate a growth in their progress," said professor Kurt Kaiser. "We want them to choose their own, but we'd rather have something that gives the idea that there is a learning process involved opposed to gallery-refined pieces. Both are nice, but it's about learning." Student submissions are all critiqued in class and juried before their appearance in the exhibit.

Many are available for sale. As Pederson put it, "Some just want to make enough money to buy more materials. Others have to decide how much (money) they're willing to accept before they can give up the piece. Prices range from $10 to $100 or more. Lists are available in the gallery entrance.

The AMC gallery is open M-Th: 10am-7pm; F: 10am-5pm; and Sat/Sun: 2-6pm. Go and take a look.

25th Annual Aquinas Jazz Festival
Schedule of Performances

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Provided by Bruce Reiter, Festival Coordinator

CD Reviews

Madonna
Ray of Light
Maverick/ Warner Bros.
by Joe Theuerkauf
Times A&E Editor

Don't be deceived by the rating. I actually liked this disc, which says a lot. It was full of her trademark dance rhythms, and for those who read John Setrak's review in the GR Press, I agree with a lot of what he had to say about Madonna's new introspective song writing. For those who didn't read it, it sums up in a few words: the Material Girl seems less concerned about material and more about soul.

There are a number of credits to be given to Madonna in this effort. Experimenting with new sounds and a new lyrical style has done wonders for her credibility in my eyes. There are far less "me me me" songs and she even goes so far as to include a charity in her child's "Little Star." Her venture into foreign language on "Shanti/Ashtami" creates a haunting and very spiritual song, my favorite on the disc. It even appears that she is finally less nasty and more romantic ("Drowned World/Substitute for Love"). She appears cheerful and outgoing both in voice and in the photos included in the liner notes. Kudos to photographer Mario Testino for getting her to smile.

However, as a critic, my job is to find the faults as well as the strengths. I tried to past this disc to other, more discerning writers who would be able to overhype the flaws I see. But I have to, I'll say it: the music itself is barely-average electronics salvaged from Aqua's trash can. While able to bend music to her will on almost any album, Madonna has always walked the line that separates superb music from polluted pop pulp. A couple times it has been crossed, and I think she placed a few footprints in the latter area this time. Come on, there can only be so many Puritanish/Shoopish/Elastica rip-offs on the radio at one time, and I'm afraid there are places on Ray of Light that demonstrate how few true-to-life standouts there are. Examples being "Ray of Light," "Candy Perfume Girl," and "Skin." Over all, the album creates a very powerful blend of introspective moods and rhythmic tunes that are worth while. With a couple exceptions, and aside from looking like Sheryl Crow all of a sudden, Madonna gives us a good album.

The Suicide Machines
Battle Hymns
Hollywood Records
by Joe Theuerkauf
Times A&E Editor

I cannot keep my head from hopping back and forth while listening to this disc long enough to write this review. From the opening song "Somehow," this Detroit quartet brings nothing but the oddest, most surreal music, on the charts to your insatiable ears. Going from ska to hardcore punk and back to ska in less than a Ferrari can hit 60mph, the band makes sure you don't stop moving in some way or another.

It occurs to me that Burstdit is one of the few places in the world where a full brass section is not required to form a ska band. Thankfully this is true of TSM (formerly "Jack Kevorkian and the Suicide Machines"), whose fast-paced and hard-hitting songs remind me of the Ramones’ first album, without the noisy, belligerent side. The band creates a very powerful blend of introspective moods and rhythmic tunes that are worth while. With a couple exceptions, and aside from looking like Sheryl Crow all of a sudden, Madonna gives us a good album.

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For the Aquinas Men’s Basketball Team, choosing a Spring Break destination became quite a chore. Many possibilities existed, but Idaho became the dream vacation spot. Unfortunately, their travel plans fell through in the last 20 minutes.

Coach Rick Albro and company had hoped to spend Spring Break in Nampa, Idaho, the site of this year’s NAIA National Tournament, but Siena Heights booked the last available flight.

The Saints’ run through the WHAC Post-season Tournament started on Feb. 25, when Spring Arbor College came to the Fieldhouse for a first round matchup between the 4th and 5th seeds. The Saints, led by a balanced scoring attack of Brandon Lowe (18 points), Joe Crittendon (16 points), and NaShune Hickman (13 points), beat the visiting Cougars 79-67.

Lowe finished with 16 points, while Mike Jackson contributed 11 points and 8 rebounds. But Aquinas could not withstand the Siena pressure. Hickman and Richards added 10 points a piece, and Richards also grabbed 11 rebounds. Lowe led the Saints into fourth place on the school’s all-time rebounding list. Lowe also helped pace the Saints, as he chipped in 17 points.

A stingy Aquinas defense forced the Thunder into shooting only 38.5% from the field, as the Saints held off a late rally to claim 68-60 win, and a spot in the WHAC Final.

The next stop on the road to Idaho would run through Siena Heights, a winner over Cometstone College in the other semi-final. Siena, the #7 team in the country, and last year’s national runner-up, had its sights set on a third straight WHAC title.

In the championship game, Aquinas looked to slow the pace against the Saints from Siena. The establishment of ping pong as an intramural activity the claim to the All-Conference Team, while Richards added 10 points a piece, and Richards earned spots in the WHAC’s regular season champion, who finished the season with a 10-2 record.

As the Faculty and Staff vs. Students basketball game, which was played on Sunday March 1 at the Fieldhouse. This is one of the few opportunities students faculty and staff get to go blow for blow and elbow for elbow as they vie for basketball supremacy.

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Junior John Krajewski beats Campus Safety Officer Rob McCarty to the jump ball as students Kyle Baldwin, and staff member Brian Matzke mark up in the faculty/staff versus student basketball game. The students fell in the match-up by a score of 63-61.

Aquinas Slides by Saints in WHAC Final

Aquinas falls just short of National Tournament

by Damon Bouwkamp
Times Contributing Writer

Playing for Ping Pong Pride

Kelleher knocks off Torres in Finals

by Kathy Milczarek
Times Intramural Correspondent

Eight participants desired to be the champion of the first ever Aquinas Intramural Ping Pong Tourney. Only one of the eight actually paddled his way to the top.

After intense preliminary competition, Ricardo Torres and Brian Kelleher emerged to claim spots in the finals. Torres a sophomore from Saginaw is also a member of the JV basketball team, while Kelleher, a sophomore transfer from Northwood University is a member of the men’s soccer team.

Both players showed a great deal of ping pong prowess, as the match, much like the ball went back and forth, back and forth.

After a tremendous battle, Kelleher eventually became the first ever Aquinas Ping-Pong Champion.

The tournament is expected to be held every year, as it came about after many residence hall championships and ping pong bouts. But with the establishment of ping pong as an intramural activity the claim to campus champ in the sport can only belong to the winner of the official tourney. So warm up your paddles and start practicing, as Kelleher will be a tough champ to defeat in the next intramural ping pong battle.

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Junior John Krajewski also participated in the game and jokingly said, “It was a real competitive game, and both teams had fun. However it’s really too bad that the faculty must resort to bribing the referees (who were students) with grades to win.”

Above all though, the game has a deeper meaning than winning.

“The game is a great time,” said Mary Clark-Kaiser, Director of Campus Ministry, “and it builds spirit and a sense of community between the students, faculty and staff.”

Though this is true, it’s easier to say that if you’re on the winning team. The faculty and staff have bragging rights, at least for this year.
Madonna Shoots Down Lady Saints...Again

Saints draw nemesis in WHAC Tournament

by Alan Plum
Times Sports Editor

Certainly a second place finish in the conference should have provided the Saints with a favorable match up in the first round of the WHAC Tournament. Not this year.

Bad luck, injuries and poor shooting all led to an early exit from the post season, as the Women’s Basketball team fell to Madonna University 65-49 in the first round of the WHAC Tournament.

The Saints finished in the middle of a four way tie for second place with Cornerstone, Tri-State, and Madonna, but after the tie-breaking process, the Saints only received the fifth seed in the playoffs.

Their first round opponent, the fourth seeded Madonna Crusaders, who already had defeated the Saints three times during the regular season. So much for the luck of the draw.

Not only that, the Saints were forced to travel to Livonia without starting center Nicole Michi, who missed the team’s last two games due to illness. Michie, the Saint’s top shot blocker and one of the team’s best rebounders, has also been chipping in about nine points a game.

Against already unfavorable conditions, poor shooting doomed the Saints from the start, as they trailed 33-18 at the half. Aquinas could only manage six field goals, as they shot a dismal 19 percent from the field in the first 20 minutes.

The host Crusaders shot a very consistent 41 percent, which included a 5/10 performance from 3-point range in the second half. Madonna struggled only from the free-throw line where they shot just 42 percent for the game.

Madonna’s poor foul shooting and inability to take care of the ball allowed the Saints to stay within 10-15 points for the most of the second half.

Forced to play catch-up, Aquinas couldn’t take advantage of the three-point shot, a weapon they used so effectively during the regular season.

As a team the Saints had shot 30 percent from behind the arc, but they struggled against Madonna finishing the game only 3-27 for 11 percent.

A forty foot heave by Madonna which fell through the net just before the final buzzer provided the final margin, as the Crusaders (18-12) advanced to the next round with a 16 point victory. Aquinas finished the season at 16-12.

Three seniors will depart from this year’s squad, as Jen Forkner (guard/forward), Lisa TerHaar (forward), and Lisa Branche (guard) each played in their final game for Aquinas College.

Sports Commentary

NBA: Needs to Ban Arbitration

By now, darn near everybody is tired of hearing about the Latrell Sprewell incident that happened last December. For those of you who have been living in a cave, or in Ireland, let me fill you in.

Sprewell, a former NBA All-Star, played for the Golden State Warriors. After being kicked out of a practice, "Spec," as he is affectionately known, choked and verbally threatened his coach P.J. Carlesimo. He was restrained by players and coaches, but shortly after leaving the floor, he returned and attacked Carlesimo again.

In a move that took most, including Sprewell by surprise, the Warriors ripped up what remained of his contract. Converse also terminated his shoe deal. It didn’t end there, though.

NBA Commissioner David Stern took a bold stand on the issue, suspending Sprewell for an entire year. Stern by the way has been noted as the commissioner with the most control of any professional league.

His message was loud and clear. Even in a league where players are larger than life and coaches are at times nothing more than baby-sitters, he maintained that nobody has the right to physically attack anybody.

That was in December, when the ball was in Stern’s court. Soon though, the NBA Player’s Association called “NEXT.” They claimed the punishment was without precedent, and therefore Stern’s punishment was unfair. Eventually, the case would go to arbitration.

After an arbitrator’s decision, Sprewell’s contract will be reinstated as of July 1. Not only was Sprewell’s suspension shortened by six months, the Warriors now have to honor the remaining contract and pay him $8.3 million next season and $9.0 million in 1999-2000 for a whopping total of $17.3 million. Most likely Sprewell will demand a trade, and he’ll get it.

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Lest you hear some reactions, shall we? Stern obviously didn’t like the decision. In fact the Associated Press quoted him as saying, “You cannot strike your boss and still hold your job-unless you play in the NBA and are subject to arbitrator Fenrick’s decision.”

The Warrior’s GM, Garry St. Jean, was quoted as saying he was “disappointed” with the NBA’s decision to reinstate Sprewell.

On the other side, the player’s union claimed that Sprewell was punished excessively. Several players, including the Pistons’ Brian Williams, Joe Dumars, and Lindsey Hunter said that Sprewell’s loss of $6.4 million this season in penalty enough.

Besides they said, he can’t play until July 1, the season will be over by then so it’s like a one year suspension anyway. Sprewell is still serving the longest suspension in NBA history, so give him a break.

I tend to disagree. Let’s look at the real losers here:

The NBA. This says that players can and will get away with anything. In a league where there’s too much player control already (the gun is cocked), the most logical thing to do isn’t to give the players more power (the gun has shot the league in the foot).

David Stern. This kind result of this case was a slap in the face to him. Apparently the commissioner doesn’t have the final word. The Golden State Warriors. They stood firm in terminating Sprewell’s contract. After all, they’re trying to run a first class organization, and now they have a blemish on their record. A player versus coach boxing match at half-time won’t send many parents to buy tickets for their kids.

P.J. Carlesimo. He may be a tough coach, but being choked by a player had to put a hurting on him mentally as well as physically. Besides, Sprewell could possibly share the same sidelining with Carlesimo next year. Don’t count on it though, Sprewell has already offered to stay with the team, as long as Carlesimo wasn’t calling the shots. How gracious of him.

Sure, everybody deserves a second chance in the NBA. I’m not so sure that the average person would be given a second chance in the REAL WORLD.

I don’t feel bad for Sprewell at all, he’s already set for life financially, even if his contract hadn’t been minimized. The real losers here though is that everybody should have an arbitrator.

That way, rules don’t apply.
What do you want in a relationship? What things do you need from the person you are dating and what do you offer them in return? "Happiness." "Trust." "Respect."
The list went on at Aquinas students and staff participated in discussion at R.A.V.E.'s Healthy Relationships vs. Sexual Assault Awareness night. Sandy Parley from R.A.V.E. (Resources Against Violent Encounters to Women) came to Aquinas on March 4, to speak about sexual assault issues as well as to give guidelines for keeping a relationship healthy and satisfying. Among the issues discussed was the importance of identifying which person wants from a relationship and knowing whether they are looking for the same things.

The group also role played some difficult situations that often occur between dating partners. It is never easy to resolve conflicts involving jealousy, aggression, or mistrust in a relationship, but the participants quickly learned that it was easier to come to a resolution when they followed the "Rules for Fighting Fair," which were supplied. Most of these seem simple, logical techniques on paper: identify the problem, don't use blame, don't hold grudges, be willing to compromise. However, the participants discovered that these rules were much easier to accept on paper than they are to put into practice. The hardest thing was identifying the problem, observed Eric Bridge, East Area Resident Director. "Sometimes [a problem] seemed like it was about jealousy or resentment, but it was really about communication and answering questions like, "Where does this relationship stand right now?""

Before the discussion about fighting fair and healthy relationships, Parley also talked about the more sensitive issue of sexual assault. During this portion of the discussion she covered issues such as how sexual assault is defined and how to help a person who has been assaulted to cope with the event. Parley addressed the fact that sexual assault is not limited to a girl being physically forced against her will to have sex. There are many forms of assaults including coercion and date rape. Unfortunately, because these kinds of situations can seem ambiguous as to whether or not a person has been violated, victims often do not report the incident. In fact, an estimated 42% of sexual assault victims, according to Solomon, think others will think badly of them because they let the rape happen.

Make sure that the victim knows that you will support them and that they can get help. At the same time, do not try to push him/her to say more than they are comfortable with. Do not try to "rescue them." Let them know that you are willing to help, but allow them to make decisions about whether they want to get help and where they want to get help.

Victims often feel vulnerable and helpless, having him or her make the decisions can help them to feel in control again. If you or someone you know has been victimized by sexual assault, know that there are ways to get help. The YWCA offers free, confidential services for any sexual assault victim.

Sexual assault is a terrible issue to face, but it does not have to be faced alone.