Wege Speaker Brings Design Ideas

by Mandy Schneider
Times Contributing Writer

"Design Revolution" was the theme of the Wege Foundation lecture series. The series was initiated by Peter M. Wege to help raise awareness about the various aspects of the Grand Rapids community. This installment of the series was on Wednesday, April 21 in the Wege Ballroom with the featured speaker, William A. McDonough, a professor at the University of Virginia.

Professor McDonough, Time Magazine's Hero for the Planet, spoke to the full Ballroom on the subject of sustainable development. Sustainable development includes buildings that are designed to encourage the existing ecosystem to continue flourishing as it had before construction had taken place.

He and his firm, McDonough and Partners, have been acknowledged as architectural pioneers with their designs that incorporate eye-pleasing aesthetics with environmental understanding. Some of the firm's most prestigious designs are the national headquarters for the Environmental Defense Fund, the Herman Miller SQA factory, the Gap Corporate campus as well as the Monsanto Child Development Center.

McDonough and his firm have won several awards or honors for these designs, such as Design of the Year Award from both Business Week and Architectural Record Magazines in 1997. Designer of the Year in 1999 and McDonough was the only individual to receive the Presidential Award for Sustainable Development in 1996.

McDonough discussed the need for both designers and business owners to think effectively, but not necessarily efficiently. He pointed out the importance of a comfortable work place. McDonough believes that if the people are happy, they will work better and productivity will increase. This increase in productivity will make up for the extra cost this type of development will be.

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Community Senate Passes Resolution to Denounce Economic Sanction Against Iraq

by Heather M. Karal
Times Editor-in-Chief

On Wednesday, April 21 the Aquinas Community Senate met for their last formal meeting of the academic year and passed a resolution to issue a statement denouncing economic sanctions against Iraq. The Senate narrowly passed the resolution in a vote of 18 to 14, but without forty minutes of heated discussion.

The resolution, which was proposed by Social Action Committee (SAC) member Rob Dodde, requires the Community Senate to educate and inform the Aquinas community about the denouncement of the sanctions as well as the status of the situation in Iraq. The resolution also requires the Senate to issue a press release stating the position that the Aquinas community has taken on the issue of the sanctions.

Dodde spoke in favor of the resolution presenting the document to the Senate and answering questions posed by senators and community members.

In response to the question regarding the ethics of providing money and supplies to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein Dodde said, "It seems to me that we are justifying the killing of Iraqi people because Hussein is killing them too." Several community members also spoke regarding the resolution.

Political Science Professor Dr. Roger Durham addressed the senate and said, "I fully support the resolution having studied this issue for some time." Durham also offered to help Senate find information to educate the community about the situation in the Middle East if the resolution was passed.

College Republican members Eric Zeemering and Jeremy Davis spoke to Senate in opposition of the resolution. They stated that the resolution, which cites child and infant death and malnutrition rates as an inaccurate portrayal of the situation because Iraq should be compared to other third world or southern economy nations where death and illness rates are also very high. Zeemering asked that Senate consider making efforts for organizations such as "the Hait group where a proactive effort could be made" rather than passing a resolution that will not change the lives of people in Iraq.

"The majority of the Aquinas community does not support this resolution. Only 8 percent are represented in the petition," Davis observed. (Representing approximately 18 percent of full-time traditional age students).

Some senators were also concerned that the resolution would require the Senate to take over tasks that should be the responsibility of SAC, such as educating the community about the situation in Iraq. Despite the opposition the resolution passed. As a result the Community Senate will issue a press release declaring the Senate's denouncement of the sanctions. It has not yet been decided when the statement will be released.
State Representative Doug Hart visited Aquinas on April 12 for a round table discussion. The event was sponsored by the College Republicans.

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make this planet a fit place for future generations.

Dr. Michaelleen Kelly, Aquinas Professor of Philosophy, attended the lecture. Although she was impressed with the diagram that McDonough presented outlining three areas of change—economic, social justice and ecological—Kelly was concerned with the application of the diagram to business practices in third world countries. "The diagram makes business leaders and CEOs in third world countries appear as dealing with ethical issues in the United States and with the environment, and not how they’re dealing with social justice issues in third world countries," Kelly said. "It’s not clear that they have changed or are willing to change in third world countries.

"He [McDonough] gave no evidence for how the diagram was being used as a strategy of change," Kelly continued, citing the social justice issue of Nike's operation in Vietnam.

According to Kelly, McDonough stated that Nike was not responsible for Vietnamese workers and that they were under local management. However, Kelly has discovered that the Vietnamese actually work under South Koreans. Sophomore Lauren Tetzler in attendance felt McDonough was a phenomenal speaker and had great ideas. She was impressed with how he built the various corporate headquarters so that they were earth-friendly and environmentally sound.

Tetzler added that although the presentation was excellent, it was geared toward a crowd familiar with business and not necessarily the average college student.

Aquinas will host the college’s first ever Technology Day on April 29.

"(The day) is a wrap-up for a year of research by the Webslingers, a group of six Aquinas faculty and staff members interested in learning about technology in the classroom," said Allene Kieff, a Webslinger.

Taking place in the Wege Ballroom, Technology Day is sectioned into three parts. At 1 p.m., Gary Kieff and Aquinas President Dr. Harry Knope will discuss "the visioning," a look into Aquinas' technological future, as elaborated by Allene Kieff.

A trade show will begin at 1:45 p.m. featuring faculty and student booths. The purpose of the trade show is to highlight current and future Aquinas programs for learning. Allene Kieff explained. Students will have the opportunity to voice their opinions about Aquinas College technology at this time. Door prizes as well as refreshments will also be offered, said Aquinas student David Vincent, who helped to plan the event.

A panel of six area college professors will discuss the pros and cons of distance-based learning in an open forum starting at 4 p.m. English Professor Dr. Brent Chezly of Aquinas will moderate the discussion.

Anticipating some very strong opinions represented on the panel, Allene Kieff said, "It's going to be real interesting."

"Most faculty see possibilities [of distance-based learning] but have true and valid concerns," she said. Kieff hopes that students and faculty alike will take advantage of this forum to discuss those concerns.

One of those concerns, that Aquinas is focusing more on technological advancement rather than improvement on a personal level, was expressed by senior Katie Kupieczi.

Although he expressed that he was unclear of the benefits of web-based courses, senior Dave Flak, a student employee of the Information Technology Services Department at Aquinas, believes that Technology Day is a great idea.

Both Kupieczi and Flak feel that it is important for Aquinas to hold the Technology Day.

"It's good to know that Aquinas is keeping up with technology," Flak said.
T.G.I.S Activities Rained Out, but Lip Sinc Contest a Blast

by Nick Occhipinti
Timer Contributing Writer

A biting cold rain caused the cancellation of the Student Activities’ “Thank Goodness It’s Spring” event on Friday, April 23. The event, which was supposed to have started at 3 p.m., was to feature raft races in Wege pond, a clothes relay, water balloons and an eating contest, but was another helpless victim of what hopefully was winter’s last stand.

The day’s activities also included a lip sync contest at the Cook Carriage House later that evening. That event wasn’t canceled and proved to be a great time for participants and audience members. Student Derek Sandahl was a member of the audience and said, “It was cool. I thought it was excellent.”

First prize in the lip sync, $100, was awarded to “Seasme Street” member of the audience and said, “Andy and Friends” were among fans.

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When asked about his inspired performance, Hollander said, “We had the British spirit of rockers.”

The Fourth Annual disAbility Awareness Week from April 19-24 at Aquinas heightened the awareness on campus of the challenges that students with disabilities face daily. Speakers were brought in and information booths were available to help inform the Aquinas community.

On Wednesday night, Aquinas students played in a wheelchair basketball game against the Grand Rapids Pacers in the Field House. The Pacers are Grand Rapids’ professional wheelchair basketball team. The Aquinas team was given 10 points for every basket that they made, while the Pacers’ baskets were scored normally.

Using this scoring system the final score was 67-70, with Aquinas “winning” even though they only scored 7 baskets.

On Thursday and Friday 21 students, faculty and staff participated in “The Wheel World,” This group of individuals spent 24-30 hours in wheelchairs to get a glimpse of what life would be “If I were a wheelchair user.”

Dance team members (a.k.a. “The 4 Diva’s”) Heidi Marks, Vikki Hargencrader and Monique Nadon, Shantae Dixon perform at the TGIS Lip Sinc Contes.

photo by Heather M. Kerl

inspired” act called “Ten Commandments of Health.” This group consisted of juniors Trisha Clark, Julie Hilton and Gina Mazzoni and senior Kathy Demny.

Crystal Noonan of the 2nd place-finisher group, performed a rendition of Queen’s Bohemian Rhapsody. “It was fun even though I made a fool of myself, and I really hope that they have this again next year,” said Noonan.

The night also included a new song written by Andy Hollander.

The song, inspired by a dream that Hollander had, was well received by the audience, and it was clear that Hollander and his accomplishment were among fans.

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Aquinas faculty Penny Avrey, Dave Weinandy and Lorraine Straw (left to right) enjoy the opportunity to socialize with students at the annual Spring Fling on April 15, 1999. Senior Ann Walsh, the presider of Programming Board (right), takes a break from dancing to mingle with the Aquinas professors.

Spring Fling, which is sponsored by Programming Board, was held at Nott’s Old World Italian Dining. Approximately 250 students attended this elegant event.

“It was a great experience. Every year except the year I was in Ireland, I had a great time, and I think it went well,” Walsh said.

Walsh was very satisfied with Programming Board’s selection of Nott’s as the location. “Nott’s did a great job. They were helpful and nice to work with,” she said.

Aquinas players Brad Schaub (left front), Nelson, Josh Maarleveld (right front) and Brendan Earl (right back) take on the Grand Rapids Pacers for wheelchair basketball during disAbilities Awareness Week.

photo by Chris Wadd

like if they were disabled.

Those who took part in “The Wheel World” had to deal with stormy weather along with the other limitations of being in a wheelchair. Participants raised over $1,000

in pledges for the Rosemarie Grace Johnson Walker Fund for Accessibility. The top fundraiser was Junior Mark Pittman, who raised $380, which won him a $50 gift certificate to the Gap.

After participating in “The Wheel World,” freshman Mandy Schneider said, “It was a really good experience. I think that anyone ever has a chance to do something like this, they should do it. It makes you aware of how inaccessible some things are and it puts things into perspective.

You realize how much you take for granted, and you’re very limited in what you can do. I’m glad I got to participate.”

The disAbilities Awareness Week activities were sponsored by Project Open Heart and the Academic Achievement Office.

A Great Evening for Everyone

by Janelle Burden
Timer Contributing Writer

Spring is the season for new life and fresh faces. That makes it quite an appropriate time to welcome Megan Marsh to Aquinas.

She will serve as the Resident Director of Regina Hall in the coming school year. As we welcome Megan to Aquinas, let’s take the chance to get to know her.

Times: Megan, could you describe your residence life experience?

MM: I am a third year resident assistant at Central Michigan University. I currently serve as our hall council advisor and have also been a summer orientation mentor.

Times: What were your impressions of Aquinas College?

MM: I felt a strong sense of community and commitment to a holistic development of the individual. I very much appreciated the honesty and friendliness of the students and staff that I met.

Times: What are you most looking forward to in your new position?

MM: I am looking forward to a fresh, new environment. I am eagerly anticipating meeting and forming positive relationships with AQ students and staff with the ultimate goal of working together to make Aquinas and Regina Hall the best living/learning environment possible.

Times: What are your staff and residents expect from you?

MM: Enthusiastic! I have a fervid desire to help others and I love the college setting. I feel that I have a strong ability to motivate people. My staff and residents can expect that I will be visible and active throughout the hall and campus.

Times: How will you relax amidst the stress of Residence Life?

MM: I love to play and watch all sports (especially basketball and football). I exercise on a daily basis and nothing calms me more than a nighttime jog in the rain. I also listen to music and am currently in the process of learning to play the guitar (with the help of my patient residents).

Times: Do you have a message for your future residents?

MM: The best is yet to come! Have a great summer and I look forward to officially meeting you all in the fall.
Doris Kearns Goodwin, a prominent historian, spoke at the Gerald R. Ford Museum on Saturday, April 24. The former Harvard professor and Pulitzer Prize recipient included tales about her days as an intern in the Lyndon Johnson White House, as well as growing up a fan of the Brooklyn Dodgers in her lecture on the moral authority of the presidency.

Kearns Goodwin stated that her interest in studying history began as a young girl when her father gave her a red score book, so she could keep track of the Dodgers’ afternoon game at Ebbets Field. “I remember the excitement I experienced, knowing I had my father’s complete attention recounting how our Dodgers did that afternoon,” said Kearns Goodwin.

She went on to study history at Harvard, and as a graduate student there she served as an intern in the White House under Johnson. She recounted the story of her first day there, serving as an intern in the Lyndon Johnson White House under Johnson. She recounted the story of her first day at the White House, while active in the anti-war movement was published, entitled “How to Dump Johnson.” Kearns Goodwin remembers being embarrassed at the incident. The topic of her lecture was the moral authority of the president, focusing on two twentieth century presidents about whom she has done extensive research – Lyndon Johnson and Franklin Roosevelt. These two men, according to Kearns Goodwin, have made dramatic improvements for the qualification of life for all Americans.

She spoke at length about Johnson and his great society programs, which helped African-Americans in the mid-1960s. She also discussed the notion that Johnson sought to receive more credit than is given him for the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Ultimately though, according to Kearns Goodwin, Johnson will be judged by the war he waged in the jungles of South Vietnam, rather than his “great society” programs.

The other President she spoke about was Franklin Roosevelt, who was the focus of her 1995 Pulitzer Prize winning book, No Ordinary Time. Like her lecture, this book focuses on the relationship between Franklin and Eleanor during the war years. The amazing thing about their relationship, according to Kearns Goodwin, was their support of one another despite the trouble they had upon Eleanor’s discovery of an affair between Franklin and Lucy Mercer in 1918. The two were still able to assist each other, in difficult times of their lives as well as in difficult times for the country.

She concluded the lecture by telling some of the personal stories about how life for her has changed since she was that little girl who gave Brooklyn Dodger’s player Gil Hodges her St. Christopher medal to help him break out of his slump. She told of her marriage and her three sons, who along with her have become avid Red Sox fans, continuing the cycle beginning with her father.

Doris Kearns Goodwin’s lecture was part of the American Century exhibit and lecture series that is going on from now until October 17. The lecture was co-sponsored by Grand Valley State University. The exhibit focuses on many of the great American triumphs of the twentieth century and has many artifacts of the past 100 years. Among them are the stairs that were at the U.S. embassy when South Vietnam fell in 1975 and James Dean’s motorcycle.

Cornerstone Becomes a University

Aquinas neighbor Cornerstone College has "graduated" to university status. Cornerstone has qualified for university status since 1985, but it wasn’t until 1991, when the school came under the leadership of a new president and administration, that the institute began looking into the change, said Provost/Executive Vice President Dr. John Lillis.

"We were moving in a new direction, expanding a bit more," Lillis said. "It was the right thing to do at the time."

For two and a half years the institute conducted focus groups with students, faculty, and financial backers to consider all the viewpoints, Lillis said. The proposal for university status was approved by the Board of Trustees in February of 1998. Cornerstone then applied through the State of Michigan School Board and received acceptance last October. On April 6 the school held a special chapel service to announce the change.

Initially Cornerstone intended to print "Cornersone College" on the diplomas of this Spring’s graduates, but after questioning and requests from the students the school decided to make the change effective immediately. John Elmore, spokesperson for Cornerstone said spring 1999 graduates will have "Cornerstone University" on their diplomas.

In order for a school to be eligible for university status in Michigan, the college must have at least two advanced (graduate degree) programs. These programs do not include a first professional degree in law, medicine, or theology. Michigan is one of three or four states that has such requirements. Some view the change as more than just in name.

"It is a change in stature and presentation," said Dr. Rex M. Rogers, President of Cornerstone. "The move to university status provides a more unified designation for the full range of undergraduate and graduate educational programs we offer, as well as the expanding radio ministry," Dr. Nienhuis, Vice President of Grand Rapids Baptist Ministry added.

Lillis believes the upgrade will provide positive effects on enrollment, especially in regards to the adult program.

There are 320 students currently enrolled in the adult program at Cornerstone with a total student body of approximately 1800. Lillis projects an increase of 200 students next fall.
Glen Barkan Receives Award for Political Activity, Community Involvement

by Heather Young
Times Assistant Editor

For his work on several boards in the community, Aquinas’ Dr. Glenn Barkan will receive the Liberty Bell Award on May 4, 1999. The annual award, sponsored by the Bar Association of West Michigan, is given to people for upholding the U.S. Constitution.

Barkan was co-nominated by City Commissioner and Pastoral Director of Heartside Ministries George Hartwell for his service on the Board of American Civil Liberties Union, the Board of the Office of Public Defenders and the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), a service to abused and neglected children. Hartwell, who will be co-teaching next year’s Parishioners 101 course, knows Barkan’s work primarily from outside of the Aquinas community.

“He is politically active and outspoken on issues important to me,” said Hartwell.

Issues like urban development and problems associated with urban sprawl as well as race issues are among those that Hartwell mentioned citing Barkan’s civic activism.

Barkan’s second nominator was Aquinas College Professor of Philosophy Mike Williams who wrote a letter to the Bar Association, recommending Barkan for the award. “We’re very lucky to have him here [at Aquinas],” said Williams of Barkan. “He’s a wonderful person.”

Upholding the Constitution, for Barkan, was a matter of taking up a big share of civic responsibility.

“I’m proud of the week I do,” said Barkan of his board work.

Commenting on what he thinks is the most valuable function of the award, Barkan said, “It’s good for getting the focus, the community attention on the projects,” referring to the various boards, committees and activities that can benefit from the extra publicity.

Hartwell agreed that this is definitely a benefit of the award, but said, “Honestly, I felt he would be very deserving of the honor, giving all he’s done and continues to do.”

After his reception of the award, Barkan will be placed in a pool of other recipients statewide to be considered by the Michigan Bar Association for the State Liberty Bell Award. Two previous Grand Rapids recipients have been honored at state level.

Chair of Aquinas’ Political Science Department Glenn Barkan will receive the Liberty Bell Award on May 4 for upholding the U.S. Constitution.

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Radcliffe College to Merge with Harvard
Radcliffe College, which has struggled to exist during a generation of change, announced April 20 that it will merge fully with Harvard University and cease to exist. Radcliffe College will next year become the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, for graduate education only. Instead of a college president, Radcliffe will now have a dean who will make decisions about the institute in consultation with Harvard’s president. Harvard women will receive diplomas with Radcliffe and Harvard seals, although the Class of 1999 will be the one to do so.

Waitress Must Share $10 Million Tip
A former waitress, who was given a Florida lottery ticket worth $10 million as a tip, must share her winnings with four Waffle House co-workers, a jury ruled. Circuit Judge Robert Kendall adopted the jury’s advisory verdict and gave attorneys several days to tell him how they would divide the money among the five people. There was no immediately word on any appeal. Tonda Dickerson, who will have to share the $10 million, rushed out of the courtroom without comment. Dickerson, who planned to move out of her Grand Bay mobile home after she won the lottery, testified that there was no agreement to divide lottery winnings.

Fifteen Dead From High School Shootings
Two gunmen opened fire in a suburban Denver high school on April 20. Two suspects, identified by Denver media as Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, were found dead in the school library with self-inflicted gunshot wounds. The incident began around 11:30 a.m. when the shooters, who were said to be dressed in long black trench coats, opened fire in the school library with rifles and handguns. Bombs were found in and around Columbine High School, including in two cars in the school parking lot. Eleven hours after the shooting, a bomb on a timer blew up, but no one was injured. The death toll was at least 15, with another 23 people hospitalized, most with gunshot wounds.
Each year since 1971 people from all walks of life have descended on the campus of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor to rally for the legalization of marijuana. Those who attend this annual festival, known as the "Hash Bash," are often found guilty of a civil infraction in the city of Ann Arbor. Their fine—$25 for a first offense. Students in East Lansing are also subject to the same fate for a first offense. In Flint, the fine is $50.

However, state senators in Lansing are attempting to bring down the iron fist of the festivities with Senate Bill 380. This bill seeks to make it illegal for localities or cities to impose lesser fines on marijuana offenses than the state mandates. Essentially what this law aims to do is void laws that already meet the criteria set by the state. Under Part 74 of the Public Health Code, the state mandates that anyone caught in possession of marijuana is guilty of a misdemeanor, if it begins to conform to the criteria set by the state. If the only crime in a city is that once a year a bunch of college kids get together and smoke dope, then I want to move to this utopia.

Aside from legal and political problems of the bill, there are economic factors as well. Economics and generating money are crucial to most cities and towns. Imposing stricter fines on those students who come to Ann Arbor every year, will eventually drive them all away, along with profits for local businesses. Although most businesses in Ann Arbor probably don't sanction the use of marijuana or the hash bash, they probably do enjoy the profits that are generated when some hippie with a bad case of the munchies stumbles into their restaurant and orders a twelve Big Macs. Will crime be reduced as a result of this bill? Will those who use marijuana cease to do so as a result of this bill? I doubt either will be the case.

Although this bill aims to reduce crime and send the message that Michigan is tough on crime and drug use, in reality, the bill presents a host of legal, political, and economic problems that will result in a less effective police force, less economic growth in places where it is needed, and confusion between what the roles of cities and states are in the drug war. When all of the rhetoric is removed, the only purpose this bill represents is a misguided attempt to end the "Hash Bash."

Okay, so here's the problem with publicly sanctioned reduced penalties for marijuana (a.k.a. hash, bud, blow, weed, hemp, the happy green etc.) during certain festivals and large social events as the "Hash Bash." What concerns me still more is that U of M is home to a law and medical school rivaling the best in the country. How comforting is that? Frankly, I don't want some guy named "Star Muffin" performing my liver transplant when I'm 35 as he's taking down on a big, fat doobie.

And what about lawyers? When they embark on their political careers then what? Without state intervention to end Hash Bash and other activities where the fine was reduced the state will probably see the legalization of marijuana as these U of M grads take offices.

All of the State Senators will be wearing tie die, ripped jeans and carrying around roach clips and quarters bags of weed in the state congress. The State Senate will probably pass a bill that would call for a monument to be built that will include the "Hash Bash" and other activities where the fine was reduced. Instead of your standard Guinness bud or, for a taste of Mexican, Corona festa weed.

There will be a few positives, too. The first is that instead of swerving all over the road like drunk drivers, high drivers will just drive really slow. And, if the senate begins resembling a cheap frat party, senators will either settle their differences or just stand around "talking trash" about each other's bills and bill creating ahu. However, since the legislators and doctors will be rich they'll be able to afford higher quality weed. Instead of your standard Bush Light weed, there will be premium Guinness bud or, for a taste of Mexican, Corona festa weed.

The passage of this bill was necessary simply because weed shouldn't be smoked by people preparing to be the leaders of our society. We depend on these people to lead us, and when they are smoking pot, they will just lead us into cannabis purgatory.

It might be fun, but, frankly, I don't want Dr. Feelgood to make society more stupid and irrational. We all know that joints don't just jump up into someone's mouth and light themselves, people go to hash bashes and other people put joints into their mouths. This bill stops all of that, and preserves the brains of future leaders.
"Quality is Job One," "Total Quality Management," and "ISO 9000." Quality and evaluation are hot topics in the business world. You don’t have to be a business major to appreciate the significance of evaluation as a means of maintaining standards. We as students know first hand about being the subject of constant evaluation. Those A, B, and C's telling us how our work stacks up against certain standards are important tools for upholding the quality of our achievements. It is equally important that there are channels available for students to evaluate not only their educators, but also those who are employed to be of service to the student.

At Aquinas we have the means to evaluate our professors’ performance in every class we take and hold them to a certain standard. Most of us are familiar with the green and white "color-in-the-bubble" forms that we complete at the end of the course. In addition, students can also go through an academic grievance procedure to report any complaints they might have about an individual professor. Isn’t the Aquinas community more than the students and the teachers? Registrar’s, Student Activities, Residence Life, Campus Safety, College Computing, Advising, Career Services... The list of offices could go on and on. All of them play a vital role in the life of the student. Students are directly affected by the actions of the people who make up these offices. More importantly, these departments exist to serve the student population. But how do they know how well they are meeting these needs? At some point in their academic lives, most students will encounter difficulties with members of the staff. What happens when a student has had an unsatisfactory experience with someone other than a professor? What procedures can the student follow to make sure this experience isn’t repeated? It would make sense to assume that a means of evaluation for these offices would be readily available for students to lodge a complaint or give recognition for a job well done.

Unfortunately, there seems to be no system of checks and balances for those staff members who are employed at these various offices. If, in fact, a method of evaluation does exist, it is not publicized or made accessible to the students. Why would a student service office want to ignore the feedback and input of those who are most in-tune with the needs of the college? It would benefit these offices to offer a means of evaluation for students. The information provided by these evaluations would help these departments make valuable changes to enhance the quality and standards of their services.

As Aquinas prepares to change the topography of campus, it shouldn’t ignore the changes that need to be made within the structure of our personnel. A church is not the physical building, it is the sum of the people who make up the church. The same idea holds true for Aquinas. Aquinas is not just the buildings or the trees, it is the people who make this college. Take away the physical structures of the college and the college would still be Aquinas. As we look to the future, let’s build a stronger Aquinas...the people.

**Advisor's Corner**

**A Note from Dr. Dan Brooks**

Watching the Aquinas Times editorial team at work is a thing of beauty. It never ceases to amaze me how these editors sit at the weekly staff meeting well after midnight, when the advisor is not at his best) hammering out the details of each issue until the job is done—despite fatigue, academic work yet to be done and commitments to other organizations. These editors are emerging professionals. Their age group, in the campus community and abroad, is often labeled jaded and apathetic, but the dedication demonstrated by these students is worthy of emulation by their elders as well as their peers. They know their responsibilities and come prepared to each meeting. Their pride in their work motivates them to challenge their peers to achieve a higher standard and praise them when they accomplish.

Two significant developments in the Times this year are the incorporation of web service stories to provide broader coverage of local and national news and our conscious attempt to make the "Times View," our regular editorial, truly a team effort. It is this editorial that often keeps us talking into the wee hours of the night, because we want it to be a statement that we all own. This year’s staff continues the Times tradition of excellence, but has distinguished itself as well. Editor-in-Chief Tricia Nelson has been an excellent writer for a long time, but has also demonstrated an eye for layout and a knack for making tough decisions. Her Assistant Editor, Heather Young, makes the newspaper better by asking the hard questions. This tandem epitomizes leadership. They are dedicated journalists, but are also involved in several other campus organizations and are exceptional students to boot.

Amanda Bergman knows campus events as well as anyone at Aquinas. She has provided yeoperson’s service in Campus News and—talk about another effective tandem—has been a most capable “Point” to Heather Young’s equally impressive "Counterpoint.”

Mary Kopcheck and Josh Cochran, who replaced Mary when she went to Ireland this semester, took on the formidable task of adding web stories to our mix of Local and National News. Josh and Mindi Evans shared the responsibility of drafting the Times View. Both developed thick skins as a result lengthy staff debates over said drafts. Liz Dulek selflessly took on the difficult job of informing AQ about what was fun and exciting in the area. As Arts and Entertainment Editor, her strength was in the wide range of events covered.

Both of our original Sports co-editors, Damon Boukwamp and Ryan Smith, went abroad in the spring after a great first semester, but Nate Thomas stepped in to carry the load admirably for the rest of the school year.

Features Editor Chris Manning demonstrated ingenuity and creativity in presenting fresh and pertinent ideas on his page.

Amanda Missel顿 was an able contributor to the visual appearance of the paper, and Photo Co-editors Chris Waid and Kevin Rayner continued their quest for the perfect picture. Karen Smith has been without question the best Business Manager the Times has had as long as I’ve been associated with it. She is leaving the Times for an internship out of state, but I hope to have her cloned before she goes.

We are all fortunate in that many of these editors will be returning to the Times next year. To those who are moving on, thanks for a fantastic year. For those who return, let’s make our entrance into the new millennium memorable.

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**HERO less traveled**

by Heather M. Karal

Here I sit in my cozy little office composing my final editorial for the year. I am taken back to the first Times View of the year. For those of you who may have accidentally misplaced your treasured copy of Issue One let me re- fresh your memory.

Having recently returned from summer vacation, the Times staff learned that the student offices for Times, Community Senate and, later Programming Board would be moved from the upper offices of the Carriage House to the lower offices, which are one-half the size. The upper offices became the work space of Student Activities and the Multicultural Office.

The intention was commendable—to promote communication between majority and minority students by having the service offices in the same space. The result, unfortunately, was a loss of privacy, convenience and work space for all involved.

Times’ phone interviews with Representatives in Lansing can be difficult if the Senate Executive Board is trying to meet at the same time or if Programming Board is setting up for an evening concert.

I’m sure that neither Programming Board nor Senate has found it easy to create posters and signs in an office that barely has enough floor space to lay the paper flat.

The most noticeable loss for the students is the lack of space for student offices to hold meetings. Some Times meetings have been held over the din of students playing video games. Senate cabinet members have tried to hold confidential meetings in the leadership office—withsenators sitting on desks for lack of chairs.

However, there is no need to drone on about the problem. The problem is not new. And the fact that the problem has gone without even attempted solutions for an entire year is the greatest issue now. Of course, the students leaders have lodged complaints with various administrators up through President Knopke, but this has only resulted in pep talk-style discussions of solutions that might be enacted in a year or two. This does nothing for the students who are trying to make their contributions to the Aquinas community here and now.
Mother Nature at her finest. Stay up all night and watch the sunrise. It is incredible!

beverages!! extra dollars. Just make sure you are serving non-alcoholic beverages!!

semester, so why not take a long nap? 5/26 Hole plays the State Theatre. See Courtney Love and her band.

4/15-5/1 The Grand Rapids Civic Theatre presents the play, "Scenes from a Marriage." Tickets range from S5 to S17 and are available without a service fee when purchased in person at the Ticket's Plus Outlet inside the Civic Theatre Lobby or with a fee by calling Tickets PLUS.

5/5 The Tragically Hip plays Calvin College. Take a break from exams and go to the show.

Merry Bomb, Fat Amy Raise the Roof at CCH by Elizabeth Dudek Times & Entertainment Editor

With the continuing success of the 'A Taste of Everything' series that has been happening in the Cook Carriage House, it was no surprise that Fat Amy and Merry Bomb put on an excellent show for an eager audience on April 17 at 8 p.m.

Merry Bomb, with the energy and sound of a peeling locomotive, kicked off the night with melodic guitars (compliments of guitarist Curt Hines and bass player Tom Greene) and a drummer (Eddie Eicher) that could bring down the house, with songs like "Pocket Full of Sleep" and "Don't Wake Me When I Am Dreaming." Merry Bomb's sound got the crowd moving and up on its feet.

Curt Hines found the evening to be a great time. "As long as there is a good energy from a crowd, it is a few people or a few thousand, you can always have a good time," said Hines.

By the end of the set, everyone was eager to hear more. Freshman Matt McCarthy wanted to buy a Merry Bomb CD but was disappointed to find none. "Why the heck don't they have a CD out yet? I really want to buy it!" said McCarthy.

Lead singer of Merry Bomb Rick Devon said that the band is in the process of distributing a CD in the near future. For those people who are dying to hear more of Merry Bomb, try picking up WGRD 97.9 FM's Radio Activ CD 4 at any local music store in Grand Rapids. On the Radio Activ CD, the band plays the song Cinnamon Lies.

Devon enjoyed the Aquinas crowd. "It was great to play here. We are in the process of talking to someone about putting out a CD." Bass player Greene really enjoyed playing Aquinas. "It was very cool! I loved the intimate room, you could see everyone we played to."

For more information about Merry Bomb, fans can log onto their website at www.merrybomb.com.

After Merry Bomb finished their set, the Lancing band Fat Amy made their way to the stage. Fat Amy played an acoustic set without their drummer who was out sick. Like Merry Bomb, Fat Amy rocked the house. Students continued to dance and sing along in Fat Amy favorites like "Blue Nuhb" and "Early November."

Lead singer Bobby Guiney surprised the audience with a cover of "Like a Virgin." The band played the like of Madonna and Babes In Toyland. A warning to fans and new listeners, this band is guaranteed to be a success for many years to come.

After the show Guiney said, "This is the first acoustic set we have played without a drummer. Hopefully he will be well soon. We are a vocal dominant band."

Sophomore Dana Fiorito enjoyed the evening's entertainment. "It is refreshing to hear such clean voices coming from the bands—especially since most out there are going for the raspy gruff style." Refreshing certainly would be the word to use when talking about Fat Amy. Each song off of their CD "Five Way Switch" is guaranteed to make ears happy and keep your toes tapping.

Fans can also find Fat Amy on the Aware Michigan Compilation, a great CD to have in anyone's personal collection.


Percussion Ensemble Proves to be a Unique Performance by Joe Theuerkauf Times Contributing Writer

There was no grand entrance, no formality. The opening was simple and comfortable, the way it should be. When the Aquinas Percussion Group performed their spring concert last Thursday, April 22 the attendance was greater than expected. Several people showed up even as the group was beginning their first piece, but it didn't seem to matter.

The group opened with a true multimedia piece involving four people, one snare drum and two televisions playing a recording of the piece from directly overhead.

The video feed gave the piece a symmetrical, pattern-like quality enhanced by the music and rhythm. The concert was already energetic, and it had only just begun.

The next piece, "Brazilian Scenes" was split into two parts: a slower, melodic number called "Baião (Frio no Céu)" and a faster, more feverish tempo piece called "Fervaz (Elétrico Para Marra)." The contrast was intense, but the heritage of the complete piece was obvious and well-done.

The scheduled two-part number by Billy VerPlanck titled "Pretie Sue" was postponed because two group members were unavailable for the show. Instead, Erin Flynn performed a marimba solo which progressed from a slow—slower, driving rhythm into a furious display of movement and skill then mirrored itself back onto the slower beat before ending. This piece was also performed by Flynn's senior recital.

Other highlights of the show included David Dunst doing a piece on an excellent show for an eager audience. We are in the process of talking to...
MTV's Campus Invasion Tour Stops at GVSU

by Elizabeth Dudek
Times Arts & Entertainment Editor

MTV. The word is familiar to teens and twenty-somethings everywhere. "I Want My MTV" is a catch phrase known throughout our suburban country, not to mention globally. The MTV bug bit Allendale on Wednesday, April 21 when Campus Invasion Tour came to Grand Valley State University featuring the bands Sugar Ray and Orgy.

Hmmm, a couple thousand screaming college students packed into a college fieldhouse and two famous bands—sound like trouble? No. Actually, the evening was quite exciting. After being handed a ticket and wondering what exactly was going on, many fans lined up outside to be ushered into what would be most accurately called a party paradise.

Entering the field house and being herded onto the main floor much like sheep, flocks of teens were ready for an evening of listening pleasure. As soon as the lights dimmed, the slow progression to the front of the stage area began.

Tom Petty and Heartbreakers' "Echo"

by Katy Moore
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It's been 23 years since their debut album, and Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers are still going strong. Their music has been an outlet and a debut album, and Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers celebrate 23 years of success in the music industry with a new release, "Echo." Petty will be performing in Grand Rapids at the Van Andel Arena on June 14 as part of the Echo tour.

Orgy hit the stage and began their pulsating music. Unfortunately, due to the deafening noise level of their music, it was hard to hear anything, but the fans were still screaming, wanting more. As they played on, fans indulged in crowd surfing, especially when Orgy played New Order's cover "Blue Monday." Various articles of clothing and pop bottles were tossed amidst the crowd and a lone shoe landed on the head of a moshing fan. Aquinas College junior Hanh Nguyen bravely crossed the crowd to see Orgy and Sugar Ray.

Nguyen enjoyed the show, commenting that "Orgy was different, yet fun to watch. The lead singer was a good dancer. Sugar Ray and Orgy played enough songs to have made it pretty cool," she said.

After Orgy exited the stage, the crowd waited an hour for a tardi Mark McGrath and other members of Sugar Ray. Apparently, the band was running late, flying in from San Antonio. In between sets, the crowd surfing continued and a few members of the audience decided to remove some choice articles of clothing (shirts and pants).

Sugar Ray finally entered the building and made their way onto the stage. Playing songs such as "Fly," "Fa la Fa La," and "10 Seconds Down," McGrath also entertained the audience with a cover of the Back Street Boys' "Quit Playing Games With My Heart." Aaquinas sophomore Kate Mead enjoyed Sugar Ray, but didn't find Orgy's music too appealing. "Orgy's music was a bunch of screaming songs, and their amps were cranked too high. Sugar Ray was funny and awesome. McGrath put it well when he said 'we are creepy, but cool,'" said Mead.

After an evening of moshing and dancing, MTV's Campus Invasion Tour ended, and a crowd of fired students exited the Grand Valley's field house. For more information about MTV and other dates on the Campus Invasion Tour, log on at www.mtv.com.
Aquinas Invitational: Crushing the Competition

by Jesi Cleveland
Times Contributing Writer

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Aquinas runners Allison Turnbull [center] and Nicole Gummere [left] pull up on a Grand Valley State runner during the 1500 m run. (Photo by Amanda Micisan)

By a margin of 117.5 points, Aquinas Invitational winners cleared the competition with ease.
The Lady Saints, who had never before won the invitational, ran away with the race and set a school record of 4:05.6. The Lady Saints finished with a time of 88.5, squeezing by GVSU, who tallied 87 points on the day. In addition, Sackett was part of the second-place mile relay team. Heather Monie, Carli Blind, Allary Kriscunas were also on the team, which set a new school record with a time of 4:05.6.

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"All the throwers have shown great all-around improvements this season," said Williams, afreshman. Leading the men were freshmen, jumper Derek Sandahl and thrower Greg Vaughan. Not only did Sandahl win the 110 hurdles with a time of 15.8, but he also took first in the long jump (22.7'1/2") and placed second in the triple jump.

"We've worked together, and it's paying off," Turnbull said. "But let's not overlook the throwers and jumpers, whose points often lead the Saints to victory, hard work from everybody really showed, and hopefully conferences will go even better. This season has been very good. Everyone on the team has been very supportive. We've worked together, and it's paying off," Turnbull said.

As we prepare for another long summer of baseball, many things are left to question. The biggest question on most Michi-ganers' minds may be the one that's on mine—will the Tigers do anything but lose this year? After watching their 11-5 opening day win over the Texas Rangers, I thought the Tigers were shaping up like a team that could make a run this year. After watching their 11-5 opening day win over the Texas Rangers, I thought the Tigers were shaping up like a team that could make a run this year.

With another long summer "vacation" ahead of us, all we know have to work off our debt to Aquinas which means breaking our backs at least 40 hours a week just to pay a bill that will skyrocket when we come back for next year. At least baseball has brought itself out of the cellar and is becoming more exciting to give us something to do during one of the four hour marathon games.

I know I will be watching from the day I get home through the rest of the year. I return. Includes at least one trip to Tiger Sta-diurn to watch Big Mac hit a homer and hopefully close to getting it.

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AQ Softball Turns Bats Into Brooms—Sweeps Cornerstone, Tri-State

by Jason Vogel
Times Contributing Writer

The skies were cloudy with a hint of rain on Tuesday night as Aquinas warmed up for their second double-header in two days. Only a day after Aquinas knocked off their neighbors in a two game sweep of first place Cornerstone University, the Lady Saints looked for the same results against the visiting Thunder from Tri-State.

'Veather may have been visualizing Aquinas, but the only thunder at the softball field came from Aquinas' bats as they swept Tri-State in two consecutive games, 8-0, 8-2. Of course, where there is thunder, there is also lightning. That is exactly what freshman Tanda Barcheski and sophomore Megan Speitkoskey threw, sparking the Lady Saints on their climb up the Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference standings to a three-way tie with Cornerstone and Spring Arbor for second place with seven games remaining before the WHAC tournament.

In the first game, freshman pitcher Tanda Barcheski took the mound, shutting out Tri-State, allowing only five hits in a shortened game due to the mercy rule. Barcheski, who is coming off two big wins against Cornerstone, simply shut down the Thunder with a great pitching performance and outstanding defensive play by the rest of the Lady Saints.

Not only did Aquinas shut out Tri-State in their defense, offensively Aquinas blitzed the Thunder for six innings, scoring three runs in the fourth inning and four runs in the fifth inning. Highlighting the effort were back to back home runs in the fourth inning to get Aquinas on the board. Sophomore Lindsay Szczepanek blasted a pitch over the left field fence for a two run homer, and sophomore Sarah Hamilton followed with a long shot to straight away center field that did not quite get over the fence but gave her enough time to reach third. She finally advanced to home on a throwing error by Tri-State.

After the contest, Szczepanek talked of her fourth inning homer, making it five on the season. "If the pitch was there, I just wanted to make contact," said Szczepanek. "When I did make contact, it felt good." Szczepanek and Hamilton accounted for three of AQ's runs, while Shovan and Beaudoin, an junior from Lincoln Shovan of Morley, as well as Bryan Brown of Rockford and Jerod Andrus, a sophomore, hit doubles in the fourth inning and third inning respectively to give Aquinas a 7-0 lead going into the fifth inning.

Speitkoskey and Aquinas' defense pulled together, only allowing one more run in the fifth inning. Speitkoskey only allowed six hits in the game while striking out two. She was again backed up with an excellent offensive display from AQ, as the Lady Saints scored three runs, tying the score, 1-1, at the end of the first inning. From here, Aquinas never looked back going on to score three runs in the second inning and four runs in the third inning to cap off an 8-2 victory.

Following her fifth victory of the season, Megan Speitkoskey was exalted about Aquinas' team effort. "We came in to this game very strong," Speitkoskey said. "We had very good defense in today's game, a total team effort."

She also spoke of the season winding down and what is to come in the near future for the Saints. "We are gearing up for the conference tournament. Every game is a big game from here on out." The night cap also found several Saints turning in outstanding performances. Leading the way was catcher Ronda Bolhito who drove in two runs and had four hits (7 for 8 on the day), including a double. Renee Bolhito also hit a double in her 4-5 hitting performance for both games.

Junior first baseman Jodi Overfelt was the third Saint to record a double in the second game, while also driving in three runs on her 2-3 hitting day. Second baseman Kristin Jones drove in two runs on two hits, and Aaran Bush, an outfielder, belted 3 hits in 4 plate appearances, one of which drove in a run.

Freshman outfielder Lisa Ringenberg also had a good day at the plate. Ringenberg went a perfect 7-7 on the day, which also gave her a chance to show off her speed, stealing 2 bases.

Coach Ray Sheler reflected on his team's performance after four games and four wins in two days. "I am very happy with our team's performance today," Sheler said. "Right now we are batting .465. Cather Ronda Bolhito also drove in a run while going 3-4, and second baseman Kristin Jones batted in a run on her one hit.

In the nightcap, the visiting Thunder finally took the opportunity to light up the visitor side of score board starting the game off with a run in the first inning. Megan Potential Men's Golf On Par for Season
An Editor Gone WILD

A Comical Glance Back...
Before We've Gone Too Far Forward To Remember

Due to the overwhelming demand for a photo-retrospective highlighting the high and low points of the year at Aquinas College, Features Editor Chris Manning has reluctantly agreed to pacify the whims of the Aquinas community. It should be noted that these captions are all written purely as humor. They are not intended to offend, only amuse.

(Photograph from Issue 8, Page 2) Eleven people leaving the wilderness for an entire semester on the rugged Midwest with only their wits, their cunning, their instincts and a horse to guide them. So did the horses come back with them? How come there's no mention of the horses? Does a horse talk? Was he/she ill tempered? Did his/hers have a name? Was the horse fired for not fulfilling his duties described in its contract? Is the horse trying to sue the college for $10 million too, or does he just want some oats?

(Photograph from Issue 6, Page 12) Some people get their picture with baseball stars, very old relatives, significant others and other people they care about. But how many people can say they have that much love for their cab driver? Not many people could, especially New Yorkers. (Geez, they could almost be brother!)

(Photograph from Issue 10, Page 4) Yet another fine photo that would look great in an admissions brochure. (I'm sure everyone that saw that picture just had to say, "Hey, I think one of those bongs is mine!")

(Photograph from Issue 12, Page 1) Remember this guy? Remember student aid, civil service jobs, quality public education, decent democratic gubernatorial candidates and a reasonable salary for the governor? Before John Engler there was James Blanchard. Boy, he was just a great guy. I miss him.

(Photograph from Issue 13, Page 2) Here we have hairy, quite masculine guy wearing a dress and flexing his biceps in a contortion that resembles a constipated Sasquatch and I can't think of anything to write about it. I think my powers of to create decadent, nonsensical humor are failing me.

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