Governor Granholm makes reading a priority

Emily Johnson
Times Writer

Leaving a legacy was the theme of Governor Jennifer Granholm's address at the attendances of the Council of Michigan Foundations conference. Early childhood education was top priority. Under the heavy hand of a budget deficit, Granholm expressed the importance of alternative funding for state programs. She encouraged CMF participants to continue funding programs that improve the community. Granholm's vision is to form partnerships with foundations and corporations to fund reading programs for young children.

New research in the field of child development suggests that education begins at age zero. The focus of reading programs for children is to create awareness of how critical it is to understand early brain development. Granholm's first concern was to get the word out to parents about their children's brain development, essential to their success later in life, and then to come up with a way to help make the information stick.

"There needs to be a general knowledge about this issue," said Granholm. "It has to be like being a bike helmet, citing the fact a generation ago, kids didn't often wear bike helmets, but now, it is rare to see a child riding without one. "The importance of early brain development has to be in our psyche the same way," Granholm said.

Granholm consulted with every department of state that touches on the life of a child to decide how to get the word out about early childhood development. As a result, The Children's Action Network was created. Searching for ways to have the greatest impact on young children, Granholm in partnership with other state representatives, focused on child care facilities first. As a condition of licensure, childcare providers must now read to the children in their care for at least a half-hour a day. "We don't want child care centers just to be warehouses. We want them to be enriching experiences," said Granholm.

In addition, Granholm expressed the importance of parents reading to their children for a half-hour a day at home. She compared it to a year's worth of education before they ever started school. Another way to reach parents about this issue is to offer information through the department of health. Parents may now be educated in the waiting room at health care facilities or the Family Independence Agency, for example. They may watch a TV program about the importance of brain development and its relation to reading. Hospitals are another avenue to deliver child raising kits to new parents.

Funding has been obtained to create 40,000 "Ready Kits," which include videos and early childhood informational materials for the parents. They are also formed with partnerships with the Michigan Association of Broadcasters to create television and radio Public Service Announcements. They help to support early childhood education and to inform parents about this issue. Readiness expands their perceptions and tolerance for others. "Reading is comfortable for a child, they are more likely to easily understand concepts in math, social studies and sciences," said Clingman, whose interest in teaching reading began as an Aquinas student in 1966.

"Early childhood education continues to change," said Granholm. "Reading is a lifelong skill." Granholm's vision is to form CMF participants to continue funding programs that improve the community.

Michigan Readiness is a lifelong skill.

New twenty designed to thwart counterfeiting

Rob Antecki
Times Writer

In an effort to reduce the incidence of counterfeiting, the U.S. Department of the Treasury recently issued re- designed twenty dollar bills, following changes to the notes made for the 1996 se ries. The alterations are numerous: a different color for the background of the note, a slightly modified portrait of president Andrew Jack son without an oval frame, the image of a blue eagle on the left front side behind the federal seal, a smaller image of a metallic green eagle on the right near the bottom of the portrait, a waving ban ner image of the words "Twenty USA, USA Twenty," directly behind the seal, a new location for the plate number in the upper right front, and a more artistic vignette effect on the back blinding the image of the White House into the background. The new twenty dollar bills also include many security features already in place in the 1996 series, such as watermarking, a security thread and fibers, and intaglio printing. They are printed on the same cotton and linen rag paper as well. Some electronic cash handling machines are not yet able to read the new bills, such as the U-Scan devices at many Meijer stores. All currency, regardless of age, is just as good as the new bills, and U.S. currency has never been devalued.

According to the Secret Service, it is rare that a fraudulent bill is seen by the public, as only 1 to 2 bills are counterfeited out of every 10,000. There was a $30 million in counterfeit money seized before it entered circulation in 2002, and

$443 million in fraudulent U.S. currency was removed across the globe in that same year.

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Cuts to higher education should be distributed equally.

On Governor Granholm's recent tour of the state to hold town hall forums across the state, a clear message that funding for higher education, especially critical aid to students at private colleges, was not one of her priorities.

Granholm claimed she was holding town hall forums across the state to educate people on the budget crisis and get input on how they would eliminate the state's $920 million deficit.

"I work for you, this is your money. You get to decide how you want to prioritize it," she told 50 area residents during her forum in West Michigan. Later, after the forum, she said again, "We wouldn't be doing this if we weren't serious about taking people's input back [to Lansing] — it's not just a show.

"In reality, however, it was not that: show. More than six million people had signed petitions for the following issue: how they would cut the state's $30 million and $700 million.

- Close guard towers at prisons.
- Eliminate assistance to low-income seniors and persons with disabilities.
- Eliminate state funding for agricultural research.
- Eliminate day care for low-income working families.
- Eliminate scholarships for students at private colleges (non-Merit).

A majority of citizens who attended her forums all around the state voted to cut the scholarships to students at private colleges. But would they have made the same choice had they been informed about these scholarships and what impact they have on the state? I'm betting not.

"The worry for students at private colleges is actually the Michigan Tuition Grant," according to Dave Steffeke, Director of Financial Aid at Aquinas. "In the general public eye [that] doesn't know any better, thinks: why sure, those little rich kids shouldn't get any money to go to private colleges.

"The Michigan Tuition Grant is actually a need-based grant — according to a federal formula, you must show financial need (in order to receive it). It's not just a scholarship program. It would impact almost every single one of our students."

Granholm's response to this issue? "People said if you've got to cut somewhere, cut higher education, because it's not a top priority."

"Most people believe, I think, that they'd rather see the state spend the money to the state schools, and taxpayers, they would have thought twice. After accounting for State of Michigan assistance, private colleges and universities paid Michigan taxpayers $340 million every year through the Michigan Tuition Grant. Cutting the grant would be counterproductive and increase the burden on taxpayers.

The average state support per student at a state school is $6,000, while students receive only $2,000 under the grant.

Additionally, the $64 million from the state that funds the Tuition Grant is only 3.9 percent of the higher education budget in the state, while more than 25 percent of four-year higher education students go to private colleges in Michigan.

In today's world, many students choose colleges based in large part on the amount of financial aid they receive. If the Tuition Grant is eliminated, students may find they can no longer afford to attend private college in Michigan — they may transfer to a state school (thus increasing the burden on taxpayers) or choose to attend out of state (another loss of money to the state) or that would also have a large effect on private colleges — even if a fraction of the students at private institutions receiving the grant chose to transfer, it could have devastating effect on enrollment, over 1,000 students currently receive the Michigan Tuition Grant at Aquinas.

Granholm has been pushing bipartisan support on ideas to eliminate the deficit, so why eliminate the tuition grant, which has had strong bipartisan support in the past?

Obviously, with a $290 million deficit, the higher education budget will be cut. However, the cuts need to be equally distributed to both public and private colleges and universities. Granholm needs to come to her senses and realize that while input from an uninformed public may make her sound caring, may be she should put her Harvard-educated brain to work and come up with real ideas for the higher education budget.

Students represent AQ at Model U.N.

This year, Aquinas sent over 50 students to the AMUN conference and represented four countries: the Democratic Republic of Congo, Cuba, the Republic of Congo and Russia. "Model U.N. was a great experience; I learned a lot and had a lot of fun. I would recommend it to anyone," said junior Matt Garner, who represented the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The couple was also amazed at the wide array of performing arts in Chinese culture, and noted that even on the streets there were often people performing, whether playing instruments, singing, or performing magic.

After visiting Tiananmen Square, the site of the famous protest and massacre, they learned a lesson about the incredible power the Chinese government has over media in the country. "We talked to our tour guide [about the Tiananmen Square massacre], and according to him, nothing had ever happened there," said Heinz-Ciullo. "We were amazed.

"In China, the couple learned, the government has much more control over citizens than in America. Chinese citizens do not openly criticize the government, and if a new law is passed, citizens must follow it without complaint. They found this out first hand when the mayor of a city they toured announced a new law banning motor vehicles on a street at the end of a week, to go into effect the following Monday. After questioning their tour guide, they learned the law would affect several hundred thousand citizens, and that there would be no complaint, it would just happen.

The couple's information was entertaining, full of facts and insights into many aspects of present-day Chinese culture.

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The students traveled to the conference. Aquinas has a history of excellent showings at the conference, winning several awards in past years.

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ACS unlocks door to science fun

Melissa Conklin Times Writer

On Wednesday, Nov. 12, the Aquinas chapter of the American Chemical Society celebrated St. Albert’s Day. Approximately 140 fourth and fifth graders piled into the labs of St. Albert, the Father of the Natural Sciences. He was a religious scholar who spent most of his life focusing on chemistry, biology and physics. His most famous student is none other than St. Thomas Aquinas, which is why Aquinas values the anniversary of his death. The kids were able to participate in a cat dissection, cleaning of pennies in Nitric Acid, observe biology slides, the making of their own Gak, and watch reactions between acids and bases. The students were also able to observe biology slides, the cleaning of pennies in Nitric Acid, and many other experiments.

When asked why the ACS has put on this annual event for the past ten years, they liked best, knew the day was a blast.

“St. Albert’s Day is also a good recruitment in order to get kids interested in science,” Waldron commented. The ACS’ annual activities help elementary students unlock the door to a great learning experience and excite science can be.

Senate grants additional allocations to student clubs

Mary Harwood Times Writer

Just two weeks after the Student Senate approved its operating budget for the 2003-04 school year, two clubs brought requests for additional allocations to the full assembly on Wednesday, Nov. 12. Both requests came to the floor with the full approval of the cabinet and Budget Committee.

POLIS requested an additional allocation to support the Model United Nations program. In view of the budget cuts this year POLIS only requested $900. Last year POLIS received over $1000 from senate and 35 students participated. This fall 50 students will be participating in the four-day event held in Chicago.

POLIS treasurer Justin Meyers said, “I think that it [Model U.N.] is a very important aspect of this college campus. We’re actually receiving incoming freshman [where] one of the reasons they chose our Political Science department over other colleges is because of our Model U.N. program.”

Aquinas College has placed in the top three at the Model U.N. conference every year that they have participated.

A new addition to senate by-laws this year is that before requesting an additional allocation, any club or organization must hold at least one fundraiser that will raise funds for that club, not for charity. POLIS is doing several things to defray the cost of Model U.N.: Participants are paying part of the cost of their own pockets, members held a bottle drive, and Neveah Drive gave a concert to benefit POLIS.

The assembly approved POLIS’ request for additional funds for an overwhelming majority.

After Service Learning’s budget was cut completely this year (in compliance with senate by-laws that do not allow the funding of departments), a group of students came together and formed a Service Leadership Club. President of the club Tom Eggleston, assisted by advisor Eric Bridge, gave a short presentation on Service Learning and Service Leadership and the benefits they have for Aquinas’ campus. In addition to the standard allocation of $200 given to new clubs, the club requested $4300.

Eggleston said, “Funds are used to reduce the cost for students participating in Service Learning programs. Already students pay to cover the majority of program expenses. In addition, many Aquinas students and groups do fundraisers to help with the program fees.”

The issue of fundraising came up before the request was voted on. Service Leadership already has some funds raised. They are also working on a project that collects old cell phones. Service Leadership will receive a percentage back for any phones that are collected that can be remanufactured. Phones that can’t be remanufactured but are still in working order are donated to women’s shelters.

With only one opposed, senate granted Service Leadership’s request for an additional allocation of $4300.

Service Leadership will work closely with Service Learning to give students opportunities for leadership and service not only on the traditional Service Learning trips, but also on campus and in the community.

The senate meeting would be held Dec. 3 at 12:00 p.m. and the next senate full assembly meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 3 p.m.

Heartwell recovering!

Mike Guyeskey Times Writer

Mayor-elect George Heartwell underwent prostate cancer surgery last Wednesday. He was released from the hospital Friday morning. Mr. Heartwell is doing “very well,” Mrs. Heartwell stated. George Heartwell was unavaiable to comment as he is recovering from the operation. He is expected to be fully recovered on Monday.

Aquinas College Public Notice

Aquinas College is seeking comments from the public concerning the college in preparation for its periodic evaluation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. A team from the Higher Learning Commission will visit the college on March 22-24, 2004 when they will conduct a comprehensive review of the college and evaluate the institution’s ability to meet the Commission’s Criteria for Accreditation and General Institutional Requirements. Aquinas College has been accredited by the Commission since 1946.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the college:

Public Comment on Aquinas College
Commission on Higher Education
North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing and signed; comments cannot be treated as confidential.

All comments must be received by February 1, 2003.

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BRIEFS

U. North Dakota student reported missing

Brenden TIMPE

Dakota Student (U. North Dakota)

(U-WIRE) GRAND FORKS, N.D. - A University of North Dakota student has been reported missing in what police say looks like an abduction. Dru Sjodin, a senior graphic design major from Pequot Lakes, Minn., was last seen leaving the Columbia Mall in Grand Forks at about 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 22.

Sjodin had finished work at Victoria’s Secret, and was reported missing when she failed to show up to a shift at the El Roco night club on Saturday night.

Sgt. Michael Hedlund, of the Grand Forks Police Department, said that Sjodin was captured on surveillance tapes while shopping at Marshall Field’s after she left work. A phone call to her boyfriend ended abruptly about that time, and her vehicle was found in the mall parking lot.

“Indications were that she definitely was in the mall and she definitely returned to her vehicle,” he said.

When Sjodin failed to show up for a 9 p.m. shift at the El Roco, she was reported missing to the UND Police Department. Hedlund said that police are operating on the assumption that this is a missing person case.

The U.S. Border Patrol began an air search Monday morning of the area around Fisher, Minn. A ground search was to begin as well, as a joint effort with the Polk County Sheriff’s Department, Grand Forks County Sheriff’s Department, UND, U.S. Border Patrol, North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation and the FBI.

Texas A&M student bonfire burns

Sonja Moghe

The Battalion (Texas A&M U.)

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE STATION, Texas - The centerpiece in this year’s Texas A&M University off-campus student bonfire collapse occurred at 3:33 a.m. Nov. 22, predicting that Texas A&M would beat the University of Texas in next week’s highly anticipated football game.

Traditionally, if the centerpiece of the bonfire collapses before midnight, it is predicted that A&M will lose to Texas, but if it collapses after midnight, A&M will win.

This year marks the second year a bonfire has been held off campus. Since the 1999 Aggie Bonfire collapse that resulted in the deaths of 12 Aggies and the injury of 27 more, Aggie Bonfire’s ties with the university have been severed.

Paul Harding, a senior animal science major who helped build the bonfire, says the atmosphere Saturday night was one of anticipation and excitement.

“People weren’t quite sure what to expect because it wasn’t a cake design like old bonfire,” he says.

One minor injury was reported at the bonfire, which was treated on site. None of the “grey pots” — students who were tending the bonfire — were hurt, Lampson says.

Trevino says he initially didn’t support Student Bonfire but changed his mind after attending and giving it a chance.

“The yell leaders are their own student organization,” Woods says. “The bonfire was not recognized as a university related event.”

Vegetarians discuss Thanksgiving alternatives

Elizabeth Paris

The Daily Universe (Brigham Young U.)

(U-WIRE) PROVO, Utah - Thanksgiving is synonymous with turkey, but many people want this tradition changed.

It is always great to celebrate and to have fun with families,” says Karin Robertson, the education manager for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. “But Thanksgiving should be a celebration, not a time for suffering and pain of animals.”

Over 3 million turkeys are killed every year. Wild turkeys live an average of 15 years while farm turkeys live for 20 weeks.

“They are crammed into a single warehouse, where heart attacks are a common death, the turkeys are so close to each other they are often smothered,” says Robertson. “On the way to the slaughter house they can freeze to death, fall out of the truck and then they are strung upside down, usually conscience, to be killed.”
Impress your date: Rent a good foreign film

Freeze! Step away from the new releases rack. Put down the safe, familiar Hollywood faces and put your hands in the air.

No, you’re not under arrest, but you are guilty — guilty of a crime as disgusting, disturbing and unfunny as an Adam Sandler movie.

The crime: Possession of Movie Store Closed-Mindedness with the Intent to Rent.

What do you have to say for yourself? Oh, Reese Witherspoon made you do it — a likely story.

Here’s a little secret. When you leave your local movie store with your brand-spanking-new copy of “2 Fast 2 Furious,” they are laughing at you. So now you might be asking, “Who’s laughing at me, Mr. Know-It-All Arts Editor?” Here’s who: the counter-jockeys—the men and women who possess a superior degree of discernment regarding good movies and IQ-diminishing cancers of the mind. Movies are as important to people’s lives as your blood.

In the 15 minutes or so that you have taken to make your choice, they have assimilated a personality profile of you and thus the atavisms of Jung or Freud simply by analyzing the order of your aisle choices and the quality of your comments to your friend or date. They could probably tell you the name of your first cat and ask her at which you stopped wetting your bed. Sorry if you feel invaded, but a little humility is probably in order.

This might seem insulting, but it should be said nonetheless — some movies are made in places other than the U.S. Some of them are in languages other than English, but most of those have this wonderful things called subtitles that provide the closest English translations possible. So even if you don’t speak Italian, you’re still not in the dark.

As not to appear elitist, it should also be said that just as there are multitudes of superb American movies, there are at least as many bottom-feeder foreign films out there. Some of them line the shelves and trick you by saying, “I’m French, so I must be romantic.” There is a French movie called “Irreversible” that is a perfect example of such deception. It’s not a horrible movie (though it’s not good either), but it has this 20-minute scene of explicit sexual violence that is going to make most feel pretty uncomfortable. In other words, there are better date movies.

You shouldn’t have to pretend to be captivated by a movie that is totally over your head just to impress the girl that you just bought a $30 dinner. Likewise, you need not stay awake for the movie that you think is overwhelmingly boring just because the boy you’re with is laughing and stroking his chin contemplatively, for it’s safe to say he’s just as uninterested. Open the lines of communication. Tell him that you think the movie is awful. Ask her if she really likes it. Both of you will probably save a lot of time and be spared from much agony.

A good starting place for the foreign-film beginner is a 2001 French film called “Amélie.” This movie is about as gorgeous and intelligible as they come. You will fall in love with Audrey Tautou who plays the role of Amélie, an adorable, introverted young woman who random acts of kindness and matchmaking helpless souls and allow her to find her own love. Let this be the beginning of your exiting journey from the confines of a desensitizing world of American-box-office smash and into a space of unimaginable depth and cleverness — you will not be let down.

One more thing: If ever in doubt, consult your friendly video store clerk. The first step toward real wisdom is admitting that you don’t know everything. In most cases, they have assimilated a personality profile of you and thus the atavisms of Jung or Freud simply by analyzing the order of your aisle choices and the quality of your comments to your friend or date. They could probably tell you the name of your first cat and ask her at which you stopped wetting your bed. Sorry if you feel invaded, but a little humility is probably in order.

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Berden Brilliant in ‘Flowers’

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Times Writer

Good actors are rare like diamonds; bad actors are uncountable. Neither an actor nor a director is the work of art; it is the interaction of the two that creates an exciting situation. With the director being responsible for the story and the actor for the performance, only a collaboration can result in a successful production. As an actor, Claire Gorden, portrayed a perfect example of this interaction with the director, Fred Stone.

As the show progressed, we became more aware of the characters that these actors were portraying. The audience was plunged into a world of mystery and suspense.

As the show ended, the audience applauded and acknowledged the actors’ performance. The director’s vision of the play came alive on stage, creating a captivating experience for the audience.
For the past few years several movies have come out in trilogy format when the creators thought of going past one movie. Most of the time these movies are just dragged longer because they make a large sum of money and the creators think they can extend their profits.

A really good example is the "Scary Movie" trilogy, which may be expanding even farther past the trilogy. However, "The Matrix" trilogy is a welcomed departure from the grotesque sequel genre. This movie was the perfect ending to a previously unplanned trilogy. The first half of the trilogy is mostly fighting and a lot more explanations. The trilogy could have been destined for failure due to the death of Gloria Foster, the original "Oracle," from complications concerning her diabetes. Often when sequels don't do as well as the first movie they don't say anything and hope no one notices, not at all. The case with "The Matrix.
The first Matrix came out in 1999. It grossed $95.5 million on its opening weekend. "Matrix Reloaded" grossed $953.3 million on its first weekend. "Matrix Revolutions" grossed $83.8 million its first week. The plot line for this movie continues around the story lines of the first two instalments. The first movie is mostly about getting Neo the unwrliving savor of a collapsing world, to believe he was "The One." In "Reloaded," Neo has a gang of some foreign rulers and must come to them to a true point of save everyone in Zion. The final movie is about the machines finally getting in to Zion and Neo trying to end the war between the ma chines and the humans. It has a lot of things for which fans have been waiting since the beginning of the series. The final fight scene is what everyone wanted to see, which can be described as a good version of a "Dragon Ball Z" fight.

Most fans are appreciative of the approach that the creators "Revolutions" took as well as the results it yielded. I thought that it was very well done. Especially liked the special effects and the story line. I would definitely recommend it to my friends. I also really like the way that they finished up the trilogy. The ending was "Old of open and different than what you would expect.

Aquilini students Sarah Camargo said, "Fans of the first two movies should go and see "Revolutions." Those who haven’t seen the first two may want to see them so they may understand exactly what is going on in the third film. However, no one needs to see any of the movies to appreciate the fight scenes. If you are action combined with a little drama and some good mind tricks then enjoy "Matrix: Revolutions."

Review by Dave Young

Intuition brings new sound to GR

Emily Johnson
Times Writer

Though Grand Rapids hasn’t a shortage of great entertainment, Calder City has a knack for continually "changing it up." A fresh, new alternative to the Thursday night line-up is "Intuition," a weekly celebration of hip-hop, reggae, jungle and house music spun from records by the city’s hottest DJs.

Area DJs rock downtown every Thursday night at Tantra, mixing songs and beats and creating a groove that Grand Rapids has never seen. Intuition promises to provide an introduction to the latest in electronic music blended with the songs of legends like the Beastie Boys and Bob Marley. Getting your groove on will be inevitable.

On Thursday Nov. 19, Intuition’s debut featured a special guest from Tampa, Fla., Paulie Dislvestro, aka DJ Screwface. Dislvestro has been spinning records for more than 15 years. In the Boon, Dislvestro eyed some turntables and a mixer at a store with his father when he was 14 years old. His father bought him the $400 bottom-of-the-line system and a 2Live Crew album. Thus marked the birth of unparalleled DJ explosiveness. DJ Screwface came to Grand Rapids to kick off Intuition because he believes in promoting good DJs. "Just because you buy records or have some turntables doesn’t make you a DJ. It’s all about setting a vibe," said Screwface.

That was the intention of DJs Bhuddist Producer and DANGDATKAT who hosted Intuition’s first night. "This is a different sound," said Randy Visser, aka Bhuddist Producer, happy with the turn out and the energy the crowd had on the dance floor. If you like to dance, listen to cutting edge, underground music (hint: It’s not mainstream by any means), be in the company of other hip individuals "feeling the vibe," then go to Tantra on Thursday nights to experience a fresh alternative to the Grand Rapids music scene. Tantra is located at 81 Ionia in downtown Grand Rapids. Intuition starts at 9:00 PM every Thursday. The cover charge is $5.00, and you must be at least 21 years old to enter. For more information visit: www.clubtantra.com.

Vulgar dog puppet equals comedic gold

Charley Clapp
Times Writer

Triumph the Insult Comic Dog’s new CD, "Come Poop with Me," is nothing but bawdy fodder. It must have been written by fifth graders who still think fart jokes are the best. But honestly folks, this CD is hilarious, raunchy, vulgar, politically incorrect and probably not for everyone.

Triumph is a character first made famous on "Late Night with Conan O’Brien." Triumph, for the uninformed, is a canine comedian whose comedy is based solely on dropping incredibly vulgar and dirty insults on his victims, mostly celebrities. Oh yeah, it’s a puppet too. He’s been dressed on "Star Wars" geeks, the "MTV Music Awards," "American Idol," and Benji to name a few. The dirty dog puppet immediately carved out a special place in the twisted hearts of hardcore film fanatics. A fake dog insulting celebrities—who doesn’t love that? If you are a fan of Conan O’Brien and Triumph’s sketches on "Late Night," or if you just enjoy filthy jokes in general, then by all means pick up this CD. Triumph’s jokes are at least on par if not even more over the top than any of his "Late Night" material.

The lyrics are as vulgar and witty as you would come to expect. This CD has plenty of Latin-sounding "Benji’s Quest" and "I Keed!" and "I kid" for those who aren’t fluent in broken English. It also has "Underage Bichon" in which Triumph bemoans his nights with underage dogs. "She told me she was one," he sings.

And if 21 tracks wasn’t good enough, this CD is also chock full of celebrity cameos. Conan O’Brien on "Cats" are —,—,” Adam Sandler on the Track "20 Seconds to Magic," and Jack Black of easy rock band Tenacious D and the movie “High Fidelity” chime in on "Bob Barker." Other stars such as Doug Doug from the show "TV Fun House" as well as "Saturday Night Live" standouts Horatio Sanz and Maya Rudolph also make guest appearances.

And on top of all this there is a DVD containing most of these songs and more such as interviews with Jared from the Subway ads and Kurt Loder from MTV. True to form, they are mercilessly destroyed by Triumph’s raunchy wit.

One would be hard-pressed to find a better insult comic dog out there. "Come Poop with Me" is definitely worth its weight in comic gold.
There was a day and age when tattoos were reserved for sailors, soldiers and convicts. That day was sometime back when the dinosaurs still roamed the earth. Since the late 1990s it seems tattoos are becoming more and more mainstream and accepted. Tattoos are of course pictures, designs, whatever, drawn on the human body using a needle and ink. Tattoos also tend to last forever. While tattoos have been around for centuries, it seems only recently that they have become all the rage with those who, a generation ago, wouldn't think of getting one.

But does Aquinas comply with this trend?

"Two years ago there were more," said Paul Bieneman, professor of geography. Bieneman thinks the number of tattoos on students has declined in the past two years, but does think there are more female students with them these days—students like Emily Dume, a 20-year-old senior. "I like them," she says. Emily sports two and attests to the addictive nature of tattooing. She also promotes no special reason for getting either.

"Tattooing is definitely becoming more mainstream," says Andrew "Craig" Dombrock, a 20-year-old Aquinas junior, who sports two himself, one on his right arm and one running down his back.

Benjamin Mateneo, an Aquinas sophomore says, "Everyone is getting them." Mateneo has three tattoos and plans on getting a fourth. "I like 'em, they express my personality."

Male and female Aquinas students like expressing their personalities through tattooing. It seems to be a way for students to express themselves through body art.

"I think young people like to make a statement," says Sister Rosemary O'Donnell, who has been teaching communication at Aquinas for 32 years, but admits that tattooing does not appeal to her.

Reasons for getting tattoos are as different as the people who have them, and can be complex or simple.

"I've always wanted one, so when I turned 18, I just got one," says Kristalyn Carr, a 19-year-old Aquinas sophomore.

People like Adam Hoogevind, an Aquinas sophomore and cross country runner, put a little more thought into it. Adam has a running man tattoo on his ankle, which helps illustrate his devotion to the sport. "Running is a big part of my life," he says.

Sometimes, however, a tattoo represents more than just aspects of a personality. It helps memorialize loved ones who have passed away. Freshman B.J. Mazmanian has a police's badge tattooed on his chest. It is a duplicate of the badge his dead grandfather, a former police chief, wore.

But don't tattoos hurt?

"Pain is not an issue," states Julie Ann Long, a 20-year-old junior at Aquinas. She echoes the sentiments of almost every person interviewed. Pain seems like a minor issue to those who really want tattoos. "I'm really into body modification," she states pretty matter-of-factly.

However, not everyone shares the love for the art-form.

"I feel my skin is more beautiful than colored ink," says Justin Sedlecky, a junior at Aquinas.

Milos Dobic has similar sentiments. "I don't like body ornaments, piercing, tattoos, and jewelry."

As does Freshman Rita Klein, "I don't like them, [they're] permanent."

Not everyone without ink is so opposed. When asked why he didn't have a tattoo, Freshman Matt Traylor shrugged, "haven't gotten around to it yet."

Tattooing, obviously, is not for everyone. But should you want one, keep this in mind: Be careful about what you tattoo on your flesh, and think about if you are going to want that on your body 60 years from now. Not to mention, be careful that what you want is what you get, especially with the Chinese/Japanese symbol tattoos, which seem to be very popular.

Just because it looks cool, it may not mean what you want it to—a situation Jeanne Gilewski, a 19-year-old sophomore can sympathize with. "Look into Chinese (symbol) tattoos for real meaning," she explains. Gilewski has two tattoos and one such Chinese tattoo on her lower back. She later found out the English translation wasn't what she wanted it to be. She wanted the symbol for "lucky", but ended up with "wind."

Also, take into consideration the cost. Of everyone interviewed, the lowest price for a tattoo was $12 dollars, the most expensive $390. The majority cost between $65 and $120, which is quite a chunk of change for anyone, let alone the average college student.
Body piercing exchanges pain for beauty and blood for a body mutilation. Although the trend is popular with young adults, the origins of piercings go back several millennia. It is possible to see many examples of pierced men and women in pictographs from Mayan ancient Egyptian civilizations. There are also Biblical references to piercings; Genesis 24:22 mentions a "golden earring" being given as a gift. The oldest mummified body ever found, which was carbon dated at 5,000 years young, had both ears pierced.

Piercings have been used for religious purposes such as repelling demons, as a regulated display of wealth, to alter the state of mind in ceremonies, to help ease childbirth, to pay for funerals, as a rebellious act, and to improve eyesight. Still, the overwhelmingly majority of piercings, throughout history, have been done in the pursuit of beauty. Even such seemingly odd piercings as lip discs have been documented as a sign of great beauty in the specific African tribes that typically use them.

Body piercings, like other fashion statements, can demonstrate a person's individuality, and can be a very healthy experience. Often, psychologists find the motivation behind a piercing is the act of claiming of the body, a self-inflicted brand of which the person is constantly conscious. If a navel piercing is something that causes a girl to feel independent, then she will be constantly reminded of it and thus her confidence will be reinforced.

Body piercing has also been known to be an act of reclamation undergone by victims of sexual assault, and for the very same confidence reason.

There are many piercings that often defy all explanation besides that of fulfilling masochistic needs, such as deep piercings through the entire hand or foot, lengthy surface piercings, piercings that weave in and out of several different openings, permanent piercings through limbs, flesh coils, pocketing, flesh plating, flesh stapling, and surface hook and bar piercings installed with the intent of being suspended by them. The majority of these find themselves in underground cultures, many of which do have a central philosophy of pain.

Some piercings are used for the enhancement of sex and other sexual acts. These specific types of piercings, many of which originated in America through homosexuals, are often looked upon as the practice of deviants because of that very reason.

Any type of advanced piercing is often a sign of social taboo because most of those kinds of piercings were introduced to American through underground sadomasochist societies. Although the behavior of these people is deemed mentally unhealthy and self-destructive, take into account that body piercings are not the main symptom of that kind of mental problem, but is every possible symptom a definite sign of that syndrome or disease's existence?

Yet, there is something I find unsettling about the nature of body piercing itself. The very fact that it is, even when not done with this specific intention, a form of self-mutilation, it raises questions as to why anyone would feel the need to go to such extremes to achieve a usually minor purpose.

Often, I feel, the motivation must be nearly completely innocent. Due to the peer and cultural pressure to look good any given person is probably often not aware of the pain involved, they are just thinking about how cool their piercing will look. In addition, many kinds of piercings, through advanced technology, have been rendered virtually painless, making them unfulfilling for masochistic needs.

The act of going and getting a piercing, I believe, will always be one needing a higher determination and a more serious motivation because of the fear involved with pain and needles. Thus, in every instance of a piercing causing mild to significant amounts of pain there is a possible whisper of subconscious masochism. But everyone probably has a little bit of masochism in themselves anyway, and like everything else, it's simply bad in great excess.
Gender Corner

Should Aquinas allow co-ed habitation?

The Male View

Co-ed living is popular trend among colleges now. However, a few universities around the United States are taking co-ed one step further with co-ed rooms and suites. I believe that Aquinas should allow co-ed living quarters.

It should be an option given to juniors or seniors only. Giving this option for upperclassmen only potentially weeds out the “high-school romances” that all too commonly die out during the first year of a student’s life. Allowing dorm-inhabitants in the dorm would be asking for trouble, considering all of the work and maintenance that would have to go into all possible scenarios that could stem from co-ed habitation. Also, a majority of dorm-inhabitants are freshman, who, sometimes incapable of making intelligent and thoughtful decisions with regards to a situation like living with a girlfriend just acquired during the week of freshman orientation.

Co-ed apartments would only happen when a group decides it wants to live together—there would be no random lottery system like roommate appointments, dorm-wise, for the co-ed apartment.

By restricting the option of co-ed living to only upperclassmen and letting it happen in the Ravine Apartments with pre-set groups and not random allocation, I believe that a co-ed living program could be successfully established.

by Jamie Ladrow

The Female View

I think that Aquinas should stick to its policy on prohibiting romances of the opposite sex on campus. This is not because of any moral reasons, but because of all the chaos that would most likely result if this was allowed.

Allowing people of the opposite sex to room together would cause many problems for the Residence Life staff as well as student residents on campus. Most people who would approve of this opportunity would probably be couples involved in romantic relationships, and during the college years these relationships tend to change pretty regularly. I imagine this situation repeating itself too frequently during an academic year: a boy friend and girlfriend would apply to live in the same dorm room. Halfway through the semester, they start fighting and break up, so of course they don’t want to live together anymore. The Residence Life staff would have their hands too full of requests for room changes that they would be too busy to do anything else. Plus, it would be way too complicated to figure out new room situations for all of the people that would probably want them. Students have enough problems with roommates as it is without adding the opposite sex into the mix. Giving students this option would cause way too many complications in making living arrangements.

On another note, it’s also important to consider that Aquinas is a Catholic school, even if all the students are not Catholic. Since the Catholic religion does not condone premarital sex, which would presumably be happening between roommates of the opposite sex, a lot of people outside of the school would probably be very angry if Aquinas allowed this to happen. The school would probably lose almost all of its funding, causing even more problems for members of the Aquinas community.

I have no reason to believe that Aquinas will be offering the option of having roommates of the opposite sex anytime soon, and I think that is for the best.

by Katie Jensen

OPEN MIC

Michael’s money can’t buy justice

by Jamie LaDrow

November 26, 2003

Lawmakers trample rights in the name of Puritanism

...it doesn’t take a Parent of the Year to realize that [Michael Jackson] might not be the best guy to chaperone your young son or daughter at a sleepover.

- Curtis R. Burdette
Pro-life movement seeks to protect freedom

My classmates and I were appalled by some of the outrageous assaults contained in the article concerning the new anti-abortion bill. I understand that the Aquinas Times has the right to free speech, but some of the things said in the article were outrageous assumptions about the pro-life movement! Surely, no educated individual actually buys this crock about “anti-choice” and trying to take freedoms away from people. Just what kind of “freedom” do you think the government gains from banning abortion procedures anyway? The pro-life agenda is focused on protecting freedoms, starting with the most important one: The right to live!

What a women does with her own body is one thing, but a unborn child is an individual. 80 percent of partial birth abortions are done electively! The other 20 percent are done for “medicolegal” reasons, some for birth defects as minor as a cleft palate.

Your article also failed to mention the numerous deaths to women caused by complications from abortion procedures. Our government isn’t sending women to their graves, it is saving children from theirs. I would hope: The Aquinas Times would not sink to such low blows and unrealistic ridicule in the future.

MICHAEL N. MILLER
Aquinas sophomore

Article makes absurd claims about abortion

I was heartbroken when I read Joy Schafer’s article entitled “The first step towards an anti-choice nation,” I wasn’t offended; I wasn’t mad; I was simply heartbroken. How can a person describe a partial-birth abortion as “puncturing the skull and sucking out the brain” of the unborn child, and then go on to be a proponent of that procedure is beyond me.

Furthermore, as I continued reading the article, I found it to be peppered with misinformation. Ms. Schafer, do your research. Mr. Burdette, putting something in the Opinion section is not an excuse for printing information that is not factual.

For clarification's sake, a partial-birth abortion is done at a time that the fetus could survive outside of the mother's womb. Children are born all the time before the due date. The idea that this endangers the mother is absurd. At the point of pregnancy in which a partial-birth abortion takes place, the baby could be born naturally, or by cesarean section—which protects and upholds the lives of both the mother and the child.

I was also quite disappointed in the assumption that someone may need to “save a child from being bom into poverty” by aborting it, which is callous and demeaning to the poor of our country. To articulate that as a rational idea for a mother to consider having an abortion because their child will be poor has very, very scary implications.

This is a clear case of the fallacy of choosing choices over our own humanity. We should think for a moment about what this procedure means to us as humans—we need to think with our hearts. Choosing “choice” in this instance means that our brains have overtaken our hearts, and we have lost track of what is truly important.

TOM EGGLESTON
Aquinas senior

The Aquinas Times writes Joy Schafer’s recent opinion article titled “The first step towards an anti-choice nation” states, “When Bush signed the [partial-birth abortion ban], he was signing the death sentences of countless women.” It should also be then the case, that in signing the ban, Bush was signing the reprovels of countless children.

Schafer is correct in saying that supporters of the partial-birth abortion ban call the procedure “inhumane” and “barbaric.” For the record, supporters of the ban are also (rightly) willing to call the procedure an “atrocity,” “gravely sinful,” and a “violation of human rights incompa­table in magnitude.”

These are the words used by the Catholic Church on the subject of partial-birth abortion. The Aquinas Times editorial writers may not care one bit that the Church in whose tradition Aquinas College was founded declares that partial-birth abortion is a grave offense against a human child and against God. If the Church’s opposition is not enough, then consider this argument:

An unborn child is a human individual. Therefore, it is a person. As a person, it has an inherent right to life. This right is stated by various American civil and legal documents. Partial-birth abortion intentionally kills a person. Therefore, it is murder. Thus, it should be banned.

Remembering that there have been other dark times in our American history where many of our most powerful civil rights were destroyed, we can see the day when all people are granted the "unalienable rights" inherent to their humanity.

JONATHAN POHL
Former Aquinas student

Abortion ban spares God's greatest gift

I was saddened when I read Joy Schafer’s article titled “The first step towards an anti-choice nation” published on Nov. 12, 2003. Signed editorials reflect the opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of The Aquinas Times.

The article published in your Nov. 12 issue titled, “The first step towards an anti-choice nation” really got to me. I feel that everyone deserves to have an opinion, and each should be heard. However, I personally disagree with the article.

I feel that life is a beautiful and sacred gift given to us by God, and that to take it into our own hands and determine that a life should be terminated is just not in our place. Who am I to say, “That life does not deserve to be lived?” In other words, I am completely against abortion, so I am glad to hear that partial-birth abortion has been banned. I feel that when Bush signed this bill, he also saved the lives of countless babies.

I think that since you decided to print this article, then you should also print an article that allows the opposing viewpoint to be heard in a correctly presented article, where there are no articles sent in about the activities of Students for Life, and I have seen none published. Students for Life deserves a voice in the The Aquinas Times as much as Joy Schafer.

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Top Ten Sports Movies...Ever

You can find a sports movie in every genre of film. From action to drama to romantic comedies, there’s a film for everyone. Here are the top ten films, chosen by some of Aquinas’ student-athletes. From the inspiring to the comedic, there will be something for everyone.

1. "Rudy"

2. "Major League"

3. "Hoosiers"

4. "Remember the Titans"

5. "When the Game Stands Tall"

6. "Bull Durham"

7. "Caddyshack"

8. "For the Love of the Game"

9. "Babe"

10. "The Mighty Ducks"

These movies are sure to provide entertainment for fans of all ages, and are sure to provide inspiration for athletes of all levels.

Leah Herland
Sports Editor

Houston Aeros defeat Grand Rapids Griffins

On Tuesday Nov. 18, the Houston Aeros defeated the Grand Rapids Griffins 5-4 at the Astrodome. The Aeros scored the first goal, and went on to take the lead for the remainder of the game.

First year coach Dave Hammer had trained the Saints hard during the off season to prepare for a long season. Last season, the Saints finished with a record of 11-7 in the WHL Conference and 1-1-4 overall. The game against the Griffins was a long anticipated match up after last season’s thriller. The Saints dominated the first half with a score of 5-2-5. The Saints were 2-3 for 42 from inside the paint, for a percentage of 54.8 percent during the first half. When the second half started, Aquinas came out with the same intensity and continued their domination until the end. Junior forward Tom Kuslikis was huge off the glass, grabbing 10 rebounds. Aaron Huizenga was the key player for Grace Bible, scoring 16 points. Sophomore guard Mike Blicher had eight assists and six points. Sophomore guard Damien Mayo had 13 points.

Throughout the second half, the Aquinas Saints showed no sign of weakness, outscoring the Tigers 46-43. "I thought the game went very well; it helped us to work on our teamwork chemistry and prepare us for tougher competition to come," said junior guard Craig Rehmann. The Saints shot 45.5 percent from the floor, compared to Grace Bible’s 38.5 percent in the second half, and out rebounded them 45 to 41. Last week, Jayson was named the WHAC player of the week.

The Saints next game is against Rochester in the Hope Tournament in Holland on Friday, Dec. 5. "I think this season we are really going to be a top contender in the WHAC," said Rehmann.

Joe Woodruff
Times Writer

For November 23-29 are:

Kim Pomeroy
Women’s Basketball

Pomeroy led the Saints to a second place finish at the Aquinas College Tournament after scoring 2 points in two games. She was named to the All-Tournament Team for her efforts. Her star line for week included 27 points, 16 rebounds and 2 blocks in those games.

Aaron Alsgaard
Men’s Basketball

Alsgaard helped the Saints to a second place finish at the Ken Elsmere Memorial Tournament at Marian College this past weekend. Alsgaard finished the weekend with 33 points, six rebounds, five assists and two blocks.

For November 16-22 are:

Jeff Jayson
Men’s Basketball

Jayson led the Saints to a 2-0 week with big victories over Davenport (102-56) and Grace Bible (104-68). Jayson’s 33 points in the win over Davenport set a new freshman record for points in the first game of competition for the Saints. His twenty points against Grace Bible earned him nomination for WHAC Player-of-the-Week. For the week, Jayson shot 11-of-20 from the field, including 8-of-14 from three-point range.

Jackie Breuninger
Women’s Basketball

Breuninger led the Saints to a 2-0 week, with victories over Davenport (88-69) and Rochester (70-55). Breuninger scored a career-high 21 points to go with a team-high 11 rebounds in the “Fight for Fulton” with Davenport. Breuninger also added 11 points and seven rebounds against Rochester. She also totaled four blocks and one steal on the week.

Leah Herland
Sports Editor

The Grand Rapids Griffins ended their disappointing six-game run (1-3-2) in a 3-1 loss to the Houston Aeros at Van Andel Arena on Nov. 19. The Griffins have struggled at home this season with a 3-3-3 record. With both teams evenly matched 34-34 in this match-up the Griffins were unable to get past Houston playoff goalkeeper Johan Holmquist with the exception of the second period goal by rookie right wing Dave Brinson late in the second period, assisted by Jiri Hudler and Niklas Kronwall. Holmquist led the Aeros to win the Calder Cup last season and showed his strength with 33 saves against Grand Rapids. The Griffins had hoped to rally off Brinson’s goal but were unsuccessful on their 17 shots in the third period. “We just couldn’t get the pucks in the net,” said Coach Danton Cole.

The Griffins nearly had two more goals to tie in the third period but both were called back. A confusing call by Referee Brian called a shot by Dave Van Drunen, which was supposedly tipped above the crossbar by Kevin Miller.

Men’s basketball take down Tigers

On Tuesday Nov. 18, Aquinas men’s basketball team improved to a 2-0 record, with a tremendous win over visiting team Grace Bible 104-68.

When the two teams faced each other last year the Saints won 72-71 on a last second lay-up. The Saints won their first game of the season against Davenport on Monday, Nov. 10. The Davenport Panthers proved to be no threat, with the Saints easily sweeping the game 126-58. It was the first time in history Aquinas had scored over 100 points in back-to-back games.

First year coach Dave Hammer had trained the Saints hard during the off season to prepare for a long season. Last season, the Saints finished with a record of 11-7 in the WHAC Conference and 1-1-4 overall. The game against the Grace Bible Tigers began with great anticipation after last season’s thriller. The Saints dominated the first half with a score of 56-25. The Saints were 23 for 42 from inside the paint, for a percentage of 54.8 percent during the first half. When the second half started, Aquinas came out with the same intensity and continued their domination until the end. Junior forward Tom Kuslikis was huge off the glass, grabbing 10 rebounds. Aaron Huizenga was the key player for Grace Bible, scoring 16 points. Sophomore guard Mike Blicher had eight assists and six points. Sophomore guard Damien Mayo had 13 points.

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Lee Foley
Times Writer

Heading into the 2004 indoor track season on both the men’s and women’s side, the Saints are the team to beat. Both teams expect to successfully defend their conference titles and place well at nationals in March.

The men’s team is led by All American sophomore De-Ale-Jos Roberts. He is the defending conference champion in the 400 meter dash and was runner-up in the triple jump and 55 meter dash. He is joined by sophomore Adam Chamberlin who was second in the long jump and also placed in the 55 and 200 meter dashes. Sophomore Dave Baylis will add depth along with sophomore handler specialist Casey Wearing. Senior T.J. Shimik leads one of the best groups of throwers ever to compete for Aquinas. Shimik, who was the 2002 shot put champion, is joined by sophomore Nick Gumina and Bob Jonitas. “We have a strong group returning from last year. We want to qualify as many people as possible for nationals,” said Gumina.

The middle distance team is led by sophomore Adam Hoogen in who was last year’s runner up at conferences in the 1600 meter run. Senior Ryan Schiper looks to repeat the success that made him the 200 conference champion in the 600 meter dash. Senior Jody Lynn and junior Josh Miller return to lead a distance squad that has dominated WHAC opposition in recent years. This year should be no different as Miller and Lynn have set their sights on individual championships in the 3,000 and 5,000 meter runs.

On the women’s side Aquinas returns the key components of a team that edged rival Cornerstone by 15 points. The team is led by senior Sarah Ellis who was the two time WHAC most valuable performer. She is joined by senior All Americans Michelle Boreck and Laura Beattie in the sprints. “I’m looking forward to the season. We have strong performers returning from last year and have an exceptional group of freshmen. We are looking to dominate the WHAC and score a lot of points at Nationals.” said Boreck.

Sophomore Jenny Malecki was the conference champion as a freshman in the weight throw. She is joined by senior Sara Eaton who placed sixth last year.

The Buck stops here
Corey Russell
Times Writer

John Navarre for the first time in his Michigan career is the most beloved man on campus. Navarre had the best game of his Michigan career. He was able to lead the Michigan team to victory in his final appearance at the Big House. He and Braylon Edwards showed that they each are the big-time players that the Michigan team had expected from the beginning of the year.

Braylon Edwards for the first time this year proved that he was worthy of the number 1 jersey. He was involved in the first scuffle against Ohio State since Charles Woodson. He and Chris Gamble, from Ohio State, were going at it the entire scrimmage. He went over and by Gamble on many occasions. First scuffle against Ohio State since Charles Woodson. He was worthy of retribution and Edwards is worthy of the number 1.

Not to be outdone, Chris Perry rushed for 154 yards and 2 touchdowns. Through pain from his hamstring he was able to amass his 154-yard total against the top rushing defense in the country. The senior went out of the Big House with a bang. There will not be a single Wolverine fan that will not appreciate his effort that he put forth this year. He continued his campaign for the Heisman trophy with a strong showing in his final regular season game for the University of Michigan.

Craig Krenzel was able to pull out another game by pure luck. Krenzel, unlike Navarre, was uncharacteristic by being unstable in the pocket. He and the rest of the Buckeyes never got on track. The Wolverine defense was able to withstand any Buckeye comeback that they tried to create. I most Shazor ended any hope of a final Buckeye comeback by intercepting a Krenzel pass in the fourth quarter.

The road to Pasadena is now official. Beginning in Ann Arbor. The Wolverines will head back to Pasadena to face an unknown opponent at this time. They clinched the Big Ten title with this victory. Also with this victory, the Wolverines football team ended Coach Jim Tressel’s 30-16 record against the team from up north. Coach Carr has been unable to beat the Buckeye coach, but this year Carr dapped into his bag of tricks and was able to pull out a victory for the maize and blue. Pulling Navarre and putting in Steve Beaton for a rushing touchdown was a brilliant move and got the crowd invested in the game.

For the first time this year, Michigan played an entire sixty-minute football game as hard as they could and proved that they can play with any team in the country.
Under the beacons

Chris Eppelett
Times Writer

There was a large crowd gathered following the Lions loss to the Minnesota Vikings for the Super Bowl. Chris had heard of Chris Eppelett’s past miracles and came to listen.

Now, there were some who did not do his teaching and thought he was radical. However, he addressed the crowd.

“I know what you are thinking. You cannot bare the thought of another loss especially on the road. You want to give up hope. Amen. Amen, I say you can do this. I say you can do it. I know you can do it in poor circumstances.”

Chris continued, clarifying his view further.

“You can do it, because you can do it and I know you can do it. You can do this, because you are taking a stand. I was broken and he felt this was a misunderstanding. This fan build his hope in things.

For the Wildcats, Liz Howerth scored 20 points to lead the team and also grabbed 9 rebounds. Mandy Topp and Stephanie Gill added 11 and 10 points as well. Two Saints took home awards from the tournament. Jackie Braspenninx and Kim Pomeroy were both named to the All-Tournament team. Liz Howerth was named Tournament MVP after leading the Wildcats to the championship.

The Saints next home game is Nov. 29 against Kalamazoo. After being picked to finish fourth in the WHAC this year, Aqinas has something to prove in the conference. After heading south for a tournament over Christmas break, the Saints return home and open up the WHAC season against Madonna, on Madonna on Jan. 10.

The Aquinas Saints volleyball post-season came to an end November 14, to the hands of the Madonna Crusaders in the Semi-finals of the WHAC tournament. Madonna took the WHAC season championship title, but was defeated in final round of the WHAC tournament by Cornerstone University.

The Crusaders compiled a 19-20 overall record including 5-5 in WHAC play. Three Saints picked up post-season honors this year. Junior Terra Miller as named to the first team All-Conference team and senior Jaclyn Scheltema and sophomore Megan Holst were named to the second team All-Conference team.

Miller led the team in kills with 476 and digs with 381. Scheltema led the All-Conference Academic Team.

He has said that Bill Parcells is his favorite coach so perhaps Johnson will wind up with the Cowboys next season.

The Buccaneers might not be done; former Defensive Most Valuable Player Warren Sapp has also been mentioned to be on his way out as the Buccaneers try to right the ship this season.

MLB hands out postseason awards

A month after the Florida Marlins became World Champions for the second time in franchise history, Major League Baseball announced its postseason awards recipients. Ken Griffey Jr. of the Seattle Mariners won the 1957 Cy Young Award and made 14 All-Star selections. Roy Halladay who won 22 games for the Toronto Blue Jays was declared inactive by Bucs.

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Pre-Bowler receiver Keyshawn Johnson was declared inactive by the Super Bowl Champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers last week. The Buccaneers have struggled in the regular season to a 4-6 record had grown unhappy with Johnson’s behavior and bad attitude. Johnson has decided to sit out the rest of the season and then find place to play for next year. He has said that Bill Parcells is his favorite coach and perhaps Johnson will wind up with the Cowboys next season.

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Harry Halliday who won 22 games for the Toronto Blue Jays was declared inactive by the American League Cy Young award and lights-out closer Eric Gagne of the Los Angeles Dodgers was won the National League. Gagne was a perfect 55 for 55 in save opportunities for the season.

World Champion Marlin’s pitcher Dontrelle “D-Train” Willis won the National League Rookie of the Year award after finishing 14-6. In the American League, Kansas City Royals shortstop Angel Berroa edged out favorite Hediki Matsui of the Yankees to win the ROY. Berroa had a solid season in which he hit 17 home runs in 78 runs. Tony Pena of the Kansas City Royals and Jack McKeon of the Marlins took home the Manager of the Year award to round out the awards. The Aquinas Saints post-season came to an end November 14, to the hands of the Madonna Crusaders in the Semi-finals of the WHAC tournament. Madonna took the WHAC season championship title, but was defeated in final round of the WHAC tournament by Cornerstone University.

The Saints compiled a 19-20 overall record including 5-5 in WHAC play. Three Saints picked up post-season honors this year. Junior Terra Miller as named to the first team All-Conference team and senior Jaclyn Scheltema and sophomore Megan Holst were named to the second team All-Conference team.

Miller led the team in kills with 476 and digs with 381. Scheltema led the All-Conference Academic Team.

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