WAOU 1590 plans to broadcast to campus March 1

by Bridie Kent

The brightly painted walls inside the studio of WAOU, Aquinas’ once-thriving student radio station, are again illuminated. A tangled mess of wires under the desk reveals that the station has a little ways to go to prepare for the first broadcast of the academic year on March 1.

When asked if he knew anything about the studio equipment, a small wooden soundboard, a turntable, and a stereo among other things, Program Director Andrew Cheff shook his head. "Nope," he said with a grin. "We know it’s old." DJ Dave Doppel agreed. The Aquinas freshmen were awaiting the arrival of a sound technician to show them the ropes of this foreign equipment.

Until recently, the studio, located on the lower level of the Wege Center, was dark and vacant due to last year’s shutdown, a result of non-compliance with FCC regulations. The station ran into trouble when off-campus residents complained that they could hear the broadcasts in their homes, and that the programming was in bad taste.

Now, a group of students composed entirely of freshmen, with little or no radio experience, are preparing to undertake the task of bringing WAOU back to the airwaves.

Despite the remaining work it will take to bring the station back up and running, members of the crew are eager to see a campus radio station implemented, working 6-7 hours a day to get the station where it needs to be for the opening, says Station Manager Sam Gamer.

Most of the work involves cataloging the station’s 900 volumes of music, consisting mainly of CDs and about 35 vinyl albums. Gamer has been pushing for student-run radio since last semesters. It has been a difficult task, he said, because of the circumstances surrounding the shut-down.

WAOU is funded by the Aquinas College Community Senate, and the funds have been available since last semester. Re-certifying the station, including royalties to Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI), the performing rights organization that WAOU utilizes, has meant a great deal of the operating budget.

Campus Life Director Jesse Grant had the task of navigating through regulatory issues. Now, he says, he is ready to let the students do their work. "We’re committed to trying our best in our work. Sometimes it seems like the students don’t feel as if they’re a part of the social fabric of AQ," Grant said.

According to figures released by the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Embassy in Haiti released around one security-related message per month to U.S. citizens traveling in the country in 2002 because of "violent or unstable conditions."

Eric Bridge, the Coordinator of Service Learning, heads the Aquinas Haiti program. After several conversations with Aquinas President Harry Knopke about the current situation in Haiti, the two have decided to cancel this year’s trip.

Before coming to this decision the program’s advisors and the administration reviewed cancellation of the trip for the most part are understanding of the reasoning. Students formally involved in the Haiti Trip may not be completely without an alternative. Bridge hopes to be able to arrange an integration of the Haiti students into the Aquinas El Salvador program.

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Although this semester’s trip is cancelled, Aquinas will still continue its partnership with its sister school in Haiti. Through the Haiti Connection, Aquinas College partners with the Andre Pierre School in Borel, Haiti. Each year, by way of individual contributions, the Haiti Connection provides funding for seven Haitian teachers.

Jam time WAOU music director Rob Sturk checks out some of the equipment in the station’s studio in the lower level of the Wege Student Center. The station will re-open after more than a year of being off-air.

Haiti service learning trip cancelled, safety reasons indicated

by Leah Herland

The Haiti program has been cancelled this year because of safety concerns about the political stability of the country. The Haiti program is part of the Aquinas Campus Ministry, Service Learning programs.

Students in the program learn about poverty and development through experiencing life in Haiti, visiting the Andre Pierre School and working in a children’s hospital.

Haiti has experienced a succession of dictatorships, violence, decrease in the school enrollment, and continues to battle a 60-80 percent unemployment rate today. The current leader of Haiti, Jean Aristide, a former Catholic priest, has faced extreme opposition and it is believed that the up-coming elections will increase tensions.

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This decision however, was very disappointing to many. Tom Eggleston, who works with Eric Bridge, was one of the individuals. "It’s a shame. One thing that drew me to Aquinas was the ideals here, the ideal to stand courageously in adversity," said Eggleston.

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**News Briefs**
compiled by Joe Boomgaard
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**Michigan man flagged for noise violation**

After several complaints from neighbors, the Macomb County Chesterfield Township police department issued a ticket to Ray Saelds for having a "noisy" American flag, according to a recent article in the Macomb Daily. Saelds is reported to have placed the 50-foot flagpole in the backyard of his Anchor Bay home after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in 2001.

"Never in a million years did I think I would bother someone by flying a flag," Saelds said in an interview with the newspaper. The noise from the 18 by 20 foot flag in question prompted Saelds' neighbor, Mark Grucz, to file a complaint that resulted in a warning from the police. According to the complaint, Grucz said that the noise from the flag was disturbing his sleeping.

After the incident, Saelds raised a "quieter" polyester flag rather than a nylon one, according to the recommendation of flag supplier Rocket Enterprises, even though, according to the company, the flag would not fly as well. In addition, he switched to non-metallic clips to hold the flag, to decrease the noise of the metal clips contacting the pole.

"To me, the noise of the flag is the voices of everyone who's died for this country," Saelds told reporters. Saelds is reported to have paid $200 for the flag.

**Two Marines arrested in bomb plot**

Two enlisted US Marines stationed at Camp Lejune, North Carolina, and a third person were arrested last week on charges that they were plotting to plant a bomb at the base. Lance Cpls. Richard Morrison, 22, and Richard Thomas Meaders, 22, as well as Jordan Rebecca Lynn Smith, 27, were taken into custody on February 8 in Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania, and were accused of criminal conspiracy to cause or risk catastrophe and making terrorist threats, according to both CNN and AP reports.

Police officials indicated that the trio had downloaded bomb-making instructions from the Internet and were overdue by Morrison's sister planning to use a homemade device at Camp Lejune. According to the AP report, Smith supposedly admitted to the police that she and the other two had downloaded the information and made the comments, but said that she switched from their.IS" they no longer wanted to kill the military and that they had no plans to actually go through with the plot. According to reports, the suspect purportedly went to police with printouts of files that the group had downloaded and claimed that they had talked of using a bomb to kill a superior.

A search of the three suspects' shared residence in Tunkhannock turned up no evidence of bomb-making materials or other weapons. The AP report said that the two men were on an unescorted leave from Camp Lejune at the time of their arrests.

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**Nursing students plan summer trip to Kenya**

by Leah Herland
Contributing Writer

This summer eleven of Aquinas nursing students, as well as a few other individuals, will be heading to Africa with the organization Youth for Christ. The group plans to spend two weeks working in clinics in Nairobi, Kenya from July 29 through August 12.

Youth For Christ is an organization serving and working with both college and high school students. They have many branches such as campus ministries and youth outreach programs. Youth for Christ integrates international missions trips throughout the world in more than hundred countries such as Honduras, India, Russia and Kenya, and has over 22,000 staff and volunteers working around the world.

According to the organization, their mission is to emphasize learning through service in all of their missions. Although this trip is being run through Youth for Christ, its inspiration is due to sophomore nursing student Jennifer Krug. Krug lived in Kenya for two years in her childhood and has now spearheaded the entire formation of the trip.

"My goal is to finish nursing school and be a medical missionary. So this just seemed to fit really well, a group of friends were really interested and things just started to fall together," Krug said.

Krug, along with Kim Quigg from the Aquinas Health Center, is responsible for setting up the trip through Youth for Christ as well as making most of the arrangements for the group's two-week stay.

Nairobi, Kenya is an important eastern African commercial, manufacturing, financial and tourist center. With a population of more than three million people, the city is experiencing cramped conditions and is struggling with a variety of social problems. According to reports, the area has experienced a jump in crime as well as facing an increasingly corrupt police force.

Water shortages during droughts and flooding during the rainy season are another issue of concern, especially for the health of the region, Krug said. In addition, medical facilities are in short supply and underfunded. The cases of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) among the residents of Nairobi are also skyrocketing. The city has not been able to keep up with its growing population, causing many of these problems, according to Krug.

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**Former chaplain speaks about Iraq visit**

by Claire Walmont
Contributing Writer

On February 10 in the Wege Student Center's Loutit Room, Fr. John Grathwohl, a former Aquinas College chaplain, spoke to a gathering of the Aquinas community about his participa­tion in the recent Iraq Peace Jour­ney with the U.S. Religious Leaders Delegation.

The group, consisting of sixteen sisters, priests, and others associated with the Catholic Church, met in De­cember with ambassadors in Baghdad to discuss peace and their opposition to the Bush administration's push for war with Iraq.

Through details about the pediat­ric hospitals and bomb shelters he vis­ited, and with chilling statistics about the current health crisis in Iraq, Fr. Grathwohl depicted a war-torn coun­try living in fear.

"We believe that all children of God are our family, and we came to Iraq to reach out and learn more about our family there," said Fr. Grathwohl after opening his presentation with a prayer.

In his journey, the U.S. Religious Leaders Delegation sought to visit the civilians of Iraq and to offer them their sympathy and help.

Describing the Iraqis he encoun­tered as "war torn, welcoming, and able to distinguish the people of America from their government," Fr. Grathwohl related several emotional stories from his journey.

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AQ alumna starts West Michigan Woman Magazine

by Tracy Lindley

Contributing Writer

Currently gracing the magazine rack at area stores is a new magazine that is published as a complement to Aquinas College alumna, Jennifer Churchill.
The publication, West Michigan Woman, brings women’s issues and news to the Ionia and Montcalm counties.
Churchill graduated from Aquinas in 1993 with a bachelor’s degree in English literature.
Churchill holds a high regard for Dr. Andrew Jefchak, who retired in 2002.
“He directed influence and enthusiasm for literature and film and had the biggest impact on me during my stay at Aquinas,” Churchill said.
She is Ann Mason’s open-minded teaching style.
“We’ve had wonderful resources since our first issue in January,” Churchill

Jennifer Churchill

The camp will take place over a five-day period and will include various activities both on and off campus. Aquinas students and staff will be in charge of the event, which will have a capacity of twelve campers and three counselors. The young women will be lodged at Knapp Hall.

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The premiere issue of the magazine came out in January of this year. Articles that were featured in the premiere issue were penned by the likes of Diane Arvye, the executive director of the Ionia County Economic Alliance, and Pat Barsie, owner of the Celtic Path Gift Shop in Hubbardston, Mich.

M. Also, Beth O’Grady, director of the Carson City Public Library, reviewed a novel called “Slammer,” by Emma Donghue.

According to Dr. Michael McDaniel, a former student of Aquinas College and gynecologist, women who might not have a chance to excel in math and science abilities, “will find a cure for cancer!”

Michigan’s Democratic Governor Granholm emphasized Michigan’s spirit despite trying economic times in State of the State.

Granholm emphasizes strength of Michigan spirit despite trying economic times in State of the State.

by Joe Boomgaard

Assistant Editor

Michigan’s Democratic Governor Jennifer Granholm, the first woman ever to serve in that capacity in the state’s history, knew before she was sworn into office that she was going to need control of a state that was mired in a financial crisis.

Jennifer Granholm

Granholm focused on the resilient nature of Michiganders to overcome obstacles that they have been faced with throughout history.

Granholm admitted that the hardest thing for her to do was in her term as student body president.

“Two weeks ago, we lost force a $137 million cut in state aid. We need to be able to cut a heart to the heart. It was painful, if not manipulated by law,” said Granholm.

According to the governor’s figures, the state’s general fund – the source of funding for most state services – has a disparity of $1.7 billion, a figure that amounts to nearly 29 percent of the state’s general fund.

Granholm said that although she understood the budget crunch from her previous experience as a Republican state member to work together as “one Michigan family” to solve it.

“I have been in the middle of the storm,” said Granholm.

Students groups join forces to protest war on Iraq

by Joe Boomgaard

Assistant Editor

Several clubs and organizations at Aquinas are collaboratively planning to demonstrate against the war. Organizers from the Wage-Male to the federal building in downtown Grand Rapids on February 28.

“Make no mistake, no one will outvote the American people,” said Granholm. “People need to get the facts and become informed about this.”

Granholm made it all clear.

One key proposal that the governor supports is the “One Michigan Family.” A plan that emphasizes the start of a child’s education should occur at birth. As a part of this plan, Granholm advocated that every child be read to for at least one hour each day.

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Robertson places doubt in Warren Commission findings
by Annie Scott
Contributing Writer

On November 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated while his motorcade traveled through Dealey Plaza in Dallas, Texas. And on February 11, Aquinas College Associate Professor of Economics Gary Robertson delivered the lecture, "Cutting Edge Research on the Kennedy Assassination," which criticized the investigation of the assassination and tried to answer what really happened that day.

The Warren Commission concluded through its investigation that Lee Harvey Oswald fired three shots from the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository Building.

Robinson said, "There hasn’t been a public spokesman willing to defend the findings of the report." Robertson started out by showing the Zapruder film. Abraham Zapruder shot the film from his office building as the presidential motorcade passed.

The word Robertson used to describe the film the first time it is seen is “shocking” because the film shows the President grabbing his neck after the first shot, “and then his head exploding with the final shot.”

One of Robertson’s criticisms of the Warren Commission’s report is the discrepancy with Texas Governor John Connally’s testimony.

According to the Warren Commission, Robertson said, the president concluded that the first bullet fired should have struck Connally after striking Kennedy.

"Connally said he heard the first shot from behind his right shoulder," Robertson said. Then, Connally turned toward Kennedy, according to Robertson.

If this is true, Robertson argued, it would have taken .00014 seconds for the bullet to strike Connally. The Zapruder film shows Connally turning toward Kennedy to see what was going on, instead of reacting to the bullet hitting and shattering one of his rib bones, exiting then shattering his radius bone then ending up in his left leg above the knee.

Another gripe Robertson has with the Warren Commission’s report is that Kennedy’s neck wound is unaccounted for.

Robertson said that the findings show that there is no entrance wound in the back of the neck, even though the film shows Kennedy reacting to being shot in the neck. However, there is no exit wound, either.

Doctors that tried to save Kennedy’s life at Parkland Memorial Hospital claim there was an entrance wound in the front of the neck, “small with clean edges.” But there was no bullet or fragments found.

Said Robertson, "The wound in the throat is an entrance wound, with the bullet coming from the grizzly knoll." The grizzly knoll was located in front and in the right of Kennedy and allowed for what Robertson called, "such an easy shot."

This conclusion of a shot coming from the grizzly knoll was also supported by the objections of Kennedy’s body — back and to the left. If the shots had come from behind, Robertson countered, the president would have gone forward.

"I have suggested through analysis that the Warren Commission was wrong. I have ideas on who did it, but it is all speculation. The more important question is, why was Kennedy killed?" Robertson said, of the 46-year-old mystery.

Spectrum Scholarship Competition

To determine the best of the best applicants
by Thora Wease
Contributing Writer

February 15, Aquinas held its eleventh annual Spectrum Scholarship Competition Program for high school seniors.

"The Spectrum Scholarship competition is a wonderful event because it brings to Aquinas the applicants with the very highest of academic credentials," said Paul Mehan, Dean of Admissions.

The day began with a tour followed by a brunch with presentations by Mehan and Dr. Michelle Delrose from the Insignis program. Then the competition began.

This year 160 students competed for fifteen scholarships. First Place was The Jerome C. Byrne Full Tuition and Room Scholarship renewable for four years for the student who maintains a 3.7 grade point average. This student will be automatically admitted into the Insignis Honors Program.

Second Place is the John E. Veneklasen Full-Tuition Scholarship and is renewable for four years provided the student maintains a 3.5 grade point average. This student will also be admitted into the Insignis Honors Program.

Next, three recipients will receive the R. Paul Nelson Full Tuition Scholarship renewable for four years with a 3.5 grade point average.

Five students will receive the St. Catherine Scholarship valued at $1,000 annually-renewable for four years with a 3.0 grade point average.

Other participants will also receive the St. Ambrose Academic Leader or Monsignor Bukowski scholarship, both of which are renewable and dependent on grades.

The students participating in the competition are current high school seniors who have submitted their application along with their official high school transcript and SAT test scores.

Their scores and cumulative grade point average must equal a minimum of 61 points.

However, the competition doesn’t focus only on subject testing.

"During the competition we are looking for qualities that are not always apparent on a transcript, like leadership, problem solving and critical thinking. All of our participants are academically strong, but it is these additional qualities which set them apart," Mehan said.

Once they are selected to participate, the students must compete in three areas: Writing, Decision Making and Critical Thinking.

Following the tests, the students were invited to a reception and a tour of the Basilica. Results will be announced within the week.

Opposite page: Spectrum students participate in the competition.

Equality Bake Sale serves up goodies with a twist
The sale aimed to point out the wage gap between the sexes
by Joe Boomgaard

Assistant Editor

Any male going to the recently renovated Equality Bake Sale held on Friday, February 14 in the Academic Building Lobby and sponsored by the Women’s Studies Center might have noticed that their dollar was not purchasing as much as their female counterparts’ same dollar.

The Women’s Studies group deliberately factored in the disparity in prices of the continual wage gap between men and women in the United States.

“A woman makes on average 76 cents to every dollar a man makes. In other words, the average income of a woman is only 76 percent that of a man. So, if we price a cookie at 50 cents for male customers, that cookie’s price will only be 38 cents for female customers,” said Gail Gromaski, an intern at the Women’s Studies Center.

“Seventy-six cents to one dollar is a pretty big difference, and although the wage gap has narrowed from last year to 78 cents to one dollar, it still is a problem. We hope that this event will make people think about the differences in the treatment of men and women in our society.”

Nearly 20 people were involved in baking the sweets for the sale, which was the result of collaborative planning by Gromaski, Katie Jensen, director of the Jane Hibbard Idema Women’s Studies Center Dr. Susan Haworth-Hoepner, and Lisa Yarotz of the media center.

“The response has been very positive,” said Manette Clutterback, assistant professor in-the-college. “People look forward to it’s become a regular event on campus.”

The money being raised for this event will go toward an educational endowment fund at the Women’s Resource Center, an organization that helps women in the job-seeking process.

Among those helping out at the bake sale was Aquinas College President Harry Knopke.

“I think that this is a great learning and eating opportunity for the campus,” Knopke said. “People get to learn a lot in a nice way — the posters seem to attract the most attention.”

The informational posters around the sale pointed to the wage gaps even among the states.

Gromaski said she hoped the bake sale would raise some awareness to the fact that there are still things for today’s women, and men, to take issue with. “Pointing out this drastic difference in income level between men and women shows that even though men may seem to be pretty much equal in terms of treatment of each gender, there is much yet to be improved in many aspects of our society,” Gromaski said.

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Who killed Kennedy?
Professor Gary Robertson answers a question about the evidence that he presented suggesting that the Warren Commission was unthorough in its investigation.

Sweets Galore Members of the Jane Hibbard Idema Women’s Studies Center make a sale at the Equality Bake Sale held on Feb. 14 in the AB Lobby.

Parade of the Insignis Honors Program members, led by Annie Scott. Contributing Writer

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Aquinas gets a taste of gospel

by Chris JaRue
Contributing Writer

The Aquinas College choir, The Aquinas Times, or Aquinas in the future. It seems that Aquinas College is once again a rare commodity, a rare commodity that not only anyAquinas student can experience a Gospel choir without going to a Sunday service or a concert. On Sunday, Feb. 16, the Aquinas College Office of Multicultural Affairs presented, "Gospel Fest 2003," in the Wege Ballroom in recognition of Black History Month. Three different gospel choirs each offered four songs to the modest gathering of listeners in attendance. The Renaissance Church of God in Christ from Grand Rapids sang first. The members of this choir were dressed in traditional African attire, with brilliant colors and relaxed fabrics that danced with energy and excitement as they swayed and moved to the music. Each tune they performed filled the room with unpredic-table passion. The second group, from Mount Moriah Baptist Worship Center, consisted of eight young women who filled the room with sweet gospel harmonies. The final group was the Second Ebenezer Baptist Church Choir from Detroit. This was their younger choir, with most members between late teens and early twenties. The younger singers waved their arms, and moved their bodies in time to the rhythm. I applaud the efforts of Aquinas College and the organizers of this event. I felt disappointed that I was the only Aquinas music student who attended, but I was even more disappointed to notice that none of the faculty or staff from the Aquinas College Music Department came to the event. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and hope to see more musical diversity at Aquinas in the future.

Darth Vader hired as head of Campus Life

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Different year, same old Tigers

by Shaun Markwart

Sports Editor

Pitchers and catchers report—those four words signify so much.

The Dawsoning of a new baseball season is just around the corner. New hope abounds for those locked out of many spring training sites throughout Florida and Arizona.

This is not the case in Lakeland, Fla., the long-time spring home of the Detroit Tigers. I crunched some numbers and found out that the Tigers have already been mathematically eliminated from playoff contention.

A look at the team's 40-man roster reveals just how far this team has fallen. These are the men who will do the "old English D" this season. Adrian Bernard, Fernando Rodney, Omar Infante, Andres Torres....

Aside from veteran knuckelballer Steve Sparks, the team doesn't have a starting pitcher with more than a year of major league experience. The team could start three infielders that were not in the big leagues at this time last year.

George Lombard, Carlos Pena, Shane Louis, Mike Maroth....

General manager Dave Dombrowski had a reputation for scraping rosters and rebuilding teams before coming to Detroit prior to last season. He can't seem to win over the fans by loading the dugout with competitive team on the field, but he's trying to make his former pupils teach their new pupils.

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Minor league pitchers. At least the Toledo Mud Hens, which will receive a ticket to Florida in exchange for three more starting pitchers from the Tigers, will be piloting a team full of minor league talent.

At his introduction news conference made it clear that the Tigers are back to the future and disassemble a team in short order. Apparently his primary reason for rebuilding includes getting rid of anyone who had a remotely productive season last year. It's been a busy and confusing off-season.

The team's home run and RBI leader Randall Simon was dealt to the Pirates for three minor leaguers in November.

The team's lone all-star, Outfielder Robert Fick was released when it became obvious he would land a pay raise through arbitration. Not good enough for the Tigers, Fick kindled a starting spot with the perennial National League East power Atlanta Braves. It's a safe bet, everything must go.

Save leader Juan Acevedo? The Tigers didn't want him, but the Braves were more than willing to pick him up.

How about the team's leader in wins? Mark Redman? He too would be willing to take too much money. $2.15 million to be specific. Of course, that isn't so much for a left-handed starting pitcher in his prime, a pitcher who had a 2.41 ERA in over 200 innings of work for a last place team. It was a breakout season for the hurler who had been acquired in a trade with the Twins in 2001. Redman's reward? A one-year deal with the Florida Marlins for three more minor league pitchers at least. The Toledo Mud Hens should field a good club.

One to keep an eye on this year is Jamie Walker, Ramon Santiago, Cody Ross....

I was under the impression that Alas Trammell and coaches Lance Parrish and Kirk Gibson all played the last team to bring a baseball championship to Detroit, in 1984. Even Sparky Anderson will be in uniform for spring training, helping his former pupils teach their new pupils.

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At his introduction news conference Trammell expressed how much it meant to be returning to the Tigers as their new skipper. He was known as a student of the game as a player and a manager. In the words of the game as a coach. He'll have his work cut out for him teaching this bunch how to play.

He better be equipped with patience, and lots of it. This team has no chance whatsoever of competing with the league's top teams this season and probably not next year either.

The fans have had more than enough. The Tigers five year rebuilding plan began in 1995. They haven't finished, above .500 since 1995. And now, they're starting over, again.

Eric Eckenstahler, Franklin German, Julian Santana, Gene Kingsley....

A new ballpark, a new general manager, a new manager, new players, but the same old Tigers.

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Saints crush Crusaders in 73-57 victory

by Leah Herland

Contributing Writer

The Aquinas men's basketball team took on the Madonna Crusaders at the Field House on Feb. 8. The Saints were able to end a four-game losing streak as well as put a halt to Madonna's five-game winning streak.

The first basket of the game went to Madonna, but that was the last time in the game that they would be ahead. Aquinas quickly began to dominate the play early in the game.

Hardly two minutes in and Aquinas was up by 11 points. The Saints held Madonna to a mere four points for the first four minutes of the game, while extending their lead. Madonna continued to struggle, but reduced the Saints' lead to five points with five minutes to play in the half.

However, a three-pointer by Johnny Angle and a lay-up by Tony Fernandez quickly put Aquinas back to a double-digit lead. Chuck Schuba also drained a three-pointer in the half and the Saints led 38-28 at halftime.

In the second half the Saints reigned down on the Crusaders, building a lead of 20 points. With 9:42 left in the game Tony Fernandez dangled the crowd with a dunk to bring the score to 63-40. He followed it up with another slam less than a minute later. This peaked the lead for Aquinas at 23 and the Saints rode the momentum through to the end of the game.

With a methodical and focused play, offensively as well as defensively, Aquinas left Madonna in utter shambles. The final score of the game was 73-57.

Madonna ended the game with a better shooting percentage, 54 percent overall, to 45 percent for Aquinas. That the Saints simply took it to the hoop more often than the Crusaders could.

Madonna also gave Aquinas nearly 20 points in free throws, to the tune that they made themselves.

Madonna might have underestimated the Saints because of their recent loses, and Aquinas capitalized. The Saints seemed to come into this game much stronger than they had in past games.

"It was a really big victory, after four losses, this helps us break a tie with Madonna and get back on the right track," Forward, Fernandez said.

Fernandez had a solid game, scoring six points in five of seven shooting. From the floor, five other Aquinas players hit double digits in points. They were Johnny Angle with 14, David Bush with 12, Mike Blicher with 11 and Chuck Schuba with 10.

The Saints are currently 5-6 in conference play and 15-12 overall. They sit in the middle of the WHAC standings as many teams are still scrambling for positioning heading into the WHAC tournament scheduled to begin on Feb. 26.
Will Mariucci make the needed changes to rouse the sleeping Lions?

by Dave Williams

Contributing Writer

Well, it finally happened. After Lions fans had a huge scare with the possibility of losing through another disappointing season with Marty Mornhinweg, they quickly fired him when the San Francisco 49ers released Steve Mariucci. Mariucci decided to come back to his home state after he was given a contract of $25 million over five years. Mariucci will probably have a bigger say in the Lions' personnel than what he had with the 49ers.

The question remains though -- can Mariucci turn the organization into winners and if he does accomplish this goal, how long will it take him?

One of the first major decisions that Mariucci will have to make is whom he wants in the first round on draft day. The Lions have the second overall pick and my guess is that they will pick Charles Rogers.

Mariucci is looking for a receiver who can stretch the field for his young quarterback Joey Harrington. Let's face it, Hakim is a decent receiver when he decides not to put butter on his hands before games, especially when he goes to Lambeau Field. Mariucci may try to draft or find through free agency a running back to go with the young quarterback.

James Stewart did rush for over 1,000 yards, but he seems to get hurt pretty often and he is not a major threat as a receiver from the backfield, an element found in most west coast offenses. Maybe the Lions will retain him for short yardage purposes, but even when they had Stewart this year in third and short or short situations, they seemed to go away empty handed. Who is to blame for that though, the circumstances, they seemed to go away empty handed.

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Lady Saints use mind, strong play to start win streak

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Lady Saints guard Kim Pomery powers her way through the Tri-State defense in the paint.

Local Sports Home Games

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2-23 vs Tampa Bay 3:00 p.m.
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2-22 vs Ishla Extremes 7:30 p.m.
Take your trash and shove it, Canada!

by Joe Boomgaard

Assistant Editor

As residents in the state of Michigan, we’ve all been the recipients of a rather unsavory gift from our Canadian neighbors to the north and east. The gift, of course, is garbage from Canadian cities.

Who would have thought that the same people who send Lhet’s and Molson in open and swelling arms to the US would now want us to accept dirty Huggies and spent Duracells with the same enthusiasm? As if that weren’t bad enough, the garbage that they are sending over is supposedly contaminated with highly toxic substances, above what prior agreements have allowed.

Jails across our county are overcrowded enough as it is, and there is plenty of room in the great Canadian wilderness for criminals to roam. Jails across our county are overcrowded enough as it is, and there is plenty of room in the great Canadian wilderness for criminals to roam. It’s time that the state of Michigan says “no thanks” to this unsavory gift from the Canadians. Any monetary gain that the state receives from this program doesn’t make up for the damages of dumping their waste in our backyards.

Perhaps we should start sending them some of the things that we really don’t want in our country. I have an idea – let’s call it a gift!

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For starters, we could send a few of our prisoners to Canada. Obviously, I’m being facetious, but if they can send us their garbage, why shouldn’t we return the favor and send them our undesirables?

Attention writers! Are you interested in writing for the Times? Are you interested in an editor’s position next year? Several positions are available for next fall. Inquire at x4106 or aquinas_editor@aquinasedu
OPINION

The Aquinas Times gives students a voice

Are you one of those students who asks, what purpose does The Aquinas Times serve? The Aquinas Times, like any campus newspaper, concentrates on delivering news to the college and the surrounding community. Some Aquinas College students rely on the Aquinas Times as their only news source and for many, it’s the only newspaper that they read. Unlike corporation-controlled professional newspapers, the Aquinas Times provides student perspectives.

Unlike some small college newspapers, The Aquinas Times is completely run by students. Every editor, staff member, and regular contributing writer, illustrator, and photographer is an Aquinas student. Students manage all operations of running the newspaper including assigning stories and photo requests, meeting deadlines, promotions, advertising, layout, copyediting, and more.

The Aquinas Times provides invaluable experience for students in areas of journalism, management, and publication. However, the ultimate purpose of the Aquinas Times is to provide the Aquinas community with a forum for news, opinions, humor, and entertainment.

Indifference: America’s greatest danger

by Mary Harwood

In these modern days, an epidemic sweeps our nation, claiming far more victims every day. This seemingly harmless disease can be more deadly than the plague or any other disease that often remain hidden from the public eye and it affects people of every race, creed, and condition indiscriminately. Recovery seems to happen at random, but often, the infected individual’s condition deteriorates. This isn’t some mysterious virus, it is an age-old problem: apathy and indifference.

No matter what the subject, the President, the Governor, the budget cuts, rising gas prices, the possible war with Iraq, for letters to the editor, protestor or petitioner, there is an individual who watches the news unfold with dull-eyed disinterest.

While some of this apathetic behavior of citizens may lie in the fact that they are uninformed about current issues, I believe that most do not care simply because the event occurring doesn’t directly affect their lives. Many Americans struggle the fence and refuse to take a stand on important issues.

Now I’m not saying that I want the citizens of this country to turn into wild-eyed fanatics, because frankly, there are enough of those on the planet as it is. But I wish that those Americans who have chosen the path of apathy would wake up and see that this attitude of indifference is not benefiting anyone and in some cases may be deadly.

According to a recent Washington Post article, when Allen E. Price was shot at a gas station on Jan. 31 in the north part of Washington D.C., witnesses did nothing to assist him. Footage from a surveillance camera showed a customer who saw the assailant shoot Price. The customer finished pumping his kerosene, looked at the body, paid for his purchase and drove away. Precious minutes passed after Price was shot before a patron reported the shooting to the gas station manager. The first 911 call wasn’t made until 27 minutes after the shooting took place. By that time Price was dead.

What kind of world are we living in when a man can get shot to death in broad daylight in front of witnesses and die without so much as a second glance? Some Americans believe that such things would never happen in their community, their town. And perhaps they don’t, but there are hundreds of reported cases across the nation of people remaining completely indifferent to horrific crimes, and even worse, of people simply watching as though for entertainment.

As a student, I believe we have become desensitized to the violence that occurs around us every day. Whether in real-life events or from fictionalized media events, even young children are constantly bombarded by images and stories of violence whether in real life events or from fictionalized media events.

It is time for people to take a stand on the issues of the time, for or against, it doesn’t matter, then what are you going to do about it? Write a Letter to the Editor, join an organization, and find a way to make your voice heard. If the community is ignoring you, try harder to be heard. Make your own decisions and make a difference.
**CONCERT REVIEW: Althea Rene**

Althea Rene performed last Thursday night at the Moose, to a crowd in front of an intimate crowd. Rene is a Jazz from Detroit, MI. Playing the piano songs of her choice, Rene studied contemporary and jazz music in Washington, D.C.

Her music was most recently featured in the motion picture 5 Mile.

Rene played for a little over an hour. Her concert was sponsored here at Aquinas by JAMMN. Playing with fellow musician Wayne White on the keyboard, Rene lit up the room. Their unique and relatable style made the show have a very personal feel.

Rene went back to the up-tempo song, “Live Right Now.” It included one of many solos by Wayne White. At times, Rene, next she played a song from her new album Chocolate chunk called “Secret Smile.”

Rene enjoyed her performance, dancing and feeling the music as she played. My second favorite section of the night was Cindy Lauper’s “Shine.”

She finished with two more songs and then played an audience request for “Summertime.”

The chemistry of Rene and Wayne showed up throughout the show as they played wonderfully off each other.

Wayne would encourage and call to her while she was in a solo or a particularly difficult part and his enthusiasm could be seen in Rene as well.

Rene likewise worked with Wayne.

Rene normally plays with a large band, so her solo performance felt just right for the audience.

If you are interested in finding out more information about Rene, I would strongly recommend visiting her web site.

**Movie Review: How To Lose a Guy in 10 Days**

**by David Williams**

...Recently I saw the movie How To Lose A Guy in 10 Days and was surprised to find that the film was a comedy. The movie stars Matthew McConaughey and Kate Hudson, who are both looking to promote their respective positions at the expense of the other people around them. That's because Benjamin Barry who works in the advertising industry, while Hudson acts as Andie Anderson, who writes columns for the women's magazine Cosmopolitan.

Andie, trying to save face for her friend who just got dumped, tells the magazine that she is going to write an article about how to lose a guy in 10 days or less.

Barry is trying to make an advertising deal and so makes a bet that he can make a girl fall in love with him in 10 days. If Benjamin wins the bet, he gets to pitch his company's services to a high-profile diamond company.

Well, the audience can see where this story is going. Benjamin and Andie meet at a party and the romantic comedy starts.

Andie does a lot of things to Benjamin that would make any guy run for their lives.

Along with remodeling Benjamin's apartment with feminine paraphernalia, she also lunches numerous messages on his answering machine. Benjamin finds out that Andie even made Benjamin go and get her a drink during an NBA finals game, and, in so doing, he missed the game-winning shot. Wow, I am not sure how I would have handled that situation.

I do have to say that this was a very good movie to bring someone for a date. It has something to offer for both the girl and guy. I think each gender can relate to a relationship that did not go well because of specific things the opposite sex did.

The only criticism that I have with the movie is that it was the same old plot of the girl getting the guy in the end. However, if you're a romance fan, as I am, you will probably enjoy it.

I would say that this movie is probably one of the few that I would recommend to someone who is not interested in watching a movie. It is a romantic comedy that is sure to entertain both males and females. Overall, it is a fun movie to watch and it will definitely leave you smiling.

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**Entertainment Section**

**CONCERT REVIEW: Althea Rene**

Althea Rene performed last Thursday night at the Moose, to a crowd in front of an intimate crowd. Rene is a Jazz from Detroit, MI. Playing the piano songs of her choice, Rene studied contemporary and jazz music in Washington, D.C. Her music was most recently featured in the motion picture 5 Mile.

Rene played for a little over an hour. Her concert was sponsored here at Aquinas by JAMMN. Playing with fellow musician Wayne White on the keyboard, Rene lit up the room. Their unique and relatable style made the show have a very personal feel.

Rene went back to the up-tempo song, “Live Right Now.” It included one of many solos by Wayne White. At times, Rene, next she played a song from her new album Chocolate chunk called “Secret Smile.”

Rene enjoyed her performance, dancing and feeling the music as she played. My second favorite section of the night was Cindy Lauper’s “Shine.”

She finished with two more songs and then played an audience request for “Summertime.”

The chemistry of Rene and Wayne showed up throughout the show as they played wonderfully off each other.

Wayne would encourage and call to her while she was in a solo or a particularly difficult part and his enthusiasm could be seen in Rene as well.

Rene likewise worked with Wayne.

Rene normally plays with a large band, so her solo performance felt just right for the audience.

If you are interested in finding out more information about Rene, I would strongly recommend visiting her web site.

**Movie Review: How To Lose a Guy in 10 Days**

**by David Williams**

...Recently I saw the movie How To Lose A Guy in 10 Days and was surprised to find that the film was a comedy. The movie stars Matthew McConaughey and Kate Hudson, who are both looking to promote their respective positions at the expense of the other people around them. That's because Benjamin Barry who works in the advertising industry, while Hudson acts as Andie Anderson, who writes columns for the women's magazine Cosmopolitan.

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CONCERT CALENDAR

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Play by former Ag president Hruby to be performed

by Tracy Lindsay

Contributing Writer

Former president of Aquinas College, Norbert J. Hruby Ph.D. authored The Emancipation of Matie, which is the featured play for Black History month at Aquinas. Hruby, a writer of forty-seven plays, brings a semi-fictional experience to the stage in this work.

Hruby, who was president of Aquinas College from 1969 to 1986, has had eight of his plays produced. Hruby, who calls himself the “Grampa of American Theater,” with a smile, was the winner of the 2000 Shakespeare Award in Grand Valley State University. The Emancipation of Matie is in “an award winner that has not been produced until now,” explained Hruby.

Hruby’s play is the story of Professor Lewis Covrage. Professor Covrage is teaching a graduate seminar in a northern university which he thinks of as “Social Justice in Europe.” They played spring of 1965, Lyndon Johnson is President, George Wallace is governor of Alabama and the Civil Rights Rights movement is coming to a climax in Mississippi. Professor Covrage challenges his mostly African American students to participate in Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr’s march from Selma to Montgomery. One of his students, a dedicated follower of Dr. King and a non-accept the challenge.

A radical student, Abdul, who felt “disgusted” because Covrage did not attend the march, challenges the professor. Covrage responds by explaining his wife’s having a difficult pregnancy and he cannot leave her. Sister Marie Frances, the nun who attended the Selma march, tells Dr. Covrage about Marie Adams, whom she met in Alabama. Mattie may be able to come north and to help the Covrages.

To Dr. Covrage’s great relief, Mattie is persuaded to come north after the birth of her baby. Marie’s presence is met with mixed reactions—hostility, from her mother-in-law and friendliness from his wife. When Dr. Covrage explains that he would like Mattie to become part of his family, his mother-in-law leaves in a walk.

Six weeks pass. Matie leaves in the middle of the night and is never heard from again. The professor feels outraged and does not understand Mattie’s betrayal. At the suggestion of his wife, Dr. Covrage reads Mattie’s note she left behind to her students. Abdul explains to Dr. Covrage that Mattie felt that while not a slave, she was no more than an “indentured servant” in his home who “emancipated” herself. The liberal professor begins to realize that he is not so liberal after all.

“I’m excited about the play,” said Jessie Grant, Director of the Campus Life at Aquinas. “It tells a story in the work of our former president of Aquinas College. It will be followed by performances on Saturday, February 22, and Sunday, February 23 at 3:00 p.m. The concert was pure fun for the audience and one of my personal favorites. I loved how they smoothly transitioned between the themes from Iron Man, Jurassic Park, and Indiana Jones. The brass section performed almost flawlessly. The “Imperial March” was suitably menacing, and I felt like I was in the movie when they played the Star Wars main theme. I liked how they could move from one theme to another, and I felt like I was in the movie when they played the theme from Iron Man. I think it was great that the musicians showed us that they know how to joke around as well as play great music.”

My only criticism is the selection of pieces that the symphony chose to perform. They played the less exciting and well-known themes from the movies Harry Potter, Gladiator, and many more. Now a more exciting theme is added to the list: Harry Potter. I would definitely recommend going to one of these concerts if you are interested in attending the Symphony at the Van Andel Center, their Classical series, or just enjoy good music, so it only costs $5 dollars! I would definitely recommend checking it out if you are interested in hearing great music, getting some culture, and also not spending a lot of money.

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ENTERTAINMENT 2003 looks promising for heavy metal

by Joe Boomgaard

Assistant Editor

Fans of real heavy metal, not kiddy-pop nu-metal, will have plenty of new material to sink their teeth into this coming year.

Riding high off of their 2000 release, Brave New World, Iron Maiden is currently in the studio, again as a six-piece. Vocalist extraordinaire Bruce Dickinson, known affectionately as “the real-old days,” returns to the studio with bassist Steve Harris, guitarist David Murray, Adrian Smith, and Janick Gers, and drummer Nicko McBrain. The band has already recorded several songs for the upcoming release, and has been playing around with different sounds, according to producer Kevin Shirley. The highly anticipated album comes after last year’s amazing double-disc live album Rock in Rio, which features a mix of songs from Maiden’s entire catalog, including from the Paul DiAnno and Black Sabbath days.

Zakk Wylde’s Black Label Society will release The Hellride on April 22, in what will be Wylde’s fourth BLS offering. The album features guest vocals by the guitarist himself and seven-time Grammy Award nominee Deen Castronovo on the song “Stillborn.” In the meantime, look for BLS to release their first DVD, “Brooed, Boored, and Broken Bored,” which was recorded and filmed in Denver.

Spending of recent media during Osby, he and Black Sabbath will again headline this year’s Ozzfest tour. Other bands supposedly on the bill run the gamut of nu-metal: Type O Negative will be releasing new material for the first time since 1999. Their forthcoming album, The Dream is Dead, is due out in April. Frontman Peter Steele said of the album in an interview with Roadrunner Records: “My goal for this next album was it to have it sound like the Beatles on acid, Black Sabbath drunk out of their minds.”

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No doubt, is this going to be a good year to put up the horns and bang your head. With so many, some of these releases will quash the cookie-cutter nu-metal bands and show them into oblivion.

Up the Irons, and happy mosh pitting!

SYMPHONY ADDS LIFE TO MOVIE THEMES

by Patrick Hurley

Entertainment Editor

From Friday, February 7, through Sunday, February 9, the Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra performed music from the scores of movie themes written by John Williams. For those of you who don’t know who John Williams is, go to your local video store and pick out a popular movie with a musical score that you really like. Chances are that Williams is the composer.

The British composer has written some of the most famous movie themes in our culture, including Star Wars, Indiana Jones, Star Trek, Superman, and many more. Now a local video store and pick out a popular movie with a musical score that you really like. The concert was pure fun for the audience and one of my personal favorites. I liked how they smoothly transitioned between the themes from Indiana Jones and Star Wars, in an ensemble called “Jaws and Cookies.”

Indiana Jones made me feel like cranking up a whip or riding a horse. The Harry Potter score was also well done—suitably playful, spontaneous, and mysterious in the right parts.

The concept was pure fun for the audience and one that could tell if it was fun for the musicians as well. During the Star Wars segments, two of the musicians came out in Jedi costumes and had a light saber fight! For the Indiana Jones theme, the conductor put on a Fedora hat. Not the usual behavior during a symphony, but I think it was great that the musicians showed us that they know how to joke around as well as play great music.

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A Doll's House comes to AQ

by Wesley Creager

Contributing Writer

Are you looking for an enlightening theatrical experience presented right here on our very own Aquinas College campus? Such an experience is available February 27, when the Aquinas College Players present Henry Ibsen's A Doll's House.

The cast, which includes six Aquinas students and a faculty member, three children, and director Dr. Gary Konow, have all been working hard for several weeks to prepare the show.

The play itself focuses on events in the life of Nora Helmer, played by Jamee Woody, and her husband, Torvald Helmer, portrayed by Curtis Burdette. Nora's sister Mrs. Linde, an old friend of Nora's, who comes to town looking for employ­ment. Dave Doppel plays the role of the unscrupulous lawyer, Nils Krogstad, and other shows at Aquinas, commented, "With a small cast, each actor has more to contribute and it becomes more demanding." Making his stage debut at Aquinas is Doppel, who describes A Doll's House as "a witty play that deals with serious issues."

This is Doppel's first play since the age of 12. Said Doppel, "It's a great production, I hope lots of people come to see it." A Doll's House will be on stage in the Wege Ballroom from Thursday, February 27 through Sunday, March 1. All shows start at 7:30 p.m.

What a dumb bass!

Jars of Clay, Caedmon's Call rock Calvin

by Dave Williams

Contributing Writer

On February 12, 2003 I went to a concert at Calvin College that was performed by Jars of Clay and Caedmon's Call. These groups provided a fun evening of Christian fellowship through their music. People who went to this event got their money's worth. Randall Goodgame, the opening act, got things warmed up. Randall provided the laughter to the audience by performing songs about being the opening act and one that gave praise to the Peanuts cartoon. A person could tell Randall was a gifted musician by the way he could play both the piano and the guitar. He was a good opener and entertained the audience with his vibrant energy and skilful musical talents.

Caedmon's Call was next up. The Christian rock group consisted of seven different members that originated from Texas. One of things that was most impressive to me was the harmony done between lead singer Cliff Young and Danielle Young. The band's songs were a nice collection of older and newer tracks. I think an important aspect of Caedmon's Call is that the music can be enjoyed by both the younger and older generations. The music had a nice beat that would make the audience nod their heads to the tunes. There was no screaming into the microphone (inoffensive lyrics that would make an English major cringe). I think that fact alone provided a greater appreciation for the concert that Caedmon's Call played.

Another aspect that I liked about Caedmon's Call was their skills with their musical instruments. For one thing, most bands only have one percussionist, but this band consisted of two percussionists who kept the beat. One of the drum players played the traditional trap set, while the other percussionist used the bongos, tambourine, or any other instrument in a drummer's repertoire. If listeners would like to sample some of Caedmon's Call musical talents, then I recommend they pick up the CD 40 Acres or their newest release Back Home. Both CD's feature a variety of musical talents that is sometimes looked over by the pop culture of today.

The last band to perform was my personal favorite, Jars of Clay, which consists of six different members. The group's more spread out and long evolution of sounds. Its roots can be traced back to early forms of jazz, blues, and even disco. It borrows the psyche­bic sounds of the guitar and sitar from the sixties, and layers the distinctive sitar­like instrument using the sitar's traditional and early nineties. The beats are influenced by the music of samba, hip­hop, trip­hop, and even the newest ambient electronic phonoms of the 90's. The CD itself is an eclectic masterpiece, full of musical creations from the across the world, including Germany, France, Italy, Japan, and more. Perfect for a party, studying, or just plain resting, the mix includes smooth tracks worthy of praise. Each song carries a unique sound, employing a wide range of instruments, from the mellow xylophone and smooth synths, to the Packages, and funky bass. Most of the songs are in varying languages as well to indulge your multilingual ear. An exotic, funky­freh collection, "World Lounge" is the CD destined to please. Other hip­collections include the Putumayo label that have caught this critic's ear as "The New World Party," CD, featuring the gambal of sound and funk as well as "Music from the Colife Land," which provides smooth tracks to soothe the spirit. Putumayo CD's can be found at various retailers including Schmier Books and Music and coffee shops all over. The beats are influenced by the music of samba, hip-hop, trip-hop, and even the newest ambient electronic phonoms of the 90's. The CD itself is an eclectic masterpiece, full of musical creations from the across the world, including Germany, France, Italy, Japan, and more. Perfect for a party, studying, or just plain resting, the mix includes smooth tracks worthy of praise. Each song carries a unique sound, employing a wide range of instruments, from the mellow xylophone and smooth synths, to the Packages, and funky bass. Most of the songs are in varying languages as well to indulge your multilingual ear. An exotic, funky­freh collection, "World Lounge" is the CD destined to please. Other hip­collections include the Putumayo label that have caught this critic's ear as "The New World Party," CD, featuring the gambal of sound and funk as well as "Music from the Colife Land," which provides smooth tracks to soothe the spirit. Putumayo CD's can be found at various retailers including Schmier Books and Music and coffee shops all over.