Aquinas celebrates patron saint this week

by Monique Nadon
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This week, Jan. 23-30, is St. Thomas Aquinas Week. During this week Aquinas remembers its patron saint, St. Thomas Aquinas, and seeks to promote school spirit and pride. This week has already been put into full swing with many wonderful opportunities. Some of these included a Music Department Faculty recital in the AMC, a birthday celebration for St. Thomas, an AQC family picture and "Walking the Labyrinth." There are many activities the Aquinas Community has yet to participate in, and one of these events is the Ninth Annual St. Thomas Aquinas Lecture "Aquinas In Love: The Rhyne and Reason Of A Saint's Secret Love." This presentation will be centered on the poetry of Thomas Aquinas as well as the unknown side of our patron saint's life. Father Daniel W. Morrissey, O.P. will present.

Approximately $30,000 worth of electronic equipment, as well as several student possessions, were stolen during two robberies that occurred in St. Joseph Residence Hall and the Jarecki Center over Christmas break. Grand Rapids police have apprehended two local 17-year-olds and charged them with felonies for their suspected participation in the thefts, according to Director of Campus Safety Tony Nolan. More arrests may come as officers investigate what they believe is a group staging out the school and burglarizing it during times of vacancy.

"The people who entered these buildings knew that the students were gone and that the structures would be empty," said Nolan. "Hopefully, these arrests will help us get into the core of the group and initiate its break-up.

A campus safety officer discovered that ground floor windows of St. Joseph Hall showed evidence of damage in the early morning hours of Dec. 20. Further examination revealed that six double occupancy rooms had been entered and that such items as clothing and electronic equipment were missing. Affected students were notified and police were summoned to the college, but officers could apprehend no suspect at that time.

"I think we were very lucky that the campus

Aquinas students Stacey Phelps and Laurie Noall and faculty member Brad Ellis sift sand to mix cement in Oaxaca, Mexico. The group helped to repair buildings as part of an annual service learning trip.

Students repair buildings, interact with Oaxaca citizens

by Tonya Schafer
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While the rest of the world celebrated the beginning of a new millennium with festivities and fireworks, four Aquinas students found themselves marking the first days of 2000 with paintbrushes and perspiration.

As part of the school's annual service learning trip to Mexico, seniors Heather Young, Stacey Phelps and Karen Bunning and junior Laurie Noall journeyed south and spent a week working alongside the residents of 25 de enero, a small village located in the state of Oaxaca. From Dec. 28 to Jan. 8, the students relied on information about Mexican culture they had acquired during a weekly class to help them not only assist in the refurbishing of buildings, but to also effectively interact with community members throughout their week-and-a-half long stay.

"The experience [in Oaxaca] provided students with a better understanding of another culture," said Assistant Professor of Spanish Brad Ellis who, along with Assistant Professor of Spanish Diane Mulroney, conducted the trip. "By learning about the culture beforehand, we were better able to find a middle ground between what we were able to offer and what the village's needs were, so that we were ultimately not working for ourselves, but for and with the people of the community.

Throughout much of the trip, students stayed at a convent in Oaxaca City. Each day they traveled by bus to 25 de enero, where they performed such tasks as painting windowpanes in the community chapel and sifting cement to be placed on the exterior of partially-finished buildings. When not engaging in manual labor, the students visited with members of the community and even participated in a party commemorating the Day of the Three Kings, during which they presented the children with small toys they had brought with them from the United States.

"We tried to reach out personally to the community members, especially to the kids" said Noall. "The whole community was very family-oriented, not as work-oriented as we are in the United States. Although they were able to visit some of Mexico's tourist attractions, particularly during a three-day..."
Aquinas students participated in a march through campus commemorating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Photo by Xavier Jaramillo

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebrated at AQ

by Angela Bergman and Terrian Aston
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Aquinas’ annual activities in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day began with an intimate gathering on Jan. 14 in front of Academic Building. Participants in the march began at Bukowski Chapel and reflected upon significant events in King’s life, which were detailed on signs along the way. The program at the chapel began with a prayer by Fr. Dan Davis. “Truth crushed to earth will rise again,” he said, quoting King. The Black national anthem was led by Ebonie Smith, and Jannelle Sumner also read a scripture reading.

Several other students were involved in the program. Elizabeth Bambiro introduced the keynote speaker, Co-Pastor McFarland from Independence Boulevard Seventh Day Adventist Church in Chicago, Illinois. Cory Jackson, Sr. said a prayer and Schianti Dixon played the piano as Fr. Dan read various King quotes.

Admission representative Karen Hines read the closing prayer, “Our Deepest Fear” by Marianne Williamson.

King’s name was originally Michael King, but he changed it as he was growing up. In 1953, King married Coretta Scott in Alabama. King was the founder of the leadership council of metro in Chicago and served as a part of the SCLC (Southern Christian Leadership Conference).

The Multicultural Department, Campus Ministry and J.A.M.M.I.N. sponsored the tribute to the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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A safety officer happened upon the scene at the time he did,” said Director of Residence Life Randy MacGeorge. “The situation had the potential to be much more serious than it ended up being. There were a few broken windows and door locks, but we had them repaired the next day.”

Grand Rapids police were again called to campus on Jan. 5 in response to a midnight break-in at the Jarecki Center. Perpetrators gained access to the building through a faculty office window and stole $30,000 worth of electronic equipment, including televisions and Internet satellite material. The use of police canine units to pursue fresh tracks in the snow, as well as an eyewitness report of suspects dragging items down a street, stated Nolan, may have contributed to the eventual arrest of the two 17-year-olds suspected of committing this crime.

Nolan also indicated that some of the items stolen during the Jarecki Center robbery have been recovered and that police believe the Jarecki Center and St. Joseph break-ins are related, but was unable to provide further details.

Nolan and MacGeorge stated that the college hopes to prevent future dormitory break-ins by considering the installation of window screens in ground-floor St. Joseph Hall rooms over the summer. Some students, however, remain discontent with the quality of safety measures currently provided by campus security officials.

“They handled [this incident] the way they do everything else - they covered it up,” said senior Jason Guillaume, a desk worker at St. Joseph Hall. “The people on the first floor [of St. Joe’s] have no protection. Anyone can come right up and break in. And they’re not doing much to prevent something like this from happening again over spring break. It’s disturbing.”

To assuage the fears of those residents concerned about the safety of their possessions in campus dormitories, MacGeorge offered some words of advice.

“It’s important for students to keep their windows locked at all times. This becomes especially important as we move towards spring,” he said. “Students should not put valuable items on windowsills, where they become attractive to potential thieves.”

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New East Area director
by Melissa Ann Plone
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Starting this week, Rena Hassing will assume the position of Aquinas East Area Resident Director. She will fill the vacancy left by former East Area Director Kelly Hildebrand who left Aquinas shortly before the semester break to move on to a different field of work. At the same time, Hassing will be finishing her Masters degree at Grand Valley State University in education, while raising her four-year-old daughter, Paige.

Hassing, who will be living in Ravine Apartment A3, is looking forward to moving back onto a college campus. “I only lived in college housing for one semester,” said Hassing. “And I was never an RA.”

But, the Allegan native has experience in student affairs. She is currently the Resident Manager at Boltwood near GVSU. She also worked at Wedgewood Christian Services. “What impressed us most about Rena was her training and communications skills, her desire to promote the wholistic health of students and to spend more time directly with students in a small college atmosphere,” said Randy MacGeorge, Director of Residence Life.

At Aquinas, Hassing will provide program and facility supervision for Dominican Hall, Holy Hall, the Ravine Apartments and the Woodward Program Houses. In addition, she will work with the residence life staff on programming and administrative duties. “AQ has a lot to offer with its small campus,” said Hassing. “You can get to know people on a first name basis.”

Hassing attended large universities. She studied at Montana State University for three years before finishing her B.S. in corporate finance at GVSU. This April, she will receive her Masters in Education degree with an emphasis in College Student Affairs Leadership. The Master’s thesis, being co-authored by Hassing and two other students, focuses on experiential education. Through their work, the trio hopes to set up an experiential education program at GVSU, complete with low and high rope courses. In the future, Hassing plans to continue her education to obtain her Ph.D. in teaching and student affairs. Meanwhile, Hassing said, “This first semester I want to get acquainted with Aquinas and learn how things work.”

The goal of this project is to provide students an opportunity to make a practical application with their coursework as well as to address two of the most serious Costa Rican problems - deforestation and malnutrition. This project will focus on the reforestation of indigenous fruit trees in the boundaries between the urban and rural settings that have been heavily deforested, therefore drawing on their knowledge of tropical ecology and Costa Rican history. The harvested fruits will be distributed to the local people to address the problem of malnutrition. In Peru the objective of the study abroad trips can be seen in action. “Students will have opportunities to become immersed in the community, rather than just studying at another university,” said Lou. The Peruvian travelers will see a variety of school settings. The program, which is education-oriented, has established an opportunity to conduct an eight-day service-learning project in a school that is in a very impoverished area. These conditions will directly contrast with the Casuarinas school system, where the students will live, which has, “resources that we would find in an American school,” according to Lou.

The school system provides education from early childhood to International Baccalaureate Degree which allows the student to attend a university anywhere in the world, therefore, providing an opportunity for education students to interact with students in another culture. Several students have obtained Independent Study Contracts from the Education Department for the study of the Reggio Emilia Method, which is used in that school system and is the foundation of the state-approved Aquinas charter school.

Mary Jakab, Aquinas Alumni and member of the 1998 Ireland study abroad program reminisced, “We were constantly bombarded with new situations, and how to best deal with them without insulting or annoying our new foreign neighbors.”

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With the development of online textbook sales, students now have an alternative to buying textbooks at the AQ bookstore.

E-Commerce to give bookstore competition

by Nick Ochhipiasti and Heather M. Karal
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Competition drives our market economy and e-business is bringing competition to new heights. Three years ago the only option for buying textbooks was an Aquinas College bookstore. Now students at colleges and universities anywhere in the world can purchase textbooks over the internet and compare prices of several booksellers.

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U.S. missile test falls short

Recently the United States tested an interceptor meant to de­der a nuclear warhead in mid-continental. The test was the second in a series of tests by the Air Force intended to quicken the deployment of a U.S. nuclear missile defense sys­em. The system is designed to take out a small attack, possibly from a terrorist or a nation with just a few missiles. The tests have been greatly opposed by China and Russian because of claims that it will lessen the value of their arsenals, and is viewed as violating nuclear anti-proliferation treaties. The U.S. responds by saying that the system is not intended for countries with mass arsenals rather it is intended for a small isolated attack. The Air Force suspects in its initial investigation that the missile test was a failure because of some faulty infrared sensors on the intercep­tor missile. Without the receptors the missile would have been flying blind.

Stock market widens economic gap

The riches are pouring into the wealthiest Americans as the stock market soars. The top 15% of Americans are making about 20% more a year while the bottom 5% are making a meager 1-3% more. In this time of great economic prosperity the poor are es­sentially no better off. While the rich are getting richer, Econo­mists attribute the results of the study to the manner in which people are getting rich - through the stock market. But if you don't have any money to invest in the market because you are subsisting day to day then you can't make any money. Also, the number of Americans who go hungry has held steady for the last four years, despite unprecedented economic growth, the Center on Hunger and Poverty at Tufts University found.

Elian Gonzalez held in limbo

General Janet Reno commented Thursday on the federal law­suits brought by Elian Gonzalez's great-uncle accusing the Immig­ration and Naturalization Service of violating the six-year-old's due-process rights. Gonzalez has been held in the United States since late November when he was rescued off the coast of Florida after a boat from Cuba collapsed. shooting several other refugees including his mother. He has resided in his great-uncle while the two countries battle it out politically. Lazaro Gonzalez wants a federal judge to prevent the agency from returning the boy to his father in Cuba before it gives him an asylum hearing. Reno said her department would look at any legal steps "to have the matter heard appropriately and promptly with the recognition that it does the child no good to be held in limbo."

Fire kills three in Seton Hall University

On Jan. 19, a fire blazed through a Seton Hall dorm room caus­ing 640 students to flee in panic and killing three. The 48-year-old dormitory was equipped with smoke alarms and 55 fire extin­guishers that had been recently inspected. But it did not have a sprinkler system because it was built before 1984 regulations required them and fire hoses were disconnected last week and guishers that had been recently inspected. But it did not have a sprinkler system because it was built before 1984 regulations required them and fire hoses were disconnected last week and guishers that had been recently inspected. But it did not have a sprinkler system because it was built before 1984 regulations required them and fire hoses were disconnected last week and guishers that had been recently inspected. But it did not have a sprinkler system because it was built before 1984 regulations. The fire spread rapidly and killed three students. The bodies were identified as students who had been living in the dormitory. Firefighters worked for hours to extinguish the fire, but it was too late to save the students. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.
For most Americans, it is easy to forget what living in the United States means. Citizenship isn’t a daily concern when life demands hard work and time left over is rare. Even in politics, not one of the presidential candidates has clearly addressed or rallied people around common fundamental advantages, rights or responsibilities of being American. However, a six-year-old Cuban boy, rescued off the coast of Florida, has provoked thought on these rights that most of us take for granted.

Those rights that Elian Gonzalez, filed an emergency petition for custody in a Florida State Court to delay Elian’s return. Republicans in the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service ordered Elian’s return. However, Elian’s great-uncle, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, has been made honorary U.S. citizens by an act passed by Congress. The judge should make her decision based on what it means to be an American citizen. The Cubans and others today often flee to the United States countries when they find their countries oppressive or authoritarian. The United States is viewed by refugees as an open door promising freedom and opportunity. Cynical critics argue that America should not be over-glorified and that other forms of government and cultures under those governments should not be evaluated based on “American” standards. Those more thoughtful recognize that even human beings Cuba or American has indispensable individual rights that cannot be forcefully abased by government.

Fidel Castro, the Communist dictator of Cuba, has violated the individual rights of Cubans, and they risk their lives to gain freedom from the oppressive government. Little Elian, though he is only six and a Cuban, has natural rights that are not awarded by a particular government. But, the government should guarantee these rights. Elian’s rights can be best guaranteed if he remains here in the United States.

Two months now the story of Elian Gonzalez has plastered all over the media. We have witnessed the constant battle of-will that has ensued between the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), who seek to return Elian to his father in Cuba, and other government officials, mostly congressmen pandering to the Anti-Castro lobby, who wish for Elian to remain in America. Those attempting to keep Elian in the United States are painting this as Elian’s one chance to experience the freedom and liberty denied to him, and many others, in Cuba. This is far from the case. This issue is not about a six-year-old boy experiencing freedom and going to Disney World. Instead, this issue centers around election year politics. The case of Elian Gonzalez is about votes and how to get them come November. Why do incumbents rarely lose elections in America? Name recognition and access to more money perhaps top the list of reasons. Yet incumbents have another advantage afforded to them, which increases their likelihood of re-election access to government resources. The case of Elian Gonzalez provides a wonderful case study of this principle. Incumbent politicians who are running for re-election are in a position to use government resources to aid Elian Gonzalez and his relatives in their struggle to keep him here, whatever the family’s motives may be. Elian Gonzalez has become Congress’ Anti-Castro posterboy. Using the case of Elian Gonzalez, we have already witnessed a myriad of tactics employed by the congressmen in an attempt to win favor with the Hispanic vote. We have seen Congress subpoena Elian, so that he would have to appear before the body, preventing his father from being sent back to his father in Cuba. One of the last tricks of Congress has been to consider declaring Elian a citizen of the United States, ending custody claims by Cubans and satisfying the Anti-Castro lobby. Doing this would allow the issue of custody to be taken up in an electoral Circuit court, as it would remove standing to Elian’s family in the United States, strengthening their claim to the boy. The truth is, however, that it is irrelevant whether or not the congressmen succeed in keeping Elian in the United States, because during the election season, the congressmen will be able to go their home districts and tell the Hispanic population “I stood up for Elian Gonzalez against the tyranny of Castro and Clinton.” In doing this the incumbent will likely win their votes. Do you think come November that your average Caucasian or even African American voter will remember or care where their candidate stood on the case of Elian Gonzalez? Probably not. However, many Hispanic voters probably will, and this issue will, to some degree, influence their vote. Thus the plight of the six-year-old boy provides a wonderful issue for incumbents. It wins them votes in some demographics and won’t even be a factor in other demographics.

What makes a congressman more qualified than the father and legal guardian in determining what is in the boy’s best interest? It is a tragedy that the American political system is set up so that a six-year-old boy is exploited for votes. Elian has already suffered enough, by losing a mother, and now must suffer at the hands of American politicians, who control Elian’s fate.

The best outcome is to let Elian go home to his father, who is legally allowed to speak on his behalf and stop subjecting him to the brutal and unforgiving game of American politics.
**Retirement for Pope John Paul II? Not likely**

We've all heard of individuals being forced into or "encouraged to accept" early retirement. People who are capable of working longer, but are replaced by younger, more vibrant and usually cheaper help. This is a sad situation for any person who is not ready to leave their career, and may be difficult for them to accept. Yet this practice of out-with-the-old is simply of-fensive when the person being pushed toward retirement is Pope John Paul II, the pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church.

Earlier this month Bishop Karl Lehmann of Mainz, who serves as the chairman of Germany's Bish-ops Conference, suggested in a radio interview the idea that Pope John Paul II could and maybe should resign. Lehmann's com-ment was regarding the obvious difficulty and strain on the pontiff's health since his injuries from the Christmas Eve and New Year's Masses at St. Peter's. At the Christmas Eve celebration in particular, the pope required the assistance of aids to remain standing. Since the holi-days, the pope has used an elec-tric cart to move around the Vatican.

It may surprise some Catholics that a pope has resigned before - Celestine V in 1294 - and there is no doctrine preventing a pope from resigning, although a Free Press article pointed out that it is not clear who can accept his resignation to. (Himm ... good ques tion.) In fact, Catholic Bishops are expected to resign at the age of 75, though some exceptions have been made. So, if the 79-year-old pontiff wanted to resign, there wouldn't, theoretically, be a prob-lem. If Pope John Paul II deter-mined that he could not confidently continue to perform the duties of pontiff he certainly should have the option to resign. Afterall, the pope is not expected to be super-human.

However, Pope John Paul II has expressed that he does not want to resign his position. And he believes that his continued service to the church is the will of God. Furthermore, the problem is not the idea of a pope resigning. The suggestion is problematic because of why it was made. Lehmann ex-pressed concern for the pope's ability to perform as the Holy Father of the Church because of his physical difficulties. He has had trouble standing and walking. Lehmann expressed concern that the next step beyond the electric cart is a wheelchair. Yet, none of the church hierarchy, including Lehmann, have expressed any question about Pope John Paul II's mental or spiritual ability to lead the church.

In this modern age, with ad-vanced medical knowledge and greater understanding of disabili-ties, it is uncalled for to suggest that the pope cannot perform his duties because he cannot stand or walk unassisted. The duties of the Holy Father are not physical and should not require him to stand. Pope John Paul II is a charismatic leader and an active devotion to the Church. He has traveled more than any other pope in his-tory in order to appear in person before as many Catholics as pos-sible.

In Western culture we often place a strong emphasis on the value of youth. Yet, this 79-year-old pope has more stamina than many younger people. He has experience and wisdom from his years of experience, and his dedication to maintaining his travel schedule (Egypt in February is next on his agenda) despite health problems shows that he still has a lot to of-fer the church spiritually.

Normally, of course, the pope serves until his death. That shouldn't be and isn't required, but one should be calling for the resignation of a such a capable and dedicated individual.

Lehmann has since retracted his statement about Pope John Paul II resigning, although he admits to discussing the idea of a pope being able to resign. Perhaps we should give him the benefit of the doubt on his intentions. He may have been expressing concern for the pope's health and comfort rather than questioning his com-petency. Let's hope so.

The church must live up to its professed faith that all people are equal and valuable under God de spite physical affliction. This demon-strating the value of individu-als who suffer physical disabilities.

**January 26, 2000**

*And you can vote me on that...*

*Do you believe that it is im-portant to vote?*

*"I think it's important because you become aware of political issues of what's going on in your town and country. People who complain about the government but don't vote aren't really putting their two cents in."

**- Kelly McGuire, senior**

*"Yes, because a lot of people died so we could have the right to vote. It's the basis on which our democratic freedom is founded on."

**- Amanda Spitzley, senior**

*"I am appalled at the number of American citi-zens who do not vote just for a convenience reason. It only takes a short amount of time, and yet there are so many who avoid it alto-gether."

**- Amber Selden, junior**

*"During the Vietnam War the soldiers who fought the war were not old enough to vote and had no say in the election of the officers who sent them off to their death. Does it take a war to make college students aware of the need to vote?"

**- Sharon Rosenbloom, graduate student**

*"Yes, it is important to vote because you can't complain about something if you don't take any actions to change it."

**- Amanda Spitzley, junior**

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AMC exhibition includes abstract paintings, drawings

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With a unique combination of color and style, Aquinas College’s first gallery exhibition of the spring semester opened on Jan. 16 with a reception from 2-4 p.m. at the Art and Music Center. The exhibit features “The Brittle Landscape,” 19 abstract paintings and drawings by Carol Jurgens, and “Australian Landscapes: Carnarvon and Gairaween,” 13 figurative and abstract landscape paintings by Lindsay Farrell.

At the opening, Jurgens guided guests through the exhibit. Begun in 1987, she explained that “The Brittle Landscapes” is based on her “poetic observation and experience of micro-narratives found within the landscape.” Many of Jurgens’ ideas came from aerial photos of riverbeds in the landscapes, providing a stronger feeling of life to the surrounding area.

In these paintings, Farrell emphasizes the earth as worthy of exploration and contemplation instead of exploitation. Jurgens also incorporates a nature theme in her artwork, although she mentions “the environmental movement needs to focus on the Earth and not us.” She hopes that guests will be able to take away this heightened appreciation for nature as a result of both the exhibits.

Aquinas hosts award-winning pipe band

by Karen Smith
Times Contributing Writer

As an electric hum of bagpipes filled the air, the Glendaleo Pipe Band marched into action during the Jan. 15 performances with the Kwils, a Grand Rapids based Celtic folk group, at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Kretschmer Recital Hall at Aquinas College’s Art and Music Center.

Positioned in crescent formation, the Glendaleo Pipe Band members stomped their feet in rhythm with the sharp tapping of drums accompanying the bagpipes’ lead during each piece. In crisp uniforms of navy blazers, white shirts and kilts, the band looked, as well as played, with regimented style. The Munsterthorough Tartan, a blue plaid kilt pattern, and glengarrie, a type of hat adorned with the Tyneside cap badge, help distinguish this band’s uniform from other groups.

Led by Pipe Major Ian Moir, they played a variety of Irish and Scottish marches and medleys, including songs “Balmoral,” “Fog and the Fiddler” and “Hagg at the Churn.” Moir commented on the pieces throughout the concert, and joked that the solos by Steve MacNeil and Chris Stowe were “something else — makes me want to cut my fingers off.”

Aside from performing, the Glendaleo Pipe Band has also competed in a variety of championships. They recently placed first in the 1999 Detroit Highland Games and won fourth place in the North American Pipe Band Championship. The band also plans to compete in the August 2000 World Championship in Glasgow, Scotland. “Tonight’s performance will help raise funds to pay for uniforms and supplies,” announced Moir.

With over 20 members, Alan Wilson, President of the Glendaleo Pipe Band, said that he’s pleased with the growth of the group since its establishment in 1994. He also acknowledges that it is difficult to motivate youth to participate due to rigorous practice schedules and competing activities.

During the performance, Moir introduced the Kwils as Glendaleo’s “partners in crime” since the two groups often perform together. The casually dressed five-member band entertained the audience with lighter sounds, including a fiddle, bodhran (a type of drum), guitar, accordion, and whistle. They played jigs, polkas, waltzes, and reels including “Whiskey Before Breakfast” and “Roving Journeymen.”

Many audience members clapped their fingers and tapped their feet along with the music during the concert. “The minute they started playing I was enchanted,” said Barbara McCargar, the chair of Aquinas’ Music Department. “I kept with the lively beat of one jig, Rosemary Jackson rose from the audience and danced to the tune. A 1997 Aquinas College graduate, Jackson learned Irish dancing after her participation in the 1995 Ireland Program inspired her to take lessons.”
Greg Howard at the Moose Cafe

by Katy Moore

Timet Arts & Entertainment Editor

The biting cold of January in Michigan wasn't enough to keep people away from the Moose Cafe on Friday night. An intimate crowd gathered as the Cafe played host to the talents of musician Greg Howard, compliments of Student Activities.

Howard plays an instrument called the Chapman Stick. Developed and built by Emmett Chapman in 1969, Howard is one of the premier musicians to use the Chapman stick. He first picked up the instrument in a Washington D.C. music store in 1985.

As a keyboardist, Howard was intrigued by the instrument, "It's much more interactive than a keyboard," he said.

The Chapman Stick is a combination of a percussion instrument and a guitar. The twelve-stringed instrument allows for both hands to play independently of each other, adding to the fullness and diversity of the sound.

"It sounds like a whole band," says Howard. "Most people can't believe all the music comes from one instrument." The music created by Howard provides the perfect backdrop to any daydream the mind can create.

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With a method book and seven CDs under his belt, Howard has more than proven his talent with the Chapman Stick. His latest CD, "Water on the Moon," was recorded live on Feb. 23, 1998, in Charlottesville, Virginia. He is currently wrapping up a new musical project that is due out in April of this year, with a tour scheduled to follow.

Howard invited the crowd to take a break and "come back and take a little journey with me." Howard's second set was forty minutes of strict improvisation. He rounded out the evening by performing his version of "One Sweet World," a song written by Dave Matthews.

Howard also gave a nod to Miles Davis early on with his performance of "All Blues." Howard's own musical creations contain no lyrics. "How could lyrics express what I just played?" he asked. "Words don't really express where I'm coming from." Howard stopped writing lyrics because of this and prefers to leave his instrumental music open to an individual's interpretation.

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MTV's "Singled Out." Hosting this edition of "Singled Out" was Brigid Avery, who has played hostess at previous "Singled Out" events. She was paired with Brendan Earl to assist the two contestants in selecting the true date of their dreams, during the first of Programming Board's annual Thursday night "What the Heck?!" series.

Unlike the television show, where the guy or girl eliminates potential dates based on six preselected categories (such as "Height" or "Package"), Aquinas let the students create their own categories for elimination. After shuffling through all but three candidates, the contestant asked each contender a few questions about themselves before selecting their perfect match.

Howard performed at Aquinas' Moose Cafe playing an instrument called the Chapman Stick. Courtesy Photo

AQ students get "Singled Out"

by Jacqueline Flor

Times Writing Contributor

Aquinas students Shandy Atwood and Justin Orlik lived a college student's fantasy Jan. 13 at the Moose Cafe. The single people of Aquinas competed to win food, entertainment and most important, a night out with either Atwood or Orlik at AQ's own version of MTV's "Singled Out." 

A Q Single Out host Brigid Avery talks to Shandy Atwood who asks questions of the contestants competing for a date with her.

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Bocián inducted into baseball hall of fame

by Jason Vogel
Times Sports Editor

Much like a sleeping bear, baseball also goes into hibernation during the winter season, with the exception of one thing – the Baseball Hall of Fame. On Friday, Jan. 7, Aquinas College’s Athletic Director and Head Baseball Coach Terry Bocián was the fifth person from the state of Michigan ever to be inducted into the Intercollegiate Athletics Baseball Hall of Fame.

Bocián has been the head coach of the Saints’ baseball team for 29 consecutive seasons. Over this span of time, he has recorded some rather remarkable numbers, including his 1000th career victory at Aquinas College last spring. If 1000 victories are not enough, he has not had a losing record in 28 seasons and has won 30 games or more for 25 straight years.

Bocián sat down with the Aquinas Times and reflected on some of his accomplishments, as well as some of the memories that could only come from a man who has given 29 years of service to Aquinas College.

The Aquinas Times: Last Spring, you won your 1000th baseball game as an Aquinas head coach. Was it the best moment I’ve had during my 29 year career as a baseball coach?

Bocián: I don’t think I could really pin-point a specific moment. There was one day that we played Michigan State in a double header and swept them. Paul Assenmacher pitched a 3 hitter in the first game. In the second game Mike Heffron pitched a 1 hitter. We held them to only 4 hits on the day. That was really an accomplishment for a small college, being such a large university like Michigan State. The most memorable games are the ones we were behind and we came back. The hardest losses are the games when the other team does the same thing to you.

Times: Tell me a little about your coaching background.

Bocián: Actually my background was more in basketball than in baseball. I coached basketball here for 13 years. I came to appreciate baseball. I coached basketball here at Aquinas College last spring. If 1000 victories are not enough, I have never had a losing record in 28 consecutive seasons. Over this period, no other team in the Midwest has achieved the mark. It was not one knowing it, set out to be the team of the best teams I have ever coached here. They probably overachieved.

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Times: What is your goal as a coach?

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Men's Basketball meets tough competition

by Damon Bouwkamp
Times Contributing Writer

With four of the eight teams in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) ranked in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Division II national rankings, the Saints know they have a tough test at least once a week when it comes time for conference play. This past week was no different. With the arrival of a 222 ranking heading into a key matchup with crosstown rival Cornerstone University, the Saints knew they were in for a barnburner. The Saints exploded to an early lead with senior Courtney Norman leading the way. Norman finished with 16 points, 9 rebounds, 6 blocked shots and 5 steals in 20 minutes of play, after battling foul trouble the entire game. The Saints led 39-29 heading into halftime and never stopped putting the pressure on the Golden Eagles of Cornerstone University. With senior Ross Willick scoring a game-high 17 points and junior Tim Wasilk tallying 12 points and 6 assists the Saints finished off the Eagles 78-58 in impressive fashion.

Lady Saints defeat Crusaders

by Damon Bouwkamp
Times Contributing Writer

With a revitalized defense and a strong second half run, the Lady Saints improved their overall record to 11-7 with a 65-61 conference win over the Crusaders of Madonna University last Saturday. Led by the scoring and rebounding efforts of senior Nicole Mielke and junior Julie Murray the Saints were able to step up another notch in the second half after going into the locker room with a 33-31 deficit. Mielke finished the matchup with game-highs in points with 14 and rebounds with 10, notching another double-double. Murray just missed a double-double of her own with 11 points and 9 rebounds. The Crusaders were led by Michelle Miela's 19 points.

Eight AQ indoor track competitors qualify for nationals

by Jessi Cleveland
Times Features Editor

Steeped in a history of success and in a season still young, the men’s and women’s indoor track teams have already taken strides in the right direction. Though they’ve competed in only three meets, eight members have already qualified to compete at Indoor Nationals in Lincoln, Nebraska. Making the cut at the Jan. 15 Spartan Invitational at Michigan State University were junior Holly Sizmerow, throwing the 20 lb. shot with a distance of 44‘10”; senior Mary Fournier, setting a new school record of 10 feet in the Pole Vault; and senior Carl Bland, also setting a school record in the 600 meter with a time of 1:38.4. Bland, who had already qualified in the 800 meter with a time of 2:17.24, teamed with freshman Kerry Lucas, sophomore Nichole Gummere and junior Vicky Sackett to qualify in the 1600 meter relay with a time of 4:07.08. Leading the men’s team was Kevin Smith, finishing the 3000 meter with a nationally-qualifying time of 8:45.3. Also on the roster to go to Nebraska is sophomore Derek Sandahl, qualifying as an earlier meet with a long jump distance of 22’9”.

Head Coach Dave Wood expects National-bound as the season progresses and personal improvements are made. "We’ve had a good first couple of meets, and we have a lot of good people who are working hard. Even this early in the season they’ve got a handle on the situation. Our goal at this point is to win the conference in both [men’s and women’s], and if we perform like we should, it doesn’t look like it will be a problem," Wood said.

Photo by Chris Waald

A B O V E : S e n i o r C o u r t n e y N o r m a n stops to reflect after a two handed dunk against Concordia."

Mary Fournier
Fournier, a senior member of the women’s indoor track team, set a new school record and qualified N.A.I.A. nationals on Jan 15. at the Michigan State Open. Fournier broke the women’s pole vault record with a vault of 10' and a first place finish. Fournier also placed in two other events including 7' in shot put with a toss of 33‘10” and 4' in the triple jump with a leap of 33'5.75".

PrimeTime

Players

Courtney Norman
Senior, basketball player Norman, sparked the Saints past neighborhood rival and defending national champi­ ons Cornerstone on Jan. 19. In 20 minutes Norman scored 17 points, grabbed 9 rebounds, and blocked 6 shots. In Saturday's game against Madonna Norman was at it again scoring 17 points and grabbing 14 rebounds.

Sports Calendar

Men's Basketball
Jan. 26 7:30 p.m.
Home vs. Tri-State
Jan. 29 1:00 p.m.
Home vs. Indiana Tech
Feb. 5 3:00 p.m.
Home vs. Sienna Heights

Women's Basketball
Jan. 29 1:00 p.m.
Home vs. Indiana Tech
Feb. 7 7:00 p.m.
Home vs. Spring Arbor
Feb. 9 7:00 p.m.
Home vs. Concordia

Indoor Track
Jan. 28 5:00 p.m.
Grand Valley Open @ Adrian College, MI
Feb. 4 5:00 p.m.
SVSU Indoor Track @ Saginaw, MI
Many often fall short on keeping their New Year’s resolutions.

by Jessi Cleveland
Times Features Editor

With the taste of a Christmas feast fresh on their tongues and perhaps a slight headache, many Americans set out to create a new self, a thinner, stronger, smoke-free, confident and organized self. New Year’s Eve is a time of celebration, a time to be spent with friends and family, eating, drinking and indulging in a myriad of activities, not all of these being beneficial to the health or pocketbook of those partaking in the party.

The morning after, however, can be as bitter a pill to swallow as the aspirin choked down by many a hangover victim. Searching for the motivation to crawl out of a nice, warm bed, they lace up their running shoes, bypass a donut in favor of bran flakes and make a desperate attempt to fill every page of their newly-purchased Franklin planner.

New Year’s resolutions have been around since it became fashionable to celebrate the holiday. Perhaps people feel that by turning over the last page of a calendar, they are erasing all the vices and errors of the year. A blank month, and especially the first in a brand new year, can be as appealing as the concept of a “clean slate.” Self-improvement is, and has been, a popular theme among Americans, and what better way to better oneself than by going out with a bang and coming back a changed being.

Knowing this, mass media and retail do their part to appease the population by advertising and sale-pricing such products as SlimFast, NicoDerm, even health club memberships. But what about those resolutions which cannot be bought, but must be felt?

In addition to the traditional resolutions to lose weight, exercise regularly and quit smoking, others seem determined to better themselves spiritually rather than physically, resolving to become better organized, to be more patient, to mend a broken relationship or to remember to have fun.

One resolution on a St. Joseph Residence Hall bulletin board even stated, “No dating exes’ best friends or best friends’ exes.” No matter what the motivation, almost everyone seems determined to repair the damage done in a previous chapter, while attempting, perhaps, to rewrite their personal history altogether.

How successful they are, though, is dependent upon a number of factors, including external support from friends and family, financial obligations to the resolution and lastly, the depth of resolve behind the resolution. Several Aquinas College students, having taken part in the ritual, looked back on the past three weeks, reflecting and, in some cases, regretting the commitment they made. To many, it was a true reality check.

Here’s what Aquinas students think:

“My New Year’s resolution was to keep my room clean. You can now walk in my room, but don’t look. I’ve only kept it very organized.”
-Veronica Quackenbush, junior

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-Cristina Vendimelli, freshman

“I resolved to stop raising more questions than answers. I don’t know how successful I’ve been so far ... what do you think?”
-Jon Bieneman, freshman

“My New Year’s resolution was to do well in college. I think I’ve done pretty well so far since I’m still here.”
-Stacy Lantz, freshman

“My New Year’s resolution was to dedicate more of my time to my studies. Actually, I do less work this semester than I did last.”
-Nikki Lytle, junior

“I have resolved to make myself more useful to people this year.”
-Kate Willman, junior

“My New Year’s resolution is to find one happy thing in everyday, and, yes, I’ve been doing it. My roommate, however, has been cheating at the game.”
-Amy Westphall, freshman

“ABOVE: Many smokers resolve to kick the habit as their New Year’s resolution, but find it challenging. Just Left: Vowing to exercise more is a popular New Year’s resolution that can be difficult to keep.

Photo by Heather Karal

Photo by Eric Vanderiey

Empty Promises

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