Circle Theatre awaits additional bids and remaining $2.7 million before construction

by Tonya Schafer

News Editor

Board members from both Aquinas College and the Circle Theatre of Grand Rapids are awaiting final approval of the architectural design for the joint-run theater scheduled to be built on the Aquinas campus for use beginning in the spring of 2002.

Architects Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber of Ada have been enlisted to design the 420-seat theater, which will be located near the west side of the Plymouth parking lot on Robinson Road. The building will be used to house both the Circle Theatre show repertoire and programs put on by students participating in Aquinas’ new theater major. Circle Theatre will use the building during its regular season, which runs from May through September; college events will take over from September through May, during the academic year.

Chicago theater architects Holabird & Root contributed to the project design, which Aquinas Vice President for Development Julie Bickmore anticipates will be quickly approved.

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Into the Streets week promotes volunteerism at Aquinas

Local organizations in a variety of areas benefit from student labor performed in last week’s program

by Brooke Murphy

Contributing Writer

During the week of Oct. 2 through Oct. 8, several Aquinas College students, staff and faculty participated in the community service program Into the Streets.

In Aquinas’ tenth year of the program, some students cooked a meal for Guiding Light Missions, while others served hot dogs in Veteran’s Park to homeless or hungry people in the area.

The volunteers had opportunities to work with organizations like the Salvation Army, God’s Kitchen and the Ronald McDonald House.

Junior Heidi Stanley worked at the Salvation Army’s after-school program. Stanley said, “Just to see the little kids smile was great. We would like to go back and volunteer there again.”

Freshman Alli Kidoff prepares for the Ronald McDonald House garage sale as part of the last the Streets program last Wednesday.

At another after-school program, five members of S.A.V.E. spoke about recycling programs at St. Adalbert’s. Six other students visited the Holland Home and helped paint an office and move a staff member to a new office.

Senior and Into the Streets Coordinator Lauren Ivory said, “Obviously, there’s a shared feeling of good purpose. Not only do you give service to the Grand Rapids community, but you gain so much. The program is an absolutely wonderful opportunity to get people involved.”

Over 100 people signed up to help.

Two study abroad programs face cancellation in 2001

Costa Rica and Peru semester trips in jeopardy due to lack of applicants

by Tonya Schafer

News Editor

A low number of application submissions has resulted in the possible cancellation of the Peru and Costa Rica study abroad programs for the 2001 spring semester.

“Turnout was so low that cancellation of the programs definitely seems to be the result,” said Assistant Dean of International and Cultural Studies Kris Lou. “We had allotted space for ten to fifteen people to participate in each program, but had only four people who were interested in either.”

According to Lou, one of the trips, most likely Costa Rica, may be held for the three students still interested in traveling abroad. However, it would undergo major modifications.

“We have to discuss the changes with the community and redesign the academic coursework. It would be a major departure from the program we currently have setup, and I don’t know if it will happen,” Lou said.

During the study abroad programs, students live and work among the inhabitants of international communities and take classes in a variety of subjects. They pay tuition to Aquinas College and spend an additional $1,500 to $4,150 for program fees.

Staci Cowell, a sophomore Spanish major and transfer student, had cancelled her trip to Peru this spring semester. However, Lou attributes the dearth of applicants for this year’s Peru and Costa Rica trips to several different factors but remains uncertain as to concrete reasons why interest in the programs was lacking.

“There were a lot of people who expressed interest, but the overwhelming majority is interested in going in 2002. I had advertised both programs last spring semester and got little or no interest, and thought I’d wait until fall semester so remaining students can motivate other students to go, but that still didn’t translate into interest,” said Lou. “It’s a tough one.”

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Decide where you stand on the debate over violence in schools as two Aquinas Times staff members battle it out on this opinion page.
Vice-president Al Gore visits Grand Rapids Calder Plaza

by Tonja Schafer

Several Aquinas students were among the 10,000 people who attended an Al Gore presidential campaign rally in Grand Rapids' Calder Plaza on Oct. 5.

Representatives from campus political organizations, as well as non-politically-oriented students, took advantage of free rally tickets provided by Gore's Michigan Coordinated Effort group. They stood in 50-degree temperatures to hear the presidential candidate discuss such issues as family values, education, health care and social security.

"It was an excellent experience because West Michigan is not usually at the forefront of politics," said junior Tracy Majer, a member of the POLIS political group, who attended the rally. "Gore didn't do an OK job of speaking," she said. "I thought it was a good speech in general; he comes off a lot better in person than he does on TV," said junior Tim Low, Prime Minister of POLIS. "I wasn't that surprised that he was in Grand Rapids because Michigan is such a key swing state in the Midwest, and I was really pleased by the number of people who were there."

Prior to the rally, Gore had visited the United Methodist Community House, a child care center on Grand Rapids' southeast side, to talk about his plan to provide tax credits for day care. Following the rally, he held an impromptu press conference that called for Yugoslavian President Slobodan Milosevic to step down from power.

Gore's talk to Grand Rapids environed political experts, who wondered how his Democratic political views would endear themselves to typically conservative West Michigan voters.

"It is a bit interesting that Gore would spend so much time (here)," said Lansing political analyst Craig Buff in an article that appeared in The Grand Rapids Press on Oct. 5. "He's going right into the teeth of the conservative juggernaut."

"We're trying to travel across the country, even into Republican territories, because our message is reaching the Republican and independent voters," said Gore Chief Campaign Spokesperson Chris Lahou in the same article, explaining the reasons behind the presidential candidate's visit to Grand Rapids.

"If Gore's going to win the presidency, he's got to do better in West Michigan than previous candidates (have)," said Bill Brennan, Co-Finance Chairman for the Kent County Republicans in the same Oct. 5 article. Poll results released Oct. 7 showed Gore leading Republican contender George W. Bush by four percentage points.

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Embryo scanned for bone marrow match to sister

by Tonja Schafer

Medical ethicists are infuriated over the morality of the case of Adam Nash, a teenager whose embryo was screened for cells that could save the life of his chronically-ill sister prior to its selection and implantation in his mother’s womb during in vitro fertilization.

Several British scientists expressed concern to Reuters news service Oct. 4 that Nash's August birth would usher in an era of what Bradford University Philosopher Anthony O’Hear termed “humans to order” and that would result in greater instances of genetic tampering.

Nash and his sister Molly underwent a transplant two weeks ago in an attempt to cure the latter’s blood disease; whether the surgery was successful has yet to be determined.

"The Journal of the American Medical Association' Obesity at all-time high

Americans are more obese than ever before, according to a report issued Oct. 4 by the "The Journal of the American Medical Association."

Obesity rates jumped 60 percent during the 1990s, with 12 percent of the American population reported to be obese in 1991 and 18 percent obese in 1998. In addition, 39 of the 45 states in the union reported to be obese in 1991 and 18 percent obese in 1998. In early part of the decade, 12 percent of the American population reported to be obese at the end of the 1990s, compared to four out of 45 in the early part of the decade.

Medical experts believe that the increased obesity levels have resulted in a 33 percent increase in the diagnosis of Type Two diabetes.

Bush and Gore nearly tied, according to Reuters/ZING poll

Presidential candidates George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore both claimed victory following their thirty-minute televised debate Oct. 4. Polls taken shortly after the debate showed that audiences believed Gore had won by a small margin, but that neither candidate had given a performance sufficient to seal victory in the race, thus far the closest one in forty years.

A survey conducted by Reuters/ZING poll Oct. 4 showed that Gore was leading Bush 46 percent to 41 percent, with a margin of error of three percentage points.

Gore made an appearance in Grand Rapids last Wednesday to solicit votes in the Republican-dominated area.

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Conference addresses race, diversity issues  
by Tonya Schafer  
News Editor

Two programs with Aquinas connections are reaching out to area students and people from around the world to promote the end of racism.

The Second Annual International Conference of the Institutes for the Healing of Racism was held at Aquinas from Oct. 6 through Oct. 8. Approximately 500 attendees gathered to discuss the Institute’s methods for ending racism, as well as to address general diversity-related issues. The Healing Racism Institute’s (goal) is to help people interested in race confront racism and get more information about it, information that they’re lacking,” Robbins said. “It helps people understand the issue and how it affects all of us.”

The conference is an international one, and attendees and people from around the world to promote the end of racism.

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Steve Robbins, director of Woodwick Institute for the Study of Racism and Diversity, said that race is something that’s important to something that they want to explore.”

He added, “I think the Aquinas students will be enriched by the program, even if all they do is come see a play.”

Aquinas College Thespians (A.C.T.) sophomore members Jeanette Pierce, Pat Hurley, Val Schmitt and Mark Ratify and Pivelkiy are looking for more interest from students to fill up easily,” said Robbins, who anticipates that the program could accommodate 20 to 25 students.

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Don't let the winter doldrums hit you just yet. Here are some things to keep you occupied.

October 8-14

Friday: "Voices of the Children," an exhibit by Margaret Veg, begins at the Aquinas Fine Arts Center. Playing during the week at the Grand Rapids Heartside area. Saturday: It's not too late. Dash down to Kalamezzo to check out "Dominic Problems at the State Theatre. Surf this site for more info: www.kalamazoostatetheatre.com

Video releases: "Keeping the Faith" with Ben Stiller and Janeane Garofalo. "Love and Basketball" with Omar Epps and Sanaa Lathan.

October 15-21

Thursday: Check out Marvelous 3 and A Dynamic Hack at the Orbit Room. Get tickets at ticketmaster.com or by calling 456-3333.

Thursday-Saturday: The Heritage Theatre Group presents "Rinaway," a musical about homeless youth at Wealthy Theatre at 8 p.m. The theatre is located at 1130 Wealthy St. S.E. Tickets are $5 for students and available at the calling Heritage Theatre at 451-2600 or Wealthy Theatre at 451-8001.

Friday: Check out area punk-rock band Molly at the Intersection.

Saturday: Local artists Mission Orange, Angeline and others celebrate Halloween early with the all-free show at the Moose Cafe in support of their new album. "Audience enjoyment, Rule of Engagement" with Tommy Epps and Sanaa Lathan.

The Offspring recently released their newest single on their official website offspring.com. The release was in lieu of releasing their entire new album as downloadable MP3s in hopes to prove their theory that this accessibility would not decrease album sales. If the theory proved true, it would drastically contradict arguments used by record labels such as Sony used in its still pending lawsuit against Napster.

Aquinas students are unable to use Napster due to the firewall put up on the school's Internet access. Aquinas fans of The Offspring might have to wait until November to hear the band's new material. According to ITS Unix Technical Support Manager Brad Veddens, Napster is blocked because of fear of what it may do to the network. However, Veddens thinks the program does have its benefits. "It's a great method for dispersing information," he said. "There are legitimate artists that use it to get their music out to the masses."

by Jacqueline Flory

Punk band The Offspring halted plans for a permanent release of its latest album "Conspiracy of One" after its record label, Sony Records, threatened a lawsuit in late September. After a two day standoff between the band and its label with each planning to sue the other, an agreement was reached on Sept. 21. In this compromise, The Offspring was granted permission to release its first single "Original Prankster" as a free MP3 downloadable from its website, offspring.com, on Saturday. The rest of the album will be unavailable on the website. In addition, fans have the chance to register for a $1 million prize.

The Offspring decided to settle its dispute before it reached the court room. Grievances would prevent the band from releasing its album as scheduled on Nov. 14. It would also delay its upcoming tour. According to an e-mail band manager Jim Guerinot wrote to sonicnet.com on Sept. 22, the band was disappointed that fans will have to rely on Napster and other Internet distribution aids to download the new material. "We will be the only site on the Web that will not have The Offspring's new music," Guerinot said.

"Conspiracy of One" would have been one of the first albums fans could preview in its entirety online. The Offspring planned to use the early online release as proof that free music downloads do not seriously affect album sales.

Witty to perform at Moose Oct. 24

Acoustic act looks forward to college performance by Jacqueline Flory

by Chris Vendittelli

Bon Jovi's new release, "Crush," has everything old and new fans would want, and even a bit more. Out of nowhere, Bon Jovi released "Crush," reminiscent of the hard love and hurt songs for which Bon Jovi is known. The song "Say It Isn't So" takes the listener back to Jon Bon Jovi's gritty, strong voice crooning, "It's obvious the band hasn't lost its touch. "Two Story Town," has an old-school rock and roll beat with lyrics like "there's a girl that I sleep with, that has ecstasy eyes," that grab attention.

Of course, not all songs can be considered the same-old Bon Jovi hits. With Jon Bon Jovi's strong voice and shadows of the music "came from within, together with listening to the radio a lot and songs years before becoming a musician," Alayne Wood, says her love for what she does shines through!

"Audiences enjoy Sue Witty because she's real, her sound is unique, and her passion for what she does shines through!" She has been compared to Natalie Merchant, and says her love of music "came from within, together with listening to the radio a lot and finding certain artists that made a strong impression." Those artists included Bob Dylan and Billy Joel.

While Witty wrote poetry and songs years before becoming a musician, she taught herself to play guitar as an undergraduate student at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA.

She began performing throughout the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic in 1991 with her band "The Third Degree." In 1997, Witty started performing on a national level as a solo act.

She sees touring as an opportunity to expose more people to her music, as well as a chance to meet others and see the country. Her songs deal mostly with personal experiences. Alayne Wood, Witty's press agent, says "Any person or situation she encounters that moves her in some way is potential material for a new song."

Wood also described how fans tell her about how they can relate to the messages within Witty's songs. "Audiences enjoy Sue Witty because she's real, her sound is unique, and her passion for what she does shines through!"

"Hydroplaning Ragaumuffin," Witty's 1999 release, was recorded and engineered by De De Vogt, who has also worked with the Indigo Girls and Shawn Mullins. Her other albums include 1991's "Painful Gains," 1995's "Radio Daze," and 1996's "Outside the Lines."

Student Activities Director Eric Mullen said of Witty, "I get a ton of CDs sent to our office looking to play at the Moose Café. Some stand out, some don't." Sue's CD, "Hydroplaning Ragaumuffin," had a polished and strong sound.

Although only four months have passed since her last tour, Witty is "ready and ready to hit the road again." According to Wood, "She's especially looking forward to the college shows on the tour since she enjoys the energy the students bring to the gigs."

Witty's music can be previewed by accessing her website at http://www.crosswinds.net/~suewitty/.
Faculty practice what they preach in AMC show

by Gail Oromaski Contributing Writer

Aquinas faculty members Dana Freeman, Kurt Kaiser, Madeline Kaczmarczyk, Ron Pederson, Sharon Sandberg and Steve Schousen showcase their teaching abilities through their own works at the Faculty Art Exhibition in the Art and Music Center. Its opening reception was Sept. 28.

Freeman, Associate Professor of Art, demonstrates her photography in the silver gelatin prints displayed in the show. The prints feature her baby daughter accompanied by various designs drawn with graphite. One of Freeman's most unique pieces is entitled "Magic Ride." It shows a baby riding with a stuffed tiger on a drawn magic carpet. Freeman instructs her photography and drawing students to create something interesting and intentional. "What you're best at and know most about ought to come out in your teaching," she said.

Senior Annette Shemay, an art major, said the baby depicted a lack of restraints. She described Freeman's pieces as "an airy, uplifting sense of freedom portraying early life."

Steve Schousen, Associate Professor of Art, is displaying three abstract pieces using intaglio, a design incised or engraved beneath the surface of hard metal or stone. His works include "Navigators" and two untitled pieces. Schousen also is showing five untitled pencil drawings of plants, trees and buildings. Madeline Kaczmarczyk, Ceramics Professor, presents nine mixed media pieces "mat you've ing sense of freedom portraying early life." Kaczmarczyk, Ceramics Professor, presents nine mixed media pieces "mat you've ing sense of freedom portraying early life."

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Hollywood haunts

If your favorite scary flick isn’t listed here, you can find it on the Internet Movie Database (www.imdb.com). While you’re there, check out your favorite actors/villains and even search for show times of current movies in Grand Rapids theaters.

“The Amityville Horror” (1979)  
“Halloween II: Evil Never Dies” (due out in 2001)  
“Halloween H2O” (1998)  
“Silence of the Lambs” (1991)  
“Children of the Corn” (1984)

Escape the Web

Aquinas-sponsored scares

If you’ve had your fill of virtual Halloween, here are some ideas to get you involved with Aquinas groups sponsoring Halloween events.

Novel Experience – “A Ghastly Novel Experience”  
All are invited to come dressed as your favorite literary character as Professor Gary Eberle reads from his book, “Haunted Houses of Grand Rapids.” Halloween goodies will be served. This event will take place in the depths of Holmdene Manor on Sunday, Oct. 29 at 6:00 p.m. The best-dressed person will be awarded a free copy of “Haunted Houses.”

Recommended Halloween Reads:  
The “Harry Potter” series  
Mary Shelley’s “Frankenstein”  
Brain Stoker’s “Dracula”  
If you don’t own a copy of “Frankenstein,” “Dracula,” or “Harry Potter,” you can browse an online bookstore like Amazon.com.

St. Joseph Residence Hall – St. Joe’s will be holding its annual “Haunted Hall” on Halloween night from 7-9 p.m. If you need ideas on decorating your dorm room for St. Joe’s annual haunted house, get some from the virtual houses on the web. While you’re surfing, you can also pick up supplies to ensure that your room leaves the visitors screaming.

Casa Hogar – Pick up your costume online before going trick-or-treating with the gang from Casa Hogar.

On Thursday, Oct. 26, Casa Hogar will be dressing up in costumes and trick-or-treating for aluminum cans and monetary donations. All proceeds will help support Casa Hogar, Juan Pablo II, orphanage in Lurin, Peru. If you would like to help out or make a donation, please contact Ashley Mynsberge (ext. 6801) or Allison Lindemyer (ext. 6810).

Masquerades at area bars

The B.O.B. – This downtown establishment is sponsoring a costume party on Oct. 28. You pay $9.79 at the door, ages 21 and up. The party starts at 8 p.m. and goes until midnight. Patrons will do the judging, which will take place on the third floor. WGRD-97.5FM DJ’s will distribute prizes around 11 p.m. Prizes will be given to the first through fifth places winners. There will be no categories this year.

The Intersection – The Intersection will be holding a costume/dance party for 18 years and up on Halloween night. The fun begins at 9 p.m., and there is a $3 cover charge. This year’s theme is the gothic look.

Uccello’s – If you’re in the mood to dress up, but not go trick or treating on Halloween Night, come to a costume party at Uccello’s. Ages 21 and up with no cover charge. Open until 2 a.m.

compiled by Andrea Prizby, Contributing Writer

The holiday that leaves dentists clinging to their fluoride is making it’s way into cyberspace. As ghosts and goblins invade the dot-com world, Halloween enthusiasts are scrambling to stake their claim and search out the latest ghastly treasures on the Web.

We’ve seen how technology has reformed learning, research and communication, so it’s no surprise that it has taken this holiday that usually floods urban streets with candy-crazed children and turned it into a virtual spook fest. The internet has covered all the bases. From ordering a costume online to shopping for candy to virtual pumpkin carving, you won’t even have to leave your desk on All Hallow’s Eve.

Forget driving to the costume store this year. If it’s the perfect costume you’re looking for, you need go no further than The Costume Zone (www.thecostumezone.com). From makeup to wigs, masks to fake prosthetics and full costumes, The Costume Zone has you covered from head to toe with over 1,000 costumes and accessories from which to choose. And there are many other sites out there that are similar to The Costume Zone.

If you don’t feel like making the trip to the grocery store or fighting other customers for the last bag of candy corn, a virtual shopping center like The Goody Bag Candy Store from Yahoo! Shopping is just what you need. You can purchase enough candy corn, as well as other goodies, to feed trick-or-treaters until the next full moon. The downfall to this sweet site may be that candy corn costs $2.40 for a half pound (compared to $1.49 per pound at Meijer).

What would Halloween be without an illuminated orange gourd donning the front porch or dorm room? If you find yourself without a ride to the pumpkin patch, fear not as you can purchase miniature pumpkins from garden.com. Pumpkins are sold in sets of 21 and go for $17.99. (If pumpkin guts gross you, try pumpkin puree from garden.com.)

Food trivia to share with your friends over popcorn while watching this classic horror show.

• “Halloween,” which was shot in only 20 days in 1978, cost roughly $320,000 to make. It made over $50,000,000 worldwide.
• Donald Pleasences’ work was shot in just five days. It was his 108th movie or TV appearance.
• Laurie Strode was named after an ex-girlfriend of John Carpenter. Tommy Doyle’s name was from “Rear Window” and Sam Loomis’ name was from “Psycho.”
• The original Michael Myers mask was a modified “W. Shatter” mask. The hair was changed, the face was painted the eyeholes were widened.
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• The name “Michael Myers” came from the distributor of “Halloween.” The name was changed to Mike Meyers.
• “Halloween” was shot in October, and the title is a nod to the month's association with Halloween.
While you’re shopping at garden.com, don’t forget to pick up other essentials like a candy bowl ($30) or festive Halloween bubble lights ($26).

Whether you’re one of those people who gets the heebie-jeebies from haunted houses, or if you’re a die-hard fan, you’ll want to take advantage of the virtual haunted houses on the Net. These bone-chilling sites feature animated houses filled with simulated terrors, goblets, and things that go bump in the night. Check out The Haunting (http://www.angelfire.com/ca2/buckspook/index.html.html) for starters. If you get hooked on this form of free entertainment, simply search around for more sites—they’re out there.

Looking for something to send to your grandma or significant other this Halloween? Check out the Trick-or-Treat bouquet or a variety of Halloween treat baskets from FTD.com. These gifts are a per­fect gift for the sweet-tooth lover. Or, send a virtual Halloween card from hallmark.com or one of the many other virtual card sites.

A Halloween party without spooky music could make for unruly guests. To keep your ghoulish friends happy, pick up your perfect graveyard mix from Yahoo! Shopping and jam with the vampires until the sun comes up. Yahoo! has musical entertainment for just about every budget. If hobbing for apples is on your party agenda, you can also pick up a ten-pound box of apples here (a ten-pound box goes for $22.99). If you prefer caramel apples, Yahoo! Shopping has those too.

Don’t let the price scare you as they sell for $22.00 a piece. These apples are dipped in “heavenly caramel” and sold with or without nuts.

Instead of reliving your childhood yet again this year, try something new. Grab your goodie bag (from Yahoo! Shopping), put on a virtual costume, and get your hearse out on the information super highway. A Halloween party without spooky music could make for unruly guests. To keep your ghoulish friends happy, pick up your perfect graveyard mix from Yahoo! Shopping and jam with the vampires until the sun comes up. Yahoo! has musical entertainment for just about every budget. If hobbing for apples is on your party agenda, you can also pick up a ten-pound box of apples here (a ten-pound box goes for $22.99). If you prefer caramel apples, Yahoo! Shopping has those too.

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One of the monsters waiting for you on the Haunted Hayride.

They say when you die, you’re sent to a place called “heaven” or “hell.” It all depends on how much good you did while you were alive. The truth is, no one really knows. But one thing’s for sure: the more happy things you did during your lifetime, the more likely you are to go to heaven. The less you did, the more likely you’ll end up in hell. Here are some tips to help you live a better life:

♦ Mr. Strode’s “Strode Realty”
♦ The Myers house originally looked how it did throughout most of the original “Halloween.” Towards the end of shooting, the cast and crew painted it and fixed it, to make it look like it did in the beginning when Michael kills Judith.

• the Myers family lived in a house that was painted, and spruced up with new paint, and new windows.
• The laundry room that Annie gets trapped in was not in the same backyard as the Wallace house. The laundry room was filmed elsewhere in Hollywood.
• M: Strode’s “Strode Realty” car in the driveway of the original “Halloween” was really John Carpenter’s car. The “Phelps” service truck belonged to the catering company.
• The scenes in the original “Halloween” in which Annie and Laurie drive to their babysitting jobs were totally improvised, while Debra Hill sat in the back seat with a cameraman recording their talk. During the scene when Annie and Laurie drive up and say hello to sheriff Brackett, Brackett gets the names screwed up and calls Annie, Laurie and Little, Annie.
• When Dr. Loomis drives away from Dr. Myers in the original “Halloween,” “Dr. Chance, to ward C please,” can be heard over the intercom outside. John Carpenter took the name of James T. Chance when he edited “Assault on Precinct 13.”
• In the original “Halloween” where the setting is in Haddonfield, Illinois, all of the cars have California plates.

Source: www.groceries.com

You out, try carving a pumpkin online at TactileMedia’s Cyberhaunt (http://www.tactilemedia.com/cyberhaunt/index2.html).
School Violence: blame the media, lax laws, or mom and dad?

School violence has become more than just bullies asking for lunch money. Instead, it has escalated into young people using not just words but also weapons to intimidate others. Are handgun laws at fault? Should we blame the media for raising our children on violent television shows, musical lyrics and video games? Or should mom and dad be responsible for not instilling the proper behavior into their children? Our staff members step up and take a stand on this controversial issue.

Point

by Liz Dudek
Assistant Editor, Content

No. No matter how stringent handgun laws became, there are always going to be ways for people to find loopholes in the system or have access to black market weapons. Stricter handgun laws would not affect school-aged children at all. What would be the point of making laws that hold more penalties and punishment? Unless a parent uses a trigger lock or keeps a firearm under tight lock and key, coming across a gun can be just as easy as finding a Barbie doll or Tonka truck in a toy box. Yes, stricter handgun laws would mean it would be harder to get a gun, but it could also make the black market sale of guns increase. If illegal sales of firearms increase, then school shootings and violence would be on the rise because young people could buy them on the streets for any price. Stricter handgun laws only prevent people from getting guns, not from using them. It would be a losing situation for all.

Counterpoint

by Jessi Cleveland
Sports Editor

Would stricter handgun laws reduce school shootings?

Plain and simple. Yes. There is no logical reason for concealed weapon permits, waiting-list waivers, or other lax handgun policies. Save for law enforcement officials and especially applicable to the untrained and emotionally unstable youth of America, no one necessitates the possession of a weapon of instant murder. While it is pleasant to conceptualize a world where handguns do not exist, such a notion is nothing more than folly. Acceptance of the existence of handguns is necessary. Acceptance of the policies surrounding handgun possession, however, should not be forced upon society. With stricter controls on waiting lists, background checks and required training, the likelihood of a 15-year-old murderer decreases. The recent single "The Way I Am" contains the following: "And all of this controversy circles me and it seems like the media immediately points a finger at me... when a dude gets his bullets and shoots up his school, and they blame it on Marilyn and the heroin; where were the parents at..." While violently-themed movies, videogames and music can have an impact on impressionable children, it is the job of the parents to censor these materials until their offspring have the ability to separate right from wrong by their own devices, often ignoring the positive happenings that occur in society. Until people monitor what young people are viewing, problems will continue in the school yard.

Is school violence the product of the media (rap music, violent video games, etc.)?

No. Such messages, particularly those found in controversial music, can never be taken at face value. Eminem is a prime example of a misunderstood lyricist. In his recent release "The Marshall Mathers LP," Eminem raps about the effects of violent music on America's youth. His most recent single "The Way I Am" contains the following: "And all this controversy circles me and it seems like the media immediately points a finger at me... when a dude gets his bullets and shoots up his school, and they blame it on Marilyn and the heroin; where were the parents at..." While violently-themed movies, videogames and music can have an impact on impressionable children, it is the job of the parents to censor these materials until their offspring have the ability to separate right from wrong by their own devices, without using the media sensations as scapegoats. By blaming murder on the music of a distant celebrity, parents and school officials perpetuate the cycle that is destroying America: the abandonment of self-responsibility.

Should parents be held responsible for the playground violence committed by their minor children?

Yes. Today, parents are too quick to raise their children with a big screen TV, the very same TV they will blame for the misbehaviors and general bad attitude of today's youth. While quick to point the finger and force another to take the blame for their children's actions, few parents would be willing to teach responsibility themselves, much less accept the consequences prompted by an overall lack of parenting. While jail time does not seem a viable option, perhaps a little joint counseling would be in order, followed by a lesson in the only language understood in modern American society: money. If guilt isn't enough to touch the conscience of today's parents, maybe greed is. Nonetheless, something must be done before another generation loses the notion of personal responsibility.
Mascot Network: marvelous or mundane?

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View

Does the new Mascot Network seem too good to be true? Well, yes and no. Despite the numerous things that the program itself promotes to help the masses, are we choosing the best option for ourselves or do we need to find more beneficial means? Will the Mascot Network be marvelous or mundane? Only time will tell.

The Mascot Network recently came to the campus via phone calls and informational mailings to both Residence Life and Student Activities. A meeting was planned between Student Activities and the Mascot Network, which is based in Massachusetts, to explain the system and perform a demonstration of the program capabilities.

According to sources, the Network pleased both Dean of Students Dean Winkler and Cabinet members of the Community Senate. All saw the network as being a possible asset to the school. With a 20-month free trial basis (equivalent to two academic years) and no contract obligations, Student Activities and Senate felt that trying the program would be a good way to see if it was something from which Aquinas College could benefit.

The program contains many positive tools to make finding information about campus events and activities quite easy. Many important figureheads on campus have endorsed the Mascot Network. Additional hype derives from the fact that Aquinas is the first school in West Michigan to utilize the program. It is also one of only 81 schools in the country that have jumped onto this technological train.

With just a click of the mouse, students and faculty can have access to campus clubs, chat rooms, a campus directory, and the always-popular instant messaging system.

With all of the new bells and whistles of technology, does the new Mascot Network seem too good to be true? Well, yes and no. Despite the numerous things that the program itself can perform, there have been a small number of problems that have been cited to far.

Students have noted the slow pace of the program when loading onto campus computers. The slowness of the Mascot Network on Aquinas’ campus could be a turnoff for those who are used to the speed of the bandwidth. The lack of speed is also attributed to the problem with the way Mascot has been designed. The bandwidth is slowly being filled to capacity, the system will run slower than normal, similar to a clogged pipe not channeling water fast enough.

Mascot also allows the user to tailor the program to their specific needs, meaning that one can decide what personal information they want others to know about. Mascot finds the program is not benefiting the community, we can probably get more attention in this format as well. Number two, the Instant Messaging system provided could improve the community feel of Aquinas in a similar way that Pegasus and Network Broadcast messages of years once did.

With the new Mascot Network and its numerous possibilities, are we ignoring the simple task of human interaction? We are giving up conversation and the intimate community setting that make Aquinas known for its student interaction. With the Mascot Network in place, will people turn to the computer to chat with friends or find out information about what is going on around campus? Frightening thought, but it is too easy to picture all forms of communication going to the wayside in favor of the easy route. Moreover, are students giving up their privacy with such links as the Directory? Mascot makes it easier for all students and faculty, whether on or off campus, to obtain important information about events happening around the Grand Rapids area and not just campus events.

The Mascot Network also makes it much simpler for computer students to find out about campus events from the comfort of their own space in my voice mail and e-mail as the bulk of ‘daily announcements’ is summed up nicely these days. Campus announcements will probably get more attention in this format as well. Number two, the Instant Messaging system provided could improve the community feel of Aquinas in a similar way that Pegasus and Network Broadcast messages of years once did.

“I am very excited about Mascot. I think as a group (Aquinas Writer’s Guild/LIT) can reach a far wider audience than we could before.”

-Case Van Dam, sophomore

“I think that the Mascot Network is a great way to unite the AQ Community, including those on and off campus. Mascot keeps students informed and updated on events and connected with one another.”

-Katie Johnson, freshman

“The Mascot Network will make information about Aquinas more accessible to the rest of the campus. We also will be more accessible to the rest of the world.”

-Kevin Trucks, sophomore

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The Mascot Network: marvelous or mundane? Only time will tell.
No longer the boys of summer

The Olympics are over. The Red Wings just took center ice. The NFL is really getting serious as Monday Night Football matchups heat up. Autumn, it seems, has settled in, both outside and on the small screen. So why are we still watching the boys of summer?

Bundled up in hooded jackets as they perch on heated seat pads, athletes who get their seasonal start in the balmy training grounds of Florida and Arizona shiver and chatter their way through the Fall Classic. Unfortunately, due to recent changes in playoff structure, the road to the World Series is as short as classic as the information superhighway.

Sidelines

by Jessi Cleveland

Sports Editor

No longer do the boys of summer? The San Francisco Giants should be facing the Chicago White Sox in an immediate best-of-seven, but we all know that will never happen. The boys, who finished with the best record in the American League at 95-67, were eliminated in a three-game sweep courtesy of the Western Division Wild Card Mariners. Seattle, who entered the postseason at 91-71, waited no time in devianting Chicago 7-4, 5-2, 2-1 wins.

It is questionable how a roster of no-name standouts such as Jeff Fassero, Omer Olmez, and Curtis Leach even managed to make it through the season without supreme embarrassment, much less advancing to the second-best record in baseball. With the average player age just over 27, the Sox have a good chance to make a run for the title again next year, but that does little to console a team who struggled through the season only to see their dreams shattered with a Wild Card slip in the face.

And there are always the Yankees with which to contend. With a $113 million payroll, New York became the "Team of the '90s" by obtaining all the championships money could buy. Andy Pettitte, Roger Clemens, Derek Jeter, David Justice, Paul O'Neill... the list goes on. Each year, it seems another superstar is seduced by the glitter of a sure-fire championship ring. With a $113 million payroll, New York became the "Team of the '90s" by obtaining all the championships money could buy. Andy Pettitte, Roger Clemens, Derek Jeter, David Justice, Paul O'Neill... the list goes on. Each year, it seems another superstar is seduced by the glitter of a sure-fire championship ring.

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Women's volleyball standouts ahead of Tri-State, Concordia and Spring Arbor

by Jessi Cleveland

Sports Editor

It hasn't always been easy. With the past few seasons plagued by injury and inexperience, nearly every year forced the women's volleyball team to start from scratch without a dominant force. This year, though, leadership found its way to the team. Juniors Kristen Brady, Shannon Hickman and Andrea Romberg have taken charge. Brady as a powerful middle hitter, Hickman calling the shots as an award-winning setter and Romberg sharing the defensive responsibilities with older sister Rebecca, the team's lone senior.

Significant contributions have also been seen throughout the season's first half from sophomore Jessicas Buck, Robyn Friedrich, Tamara Harnden and Jaklyn Day. While freshmen Terra Miller and Stacy Torno led a strong recruit class, the Saints, sitting at 4-3 in the conference and nearing .500 at 12-15 overall, could not be recognized as last year's team (4-8 WHAC, 6-28 overall). Though the squad has yet to destroy the undefeated and nationally-ranked conference giant Cornerstone, they have held their own, competing records with Sierra Heights (4-3) and Madonna (6-1) and failing to slip to the back of the pack, finding themselves well ahead of Tri-State, Concordia and Spring Arbor.

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So close, yet so far away. With the season coming to a close, the men's soccer team appears just inches from the conference championship. The very same inches that separate a goal from a save are all that separate second place from the victor.

The Saints, who stand at 7-1 in the WHAC, are a close second to an undefeated Siena Heights, whose 6-0 record leaves plenty of room for mistakes as conference matches finish out the season. Aquinas shows no signs of letting up, as evidenced by a recent 2-1 speaking of Tri-State University.

Playing host to the Thunder on Oct. 3, sophomore standouts Andrew Fearman and Zach Fales combined for the offensive while senior co-captain Sean Fischerback manned the goal, snatching seven saves on the day. Fischbach, combined with senior fellow goalkeeper Nathan Plum for three saves on 17 shots in a Sept. 30 2-1 ousting of conference rival Madonna. The Crusaders (6-2 WHAC) were unable to stop the visiting Saints, led by the scoring talents of Fearman and fellow sophomore Joe Miles. With little standing between the Saints and the trophy, Siena Heights shows no signs of letting up.

The squad will travel to Spring Arbor today before welcoming the Quadruangular, an invitational featuring Huntington, Spring Arbor and Cedarville.
Women’s Soccer still pursuing, still achieving
by Jessi Cleveland

And a child shall lead them. For the women’s soccer team, a squad that has refused heavily on rookie talent, such a theme is appropriate.

The contributions of freshman standout Lauren Zemlik have been duly noted, both on the field by the casual observer and around the conference. Zemlik, who recently received WHAC Player of the Week honors, was just part of the offensive effort pushing the women’s team past Tri-State University in a 7-1 thrashing on Oct. 4.

The Saints played how to the Thunder in a conference rivalry that was over almost as quickly as it began. In addition to Zemlik’s goal, senior Amy Panse chipped in for three while freshman Melissa Bauer chipped in with the final shot coming from freshman substitute Rebekah Hall.

Defensively junior Meghan McGahey was kept on her toes, grabbing six saves.

The team, currently sharing second place in the conference at 6-3, have seen their stiffest competition from WHAC giant Madonna, sitting atop the league undefeated. In a Sept. 30 matchup, the Saints slipped in a 1-4 loss. Despite the defensive efforts of junior goalkeeper Melissa Button, who collected six saves on 31 shots, the Saints were not able to generate a win.

“Madonna and Saint’s Heights are going to be our toughest games,” junior goalkeeper Melissa Button said. “We will serve to tell us where we stand in the tournament. If we play as well as we know how, like we’ve been practicing and like we did in the game against Calvin, then I know we can beat them. We have the leadership and the skills...now we just have to do it,” Zemlik said.

The Saints continue to make a run for the championship. In the next few weeks, hosting Saint Heights in a monumental matchup on Oct. 14, before traveling to Concordia (0-9-9 WHAC) on Oct. 18. In the final week before the conference tourney, the Saints claim home-field advantage, facing Con­cordia on Oct. 21 and Madonna on Oct. 25.

Red Wings return to the ice with all eyes on the Cup
by Sara DeKelder

As the weather turns colder, one question is on the tongue of everyone in Hockeytown: Can the Detroit Red Wings bring home Lord Stanley?

Even though they have been eliminated from the playoffs in the second round for the past two seasons courtesy of Adam Deadmarsh, Patrick Roy and the rest of Michigan’s favorite Avalanche, statistics show that the Wings still have a chance of following through with the Cup.

Ranked number one in the league for power-plays, the Red Wings have power forward potential. Brendan Shanahan, who posted the 1999-2000 season with 77 points and a shooting percentage just over 14, leads an offensive lineup that also features Sergei Fedorov (62 points) and Darren McCarty, who managed a solid shooting percentage of 15, one of the highest in the conference.

The leadership of reweathered veterans Steve Yzerman (35 goals, 44 assists) can go without mentioning. Unfortunately for Wings fans, however, Yzerman’s talents will go unwatched at least temporarily as the team captain and fan favorite recuperates from a knee injury suffered during a pre-season exhibition game in Toronto.

When it comes to defense, the pinnacle of team strength is Nicklas Lidstrom, Norris Trophy runner-up for three consecutive seasons. Detroit’s defense will also continue to rest on the shoulders of Chris Chelios, Steve Duchesne and Larry Murphy. Having Chris Osgood in the goal is of benefit to the team as last year the 27-year-old-keeper maintained a .91% save average while accumulating 2.4 goals against average.

Iowa safety one of People’s sexiest men
by Jeremy Schnitker

People magazine’s announcement that Iowa senior and safety Ryan Hansen will be listed as one of the sexiest men in America, but somebody must think he is.

“Ferentz said. "In fact, I didn’t know anything about it,” said Joe. Further down the road in a 7:30 showdown at the Joe, Hansen went 1-1, defeating Calgary in the the season opener by the score of 4-3 before falling 2-1 to Edmonton on Oct. 6. Tonight, Detroit sees the first chance for early-season revenge as they host the Oilers in a 7:30 showdown at the Joe. Further down the road on Oct. 15, the Wings will host the Flames in a rematch that will set the scene for the western conference.

Providing further support to the team from rinkside, Scotty Bowman will return for his eighth season with the Red Wings and his 29th season as a coach in the NHL.

In the 1999-2000 season, the Red Wings had the second-best regular season record in the NHL. So what are the odds of a repeat performance?

The greatest drawback facing the Wings is their collective age. Detroit is a team whose roster averages easily over 30. With the risk of injury increasing and younger teams emerging with fresher faces and fewer fractures, the Wings will have to overcome the obstacle of old age, a concept that is relative in the world of professional sports.

Thus far, the Wings stand at 1-1, defeating Calgary in the the season opener by the score of 4-3 before falling 2-1 to Edmonton on Oct. 6. Tonight, Detroit sears the first chance for early-season revenge as they host the Oilers in a 7:30 showdown at the Joe. Further down the road on Oct. 15, the Wings will host the Flames in a rematch that will set the scene for the western conference.

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PRIME TIME

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Amy Panse, a senior from Fremont, continues to lead the women’s soccer team in their pursuit of the WHAC trophy. Panse, who collected three goals in the Oct. 4 7-1 defeat of Tri-State, also chipped in for the solo score as Aquinas fell to Madonna 1-4 on Sept. 30.

Amy Panse
Junior John Cavanaugh recently received All-WHAC Honorable Mention recognition as the Saint’s top shooter of the men’s golf team.

The Kalamazoo native averaged 79.4 strokes per match as the Saints finished fourth in the conference.

Compliments of Great Taste!
Flag football popularity brings attention to status of AQ Intramural programs

As Aquinas Intramural sports increase in participation, dispersal of funding thins

by Elisabeth Dudek
Assistant Editor, Content

Standing on the sidelines, players stamp their feet to keep warm and toss the football ball to one another, while spectators huddle underneath blankets and coats to keep out the chill. Just an average Sunday afternoon on Oct. 8 as the season draws to a close. Football players yell “Here we go, let’s get it!” as the plays are completed and the opposing teams shake hands at the end of the game. The stadium is Wilcox Park and the sport is Aquinas Intramural Flag Football.

Aquinas’ Intramural Flag Football teams are winding down their seasons with an increased number of participants and a higher profile. There are nine men’s teams and seven women’s teams this season in comparison to the six men’s and three women’s teams last season. Quarterback and sophomore Dan Williams enjoys the games and playing for his team, the Squirrels, despite the cold weather and the lack of spectators.

“The weather can keep them from coming out, especially since we don’t have a football team where athletes can show off their skills. It is a great enjoyment since I never played football in high school,” Wilcox said.

The regular season for Aquinas Intramural Flag Football started on Sept. 10 and ended on Oct. 8 with 17 teams starting off the regular season. Wilson’s teammate, receiver Jon Turner has also found the season to be exciting.

“Even though we are not the best, we still have fun while we are out here. I have a blast, it is a good time to get out of the dorm rooms. It is about $125 per team to participate in the tournament,” Simons said.

In Wilcox Park, another strain that will be placed upon the budget. “We are going to Central Michigan, but money is tight with intramurals this year,” Turner said. “We are going to Central Michigan, but money is tight and everyone is paying their own way with such things like the hotel rooms. It is about $125 per team to participate in the tournament,” Simons said.

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The only money raised by the program is the minimal intramural fees which total to about $700. This money also will go towards the tournament at Central Michigan, senior Chris Simons, one of two supervisors of the intramural program, admits that money is low this season.

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The school could do more, perhaps increase the budget because there has been such an increase in participation. “The nice thing about intramural sports is that they are open to all students at Aquinas. Intramural sports are a great way to relieve stress and a great way to get exercise. The best part of intramural sports is that students are improving their health without knowing it,” Klooster said.

In the future Klooster would like to see more fitness opportunities for those interested in sports. “The nice thing about intramural sports is that they are open to all students at Aquinas,” Klooster said. “It is a great offering for those students who are not involved in intercollegiate athletics.”

Josh Augepan, freshman and member of the Zoo Crew team, swears by Intramural programs.

“This is great. Especially since we don’t have a football program. The intramural program doesn’t charge the student for special events like open gym in the Fieldhouse, soccer tournaments in the spring, and a proposed snow football game scheduled for the winter. The increase in students participating in intramural sports has not resulted in a proportional budget increase. The budget for this year was increased by eight percent. Flag football participation is up 53% in comparison to last year. More money is needed for equipment, referees and other important necessities.

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“Everything is done on a budget. If you come to the program, you can’t blame us if you don’t get the correct equipment. It is about $125 per team to participate in the tournament,” Simons said.

Allison Schneider was there when Wilcox Park opened.

“Flag football was the first sport that we had. We have a lot of different teams and seven women’s teams this season in comparison to the six men’s and three women’s teams last season. More money is needed for equipment, referees and other important necessities.

“Aquinas Intramural Flag Football conference is planned for the weekend of Oct. 26-28 taking place at Central Michigan University. There will be a combined men’s team from the regular season comprised of members from the Zoo Crew and P.O.R.T. team. A combined women’s team will also attend the tournament. These teams will play various schools from around the state such as Michigan Technological University, the University of Michigan, Central Michigan University and Cornerstone.

This year Aquinas finished in third place in the regular season and is the only Division III school to attend the conference.

Men’s Golf: The season couldn’t have been much closer to plan. Though Cornerstone finished in the lead, upsetting 1999 conference leader Tri-State, it was nothing that had not been foreseen. The Thunder finished a close second, with Spring Arbor, Aquinas and Siena Heights trailing behind. Roy Adair of Spring Arbor received WHAC MVP honors with a 76.4 stroke average.

Women’s Soccer: Madonna continues to build on their Cinderella season as the championship approaches. The Crusaders, who barely received mention in the NAIA pre-season poll, sit atop the WHAC at a cool 9-0, while Indiana Tech, Siena Heights and Aquinas continue to lurk, each with a 6-3 conference record. Cornerstone, Spring Arbor and Tri-State hope for better luck next year, while Concordia just wants to make an appearance in the winner’s circle before the season comes to a close.

Men’s Soccer: Siena Heights makes a surprise appearance as the undefeated conference giant, while Aquinas, who received votes in national pre-season poll, continues to make a bid for the title at 7-1. Concordia, much like their women’s team, have yet to see victory on the field.

Volleyball: Cornerstone continues to impress with a 7-0 conference record. The Golden Eagles recently pushed past fellow WHAC giant Madonna (6-1) under the leadership of Grand Rapids native senior Allison Schneider, who collected 43 kills, 47 digs and eight blocks as the Golden Eagles went 2-2 on the week. Siena Heights and Aquinas manage to remain positive at 4-3, while Spring Arbor strives for a win.