Aquinas College honors Marty Allen

By Lisa Gast
News Editor

On September 9, 2003, Grand Rapids voters went to the polls and overwhelmingly elected George Heartwell, Director of the Community Leadership Institute at Aquinas College, as the next mayor of the city.

He received 12,264 of the 14,622 votes cast. The next day, a clearly amazed Heartwell stated, "I wrote down my most optimistic projection and I seeded it in an envelope three days ago, and it came nowhere near 84%.

Because Heartwell won Tuesday’s primary election with over 50% of the vote, he avoided a runoff election in November. He starts his four-year term as mayor in January.

Before joining the Community Leadership Institute in 2000, Heartwell served eight years on the Grand Rapids City Commission and 14 years as a Pastor at Heartside Ministry, a church in the poorest neighborhood of the city. He is ordained in the United Church of Christ.

Prior to serving at Heartside, he was President of Heartwell Mortgage Corporation, a family-owned firm founded by his father. He has also been involved in many community groups, such as the Interurban Transit Partnership, the Grand Rapids Housing Appeals, Habitat for Humanity, Grand Rapids Urban League, and Women’s Resource Center.

Because the job of mayor of Grand Rapids is only part-time, Heartwell said he will continue as the Director of the Community Leadership Program at Aquinas.

Heartwell said working at Aquinas while serving as mayor gives him a unique opportunity to connect with the younger generation; "It will give me an opportunity to make some connections with the community at a different level," said Heartwell.

"Young people, college age and older, are inventing their energy and time not in the political process, but in community improvement."

Heartwell stated that part of his campaign strategy was to develop a youth movement. He accomplished this through such activities as a town hall and concert in August that doubled as an informational session on how to register to vote and get involved in politics.

Heartwell said that he has a goal of using that youth movement to give young men and women "new access to city government."

"Additionally, Heartwell said, he would also like to establish new relationships with the city and the Grand Rapids public school system.

"During the course of the last couple of years here, every time that an article in the paper talked about the city and the public schools in the same breath, it was because they were fighting over something. Since we have separate government structures for the public schools and the city, it's a matter of creating partnerships that work together.

Another big issue, and the one Heartwell will focus on in his first term of the City's address — is the economy. The mayor-elect acknowledged that layoffs at local companies like Siemens Dematic and Merijer, and faltering industries important to the Grand Rapids economy such as the furniture industry, need to be addressed.

"We're approaching an 8% unemployment rate. We have to be aggressive in promoting our city with any firms that might be looking at moving here," said Heartwell.

"Also, we've got to use the tools we have to make sure that the companies that are already here are strong — to do whatever the city can do to make that happen."

In the other election in Grand Rapids, incumbent Richard Tormala received 60% of the vote in the primary election for Second Ward City Commissioner, and then avoided a runoff election in November. He said he looks forward to starting his next four-year term in January, and also working with mayor-elect George Heartwell.

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The great balancing act

Four AQ teachers discuss how to maintain balance between jobs and family

By Emily Johnson
Times Writer

About fifty students and members of the Aquinas faculty assembled to hear how four Assistant Professors juggle teaching classes, write dissertations in the middle of the night, run errands, change diapers, do toys on the floor, rear teens and make home-made sauces for dinner, among other things.

On Monday, Sept. 8, 2003 in the Wege Center Lisbom Room, the Jane Hibbard Idema Women’s Studies Center hosted a panel discussion on how female faculty members balance busy workloads with family commitments. Panel participants included Assistant Professors from the following departments: Kathy Burgess, Mathematicks, Jennifer Dawson and Michelle DeRose, English; and Katharina Gross, German.

Success and work really make an excellent balance according to DeRose. “After four hours of throwing sand and making macaroni and cheese, and... I’m ready to start talking with a bigger vocabulary. And after four hours of teaching... I’m ready to go home and make macaroni and cheese.”

On the other hand, after teaching one course her first semester, Gross continued to add courses until she found herself teaching four. “I should be really happy about that... I love teaching and I love my colleagues and my students, but what I really, really love most of all is being with my husband.”

When it comes to dividing up the work with their partners, Burg­gess had some sound advice. What worked for Burgess and her hus­band was to determine the most im­portant tasks that needed to be done and then handle the responsi­bilities accordingly. “There were certain things that I could handle. There were some things that he could handle. And then there’s a whole third category of things that neither one of us had to do.”

Dawson suggested dividing up the tasks that nobody likes to do. While staying home for five years with her children, Dawson thought that part of her job was to cook nice meals and keep the house clean for household tasks every night. “That created unhealthy expectations for both her and her husband. Eventu­ally they worked together to share the less desirable responsibilities and found other happy mediums like ordering pizza on busy nights. Dawson dispelled the myth that a mother is the only one who should be home with the children. “The opportunity for my husband to be home alone with the kids is as crucial for their develop­ment as it is for them to be home alone with me,” said Dawson. “Therefore, there’s a balance by having that time alone with their kids and the children gain some independence too.”

Support from their partners was a common thread among the panelists, especially for Gross. “I think it’s time that hus­band really get some kudos because I could not be doing what I’m doing if I did not have a wonderful man next to me.”

Gross shared how she had a supportive partner that had a hard time relinquishing control at first. She eventually realized the benefit in delegation and worked with her hus­band to share the parenting duties. Though the panelists discussed their efforts to balance work and family, each mentioned an activity that al­lows breaks for personal space.

Gross admitted that she enjoys her “alone time” during the hour long commute to work.

Dawson suggested that pre­paring for unexpected emergencies like a child’s sickness helps to el­evate the stress of figuring out what to do at the last minute.

Dawson admitted that she was still working on finding time for personal space, but acknowledged that a healthy diet, exercise and good friends are important as well as sup­port from extended family.

“Nothing is there for stu­dents who are just getting started on the balancing act,” asked Aquinas junior Ashley Callez.

All the panelists agreed that addressing family issues with pro­fessors ahead of time is a good way to maintain an understanding relation­ship, and prepares for the times when school may be in conflict with out­side commitments. Reviewing an­other classmate’s stories from a missed class will also help to keep busy moms on top of their respon­sibilities at school.

The panelists agreed that though the balancing act can seem over­whelming at times, the benefits off­er a world of opportunity.

Grant and matching gifts

The group from Aquinas worked on the Hickensbottom future home all day Saturday and Sunday morning.

Aquinas volunteers worked at a variety of tasks, including breaking off rails used to build molds for the basements, walls, laying tar around the home site to waterproof and protect the property, measuring, cutting, and installing all of the floor joists, and laying the floor boards.

According to Eric Bridge, Coordinator of Service Learning at Aquinas, one of the most exciting and fulfilling aspects of the project is working with the owners of the house. “I think, overall it [the build] gives people a great introduction to Habitat for Humanity and what Habitat is all about,” said Bridge.

“I think it’s a lot of hard work and tiring, but at the end of the day we still managed to find enough energy to play some serious Ultimate Frisbee and Volleyball,” said Aquinas senior Jerome Waldron.

Bridge explained that the organization is certainly tied in to a real world application of its spirit. “Aquinas is a faith response to a shortage of affordable housing,” said Bridge. Catholic Christians, nobody not having a spiritual response from us. “Many participants agreed with Bridge’s sentiments.

I have attended this trip every year since I became an Aquinas student and it never ceases to amaze me how people from diverse backgrounds come together, creating in building can work together to do a professional job,” said Waldron.

Normally, one group from Aquinas works once a year in Lake County, but other teams may participate in additional projects this year. There are upcoming local build dates with the Kent County Habitat chapter Saturday, September 20, Wednesday, October 8, and Saturday, November 15.
Freshman Survival 101:

Tips from an upperclassman on how to survive the semester and how to succeed as a student

By Bob Fiore
Times Writer

I initially hoped of this article would appear soon after school began to offer advice to dazed and confused beginners. First of all, do not let the first day of class determine an opinion of the teacher or let the workload explained in the syllabus scare you into dropping the class.

I remember suffering "syllabus shock" in a literature class early in my college career. The syllabus was a 16-page manifesto about his expected classroom behaviors, rules, assignments, the titles of the 15 novels that were to be read, and his preferred format for student assignments. The teacher was a type-A dictator who scared most students. But something strange happened after the second class, a number of students had dropped and the professor proved himself to be a great person and a wonderful teacher. Perhaps he just wanted to get rid of the students who were going to sleep through his class.

It worked.

You shouldn't be afraid to take a class just because you feel fear or you don't do well with that subject in high school. Regardless of the subject, you should try it, because you might enjoy it and learn something. It happened to me when I took Physical Science. I not only enjoyed it, but I learned so much that I wanted to share my newfound information with my family, my friends, and even with the occasional stranger.

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One that needs business savvy. The second database, JSTOR, will bring "a world of information" to researchers with a focus on Humanities/Arts and Sciences. According to Coordinator of Graphics Services Lisa Yarost, the database has offerings from 117 different magazines.

New databases make research easier for students.

Both databases are accessible via Aquinas' website. Continuing Education student Alex Gates says, "The websites are great." Gates commented that she uses the online databases frequently.

Woodhouse Library boasts a genuinely pleasant and helpful staff. To introduce the library personnel, each staff member posed for a custom-designed magazine cover that was posted on the library bulletin board.

"Media Assistant Chad Buczkowski designed the phony magazines featuring Sr. Jean Milhaupt on the front of "Bicycling," Tony Puzza on "Cat Fancy" and Pam Luebke on "Real Simple." The Woodhouse Library also offers services including signing out digital cameras, portable screens and projectors as well as the following services: Ellison die cuts, binding and laminating, and video dubbing and editing.

Students' wallets feel burden of rising book costs

By Mary Harwood
Times Writer

School has officially started and after the hustle and bustle of the first week, students moving into finding classes, the college has fallen into the routines of the semester. Students with armloads of books and supplies filed the bookstore, often forming a line that wrapped around the counter and into the bookshelves.

Statistics published in The College Board’s Trends in College Pricing show the cost of tuition and fees in four-year private colleges as an average of 3.8% for the 2002-03 academic year. In addition to tuition and fees, a portion of most students' budgets for the school year includes the purchase of textbooks required for class. Data published by The College Board shows that the expense of books and supplies for the average student rose 4.4% for the 2001-02 academic year. According to the National Association of College Stores, the price of the average textbook has risen 4.4% since 2002 compared to only 2.2% for other books. When asked if she thought about the current price of textbooks in the Aquinas Bookstore, Michelle Good, a continuing education student replied, "In relation to other [college] bookstores, I thought the prices were fair, but in relation to what [the books] are worth, no the prices aren’t fair."

The College Board reports that the average student spent $807 for books and supplies for the 2002-03 school year. While this average may seem high for Aquinas students, according to an informal poll on The Moose, Aquinas Online College Student Union, 43% of students spent more than $400 on textbooks for the Fall 2003 semester alone.

Kara Martin, a freshman, said, "I got lucky, mine were only $100, a friend of mine had to pay $600 for her books."

In the past, students had few alternatives to paying full price at campus bookstore to obtain the required textbooks. With the increase in internet usage and the increased ease of online purchasing, many students are finding books from online vendors. The National Association of College Stores estimates that only 1.5% of books were purchased from online vendors, however, those figures only take into account stores affiliated with their organization. Junior Suzy Thomasma purchases her textbooks from online vendors. "I did pay $291 at the bookstore, that was with a $73 book that I decided not to get, but I checked out Amazon.com and BN.com [Barnes and Noble] and got all my books for $190," said Thomasma.

Online sites such as Amazon.com have marketplace set-ups that allow the purchase online sale of used textbooks.

Despite the advent of online sales, campus bookstores still corner the majority of the market. Martin said she bought her books from the Aquinas Bookstore because they have it set up that way. "I was told to take my schedule to the bookstore. Once I was inside, they started handing me the books I needed and then it was time to pay."

Woodhouse library aides student success

By Amy DeBoer
Aquinas Times

LaPorte's connection of pencil and oil inspire many

By Thora Wease
Times Writer

Chris LaPorte’s recent work in The Art and Music Center Gallery offers visitors a display that might bug some viewers. You may have seen the artist's paintings along Postcards Around Campus—three boxes of colorful beetles.

A closer inspection of the picture reveals incredibly precise renderings of origami bugs that become so lifelike, one morphs into a real beetle and literally decides to wander off the canvas. The gallery also contains a pencil drawing of the beetles, done by LaPorte, which offers the same picture in a different format.

LaPorte’s whole show is like the beetle painting—pencil drawings alongside oils—featuring origami beetles during various levels of escape in "Jewel Boxes." origami dolphins reflected in a body of water in "Migrating" and "In Caravan," a herd of origami camels strolling by pyramids atop camels. The most striking and significant aspect of LaPorte’s show is the playfulness of these pieces conveyed with the true inspiration of a serious artist.

Pencil drawings are flat by nature while oil is suspended in the medium and therefore one oil is painting a relief sculpture an expert in micro-thin, explained LaPorte. "Drawing is straining to be a three-dimensional object in every way possible, in black and white — a push-pull."

"Unlike sculpture in stone," LaPorte continued, "pencil, oil, charcoal and graphite — the forms, tactual, subtractive...one must have a game plan, there is no going back so you must resign yourself to what it needs."
Shaoyang Gardens a wonderful experience
By Gabrielle Monaco
Times Writer

Recently I went to Shaoyang Gardens, a great restaurant on Mi-5238th street by the Cascade Meijer. The location is just off 28th street, which is located just on 28th street.

Walking to your table, we crossed a little bridge with fish, and a fountain, and some tradition Japanese decoration.

The setup of the restaurant is unique, with Chinese on one side of the restaurant and Japanese on the other side.

Upon its opening, Shaoyang Gardens, a wonderful experience. Our salads and soups were next, followed by the rice and vegetables, which is a wide variety of chicken, vegetables, long, thin, hot, oyster, and scallops.

Next, our main courses were served, and we ordered the same thing, Steak and 40's Show in showing. We ordered the same thing, Steak and 40's Show in showing. We wanted our steaks prepared. The dressing was ginger mixture. I was very impressed with the great service, and entertainment it was well worth it.

I would highly recommend Shaoyang Gardens to anyone who is looking for a different, unique, and fun dining experience.

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It was asked to describe the concert as two words. I would say, “pure theater.”

The pure energy that these British rockers bring to the stage is its own form of communication — (If you dig) — that onstage communication is rock and roll. They are — in a word — pure.

The concert began with the dramatic, yet not somber, first song from the new album. "You and Whose Army?" was performed with such staging and visual displays — such as lasers, pulsing lights and a giant projection screen over the pavilion — that the group chose "Sagrebatiun" as their second number. Another highlight was the return of the band to the stage to close with the song "Summer in the Sand." This is hard to center on just a few. But among them was "How You Got the Blues," and the crowd how proud he was of all the new songs.

"Sit down, stand up, sit down, stand up, sit down, stand up" went the crowd to close. It was a fitting close to the evening. It was a fitting end to a great show.
By Wesley Creager
Times Writer

The American Pie movie franchise continues with the third installment, "American Wedding." Seeing the film was a mistake. I appreciate that the makers of this film tried to improve upon the previous work and create a comedy that is even funnier and more popular than its predecessors. However, "American Wedding" far from being a follow-up to the first two American Pie movies comes off as childish and often painful to watch. Although the film did occasionally cause me to smile, it did only for the good comedic moments, those rare moments of laughter that few and far between were earned from the physical comedy.

Most of the film consisted of one badly conceived physical stunt after another. For example, in the very first scene of the movie we see Jim, the main heroine of the film, make elaborate plans to propose to his girlfriend over dinner and instead he manages to fall all over himself and get covered with his pants around his ankles in a restaurant full of shocked customers. I admit this seemed relatively entertaining, however, by the fifth time this scene is repeated I began to grow bored and disinterested. By the middle of the movie I simply began to feel as though I had watched the film before. One of the rhymes read was the culling song, which upon reading appeared to be no different than any other child's rhyme. However, the parent would return in the morning to find the child lifeless in her crib. Officials failed to pinpoint an exact cause for the suspicious deaths.

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By Mary Harwood
Times Writer

Circle Theatre kicked off its first non-musical in the new Performing Arts Center last Wednesday, September 10 with the Pulitzer Prize winning drama "Proof" by David Auburn. "Proof" tells the story of Catherine (Sandra Dietz) who gives up the opportunity to study math and perhaps follow in her father's footsteps to care for her aging father (Greg Rogers) — a mathematical genius who has gone mad. Catherine must also contend with her controlling yuppy sister, Claire (Nancy Hoffman), who wants Catherine to live in New York with her. The play, which opened on September 12, offers a study of family and its effect on the development of one's character. By delving into the complexities of the human mind, "Identity" reveals what lengths a person might pursue when provoked. The complexity of the plot reflects the complexity of the human mind. As in most murder mysteries the killer is often the most unexpected of characters and "Identity" is no exception. Characters portrayed as suspects early in the film are proven innocent when their corpses are found. One of the film's strengths is its roots in the field of mathematics with ground-breaking proofs on three different occasions. It is spent discovering whether Catherine inherited her father's genius and wrote the proof or simply inherited his delusional tendencies. Circle's production of "Proof" is directed by Tom Kaechele. The actors made good use of the new space, moving confidently and treading all sections of the theater equally. The four actors in the show each play their character masterfully.

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By Jeannie Debski
Times Writer

Streator is about to be put to sleep for eternity by a simple children's rhyme. Stories meant for innocent ears prove lethal any time they are meant for innocent ears prove lethal any time they are. As the number of survivors drops, suspicion heightens and the search for the true killer is on. Streator recites the lullaby to his un­pleasant boss. Streator realizes the ef­fectiveness of the book to them. One of the rhymes read was the culling song, which upon reading appeared to be no different than any other child's rhyme. However, the parent would return in the morning to find the child lifeless in her crib. Officials failed to pinpoint an exact cause for the suspicions robberies.

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The Corner
A female perspective on why men pursue higher education

By Katie Jensen
Times Writer

Women are enrolling in colleges across the nation with increasing frequency. In fact, they now actually make up the majority of undergraduate students in the United States, and many educational experts are concerned about this "gender gap." Some experts are blaming this decline in male students on the "misrepresentation" of women in college. However, I think that it may lie in a problem of motivation. What hurdle have I gone to college?

I think that the main reason men go to college is to improve their earning potential when they enter the work force. This is a perfectly valid goal, but not one to pursue higher education for its own sake. It is not the only reason.

It is much easier to explain a college degree as a means to an end in itself as an idea and in creating a meaningful career or to gain knowledge in a subject that one is passionate about. I believe that for more men than women, the need to make as much money as possible is not a factor in their motivation.

Student enrollment at liberal arts colleges is a perfect example of this. For students whose sole focus is the amount of money in their pockets, it makes little sense to go to college, as they will not learn anything useful. Women, on the other hand, tend to go to college for less productive members of the group, it fails to complete the lesson in which both the workload and the reward will be unequal with the greatest workload sinking to the bottom and the greatest reward floating to the top.

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Checks and balances protect freedom
Despite bipartisan politics as seen in judicial nominee confirmation, the system still works

By Curtis Burdette
Editor In Chief

In light of the Democratic filibuster in the Senate that stalled President Bush's nomination of Miguel Estrada to U.S. District Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, some citizens have questioned the effectiveness of the system of checks and balances. Estrada, a high profile attorney, withdrew his nomination after waiting 39 months for U.S. Senate approval. Democrats prevented the vote that would have likely led to Estrada becoming a federal judge with filibusters spread over more than two years.

Republican U.S. Senator Orrin Hatch expressed outrage that liberal Democrats were disrupting the political process by not allowing a vote on a judicial nominee even going as far as calling the series of filibusters unconstitutional. Democrats, led by Senate Charles Schumer, have acknowledged that though the American Bar Association graded Estrada "well-qualified," the lawyer has a track record that Democrats have called too conservative to serve on the court. A quick look back at the history book reveals a federal government designed with three branches: executive, legislative, and judicial. The candidates for the executive and legislative branches are elected into office by the general population. However, judicial candidates must be nominated and approved before being offered a lifetime appointment.

The Constitution grants the president, as head of the executive branch, the power to nominate judicial candidates. In order to balance that privilege, the Constitution grants the Senate, as the elite house of the executive branch, the authority to approve or reject the nominees. However, the Senate allows a procedure called filibuster that usually stalls or postpones a vote that would likely be approved by a majority. Thus, while the system of checks and balances can obstruct the nomination process, those delays are intended to ensure that the executive and legislative branches approve of the federal judges prior to offering them lifetime appointments. Some Republicans contend that the political system does not work because the Senate did not get to vote on Estrada's nomination. However, the U.S. Constitution explains these practices as legal and necessary to provide the best government for the citizens of the U.S.

A glance at the list of judges nominated by Bush reveals that 145 of 194 candidates have been confirmed by the Senate with little or no debate. Thus, nearly three out of four Bush nominees for federal courts have been approved by the Senate. Those numbers reflect a process that works roughly 75 percent of the time.

Despite the Republican rhetoric about Democrats obstructing the process, Bush has been effective in filling vacancies in the federal courts. Democrats have blocked several ultraconservative judges with the intent of preventing narrow-minded nominees from taking the positions of impartial judges. With Senate Democrats and Republicans often voting according to party alignment for the contested judicial nominations, the ability of the minority party to filibuster judicial nominations allows a last ditch effort to prevent one political party from dominating all three branches of government.

It's doubtful that the founding fathers of the U.S. intended the federal and state governments' policies to be dictated by two very influential political parties. However, the system of checks and balances still has enough power to prevent the Senate majority from rubber-stamping judicial nominees from a president affiliated with the same political political party as the Senate majority.

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While some of the controversial candidates might make excellent federal judges, the dangers of approving an opinionated judge to a federal court are evident when considering that the individual would have more authority to interpret the law as well as set precedents on important issues. A rebellious judge could make decisions that send ripples through the judicial system. Also there's a chance that a more appeals to higher courts could be filed in the district where an opinionated judge presides.

As far as the confirmation of judicial nominees to federal courts is concerned, the bipartisan politics present in the current U.S. political system offers encouragement that the system works even after more than 225 years of implementation without any major refinements.

Bipartisan politics may often be used to describe the battle for power between the two political parties, however, in this case the phrase describes a team effort between Republicans and Democrats to fill the federal courts with judges that will best serve U.S. citizens.

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A new manager, a new attitude but the old problems were the story of the year for the 2003 Detroit Tigers.

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Team looks to next season with promise, young stars should improve standings

By Tony Pizzolli

Times Writer

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were not going to get optimistic...the Lions are still in the worst division in the NFC and have a rough-looking past to overcome before anyone in the NFL starts to take them seriously.

Still, if they can get around the reputation they hold and focus on the talent and ambition they could have, they might have a chance at redeeming themselves and maybe this season finish somewhere other than last in the NFL.

Michigan University is off to an impressive start this year, outscoring their first two opponents by 85 points combined.

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Michigan's tradition is to have a senior running back with an abundance of talent and a younger, evenly talented back following him in and return the following season as the team's primary back. This is exactly what Michigan has this year. This year, other teams have overlooked Perry as a primary back. He quietly rushed

in the NFL. Later, this year is the Florida Marlin's 21-year old leftfielder Donnette Willis. Willis, nicknamed the-D-Train has helped the Marlins become a wild-card contender with a 12-6 record and a 3.28 ERA.

While the 2003 baseball season has not gone quite so well for the Ti-

U of M poised for National Title

By B.J. Mazmanian and Corey Russel

Times Writers

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Saints upset by Calvin
Knights in cross-town battle

By Joe Woodruff
Times Writer

On September 3, the Aquinas Men's Soccer team met with cross-town rival Calvin College, only to be defeated 6-2. The two teams play once a year for nothing more than a game of hard fought competition and bragging rights.

Aquinas entered the game with a record of 2-1. The Saints opened their year off with a 6-0 win over Davenport. They then went on to play Columbia of Missouri and came back from a 2-0 deficit with 10 minutes to go to win the game 3-2.

The Saints then went on to lose 4-0 to Lindenwood of Missouri who are ranked 15th nationally. "It was great to play top-notch opponents early, to prepare us for the rest of the season," said senior captain Jeff White.

It was a hot and sunny day out and the Knights of Calvin were kicking off the regular season against Indiana Tech September 13th, and then September 19th, as a team because we have the talent to beat anybody else in our conference," said White concerning the loss to Calvin. "Mainly we need to just come together as a team because we have the talent to beat anybody else in our conference," said Junior Matt Garner.

It was a cross-town rivalry so it is usually a tough game," said White. Marko Jagudin started off the scoring for the Saints after he stole a pass from a Calvin defender to give Aquinas a 1-0 lead only 8:25 into the game.

Jagudin scored the equalizer for the Saints, capping off his second goal of the season when star player Joel Kool's goal off a corner kick to tie the game 1-1. Calvin took the lead for the first time in the game when star player Joel Veldhouse received a pass from teammate Maurice White, and stuck the ball in the net past goalie Brent Garvin to put the Knights up 2-1, 7:23 before half.

Calvin was leading 2-1 at half, making way for a second half that had high expectations of being a great fight to the final whistle. Jagudin started a spree of four goals in a span of 10 minutes leaving a score of 6-2.

The victorious Knights ended up with 17 shots total and 10 of those being on goal. "It's a cross-town rivalry so it is usually a tough game," said White.

"It's better to go through a transition stage early in the season than later," said White. Jagudin goal was the last shot Aquinas would have for the rest of the game, leaving them with only 3 shots for the entire game.

Aquinas finished first in both indoor and outdoor mens track and field and mens cross country. The WHAC All-Sports Cup Trophy came in existence in 1992 with the formation of the WHAC. Tri-State won the first two titles (1992, 1993) before Siena Heights won the next three years (1994, 1995, 1996). Since then, Aquinas College has won each year (1997-present). Last year, Cornerstone finished second to Aquinas.

AQ earns prestigious WHAC All-Sports Cup Trophy

Sports teams combine for most points during year

By Tony Puzzuoli
Times Writer

The 2002-2003 year was a successful...

YEAR FOR AQUINAS SPORTS TEAMS.

For the sixth straight season, Aquinas won the Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference All-Sports Cup Trophy. The trophy is given to the WHAC school that scores the most points for all the sports match-ups during the sports year.

Since there are eight schools in the WHAC — Aquinas, Concordia, Cornerstone, Indiana Tech, Madonna, Siena Heights, Spring Arbor and Tri-State — eight points are given for a first place finish, seven for second and so on.

Aquinas finished first in both indoor and outdoor men's track and field and women's softball. The Saints also finished first in indoor and outdoor men's track and field and men's cross
Aquinas finishes second in race

By Leo Foley
Times Writer

Finishing second in a 10 team field, the Aquinas mens and womens cross country teams opened their season at Riverside Park last Friday afternoon.

Grand Valley won the meet with 28 points. Spring Arbor's Herbert Roith broke the tape for individual honors in 25:32.

Leo Foley and Josh Miller led the Saints with eleventh and thirteenth place finishes. Sophomore Jeff Luehn finished third for Aquinas, running a 3:15 personal best — good enough for nineteenth place.

On the womens side Junior Val Kunde led the lady Saints with a ninth place finish in 19:11. Krista O'Dell of Grand Valley won with a time of 18:59. As team they placed second to the GVSU Valley women's team who is ranked 3rd in division two.

Meanwhile, junior Josh May and freshman Scott Astenschuster completed the scoring for Aquinas, placing 20 and 24, respectively. Finishing sixth and seventh for the Saints were Danny Wilkerson and James Jones.

"It was a great opener for us, we accomplished most of our goals," said sophomore Harrington. Finishing sixth and seventh for the Saints is defiantly the favorite to repeat as conference and regional champions.

Kelby Tuddenbush had an impressive eighteenth place finish in her first collegiate race. Sophomore Meghan Lewis was third for Aquinas with a time of 20:14. Janely Keyte Second and freshman Lisa Wojciakowski finished together in 20:35, completing the scoring for the Saints. Also finishing for Aquinas was freshman Emily Petz, freshman Emily Kitchen and junior Lucy Foley.

The Aquinas womens team — who was running without its number two runner, Jenny Mills — is excited about its season. They return six girls from a team that placed third at the WHAC conference meet a year ago.

Those girls are joined by one of the best freshman classes ever to come to Aquinas, according to the team.

The team feels the combination of talent and experience gives the lady Saints a chance at a National Championship appearance as well as Conference and Regional titles.

The mens and womens team are back in action on September 27 at the Pre-National meet in Louisville, Ky. They also host the Conference and Regional Championships at Riverside Park on October 25 and November 19.

UNDER THE BLEACHERS

CHRIS EPPLETT

Lions still wait and see

Joey will be back, cut him a little slack

It takes time. Maybe that's what Lions fans have to remember. I can tell you this for sure — this is a different team. Why? There's hope. That's something I couldn't say the last two seasons. But there's no doubt about it. Let's just hope it's not the only Bowl he goes to in a lifetime. Let's just hope he escapes the 2-1 victory.

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Taylor controlled a good part of the first half, keeping the Saints with their backs to the bar.

In the first half, the Saints started to control the ball, developing into several opportunities to score.

The team's best chance came when Sophomore defender Katie Biene from 35 yards out, clipping the ball off the finger tips of the goalkeeper and hit the crossbar.

The Saints kept control of the rest of the first half, as they limited the Lady Trojans' time of possession.

Again, it did not take long for Taylor to score. Just two minutes into the second half, Long scored her second goal, leaving the score at 2-0.

The Saints had another slow start of the half but they started to regroup and play with more organization.

Their first and only goal came when Schwartz passed the ball to Katie Schmuck and she buried it in the back of the net in the final minutes, pulling Aquinas to within one at 2-1.

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