AQ Talent Show: A Class Act

by Mindi Evans
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Talking camels, Death Metal bands and Tina Turner impersonators: AQ's annual Talent Show kicked off Parent's Weekend with an eclectic blend of student talent. The Talent Show, which was held in Kreschmer Auditorium on Friday, October 2, was sponsored by Programming Board and Student Activities.

Self-taught ventriloquist Lynn Trefger, a 1994 Star Search Winner who has appeared with comedians such as Sinbad and Jeff Foxworthy, served as Master of Ceremonies. Trefger provided a variety of humorous skits in between acts using Camelot the Camel, other puppets and several audience members.

"She was spontaneous and involved the audience very well. Being picked on during the show just made it more memorable," said Susan Webster, who was singled out during one of Trefger's skits. The first half of the show featured the talented members of Residency Life and their dance rendition of "Under the Boardwalk." Following the dancing R.A.'s were several musical numbers including senior Adrian Proctor's band, ULTRATHRASH and a heartwarming dedication to all the mothers in the audience by senior Carlus Henry and junior Xavier Jaramillo.

The second half brought more musical numbers with a combination of diverse acts, such as junior Andy Hollander's original love ballad "Starlight" and senior Miriam Lynch reviving the disco classic, "I Will Survive."

Junior Brian Morano, who served as host, was pleased with the turnout. "There were a variety of acts and Lynn did a great job. I had a lot of people come up to me after the show and say it was the best one they had seen at Aquinas."

Theater Revival Lets Students Act Out

by Melissa Ann Pine
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The curtain is rising on a new era of theater at Aquinas with the addition of a theater minor. In association with Grand Rapids Community College, the new minor will educate students in all aspects of theatrical production.

"Aquinas has always had a commitment to theater," said Communication Arts Chair Renee Stable. "Yet, there was a concern about the lack of a theater. We don’t have the facilities."

With the new minor, Aquinas will have both theater and a theater. The theater will be GRCC's state of the art Spectrum Theater in downtown Grand Rapids. Here students will participate in the college's seasonal productions. In addition, GRCC will be the site of the hands-on classes of the minor. These include stagecraft, acting, auditioning and directing.

Of the 21 credits required of the minor, at least 9 credits must be completed at Aquinas. Aquinas classes applicable to the minor such as Shakespeare, Storytelling and Plays and Players are currently offered by the Communication Arts and English departments.

Junior Kyle Dutkiewicz has already enrolled in the program. "I’ve been involved in theater ever since I was born," Dutkiewicz said. "Theater is what I want to do for my living...I’d like to go on to try my chances on Broadway." Dutkiewicz has been involved in community theater productions and the Grand Rapids Ballet.

"Theater is my true love, so its good to put something that I’m passionate about into my school work...it’s something I can sink my teeth into," Dukiewicz said. The Aquinas College Thespians, (A.C.T.), are also excited about the new theater minor.

"We wanted a drama club on campus, so we established a club that would be available for students interested in dramatic and performing arts," A.C.T. co-founder Lauren Ivory said. To become involved in A.C.T., contact Lauren Ivory at ext. 6063.
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It's not St. Patrick's Day, and there is no shamrock on the menu. But St. Patrick will visit Aquinas to revive the rich history of a fifth-century Irish missionary.

Through actor Roger Nelson's one-man portrayal of St. Patrick, Ireland's patron saint will share the story of his life. The Confession of St. Patrick will take place in the Wege Ballroom, Tuesday, October 13 at 12:30.

Patrick's Confession is the oldest document written in Ireland, dating back to about 450 A.D. Within its pages, Patrick speaks of the spread of God's message in Ireland through his missionary work. St. Patrick was born to a wealthy British family but was kidnapped and sold into slavery. Patrick said, "There [in Ireland] the Lord opened the sense of my unbelief that I might at last remember my sins and be converted with all my heart to the Lord my God...because then I earnestly sought Him, and there I found Him, and He saved me from all evil because of His Spirit that dwells in me."

The play is being jointly sponsored by Programming Board, Student Activities, the Ireland Program and Campus Ministry. "Aquinas has a connection with Ireland through the Ireland Program," said Mary Clark-Kaiser, Director of Campus Ministry. "This is an opportunity to understand and experience St. Patrick. Through this play, who he is will come alive."

Programming Board member Amanda Spitzley encouraged all of the Aquinas Community to attend. "It is an exciting, alive and entertaining program. It is entertaining, yet has a religious history that is important to the Catholic heritage of our school."

A Bit of Culture in Canada

by Heather Young
Times Assistant Editor

AQ students found that quality entertainment supersedes time and national origin during the annual trip to Stratford, Ontario.

On September 25 and 26 a group of Shakespeare-loving Saints, sponsored by Insignis and the Lit/Writ Club, started off for the annual Shakespeare Festival.

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"I was really interested in getting involved on campus, and IMAGE was a way for me to do that," said sophomore Besty Aspin as she worked in IMAGE's Homecoming food booth September 19. Already, IMAGE has been influential in raising the spirit level at Aquinas. "We had a great showing at all the first opening games like volleyball and men's and women's soccer," said AQ IMAGE Co-Chair Xaviar Jaramillo.

At these games, the club gave away prizes of soccer, baseball and Aquinas keychains, frisbees and hackeysacks. They are famous for their pop-can noisemakers, but will not be allowed to use them at women's volleyball games. The college's mascot, the friendly St. Bernard affectionately called "Nelson," never fails to entertain the crowd with his well-loved antics.

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The scope of IMAGE reaches far beyond athletics. The organization also plans to become involved with Alumni and President's Office functions, travel to events across the state and attend dinners with board members and donors. Next semester, the group also plans to support Women's History Month, Black History Month and other special events on campus.

Anyone who wishes to become involved in IMAGE or receive more information should contact Xaviar Jaramillo at ext. 6836.
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Aquinas Students are Fulfilling "America's Promise"

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Events and Service Opportunities

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New technology in the science center will enable instructors to interact electronically with classrooms off campus. Guest lectures will be broadcast live for students in the learning center. This new technology should attract students who are interested in the sciences, augmenting several of GRCC’s already 1000 plus courses.

The Cafkinks Science Center is just the latest construction project on the GRCC campus. Seven other buildings have been built under the same campus master plan. The Applied Technology Center, Lyon Street Parking Ramp, College Park Plaza Building and the new Spectrum Theater were all completed within the last ten years.

Pizza Giant Passes the Pie

It started with only pizza. Then it escalated into breadsticks. Now there are Buffalo Wings, “30 minutes or it’s free” and the infamous Aquinas Special. By 1989, 38 years and $1 billion. Monaghan realtor to Credo, a weekly Catholic newspaper in Ann Arbor. Not to worry, though, pizza fans. Domino’s growth in a new direction. It’s nothing more than good. Sometimes it’s not what people want, but it’s an adaptation. It’s both a fresh and an established thing.

Monaghan had once thought of selling the company in 1989 due to weak management and financial trouble. The company, however, took a sharp turn in 1992 when Monaghan sold the Detroit Tigers for $55 million to Mike Ilitch, chairman of Little Caesar’s. In addition to the Tigers, he sold PASS, an all-sports network, two radio stations and his classic car collection. At the same time, profits and revenues skyrocketed from $2.5 billion in 1992 to $3.2 billion in 1997. This made Domino’s Pizza the world’s largest pizza delivery company and the second largest pizza chain in the world.

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Students are also aware of problems with binge drinking. Junior Veronica Mueller said, “I think it’s what a freshman thing and an end of the school thing for athletes.”

Mueller believes that many freshman want to try everything when they get to campus and experience freedom from their parents for the first time. Likewise, said Mueller, athletes who abstain from alcohol during the season tend to throw huge drinking parties at the end of the season.

The full Harvard study and related links to alcohol sites are available on the Harvard School of Public Health College Alcohol Study website at http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/cas.
Clinton Inquiry Goes Before the House

Monica Lewinsky's testimony will also be viewed. As the House Judiciary Committee continued its inquiry, last week members went to Starr's office to view an additional 18 boxes related to the Clinton affair that were not included in the report submitted to Congress and the world on September 9.

The judiciary committee has also created a subcommittee to look into the definition of an impeachable offense. Many are basing the definition on the precedent set during the Watergate Scandal in the Nixon administration. In fact, the proposed resolution uses the same text as in 1974, with William Jefferson Clinton replacing Nixon's name.

This proposed resolution states that the authority of house judiciary committee "is authorized and directed to investigate fully and completely whether sufficient grounds exist for the House of Representatives to exercise its constitutional power to impeach William Jefferson Clinton, president of the United States of America." The vote on whether a full inquiry should be launched came earlier in the week. The full House is then expected to vote on the inquiry by Friday.

The American public, as well as those on the Aquinas campus are divided over the outcome. "I believe he's right in that its own personal battle with his God. However, I do believe we need to address the issue of perjury and look at that closely," said senior Bill Lepock.

"Congress should deal with it, because if he's dishonest how can he represent the nation, but it's important to keep in mind that even though he's the President, he's not infallible," said senior Angie Batey.

Public opinion polls indicate that the majority of the American populace does not favor impeachment or resignation. Some favor having the President and Congress negotiate a deal that will permit him to admit to perjury and remain in office, allowing America to continue with its normal business.

"They were the running of the country. Congress and the President can't focus on the normal business with this taking up time on the docket," said junior Mickey Chichester.

Some wonder if and how the affair will effect the election turnout and outcome in November.

Chair of Aquinas Political Science Department Glenn Barkan said, "I see this being a two-year ordeal, with the President fencing it out with the judiciary committee. Neither side has figured out how to seize the advantage in this. It could hurt Democrats in 2000, but politics are tremendously unpredictable."

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Race Incident at Kalamazoo Shocks Students

by Kelly O'Connor

Michigan Daily

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (U-Wire)--In an incident similar to the racist hate crimes of the 1950s and '60s, the residence hall room of a black first-year student at Kalamazoo College was destroyed by fire on the morning of September 28. School officials suspect arson was the cause of the fire, and that the motivation stems back to an incident that occurred during summer orientation. In a letter sent to the parents of Kalamazoo College students, President James Jones Jr. said the black student reads an original poem during a poetry reading last month that stressed the importance of judging an individual on the content of their character—not their skin color. A letter advocating the elimination of all non-white students from campus was posted on the door of his residence hall room Sunday. Eighteen hours later, a fire was discovered in the room of the student's residence. Neither the student nor his white roommate were present at the time of the fire.

The Kalamazoo fire marshal has classified the fire's origin as "un-determined."

A school known for a high degree of diversity and tolerance, Kalamazoo College is doing its best to cope with the incident, said John Metcalf, the school's director of public and media relations. "We as a community are definitely hurting," Greenhoe said. "But the students have said they will not tolerate any of this type of hatred. There is no place for it on our campus, and they will not stand for it."

Many Kalamazoo College students said they are feeling the effects of the episode. "I am deeply disturbed by this," Kalamazoo College first-year student Jacob Metcalf said. "One of the main reasons I came here was I thought everyone would be comfortable with themselves and (each other's) ideas. It is startling."

Metcalf also is concerned that the incident will tarnish the school's reputation. "I want to make sure everyone understands that Kalamazoo College is a place that does not harbor racial hatred," he said.

"Students are really coming together," Greenhoe said. "There has been a tremendous amount of dialogue in the last few days. People are stopping each other on the street and saying, 'Hey, let's talk about this.'"

The evening after the fire, school officials held a meeting for the entire student community. Students addressed their concerns and posed questions about the facts surrounding the fire, Jones wrote in his letter. The school is offering a $1,000 reward for information leading to the identification of anyone responsible for the fire, Jones wrote. Incidents such as this cause University officials to take a closer look at race relations on campus, said Maureen Hartford, vice president of student affairs. "When something like this happens, there's always the issue of how to access the threat," Hartford said. "This is definitely an issue we will discuss at our next meeting."

School officials at Kalamazoo College said the black student who was the target of the crime has left campus to be with his family in Chicago. As of yet, it is unclear whether he will be return to campus. A racial hate crime of this magnitude has never before occurred on the Kalamazoo College campus, Greenhoe said.

College Students Save on Federal Loans

People across the American Way, a group of liberal activists are planning to raise several million dollars in order to support President Clinton. The money will be spent on television ads which accuse Republicans of pursuing Clinton's personal life at the expense of other issues. The liberal group hopes that this televised campaign will help Democrats in the November 3 elections.

The independent television campaign, set to air next month, may strengthen Clinton in his battle to remain in office and help encourage Democratic turnout in the elections.

Scholarships Set for Disadvantaged Children

Around 35,000 disadvantaged children in Arkansas, Michigan and 36 additional communities around the country will receive scholarships to attend private or parochial schools through a fund set up by investor Theodore J. Forstmann. Forstmann and Wal-Murtaugh John T. Walm donated $100 million through the Children's Scholarship Fund, a group of liberal activists who are planning to raise several million dollars in order to support President Clinton. The money will be spent on television ads which accuse Republicans of pursuing Clinton's personal life at the expense of other issues. The liberal group hopes that this televised campaign will help Democrats in the November 3 elections.

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Gene Therapy May Cure Lactose Intolerance

A international research team has developed a possible cure for lactose intolerance, an inability to digest dairy products that affects about half the world's population. Lactose intolerance comes from a genetic deficiency that prevents the body from metabolizing lactose, or milk sugar. However, researchers say that injecting a gene involved in the breakdown of milk sugar into the digestive tract of lactose-intolerant rats allowed the animals to handle lactose-rich foods. This new gene therapy is very practical, but research is inconclusive as to whether anyone will ever receive a new gene to cure his or her lactose intolerance.

Pumpkins Make Positive Impact

The Smashing Pumpkins recently concluded a seventeen-show charity tour for the new album, "Adore" netting a grand total of nearly $3 million in the United States alone. The tour promoted the highly anticipated album, but also benefited numerous youth charities across the country. For each destination, the Pumpkins selected a charity and then donated 100 percent of the ticket sales to it. "With this tour and in choosing these specific charities we believe it is very important not just to fund our organization but give our money. Each organization has such a positive impact in the community we wanted to shine the spotlight on their work," said frontman Billy Corgan. Kudos to the Pumpkins for setting such a smashing example of generosity.
Sacrifice Nostalgia for Progress?

**Point**

by Angela Bergman
Times Campus News Editor

In the name of progress, changes must be made. Some programs inevitably have to fade away as Aquinas grows and expands. Eventually, one of those programs will be the East Area program houses. As soon as next year, the East Area Coordinator, Eric Bridge's house and Burfeindt Hall will probably be replaced by parking lots. Although many students hold sentimental feelings about the program houses, essentially they are fragments of the past. Physically, many of the houses are in poor condition, unsafe and are not cost efficient. Students are not receiving a comparable quality standard for what they are paying for.

This marks a time of great potential to improve Aquinas' commitment to service. The removal of East Area program houses will not constitute an elimination of service programs. It will simply enable change.

In light of recent parking and space issues on campus, the valuable area that the houses now contain can be used more effectively and efficiently. Burfeindt, Meijer, Knape, the East Area Director's house and Woodcock could be torn down to allow other structures (which are more heavily demanded) to be built.

Various other housing options, including the apartments, will quickly become available. It will not be difficult for Aquinas to find something better to do with the land. We are in dire need of a new library, athletic facilities and more housing. These uses would be much more beneficial to the majority of students. Service programs can be structured to better fulfill their purpose. What distinguishes the service programs at Aquinas from the sororities and fraternities at other colleges? The only real difference is that our program houses have acronyms instead of Greek letters. The very nature of distinct service program houses is exclusive. Service programs should be the exact opposite—inclusive. Service programs will be much more inclusive if the members are dispersed throughout the campus instead of being isolated in East Area.

Will there be any more incentives for students to start service programs? If living together in a house is the only incentive for a service program, there is no point to the service project anyway. Better incentives like scholarships, awards and competitions can be provided to students interested in starting service programs. Demolishing houses in East Area may be sad for some, but we must keep looking forward, keeping our eyes open to the emerging possibilities and valuable opportunities that accompany change. The demands around us—adequate parking, quality structures, more inclusive service programs—must be responded to. Why remain trapped by the constraints of tradition when we have the ability to accomplish more and achieve a higher standard?

**Counterpoint**

by Heather Young
Times Assistant Editor

Aquinas is a college steeped in tradition and ceremony. Walking along the campus, visitors and neighbors cannot help pausing to read historic markers and imagine the family who once inhabited Holodene and the Dominican Sisters who once filled the classrooms. Along those same lines, a large part of Aquinas' academic and service history has been tied up in its project-themed houses in East Area.

Admittedly, it's clear that some of those houses are worse for the wear. Not one person can take a close and honest look at Burfeindt and see a healthy house. Sadly, it's one of the most majestic in the area. But, despite the age and disrepair of East Area homes, I think they're worth preserving.

About a month ago we celebrated our school's homecoming. I live in Meijer Hall, and was surprised to find some alumni tapping on our door asking for a tour. They were impressed. We showed them our rooms and kitchen and other living spaces, but most importantly, we showed them our service project, there is no point to the service project anyway. Better incentives like scholarships, awards and competitions can be provided to students interested in starting service programs. Demolishing houses in East Area may be sad for some, but we must keep looking forward, keeping our eyes open to the emerging possibilities and valuable opportunities that accompany change. The demands around us—adequate parking, quality structures, more inclusive service programs—must be responded to. Why remain trapped by the constraints of tradition when we have the ability to accomplish more and achieve a higher standard?

Next year Burfeindt Hall and Resident Director Eric Bridge's house will fall to make way for residential housing of a more modern sort as entailed by the master plan for Aquinas, perhaps beginning the future of East Area which might have all houses replaced with apartments and the like.
Times View: An Editorial Comment
With less than a month left before the critical midterm elections, college students are faced with many questions about their rights and responsibilities pertaining to their civic duty of voting. This may prove especially hard as the current situation in Washington may lend itself to apathy among the general population, not to mention college students.

Disenchanting college students more, are numerous questions and uncertainties surrounding the process of voting. How do they go about it? How do they know who to vote for? College students in particular may find these questions especially confusing as many may be voting for the first time or may be away from home and not able to vote in their home districts. Yet, these obstacles shouldn’t discourage one from going to the polls this fall.

There are numerous ways of acquiring information about the issues and candidates on the ballot. First, simply is to read the newspapers, watch news, or use the internet. Second is to see how the questions are phrased on the ballot. One can venture to the local library to obtain a copy of the proposals and questions. Unfortunately students will have to Geoff campus for this because the Aquinas College library currently does not have this information.

Also, the political science club, POLIS, along with the Community Senate Political Affairs Committee, has compiled a “1998-1999 Student Voter’s Guide.” This non-partisan guide contains information on different proposals and candidates in the various congressional and state races. This packet can be found in the Academic building or in the Wege Student Center. It can also be obtained by contacting Dr. Roger Durham or Dr. Glenn Barkan in the Political Science Department.

There is a multitude of other information sources one can consult that will provide a complete perspective on the issues and candidates prior to voting in the election. Many of these references are very easy to find and review, so there is no excuse for apathy toward the election issues.

As for actually voting in the November 3 general election, the law in Michigan states that one needs to be registered thirty days prior to the general election, so one needed to be registered before October 5, to be eligible to vote.

For those at Aquinas who are registered to vote in their home districts, and want to obtain an absentee ballot should contact their local Township office. Requests for absentee ballots must be made by 2 p.m. on October 31 at your local township office and may be picked up anytime before 4 p.m. the day before the election.

Out of state students should be aware that the laws of different states vary. To ensure the ability to vote in their home state’s general election, students should attempt to contact the state election board in their home state for pertinent information on getting an absentee ballot.

The polls will be open in Michigan from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. on November 3. So there is plenty of time in the day to take a few minutes to drive or walk down to the local polling station and cast a ballot.

No more question of what the fence you fall on this November 3, it is encouraged that you take a bit of time to find out about the issues on the ballot. It may vary. To ensure the ability to vote in their home state’s general election, students should contact their local Township office. Requests for absentee ballots must be made by 2 p.m. on October 31 at your local township office and may be picked up anytime before 4 p.m. the day before the election.

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“Please take out a number two pencil and look at the directions on your test booklet.” No doubt these are the words that many Aquinas juniors and seniors are anticipating with dread and prayer as they prepare for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Most of the graduate school-bound students will probably never have to sharpen their number 2 pencils or turn the pages of a test booklet with sweaty fingers, because the GRE is being changed from a computer-based GRE to a Computer Adaptive Test (CAT).

At first glance, the GRE CAT sounds like a good idea. Students will not have to worry about whether or not they have a schedule conflict with the semi-annual test dates because the CAT will be offered year-round by appointment. Also, taking the test directly on a computer allows for immediate scoring, so students will not have to spend days biting their nails in nervous anticipation of results. But is this new level of efficiency worth the changes that it is causing to the structure of the test?

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THE ROAD less traveled

by Heather M. Karal

On the paper and pencil test, a student may come to a question that he or she is uncertain about, skip it, and go back to it later. On the GRE CAT the questions must be answered in the order that they are given, and students cannot go back to change answers. The order of the questions is also very significant in the new computerized GRE. On the GRE more difficult questions are worth more points.

In the CAT, the first five questions are at moderate difficulty level and have corresponding point values. If a student gets these questions correct, the computer continues to give that student moderate to high difficulty level questions which are worth the greatest number of points. However, if a student answers incorrectly early on, the computer gives him or her the easier questions that are worth fewer points.

After missing five questions of moderate point value, students may not have the chance to work their way back up to the difficult questions that are necessary for a high final score in the allotted amount of time.

Another problem with the GRE CAT is that it assumes that all college undergraduates are computer literate. In the "information age" it is hard to believe that many college students can survive their undergraduate years without learning basic computer skills, but many students are left behind when they come to college. The GRE already strikes fear into the hearts of even the most competent undergraduates.

The requirement to use the computer is merely an added burden. The GRE CAT has some obvious benefits and should be offered to those who think that they will do better on it. But, requiring everyone to use this computerized test is unnecessary and unfair to people whose learning style is more conducive to the traditional test procedure.

There are only two more pencil and paper GRE's to be offered before that version is phased out entirely. These are in November of 1998 and November 1999. If the pencil and paper test will be better for you these are your last opportunities before everyone will be thrown into the technology age using the sink-or-swim method of learning.

Word from University Wire
We the People

By Art Samuels
Brown Daily Herald
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(U-WIRE) PROVIDENCE, R.I. -- At this point, I am completely embarrassed to be an American. I have listened to all the talking heads argue about impeachment versus censure versus nothing versus resignation, and I have come to the conclusion that I am completely fed up with all of them. Democrats go on television and desperately try to concoct some sort of reasonable defense for the man that they have unfortunately elected as their leader. They try to explain his actions, defend his conduct, but they can’t get around one simple fact: Bill Clinton, as Jesse Jackson pointed out more than five years ago, “is pure appetite.” He is a childish monolith, consuming everything and everyone in his path: a modern-day Henry VIII. And yet for some reason, despite the obvious reasons for condemning him, we can’t quite bring ourselves to do it. Because we’re afraid.

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**A.C.T. Takes the Stage**

by Bridget Clark

Times Contributing Writer

Watch out Broadway. The Aquinas College Theatricals (A.C.T.) is becoming on strong. "Rumors," A.C.T.'s first full-length play, stars a talented cast ready to strike your fancy. A.C.T. was started last year by co-founders Lauren Ivory and Dania Fiorito, both sophomores. The club was started in order to promote theatrical expression and drama among Aquinas students. The executive board includes Fiorito and Ivory with Lina Faumer as Treasurer, Susie McReynolds in charge of publicity and Assistant Professor of Communication Arts Penny Avery as the advisor.

Taking the big step and putting on a full-length comedy is a direct result of the awesome feedback and involvement the rookie club has received. "We were very excited about the huge response to play auditions, and we are looking forward to a similar response to other A.C.T. activities such as improv night," said Ivory.

"Rumors," a farce by Neil Simon, is a hilarious spoof on the lifestyles and social events of high society. "I was nervous at first, and then once rehearsals started everybody came back to me and now I am even more excited to get moving," said Fiorito.

The play opens on the 10th with an opening of all new characters in charge of publicity and Assistant Professor of Communication Arts Penny Avery as the advisor.

The A.C.T. cast and crew hit the stage around midnight Fuel performing with Aerosmith during the month of October as well as playing various other activities for the 98-99 school year. A.C.T. not only develops and organizes the productions but welcomes all students who have written a play or have their writing into action.

To get involved in set crew, stage crew or lighting crew contact their writing into action. "Rumors," A.C.T. is putting on the second annual improv night in mid-November, as well as various other activities for the 98-99 school year. A.C.T. not only develops and organizes the productions but welcomes all students who have written a play or have their writing into action.

To get involved in set crew, stage crew or lighting crew contact Lauren at extension 6063 or Dania at extension 6064. Also, anyone interested in performing in the improv group or in any A.C.T. activity should call for more information.

**Fuel Live at the Intersection**

by Katy Moore

Times Contributing Writer

For those of you who live under a large rock, Fuel performed at the Intersection on September 24. It was an incredible show to say the least. Stereotype and Ednaswap opened for the band who took the stage around midnight. Fuel performed their disc "Sunburn" in its entirety plus two new songs and "Walk the Sky," their contribution the Godzillas Soundtrack.

The guys of Fuel seemed cramped on the small stage of the Intersection as lead singer, Brett Scallions, stood so close to the edge of the stage, he seemed to want to climb down into the crowd. Fuel didn't however, appear to have an interest in meeting their fans since as soon as their set was finished, they fled the stage and escaped onto their tour bus.

Fuel is touring with Aerosmith during the month of October as well as playing various other venues on their own. For those students who missed Thursday's show, I highly recommend taking a road trip to Detroit to catch Fuel live at The Intersection on October 25.

Some people place Fuel in the same category as Alice In Chains, Days of the New, Stone Temple Pilots and Creed. Whether or not they sound like these bands is a matter of judgement. There are certainly similarities.

Also, people needing a change of pace from a Matchbox 20-Dave Matthews Band-rusted radio will find Fuel a much needed breath of fresh air.

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Graffiti Tribe Brings Down the House

by Elizabeth Dudek
Times Art & Entertainment Editor

The Cook Carriage House hosted Graffiti Tribe on Thursday, September 24. They brought the house down with their smooth sounds and hilarious stage show. The show was a hit with the audience—students (there were no seniors in attendance) and some older attendees who were enjoying the pop-rock sound. The performers included a cappella sextet from Denver, Colorado, plus popular tunes. The group's voices, combined with various instruments (drums, guitar), Jim Gilbert (bass) and Michael Jackson (drummer), created an energetic atmosphere that kept the audience on the edge of their seats.

Divine Inspiration

by Elizabeth Dudek
Times Art & Entertainment Editor

Sheila Divine. You might be asking, "Who is she?" Is she the new SPACE Girl? Does she go to Aginsaas? The "who" is actually a newly formed three-man band from Boston, Massachusetts. The three are currently playing various bars including Mac's Bar in Lansing. The name of Sheila Divine comes from Australian slang. "Sheila" is similar to the word "wanker" (a term that can be used to describe someone who is annoying). Sheila Divine is anything but a usual generic alternative band.

Listen to their self-titled EP, and when hearing songs like "Modern Log," between edgy guitar riffs and verses that will knock you on your butt, there are undertones from everyone's favorite generation of punk rock and ska. Sheila Divine is anything but your usual generic alternative band.

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by Ryan Smith
Times Sports Editor

Despite all the youth and inexperience on their roster, the women’s volleyball team appears ready for success. After a tough preseason in which 11 of the 12 players saw their first college action, the Lady Saints headed into conference play looking to make some noise. With disappointing losses in their first three conference matches, the Lady Saints were excited to host the Spring Arbor Cougars last Saturday. This was not an ordinary meet, as all the WHAC Conference schools were invited to play in a Friday and Saturday jamboree.

This system of having all the conference teams play at one location during a weekend is nothing new to the conference, but it could be on its way out. "I personally don’t like it," coach Marc Schultz added. "Just little things like we had to pay for officials for the whole weekend, yet we only played one game," he continued.

Another minor problem with the setup is that the Lady Saints had to play at 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning instead of being able to enjoy the larger afternoon crowd at the play at 1:00 p.m. matinee. With or without the larger crowd, the Lady Saints pulled together and defeated Spring Arbor 3-1 for their first conference victory of the season. It was a team effort that was aided by a lineup change. Coach Schultz switched around his players so that he could utilize their height. A short team, the Lady Saints needed to shuffle to take advantage of the height they have. "With our current lineup our average height in the front is 5’10”, and I’m the shortest one up there," sophomore Meghan Longley explained. The others near the net include 6’0” sophomore Kimmy Powell and 6’1” sophomore Carly Nelson.

With the first conference win under their belt, the Lady Saints were ready to host perennial power Madonna on Tuesday. The team was well prepared, but the nationally ranked Crusaders were too much for the Lady Saints in the end. They ended up losing the match 3-0, but they did not go down without fighting. "We came out strong and played with them the whole match. We were up in the first game until they came back," Longley commented. The Lady Saints were not too disappointed with their 1-1-1 record last week as they gained necessary experience. Eventually, there comes a point when freshman and sophomores are just young in age and not as young in experience. The Lady Saints seem ready for this occasion and intend to surprise the other teams in the WHAC.

Lady Saints Look to Hit Their Groove

Spring Arbor 3-1 for their first conference victory of the season. It was a team effort that was aided by a lineup change. Coach Schultz switched around his players so that he could utilize their height. A short team, the Lady Saints needed to shuffle to take advantage of the height they have. "With our current lineup our average height in the front is 5’10”, and I’m the shortest one up there," sophomore Meghan Longley explained. The others near the net include 6’0” sophomore Kimmy Powell and 6’1” sophomore Carly Nelson.

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The Final Score
Hometown Heroes Come Along Once in a Lifetime

by Damon Bouwkamp
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In this, the free agency era in professional sports, finding an athlete that has donned the same team’s uniform for an entire career is as common as a World Series title in Chicago. Players change teams about as often as they trade in their underclothes for fresh ones. What started as a simple plea for athletes’ rights, now has escalated to billion dollar fleamarket proportions. But lost in the glamour of the home-run race this season was the ending of one man’s quest to play every day, in the same uniform he put on from day one.

Cal Ripken, Jr. has shown up for work 2,632 days straight. He has donned the Baltimore Oriole’s winged jersey for 16 consecutive seasons. Starting on May 30, 1982, Ripken, Jr. was inserted into the lineup in his rookie season and was expected to perform day in and day out. Imagine taking a job and being told that you will not have a day off for over 2600 days. Imagine a superstar achieving this with the same surroundings for his entire career.

Amidst all of the hoopla of the "Great Race for 61," Ripken carried on, day after day, doing what he has always done best: play the game of baseball as hard as possible. Then on September 20, 1998, The Streak ended after 2,632 games. Ripken, Jr. pulled himself up in the first game until they came back," Longley commented. The Lady Saints were not too disappointed with their 1-1-1 record last week as they gained necessary experience. Eventually, there comes a point when freshman and sophomores are just young in age and not as young in experience. The Lady Saints seem ready for this occasion and intend to surprise the other teams in the WHAC.

off MVP award. Anyone for a three-peat?
Professional sports need more of these types. How often have professional sports let us down in the past few years? With athletes running around whining about dollars trying to find the team that will support their gallivanting lifestyles, professional sports have gained a bad image.

There is something to be said for a professional athlete who has stuck with the same team through the thick and thin. I will take a Ripken home run, an Yzerman goal or a Barry Sanders touchdown before I ever root for a guy with equal talent from another town playing in Detroit.
Saint's Soccer Moves Up the Ranks

by Nate Thomas
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Both the men's and women's soccer teams came up with big wins to end the first half of this season's Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) season.

After dropping their first three non-conference games, the Lady Saints went into the game against WHAC rival Siena Heights with a five-game winning streak and a handful of injuries. "The season has been a constant struggle against injuries, yet these injuries have brought the team closer together," freshman Robin Mankel said. "The team is becoming stronger day by day which has prepared us for the game against Siena. The Siena game is always a big one for Aquinas."

"This is my first season, so I didn't know the rivalry. After listening to the coach and the other players, I knew it was going to be a tough game," junior Pam Bierzynski said. Aquinas women pulled off a 2-0 victory over visiting Siena Heights, setting the team in first place for the second half of the season and helping them toward the end of the season tournament.

"We were tied for first," women's coach Shannon Bessette said. "This basically just gives us a better position."

Senior P.J. Tannian slides the ball past a defender in a match against Spring Arbor.

"It was the first game of the year." Sophomore Andrea Thormeier, taking second and third place finishes which right now is easily within their reach. Both teams are well placed for a successful finish.

Men's Golf Looks Toward Spring

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With only a couple of meets left, the Saint's men's golf team looks at a disappointing season with high hopes for next spring.

According to head coach Tom Gunn, the Saints finished a disappointing fourth in the conference. The top five golfers were sophomore Jeff Andrus, John Hudson and Pete Zeedyk and freshmen Steve Brown and Jerod Shovan.

"We had a very young team, basically underclassmen, so they are still learning the strange courses," Gunn said. "However, they still did not play to their potential."

Most of the players agreed the season could have gone better. They played against top schools such as Tri-State University—a team with an on-campus home course.

"I don't think anyone is happy with the season," Shovan said.

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Alright, you decide you want coffee, chocolate, pasta and a weird little sandwich with a Perrier just because. Don’t worry, you’re not out of luck, you’re just not looking hard enough. So let me introduce another local coffee shop.

Another stop on this vicarious tour of local coffee shops is the Crisan’s Coffee Company. Immedi­ately one can’t help but notice the parking lot. It’s huge, usually only half full, and it’s clean. Sec­ond, one is blown away by the deluge of visual stimulation and color as you walk through the front doors. Lastly, there are just too many choices.

Crisan’s Coffee Company isn’t just about beans and scones, its about chocolates, sandwiches, deserts, numerous coffee blends and even daily specials. They offer bar and table seating as well as seating outside during the warmer months. Prices for drinks are comparable to most coffee houses, usually between $1 and $3 a cup. The art­work along with the entire décor is extremely vivid mixing with a color scheme that ventures up into the vaulted ceilings.

The atmosphere is distinctly so­cial and most patrons that remain are in a group. Unlike some local shops, one won’t find students cramming or readers reading. In­stead, Crisan’s has a distinctly older clientele in professional dress. In other words, leave your homework at home and bring friends because this tends to be louder than you’d expect. There isn’t a designated smoking area either. If you’re in the mood to walk, you should get to the Gaslight Village location in close to twenty min­utes. Or, if you’ve just driven to the Wealthy St D&W just go straight across the street from Jersey Junction.

The music, during my visit, was alternative (Fiona Apple to be ex­act) but is probably chosen by who­ever happens to be behind the counter.

The coffee itself is rich, some­what strong and well-mixed in the specialty drinks. Perrier and sev­eral frozen fruit drinks are also available for those not in the mood for coffee.

Now, finding a place with pasta, chocolate and weird little sandwiches wasn’t so hard was it?

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