Circle Theatre awaits additional funds, school projects January groundbreaking

by Sarah Van Hall
Contributing Writer

Groundbreaking for the Circle Theatre complex, previously set for November, will not be permitted until the remaining funds for the project are acquired, according to Aquinas's Director of Special Gifts Kathy Fore. The college now hopes to break ground by January.

Individual donors have largely funded the $7 million project, a joint venture that will link professionals from Grand Rapids’ Circle Theatre with students from Aquinas’s newly-established Theatre Arts Department, but $2.2 million remains to be raised.

"Right now we are still in the major gift portion of the campaign," Fore said. Gifts sufficient to cover the rest of the cost have been solicited from individuals, but Fore says she is waiting for their replies.

Fore, who also works with other capital campaigns on campus, says that about 80 percent of her time has been spent working on the Circle Theatre project. She is currently running a campaign called "We've Saved a Seat for You" that asks each donor to contribute $1000 for a plaque that will be engraved with his or her name. The plaques will be placed on arms of the theatre’s 410 seats, which were donated by Irwin Seating Company of Grand Rapids. Fore says she hopes the campaign will pull in an estimated $400,000.

Until the funds are raised, the theatre will not be seen on campus. However, Fore believes that it is needed. "What we're missing is a theater program and a liberal arts college such as Aquinas really needs that," she said.

Junior Tom Eggleton also feels that Aquinas is missing something. Being part of two on-campus productions last year got him thinking about the school’s lack of a theater.

"It's so hard right now moving props from building to building and making room for everything that goes into a production," said Eggleton.

Professor of Communication and Theatre Gary Konow is anticipating many good things from the collaboration.

"The major benefit is the rare opportunity for students to gain theater experience not only through an academically-oriented production program, but also by interacting with community theater professionals," said Konow.

Fore agrees and says that she is excited to see the theatre come to campus.

"Circle Theatre is going to bring all their props, all their costumes, all their makeup, all their knowledge of theatre so we will instantly have this... really great civic group that has done hundreds of productions and we'll have all their expertise at our fingertips," said Fore.

Although Aquinas will own the building, Circle Theatre will lease the space for its productions.

"It could involve up to a couple hundred students because there is so much to theater," said Fore. "Students from the education department and... from the business school... and management (students) will be using it.

Circle Theatre operates on a May through September schedule and will work with Aquinas students during the academic year. The 48-year-old Circle Theatre is currently located at John Ball Park.

Zoo on Fulton St. near downtown Grand Rapids.

Although there is no building yet to house the theatre, the joint venture's first production "Beyond a Reasonable Doubt: The Whole Truth about Benedict and Peggy Arnold" will be performed Oct. 11 and 12 in the Wege Center Ballroom.

Scheduling change elicits mixed feelings among students

Approval, skepticism result from decision to register classes one semester at a time

by Erica Schafer
Contributing Writer

To help students more efficiently plan their schedules, Aquinas College has instituted a new registration policy. Instead of scheduling an entire year’s worth of classes at the end of the previous school year, students will register for only first semester classes at that time. Students will wait until October of the next school year to schedule their second semester classes.

According to Provost and Dean of Faculty Ed Balog, the previous system, in which students scheduled both first and second semester classes at the same time, did not fit the needs of the college.

"This system reduced the flexibility of the schedule," said Balog. "The new system gives us the opportunity to precisely schedule classes from one semester to the next.

This scheduling procedure is not new to Aquinas. In the past, students signed up for their classes one semester at a time.

Two years ago, the school began having students register for a full year of classes at the end of the previous academic year. This was done as an experiment to determine the best method of registering.

However, the former method created more conflicts in scheduling classes, according to Balog.

"I think it reduced our flexibility as an institution," Balog said. "It was much more difficult to plan for faculty. Now, if we don't have a professor lined up for a second semester class, we have until September or October to fill in that space.

Students have mixed opinions on the subject. Sophomore Jennifer Gamsby believes that this schedule will be an advantage.

"You have to make fewer scheduling changes," said Gamsby. "Halfway through the semester, students have a better idea of what classes they need and want.

"Freshmen need to know what classes they want to take, and scheduling after each semester is better than scheduling once per year," said freshman Kathy McFadden.

However, some students prefer the previous registration process.

"I know it's tough for the professors to make a schedule for the entire year, but for students it is so much more convenient because we know for sure that if a class we need won't fit in the first semester, we can be sure to get it in the second semester," said senior Laurel Myers.

Balog said that although a few people have questioned the schedule switch, he has not encountered much opposition to the new plan.

Most colleges allow their students to schedule the first semester at the end of the previous academic year, and the second semester in the fall, and it makes more sense for Aquinas to do what other schools have found to be effective, Balog said.

Students can schedule their second semester classes after the second week of classes, when the new schedules become available.
From mouse ears to microscopes: Interns take first steps into real world

by Nathan Peck

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The Disney internship was unique in that all of Aquinas’s Career Development (CD) 301 class requirements were fulfilled by the internship experience. “Students can do this when they are learners and have the resources to help,” said sophomore Danni Lutes.

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Senate cites participation as primary goal for new school year

by Joe Boomgard

Staff Writer

Community Senate re­ turned from its annual fall retreat Sept. 22 - 23 with several projects for the semester. “Currently, the Senate’s Executive Board has identified three main priorities for this aca­ demic year: to increase communication, to create an environment that fosters open communication, and to increase the use of current student service centers,” said Junior and Senate Vice Chair Wes Brown.

According to senior and Senate Chair Chris Helman, the Community Senate is off to a good start. “As a result of last year’s new bylaw, all of the Senate’s standing committees are now well staffed, meaning that now they have the person power to do almost anything they want.”

The new bylaw required one per­ son from each club or organiza­tion to serve on a Senate commit­ tee and named the Senate vice chair head of the Programming Board. Previously only those who were required only to have a member on the committee and com­ mittee members did not need to be part of a Senate committee.

“We feel our participation in Community Senate is still not as evenly distributed as Helman thought.

“In the past the Continu­ ing Education population has not expressed a desire to participate in the Senate,” said Helman. “I think that they would provide a differ­ ent perspective on things happening on campus.”

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**Supreme Court to tackle business issues**

by Nathan Peck

News Editor

College chaplain Fr. Ron Kreel stands at his desk in the Campus Ministry office looking over notes for an upcoming homily. Director of Campus Ministry Mary Clark-Kaiser reports that the organization is offering assistance to increasing numbers of students following the terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C. that occurred three weeks ago.

"What is difficult with trauma of this magnitude [is that] it stirs up issues people have tried to keep down," said Clark-Kaiser. "In a way, it's like a death - the death of our feelings of safety and security."

Members of Campus Ministry recently disassembled a memorial to the victims that stood in Wege Mall for several days. Students, staff and faculty had left behind personal possessions and written messages of support and remembrance.

"It is symbolic of the fact that as New York City cleans up, we too, must move on," said Clark-Kaiser.

**Senator proposes changes in student visa policy**

by John Liebhardt

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(U-Wire) EUGENE, Ore. - A proposal by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., that calls for a six-month moratorium on international student visas has raised the ire of officials working with foreign exchange programs.

"It is bad public policy," said Kenneth Rogers, associate dean of international students at Indiana University. "A considerable number of tuition will be lost, and a lot of bright international students will be lost."

The six-point proposal by Feinstein follows a string of major legislation aimed at reducing the threat of terrorism after the attacks of Sept. 11. Feinstein calls for changes in the way the Immigration and Naturalization Service tracks the nation's 500,000 international students.

The Senator's proposals include the creation and funding of a database of international students, setting up new requirements for schools and universities and new INS admission procedures.

"(The proposals) may be controversial, but there has to be recognition that this is an unprecedented time in the country, and our national security depends on our system functioning to ensure that terrorists do not take advantage of the vulnerabilities in the student visa program," Feinstein said.

Feinstein first spoke of the proposals in an interview with the New York Times. A spokesman for Feinstein said higher education officials were consulted during the formulation of the proposals, which attempt to fill in gaps in regulations in student visas.

"It was the educators who told us there were (visa) monitoring gaps," said Jim Hock. "The student visa category is the most unregulated and exploited visa category."

Hock said reforms are necessary to the student visa program because officials believe at least one of the suicide pilots involved in the attacks enrolled at a college in Oakland, Calif., in November 2000, but never appeared at school. He also said the proposals should come before a committee in the next two weeks.

Many officials say the proposals would come before a committee in the next two weeks. However, once the standards are set, the University of Oregon, said that all international students must go through rigorous application and screening processes before being accepted.

"The government has the need to obtain information, and I don't have an issue there," Rogers said. "The potential for abuse and fraud is enormous. We all know how hard it is to change federal records when something wrong goes in."
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According to Sattler, Disney offered multitudinous experiences not available with internships in the Grand Rapids area. “I have always enjoyed [study abroad programs]. I wasn’t living with a group of Aquinas students, however. The people I lived with were from all across the world. I still keep in touch with the people I lived with.”

Coordinator of Internships Delii Lutes noted that over one hundred Aquinas students are involved with internships annually. “Our goal is to make sure our majors get to look for positions to give them the experience of their discipline, Lutes said.

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Lutes believes that this, ultimately, is the biggest benefit of the internship program. “I love to see the maturing process and the increase in confidence when students really test out in the real world and find that they can succeed,” said Lutes.
Aquinas professor, former president contribute to show that portrays the life of Revolutionary woman

by Paula Rosenberg & Bridie Kent

Contributing Writer and Entertainment Editor

Norbert Hruby wrote a portion of the play "Beyond A Treasuable Doubt: The Whole Truth about Benedict and Peggy Arnold" in fifty years or two weeks, depending on how one looks at it. Upon his retirement from the college in 1986, Hruby had decided to try his hand at writing plays. For over fifty years he had been interested in the story of Benedict Arnold, a passion that was sparked when, as a high-schooler, Hruby read a biography about America's most famous traitor. Feeling inspired, he began piecing together information from the perspective of Peggy Arnold, Benedict's wife. "I had the feeling that this was a great story that needed to be told in some practical way," said Hruby. He had written a blank verse play on the same topic in college, "but it didn't do much but collect dust.

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Eastown Deli changes ownership

by Bridie Kent

Entertainment Editor

Throughout the years, Eastown Deli, in the heart of cultural Eastown, remained family-owned and operated. But Sept. 1, a new family took over the reins of one of Grand Rapids’ landmark businesses.

Bashier Modak is now owner of the deli, which offers a unique blend of American, Indian, Arabic, and Greek cuisine. “At lunch time, the line backs up to the door,” said Bashier’s son Salem, who manages the deli.

It’s a wonder the little shop can keep up, with only six workers currently employed there and all of them new to the unchanging menus and expectations of “regulars” who come in daily for lunch. The deli also offers such services as catering and take-out, which comprise forty percent of its daily business.

Salem Modak said that his family is currently in the process of cleaning and renovating, including painting, fixing tables, and fixing counters that were in rough shape when the Modaks took the business over a little over a month ago.

The objective is to raise customer satisfaction and standards of cleanliness. Previously, the interior was noticeably dingy, and the service was often slow. The new ownership put a stop to indoor smoking and increased portions sizes, both of which the younger Modak believes may have been a factor that contributed to dwindling numbers of customers.

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“I can definitely see a change over the past month. The bathrooms are a lot cleaner and the workers are extremely concerned with customer needs,” said Aquinas senior Bridget Clark, a regular at the deli.

Within a few months the deli hopes to extend business hours to 10 a.m. on weekdays and possibly to as late as 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, said Salem Modak. This would cater to the late-night appetites of clientele from such local bars as Mulligan’s Pub and Billy’s.

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Front Row

by J.J. Flori

Contributing Writer

Fall is finally upon us! Enjoy the beautiful season with hot cocoa, football games, warm sweaters and any of these Grand Rapids area events...

Oct. 3 - 6

Friday - Poor college students can check out some free art exhibits and jazz music every Friday night at the Grand Rapids Art Museum (GRAM). This week, check out Junior Valentine from 5:30-7:30 p.m. For more information, call 831-1000.

Saturday - Check out “Bernstein & Brahms” at DeVos Hall. The Grand Rapids Symphony will be joined by guest pianist Norman Krieger at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are $10-$40. For more information, call 454-9451 or visit www.grsymphony.org.

Oct. 7 - 13

Monday, Oct. 8 - Agnus’ Contemporary Writers Series welcomes poet Robert Dana at 7:30 p.m. in the Wege Ballroom. For more information, call ext. 448.

Friday, Oct. 12-Sunday, Oct. 14

Get into the Halloween spirit early by checking out the Grand Rapids Ballet’s performance of “Dracula” at DeVos Hall. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets range from $15-$40 and can be purchased by calling 456-3333 or by visiting www.ticketmaster.com.

Saturday, Oct. 13 - Check out the annual Grand Valley State University Renaissance Festival from 12 p.m. until dusk. Admission is free and will feature food, fine wines and other entertainment. For more information, call 735-9014.

Oct. 14 - 20

Monday, Oct. 15 - The Family Values Tour returns to Michigan at 7:00 p.m. at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Headlining this year are Shania Twain, Garth Brooks, Tim McGraw and Trace Adkins. Tickets are $45 and can be purchased by calling (248) 643-6646 or by going to www.ticketmaster.com.

Wednesday, Oct. 17 - The Cornflake Girl is back! Check out Tori Amos at DeVos Hall at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $37.50 and can be purchased by calling (248) 643-6646 or by going to www.ticketmaster.com.

Saturday, Oct. 20 – Jane’s Addiction and Live play the Palace of Auburn Hills at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are $46.50 through Ticketmaster. Call (248) 643-6646 or head to www.ticketmaster.com.

Upcoming!

Nov. 6 - Classic rock returns to Grand Rapids when Bob Dylan hits the Van Andel Arena at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from $79-839 and can be purchased by visiting www.ticketmaster.com or by calling 456-3333.

ENTERTAINMENT

October 3, 2001

by Andrew Wilson

Contributing Writer

Strange Little Girls

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Strange Little Girls Tori Amos has always adopted a new style with each recording. Her latest album is no exception.

Strange Little Girls is different from her previous efforts in that they are not of her own composition, but instead cover songs written by male artists. Amos invents an identity for each of the twelve songs and changes personas from track to track.

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The Eastown Street Fair, which took place this past weekend, brought added attention to the deli. Eleven workers cooked both inside and outside, serving crowds that came in throughout the day. “We ran out of chicken kabob early on,” said family friend John Fredrick, who helped out during the Fair.

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“I can definitely see a change over the past month. The bathrooms are a lot cleaner and the workers are extremely concerned with customer needs,” said Aquinas senior Bridget Clark, a regular at the deli.

Within a few months the deli hopes to extend business hours to 10 a.m. on weekdays and possibly to as late as 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, said Salem Modak. This would cater to the late-night appetites of clientele from such local bars as Mulligan’s Pub and Billy’s.

CD Review:

Strange Little Girls Tori Amos

Strange Little Girls Tori Amos has always adopted a new style with each recording. Her latest album is no exception.

Strange Little Girls is different from her previous efforts in that they are not of her own composition, but instead cover songs written by male artists. Amos invents an identity for each of the twelve songs and changes personas from track to track.

She covers a broad range of artists, including bad-boy rapper Eminem, new wavers Depeche Mode, classic boy band The Beatles, and heavy-metal thrasher band Slayer. Each of the songs features a distinct pitch and quality. This new CD is not as pop-ridden as her other albums, and listeners may find themselves wondering “What will she do with that song?” as Amos covers familiar tracks in a new way.

This represents a departure from her 1998 album From the Choirgirl Hotel, which has a continuous flow and is more commercially friendly than Strange Little Girls.

Although the CD might not elicit the same response from her loyal fan base, the album stands strong on its own merits.

Take, for example, the song “’97 Bonnie and Clyde,” which was originally written and performed by Eminem. Amos whispers her version through, which elicits a creepier feeling than the original version. And as a fan of Neil Young, I have never heard such a weird rendition of “Heart of Gold” as Amos’. It sounds loud and angry, a departure from the friendly than her earlier albums.

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Tori Amos at DeVos Hall at 7:30 p.m. until dusk. Admission is free and will feature food, fine wines and other entertainment. For more information, call 735-9014.

Announcement

The Music Club is sponsoring a trip to see “Bernstein & Brahms” at the Grand Rapids Symphony on Friday, Oct. 5.

A sign-up sheet is located in the Art and Music Center. The club will be leaving from the lower level of Wege Center at 6:30 p.m.

The Music Club will also be leaving from the lower level, Thursday, Oct. 11 at 12:40 p.m. in AMC 108. For more information, contact Carisa at 365-2435.

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A quick look around Eric Mullen's office in Hoyle leaves little doubt that he's full of school spirit. Pennants, posters and pictures of the smiling Aquinas's Director of Student Activities crowd his orderly desk. A flotilla of school-sponsored events awaits completion on his computer calendar. The small area is packed full of Aquinas paraphernalia - a cheerfully cluttered as Mullen's schedule. He probably had a hand in it and he wouldn't want it any other way.

"College is the one time in your life when you are and what you want to be," says Mullen. "I love the process for other people."

He did he was an A Community College graduate. The concerts he has been at have been at it. It's a back to a job. Mullen. "I like experience that."

Mullen's transformation to big man on campus shows well. College students come to the realization that they are part of the "real world." With stacks of bills and the job market waiting to greet today's graduates, it isn't an easy place.

That may explain, in part, why dozens of students return from the outside to start careers on the same campus. Aquinas alumni work in academic departments, communication, theology and education. They're in the Development Department. They advise in Career and Counseling Services and the Multicultural Office.

And they're not alone. A number of Grand Valley State University and Calvin College alumni work at their alma maters - the schools they report. The students-turned-employees work in academic departments, counseling and the Development Department. They receive paychecks from the college instead of giving it. What brings them back?

For many, it's a positive undergraduate experience here to a college student. "I thought, "I thought, 'will work in a place like this!'"" says Assistant Professor of Mathematics Michael McDaniel. "I thought, "I thought, 'wow, work in a place like this!'"

McDaniel attended Aquinas as a seminarian before transferring to a college in New York. A self-de


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Ellen Harburn works at her cubicle in the offices of Holmdene. Harburn was hired to organize the school's Phone Center fundraiser and to serve as Coordinator of Events and Outreach after her graduation from Aquinas last winter. As one of the school's youngest full-time employees, she admits that her age makes her feel displaced from other faculty and staff.

"But when I stood up, I was so excited I was bouncing around," says McDaniel. "When the Assembly was over, [Professor of Psychology] Bruce Frayman came up to me and said, 'I had you in class. As soon as I saw you bouncing around like that, I remembered you!'"

Whether the time that's passed since when they were students has been a few years or a few decades, Aquinas' employed alumni find striking differences between their own experiences and those of today's undergrads. Mullen has to deal with new technology that keeps students in their dorms and away from on-campus events. "When I went to school here, my friends would play pick-up games and check out music. Now people have computers and the Internet," he says. "It's harder to get people out of their rooms."

McDaniel grapples with the invasion of mass-produced, Abercrombie & Fitch-style fashion. "When I was in school, expensive clothing was elitist. I must have missed something, maybe it happened back in the 70s with platforms and disco and all that, but now people are supposed to spend money on clothes. Students have become puppets of advertising," McDaniel says.

Despite these differences, the alumni report that they enjoy dealing with students. Even McDaniel, who believes that his own experiences as an Aquinas undergrad helped him connect.

"It gives me good stories. I can say, 'back in 77 when I was here...,'" says McDaniel. "Of course, none of my students had been born then. I just say it to emphasize how old I am."

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Turn to the scene of their undergrad exploits... but this time for a paycheck
No. It's true that the Miss America pageant gives away over forty million dollars in scholarships every year. But in an article published by the online newsmagazine Salon, Julia Pham, a former Miss New York contestant, said that she encountered dozens of young women who dropped out of four-year institutions and transferred to less academically-demanding schools in order to have time to prepare for beauty contests. Doesn't this defeat the Miss America pageant's expressed purpose of "providing a vehicle [for women] to further their personal and professional goals?" And let's not forget another aspect: ratings. This year organizers re-tooled the program, making such changes as allowing all the booted contestants to serve as one of the eight judges who decides which girl wins. "We believe that these changes will draw even more viewers to our program," said President and Chief Executive Officer of the Miss America Organization Robert M. Renneisen, Jr. But if the event is a legitimate scholarship competition, would the fact that not as many people watch it anymore even matter? The answer is no. In order to give away money, the pageant has to make money and one of the best ways to do that is by attracting sponsors to hawk their products during commercial breaks. It's that simple.

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No. There are many aspects to the process of choosing the next Miss America. Thirty percent of the competition’s scoring comes from the personal interviews and forty percent from a talent competition. The contestants are also judged on their answers to final questions and on how articulately and quickly they answer. Then there is the ever-so-popular swimsuit and I will agree that it may seem demeaning to peace around on a stage in a bikini and high heels. But it also shows the perspective that Miss America hopefuls are in shape, care about themselves, and take pride in their appearance. In our culture, and cultures all over the world, beauty goes hand in hand with fitness. The swimsuit competition shows that not only are these women brilliant, but they also take care of their physical appearance. The pageant’s purpose is to show the epitome of the perfect modern woman: that she is well rounded and has a lot of guts. So to assume that Miss America is based on having long legs is a false assumption.

No. Miss America is not outdated. She serves as a symbol for people to look up to and she has the power to influences others. Miss America receives the opportunity to travel around the world and educate people about her platform, which this year is "Providing Support for Terminal Breast Cancer Patients." She also lends her skills to help raise money for non-profit organizations like the Red Cross.

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Society provides us with many opportunities to laugh at our differences. From the redneck jokes of Jeff Foxworthy to the wry takes on African-American culture dashed out by the Kings of Comedy, humor often exaggerates in order to coax a chuckle from the captive audience. Is this wrong? Not necessarily. When comedy points out the outlandish through the satirical use of stereotypes, the results can be beneficial.

 Spike Lee’s movie “Bamboozled,” for instance, offers a cold, hard look at racism in the American entertainment industry. In dark humor is used for a purpose: to make the viewer uncomfortable by presenting a perverted world in which actors in blackface star in a modern-day minstrel show that, contrary to expectations, rockets to the top of the ratings.

 The film ends. Octavius, a football star struggling with the effect that coming out of the closet a few years ago, Kurt strove to bridge the gap between heterosexuals and homosexuals by examining their differences in a way that condescended to neither. Rose Hicks, the daughter of a Pentecostal preacher, also united through a comedy that confronted the issues of racial prejudice in a non-trivial manner. “Laughter brings people together. We need a lot more laughter in this world and a lot less of the crap that divides us,” Hicks says rather bluntly on her web site.

 But the ribbing was good natured and the message was clear: everyone’s point of view is valid and worthy of respect.

 The sensitivity with which Kurt and Hicks delivered their message reflected Aquinas’s resolve, as expressed in its mission statement, to “welcome all people, regardless of their gender, age, creed, religion, ethnicity, racial background, or disability.” If more entertainers adopted such an attitude, there would be no need for the use of intolerant humor. The resulting climate of acceptance would ensure that humor served its true purpose — entertainment and inclusion.

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Junior Rebekah Hall leads soccer team to victory on Homecoming by Shaun Markwart Contributing Writer

Sometimes, the unluckiest of players will step up at the most opportune moment. This was the case Sept. 29 during the women’s soccer team’s Homecoming game, a 1-1 tie over Spring Arbor. Midway through the first half, junior Rebekah Hall came off of the bench during a 1-1 tie and paid immediate dividends. In the thirty-first minute, she was sent in on a breakaway. Hall made no mistake as she buried a shot in the goal of the game when she launched a shot that found its way into the top left corner of the Spring Arbor goal. Hall was sent in on a breakaway by Detroiter Jaclyn Scheltema to provide the Saints with guidance for the Saints’ relatively young, explosive team.

After advancing in the conference tournament for the first time in many years last season, the team looks to carry on its momentum “We’re better than we were last year and we have the chance to do some exciting things,” said Hamden. The Saints are looking to knock off perennial powerhouse Cornerstone University and Madonna University in the WHAC and gain an important conference tournament bid.

Last week, the team pointed a big win against Concordia, beating them 6-0. Lead scorer Rebekah Hall was Miller with fourteen kills and Scheltema with thirty-three assists. The women also lost a close one to Madonna, but threatened the Crusaders in the second and third game. The team has marked its calendar’s for a rematch on Oct. 26 at Aquinas. The team plays an important conference home game against Tri-State on Oct. 4.

The Women’s Volleyball team starts out fast in WHAC play by Jon Bieneman Contributing Writer

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There are only two returners on the 2001 squad, Kristen Brady and Romberg, who are being looked on to provide guidance for the Saints’ relatively young, explosive team.

The AQ intraconference league plays its games on Sunday at Wilcox Park. There are five teams in the league, and each team will play each other twice. “We’ve seen lots of involvement, sportsmanship, and camaraderie,” said Junior Adam LaFleur.

Cross-country teams on a roll by Luke Overmire Contributing Writer

The men’s cross-country season, which began in early September, is now in full swing, with meets held nearly every weekend. The Saints hosted the annual Aquinas Open at Riverside Park Sept. 22, during which sophomore standout Dan Kaszporicz placed second in the Nonconference Division I ranks and fifteenth overall. Though the meet was merely an exhibition, this ability to start strong will prove evident as the Saints strive to defend a national title. The current season for cross-country runners and coaches alike is met with both optimism and hope, despite the loss of All-American runner Ken Baginski and Kevin Smith and All WHAC runner Paul Harron. Cross Country Coordinator Dave Woods expressed this year as “some-what of a rebuilding cycle.”

Wood also noted, however, that this year’s young team is developing extremely well, and that they should come out strong in the days ahead. Strong finishes also showed for the women at the Catholic Invitational at Notre Dame on Sept. 21. Finishing strong-thirty-second overall, was sophomore Jenny Ziegler with a time of 19:19, followed by sophomore Kristy Dебki at 20:08 and Freshman Kelly Secord at 20:21. “I feel that our season really going to get bet­ter because our team is re­ally working together as a common unit,” said senior Katie Krellwitz, who fin­ished at 20:58. The next meet is the “STARS” Open Invitational on Oct. 6.

Rain doesn’t stop flag footballers by Shaun Markwart Contributing Writer

Students who’ve ever pretended they were Peyton Manning throwing a football up and down the field, Marshall Faulk dancing through defenders, or even a star defensive back intercepting passes thrown by Detroit Lions quarterback can now do something about it. A group of Aquinas students is participating in a flag football league being run by the intramural department. The AQ intramural league plays its games on Sundays at Wilcox Park. There are five teams in the league, and each team will play each other twice. “We’ve seen lots of involvement, sportsmanship, and camaraderie,” said junior Jim Baird.

Playoffs are also scheduled, and they begin in early October. On Sept. 22, the games were played to near empty stands and poor field conditions, but the teams played on. “It was a good time, and it was fun playing in the rain,” said Junior Adam LaFleur.

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Men's soccer battles it out in Homecoming game

Despite flurry of yellow cards, team picks up victory over Spring Arbor University

by Jon Bieneman
Contributing Writer

The men's soccer team took little time on Homecoming Sept. 29 to get the large crowd into what turned out to be a great battle against the Spring Arbor Cougars. Starting midfielder freshman Adam Cooper picked up a yellow card just four minutes in, and the game continued to intensify.

As the Saints and Cougars went back and forth, each team had an opportunity for great chances at scoring.

The Aquinas men got a couple of shots starting forward junior Andrew Fearman and Cooper in the seventh and nineteenth minutes respectively, but both came up empty. Midway through the first half, the Saints had a score on a Spring Arbor corner kick, but midfielder senior Andy Barnes made a spectacular save to keep the game at 0-0.

The Saints continued the pressure as the first half came to a close, with both Fearman and sophomore Steven Dobb having shots ring off the goal posts, just missing their chance to put the Saints on top.

Only five minutes into the second half, the Saints lost freshman Tijan van Lier to a second yellow card and were forced to play a man down the rest of the game. From this point on, play intensified and the battle turned into a war.

In the sixty-second minute, Fearman nailed a bullet from the left wing and the shot went just wide, much to the chagrin of the crowd.

Then, defenseman senior Matt Roberts got nailed with a yellow card and the tension between the teams rose.

In the sixty-sixth minute, Fearman had a header that eluded the Spring Arbor goalie and junior Nathan Rose and a Spring Arbor defender crashed into the goal. The goal was awarded to Nathan Rose, unassisted.

With two minutes left, the Saints got an insurance goal from sophomore Sanel Fazlic, assisted by junior Jon Mies and Fearman.

The goal was awarded to Fearman to have another productive year.

This year, a team lead by captains senior Denny Briggs, Mies, and freshman Carl Whitehouse attempts to advance to the NAIA tournament for the second time under fourth-year coach Abe Shuster.

The Saints are also looking to Fearman to have another productive year.

He was the team leader in goals over the last two years, and a 2000 NAIA All-American.

The team looks to better its conference record today at Indiana Tech.

It returns home on Oct. 7 to take on St. Francis at 1 p.m. On Oct. 10 at 4 p.m. the team takes on conference foe Siena Heights and on Oct. 17 Cornerstone pays a visit to the Aquinas team.

Men's golf places third at Aquinas Invitational

by Brian Wallis
Contributing Writer

The men's golf team has improved upon last year's fourth-place WHAC finish and is sitting third in the WHAC standings with an outside chance at finishing second.

Spring Arbor is sitting on top, while Tri-State is only six strokes behind the Saints.

Aquinas has a comfortable eighteen-stroke lead on the fourth place Cornerstone squad. As a team, the Saints have lowered their average by 6-8 strokes from a year ago.

On Sept. 26, Aquinas hosted its invitational. Tri-State finished first with 308, Cornerstone came in second with 309, and Aquinas finished third with 311.

"It was a new course for everybody with tough conditions," said coach Tom Gunn. "We expected to do better." At the Cascade golf course Sept. 20, the fourth WHAC jamboree was the most competitive to date.

The first four teams were all within six strokes of each other, with Aquinas placing fourth. Spring Arbor, Tri-State, and Cornerstone filled in the top three positions.

"There were bad starts by almost everybody, but they held together and came back strong," said Gunn.

Aquinas had an excellent showing at the Tri-State Invitational Sept. 21, placing third out of fourteen schools. Junior Keith Grunch, junior John Cavanaugh, and junior Joe Stroup all finished in the top ten.

The Saints finished third in the third WHAC jamboree of the season Sept. 15.

Spring Arbor placed first behind Roy Adat, who tied for a match low of 72 and Preston Moeder with 74. Tri-State came in second behind Johan Brodin's 72 and Aaron Scott's 75. Junior Jeff Weatherhead and junior Joe Stroup finished seventh and ninth overall, with a 77 and 78 respectively.

"I've seen improvement in the team's will to compete as well as the players' course management," said Gunn, who believes that making Nationals will be a realistic possibility in the spring if all top four players can be on top of their game on the same day.

"We're working on getting the players' concentration levels higher so we don't throw away strokes," said Gunn.

The Aquinans finish their regular season Oct. 17 with a home match against the NAIA classic and meet up against Calvin Oct. 6.

Sports Calendar

**Prime Time**

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Terra Miller had an outstanding week on the volleyball court. She recorded 52 kills for the week, as well as six aces. Miller also made eleven assists. Miller is a sophomore studying physical education and recreation. She is a Wyoming Park native.

**Consistency is key for women's golf team**

by Brian Wallis
Contributing Writer

The women's golf team is 0-4 in dual matches, but there is still reason to believe.

The Saints had a confidence-building medium of the pack showing at the Tri-State Invitational Sept. 22 and Sept. 23, where they placed sixth out of ten teams.

Sophomore Sara Peterson was only two strokes out of a top ten finish, with a two-day total of 183.

Roundout the showings were senior Shannon Gurzycki with 219, sophomore Jyoshi Hollack with 205, sophomore Magen Butler with 209, sophomore Jill Walker with 214 and senior Kelli Slatter with 217.

"They're great girls who work hard," said coach Dan Pupel. However, Pupel feels that the team's struggle has been consistency.

Every dual match there has been a different top shooter, which makes things difficult. Of the four top shooters, three have shot the worst in various matches.

On Sept. 16, the Saints played Alma and lost 355 to 391.

Alma's top shooter that day was a freshman girl who set a new MIAA record with a score of 75. Aquinas finished 22 in a 5-1 victory over Tri-State.

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It’s great to be a Saint

by Nathan Peck

Sunshine and warm weather greeted attendees of Homecoming festivities Sept. 28-30. From presentations of the play “Oedipus Rex” to the Kid’s Tent, there was something to suit almost everyone’s taste.

As the Aquinas men’s and women’s soccer teams added wins to their records Sept. 29, the Donnelly Center parking lot was filled with tents and tables offering information on campus student groups, an inflatable obstacle course, a dunk tank and a booth hawking “old tyme” photographs.

“I think it’s great seeing my old professors and people who I otherwise don’t get to see,” said 2001 graduate Lisa Manders.

The crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen, one of the highlights of Homecoming, took place after the men’s soccer team’s 2-0 win over Spring Arbor.

Junior Maynard Sasis and senior Cynthia Offutt were crowned by 2000 King and Queen Brendan Earl and Kate Girard.

“I’m grateful for the title, but what I’m truly grateful for is all the love and support for myself and the other nominees,” said Sasis. “Salamat kaiyo” (which means “thank-you” in Sasis’s native Filipino language).

The Math Club, Casa Hogar, Los Mentores and Up ‘Til Dawn used their booths and attractions to raise funds for and awareness of their organizations.

Project P.L.A.Y. for the second year half-drowned their members in the name of charity.

This year nearly $100 was raised from the club’s dunk tank to go to Coast to Coast, the cancer research fund Aquinas alum P.J. Tannian has worked with for the last six months, said P.L.A.Y. president sophomore Tim Schultz.

Ernie’s Centipede Shuffle brought teams of staff and students out to race against each other in costumes ranging from a “Runaway Bridal” party to a “Saint-a-pede.”

Teams competed for the most original costume early Saturday, Sept. 29 for a limousine ride and dinner to Brann’s Steakhouse.

The winning team based their costumes on the cult-hit movie “The Rocky Horror Picture Show.”

“I thought it was a great time, getting dressed up, and seeing everyone else’s costumes. I think it definitely shows school spirit because people were up early on a Saturday morning,” said senior “Saint-a-pede” team member Heidi Stanley.

“It’s nice to see so much support for the various teams and organizations on campus from the Aquinas community,” said senior Katie Stouffer. “I don’t remember ever seeing this many people come out for homecoming.”