Sophomore Lyndsay Hardaway and junior Duffy Arter paint a fence during a volunteer session with Habitat for Humanity. The session was one of many events intended to raise awareness during the Social Action Committee’s annual Hunger and Homelessness Week, held this year from Feb. 23 to March 3.

Homelessness hits home
by Nathan Peck

Hunger and Homelessness Week provided 30 Aquinas students with an opportunity to give their time and attention to Grand Rapids ministries that serve the poor. Last week, the Social Action Committee (SAC) sponsored activities, including a tour of Heartside Ministries, a poetry reading at Dávugpá Ministries, and a Cardboard Sleep Out, that allowed students to see what the lives of the homeless are like.

"I got to know the people, to move beyond the stereotypes of what homeless people are. I got to put myself in their shoes and see where they are coming from," SAC Coordinator senior Robin Markel said.

"[The events] forced me to rethink the way I live my life." The goal of the week’s activities was to raise the community’s awareness of the conditions experienced by poor people in the Grand Rapids area.

According to Markel, the combination of on- and off-campus events contributed to the breakdown of See Homelessness P. page 3.

Service learning trips to offer spring break challenges
by Erica Schafer

As many Aquinas students plan for their spring breaks, several other students are ready to travel to different destinations for service learning projects. Numerous students will take the opportunity to learn about new cultures, meet new people, and lend a helping hand to those who are less fortunate in several locations around the country.

Students will be participating in four different service learning projects over break, ranging from building houses in Grand Rapids to exploring life in El Salvador. According to Service Learning Coordinator Eric Bridge, students who choose to participate in one of these projects get much out of them.

"Students give of themselves by applying their talents, gifts, and resources to meet community needs," Bridge said. "In doing so, students learn more about themselves - who they are and what they really value. Students engaged in service learning are challenged to learn more about social problems and work for long-term solutions." The newest project is with Kent County Habitat for Humanity. Although Aquinas students have been active with this group in the past, this is the first time they will participate in a project over spring break. Starting March 9, students will be performing light construction at a Habitat house in Hudsonville. The group will be staying in Grand Rapids during the project, and will wrap up their service on March 16.

For the second year, Aquinas students and staff will take a trip to El Salvador to participate in a service learning program. The project, called El Salvador Encounter, is in conjunction with Christians for Peace in El Salvador (CRISPaz), a faith-based organization that aids poor communities. Participants learn about economic conditions and social justice issues while meeting with influential people. Students live with citizens of El Salvador to better understand the lived reality of poverty.

Senior Jim Baird said that this year’s trip to El Salvador will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. "I won't have a chance to get once I graduate," Baird said. "There are so many requirements I still need, especially with student teaching. This is a great opportunity." The Christian Appalachian Project is in its fourth year. On March 10, a group of students from Aquinas will travel to eastern Kentucky for a week to learn about rural poverty. The group will be joining students from other colleges and universities to build and repair homes while working with members of the community. Students stay in volunteer houses while participating in various Christian Appalachian Project programs.

Edmundite Mission Corps, located in Selma, Ala., invites students to join in many different service projects based on their interests and talents. The worklong trip includes projects such as tutoring, youth work, construction, and adult day care.

Students who participate stay at a volunteer house with other Edmundite Mission volunteers who strive to live a simple Christian lifestyle and service to the poor. While in Alabama, students learn about the history of the people of Selma through many different activities. The main focus of the trip is dealing with issues involving civil rights and diversity.

Senior Shawn Gast anticipates the many benefits of volunteering in Alabama, including warm weather and having a good time. "I am looking forward to it because I have a lot of friends going with me," Gast said. "It is a rewarding way to spend spring break, by helping others."
Endowment concerns answered

Compiled by Nathan Peck

News Editor

Nation exposed to nuclear fallout, study finds

A preliminary study by the Center for Disease Control has found that nearly every person who has lived in the United States since 1951 has been exposed to radioactive fallout from American and Soviet above-ground nuclear detonations. The New York Times reported Mar. 1.

The study, which was completed in August 2001, suggests that for Americans born after 1951 "all organs and tissues of the body have received some radiation exposure."

The study speculates that the global fallout could eventually be responsible for more than 11,000 cancer deaths in the United States. The study said that any medical implications were uncertain since the average American has received almost ten times as much radiation from medical procedures like chest X-rays as from fallout from all kinds over the same period.

Shadow government revealed to be in place since Sept. 11

The Washington Post reported Mar. 1 that President Bush has dispatched a shadow government of about 100 senior civilian managers to live and work secretly outside Washington since the attacks of Sept. 11.

The classified "Continuity of Operations Plan," established during the Cold War to ensure survival of federal rule in the event of intercontinental missile attack, was activated for the first time amid fears that al Qaeda terrorists might obtain a portable nuclear weapon. Officials who are activated for the first time as "bunker duty" live and work underground 24 hours a day, away from their families.

The shadow government has sent home most of the first wave of deployed personnel, re-placing them at 90-day intervals. The number of personnel present in the bunkers fluctuates between 700s to 1500 civilians from every Cabinet department and some independent agencies.

Parishioners claim rector plagiarized sermons

The Episcopal Diocese of Michigan has placed the rector of a prominent church on temporary leave after he was accused of plagiarizing material for sermons and newswletters, The Detroit Free Press reported Mar. 1.

The Rev. Edward Mullins is prohibited from working or worshiping at Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills for 90 days, which began Feb. 1, while the diocese investigates the plagiarism accusations and other allegations, according to diocese records.

Mullins, who has been at the church for about five years, came under suspicion when members searched the Internet and found parts of his sermons written by others, parishioners said. In a complaint filed Jan. 30 that ended with the diocese, eight church members alleged 10 instances of plagiarism from March 1997 to January 2002.

Professors had raised questions as to the amount of Aquinas's endowment and debt; numbers are healthy, school says.

by Nathan Peck

News Editor

Concerns involving the financial status of the school that were raised during a Feb. 13 Academic Assembly meeting appear to have been answered. Faculty members had wondered whether the school's endowment was smaller than administrators' figures indicated.

The endowment consists of the trusts, properties, and donations the college distributes funds and earns income from through investments. Basing their estimate of the endowment's size on the amount of income generated through the school's investments, professors argued that the endowment would raise money through a roughly five percent annual interest rate.

Endowment income for fiscal year 2002 is listed on handouts distributed at the meeting was $775,000. Working this income figure backward, and keeping in mind the five percent interest, some faculty members believed that this amount could have been produced by an endowment much less than the $18 million figure offered by President Harry Knopke at the Feb. 13 meeting. Assuming that the entire amount was invested, an $18 million endowment would yield $900,000 in income.

"It is of utmost importance that any institution know the exact state of all its finances, especially something as important as a school's endowment," Vice-Chair of Community Senate junior Wes Braum said.

"I wondered, 'If our endowment is that big [$18 million], why is it making only $770,000 annually?'" Associate Professor of Political Science Roger Durham said.

"And I think that's due to the way it's invested," Knopke said.

"It's not the size of the endowment, but the way you invest and how much you receive," Durham said.

"I don't have a concern about the debt anymore," said Bob Champion, our top academic officer, "and I don't have a concern about the debt anymore.

Compiled by Nathan Peck

NEWS

Fines for domestic violence offenses to pay for special prosecutors

Allegan County will receive more than $56,400 under the program during the upcoming fiscal year, but will cover only 60 percent of the cost of employing the prosecutors, along with a new part-time secretary position to handle domestic violence cases.

Bob Champion, who came to Allegan County as an assistant prosecutor about a year after having worked as a domestic-violence prosecutor in Kalamacon County, says the importance of an experienced prosecutor in handling abuse cases cannot be overemphasized.

"Victims of domestic violence, for a number of reasons, find it difficult to participate in the prosecution. And often, juries don't understand why a victim wouldn't want to participate and testify against someone who's beating them," Champion said. "It takes a special type of prosecution."
LaDuke brings spirit of reform to Aquinas

Former candidate for vice president was the keynote speaker at on-campus event by Sandy Hines

Contributing Writer

"There's better ways to figure out how to boil water than with a nuclear reaction. That is absurd. It's like taking a chain saw to butter," said Winona LaDuke during a March 2 speech at Aquinas College.

LaDuke, a nationally-known political activist, was the keynote speaker during Resourceful Women: A Student Conference, sponsored by the Jane Hibbard Idema Women's Studies Center. This was the conference's fourth year, and it celebrates women's contributions, past and present.

LaDuke's remarks as vice-president running mate of Ralph Nader on the Green Party brought her to national prominence. LaDuke spoke to the audience of 200, saying that everyone can take an active part in making a difference for future generations. She called for more private citizens to become public citizens.

"Raise your voice for a larger good," LaDuke said.

Resourceful women such as LaDuke are taking issues concerning the environment and human rights to the forefront. She advocates becoming involved and aware of community problems.

"It felt it was really inspiring in a sense that you just have to get involved in your community locally," Continuing Ed student Joy Stager said. "The ripple effect goes far beyond what you might ever be conscious of."

LaDuke's remarks were diverse, touching on the need for more in government, issues regarding health care, and the working poor.

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Winona LaDuke, candidate for vice president in 2000, spoke at the Resourceful Women conference in the Jarecki Center March 2.

"I'm glad I went," philosophy student Ben Bargis said. "She had a lot of very good information to impart."

LaDuke brings spirit of reform to Aquinas

Homelessness

students' stereotypes about homeless people and moved students out of their "comfort zone."

"I think just hearing from someone on the streets, someone who spent a lot of his life without a home, put a human face on the people who live there. It was foreign to us anymore," Mankel said.

"Participants came with their eyes opened to something they were not previously aware of."

Junior Carla Johnson found the poetry reading at Dégagé particularly moving. Walter, a man brought to campus during last year's Hunger and Homelessness Week, and a woman known as "Shakka Boom," read from their work.

Each presented his or her disparate view on the experience of being homeless.

"Carl writes about hope. He comes from the same background as the other speaker, but he maintains a spiritual perspective," Johnson said.

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USDA: Butterflies may not fly free

by Lisa A. Brown

A proposed rule being considered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) would prohibit interstate shipment and release of six different types of butterflies.

The intent ban would prevent the shipping, release, and sale of the following butterflies: eastern black swallowtail, giant swallowtail, gulf fritillary, monarch, mourning cloak, and zebra longwing.

The proposal is enjoying increased support in light of the large number of monarch butterflies that died in a winter storm this past January near Mexico. Approximately 80 percent of the monarchs in two major colonies were destroyed.

The immediate concern lies in the fact that the monarch butterfly is the only rare North American species that migrates the distance to Mexico. It is from Mexico that its offspring return to Michigan during the spring. Scientists believe that importing monarchs and releasing them in Michigan could upset the natural instincts of the monarchs.

Will this rule affect instructors at Aquinas who often use butterflies in their curricula to stimulate interest in learning?

"I am not aware of such a ruling. I do know that you need a permit to ship live butterflies and that you cannot release some species across the Continental Divide," Assistant Professor of Biology Robb Bajema said.

The USDA says that butterflies could still be imported for scientific purposes. Rather, much of the controversy surrounding the USDA's proposal involves butterflies being sold to zoos for to be used in butterfly releases. Breeders argue that a prohibition against importation would destroy their businesses while proponents of the measure insist that butterfly releases upset an area's ecology and that butterflies grown by breeders typically end up the victims of predators.

Frederick, Meijer Gardens already goes through a rigorous USDA application process to obtain butterflies from Asia and Central America for its Butterflies Are Blooming exhibit. The exhibit began March 1 and runs through April 30.

"I submit a form to the USDA office in Maryland applying for permission to import foreign insect species. The information on this form includes the purpose for the butterflies, at what port they will be arriving, exactly what type of insect we're requesting for import, and so on," Lucinda Grover, containment director and conservatory curator for Meijer Gardens, said.

Grover submits a standard operational procedure. This describes in detail what the conservatory is like, how big, what types of plants, what type of air handling units are in operation, and how they are set up to discourage butterflies from escaping (airlock, air curtains at doorways, etc.).

"It also states what we are set up to do in case of emergency and the like," Grover said. "Send along a list of butterfly species I would like to have. They okay everything and send along my permit request to Lansing and it's approved there. We have a local USDA representative who comes to our exhibit, frequently unannounced, to check on things and to make sure everything is working."

The USDA is reviewing the matter and, according to a new rule in The Grand Rapids Press, representatives could not anticipate how long the process will take. The organization solicited comments from the public via its web site and will now either modify the proposal, implement it as is, or drop it altogether.

Taking a look at tenure

A brief guide to how professors gain their academic freedom

by Nathan Peck

Tenure. What is it? Why should students care?

"Tenure is defined as continuing appointment with the college until retirement. Tenure is an important consideration for students because it ensures that a professor cannot be removed for what he or she says in a classroom or for a controversy," Provost Ed Balog said. "The dean, departmental chair, and student evaluations...provide us with enough material to base a decision as to whether to continue a professor's appointment with the college."

Faculty members are hired as either assistant, associate, or full professors. In each case, the probationary period—the time in which faculty may be removed, differs, ranging from seven to four to three years respectively. One year before the end of the probationary period, professors are informed whether the college will retain them.

Instructors are reviewed annually by guidelines set forth in the faculty handbook. The criteria include teaching and professional development in the field, co-curricular activities such as advising or involvement with a campus group and participation in representative activities such as community or professional groups. During the probationary period, the department chair and dean can visit the faculty member's classes and evaluate his or her performance there.

During the sixth year of a faculty member's time at Aquinas, the Rank and Tenure Committee, which consists of tenured faculty elected to two-year terms, evaluates the cases. According to Balog, professors are given one year's notice to find employment if they will not be offered tenure.

The committee evaluates candidates for tenure based on how they upheld the goals of higher education in general and the values of the institution in particular. Criteria differ from one college to the next.

"The University of Michigan, for example, focuses more heavily on research and publication. Balog said. "Aquinas, on the other hand, is a teaching school, so there is a focus on the classroom."

The faculty body makes a recommendation to the provost as to whether the professor would receive tenure or promotion. The committee and provost's evaluation is presented to the president. If the president is in favor, the decision is passed along to the Trustees Committee on Academic and Faculty Affairs. The recommendation then makes a recommendation to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees is the body that extends contracts on the president's recommendation. If trustees agree, the faculty member receives tenure.

"Tenure was established several years after the end of World War II by the American Association of University Professors to protect academic freedom," Balog said. "It ensured that professors could not be fired for something said in the classroom related to their teaching."

Tenure provides faculty members with a degree of job security, but it does not give faculty members free rein.

"If there were a reduction in faculty, for instance, tenure would be the last to go. If we were to remove a course or major, we would make every effort to find employment for a tenured faculty member at the school," Balog said.

"Faculty can be dismissed only with cause, such as incompetence or morally- questionable behavior."
OPINION

Should a casino be in the cards for Dorr?

The Gun Lake Band of Potawatomi Indians has been campaigning to build a casino in Dorr, 20 minutes south of Grand Rapids. Supporters say this would bring millions of dollars in revenue to the area, while opponents cite the chance of increased gambling addiction as a reason why plans should be nixed. The issue raises several questions: would a casino really benefit the area? Is allowing Native Americans to build casinos free of tax constraints an appropriate method of paying them back for the government's prior abuses?

And, at the root of the issue: is legalized gambling something the nation should be putting its stamp of approval on, anyway?

Would a casino benefit the greater Grand Rapids area?

Yes. Casinos are a major attraction. One needn't look farther than Las Vegas or Atlantic City, or, even closer yet, Mount Pleasant, Sault Ste. Marie, or Manistee to prove that point. Granted, these casino towns attract people for many reasons, but there is no doubt that the presence of casinos plays a factor. Moreover, casinos benefit the community in several ways. For instance, tribal-run casinos are not-for-profit organizations. Under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, tribal casinos, like the one proposed for the site south of Grand Rapids, must put all revenue toward governmental or charitable purposes. Tribal casinos are also responsible for multi-million-dollar contributions to the surrounding, non-Indian communities. In addition to these contributions, the proposed casino would benefit the Grand Rapids area in other ways. In conjunction with the soon-to-be completed DeVos Place convention facilities, a casino near Grand Rapids would help draw major conventions that might otherwise be attracted to cities like Las Vegas that are traditional major conference sites. A casino also contributes employment opportunities to non-Indian peoples, thus acting as a possible economic stimulus to the tense West Michigan economy.

Are casinos an appropriate means of compensating Native Americans?

Yes. According to federal court rulings, gaming is a right of Native Americans. Therefore, Native Americans have full legal ability to make money using such operations. Since most patrons are non-Indians, casino gaming does provide a means of sustenance for tribes that are otherwise poorly funded by the federal government. By being able to operate casinos, tribes can now take care of their people more efficiently. In addition, gaming provides a less controversial means of income than other, more volatile methods. For example, tribal commercial fishing operations harvest fish that are planted by the Department of Natural Resources, which is funded by non-Indian sportmen and women. Therefore, the commercial harvest by the tribes becomes a sore point between the involved entities. Each group believes that the other is taking something belonging to itself. Casinos possibly eliminate these altercations, making life easier for all those involved and working to patch relations between Native Americans and non-Indians.

Should the government support legalized gambling?

No. A government's role is to provide for its citizens, not turn them into addicts. Some might say that, through lotteries, the government is doing the former, using revenues to fund education efforts and related programs. Yet as the prevalence of state-sponsored gaming increases, so does the rate of addiction. After riverboat casinos were legalized in Iowa, the percentage of adults considered gambling addicts in that state was more than tripled. By giving the thumbs-up to casinos and the lottery, then, the government is perpetuating activities that come at a cost in the form of lost productivity among those who find themselves addicted to the allure of plinking quarters and scratch-off squares. Legislators realize this, yet they still encourage the public to spend its money on this form of entertainment. The National Gambling Impact Study Commission found that coordinators of Ohio's Super Lotto game organized promotions to coincide with citizens' receipt of government benefits and Social Security checks. Many Social Security recipients can barely afford groceries each month, and they've got the state telling them to blow their money on lotto tickets? Greed: it's another reason the government should stay out of the gaming business.

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Students, faculty, and staff packed the Wege Ballroom Feb. 13 to hear primatologist Jane Goodall speak about her experience with the environment. A rare opportunity, indeed, as world-renowned anthropologists don’t make pit stops at small, midwestern, liberal arts colleges on a daily basis.

An hour before Goodall stepped up to the podium, attend­ers began filling the four hundred chairs that had been arranged around the room.

Forty-five minutes before the speech, all seats had been filled and newcomers were forced to rest their backs against the nearest wall.

Fifteen minutes later, the tide continued unabated. Faces were turned toward the possibility of watching five hundred-plus people collapse on the floor from lack of oxygen, or organ­izers turned lacemakers away.

Looks like the school’s PR machine worked a little too well. However, this Times View is not about the anger some students felt at being denied access to an on-campus event that students from other schools were allowed to attend. hindsight is 20/20, lessons were learned, and it’s unlikely the situation will repeat itself.

In fact, school organizers had wanted to swap locations for what they knew would be a popular event, moving it to the more-spa­cious Fieldhouse, but Goodall’s people preferred the Ballroom, re­sulting in the inevitable sardine-con­gestion that talk about administra­tion’s attempts at dealing with de­clining attendance at campus events and enrollment in student clubs and organizations.

In any wonder? We have a million different things on our plates as we make the transition from sheltered high schoolers to world-wide workers.

Journalist Ann Marie Caffrey notes, “researching the job mar­ket, rehabilitating my resume and re­inforcing my outlook on life...tires me, and something to apathy, like one long glorious rain, seems at­tractive.”

Add to that the burden of tests, paper-at-full-time or full-time jobs, and, when time permits, the occasional trip home to see the folks funding all of the above, and suddenly attending a political speech by a white-haired guy with middle-age spread doesn’t exactly seem like a top priority.

Unless, of course, it’s some­one with international renown, like Jane Goodall, and we can make our friends and families jeal­ous later by bragging that we’ve seen “Fa­mous Person X” live and in the flesh.

We’re results-oriented. If we can’t see the consequences soon, if not immediately, after our ef­forts to produce them—and if we don’t perceive that those conse­quences will affect us directly—in a positive way—we’re not inter­ested.

Filling out an application gets us a job. Studying for a test will hopefully get us an “A.” But going to a speech or a poetry read­ing—where is the concrete reward, that pat on the back—we’ve come to expect for doing anything that’s followed by the words “It’s what you’re supposed to do?”

There is none. Not immedi­ately, anyway. There are intangible rewards, though, and we already know what they are, a stake in the community gained by learning about issues that will af­fect us not only today but in the years to come.

At some point, we have to toss aside that sense of apathy that tells us “We’re not in the ‘real world’ yet, we don’t have to worry about this” and confront these is­sues head on. Now is a perfect op­portunity.

The anti-hellish missile crisis, the political situation in Ti­bet, the changing face of feminism, the abortion industry—experts on each of these subjects have come to Aquinas within the past few months, and their collective insight can be a valuable tool if we only take advantage of it.

Of course, it’s impossible to attend every event on campus nor should we be expected to. Sometimes the number of flyers poring around Aquinas creates such a bewildering rainbow of oppor­tunities that we want to run away from it screaming and none out to the safe, warm glow of a TV screen. Other events are publicized inadequately, hidden only in the small type of Campus Correspon­dence.

Yet if each student goes to one non-required event here, an­other there, attendance levels will pick up. They may not reach Jane Goodall-esque proportions, but they will, at any rate, ensure that the massive turnout at Gen Ed pre­sentations isn’t an anomaly, but a regular occurrence, a sign that stu­dents are interested in their school and in the world around them.

Looking for a way to get involved on campus? Work for The Times! Contributing writer and photographer positions are open. Call ext. 4106 for more information.

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College students have many options along with the freedom that accompanies their high school diplomas. Typically, most incoming freshmen live in dorms, with a few living at home and commuting. But what about other students, those who have already been here at least one year? The first thing they should consider is where they want to live: on campus or off. In making this decision, it is helpful to weigh the pros and cons of both options.

Where do you want to live?

For every advantage, there is almost always a disadvantage. One of the biggest advantages to living on campus is that students don't need to cook for themselves. They get a meal plan, and they can eat in either Wege or the Corner Café. “It's more convenient, especially when I'm coming back from class,” freshman Payna Rowe said.

The disadvantage? That also means they have to eat in either Wege or the Corner Café. “Sometimes dinner is just reheated lunch,” Rowe said.

Next point. Students who live on campus always have someone to talk to. They are surrounded by hundreds of people living in the same situation, so they rarely ever get lonely.

They rarely ever get time to themselves either, unless they have a single room or a constantly-absent roommate. “Sometimes people do things that get on your nerves,” said senior Beth Cigler, who used to live on campus and now lives off campus. “It's important to work out the problems right then and there.”

Convenience is a big advantage to living on campus, especially at Aquinas. Everything is five minutes away, and if students don’t have cars, they can walk to Eastown or D&W for nearly anything.

“There's enough stuff around here to get by,” said freshman Charlie Pizanis, who lives in St. Joe's and doesn't own a car. “Normally, I just walk wherever I need to. If I get a job off campus, I'd probably buy a car but right now it's not that hard.”

There are also great resources on campus as far as people go. With the number of apartments and project houses, many upperclassmen live on campus, so if underclassmen need help with higher level classes, they can almost always find someone to assist them.

“I've gotten to know lots of upperclassmen and they’re all really nice,” Rowe said.

Living off campus has advantages and disadvantages as well. Students aren’t stuck eating at only Wege or the Corner Café, but they also must cook for themselves. Most college students' recipe books don't go much farther than ramen noodles and macaroni and cheese.

Freedom is a big issue while in college, and living off campus provides a more realistic sense of independence than does living in the dorms. Resident Advisors provide students with programming opportunities that allow them to meet other members of the on-campus community. Yet they are also there to make sure students follow the rules. Those who don’t like to do so will find living off campus gives them a bit more freedom.

Many believe the biggest disadvantage of living off campus is that students don’t always know what is going on. “I feel like I have to make an extra effort. I don’t see many of the signs and posters because I’m not around as much. I’m out of the loop,” Cigler said.

On campus or off, one option doesn’t seem better than the other. The thing students should keep in mind when looking for housing is that they want to choose something that will fit them and their personalities the best. Once they decide what is best for them, the hard part comes in.
You’re living with who?

Uh oh. A student has four close friends and has decided that it is best to live on campus for another year. Only four can live in a suite. What to do and how to approach the issue without stepping on anyone’s toes?

Many people take it as a personal insult if one of their friends doesn’t want to live with them. Keeping this in mind, students should approach the situation non-confrontationally. The way they can do this is by talking about it with everyone they would possibly live with. This provides a chance to bring everything out in the open.

Be honest. Just because someone doesn’t want to live with another person doesn’t mean he or she doesn’t like that person anymore. Some people can’t live with each other, and if a student recognizes this, he or she can avoid conflict by choosing to confront the situation right from the start.

Pizanis says that communication played a major role in the success of his experiences with a former roommate. “We had an understanding about our routines. We gave each other our space so there weren’t many problems in that regard,” Pizanis said.

The best thing a student can do when choosing housing is to not ignore it. Start looking early to avoid hurt feelings. Weigh all the options. And if a student decides to live on campus next year, he or she should make friends with someone who has a car. Fast.
Bono's music is about more than the present and the future. It's about the inherent struggle of blending politics and art in order to make a change we want to see in the world.
Guest Movie Review:

A Beautiful Mind

by Stephanie Pierce

Shake off the winter blues and let your imagination run wild! From sculpture to pottery, painting, ceramics, and drawing, the Aquinas Student Show offers something for everyone.

Each year budding artists and art majors submit one to four pieces of art that they have created in an Aquinas class. A group of art professors looks carefully at the submissions, then chooses the best of each student's work.

"We encourage all students to participate," Professor of Art Steve Schousen said. "It is an inclusive show."

The Student Show, located in the Art and Music Center and running April 5, has a variety of subjects and more than 30 pieces by more than 15 students. Subject matter ranges from self portraits, nature, still lifes, religion, and found sculptures made up of everyday objects.

The show also features a variety of materials, from marbles, forks, pipes, reflectors, and plaster, to clay and metal. Each piece of art takes the viewer on a different journey.

"It's amazing that you can create anywhere from around Grand Rapids ("Bridges of Grand Rapids") to the waves of the sea ("Laeques Under Mondrain") by Russ McCray) and even into the rain forest ("Lizard Pitcher" by Susan Stakel). Each submission also has a certain feeling surrounding it. Playfulness, real life, chaos, emptiness, serenity, and the beauty of nature are just a few.

Certain pieces, such as "Lizard Pitcher" have a sense of delicacy, fragility, and creativity. Viewers' minds are allowed to run wild because they do not have the luxury of being able to ask the artist what inspired each piece.

By knowing only the title, the viewer is allowed his or her own interpretation of what is going on inside each piece of art.

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Aquinas Student art on display in AMC

by Elizabeth Wagenseil

Entertainment Editor

So have you seen that Reelc magazine? It's free and it's swimming all over Grand Rapids. I actually just picked one up one from outside The Times office door! I'm flipping through it and, yeah, their events section is a gazillion times more detailed than this one.

They have a lot more room, though, and although I'm a little disheartened, I'll list for you what I can. I'm urging you to pick up this magazine for yourself.

Concerts and Shows

Wow. Looking through Reelc again... I had no idea there are so many things going on at local bars! If only I would drink more often. Errr....

Duel! The St. Cecilia Music Society is presenting an Eight Piano Concerto. Yes you heard me correctly, that's EIGHTY damaged pianos being played at the same time! Wow, ya'll.

And...are you ready? - A brand new piece especially written for eight pianos will also be performed. The concert is at 24 Ramsay Ave. NE in downtown Grand Rapids at 8:00 p.m. and March 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Finally, Dashboard Confessional, Bon Kweller, and Anniversary are playing at Clutch Cargo in Detroit March 27. GO! Bon Kweller's coolness, and you've perhaps heard Dashboard Confessional on WGRD. I know I have. How to tell? The ingenious lyrics "I wonder/ How you're making out/ But for as far as I wish I were anywhere with anyone/ Making love to you/"

St. Patrick's Day Fun and Love

I've decided to do away with the other sections in this issue in celebration of my favorite holiday, St. Patrick's Day.

It's March 17 (just in case you forget) and there is no good excuse not to participate in this wonderful celebration of all things Irish.

Get the party started March 16 at 8:00 p.m. at the Van Andel Museum where The Kwells will be playing. Described as the museum's "Favorite Irish local band," they'll be performing a variety of traditional and contemporary Irish songs.

Another suggestion for Irish fun comes from the grand opening of the Aquinas student and participant in last year's Ireland program. She's in the process of the museum's "Favorite Irish local band," and "Working through Recoil entertaining the audience at a Dine Out in rural Ireland."

As my wife and I walked out of the theater, I saw posters for the summer twin We σaw odors and it seems that they have English.

"Dead Poets Society? Carpe diem. Use, for music, at least some bearing, although A Beautiful Mind has the more introspective story. Thanks to this movie, math has top honors. In your face, The Ageony and the Ecstasy."

"My wife and I walked out of the theater, I saw posters for the summer twaddle awaiting our entertainment dollar. Men in Black II, Blade 2, Ice Age, etc. Trip. A Beautiful Mind was so thoroughly good that all others will be silly in comparison.

So follow John Nash's advice: Make the tough decision this summer, the one that nobody understands. Skip the movies: they will not change your lives.

Read library books and put your money in an IRA. You want to win, don't you?"

Entertainment

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by Michael McDaniel

Assistant Professor of Mathematics

The first spoken word in A Beautiful Mind is "mathematicians." I was happy to hear that.

"Imagine belonging to a profession that, in these politically correct times, can still be safely mocked." At an Aquinas Fall Institute a few years ago, the speaker picked on mathematics, the mathematicians, the fields medal, and all the photography," Kathy Halloran, a local visitor, said.

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by Joe Boomgaard

Staff Writer

What happened to heavy metal music? Today's radio seems overloaded with bands made from cookie-cutter imitations of the lackluster notion, in which the best offerings are feared to be a favorite headbanging anthem. In addition, Osbourne and from his supporting role in the metal mold, of which the best offerings are truly lives up to his name. Fans of Wylde's trademark pinch harmonics will be pleased with "Lords of Destruction" and "Genocide Junkie," which are loaded with the familiar squelching.

Moreover, Wylde has had other projects throughout his career, which started at the age of 19 when Osbourne hired him to replace Jake E. Lee as guitar­ist. During a break in touring with Ozzy, Wylde started a southern rock trio, Pride & Glory, whose eponymous album blended the sounds of Black Sabbath with Lynyrd Skynyrd. Later, Wylde re­corded, and the most artistic moment Wylde has produced to date.

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Sports Announcements
Free Force Tickets

The Aquinas Times is offering two tickets to a Grand Rapids Force volleyball game. Tuesday, March 19. To win, write your name, extension, and address on a piece of paper and drop it off in The Times office in the lower level of Wege. Or send an email with your name, extension, and address to AQTimes@hotmail.com. Deadline is March 13. One winner will be randomly drawn.

NCAA March Madness
March Madness is approaching fast and The Times wants you to get involved. The Times is offering a $10 gift certificate to The QB Time Cafe to the winner of the March Madness contest. Just print out a bracket form online, and send it to The Times office.

Sports Editor

Aquinas, finishing sixth in the WHAC, began the WHAC Tournament in Indiana Feb. 20 facing the hosting Warriors of third-place Indiana Tech. A loss would send them packing. However, Aquinas escaped with a 69-68 win.

The USPV mission, according to its web site (http://www.uspv.org), is "to create a thriving investment climate that will facilitate this objective, team executives like the Forces' Director of Media Relations Macey Boerema believe there is something that is exciting, something that is loud, or at least something that won't put me to sleep. Like snowboarding. These guys are unreal. The stuff they can do in the air puts Tony Hawk to shame.

Not only is snowboarding a much more entertaining sport to watch, the athletes are just way cooler than those halftube silver medalist Danny Kass for example. Kass is 19 and says he enjoys snowboarding, hanging out with friends, and drawing. Most of his artwork he puts on his board. (Do curlers have their artwork on their stones?) Kass also sometimes wears Walman when he competes. How cool is that? If only everyone got to jam to his or her favorite tunes while at work. Kass and some friends from high school even formed a band called Best Metal. Kass is the lead singer.

This is the type of athlete I respect. A young guy who does the sport because he loves it and who is into other things as well.

I've heard stories of skaters who drop out of high school and move in with their coaches so that they can focus all their attention on skating. Sure, I could've been an Olympic skater if my bed wasn't next to the sink and my meals were served only if I nailed a triple lutz.

I think the greatest thing about snowboarding are the names of the tricks. Pulling off an inverted rodeo 720, or a McTwist 900 just sounds awesome. Kass's older brother Matt invented his signature move, the Kassoll.

Now, I'm not trying to say that all the other sports in the Olympics are boring and the athletes are not exciting. No way, we've still got hockey! Hockey has got to be the best Olympic sport. And if it wasn't for college football and pro baseball, it would be the best sport ever.

People say that professionals should not be allowed to compete in Olympic hockey. Why the heck not? The skaters, figure skaters, and yes, even curlers, make a living competing.

So just because these guys make millions of dollars and the Olympics happen to fall right in the middle of their season, they _should_ get to play. B.S! The Olympics are about getting the best athletes in the world to compete for their countries. That's exactly what they do.

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**SPORTS**

**Spring Sports Preview**

**Bocian leaving, but baseball team hopeful**

by Andrew Kill

Contribution Writer

March 6, 2002

The year was 1972. Richard Nixon was president, bell-bottoms swallowed feet whole, and Terry Bocian began his first year as head coach of the Aquinas baseball team.

Three decades, more than one thousand wams, and an NAIA Hall of Fame induction later, Bocian has relinquished his head coaching duties.

Are the Saints panicizing now that the familiar field general will no longer be patrolling the dugout?

Not if senior outfielder Chad Hansen is any indication.

"We believe we have a good shot at winning the region and earning a trip to the NAIA World Series," Hansen said.

Leading the defending conference champion Saints toward this lofty goal will be the team's new head coach, Doug Greenslate. Greenslate served 17 seasons under Bocian as the Saints' pitching coach.

In addition to his considerable coaching experience, Greenslate has also brought with him an easy-going attitude.

"During practice there's a more laid-back atmosphere," Hansen said. Junior infielder Scott Host agrees with his teammate. "Practices are more upbeat," Host said.

In addition to the more relaxed environment, other changes are in store for the 2002 Saints.

"This year we're looking to be more aggressive on the base paths," Hansen said. Host again agreed with his teammate's analysis. "We want to hit and run more this year."

Although the Saints will undergo some alterations, at least one aspect of last year's team will remain the same. The Saints' success once again will depend largely on the arms of their pitchers.

"We'll be led by our pitching staff, especially Brandon Bailey," Host said.

Bailey, a senior, is a returning All-American who will be relied on more heavily in the wake of All-Conference pitcher Sean Ford's departure due to graduation.

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**Saints softball is looking to conference title and beyond**

by Nathan Peck

News Editor

The Aquinas softball team is rebuilding and looking to the 2002 season with its sights set on another conference title.

"Coming off a 46-13 season, a conference title, and a berth at Nationals, the team is working to replace last season's infield, which graduated in 2001. The pressures have increased since the team's success in 2001. The team is working to get the best of Cornerstone in the NAIA Region Eight Tournament Championship in 2001. Aquinas finished on top of the WHAC with a 23-5 conference record."

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"We won't be as dominant as we were last year right away. We are rebuilding, but I think we will be good," Mullay said.

**Florida trip looking to strengthen tennis teams**

by Tonya Schafer

Editor in Chief

With spring break matches in Florida looming large, the men's and women's tennis teams are on their way in what they hope will be promising seasons in the NAIA A23 NAIA ranking and a victory in the Great Lakes City Tournament suggests that the men are off to a good start. Coach Jerry Hendrick says that senior Kurt Brummel is the powerhouse of a team that also features strong performances from returning senior Tom Huzing, and returning sophomores Jason Winegar and Nate Price.

The four were among the top six players on the AQ team last school year and Brummel was WHAC Player of the Year in 2001.

Both he and Huzing have accumulated 100 career wins throughout their time at Aquinas.

Yet Hendrick notes that the team's strength ultimately depends on its collective efforts. "Kurt sets the tone, but we win by playing hard. We don't have any superstars, we have a team of solid players."

Hendrick is looking to strong performances from freshmen Matt Ganner and Jaden Walsh, both All-State players in high school, as well as the efforts of junior Tim Ruffini and sophomore Brian Ahrens.

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