This year's Project Pride proved to be a huge success. The number of both student and Heartside participants doubled this year from the previous one. Project Pride, also known as the Heartside Clean Sweep, involves Aquinas students going to the Heartside District of Grand Rapids and cleaning up the area. Students worked together with many of the Heartside residents, picking up trash from the streets, sweeping the sidewalks, and dealing with the rubbish left behind by the snow.

The project is undertaken every spring by the Community Action Volunteers of Aquinas (CAVA). There were about 100 Aquinas students that participated in the activity, and nearly 50 Heartside residents joined up with the different teams.

"Working together and meeting so many new people, especially the people of Heartside, was an experience I will never forget," said Knopke. "I'm really glad I was able to participate in something that is so beneficial to our community."

Knopke, CEO Noisette Co. of Charleston, SC, spoke to a large crowd of students, faculty, and trustees about the future of the United States.

"Here," Knott told the audience, "are 50 jobs. It's up to you to create the city of the future."

Peter Wege, President and founder of the Wege Foundation, and who is an advocate of sustainability, introduced Knott by reading the prologue from his new book, "Shades of Green:"

"We face an educational push in the natural sciences," Knott said to the students.

"We face a challenge to stand up."

"I try to make it a policy never to discuss religion and politics, but that's what I'm here to do," said Ehlers after being introduced by Aquinas College President Harry Knopke. Ehlers discussed how religion has intertwined politics in the history of the United States.

"I'm often asked, 'Is our government Christian?' It is Christian in its foundation and in terms of philosophy and ideals of government, but we are not a theocracy," Ehlers said prior to reading a portion of the first amendment to the Constitution.

Ehlers claimed that people often misconstrue that amendment as guaranteeing separation of church and state, but said, "The first amendment says nothing."

Knott stressed the importance of the environmental awareness in developing and improving cities across the US and in protecting generations of the future.

The concepts covered in Wege's book, "Economology," Knott added, are actually time-tested ideas that builders and architects of the past, such as Knott's grandfather, a master builder, had applied to their jobs.

Knott applied this concept to the Noisette Company, which rebuilds North Charleston, SC, into a model of a community that has retained a part of its history with an emphasis on sustainability.

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"The short-term decisions we make as individuals have a long-term effect on the future," said John Knott, Jr., CEO Noisette Co. of Charleston, SC, to a large crowd of students, faculty, and trustees about the future of the United States.

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Knott then asked the audience to relax and listen as he opened his speech with a reading of "The Invitation," by Oriah Min-nean Dremter, a poem about appreciating the fullness of life.

He urged the audience afterwards to "put the faces of your children and grand-children on all your decisions.

"The short-term decisions we make as individuals have a long-term effect on the future," he added. "Do we know now how we're affecting the environment?"

Knott stressed that the individual changes we make are the ones that matter in the long run, and asked the audience to reflect on how much damage each person does every day to the two most important elements humans need for survival: air and water.

He introduced his company's concept of the "Triple Bottom Line," the idea that the planet, the efficiency actions of the people, and the decisions of businesses all affect one another in some way.

"People don't buy the concept of sustainability," he said. "They buy results."
**News Briefs**

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**Michigan's first Surgeon General, Dr. Kimberlydawn Wisdom, will speak on Aquinas campus May 6**

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Michigan's first Surgeon General, Dr. Kimberlydawn Wisdom, will speak on Aquinas at May 6 at 1:30 in Lacks 143.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm appointed Wisdom to the newly created position in Feb. 2003. Wisdom will lecture on Michigan’s public health promotion and disease prevention efforts. She will also be the state's advocate for community-based health.

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- Reduce obesity

Wisdom was on assignment interviewing Rep. Sherwood Boehlert from New York, and we were waiting for dinner when we passed a television. It looked like a movie.

We continued outside and a few minutes later heard a huge sound and saw a huge plume of smoke that just shook me...the alarm in the building went off...and then there was a lockdown from 9am until 4pm. [There were no problems with the phone] on the first floor phone worked. Finally, I got aboard of my mother, and after I hung up, I just left. From that point on it was hard to stop crying.

I live in the Capitol, and saw that every flag [was waving], and all the fountains and bell towers were playing patriotic music...it was an emotional well you never thought you would climb out of, but we survive and we keep going.

AQ: Have you been afraid to fly since 9/11?

Najor: No, I left for Morocco, an Islamic country, as soon as 9/11 was announced to fly, and it wasn't a feeling of flying [I had], but rather a feeling of not being in D.C. in case something happened. It is my home and I wanted to be here.

AQ: During an interview I always worry that I won't ask the one crucial question. What do you consider most important?

Najor: Having a reporter's instinct. When you are listening something, ask, "Why is the story and what would this affect?" If you don't hear the answer to the question—ask them. Get all sides of the story and write the story. It's their story.

AQ: What would you say to students who are writing...not specifically journalists?

Najor: Every editor has told me that getting a journalism major is not important because there is so much you have to learn in the job. You need to get a job. But the experience you have the more experience you have, the more marketable you will be.

If you love to write and you like the process, it is the end result that makes it worthwhile. And don't do it if you don't like it, and don't worry if writing and English aren't the typical money-making careers. There's more to life, and if you love to do, you will be marketable.

**What's next?**

Najor: I would like to be a correspondent in France. I spent a lot of time in Paris. I would like to find a job that provides for a while, and BNA has correspondents in many different countries.

AQ: I understand that you were Editor in Chief of the Aquinas Times while you attended Aquinas. Is there anything you would like to say about Aquinas?

Najor: I am proud of Aquinas and of the Aquinas Times, and that someone from Aquinas goes to interview presidents and majority leaders. But please, do not go to the archives and dig up a picture of me...tell them I look the same with a lot more gray.

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Judge Graydon Dimkoff ruled that the potential for harm to the four-year-old outweighed Fowler's rights to practice the ceremony with his child. Despite hearing opposing testimony as to the drug's effects, Dimkoff required Fowler to delay giving his son peyote until he is older. Peyote is a bitter confection that is made from the peyote cactus and contains a chemical meskaline, which causes hallucinations.

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**Breathing Life into the Fight to Benefit Lung Cancer Research**

by Annie Scott

**Contributing Writer**

The Breath of Life Walk will be held in Grand Rapids on May 16, 2003, to raise money for research and advocacy to prevent lung disease and promote lung health. The walk is part of the American Lung Association effort to "Blow the Whistle on Asthma."

The walk will be taking place on six different cities around Michigan during the month of May. The walk will be held on May 16 in Ann Arbor, Farmington Hills and Flint. Walks will also be held in East Lansing and Traverse City as well as Grand Rapids on the May 17. The walk will start at Aquinas at 9 in the morning.

Statewide, people have pledged $4,290.00 so far to the awareness projects of the Breath of Life Walk for cause of death in the United States. Every year, around 350,000 Americans die of lung disease, and it is responsible for one in seven deaths. More than 30 percent of Americans smoke, with chronic lung disease.

The event is put on by the American Lung Association in Michigan. This organization works to promote better public policy and help those who are ready to quit. It also helps communities realize the cost of asthma, and works with school children to better manage their asthma.

The funds from the event will also be put towards the fight for cleaner air, and to research into the causes and cures of lung diseases.

Individuals can donate to the event or by an individual participating, or see sign up to participate themselves. The American Lung Association of Michigan's website at the links to the Breath of Life Walk page.

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Heartside residents, was the most exciting part of the day," said senior Ali Lindemyer. "The issue of the most focus was with how the whole day went — the number of volunteers and the experience of working together with everyone at the Heartside was amazing."

**Senate grapples over Patriot Act**

by Joe Boomgaard

**Assistant Editor**

The USA Patriot Act, a collection of anti-terrorism measures that was signed into law in the wake of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, has become an intensely debated topic on Capitol Hill in recent weeks. This debate was fueled by a proposal by Sens. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, and Christopher Bond, R-Mo., that would repeal part of the law that would allow it to expire in 2005. In so doing, Hatch and his supporters would allow the Patriot Act to become permanent legislation.

However, many politicians claim that the surveillance provisions of the Patriot Act are not enough for the American people to undertake key Constitutional rights to privacy and want to see the bill repealed. Many politicians in this camp, including Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., and Representative Howard Coble, R-N.C., have said that the provision was too quickly through an emotional Congress just after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Sensenbrenner and others also believe that the Department of Justice needs more power from the public. Said Sensenbrenner in press reports, "Because of the increasing threat, the provisions classified as top-secret, the public debate is centering on [the act's] enormity." Web sites such as the company's Tom Daschle, the highest ranking Senate Demo—

**Annual 'Take Back the Night' promotes awareness of sexual assault**

by Thura Weane

**Contributing Writer**

The YWCA's 11th annual "Take Back the Night" rally and march were held Friday, April 18, 2003, in Sexual Awareness Awareness Month and the goal of this event, sponsored by the YWCA Sexual Assault Program, is to in concrete awareness about the issue of sexual assault in our community and the services available to victims.

All proceeds will directly benefit the YWCA Sexual Assault Program that has helped 7,500 Grand Rapids area women since its inception thirteen years ago.

There are 215 volunteer advocates that provide hospital, outreach, court and hospital ad—

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about the separation of church and state. It says that Congress shall make no law establishing a state religion. A state religion, Ehlers said, would mean along the lines of a state church, something that leaders have long tried to prevent.

February-based initiatives, therefore, are still allowable under certain restrictions, according to Ehlers.

"Congress cannot support the initiatives (if they're trying to convert. Faith-based initiatives don't propagate their faith, so it would be simple to have an obligation in the world's faith," Ehlers said.

Religious belief does play a role in Ehlers' political decisions, how—

**Claire Waltman**

The issue of Internet music piracy has resurfaced, this time with much of the focus on the most common users and creators of online music file sharing websites: college students.

The Recording Industry Association of America recently filed lawsuits against four students, including one at Michigan Tech, for running internal campus websites that allow their classmates to share music files. Apparently, this has been a problem at schools everywhere, with administrators warning students to shut down their websites or face punishment from the school.

The schools' heavy involvement seems logical: after all, they too are liable when a student is investigated for piracy.

However, students have, for the most part, found ways around the punishments that their schools devise. It takes the threat of litigation from a higher power to make them pay attention.

Although it appears the record executives filing suit and the four students will settle the matter out of court, the frightening $150,000 per pirated recording that the students requested in the initial lawsuit has been the main factor in encouraging college students to shut down their websites across the country.

This situation, as it calls back the days of the Napster and falsely—

But I can't use that argument now: I still have the power to make my point. Whether or not that fact will stop me from taking advantage of these file sharing websites is another matter entirely, although I can at least finally admit that what I'm doing is wrong. In a recent, unprecedented court—

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As I held the book in my hand, I felt a wave of excitement wash over me. The story of Atreyu the Greenskin and Falkor the Luckdragon has always been a favorite of mine, and I couldn't wait to dive into the world of the Neverending Story.

I opened the book to find the title page, and my eyes swept over the cover art. It was a beautiful illustration of a flying dragon and twisting vines, and I knew that this was going to be an adventure I wouldn't forget.

The story begins with Bastian Balthazar Bux stealing a book from the bookstore, then skipping his class and hiding out in the school's attic. This is the beginning of "The Neverending Story," and I began to read the book with breathless anticipation. The story is adapted from the book, which was written by Michael Ende in German and translated into English by Ralph Manheim.

Bastian Balthazar Bux is a young boy who is bored with his life. He longs to escape his drab existence and see new places. One day, he discovers a book called "The Neverending Story" and becomes completely absorbed in the story. As he reads, he realizes that the story is about a young boy named Atreyu and a flying dragon named Falkor. Atreyu and Falkor are on a quest to save the world on the other side of the book.

Bastian begins to feel as if he is part of the story. He becomes Atreyu and Falkor, and he helps them on their journey. He learns about the importance of the self and one's family, how the worlds of fantasy and reality should be kept separate yet together, and also how difficult it can be to find one's way home.

The story of Atreyu and Falkor is not just a story about a dragon and a boy. It is a story about life, and how we must learn to accept our mistakes and grow from them. Bastian learns that he must be true to himself and make the right choices, no matter how difficult.

The ending of "The Neverending Story" is bittersweet. Bastian has saved the world, but he must leave it behind. He has become a part of the story, and he knows that he will never be the same. But he also knows that he is stronger and wiser because of his journey.

Overall, I would give "The Neverending Story" a rating of 9/10. It is a beautiful and enchanting story that will stay with you for a lifetime.
Type O Negative provide doom, gloom in new album, ‘Life is Killing Me’

by Joe Boomgaard

Assistant Editor

Nothing picks you up like a Type O Negative album. With songs like “Be My Dravidian,” “Bloody Kisses” and “Love You to Death,” Type O Negative know how to cheer up the masses.

Who am I kidding? TON is the quintessential goth metal band known for its dark lyrical content and honest, almost punkish “I Like Goils.” This song is seemingly Steele’s affirmation of his heterosexuality after going through a sexual identity crisis. The song starts off with some one liners like “I like killing me,” and the lyrics, well, they’re obviously Steele’s creation. It’s a song about death, love, and the afterlife. The distorted guitar solo played in the closing builds toward the end of the song, while Steele screams in a raving madman voice “I don’t need love.” The most striking moment throughout the song is the piano intro, and the horn and string sections that have various moments throughout the song. The song is a great example of the goth-pop for which TON is well known.

TOM Daily

Type O Negative (t-): Josh Silver, Peter Steele, Johnny Kelly and Kenny Hickey

Ah, the school year is coming to an end. We have but scant few weeks left, rushing around cramming for finals, finishing papers (or downloading them from the Internet), filling out roommate requests, packing up, and cleaning the rooms for RA inspection. Easter and the last Saturday of each month, from 9:00 p.m. until midnight. And the Spring Fling has passed by us and soon, will find finals and exams, and some graduation. Many of us students will be returning home in a few weeks, but for those whose home is in the Grand Rapids area, and those who will be staying on campus for summer classes there is still a lot going on.

April 30, 2003

The Grand Rapids Civic Theatre will be running a variety of classes starting in May and going throughout the summer. From April 23 until June 11 people can sign up for Ballroom Basics, which teaches the fox-trot, waltz, cha-cha, tango, and more. More massage therapist Marla McFadden will teach a seminar called Actor’s Relaxation, which teaches an effective way to harness the body’s energy to overcome stage fright and turn it into a great performance.

On May 10, there will be a prop seminar teaching prop organization and care from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Also on May 10, you might want to visit the Dance Seminar at the Civic from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. to learn a variety of dance styles and find out which one is for you.

The Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra is still offering its Senior Discount tickets for those of you interested in great music and learning a little culture. The next in its series with the student discount will be May 16-17 featuring Barber and Bernstein with violinist Mark O’Connor.

Finally, the Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts (UICA) has a lot to offer. Starting May 5th, they will be showing the independent film “Black Spot: Hitler’s Secretary,” an actual account of Traudi Junge, who was Hitler’s secretary from August 1942 until his death. It includes interviews with Junge that were taped at the end of the war, and contains a lot of great moments of raving and has a killer bassline throughout. The drum and bass work at the end is damn catchy, as is the distorted, bluesy guitar solo played in the closing.

The dance performance is called “Elements,” and is put on by the X Performance Group. The performance is put on in the interpretive Bush style, featuring a tribute to all the elements: water, fire, earth, wind, and spirit.

Artists Dusty Mitchell, Ben Goldman, and Lisa Bulawsky will also feature their work beginning that day. Bulawsky’s show is entitled “Love Stories 2” and is “a reflection on the nature of human relationships...using heterosexual, romantic relationships as a model.”

What’s happening around Grand Rapids this spring?

Pat Hurley

Interested in writing for The Aquinas Times in Fall 2003?

Call x. 4106 or email: aqtimes_editor@aquinas.edu
A year in review: an amalgam of zany happenings at AQ as seen in the Times

by Patrick Hurley

Entertainment Editor

Please note: This article is filled with outrageous lies and total nonsense. If you have read any of the previous humor articles, you will not be struck by lightning. But that is not well, too, aren't you? Anyone who takes this article seriously, or is offended, will be struck by lightning within seven days. And then everyone will laugh at you over their outrage at your truly outrageous lies and total nonsense. If you have read any of the previous humor articles, please note, one more time: Okay, all of this is just for fun. It's not serious. This article does not reflect the view of the Aquinas College, The AQ Times, or the writer himself.

Please note again: The disclaimer above is not meant to be taken seriously either. We will not laugh at you over your smoldering ashes. But you still will be struck by lightning.

Please note, one more time: Okay, you will not be struck by lightning. But that would be pretty cool, wouldn't it?

Please note, for the final time: No, from what I told you by the rest of the editing staff, lightening striking you from the sky would not be cool. And so, for the last time this year that the following article does not reflect the view of the Aquinas College, The AQ Times, or the writer himself.

And so I was sitting by my computer trying to figure out what to put in my latest humor article for Aquinas College ever. What could I do?

I had already made fun of all the traditional things at Aquinas: the cafeteria, squirrels, R.A.'s. What was left? I mean what else is funny about Aquinas College (besides the amount tuition is going to go up next year)?

And then my roommate, Dave Williams, who has graciously let me use his name in previous humor stories, suggested that I try to make my last humor story a combination of all the previous ones.

I was immediately struck by this idea. I would include all my previous stories to make one super humor story, one that would be bigger, stronger, and faster than ever before.

One that would leave the readers in a hopeless thrill of uncontrollable laughter, causing them to soil themselves andrendering them helpless for hours on end. It would be invincible. In fact, I decided, my new super article would be funny enough to take over...the...entire...world.

MWAHAHAHAHAHAHAAAA!! Sorry. Anyway, when I tried to write this apocalyptic article, this cataclysmic comi
cal caper, nothing came out. I was stuck.

Nothing was coming. Like Pinky and the Brain, my plan to rule the world had failed. I decided just to stick with straight, hard-hitting news. And then, my team of informants told me of an incredible story that had just happened over the past weekend.

Yes, as it turned out the body of one Herman Melfyck, Aquinas College Intramural Basketball superstar and Super Mortakat Major, was discovered yesterday in the finest lief behind St. Joseph Dormitory.

From what was recorded on the Cruise Cam Network, Herman apparently was a victim in a crossfire resulting from the gang wars between the newly armed R.A.'s and the elite W-Town of Househus librarians.

Yet now, new evidence has come to light. It seems that these videos were actually computer-generated fakes, doctored to make the true culprit behind the Aquinas student's demise.

My sources tell me that Herman had stumbled on to the truth behind the supposed "Inland Semester" while wandering around Brown Mansion, looking for his team mates who told him they would meet him there for a game.

It was a well-known fact that these experiments on students who were being tested into believing they were in Inland help fund the genetic production of the Aquinas Super Squirrel and the fighting branch of the Squirrel Cult which has dominated the East Grand Rapids area for so many years.

Our competent Campus Safety-Security expert, Dave Williams, Eric Johnson, has already found bite marks around Herman's jugular vein, is leading an intense investigation.

Already known as Squiret-Water, experts predict this investigation could run on for months before the truth is finally, even, known.

When asked to comment on the wild (and quite fic-titious) events surrounding the Life Director-to-be, Darth Vader, had nothing to say except, "Today will be a day long remembered. It has sent the death of Kenobi and will soon see the end of the Rebellion.

Finally, as Herman has no surviving family, his body shall be delivered to the much beloved Wege Cafeteria for the next time they serve hotdogs. Never before has funeral proved so good.

Phone Booth thriller hangs up at end by Gabrielle Manaco

Business Manager

"Phone Booth" is a Hitchcock-style suspense film with a modern twist, though the bull of it takes place in a nearly obsolete setting.

Stu Shepard, played by Colin Farrell, is a smooth talking, New York press agent, who quickly learns about telling the truth regarding his unethical behavior. Stu's wife, Kelly (Radha Mitchell), is unaware of his daily phone calls to his girlfriend, a struggling actress named Pam (Kate Homes). This is because, instead of using his cell phone, where Pam's phone number would appear on the phone bill, Stu uses the last existing phone booth in Manhattan. As a compulsive phone user, Stu could not give up the chance to answer a random ringing of the phone booth.

After answering the anonymous phone call, he realizes the caller is not playing games with him. Unknown to Stu, the caller is a serial killer waiting for him to arrive at a window high on top of a building.

The caller, armed with a sniper rifle, tells Stu not to hang up, or he is dead. Stu at first thinks it is just a sick joke. But after the caller kills someone near the phone booth, he realizes he is now playing a deadly and frightening game of cat and mouse with an unseen gunman with a deadly sense of humor.

Stu runs into a few obstacles while on the phone, but of course, he cannot hang it up. Problems arise when the hookers return with an angry man, and he starts a fight with Stu.

The caller is still threatening to kill Stu if he hangs up the phone or leaves the booth, but in panic, Stu inadvertently gives the caller permission to shoot the angry male.

Shortly after police arrive on the scene and they suspect Stu is a crazy gunman who murdered the other man. The caller is one step ahead of the game at all times, because the caller already planted a handgren in the phone booth, which causes a dilemma for Stu.

Thinking quickly, Stu leaves over and calls the police on the cell phone. The gunman, unaware of this move, has now revealed to the police that Stu is not the killer, and the killer gives his location away to the police from somewhere in a high window in the surrounding building.

Kelly and Pam both arrive on the scene and the caller threatens to injure one of the women if Stu fails to meet his demands.

The resolution presents many questions as it does answers. Throughout the movie, the killer's motive becomes apparent, but Stu is torn between playing a deadly game of wits and refusing to obey the directives of the caller.

Farrell plays a convincing one-man role. The majority of the movie takes place in the phone booth, and you never see the caller until the end. Therefore, the conversations focused on Stu's emotional struggles and reactions to the caller threats.

The plot and idea for the movie is what unbelievable, but the idea behind the movie is a grabber: a man answers the phone, only to be told that if he hangs up the phone, an unknown gunman will kill him.

Some scenes presented overkill. For example, the hooker scene was overdone. With the hysterical hooker's "need" to use the phone and the intensity of the crisis as a "come on" scene, I found it hard to believe a conflict could arise like that. It wasn't the deepest, most intense thriller, but nevertheless, it held my attention throughout the 81 minutes that it played on the big screen.

To enjoy this new age thriller, you must have an open mind about unrealistic situations. But be prepared for a disappointing conclusion, which will make you ask yourself why Cohen wrote an unfulfilled ending for such an intense thriller.

CONCERT REVIEW: Aquinas jazz performances by Kate Luce

Jazz Combo

The Aquinas College Jazz Combo spielied things up at the Moore Cafe on Thursday, Apr. 17, directed by Dr. Paul Brewer, the combo played a variety of jazz for the students. "Jazz combo is a small selection of premiere musicians from the Aquinas College jazz department," said freshman Joel Schneidler.

The combo is comprised of a number of talented instrumentalists, including Schroeder on drums, Gabrielle Monaco on upright bass, Dave Doppel on guitar, Nate Lareau on drums, Jenny Wallace playing flute, Kelli Tilly on alto sax, Scott Markwart on auxiliary percussion, Wes Creager on trumpet, and Brewer on keyboard.

The concert was an upbeat mix of jazz originals penned by Brewer. Songs were inspired by each member, and included their name in the title. Selections included "It's Jenny Not Just Amy," "Wes Winks," "Do It Dave," and "Kelli Alto," to name a few.

Each song gave the titled individual a chance to solo, and showcase their talent. Songs were jazzy, funky, and even disco-ish at times.

The combo put on a great show, and the evening provided a lot of fun for the crowd.

Spring Jazz Night

Last Thursday, Apr. 24, in the Kretschmer Recital Hall, various jazz groups from on campus brought their music to the stage. The concert featured the Aquinas College Jazz Combo, Vocal Jazz, and Big Band ensembles.

The Jazz Combo, again directed by Brewer, performed more of the jazz originals written by Brewer that were named after individuals in the ensemble. Each member was given a chance to solo, as in the previous concert. Among the songs performed were "Nate Nuts," "Kelli Joel," and "Gabrielle's Gazette." The songs were upbeat and catchy, and well played by the ensemble.

Steve Talaga led the Vocal Jazz ensemble and also accompanied on piano. Highlights of their set included "Tuxedo Junction," which featured solos and held a catchy rhythmic beat; "Shaker Song," which was an upbeat tango-ish piece that showcased the soprano section; and the poppy tune "Kansas City."

The concert also included "Black Beautiful," which was sung a cappella, and featured lush harmonies sung by all the voices.

The Aquinas Big Band made an appearance during the evening. The group, which was also directed by Brewer, performed several jazzy songs that showcased the immense sound of the ensemble.


All in all, the evening was filled with great performances and incredible music by all of the Aquinas ensembles.

HUMOR
Earthfest 2003 celebrates Earth Day at AQ

Photos (Counter-clockwise from left)
Left: Happy Hour, a group from Sparta was the first band to perform at the Moose Cafe. The band members: Brent Shirley on guitar, Scott Rider on drums and Scott Schultz on bass.
Lower Left: Hemp Goods sold clothes, sandals, jewelry and other items outside the Moose Cafe.
Lower Right: The AQ chapter of Habitat for Humanity setup a table to provide information about poverty and homelessness. Members: Allison Repic, Maura Tarit and Meghan Sherday manned the table.
Right: Kate Lucie takes time to enjoy a free massage during the Earthfest 2003 festivities outside the Moose Cafe.

Overall rating: 4.5 out of 5 forks
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**Gays are okay, as long as they are not gay**

by Lisa Gass

Contributing Writer

In recent months, politicians, both Democrat and Republican, seem to have taken a knack for making controversial comments causing public outcry. Republican Senator Rick Santorum went so far as to state that certain activities are against the morality of human sexuality (while discussing the Supreme Court’s case on a Texas sodomy law) proved to be controversial.

In an interview with the Associated Press, Santorum stated, “I have no problem with homosexuality – I have a problem with homosexual acts, as I would with acts of either, what I would consider to be acts, outside of traditional heterosexual relationships. And that includes a variety of different acts, not just homosexual. I have nothing, absolutely nothing, against anyone who’s homosexual. If that’s their orientation, then I accept that.”

In his opinion, Santorum argues, “His remarks have no place in our politics.”

Still, the question is, do you act upon those orientations? The answer is yes. Just try punning an airport security checkpoint while carrying a pair of nail clippers with built-in nail file on your person or in your carry-on luggage and you’ll be delayed by security personnel. Since the new airport security measures took effect in 2001, there have been reports of disgruntled travelers hijacking American planes with nail files. Then again, there weren’t any before the new security measures took place, but air travelers should feel safer knowing that passengers are not allowed to bring sharp objects on board.

In the eyes of the government, the new safety measures amount to minor inconveniences for passengers arriving from delays at the metal detector, random searches, etc., but that’s only a small part of the problem. U.S. citizens have a right to privacy protected in the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution that allows the government to investigate without cause is unfair and is unconstitutional.

House Judiciary Committee chair Orrin Hatch and other Republicans have recently spoken about making the provisions permanent. Hatch and others seem to feel that an all-powerful government can protect the citizens better than they can protect themselves. What’s next, a proposal to turn the Constitution because it grants too much individual freedom? Giving any organization a limitless ability to investigate without cause is unfair and is unconstitutional.

Santorum accurately represents them, they can choose to Fr. Larry Van Damme, Catholic priest at St. Albert the Great University Parish in Houghton, Michigan, and said they “are completely out of bounds for someone who believes in the Catholic concept of varying degrees of sin. According to Fr. Larry Van Damme, Catholic priest at St. Albert the Great University Parish in Houghton, Michigan, homosexual acts would not necessarily be considered as serious as bigamy, polygamy, et al, even though they are tried 75 dissidents, found them guilty of attempting to subvert Cuba’s socialist government, and sentenced them to prison terms of six to 28 years. Certainly, the U.S. stands above Cuba in terms of oppression, but the dangers of a powerful government limiting the freedom of individuals is clear. Santorum’s unilateral power severally limits individual freedom. The speedy conviction of the dissidents proves that Cuba is more fearful of terrorist attacks, but at the cost of severe oppression and injustice.

Some of the dissidents have published criticisms of Cuba’s government and others had organized meetings to discuss political reforms in Cuba. Castro chose to persecute intellectuals and members of the Cuban reform. Some of the dissidents may have been guilty of treason, but it seems unlikely that all 75 planned to subvert the Cuban political system. In order to capture the traitors, Castro targeted a large group of his outspoken critics.

There’s a lesson to be learned from Castro: Citizens under the control of a powerful government can lose personal freedoms because of severe oppression in the name of security.

Americans must choose how many rights they are willing to sacrifice to ensure their security. Enacting new security measures will be lower on federal agencies broader powers to monitor U.S. citizens temporarily might be necessary to avoid chaos, but making those powers permanent threatens the freedom defined in the Constitution. This is the land of the free and the brave. Let’s not forget it!

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**Political thought of the day**

The Iraqi “Most Wanted” deck of cards have become a hot item for Americans.

What’s next? I hope there’s no “Get Out of Jail Free” card.
Suffering breeds strong generations

Joe Boomgaard

People of my generation constantly seek out ways to escape reality and to avoid suffering. There is a distinct tendency to avoid clarity — to sugar coat things so that they are not as they appear.

When did really become such a burden? When did clarity become such a bad thing?

The people of history that had to endure suffering came out of their experience with a great strength.

Consider the World War II generation: they had to endure the doomsday years and the economic struggles of the Great Depression and a war that left much of the world in ruins.

Yet, because of this, they emerged from the “slough of despond” tempered with a mettle that continues to thrive and serve as an example today.

These are the people that started most of today’s successful businesses and that brought the United States to its height of greatness.

Without their strength and reserve, I would hate to guess where we would be today.

That generation perhaps encompasses the truly American spirit. They were doers and thinkers. Nothing stood in their way — they had seen the worst of the world already, and no obstacle was too great to overcome.

Yet, within two generations, Americans went from the rosier ideals of the WWII era to hazy conceptualizations of the hippies. What happened here in the 1960s that caused people to become such weaklings? Nothing — that’s the problem. They were an untested generation, that is until the Vietnam War came into prominence; we all know how well they handled that situation.

They were striving for the unattainable goal of a utopian society: peace, love, and rock and roll. For a while, we all thought it was possible.

When people tried to embody the Emersonian ideal of the 1800s — that we are all connected — it failed. There is a profound reality check. That being said, we have people had to deal with.

Today, we have had our mettle tested and we are not doing too terrible of a job with dealing with it.

Sure, an event like the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center airplanes proves a very profound reality check. That being said, we have no business wallowing in our situation. People died, that is undoubtedly tragic and heart wrenching.

However, our real test will be how we emerge from this test in the next few years. We could stand to learn a great deal from the people of the WWII generation — they’ve had much more to deal with than any of us, and yet they still take things in stride. That is not just the result of callousness, either; they simply know how to react to adversity in a productive manner.

Don’t think that tragedy of September 11, 2001 will be the last one that we will have to endure. When a president sets a dangerous precedent of preemptive “depopulation” warfare, bad things are bound to happen as a result because there will always be extremists in the world willing to commit horrendous retaliatory measures.

Will we run and hide and bury our head in the sand to avoid the cold, hard reality or will we face adversity in stride, like those of generations past? That remains to be seen.

However, if we learn from the best of examples in the past, perhaps we might just turn out fine in the end.

There is no avoiding reality in the long run. Why nor face things with clarity of reason, rather than with rose colored glasses.

Correction:

In the article entitled “Church’s stance on Iraq war discussed at chaplain’s forum” in the Apr. 11, 2003 issue, the second paragraph should have started: “He also reinforced the view of that Catholics worship the same god as many other religions, using the example of Muslim reverence of Mary as nearly parallel to Catholic beliefs.”

In a letter to the editor from Rodger Remington in the Apr. 11, 2003 issue, the beginning of the second paragraph should have started: “However, Professor Robertson is incorrect only if he intended ‘defend’ to mean the willingness of President Ford, or anyone else, to endorse repeatedly - without factual support - the conclusions printed in the Warren Report. If, as is more likely, Professor Robertson intended ‘defend’ to mean ‘justification or support by speech or writing.’”

Notice something that we didn’t... let us know.

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Fate wasn’t on Red Wings Side

by Jackie Hurley
Contribution Writer

"Teams that win meet are the best of us," head coach Jack Adams told the Wings prior to the first game. "They’re still on top and they’re still the best."

The Wings’ side may have been the best side, but they were not on top. They were not the best of the best. They were not the best of us.

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It's the Kings' year to rule the NBA

The writer presents his unique look at the NBA playoffs.

by Jeff Luehn

As I drove home from watching Game 1 of the Pacers-Celtics series, my roommate and my car shared the brunt of my fury. I was.possessed by the loss and the steering wheel, yelling out questions: “Why didn’t they just cut out the right side and let Jermaine work the block? How is it that Paul Pierce can be involved in several block-change situations in the fourth and yet get the call every time?”

As an avid (some might say fanaticly devoted) Pacers fan, their inexplicable fourth quarter collapse left me searching for answers. The game did illustrate to me a broader point about these NBA playoffs: no one is safe. High seeds are in jeopardy all over the league and we have to be sharp to advance. Here’s a look at the games to come by conference.

Eastern Conference

Talk about anything being possible. This conference could literally be won by any team. The local favorite, the Detroit Pistons, clearly have their hands full with the Orlando Magic. Tracy McGrady is so creative and talented that he can almost single-handedly win a series for his team. The Nets dropped their second game in New Jersey to the resurgent Milwaukee Bucks as Gary Payton showed that he can still compete by outplaying J-Kidd, everyone’s favorite point guard.

The Bucks have more than a fighting chance to win this series. Likewise, the Pacers are clearly in a dogfight to advance. And in the final series, the New Orleans Hornets are taking on Allen Iverson and the Philadelphia 76ers.

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Western Conference

With more separation between teams in the regular season standings, it would seem that the top seeds would be more likely to advance. While that is true to some extent, there are still a number of possibilities for surprises. In the match-up between the first and eighth seeds, the Spurs are facing the Suns, where Timmy and company face a team in the Suns that they have struggled against this year.

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OUTDOORS

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But for carp fishing is also easy to come by. Anything will work, and I really do mean anything. I was using corn, but I know that any other smelly concoction would be productive. I caught mine under a small float, but bottom fishing would also work.

Carp can even be taken on the fly, and my goal for my next carping excursion, if I am forced to go on one, will be to get one to take a fly. A good selection of nymphs or attractor patterns ought to prove successful.

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**Victim of eating disorder shares story at AQ**

**by Anya Nysan**

When Angie Wheeler was 13, her doctor told her she had the bones of an 85-year-old and diagnosed her with osteoporosis that resulted from her eating disorder.

She now deals with anorexia so severe she requires a team of doctors, nurses, and physical therapists to ensure she can only tolerate 20 different foods.

“My obsession was food and my obsession was controlling it. I couldn’t control what my parents were doing, I couldn’t control my boyfriend, I couldn’t control anything that was happening in my life — the one thing I felt I could control was my food intake. So that’s what I did,” said Wheeler.

Wheeler shared her personal experience during her presentation on eating disorders at the Moose Cafe last Friday. She works for Project Rehab Wellness and Prevention Services and helps to educate people on eating disorders and conducts support groups.

“Eating disorders are complex conditions that can arise from a variety of potential causes. Once started, however, they can create a self-perpetuating cycle of physical and emotional destruction. All eating disorders require professional help,” said Wheeler.

Much attention has been paid to anorexia and bulimia nervosa, both serious, potentially life-threatening eating disorders, but there are also two other types of eating disorders: binge eating disorder and disordered eating.

“Binge eating disorder, also known as compulsive overeating, is a newly recognized eating disorder characterized by frequent episodes of uncontrolled overeating. Some of the symptoms include eating large quantities of food rapidly, without really tasting the food and feelings of shame, disgust, or guilt after a binge. Disordered eating occurs when a person’s attitudes about food, weight, and body size lead to very rigid eating and exercise habits that jeopardize one’s health, happiness, and safety. Disordered eating may begin as a way to lose a few pounds or get in shape, but these behaviors can quickly get out of control, become obsessions, and may even turn into an eating disorder,” said Wheeler.

Although there are numerous factors contributing to the occurrence of eating disorders, people tend to put a large part of the blame on the media.

Susan Haworth-Hoeppner, Ph.D., the director of Women’s Studies at Aquinas, sees an important contributing factor often overshadowed by the media.

“To say that the media in itself is the cause of eating disorders is absolutely ludicrous,” Haworth-Hoeppner said. “One of the places that I find in critical in terms of the differences is within the contexts of the family. Whether it’s the parents that are dieting all the time, or the positive attention in terms of losing weight, or prejudicial attitudes about people who are heavy, it occurs within the context of a society that teaches us the importance of being thin.”

There are also numerous books available on eating disorders, including:

- *Reviving Ophelia* by Mary Pipher, Ph.D.
- *Body Wars* by Margo Maine, Ph.D.
- *Can’t Buy My Love* by Jean Kilbourne
- *Eating in the Light of the Moon* by Anita Johnston
- *Over It* by Carol Emery Normandi & Laurelee Roark

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**Senators hope to improve communication**

by Lisa Gast

Recently, the Aquinas Senate conducted a Student Survey to gauge student opinion on topics ranging from Senate representation to issues students would like to see addressed by the Senate.

Many students (101 out of the 178 students who took the survey) expressed their lack of knowledge regarding the purpose of the Senate.

Almost as many (93) said they didn’t believe the Senate accurately represented the student body.

According to Luke Overmire, chair of the Senate, the problem lies in communication.

“Students desire information and Senate at this time is not providing that,” he stated. “If students have questions, comments, concerns...I want to know.”

He also said that Senate would be launching a website for the upcoming school year, which he believes will be valuable in keeping students up to date on Senate activities.

Currently, there is a comment box outside of the Student Activities Office (located on the second floor of the Moore) for students to leave comments, questions or suggestions for the Senate.

Additionally, Overmire mentioned he would like to increase communication between Senators and clubs next year and encourage them to work together more to increase student involvement.

“I am very big on communication — senators who are informed about an issue are better able to voice the opinions of their constituents. Communication is key if we are to collaborate...if we are to unite as a Senate,” he continued.

Overmire can be reached at his office at ext. 4118, or by email at overmire@aquinas.edu.

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**If you’re dealing with disordered eating? Answer these questions:**

1. Do you worry about the weight, shape, or size of your body?
2. Do you feel like your identity and value is based on how you look or how much you weigh?
3. Do you avoid eating meals or snacks when you’re around other people?
4. Do you constantly calculate numbers of fat grams and calories?
5. Do you exercise because you feel like you have to, not because you want to?
6. Are you afraid of gaining weight?
7. Do you ever feel out of control when you are eating?
8. Do your eating patterns include extreme dieting, preferences for certain foods, withdrawn or ritualized behavior at mealtime, or secretive binging?
9. Has weight loss, dieting, and/or control of food become one of your major concerns?

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, you could be dealing with disordered eating. It is likely that these attitudes and behaviors are taking a toll on your mental and physical well-being.

It is important that you start to talk about your eating habits and concerns now, rather than waiting until your situation gets more serious than you can handle.