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**by Tonya Schafer**

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When U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow first ventured into politics as a 24-year-old candidate for Ingham County Commissioner, she was just a "young broad" to her male opponent. "He called me that throughout the campaign," said Stabenow, who ultimately enjoyed what may be a politician's sweetest revenge. "I like to say I was the 'young broad' who beat him."

Over twenty-five years later, it's likely that no one will ever underestimate Stabenow's political might—or her gender—like her opponents rival did. The Democrat defeated Republican incumbent Spencer Abraham last year to become Michigan's first female U.S. Senator. Stabenow described her experiences in Washington in an Oct. 29 speech held in the Wege Ballroom. The speech was sponsored by the Jane Hibbard Idema Woman's Studies Center.

"I'm really glad to be here [in Michigan]," said Stabenow, who has been without a permanent office since the Sept. 11 terror attacks and subsequent anthrax scares that all but shut down many government buildings in the nation's capital. "Last week, my staff and I gathered some chairs together with our cell phones—that was our office."

Despite her makeshift surroundings, Stabenow was able to throw support behind one of her pet projects, the Unity in the Spirit of America (USA) act. Stabenow told the crowd of students, faculty, staff and local journalists that the initiative, passed a few days before her Aquinas speech, will sponsor individual community service projects performed in the names of people who were killed in the attacks on New York City, Washington, D.C. and southern Pennsylvania.

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**Political Situation Means New Study Abroad Concerns**

International Office advises caution in student travel overseas

**by Nathan Peck**

Money, homestays, and terrorism? The concerns of students studying overseas have become increasingly serious in the wake of the U.S. State Department's worldwide caution Oct. 23. The caution warns of potential attacks against U.S. citizens and interests throughout the world by terrorists and those who oppose the United States and its military campaign in Afghanistan. "I used to be concerned just about being away, culture shock, whether I would graduate on time, and whether I'd have enough money to spend. Now I'm concerned about my safety, not necessarily in the town of Tully Creek, but in traveling there and back," said junior Monique Hayes, who will be living in Ireland next semester as part of one of the college's study abroad programs.

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Drug use equals no government financial aid for convicted students

by Kathy Bieber
Contributing Writer

"Have you ever been convicted of possessing or selling illegal drugs?"

This is the new question students will have to answer when they are filling out their requests for financial aid to attend college. A "yes" answer could make them uneligible for financial aid, work-study money and subsidized loans for one year if they have been convicted of possession and two years if they've been convicted of selling drugs. No other crime carries such a provision.

The law, part of the Higher Education Act Amendments of 1998, went into effect last fall, but is being fully enforced for the first time this school year. Of nearly ten million tax-payers' money was going to students who have been involved with the law.

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The codes to make such products work with Windows.

Some of the eighteen attorneys general still involved in the case seem ready to go along with the proposal, according to people who have been involved with the talks and people who have been briefed on the talks.

We hope that when the state attorney general reviewed the settlement, they will also agree that it's the right way forward," Gates said.

New York voters head to polls in tight race for mayor

The New York Times reported that the race to replace New York Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani has become increasingly close, with New Yorkers now believing that both Michael R. Bloomberg and Mark Green are qualified to be the next mayor.

A Nov. 1 Times poll found that 44 percent of voters believe Bloomberg presents "strong qualities of leadership," a trait analysts believe could prove influential as voters who will lead New York through what are potentially perilous times. The poll, taken Oct. 28 through Nov. 1, found that among those most likely to vote, a Democrat, was supported by 42 percent and Bloomberg, a Republican, by 48 percent.

According to the Times, the difference was not statistically significant. About 20 percent were undecided — an unusually high figure for that late in the contest, and a hint that New Yorkers would be in for a rough weekend of campaigning before today's election.

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"We were hoping that Senator Stabenow could address the issue of women's contributions to the political arena in the twenty-first century," said Huttert-Hoppe.

Indeed, the bulk of Stabenow's speech today detailed her views on the rising status of women in Washington. Stabenow noted that although only 33 of the nation's 1,864 House and current Senators have been female, thirteen of those are now serving on the 102-member legislative body.

"Every issue is a woman's issue, but there are some that affect women a little differently," said Stabenow, who recently joined other Senate women in sponsoring a resolution deeming the status of females in Afghanistan.

Senators credited Title IX legislation that outlawed gender discrimination in education and athletics with helping to break barriers that stood in women's ways of ascending to political careers. "Now my goal is to be in any profession she wishes," said Stabenow.

Sophomore John Simpson attended the speech and said that Stabenow's views on gender equality struck a chord with him. "She had some good things to say about women's issues," said Simpson. "In the future, I think we won't have to make distinctions between women in Congress" and men in Congress. "It's just be people in Congress."

Staff seeks to donate sick time to ailing Stella Ferris

by Nathan Peck
News Editor

After a six month leave of absence depleted her medical leave time, Multicultural Office Director Stella Ferris is finding that a renewed bout with leukemia may force her to draw on disability benefits. This situation has friends and coworkers concerned about Ferris's financial stability as she gears up to continue her fight against the illness.

"Stella had a month of vacation when she entered the hospital. I'm not sure of the status of her sick leave. She used six months with the initial treatment and she may have to collect disability from the insurance company this time," said Amy Goethal, a longtime friend of Ferris'.

According to Secretary to the Dean of Students Affairs Dee Wagner, staff members can transfer their sick days and hours to other staff members. Several employees have said that they would like to donate their sick days and hours to Ferris, said Wagner. "The community stands behind Stella. We don't want her to go without," said Wagner.

Ferris' attention on her treatment has left her unaware of the procedures for drawing on her benefits package with the college. "I am just finding out about a lot of these things as I go," said Ferris.

Ferris has worked since Ferris' most recent hospitalization to determine what remains of her sick leave from Ferris' previous bout with leukemia. Ferris now has thirty-three vacation days, which will last through most of the rest of the year. It will be in the last days of 2001 that her vacation time runs out.

Ferris was admitted to Spectrum Hospital Oct. 18 after doctors found that her white blood cell count had skyrocketed. Ferris had been diagnosed with leukemia since January of 2001. Ferris had gone into remission this spring and had undergone stem cell replacement therapy in the hopes of a cure. "I was more emotionally distraught than I was last time. You get a perspective of what has to be done, although it's more intense," said Ferris.

Ferris said her current hospitalization has amounted to a second punishment and that it does not adequately define what a rehabilitation program is.

"It's not everyone is on the offensive against the policy, however. Some people embrace it. "Absolutely, it's a good idea. Financial aid is a privilege," said sophomore Tanitra Hanson, a continuing student.

Hanson is a mom, has a full-time job, goes to school at night and can't get additional financial aid for her education.

Students for a Sensible Drug Policy, an organization opposed to the law, has opened chapters on ninety college campuses, with another 200 in the works. Nearly 60 student governments have passed resolutions against the law. In February, Representative Barney Frank (D. Mass.) introduced legislation to repeal the law. Frank predicted new support for the repeal in the coming year, when thousands more parents find their children denied financial aid.

Clearly, Somebody Back Home Misses You.
Academic Assembly reviews bylaws, considers possible structural change

by Joe Boomgaard
Staff Writer

Academic Assembly, the governing body of faculty members, is currently rewriting the Constitution of the Aquinas College Council that would distance the decision-making powers of itself and Community Senate.

The amendment would do this by removing the need of one body to obtain the other body’s approval in matters that currently require joint consent.

“There is one governing document for the two bodies. For the sake of our own integrity, our governing practice should be consistent with it,” said Director of Humanities Daniel Brooks, who also serves as Chair of Academic Assembly’s Faculty Executive Committee.

“If the constitution no longer suits the purposes of the institution, it should be amended or rewritten,” said Brooks.

Senate and Academic Assembly comprise the Aquinas College Council and are governed by its constitution. In order to enact legislation that affects either or both bodies, one body must obtain the other’s approval in the form of a 2/3 majority vote.

Membership is one matter that affects both organizations. Each house is to have ten percent of its membership consist of cross representation, which includes members from its sister house.

However, a recent bylaw passed by Community Senate has created a quandary in relation to Senate’s membership requirements. In the past, Senate required that a prospective member circulate a petition that would elect that person to the Senate body.

The bylaw approved last year revamped this process, specifying that Senate members should be provided from the various organizations that Senate represents.

By increasing the number of Senators, the bylaw subsequently changed the percentage of Assembly members who would sit in the Senate.

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Tombstone project raises Peruvian poverty awareness

Freshman Nikki Kaczorowski and junior Dave Williams (background) look over a display of cardboard tombstones constructed by members of the Casa Hogar service project in front of the Academic Assembly Oct. 29 and 30. The tombstones were meant to raise awareness of factors, including poverty and poorly-equipped medical facilities, that contribute to high rates of death and disease in Peru.

“We wanted to do something early in the year before the snow hits and we thought a graveyard scene would go along with Halloween,” said Casa Hogar President Allison Lindemeyer. “It really stood out. It’s not something you’d typically see on campus.”

The service project’s mission is to raise money for the Casa Hogar orphanage in Lurin, Peru and to increase awareness of conditions in developing countries. Casa Hogar has been an established on-campus club since 1999.

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Give it a Spin...

Electronic music makes a splash, across the globe and right here at AQ

by Aubrey Martin
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Music can be a very powerful tool. Whether it’s the aesthetic appeal of “trance” or the harder, psychedelic beats of “jungle” or “breakbeat,” electronic music has invaded pop culture.

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Senior Mike VanAntwerp knows this well. VanAntwerp is a DJ and spends his spare time spinning music at house parties and festivals.

“I had always wanted to play an instrument. I started out wanting to play the guitar, but that didn’t work out. I was looking through a hip-hop magazine, and saw an advertisement for turntables and thought that it might be interesting,” said VanAntwerp.

“I ordered the turntables and began experimenting with music, not really knowing what I was doing,” said VanAntwerp.

Electronic music can best be described as a series of blips and beeps organized into musical patterns.

“These blips and beeps often include samples, or short sound pieces, that have been taken from the works of other musicians, from movies, or from the spoken word,” said VanAntwerp.

These blips are mixed into a larger package by DJs who “spin” at raves, parties, and concerts.

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Holocaust-era tale of courage comes to life in ACT production

by Tony Trolj
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The Aquinas College Thespians (ACT) will be presenting a production of the classic play The Diary of Anne Frank from Nov. 15 to Nov. 18 in the Wege Ballroom’s MacGyver Theater.

“We decided to get back from what we have been doing in the past. Instead of fiction, we are going to do a historical play... non-fiction,” said Student Director junior Monique Hayes.

According to Bridie Kent, Entertainment Editor, the father and son duo has been working together for years, with Ron advising Ben on his art. “I get my dad’s advice all the time,” said Ben. “It’s really fun to work with,” said ACT President Paula Rosenberg.

Ben Pederson, senior, and his father, Ron Pederson, are the two main producers of the show. Ron feels that this year’s show is more distinct than connected to the typical show styles they have been presenting in the past. “These are real people whom almost everyone has heard of,” said Hayes. “If we want to show how important Anne Frank was, we have to have a historical background because we haven’t experienced anything close to what she went through.”

The play takes place in one attic and will be performed on a temporarily constructed main stage in Wege Ballroom, with added “thrusts,” or extensions, on the side to provide additional room.

Hayes stressed that accuracy is an important part of the ACT production. “These are real people, and because most of us have very little knowledge of them, we would have to do research for this,” said Hayes. “I've learned everything I know from them. If I had a question, I would visit the Holocaust Museum in West Bloomfield to help prepare.”

Hayes looked up information about the history of anti-Semitism and about what it was like to go to the Nazi occupied Holland during World War II.

The play is small, ACT members were forced to eliminate one of the five rooms included in the original play. The cast for this year’s play is relatively new. “But they’re all really fun to work with,” said ACT veterans junior Mark Hombach, who plays Otto Frank, and Anne’s father. “We’ve been practicing a lot, but not as much as we did in our previous plays. We’re doing a lot of individual work, because most of us have very busy schedules.”

A special performance, open to area grade school and middle school children, has been added to the production schedule. The invited children will be participating in a question and answer session after the performance. “We’ve talked about it before, but none of the performances were really appropriate for this,” said Hayes. “A lot of kids that age read The Diary of Anne Frank, though.”

According to Hayes, ACT attempts to promote the fine arts around campus, to introduce students to theater, and to foster additional interest in acting for those with prior experience. Each year, the group’s schedule includes one main production that is directed and produced by Aquinas students. In addition, the group holds a Spring Festival which, in the past, has included a small student production. ACT also sponsors improve nights at the Movie Café throughout the year.

The Diary of Anne Frank will be mounted Nov. 15 and 16 at 7:00 p.m. and Nov. 18 at 3:00 p.m. Tickets cost $5.00 for adults and $3.00 for non-Aquinas students and senior citizens. Aquinas students will get in for free.

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Seth Peters always knew he wanted to be a priest. "I felt called at a very young age," said the Aquinas junior. By the time Peters was in eighth grade, he was already telling crowds of people that he had the desire to become a priest, but telling a group of his peers wasn't easy.

During Occupations Day in the eighth grade, "I remember clearly that the speaker was talking about Jeremiah and how he was called to the vocation at a young age, like myself," said Peters. The speaker asked the class of all boys what each of them wanted to be when he grew up. Some said doctors and others said lawyers. The speaker said, "Those are all very commendable occupations, but I haven't heard anyone say that they are considering the priesthood. Is there anyone out there?"

"All I could remember is thinking, 'I hope I'm not the only one raising my hand,'" said Peters. To his surprise, he was. The speaker, excited and proud, asked Peters to come forward and tell the class why he had made this decision. "As I walked to the front of the room, all I could do was concentrate on the pattern of the carpet.

When I looked up, every single jaw in the room had fallen to the floor," said Peters. In the few moments that Peters had to think, the only reason he could come up with is that he wanted to share his faith with others.

"For this reason and more, other young men like Peters believe that they have been called to the priesthood.

The question that burns in the minds of people who do not have the vocation is "why?" What makes a person want to become a priest? No two people have the same answer. "It's an honorable profession," said freshman Jose Orozco.

"I want to help people," said freshman Chris Robinson.

But according to Peters, "It's not about the why. It comes out of God's design. The men who are blessed with the vocation are not perfect. God chooses them because he cancrest them to be leaders."

The number of Catholics in America has grown from 52.3 million in 1985 to 60.6 million in 2001.

In 1985, there were 57,317 priests in the U.S. In 2001, there are 45,191.

In 1985, 533 people were ordained to the priesthood. In 1999, 460 were ordained.

In 1985, there were 1,051 parishes without a resident pastor. In 2001, there are 3,151.

The number of seminarians in college grew for the fifth straight year, to 1,647 at the start of the 2000-01 school year. This is a gain of 71 students from the previous school year.

Statistics from the National Institute for the Renewal of the Priesthood

"People believe that you have to be a 'super Catholic' to become a priest," said Orozco. "That's not true."

"I love girls. When I hang out with a girl I seem attractive, I may act upon my feelings, but I will never go too far. I always think in the back of my mind that God is watching, and what I do now will have a great effect on my future," said Robinson.

"People put priests on a pedestal and believe that the holiness should be left to them," said Shea. But in actuality, according to Shea, holiness belongs in people, who are just following the men who have been called to be servants of God.

Like any job, the priesthood has many interesting aspects. Junior Maynard Sasis feels that celebrating mass is one of the best parts of the job. "I think it would be an awesome experience to pray with and lead a community of faith believers and then to share with them in the body and blood of Christ through the most Blessed Sacrament. That would truly be a great honor and a privilege to me," said Sasis.

Robinson is attracted to the promise of freedom the being a priest can provide. "I like the way it allows me to travel and meet new people. The more people I meet, the more lives I can touch." CATHOLICISM, "You're more free to do what God desires you to do. It's less complicated than traditions or family life," said Shea.

Which is the one thing these men cannot have. They must take a vow of celibacy, and, if keeping with this vow, cannot marry. With any prospect of children or a wife, a priest is made to leave the church. This can cause doubts in many men's minds and in the minds of others. "My parents say it would truly be a blessing to have a priest in the family and my other friends say all that I would make an amazing priest. But a lot of my female friends say this I would make a better husband. A few of them said that I should donate my "weed" before become a priest so at least there will be some little Maynards left on Earth," said Sin.

"A lot of my guy friends are more understanding though. Some don't understand, but many respect me even more for considering becoming a priest. All in all I have been getting encourage ment."

Which is the one thing that helps these young men make a decision that will greatly affect their lives. Imagine the vocation is like a radio," said Peters. "When you turn it on, it's not loud, and not so clear. But as time goes on, it gets louder. As I grow, I face new situations that make it not so clear, and I'm forced to resolve the situation, which just makes me think much stronger in my vocation."

"If you know someone who is considering the priesthood, inform yourself. Let it be a gift to you, and encouragement for them," said Peters. "Your encouragement helps to turn up the radio dial."
A priestly perspective

A number of questions surround the practices and requirements of Roman Catholic priests. College Chaplain Fr. Ron Kreul clears up a few misconceptions for The Aquinas Times.

What education is required to become a priest?

Priests study for four or five years at a seminary, where they take classes in such subjects as Scripture, Church History, Dogma and Pastoral Care of the Sick. They may become either diocesan priests, who minister at parishes, or religious priests, who belong to religious orders. All priests must earn a master’s of divinity, but religious priests are often required to get more education depending on the requirements of their order. "For Dominicans [the religious order that founded Aquinas College], the majority of our men go to school an additional five or six years," said Kreul. "It’s also more likely that someone who is a religious priest will go on for a PhD."

Why can’t women be priests?

"The pope has determined that a priest must be in the image of Christ and since Jesus didn’t choose female apostles, it’s to be men," said Kreul.

What can a priest own?

A diocesan priest earns a salary and can own his own house, car and personal possessions. He can even play the stock market because he doesn’t pledge himself to poverty. A religious priest does, however. Anything he makes goes to his order. "Although I receive a salary from the college, I literally haven’t earned a dollar," said Kreul.

Juniors Maynard Sasis and Seth Peters converse after Mass last Sunday in Bukowski Chapel. The two are discerning their role in the Roman Catholic priesthood.
The Debate Over Deer

On Nov. 15, scores of hunters across the state will head to the woods for the start of regular firearm deer season. It's a time-honored tradition, one that seems as natural to autumn as football games and pumpkin pie. But hunters and their opponents often disagree over what the fate of these antlered quarry should be.

As sportmen and women get ready to hit the fields next week, two Aquinas Times staffers take a look at this potentially explosive topic...

Yes. Sport hunting should not be seen as a cruel sport, but rather as a necessary element of scientific wildlife conservation. Regardless of a hunter's motives, every hunter is an active participant in conservation. License fees fund habitat restoration, population research and species reintroduction, along with other beneficial projects. Killing animals to preserve them may sound paradoxical, but time has proven the veracity of "sustainable use." Animals like whitetail deer, pronghorn antelope, turkeys and elk have all been restored to viable levels because of hunters' interests in conservation.

The whitetail deer population in Michigan is at its highest ever, while hunter harvests are also at record highs. Every burger, chicken wing and pork chop came from a dead animal; humans merely ride the middleman. Besides, the animals that are harvested are put to use by hunters. Wild game is the original organic food that, when prepared properly, is very desirable. Hunters who do not eat what they harvest have ample opportunities to put the meat to good use through programs like Hunters for the Hungry, in which hunters donate their quarry to needy families. Obviously, hunters are human and will make mistakes; not every shot will be fatal. However, when a hunter decides to harvest an animal, the goal is to be as quick and efficient as possible. Because of the modern technology used in hunting optics and weapons, the likelihood of a wounded animal is decreased significantly. In addition, bows are able to shoot with a higher velocity and force, so the deer or other animal will expire quickly and painlessly.

Yes. Because hunting seasons and regulations are carefully planned by local wildlife biologists, hunting is tailored to the specific populations of animals. In the wild, all creatures have certain needs like food, water, cover, space and the proximity of all such elements. If those needs are not met, animals will die. Of the many mortality factors, hunting is the only controllable element: seasons, limits and other restrictions can be adjusted to the specific conditions. Hunting calls those animals that would only perish artificially uncompetitive natural environment in which a few polygamous bucks are able to impregnate an abundance of otherwise-unoccupied female deer. The result? A higher reproductive rate. Hunting is a short-term solution and should not be regarded as a preferable means of keeping the number of deer roaming about the forests in check.

No. Not always. nabbing a buck is not a sure bet and some of the deer that are struck by bullets or arrows inevitably get away. Hunters may try to stalk them down, but they aren't always successful. Statistiques released by the group In Defense of Animals indicate that for every animal a hunter kills and recovers, two stricken animals are left to die of blood loss, infection and starvation. Their slow demise may not be what hunters had intended, but the situation creates unnecessary anguish for otherwise innocent animals. And other wildlife experts have said that the stress of running for his life diminishes an animal's ability to eat and store fat for the winter ahead. So even if the managers to elude pursuing hunters, a deer may still find himself struggling to survive long after the immediate danger has passed. Also, consider that there's a cruel absence of justice in hunting. How many times has the public heard that it's a "fair game," the definitive interplay between predator and prey that substitutes the weaponry of man for the bare teeth of such natural foes as wolves and bears? Forgive me for hauling out a cliched expression, but this is like comparing apples and oranges. An air rifle with scope can peg a creature from 400 yards away. At that distance, deer wouldn't perceive anything like a wolf's claw-filled paw to be of any imminent threat, so they wouldn't run away from what, in the case of a human packing a gun or a bow and arrow, should cause them to bolt like mad in the other direction. So, intentional or not, hunting has many aspects that make it both physically and ethically cruel to pursued animals.

Yes. According to Richard Leakey, a famed anthropologist and Kenya's past Minister of Wildlife, "There is an unbridgeable gulf between hunting and aggression. To speak of a primal lust for flesh is, biologically, total nonsense." Hunters do not have a bloodlust or a desire to kill everything that moves; they merely wish to actively participate in the food chain, choosing to fill the role of predator and connect with nature in a way that nothing else offers. Hunting is a highly spiritual process that transcends the mere killing of an animal. Rather, hunters enjoy the release of pent-up aggression in nature, of observing and honoring creation. The "bad" experienced while afield is that spoken of by the likes of such hunters as Ted Nugent truly cannot be equaled by any chemical substance. Also, hunting can be a positive recreation for youths, providing a healthy alternative to the ilks of pop culture. As Nugent has said repeatedly, "Take your kids hunting so you don't have to hunt for your kids."
America should stay out of Afghanistan

by Andrew Demshuk

Guest Essayist

Dr. Henry Kissinger warned on Oct. 8 that, through the United States' military strikes were a "mature and effective" response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, involvement in Afghanistan's internal politics would not wise. Three courses tempt America – assisting an Afghan faction, creating a new Afghan government, and taking direct control of Afghanistan. But America must not entangle itself in a dangerous and unending civil war.

Afghanistan's Northern Alliance, encouraged by the weakness of Taliban control due to American attack, seems poised to dethrone the abusive regime. But America must not entangle itself in a dangerous and unending civil war.

The Northern Alliance, America's closest ally in the anti-terrorism war, is a patchwork of ethnic minorities whose only commonality is a hatred for the Taliban. They have no desire to reconcile with the United States as long as it does not suit their interests, and the Alliance's generals seldom heed, let alone dialogue with, the Alliance's more moderate civilian leaders. Due to such flaws, it is highly likely that the Northern Alliance will immediately begin attacking the Bamyan province and begin assuming control of the country, each faction will look out for its own interests, and popula-

lar revolts will spread across the country. Recalling government abuses and civil war which followed the fall of the last Afghan regime, the Soviet puppet PDPA, the United States should refrain from supporting any contender for control of the country. The new regime would blame America for the council's collapse. Worse still, most in the Arab world would support any contender for control of the country. We might just as well be part of the council, even though the proposed government would be based upon an old Afghan model. In the hostile monality, it is unlikely that the council could stand for long enough to the extreme crises gripping the world, nor could it indefinitely ward off attacks by its enemies. In the hostile, unstable, and its enemies. Afghanistan was an American puppet. When the council lost control, Afghanistan's new regime would blame America for the council's failure. Similarly, the United States should not try to control the council directly; it would fail just as the British failed in 1843 and the Soviets in 1989.

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Carl Whitehouse

Carl Whitehouse was selected the WHAC all-conference goalie-keeper. He averaged .83 goals scored against him. The Saints have an overall record of 12-10 and were 7-0 in the WHAC regular season, which sends them to the championship. Whitehouse is a freshman from Kentwood.

Jenny Ziegler

Jenny Ziegler placed fifth at the cross country Regionals this past Saturday in Jackson. She ran her personal best time of 18:26. She will be going to Nationals in Kenosha on Nov. 17. Ziegler is a sophomore from Jackson.

Lady Saints secure berth at Regionals

by Shaun Markwart

Contributing Writer

The Aquinas women's soccer team lost to Madonna 6-0 on Saturday in the championship game of the WHAC tournament. But the bigger story was how the team got there.

The Lady Saints headed into the postseason WHAC Tournament knowing that, while they held their fate in their own hands, a very tough road lay ahead. Madonna and Siena Heights, who tied for first place in the regular season with 6-1 conference records, seemed to be on track to meet up in the championship game.

Aquinas, the number three seed in the tournament, knew that it needed to reach the final to qualify for regional play. The Saints would have to go to Siena Heights and beat a team that not only boasted an 18-2 record on the season, but had also beat AQ 4-0 just three weeks earlier.

However, Aquinas went into the game feeling confident.

“We had nothing to lose. They were expected to win and we were expected to lose,” said freshman Kalee Schwartz.

Aquinas was clearly the underdog, but came out and played a very tough, physical game. Sophomore forward Lauren Zentlick provided AQ with a 1-0 halftime lead, scoring a nifty goal on a breakaway 35 minutes into the match. Siena Heights tied the match midway through the second half, but senior defender Lacey Ginsberg knocked in a goal off a free kick for Aquinas with 12 minutes remaining, a shot that proved to be the game winner.

AQ certainly took advantage of its opportunities, scoring on its only two shots of the game, while freshman goalie Tracy Gunderson and the defense saved the day. “Tracy played the game of her life. Tracy and Lacey (Ginsberg) pretty much held the game for us,” said Schwartz.

The upset victory propelled Aquinas into the WHAC championship game, and provided the team with a berth in the regional playoffs. In the first round of the WHAC tournament, Aquinas nipped number six seed Tri-State 1-0. Aquinas dominated the game, ranking up 29 shots on goal to Tri-State’s 2, but could manage only one scoring play. Freshman Kim Ridge scored the goal on assists from freshman Sarah Ponsington and Schwartz at the end of the first half.

Next up for the Lady Saints will be regional playoff action this week. Aquinas will face Indiana Wesleyan in the opener. If successful, AQ could possibly face a rematch with Madonna in the second game. Not many people are expecting much from the team at this point, but that seems to be just the way they like it.

Volleyball finishes third place in WHAC

by The Times staff

The women’s volleyball team ended its regular season on a high note, despite a deep split that resulted in two 3 losses in the space of a week.

“We’re playing the best we’ve played in ten days. We’re flat for awhile,” said Coach Marc Schulte before the team’s Nov. 6 match against Concordia in the first round of the WHAC Tournament. Results of the meet were not available as of press time. The winner of the match will meet number two seed Cornerstone during the WHAC Semifinal Tournament Nov. 9.

“We hit the middle of the season and it was just draining,” said junior Jess Buck. “But then at practice we all started playing awesome and we snapped out of it.”

The Saints came out seeded third in the WHAC overall, behind Madonna and Cornerstone.

“We were expecting to do a little better, but third is no bad seed,” said Buck. “The teams in front of us are really tough. We definitely had our work cut out for us.”

The situation has changed a bit for Aquinas as the Saints defeated Spring Arbor Oct. 23 and Concordia Oct. 30.

“We played well and we limited our errors,” said Buck of the Oct. 30 match. “It was that simple.”

However, the Saints faltered against Madonna Oct. 26, and Cornerstone Nov. 1.

“It was a close match,” said freshman Kate Buwalda of the Cornerstone game. “It just came down to the last two points. It could have gone either direction.”

As the team headed into its tournament season, players reflected on what skills had served them best this year. Team dynamics played an important role.

“Our team finally came together as a whole,” said Bouwalski. “We became a lot more disciplined in our technical skills, and when we played teams that weren’t at our same level, we still were united in wanting to improve for the future.”

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X-country looks to Nationals

by Jackie Hurley

Contributing Writer

The men’s and women’s Aquinas cross-country teams entered the NAIA Regional Championship on Nov. 5 with intentions of improving upon their second place finishes. Foremost on the minds of objectives was running strong in order to use this meet as a springboard to the national meet.

“The men’s team finished a solid second, qualifying it for Nationals. Aquinas’ top five runners placed in the top twenty. The lead Saints pack was comprised of sophomore Phil Olson (25:40), sophomore Dan Kasprzowicz (25:52), junior Nate Kaiser (25:55), junior Dan Wilkinson (26:06), and junior Eric Eiseik (26:12).”

“We came through and ran tough. We’ll be in two weeks [at Nationals] with our best efforts yet,” said Olson.

“Team-wise, we have really come together, especially over the past three weeks,” said sophomore Joe Lynn.

The men’s team is beginning to realize its potential.

“The future is now as far as we’re concerned,” said Men’s Head Coach Mike Wojciakowski. “Each meeting, we continue to gain confidence and momentum as we head into the national meet. We’re looking to improve on our tenth-place finish from last year.”

The team’s main emphasis is on physical as well as mental toughness. “We believe that great things await those with patience, perseverance, and continuous effort,” said junior Lars Petke.

The women’s team finished fourth, led by sophomore Jenny Ziegler, who came in fifth individually at 18:26.

The field of runners takes off at the women’s NAIA Regional Tournament. The women finished fourth at the event. The men finished second and will compete at Nationals on Nov. 17.

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SPORTS

Men’s soccer has revenge in mind

by Nathan Peck and Tonya Schafer
News Editor and Editor-in-Chief

The Saints face off against Bethel today in a match that will determine who goes on to the NAIA Finals in Bowling Green. Ky. Bethel defeated Aquinas in a tournament earlier this year, but the Saints have revenge on their minds.

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view from the cheap seats

by Gabe Gagnon
Sports Editor

Note to Bud Selig – schedule all World Series games in November from now

It’s something we’re proud of, but we expected it. We’ve worked for it all year,” said

Who cited the fact that

The trip to the NAIA Semifinals comes after the disappointing loss to Cornerstone in the WHAC Semifinals Oct. 14. Aquinas had a goal late in the game called off after officials determined that time had expired. “I think we were more frustrated than anything with that situation, frustrated with our play overall,” said Keller. “The defense wasn’t clearing the ball and the offense wasn’t finishing it. The ball, we definitely should have won. We had beaten this team twice already.”

We created opportunities, but our problem was we didn’t convert,” said Rose, who cited the fact that the Saints had fifteen corner kicks without a

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Men's basketball team ready to regain edge

by Jon Bieneman

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