Students protest School of the Americas, 8 detained

by Tonya Schafer

News Editor

Members of the Aquinas College Social Action Committee (SAC) visited Fort Benning, Ga. Nov. 17-19 to protest the School of the Americas, a U.S. Army-run institution that provides military training to inhabitants of Latin American nations.

The weekend culminated in the detainment of eight of the 19 attending students after they joined approximately 3,600 others in crossing the fort's front gate during a planned procession led by actor Martin Sheen.

“Everyone who crossed got a white cross with the name of someone who died during a massacre committed by the School of Americas graduates,” said senior attendee Martha Krzyzewski, one of 2,100 taken into custody by military police. “After we crossed, we all stopped and planted the crosses to mimic a cemetery on the base.”

The SAC members and protesters had spent the weekend listening to speakers and bands, browsing information booths, and attending mass during the annual event sponsored by School of the Americas Watch, an organization begun by Catholic priest Roy Bourgeois in 1996. Members believe that the School is directly responsible for spawning notorious human rights abusers.

“One of the big slogans is ‘not with our money, and not in our name,’” Krzyzewski said. “Americans support this school with their tax dollars, and I don’t want to be a part of it.”

Proponents of the School of the Americas insist that the institution provides human rights education, that its curriculum meshes with guidelines laid out by U.S. law, and that it has been endorsed by such agencies as the Department of State and the Department of the Defense of the United States.

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Aquinas' Social Action Committee sponsored a trip to the School of the Americas in Fort Benning, Ga. The group participated in a protest against the school, known for training people who have become Latin American assassins.

Aquinas students participate in AMUN

by Nathan Peck

Contributing Writer

As many Aquinas students spent the last days before Thanksgiving arranging rides home for the long weekend, another group of Aquinas students were making final preparations before heading to Chicago for the American Model United Nations (AMUN) Conference, which occurred Nov. 18-21.

The AMUN Conference brings together over 80 colleges and universities from around the United States and Canada, and from as far away as the Ivory Coast and Pakistan. Over 1,000 students participated, making it one of the largest United Nations simulations in North America.

This year, the AMUN Conference welcomed retired Ambassador Ahmed Kamal, a Pakistani diplomat with over 30 years of experience in the United Nations, as its keynote speaker.

“I hope to learn from you,” Kamal said. “You may give new insight into the problems that face the United Nations today.”

Participants did extensive research to prepare for the conference, in which they role-played a country in the United Nations. Students then wrote position papers detailing their respective countries’ policies and views on the agenda topics.

Associate Professor of Political Science Roger Durham also facilitated three preparatory “mock-sessions” to prepare students.

Aquinas sent a delegation of over 30 students and three faculty advisors representing Libya, the Netherlands, Romania and the United Kingdom to the four-day conference. The Aquinas delegation ranged from freshmen undergoing their first experience with an international governmental organization to seniors with guide-lines laid out by U.S. law, and that it has been endorsed by such agencies as the Department of State and the Department of the Defense of the United States. Participating SAC members believe that attending the rally was a positive experience. "It was amazing," freshmen Casey Fehner said. "So many people have suffered because of the School of the Americas, and it was great to know that we were all together fighting for a worthy cause."
Muslims observe Ramadan through fasting, abstinence

Muslims around the world began celebrating the holy month of Ramadan Nov. 27. Ramadan commemorates the revelation of Islam's holy book, the Koran, to the Prophet Mohammad in approximately 600 A.D.

Throughout the 28-day period, Muslims must abstain from eating, drinking, smoking and engaging in sexual intercourse from sunrise to sunset. In addition, celebrants prepare special food and engage in festivities after the period of fast and abstinence has passed each day.

Study finds use of marijuana decreased, Ecstasy use doubled

Marijuana use among American teenagers may be waning while Ecstasy use among the same age group has doubled within the past five years, according to a survey issued Nov. 27 by The Partnership for a Drug-Free America.

This year, 40 percent of youth 12- to 18-years-old reported using marijuana at least once, compared to 44 percent who claimed the same in 1997. The number of teenagers reporting having at least tried Ecstasy rose to 10 percent, compared to 5 percent who stated the same in 1995.

Partnership President Richard Bonnette, in a statement quoted by Reuters, lauded the "improvement in the overall drug use climate among America's youth.

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Four different fashion tableaus were featured, making use of clothing on loan from Guess?, Alfredo's Tuxedos and Old Navy to illustrate formal, business, hip-hop and college scenes.

Mental capacity of death row inmate questioned

Prosecutors and defense attorneys are clashing over the case of Texas death row inmate Johnny Paul Penry.

Penry has been granted an appeal by the U.S. Supreme Court on the grounds that he may have the mental capabilities of a young child.

Penry was convicted in 1979 of raping and murdering the 22-year-old sister of Washington Redskins kicker Mark Moseley.

Lawyers for the defendant contend that Penry has an IQ between 50 and 63. Penry's lawyers also state the fact that he still believes in Santa Claus as additional evidence for the appeal.

Prosecutors believe that Penry is faking his diminished mental capabilities.

The Supreme Court will review the case next year and will issue a decision by the end of June.

As part of the city-wide Library Improvement Project, the Grand Rapids Public Library's main branch has moved to temporary quarters along northbound US-131 to allow for the renovation of its permanent downtown facility.

In June, the Board of Library Commissioners leased 100,000 square feet of warehouse space at Union Station, 1100 Hydes Ave. S.W. Much of October and the beginning of November were spent transporting materials to the temporary location from its permanent site at 60 Library Plaza.

"For us this concludes a somewhat arduous search," said Assistant Library Director and Planning Manager Tom Genson in a press release. "It proved difficult to find so much space on one floor in a building within city limits. Plus, we didn't want to spend a lot of money remodeling a temporary site. This location meets all these criteria."

"While these quarters (are) rather spartan, we will offer a full array of services," Genson said.

Approximately $16 million will be spent to fund such permanent facility renovations as increased children's and technology areas, a fire suppression system, new heating and ventilation equipment, and improved preservation systems for aging documents. Planners estimate that the renovations will take approximately two to two-and-a-half years to be completed.

An additional $15 million is being allotted to refurbish the library's other locations. Currently in the works is the renovation of the Ottawa Hills Branch located on Giddings Street Southeast to allow for expanded technology space, handicapp accessibility, and a new heating and cooling system. The Ottawa Hills Branch will remain closed for another four to seven months.

Recently-finished projects include the Seymour Branch on Eastern Avenue Southeast, which received an expansion of available floor space from 3,700 to 10,000 square feet, and the Yankee Clipper Branch on Leonard Street Southeast that received an addition of about 3,000 square feet. Both branches re-opened at the end of September.

"Originally, we did not anticipate being able to open branches until late fall for Seymour and wintertime for Yankee Clipper," Genson said.

"We (were) very happy to have these two facilities open right at the start of the school year."

GR libraries undergo renovations, relocations

compiled by Tonya Schafer

Fashion show raises money for St. Jude Hospital

Junior Schimiti Dixon, left, and senior Shentea Mangrum perform a victory dance in Kretschner Auditorium Nov. 18, marking the end of the annual AMUN Fashion Show.

Members of the student organization, the name of which is an acronym for Joint Association for Multicultural Motivating Involvement, modeled clothing in a variety of different styles and performed dance and musical acts as they raised over $100 in admission fees.

Proceeds were donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

"We always donate money to a worthy cause, and we thought that St. Jude was one of the best causes we could donate to," JAMMIN President senior Cynthia Offutt said. "We checked out many and St. Jude was the one most appealing to us."

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other delegations in order to find solutions to problems facing the real United Nations, such as the Israeli-Palestinian question, helping poor nations pay for the costs of natural disasters, and dealing with the AIDS epidemic.

In addition to finding solutions to problems currently plaguing the world, AMUN participants had to learn how to work effectively toward consensus within large groups.

General Assembly committees ranged in size from 60 to 100 students.

"I had no idea of the number of processes involved in the day-to-day running of the U.N., and how difficult it is for countries to agree on even the smallest issues," sophomore participant Andrea Zick said.

The conference was not all work, as participants had Monday afternoon off to see the sights of Chicago. Aquinas students visited such locations as the Navy Pier, shopped along the Magnificent Mile, and visited Loyola University School of Law.

Awards were given to delegations and individual members based on the skill with which participants portrayed their countries. Aquinas picked up two individual committee honors and one outstanding delegation honor. Junior Nikolaia Wardr, a representative for the U.N. in the Fourth Committee, picked up awards for his portrayal of the Netherlands in the Fourth Committee, and senior Bob Hinsley portrayed the U.S. in the Sixth Committee.

Aquinas also participates in the Model Arab League, a simulation of the 22-member League of Arab States, held each spring. Next year, Aquinas will represent Israel, Vietnam and Spain at AMUN.
Peer tutors work to improve academic success
by Tonya Schaefer

The peer-tutoring program sponsored by Aquinas' Academic Achievement Office provides struggling students with a means of improving their academic performance, according to Coordinator Wendy Marty.

Approximately 30 tutors, who have been recommended for their position by faculty members, help students who need it in a variety of academic course subjects.

"Anyone who needs assistance in any course can ask for help, and it will be provided free of charge. I get students coming in and asking for help in anything from music theory to modern language," Marty said.

Once a student has contacted Marty, she determines the source of his or her problems and then, if appropriate, seeks input from faculty members as to which students would be able to provide academic support.

"Some students need help in studying and test-taking skills, and I work with them individually. If they need help in content, I get a peer tutor," Marty said.

Tutors are required to undergo a training session before they begin the program. Each tutor receives an hour of 100-level course credit after 25 hours spent tutoring and an additional credit after he or she has reached 50 hours. The credits may be used to fulfill total credit requirements for graduation but may not be applied toward the tutor's major.

"I have had people graduate using two credits from the peer-tutoring program; the quality time they spent helping another student had given them enough to graduate," Marty said.

Jake Filbrandt is a senior Spanish and Environmental Studies major who is an intern for the program and who has also spent over sixty hours tutoring language students. He says that his own experiences as a struggling student prompted him to devote his time to helping others.

"I got involved because I was so grateful at the way Wendy Marty had helped me," Filbrandt said. "I'm doing this out of the generosity of my heart and because I like doing it."

Each tutor is given free reign in determining where, when and how often he or she meets with the student being tutored. After each meeting, both tutor and tutee fill out forms called session reports that include such information as material covered and updates on the status of the tutee's grades.

"It keeps the system accurate and keeps the tutor on task in a very informal way," Marty said.

Filbrandt believes that students struggling in their studies should take advantage of the program.

"I would encourage students to use the resources on campus because it's a great start at learning how to improve your study skills and habits," Filbrandt said.

Help Wanted:
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**December 6-9**

**Wednesday-Thursday:** Barefooted Ladies play at the Palace of Auburn Hills at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from $32.50-$45 and are available at ticketmaster.com.

**Thursday:** Roll to Caroline's Spine at the Intersection. Doors open at 8 p.m. Tickets are $10 through Ticketmaster or at the door.

**Saturday:** It's too late to see the Grand Rapids Ballet production of "The Nutcracker" at DeVos Hall. Tickets are $10-$40 and are available through Ticketmaster or by calling 454-4771.

**Move releases:**

- **Vertical Limit** with Chris O'Donnell and Bill Paxton
- **Dungeons and Dragons** with Marky Walberg and Thora Birch

**December 10-16**

**Thursday:** Last time The Wallflowers performed in Michigan, it was at the stadium-style, lawn section of the stadium-style, lawn section with local act Mustard Plug. The General tickets are $15-$46 through ticketmaster.com. Tickets are $15-$40 and are available at the Intersection. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are $32.50-$45 and are available at ticketmaster.com.

**Friday-Sunday:** Listen to the Grand Rapids Symphony's Holiday Pops concert at DeVos Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets are $35 and available by calling 456-3333.

**December 17-23**

**Movie releases:**

- **What Women Want** with Mel Gibson and Helen Hunt
- **Dungeons and Dragons** with Marky Walberg and Thora Birch
- **Dude, Where's My Car?** with Ashton Kutcher and Seann William Scott
- **What Women Want** with Mel Gibson and Helen Hunt

**December 24-31**

**Movie releases:**

- **Dracula 2000** with Shane West and Marlon Wayans
- **Dracula** with Gary Oldman and Winona Ryder
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**AQ production of "Dracula" opens tomorrow**

**by Christina Vendittelli**

On Dec. 7 and 8 at 7:00 p.m., and on Dec. 10 at 3:00 p.m., A.C.T. (Aquinas College Thespians) will sponsor the play "Dracula" in the Wege Ballroom.

Director, co-producer and se­nior Dania Fiorito, along with co­producer and sophomore Laura Eilar, held auditions for "Dracula" in early September and immediately began work after selecting the cast.

The story begins with Jonathan Harker (sophomore Pat Hurley) coming to Transylvania to close a deal on a house for Dracula (sophomore Mark Hornbacher). Dracula then leaves Jonathan to his vampire women, deciding to visit his fiancée, Mina Murray (sophomore Elitza Nicolaou) with plans to make her his vampire bride.

There, he begins visiting Mina's best friend, Lucy Westenra (sophomore Laura Eilar), who begins to make her his vampire bride. Lucy's fiance, Mina Murray (sophomore Elitza Nicolaou) with plans to make her his vampire bride.

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The play will also be per­formed as theater-in-the-round, a style new to A.C.T. performances.

The audience will be arranged in a cir­cular shape, and "Dracula" will be performed in the center of this circle.

For almost everyone involved in the production of "Dracula," the ex­perience has been rewarding. "It was just really fun working with these people and forming friendships. The schedule is hectic, but overall pretty worthwhile," Hornbacher said. "Having transformed and getting to play one part in a project that involves so many people is incredible. Each part contributes to creating a world that hopefully will catch the audience's imagination."

As the opening night ap­proaches, Eilar anticipates audience reaction. "I'm pleased with how it has come together and now it remains to be how the audience feels about it," Eilar said. "Without the audience, we are simply people in costumes spouting off lines. But with the audience's imagination, perhaps we will become, for a short while, the living dead."

Each performance is free to stu­dents who present an Aquinas Col­lege I.D. at the door. For the general public, tickets will cost $5 each.

**Sophomore Elitza Nicolaou, left, freshman Jen Gamsby, and sophomore Jeanette Pierce surround sophomore Mark Hornbacher during a rehearsal of "Dracula" in Wege Ballroom. The play, performed in-the-round, will open Dec. 7, with additional performances on Dec. 8 and 10.**

**photo by B. Swara**
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ENTERTAINMENT

Aquinas senior sings with GR Symphony

by Jacqueline Flory

Entertainment Editor

When Music Education major Sara Jakubak started voice lessons six months before entering college, she did not think she would end up singing music she described as "levy poems." However, with her recent performance in the chorus of Grand Rapids Symphony's "Carmina Burana," the soprano had to shed some inhibitions.

"I'm more of a shy person," Jakubak said. "People always laugh at me when I say that, but when you perform, you find yourself in another world. You don't have to show yourself to people, you're showing a character, portraying a mood when you perform."

"Carmina Burana" is a set of 24 pieces composed in German and Latin during the early 20th century. The show is divided into three sections: "Springtime," "The Tavern," and "Court of Love." The music, according to Jakubak, is full of "driving and rhythmic" tones.

While at Centreville Ski Area two summers ago, Jakubak spotted a table advertising auditions for the Grand Rapids Symphony and signed up. Since then, she has worked with chorus director Peter Hopkins in six different recitals. "People kind of leave their knowledge and expertise behind and let (Hopkins) lead us to become a whole chorus," Jakubak said. "There are no soloists in a chorus. You have all these different people coming together and singing together."

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Reuben and Ash Fast Horse visit AQ

by Jenny Wheat

Contributing Writer

For Reuben Fast Horse, dancing means "you'll never be sick in your mind and your heart." Fast Horse, along with his wife Ash, came to the Moose Cafe on Nov. 20. They entertained students with traditional costumes, historical information, song and dance.

Fast Horse and his wife are from the Standing Rock Reservation located in North Dakota, near the North and South Dakota border. The two Native Americans have been traveling for three years performing for various groups including colleges and elementary schools in the spring and fall, festivals in the winter, and national parks and historical reenactments during summers. Reuben, a former school teacher, and Ash, a dancer, decided to begin performing their singing and dancing and are now dedicated to a life on the road.

Reuben relayed much history about the Lakota tribe, to which he and his wife belong. Dressed in their traditional clothing adorned with jewelry, beads and feathers, Reuben and Ash performed songs in their native language. Also, there were a few dances described as "obscenely reimagined," used to express their spirituality and improve their mental wellness.

Having Reuben and Ash Fast Horse perform at Aquinas intended to give students a taste of the Lakota culture. Freshman Laura Hulet said, "I thought it was really educational because we don't really get a lot of Native American experiences here."

Freshman Courtney Johnson added, "It was very informative. I thought it was good that they related information to both past and present."

Reuben said that once he was asked if he felt hurt about what happened to Native Americans in the past. He responded, "Sure I do, but I don't blame you because I wasn't there and you weren't there."

CD Review

Holy Wood

Marilyn Manson

by Andrew Wilson

Contributing Writer

Marilyn Manson's latest CD, Holy Wood, is one of this year's most hyped records. Manson is a newсиodsen new to the underground success of Nine Inch Nails and KMFDM.

Making a better move toward selling records, Manson stepped out of his glam rock shadow and turned up the noise. Experimenting with different sounds for his last CD, which included an androgynous image, Manson alienated his legion of fans and took sensationalism out of the hard rock image.

Holy Wood is best described as the 2000-2001 headbanger for those who miss the Nine Inch Nails revolution. Holy Wood takes the envelope and shoves it back into the people's hands. The CD speaks more for the jaded teenagers who have come out of the Columbine incident with thoughts that the media are hurting their generation.

Manson has decided to push the boundaries and make humanity responsible for his crimes. His writing has become clearer and his words make humanity responsible for its wrongdoings. He now forms the world the media has created for the Arts' production of "HMF Pinafore," a light, operatic comedy.

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The Moose Cafe is many things to Aquinas College students. It is a place to study when the dorm halls are too noisy; it is also a place to sit and have a pleasant conversation with a friend. But it can be a lively place and on some nights filled with students coming to see the different entertainers that have been chosen and paid to appear.

But who picks these performers, and how are they chosen?

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Although thought to be against the likes of Rezner, Manson's contributions can be found on Reznors' The Fragile double CD compilation. Expressing their hatred for the album, the CD speaks more for the "more alternahed," they met up for "Start***s Inc.," in which they slam their opponents for the title of "Most-Depressed Rocker."

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The board did not choose acts based on personal tastes. Programming Board member junior Sharon Dang said, "We surveyed some of the students around campus to see what kind of performers they would be interested in and based our decisions on what they said and what we thought Aquinas students in general would like."
"Sex is bad," sophomore Amy Lawson jokingly said with a grin on her face. "I never thought this would happen to me. But it did, and it can happen to anyone." Lawson is a little over five months pregnant and maintaining a nineteen-credit semester while living on campus at Aquinas.

In the case of pregnancy, living on campus remains an option encouraged at Aquinas, according to Residence Life Director Randy MacGeorge. "We recently made it a point in our official student handbook that girls who are impregnated while in college are able to live on campus, knowing that they seek prenatal care and are aware that there is a health center and counseling on campus available," he said. "It is after they give birth and plan on keeping the children where we lack housing.

Lawson currently resides in Meijer Hall and is actively involved with the club Casa Hogar. "It is difficult balancing my responsibilities to the club, homework, classes and my job along with the responsibilities of pregnancy," she said. "It takes a lot out of me."

Because of her busy schedule, Lawson misses out on the social life of college. "I am not able to go to parties, clubs, bars or even bowling because of the smokey atmosphere," she said. "I miss out on the dating experience also because apparently most guys aren't into pregnant chicks."

Still, Lawson has more to focus on in her daily life than just guys. "It's the weirdest feeling having someone growing inside of you," she said. "I feel weird some days when the baby wakes me up kicking, and then other days I feel normal." She also says her appetite has increased a great deal and she is tired most of the time, regardless of how much sleep she got the night before.

With her lack of sleep and increased appetite, Lawson acknowledged that some other cons to her pregnancy are the bad looks that she gets from people, her loss of friends, and the fact that she had to give up some of her dreams.

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For more information on pregnancy or related topics, check out these Web sites and hot lines.

If you have general questions about sex and pregnancy, or if you think you're pregnant and need health information, Teenwire (www.teenwire.com) can help answer your questions. If they don't cover what you're looking for, try It's Your Sex Life (www.itsyoursexlife.org).

If you are interested in learning about family-planning research and teen pregnancy programs, The Federal Office of Population Affairs (www.hhs.gov/progorg/opa/) is a possible resource.

For answers to general questions about teen pregnancy, health or birth control, check out Boston University's Medical Center (www.bu.edu/obstetrics/teenpreg).
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www.teenpregnancy.org
Which would be more effective in attracting new students to the campus, a library or a field house?

A new library would be an excellent addition to the Aquinas, especially in keeping with the Dominican Tradition, something that the school holds in such high regard. This tradition stresses academic excellence and achievement. What better way to carry out this tradition than with a new library? Certainly we have numerous resources, such as interlibrary loan and an extensive homepage connected to the World Wide Web, but there have been too many occasions where students have to leave campus and research at bigger libraries like Calvin College's or Grand Valley State University's. Of course, there is going to be occasions where one must do this, but wouldn't it be nice to have all the research at your fingertips and in one convenient location? Currently, the Woodhouse Library is only about 17,000 square feet, making it one of the smallest collegiate libraries in the state. A new and bigger library would mean more books and journals for any given topic and could allow room for information that there just isn’t shelf space for in the current facility. Also, a new library would allow for the space in Woodhouse to be used for more classrooms and faculty offices. In doing so, this would make the Academic Building more of a centralized location for students to gain the help they need from professors or any of the academic services offered in the AB.

A larger library would bring more students to campus. How many times have we seen campus tours come into the library and hear tour guides talk about our facilities? When I was a prospective freshman, I was told that a new library was in the works and would be on campus by my senior year. I am still waiting. I understand there are circumstances not permitting the school to obtain a new freestanding library at the moment, but it should be a priority rather than placed on the back burner. We could not only be constructing a center for research and literature, but we would be building an educational structure that would be used by future students of the college. It could attract students to the campus because a new facility would be larger and house more up-to-date resources, more than currently offered in the Woodhouse Library. As we enter the 21st century, our college library should have all of the newest technology and research material that prospective high school students would want to see in a modern facility. We are attempting to make new improvements that can enhance the school’s appearance and reputation. Shouldn’t this be at the top of the list?

A renovated field house would be more beneficial to this campus. At this time, Aquinas is in desperate need of both a new library and a revamped field house, but it is of utmost importance that the field house comes not only first, but immediately. A field house on a college campus has two main purposes. The first is to provide a proper facility to the athletic programs, which practice and compete there daily. The second is to provide the general student body with an area to improve its physical fitness. Our field house is not fulfilling either of these two purposes very well. For example, the indoor and outdoor track teams work out daily in the field house on a track that is not fit for running. The track is shorter than the regulation indoor track and the surface of the track is poor, increasing the chances of leg injuries. In fact, Aquinas cannot host intercollegiate track meets because of these substandard facilities. Most of the teams at Aquinas face similar dilemmas, where the facilities of the current field house simply do not meet the needs of the teams. Furthermore, a new field house can provide the general student body with a place to work out. Currently, students must go to the Regina and St. Joseph residence halls to find decent weightlifting and cardiovascular equipment. Clearly, a new field house is needed for both the safety and well-being of our students.

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Students consider many different factors when choosing which college to attend. One of these factors is the condition of the field house. Athletes looking at Aquinas want to be sure that they will have the correct equipment and facilities available to them for their training. Also, the general student body that does not compete in intercollegiate athletics should have the opportunity to use proper facilities at their leisure. These students look at other schools and see large weight rooms and basketball courts for general use, regardless of being a student athlete or not, they can access such facilities at all times. My question is: does Aquinas value the well-being of its students? If so, shouldn’t the Aquinas community have an adequate field house in which students can improve their physical fitness? Prospective students look at Aquinas each day, weighing this school against others across the country. The simple fact remains that our field house is not adequate and possible solutions to this problem should be looked at carefully. Not only would a renovated fieldhouse help attract student athletes, but would also promote the health of the entire Aquinas community.
Christmas: Consumed by consumerism

The snow is falling a little bit earlier this year, and Christmas is creeping closer and closer with each passing day. Holiday decorations are starting to appear on residential homes, while children are making Christmas wish lists and eagerly awaiting the jingle of sleigh bells. Christmas was once a quiet family-oriented event, focusing on traditions and togetherness, but it has escalated recently to a frenzy of materialistic chaos that would make even jolly St. Nick a little queasy.

It is next to impossible not to notice that commercial establishments seem to plan for Christmas at the most unexpected times and are doing so earlier and earlier. For instance, Hallmark Stores have had their newest Christmas ornament selection out since July. Doesn’t it seem a little odd that this popular greeting card business has chosen to do this so early? Christmas has suddenly overshadowed our lives, just not in the way we should let it. Instead of taking time off to be with our loved ones, we are fighting shopping mall traffic and dealing with sometimes crabby sales associates just to find the perfect gift. And let’s face it, chances are the gift will be returned anyway.

Walking into every department store or mall in the area, it is easy to testify that the focus is on finding the perfect gift or decoration. However, the focus should be what Christmas means to us. We are preoccupied with what we can materially obtain during the holidays. After all, the holidays aren’t supposed to be a commercialized cornucopia but rather a time of spiritual enlightenment. For instance, ponder the holiday classic “A Charlie Brown Christmas.” This ageless tale can teach us a lesson or two about true Christmas spirit. In this classic Schulz film, Charlie Brown is searching for the meaning behind the holidays in crowded shopping centers and Christmas tree lots. It is only when Brown stands outside and observes a quiet winter evening that he discovers the meaning of Christmas.

Moreover, Jim Carey stars in the Dr. Seuss holiday tale of “‘The Grinch,” a film that celebrates togetherness and ignoring our greedy notions. But it is interesting to note that the movie is promoting Grinch merchandise. From bedroom slippers to credit card ads, the green-hued character is everywhere we turn. Doesn’t this merchandise madness contribute to Christmas greed? Yes, in fact it does. Simply is telling us that it is more important to spend rather than to give. It is often overlooked that there are other options when purchasing gifts, such as charitable donations to organizations like Toys For Tots or the Salvation Army.

Certainly buying presents, cooking delicious foods, and trimming the tree should be included in our holiday experience, but getting wrapped up in the actions of Christmas is also helping us to forget the meaning. The meaning of Christmas is different for everyone, but it should reach beyond ribbons and bows. We are buying into materialistic notions, rather than meditating on what Christmas really means: gathering together and celebrating the birth of Christ.

And you can Quote me on that

What does “Christmas spirit” mean to you?

“I think of my family. Since it is Christmas, we always spend time together. It’s the best time of year to be thankful for having them.”

- Erin Colunga, freshman

“It means the intention to spend time with your family, but really just sleeping a lot.”

- Tom Eggeling, sophomore

“For unto us a Child is born and In God we trust”?

“Chill on the outside... warmth on the inside.”

- Michelle Barnes, senior

“The first thing that comes to mind is vacation from school. But seriously, my family makes me so excited for the holidays. I love going to Midnight Mass at St. Andrew’s (with them), and then we drive around and look at the holiday lights on my street.”

- Andrew Dzemshuk, junior

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responsibility anyone?
by Jason Vogel

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I think I am a pretty logical person. So when Bobby Ross, Coach of the Detroit Lions up until less than five weeks ago, called it quits midseason, I was surprised. Not, maybe surprised does not quite embody the way I felt about the situation. Disturbed, let down, or maybe disappointed are perhaps before Ross left we both knew he had con­cerning the 63-year-old coach of the Lions throwing in the towel for good.

I do not think it would have surprised me very much if he resigned at the end of the season after the Lions make another unsuccessful trip into the first round of the play­offs, even though the competition is average at best in comparison to Detroit's roster. Watching the Lions either not make the playoffs or make the playoffs and put to­gether their worst performance of the year in the first round is something a die-hard Lion fan has grown to expect. Yet, this was not what happened.

If the Lions had a record of 6-9 or 1-8, then maybe I would have not been surprised by the news of the resigna­tion. But for Ross to call it quits after compiling a 5-4 record in a year when there does seem to be one clear­cut club headed for the Super Bowl, well, it just seems puzzling.

Why? In an interview with ESPN's Chris Mortensen, Ross explained his reasoning for walking away firsthand. "I just don't think that's the kind of year that you've got to have for the job, however you want to put it. You need it for the good of your team. I don't have any trouble physically, not anything serious, other than the energy level. It's not my na­ture to do something like this, but I'm tired. I thought this was the best time to do it, rather than to keep struggling." Ross does not have any injuries, I wonder if it occurred to Ross to check out the Lion's history before he signed a five-year contract to coach the Lions. For one, the six coaches before Ross left the Detroit Lions with a losing record, an NFL high by three coaches. Ross is no excep­tion as he finished 27-32 with two losses in two playoff appearances. Yet he realized he would be the one coach to come in and change all of this. Thus, he marched into the office and signed a piece of paper stating he would be the coach for the next three years of the Detroit Lions.

The story of Bobby Ross calls attention to a problem currently plaguing the sports world. Athletes make loads more than any coach could ever dream of earning. Today's professional athlete has turned into a self-cen­tered, know-it-all who refuses to listen to anyone. It is hard for someone making less than 50 percent of what the athletes pull in every year to tell them that the mechanics of a pass route were wrong.

Can you really blame Ross for stepping down from a disaster like the Lions when he did? I think so. With all the accolades you would see if you were a not very polished guy and being a reflection of himself, I find it hard to believe that the answer is to quit midseason and hand the job to an assis­tant coach. It doesn't seem to be very capable of doing the job. What ever happened to responsibility? Remember that word? If a person says they are going to do some­thing, I think they better see it through unless they die trying or are fired in the process.

Then again, I have never coached an NFL team and felt the way Ross must have every weekend standing in front of thousands of home fans booping when things go wrong and cheering when his starting quarterback is lying on the turf with a head injury. So it is very easy for me to sit here and say Ross owes something to the Lion's team he walked out on.

I even empathized with Ross. That is, until he re­signed when he did. After the season was over, that would have been one thing. But to say he did not expect the perfor­mance he received from his players is to say he had a hand in bring­ing to Detroit through the draft or free agency is ridicu­lous. As a coach, he should know what kind of season to expect before the season starts. But he has a magic wand he can simply wave over his team's heads each game and make them into a legitimate winner every weekend.

And as for injuries, well, they do happen and should not come as a complete surprise. In fact, there should be plan B if a player or, in the Lion's case, players, go down and someone else needs to fill in. Then again, every team has injuries and I do not see any other coaches in the league resigning because the injuries are too much for them to handle.

Eat your heart out Bobby Ross, or better yet, have you ever been invited to a party? "inviting" has been the word I have been using because I really do not feel sorry for you. Ross should have thought about what he was signing when he agreed to a five-year contract to play for the Lions. For him to walk out on a contract because he is tired or for basically any other rea­son is an example of irresponsible behavior from a guy who was supposed to be the epitome of responsibility.

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在Grand Rapids Press Tourney

Women's basketball team take back-to-back victories in Grand Rapids Press Tourney

by Jason Vogel

Contributing Writer

For 20 years now, Thanksgiving weekend has meant women's basketball at the Aquinas' fieldhouse. Each year, teams from across the state have met in Grand Rapids to play for state bragging rights in the Grand Rapids Press Tournament.

Joining Aquinas in this season's tournament were Lake Superior State, Saginaw Valley State, Grand Valley State and Wayne University.

The Saints, who are coming off an appearance at the NCAA National Championship last year, used the two games to showcase the talent that has returned for yet another season. Aquinas was slated to bump heads with two Division II schools in the tournament, Saginaw Valley on Nov. 24, and Grand Valley on Nov. 25.

Aquinas would not let the size of the school intimidate them as they were the only team to finish the tournament with an unblemished record of 2-0. These two wins have the coaches very pleased with the team's performance. "I think our girls showed a lot of poise out there tonight," Assistant Coach Ray Fron said. "Back-to-back nights; that was important just for confidence."

Aquinas 70, Saginaw Valley 62

In Nov. 24 opening game, the story had to be the Saints' 61st junior forward Mary Bond. Bond came into the contest not as she scored 25 points for Aquinas. An effort that helped rally the Saints back from an eight-point halftime deficit, 28-36, to come out in the sec­ond half and outscore the Cardinals 42-26, making the final score Aquinas 70, Saginaw Valley 62.

Aquinas relied heavily on free throws, scoring 21 points from the line to Saginaw Valley's seven. Bond led the Saints from the free throw line, as seven of her 25 came from the final. Rene Bolitho also contributed, hit­ting seven of her nine points from the line.

Bond was not the only player to have a notable performance for Aquinas. Sophomore Chris Koselansky also reached double figures as she scored 15 points and grabbed nine rebounds. Se­nior Julie Murray was perfect from the line, 4-4, with her four points, seven

Aquinas 70, Grand Valley 63

On Nov. 25, Aquinas played host to cross-town neighbor Grand Valley State, which has a history of jumping out early on the Saints. Aquinas got the ball rolling back. "During the last three times, we let Grand Valley State get ahead in the first five minutes of the game," Bond said. "We wanted to get a good start this time; we did, and we knew we could play with them."

Play with them is no understatement. Aquinas not only came out and played with the Lakers, they led them most of the game. The first five minutes of the game was all Aquinas, as they compiled a 9-2 lead over Grand Valley State, jumping on the Lakers early. Grand Valley State would not quit though as they charged right back to take the lead only they would see throughout the game at 11-14 with 11:13 remaining in the half.

Aquinas would battle with the Laker­ers for the rest of the half but eventually take the lead when Grand Valley turned the ball over. Ronda Bolitho capi­talized with a three-point shot that started Aquinas on a run until halftime, when they headed to the locker room with a 17-11 lead.

The momentum the Saints picked up to end the first half was not lost as Aquinas came out in the second half scoring 11 points in under three minutes, giving Aquinas a 48-35 lead. Aquinas would maintain a double-digit lead until late in the game when Grand Valley looked to be on the comeback trail, with the Lakers within five points of the Saints and fewer than five minutes to play. Aquinas would make some clutch free throws, giving the team the stretch to clinch the win and a per­fect record in the two-day tourna­ment, with the final score Aquinas 70, Grand Valley State 63.

To have four starters in double figures is outstanding," Assistant Coach From said. "We have great bal­ance; our post play­ers did an outstanding job. We have a great combination."

Aquinas 67, Calvin 58

To keep the ball rolling, the Saints traveled down the East Beltline on Nov. 28 to take on the Division III Knights from Calvin College. Aquinas outscored Calvin in each half, using an advantage in both rebounding, 32-31, and once again free throws, 16-5, to give Calvin its first loss in the season.

Aquinas went into halftime with an advantage, 35-27, for the second game in row. The Saints were not done as they came out in the second half and doubled this margin, outscoring the Knights again, 32-20, making the final score 67-58.

Aquinas was led by senior guards Renee and Ronda Bolitho, who scored 16 and 14 points. Mary Bond added 12 points, and Julie Murray led the team rebounding, grabbing seven. The win improved the Saints record to 4-2 in the season.

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Ray From, Assistant Coach
WHAC Attack: A wrap-up of fall sports and a peek at winter competition

by Jason Vogel

Over the past few weeks, the WHAC has seen the beginning of a new season, namely men's and women's basketball, as well as the completion of some seasons at the national level. Here are the front-runners in the WHAC and those who recently finished successful seasons competing for NAIA titles.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY: The Saints went to the NAIA Championships in Kenosha, Wis. at the WHAC Champions and the No. 2 team in the nation. They ran to a 10th-place finish, while Siena Heights, which finished runner-up in the conference to Aquinas, received an at-large bid to the championships and finished in 17th position. Leading the way from the WHAC was Cornerstone's Joel David, who finished in 5th place overall. Aquinas' Ken Baginski was the next WHAC runner in 20th place.

MEN'S BASKETBALL: At the preseason meeting, Cornerstone University's women's basketball team was projected to win the WHAC title, with Aquinas in second place. Outside of league play, the WHAC is faring well with all teams either at or above .500. Concordia holds first place with a perfect 4-0 record; Tri-State and Cornerstone follow closely behind at 7-1 and 7-2, respectively. Aquinas sits at 4-2 with a win over Calvin College.

MEN'S BASKETBALL: Early in the season, Siena Heights and Cornerstone sat atop the WHAC with 7-1 and 7-2 records, respectively. Although there has been no action within the league yet, WHAC coaches predicted the league standings, with Cornerstone receiving the most votes followed closely by Tri-State and Siena Heights. Aquinas stands at 3-5 after two losses in the Old Kent Classic and a win over Hope College in the Nov. 29 rematch.

MEN'S SOCCER: After winning the WHAC with a record of 12-1-1 in the conference and 19-3-3 overall, Aquinas went for the first time to the National Championships with a 4-1 win over Bethel College in the NAIA Region VIII Tournament Finals. The Saints were ranked 2nd in the nation, but were defeated by the No. 2 seed, Auburn University-Montgomery, 6-3, ending the WHAC soccer season.

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY in St. Louis was Cornerstone's Joel David, who finished the race third for the Saints in 92nd position (28:00). Finishing the race in 20th place overall in a time of 26:01.

Siena Heights 5-2 in the WHAC Championship game to move on to the NAIA National Championships in Miami, Fla. Madonna University represented the Saints was senior Baginski and the No. 2 team in the nation. They ran to a 10th-place finish, with a perfect 4-0 record. Tri-State and Cornerstone followed closely behind at 7-1 and 7-2, respectively. Aquinas sits at 4-2 with a win over Calvin College.

Not far behind was senior Kevin Smith. Although junior Nate Kaiser and freshman Kevin Baginski did not live up to our expectations. Instead, the Saints finished seventh on the team with two runners earning All-American status. Coach Mike Wojciakowski was happy with the Saints' performance. "I was pleased with the intensity," Wojciakowski said. "Ken (Baginski) and Kevin (Smith) finished All-American while Dan (Kasprowicz) and Nate (Kaiser) really stepped up and ran some nice races to put us in the top 10." Leading the way for the Saints was senior Baginski, earning All-American honors for the third time in cross country. Baginski finished 28th, completing the eight-kilometer race in 26:01. "We wanted to finish in the top four. When we looked at the performance, we were disappointed because we finished 10th," Baginski said. "Although our sights were set higher than what we finished, we were happy with the finish anyway." Not far behind was senior Ken Baginski. He finished the first All-American cross country career. He finished the race in 10th place finish in NAIA Championship with a 4-1 win over Bethel College in the NAIA Region VIII Tournament Finals. The Saints were ranked 2nd in the nation, but were defeated by the No. 2 seed, Auburn University-Montgomery, 6-3, ending the WHAC soccer season.

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Men's cross country runs to a 10th-place finish in NAIA Championship

by Jason Vogel

After winning the WHAC title, Aquinas set its sights on the NAIA Championship in Kenosha, Wis. on Nov. 18. The Saints, who were ranked second in the nation, had some high hopes of bringing home a National Championship to Aquinas, yet their goal was not to be achieved. Instead, the Saints finished 10th place in the nation, with two runners earning All-American status.

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"It was a pretty subpar day. We did not live up to our expectations." 

Paul Barron, Senior
Men's basketball struggles with absence of team captains

by Jason Vogel

The men's basketball team was busy during the four-day Thanksgiving break as Coach Rick Albro and the Saints were in downtown Grand Rapids at Van Andel Arena participating in the Old Kent Classic, a holiday tradition for Aquinas.

Calvin 97, Aquinas 66

In the first round of play, Aquinas was matched with Calvin College, which came into the season as the defending National Champions in Division III. The Saints kept the game close with the Knights for one-half of play, at times trailing by only four points. The Knights proved to be too strong for Aquinas, however, as they came out in the second half and ran away with the game, beating a young Aquinas squad 97-66.

Aquinas came into the Nov. 24 game with two key injuries hampering their starting lineup. Tim Wasilk, a senior guard, went down early in the season with a torn ACL. Junior Chuck Schuba, another team member who contributed valuable minutes to last season's WHAC Champion Saints, did not play due to an undiagnosed knee problem. These two captains' return is still in question.

"It is hard losing your two captains at the beginning of the season," Assistant Coach Bernard Vanreesdeel said. "We all of the sudden became a young team.

Without the injuries, Aquinas became a team with no seniors in a starting lineup that includes two freshmen and three juniors. Aquinas played through their problems, giving Calvin a tough time by narrowing a Calvin lead to four points with 3:03 to play in the first half, 28-32. Aquinas then went into halftime scoring only two more points in the remaining three minutes, giving the Knights a seven-point edge at the half, 30-37.

The second half was much of the same. After narrowing the lead to 10 points, Calvin doubled Aquinas' scoring output, ringing up 45 points to Aquinas' 24. This resulted in Calvin's berth to the Nov. 25 Championship game against Cornerstone University, a game Calvin won.

Aquinas, on the other hand, went onto the consolation game to play Hope College.

Aquinas was led by junior forward Kyle Pohja, who pumped in 16 points. Sophomore guard Derek Weaver scored 13 points, grabbed six rebounds, dished out four assists, and recorded three steals, all of which, except scoring, were team highs. Freshman John Angle contributed 12 points and four assists to the Saints' cause.

"We need a couple of our younger guys to step up and fill the void of the injuries we have suffered," Assistant Coach Vanreesdeel said. "People have definitely stepped up in spots; we need the whole team to step consistently."

The win moves Aquinas' record to 3-5 on the year. Aquinas is taking a week off from action, heading to Holland this weekend for a tournament in which they meet Hope for the third time already in the early stages of the season.

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Berard Vanreesdeel, Assistant Coach

Freshman John Angle and junior Kyle Verlin talk with Assistant Coach Troy Wilson during the game at the Old Kent Classic basketball tournament.

Aquinas men's soccer falls in first round of NAIA Nationals play

by Jason Vogel

It turned out to be quite a long day for the Saints who traveled to New Mexico to play in the NAIA National Tournament for the first time in school history. Aquinas ran into some problems both from the opposition, the Auburn University Montgomery Senators, and the refereeing, who helped to give the No. 2 seeded Auburn-Montgomery the edge early and often.

The Saints and Senators were tied at 0-0 for 15 minutes until the Senators broke the game open in the 21st minute with 1-0 lead. Aquinas sophomore Ben Rabbet was given a red card, disqualifying him from the game and giving Auburn-Montgomery an advantage. It only took 23 seconds for the Senators to capitalize on their gain as they put the first score on the board, giving them the early 1-0 lead.

Less than two minutes later, Aquinas was hit with yet another setback as sophomore Eddie Wierzbiicki also received a red card and was, in turn, ejected from the contest, only maximizing the advantage Auburn-Montgomery already held over the Saints. Aquinas kept on the playing though, keeping the Senators from scoring with a two-player advantage for almost 12 minutes of play.

The Senators struck again with 6:21 left in the first half, making the score 3-0, and again on a penalty kick with only 48 seconds remaining in the half, giving Auburn-Montgomery not only a 4-0 halftime advantage but also a two-player advantage due to the earlier ejections.

Aquinas still would not give up. In the second half, the 15th-seeded Saints outscored the Senators 3-2. Early in the second half, the Auburn-Montgomery goalie, James Van Dyne, received a red card, narrowing the advantage the Senators had played with for the entire first half. It did not take long for senior Daniel Niece to put this advantage to use as he connected on a penalty kick in the 47th minute of action, giving the Saints their first goal ever in a national tournament and narrowing the lead to 4-1. Auburn-Montgomery came back once again scoring nine minutes later, keeping the advantage at three goals.

Junior Andy Barnes and sophomore Andrew Fearmen were the next Saints to score goals, their points coming in the 58th and 64th minutes, respectively. Aquinas began to see a comeback mounting with 26 minutes remaining as it was the smallest margin the Saints had seen since early in the first half. Auburn-Montgomery, like it had all day, would answer the two goals with one of their own, slamming the door shut on an Aquinas comeback and making the final score 6-1.

On the day, Aquinas took seven shots on goal to Auburn-Montgomery's 22, with 11 of those Aquinas shots on target. Aquinas went on to the finals where they lost 2-1 in an overtime match against Lindsey Wilson College.