Celebrities Celebrate With Grand Rapids

by Ann Markey

Grand Rapids has been involved in much celebration this past year as a result of being chosen as the All America City, Festival ’81, and Celebration on the Grand. However, the event which gave Grand Rapids world-wide exposure is the dedication of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum.

Ford and his wife, Betty, have returned to the area of their political origins to a warm welcome by the citizens of Grand Rapids with bands and local dignitaries for the opening and dedication of his museum. The gathering party was headed by co-chairs of the Dedication Committee, Richard DeVos, president of Boots Newspapers, along with Mayor Abe Drasin, and Kent County Board Chairman Vernon Ehlers. After a reception at the Kent County Airport, the Fords began their greeting party, and Kent County Board Chair Jose Lopez Portillo, Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau, President and Mrs. Ford gave a Press Conference, gave a parade, gave a Press Conference, gave a personal tour of the Presidential Museum, and visited the Veteran’s Facility and the Sheltered Workshop at Pine Rest.

Due to the museum dedication, Good Morning, America, and Entertainment Tonight televisions live show of Grand Rapids and the museum. Also, during their week of celebration the Fords were involved in many activities. Former President and Mrs. Ford arrived by private tour of the Presidential Museum, and visited the Veteran’s Facility and the Sheltered Workshop at Pine Rest.

Approximately 300 dignitaries arrived throughout the week to take part in the dedication ceremonies. Such personalities as President Ronald Reagan and Vice-President George Bush, Bob Hope, Danny Thomas, Pearl Bailey, Sammy Davis Jr., Glen Campbell, Foster Brooks, Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo, Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau, Tony Orlando and Gordon MacRae, and Jack Russell.

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P.M. Magazine Comes To Aquinas

by Marianne Bisson

In the fifties, there was the party-raid, in the sixties, riots; the seventies brought the panty-raid, and in the eighties, yet a new trend is sweeping college campuses. As the nation breaks out, but without the help of tanks, artillery or bombs. The common weapon is a simple toy dart gun. Beginning in Maryland with the game "Killer," dart wars have caught on at almost every major college campus in the United States, and Aquinas is no exception.

Colleen Pierson, associate producer for Grand Rapids Area PM Magazine, discovered that Aquinas was having a "cross campus dart war" after speaking to Nancy Schmit, coordinator of the Assassination Game at Aquinas.

Pierson set up a location shooting on Aug. 28 at Regina Hall in which PM Magazine reporters Kathy Fountain and Jim Mika participated in a simulated Assassination Game with twelve or thirteen Aquinas students.

The show, which will be aired on Channel 13 at 7:30pm on Sept. 23, will include a six minute segment on collegiate "killer games," approximately thirty seconds of which will be filmed at Aquinas.

"Kathy and Jim really enjoyed the filming at Aquinas," said Pierson. "The students were very cooperative and a lot of fun. It was a day well spent, and I'm sure we'll be doing more work," the show, too. We've got a health of knowledge on the show, the costs of a major concert would be shared equally by student activities and the Community Senate. If in fact the Community Senate and student activities find it possible to make a bid on a major band, the Senate has allocated $2,000 to offset production costs.

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Senate Votes To Bring Concert

by Shelley Olson

The Community Senate, at its October meeting, voted to "start the motions of checking out the possibilities of a major concert," said Tina Oen, director of student activities.

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One, who has managed many professional concerts said that the costs of a major concert would be shared equally by student activities and the Community Senate.

April Fonta, chairperson of the Community Senate entertainment committee said, "Tina (Oen) has a wealth of knowledge about concert promotion; my committee and I are looking forward to the opportunity of learning how to run a successful show and program other shows for the future."

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Plymouth As Car

by Chris Wilde

Added to the usual expenses of the school, thirteen students found a hole in the windshield re¬ place their car windshields after they were shot out the night of Sept. 10.

Vandals traveling through the Plymouth Lot in an unidenti¬ fied car apparently shot the windshields with an airpowered pellet rifle.

Officer Weaver of the Grand Rapids police department was called in to investigate the incident and make reports on all thirteen cars. The incident occurred within a fifteen minute period and no campus safety officers were at the scene as they are responsible to patrol the entire campus and provide escorts.

Tim Burns, junior, a victim of the vandalism, feels there has to be more a efficient way to keep our cars protected.

Phillip Johnson, director of Campus Safety said "No matter how many officers we have on duty that sort of thing could happen."

He added, "It just would not be cost effective to have an officer patrol that lot exclu¬ sively."

Anyone with any information on a bullet type, leaf-green sedan occupied by two or three white males in their early twenties, seen in the lot at the time of the incident and on campus the next day should contact John Hume at 219.

"What about those students whose insurance did not cover the damage," said Jim Burns, "is the school doing anything to help them?"

Vandals Shatter

by Colleen Pierson

Nancy Schmit, coordinator of the game of Aquinas, said, "Lisa (Toteff) and I had a lot of fun organizing the game, and we hope it will be a good show!"
October 10
12:00-1:00
1:00-5:00
2:45
3:45
4:30-6:00
9:00-1:00am

International Folk Dancers of G.R.
Ralph Wells German Band, Alumni beer tent, RHC casino tent, ethnic & American food/game booths, sponsored by clubs and organizations
Games sponsored by Senate (Water balloon toss, three legged race, raft race in Wege pond)
Tug-o-War: Students vs Alumni and Staff
German dinner by Western Food Enterprises Wege Student Center Cafeteria
Pepa dance: Wege Student Center ballroom "cocktails" by RHC, Alumni: beer/food/music Wege Student Center snack bar

Where Maryknoll Stands
"Come, follow me," says the Lord today just as He did to His first disciples. None has the challenge of mission—making known the Gospel of Jesus Christ—been more exciting and more important. I suggest, however, that it has been made in every age, but when have distant peoples been brought so close, by jet travel and satellite communication, and when has the world been so threatened by annihilation as in this time of nuclear proliferation? Life is a community that tries to discern the values and vision of the Gospel, the missioner proclaims by word and example the teaching of Jesus for our time. "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:20). The world needs to know that God is Father of all, that we are truly brothers and sisters in Jesus, that each person has inestimable dignity and worth, that each is loved. The world needs to know about reconciliation through forgiving and loving. World leaders need to know that peace is found not in armaments but in justice. The missioner reaches out, as Jesus did, to those in need—to the hungry, the naked, the homeless, the prisoners, the sinner, the dying, "As long as you did it for the least of my brethren you did it for Me" (Matt. 25:40).

The missioner also tries to remedy the causes of social problems by stimulating motivation and ideas for building a better social order. This, of course, has political implications. The missioner means change and threatens the status quo, the people in power. Faithfulness to the Gospel imperatives has meant persecution and death in every age, including our own as the murder of our Sisters in El Salvador has so clearly demonstrated.

Missioners know that identification with the suffering poor will be misunderstood. Some misunderstanding is caused by mistakes on the part of a few missioners, but most of it is caused by people not listening carefully to the poor and by misinterpreting our mission. A more Christ-like Christian Marxists, nor are we Christian capitalists. We advocate no specific economic model; we offer no partisan political program. As missioners we join the local Church in presenting the vision and values of the Gospel to provide the spirit for the reconstruction of a new social order. "When anyone is united to Christ, there is a new world; the old order has gone, and a new order has already begun" (2 Cor. 5:17).

James P. Noonan, M.M., Superior General

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New Classes Added To Curriculum

Community Service, a new course in Sociology (listed as Sociology 156), was offered this past January to train students in serving others. The course in Sociology, rather than its real name, "Community Service," was offered due to the initiative of Dr. Bill Whit in the Sociology Department, Mr. John Jennings of the Senate, and Mr. John J. Maslanka of the Community Senate. The course in Sociology, rather than its real name, will be offered again this year in Sociology 156.

Course Description:
Community Service is a new course in Sociology (listed as Sociology 156). The course is designed to provide students an opportunity to experiment with social service skills for a mini-field placement. A diary of the field experience will be kept and readings will be short.

Medical mysteries can prove more perplexing than legal ones. The mystery of Agatha Christie at her best. A case in point is legionnaire's disease, which since 1976, has been a medical who-done-it. For last year, Philadelphia's celebration of the nation's bicentennial was shattered as 34 visiting American Legionnaires died of mysterious causes. After months of laboratory investigation, scientific deaths from the federal government's Centers for Disease Control found that bacteria were responsible. These bacteria are now called legionella. Attacking the lungs, the bacteria cause flu-like symptoms and, in some cases, death.

Medical research has been directed at trying to help people who have legionnaire's disease. However, the disease is far more widespread than has been suspected. It has struck in virtually every state, and affects approximately 125 people each year. It existed long before the World Health Organization declared it as a disease. The bacteria have been brought into the future. The disease has been present for years.
Lecturers Focus on Current War Issues

by Sister Mona Schwind

Thomas Schindler, who recently published a study on War and the Roman Catholic Conscience will address the issue of Current War Problems.

Schindler, who holds joint appointments at St. Mary's University as assistant professor of Ethics and at Aquinas as associate professor of Religious Studies and also is an active participant in the Justice and Peace Commission of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, is first in a three part lecture series.

The second lecture in the series on Nov. 6 will be given by Dr. Helen Caldicott on Nov. 20, 1981. She will speak on The Medical Consequences of Nuclear Power and Nuclear War.

Now a resident of the United States and pediatrician at Boston's Children's Hospital, Caldicott is credited with the single-handed education and mobilization of her fellow Australians to protest and stop nuclear testing in the South Pacific. Her message should be of particular interest to those who have been impotent to challenge the system, in this case, the United States government.

All three lectures will be held in the Wege Center Auditorium at 8:00pm. They are free of charge and open to the public.

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Phonathon Rings Again

by Richard J. Macklin

Aquinas students are again requested to participate in the Alumni Phonathon which will be held on Oct. 4-7 and Oct. 5:30pm and orientation will begin at 6:15pm. Transportation, or receive additional information, can be obtained by calling Richard J. Macklin; Director of the Annual Fund.

Phonathon will be held on Oct. 4-7 and Oct. 11-14. The Alumni Phonathon raised a record $95,000 last year. This year, as in the past, the goal of $110,000 has been set.

This year, as in the past, $5 will be given to each club or organization for each member who works one evening. These callers worked for 15 hours with the help of 110 workers.

Tri-Beta is the second to be formed in America, the first being at Kansas State University in 1923. Alpha chapter is Theta Rho. It was formed on campus in 1962.

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Honor Grace

by Ole Boresen

Aquinas College has five active and two inactive honor societies to which students may join. All it takes is a B average and a major in one of the associated disciplines or professional field. They all have a minimal fee which gives the students a lifetime membership. The honor societies are: Gamma Theta Upsilon, Lambda Iota Tau, Phi Alpha Theta, Psi-Chi, and Beta Beta Beta.

Gamma Theta Upsilon is for geography students. It was formed on campus in 1969, and Sister Jean Paul Tamman is the sponsor of the local chapter, Delta Pi. Students joining this society must present one research paper in a seminar or other course before graduation from the College. There is also, a Theta Club for non-geography majors who have a special interest in the discipline.

One recent activity of Delta Pi chapter and Theta Chi was mapping the distribution of tree species on the college campus. Delta Tau is for students of literature, including foreign languages. It was formed on campus in the fifties and the Beta Chapter is the second to be formed in America, the first located at the University of Michigan. The advisor is Sister Jean Milhaupt with Michael Koster as president.

Students who wish to become members must submit for evaluation a literary paper of high quality or an original composition. Students who are not yet eligible to be introduced can become associate members and participate in the chapter's activities.

Delta Epsilon Sigma is for the psychology student and the local chapter is Theta Chi. It was formed on campus in 1962. Sister Marie Joseph Ryan is the advisor and Sue Kruger is the president. Theta Rho sponsors the Annual Halloween Dance.

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Tri-Beta participates in numerous activities throughout the year. They are: two blood drives, two initiation banquets, a newsletter, St. Patrick's Day celebration, field trips, and fund raisers.

The two dormant societies are Delta Epsilon Sigma and Kappa Gamma Pi.

All of the societies welcome new members and introduce themselves to the students at such events as the annual Welcome Fair and individual open houses.

Some of the societies also sponsor field trips to places of interest for the group and/or bring guest speakers on campus.

For information concerning any of the above honor societies, contact the advisor or student president of the society.
Assassination: Game or Life? 

By Mike Ryan

Tonight is a night like many others before it. I have again vowed to discontinue procrastinating my studies - tomorrow. I am lazily lying in my bed, gently listening to Supertramp's Crimen of the Century as it whirs around the turntable. The lights are turned dark down, and I'm anticipating the taste of the icy cold beer I have just opened. But as I relax in this mellow atmosphere, I cannot get my mind off one certain subject. 

This never-resting preoccupation of my mind is whether or not my college education is worthwhile. Let's face it... it's hard to be inspired to excel when every year you go into debt for a couple thousand dollars. I also đislike the idea of being inspired by those who have not forgotten what has happened this past year, but feel instead they are irrelevant and the object of this game is for one person to kill as many others as possible with the use of a toy plastic gun. If an individual has been shot, then he simply drops out of the game, while the other who has successfully "killed" someone else keeps assassinating people, one person at a time until he, too, is eventually eliminated.

There have been mixed reactions regarding this game of trial and error as some feel that it is only a game and that it is all taken in jest. I'm sure these people have not forgotten what has happened this past year, but feel instead they are irrelevant and think that they have nothing to do with this, being it is only a game, and games are played to have fun. There are others who see the situation in a different light. They feel that such viewpoints are not wrong, but that the silent majority is not to ruin the fun of others. To those of you out there carrying a toy gun in your pocket, I hope you are enjoying yourselves, for the object of this game is to do so, by relaxing and at the same time, hopefully make a few good friendships along the way. 

Ann M. Markey

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SF: More Than Scary Monsters by David L. Cusack, Jr.

There has been a rise in the interest level among the public in the last few years in science fiction, fantasy and other related fields. Consequently, the number and quality of science fiction books has increased. This summer, for example, we saw movies such as Heavy Metal, Excalibur, Outland, Escape from New York, and Clash of the Titans. In the past few years several new magazines have surfaced, the leader of the trend being Omni magazine. Even so, as far as science fiction, fantasy, etc., have come in the last few years this is the first column devoted to discussing this subject. I may be wrong, so don't hesitate to tell me appearing in any newspaper.

Science fiction is one of the most important types of literature, predictably in nature, or rather specifically about the future is only one of its functions. It has served to spark the imaginations of many scientists when they were young, as Carl Sagan admitted it had influenced him as a teenager. SF (the abbreviation for science fiction, rather than Sci-Fi which tends to refer to bad horror films) has far surpassed the stage in which it influences teenagers. Many ideas and theories have surfaced through SF, such as the space shuttle, solar energy satellite power stations, lasers, genetic research, and tau radiation (look it up). It serves to bring hard science to the public's level of understanding. Besides all of that, it is entertaining.

That is why I am writing this, to bring those who already like this type of thing together, to let them know this story but I want like you think they could have left my notes next to my bed, and have what they need before the last possible moment. My idea of organization is being ready for dinner. I am so unfamilial with organization that it can only plan for the present. This is to say that I get a fork for my meat only after I have finished with the spoon for my soup. To further exemplify my desire for disarray I will tell you how I manage to always look so amazing.

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A Gerald R. Ford Memorabilia in the Voight House as well as a Ford stamp collection on view, plus an auction in the Black and Silver Room of the Welsh Civic Auditorium were all good presentations that took place during the week of festivities.

Neighborhood merchants held a festival daily throughout the week displaying their goods at bargain prices.

Many fishing activities were held including a program for the handicapped, a fishing clinic and a Trout and Salmon Contest.

Various other activities such as ethnic festivals, food booths, firework displays, bicycle tours and parades were held throughout the city during the week.

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A Gerald R. Ford Memorabilia in the Voight House as well as a Ford stamp collection on view, plus an auction in the Black and Silver Room of the Welsh Civic Auditorium were all good presentations that took place during the week of festivities.

Neighborhood merchants held a festival daily throughout the week displaying their goods at bargain prices.

Many fishing activities were held including a program for the handicapped, a fishing clinic and a Trout and Salmon Contest.

Various other activities such as ethnic festivals, food booths, firework displays, bicycle tours and parades were held throughout the city during the week.

Congratulations Grand Rapids! You sure have lived up to your name of the Great American City. I am proud to be a member of this community, and hope to be for quite awhile to come.
A Grand President

Betty Ford acted as grand marshall in the dedication day parade. Photo by: Olson

Above: Enthusiasts lined streets as well as fire escapes to catch a glimpse of dignitaries and celebrities. Right: Gerald Ford’s children came to help their father celebrate.

Entertainer Danny Thomas rides in the parade on dedication day. Photo by: Olson

The old Pantland Hotel transformed into the new Amway Grand Plaza Hotel.
Reviews

by David Kratovil

Body Heat

Body Heat is a well written and directed film. It is reminiscent of The Postman Always Rings Twice, yet there is more substance to this film. The intricate and often obscure nature of human passion is dealt with here in a typical style of the Pulp Fiction that lacks any real emotional substance. After they become lovers, the plot twists and turns in an intricate web of sexual fervor and mystery. Somewhere in the rush of their relationship, a decision is made to murder Turner's husband, a decision which turns her legitimate world of being a lawyer into a nightmare. It also provides an interesting look at a person equipped with firsthand knowledge of the court and police system might try to plan the ultimate murder. Her husband's emotions are well played upon to evoke sympathy for Hurt and the audience to learn how the story will be resolved.

There is a strong moral message in the film regarding human passion. It attempts to answer the question of what will come of passions unstrained. Turner provides the fire in the life. Hurt is tempted beyond control to play with the full flowering heat of his passion. He does this without forethought as to the old adage of you may get burned when you play with fire. Thus, heat as a motif is very effectively played. The dialogue concerns the heat wave the area is under. Sweat cascades down the characters and is most noticeable in Hurt himself, as if to brand him with his passion. Turner is the best example of this. Her character creates most of the film's movie passion and thus it is well that her body heat is always a couple of degrees above normal. Perhaps when she tells Hurt that, he should have felt a warning. By that time though it is really too late. Anybody who is caught in this web. He is warned earlier though, by a police friend of his. While they are discussing the weather, his police friend mentions that the heat raises temperatures in the brain to such a point that they can break the rules when it's hot because no one will care. That message is most prophetic, but Hurt is too caught up in his lust to take note. Is passion good or does it lead to disaster? This film offers one view with convincing example in the story of Hurt.

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by Maureen Hawley

The Great Muppet Caper

It's not just your ordinary film. It's more than the everyday adventure. No, not Bo Derek in Tarzan, or even Christopher Reeve in Superman. It's got 'em all, Miss Piggy and our old green friend, Kermit, in their newest, The Great Muppet Caper! If you can shake the shunts, giggles, and flying popcon issuing from the back of the theater, where the ten-and-under crowd usually sits (not to mention clowns, stumpks, sheiks, and yells), then you'll have it made.

The Caper is something that you definitely do want to miss. Of course, you could stay at home and simply watch the regular Muppet Show on for almost nothing. Seen one muppet, seen 'em all, right?

Well, how are we unlucky enough to miss last year's Muppet Movie, you just can't imagine how much cuter those muppets could become on the screen, in a few sexual puns in the dialogue. At times these references do get a little too close to locker room conversations. This is a suspenseful film but it has humor in it. The best example of humor is when Hurt accidentally meets Turner and her husband in a restaurant. She is angry with the affair, invites Hurt to join her for lunch. She expects he will care. That message is most interesting story and a message as well.

Music

by Henry Zeniewicz

Perhaps the best description for the music of Spheres and Voudouris is "something for everyone."

This pair of talented artists appeared here on the evening of Sept. 13 in the Wege Lounge. This was the first "Club House" concert of the year. From their opening song, Souvineers, to the end of the performance the duet did a fantastic job of entertaining the student audience. Each song performed was composed by the artists.

Their songs included country, rock, rock jazz fusion, new wave, easy listening, and a type of music which the duet calls "primal modernism." The best received songs by the audience included Look Again, Speak to Me, and Primal Sequence.

"Paul and I have traveled and I have traveled in Europe extensively. Our music is inspired by this fact in that we are able to draw certain perspectives," said Chris Spheeris. It was easy to see throughout the performance why Spheres and Voudouris were well received at the other colleges and universities that they have played.

by Colleen Kelly

The old adage "Who can do, and those who can't—teach" was disproven once again at July Law's magnificent vocal recital.

She was accompanied by Miss DeWitt on piano in Wege Ballroom the evening of Sept. 15. Handel, Brahms, and Mozart were a few of her selections. One had to admire her ability to interpret her music, gain her volume, and use a microphone, pronounce several different foreign languages plus convey the meaning of the song to the audience. Bravissimo! to June Law, head of Aquinas' voice program.

A Book Off The Shelf

by Larry Zysk

Learning Resource Center


As I scanned the Gans book I came across a number of the topics had been covered in David Potter's, People of Plenty. It was then I decided reading when I was an undergraduate. The book is memorable.

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### Volleyball Gets Underway

**by Janet Moomaw**

The women's volleyball team has so far racked up an even record winning two and losing two matches.

The Saints had a positive start in their first game of the season, Sept. 12, against Lansing Community College. They won the match in three out of four games.

In game one of the match, Aquinas took a quick 5-1 lead which was turned around by LCC for a 15-7 win.

Aquinas' two defeats came on Sept. 16 in a duo meet with Muskegon and Kalamazoo Valley.

In the first match against Muskegon, the women were defeated in two out of three games (duo meets having two out of three game matches). Muskegon fired up for a fast 7-2 lead.

Junior Tami Shafer put in key spikes for Aquinas but the Saints never caught up, losing the game 15-8.

Aquinas had an amazing comeback after being behind 8-1. A spike by freshman Beth Bancroft set up set up by senior Ann Bonczyk broke Muskegon's scoring streak. The women went on to a 15-11 victory. Aquinas was added in the third game with hard serving by junior Sue Bancroft but the game and match went to Muskegon with a final score of 15-12.

Aquinas did not fare any better in the second match against Kalamazoo Valley. Kalamazoo started out fast, piling up an 8-4 lead. The Saints rallied to within one point but the first game went to Kalamazoo. Aquinas started off slowly in the second game, falling behind 10-2. Again they had to play catch-up ball, which they never quite did, losing the game and match 15-3.

Aquinas bounced back slowly from their two defeats when they went against Grand Rapids Junior College on Sept. 17.

The first game went to GRJC 15-2. Aquinas turned the tide in game two winning 15-2, with Bancroft contributing eight points. Games three and four were quick wins for the Saints with scores being 15-4 and 15-1.

Doty gave key blocks and spikes to help the women gain their second win.

Coach Gonzalez felt good about the team's start. Gonzalez thought poor serving and lack of aggressiveness were important factors in their two losses.

"We rallied too late. We have to avoid slow starts," said Gonzalez.

### Soccer Team Boasts Notable Start

**by Nancy Shirey**

The Aquinas soccer team is off to its best start in recent years boasting a 3-1 record. The Saints opened regular season play beating cross-town rival Grand Rapids Baptist College on September 9. Aquinas dominated the first half scoring three consecutive goals.

Assisted by Tom Maher, Darren Jones kicked the first point. Dave Wolfbauer, on an assist from Mike Hagen, scored the second goal. Freshman Jones followed soon after with his second goal of the day on an assist from Wolfbauer.

Baptist came on strong in the second half but failed to catch the Saints, ending the game, 3-2.

Two shut-outs followed for Aquinas as they romped over Albion College, 2-0 and Olivet College, 4-0. Hagen scored both goals against Albion, one on an assist by Maher. Jones tallied two goals against Albion with Maher and Hagen adding one apiece.

Jones, Maher, Steve Garbarino and Joe Kolodziej were accorded assists in the game.

But the Saints' luck fell as Kalamazoo College beat Aquinas on September 19.

Kazoo scored two goals in the first half as the Saints played a sluggish 45 minutes. After the halftime break, Aquinas charged out and took control of the game. Bobby Paul scored within the first two minutes on an assist by Hagen. Paul scored a penalty kick on a handball call soon after.

Kazoo kicked one more in that was caught in the wind, eluding goalie Jamie Watson.

The fine play of the Saints' second half was halted many times by questionable officials' calls.

Tough competition faces the Saints during their next three games against Central Michigan University, Oakland University, and Spring Arbor College.

Coach Doug Mello feels confident they can beat these teams.

"All of the games so far, we've played one good half; we have to be consistent and put together two good halves. I hope the loss against Kalamazoo will teach us something and propel us into a good series."
Baseball Preparing For Upcoming Spring Season

by Rita Rabideau

The Aquinas College baseball team, coached by Terry Bocian, has been going through their annual fall workouts. This year's varsity candidates have been practicing four days a week since September 1st and will continue drills until early October.

Bocian and Assistant Coach Denny King have many questions and positions that must be filled by spring if this year's team is to match the team of a year ago.

Last year's Saints continued the team's long standing tradition of excellence, as they won a record 43 games against 16 losses. Last year's team lost five all state performers and its top two pitchers.

Bocian is optimistic about this year's team. "With just eight seniors returning Bocian is going to be depending upon several transfers and possibly a few freshmen, all of whom come in with outstanding advance billing."

As on past Aquinas teams, there are several outstanding hitters on the roster. This year's team will lack the home run power of some of the past Aquinas teams. The leading returning hitters include outfielder Dan Collins, infielders Don Kinney, Kevin Vizard, Bob Belisle, and his younger brother Jim.

One who will have a tough time matching his performance of last year is Collins. The senior, who transferred here from Kellogg Community College, hit .370 with 15 home runs. He was in the running to break several school records until he had a late season slump. Collins also possesses an exceptional throwing arm.

Second baseman Kinney and third baseman Vizard are both going to be pressed to top last year's performances. Kinney, a Grand Rapids Junior College transfer, hit .337 a year ago and played a near flawless second base.

Vizard hails from Grand Rapids Catholic Central. "Garde," as he is nicknamed by his teammates, was a pleasant surprise to Bocian as he hit .357 with 17 extra base hits in 123 at bats.

Challenging him for the third base job will be senior Jeff Shoup, who hit .395 and has displayed an excellent fielding touch around third base while receiving limited playing time.

The Belisle brothers also will be counted on to contribute heavily if the Saints are going to make a title run.

Bob, a recently converted first baseman (from third) hit a robust .358 last season, with five home runs. Brother Jim, the Darrel Porter of college baseball, hit 362 with 16 home runs despite being a backup catcher.

Verastine Dan Lundie, hit .319 last season and should contend for a starting outfield spot while Mike Grier (.298) will see action behind the plate.

The pitching staff lost the top two men from a year ago in Tom Rentschler (8-3) and Mike Koehler (8-5). However, all others return from the staff which posted a 3.75 earned run average.

This year's staff will probably be anchored by a group of juniors. Crafty Paul Assenmacher and Dan Michael each won five games a year ago. Rightly Lyle Myers won seven games and Bill Melcher was undefeated in his five decisions. Sophomore Mike Heftron and freshmen should contribute more as should Curt Goeders, who was 4-0 last season.

"Our new people are going to have to help us immediate­ly if we're going to match the Aquinas teams of the past," predicts Bocian.

Among those counted on heavily in Mike Cory, a Grand Rapids Junior College catcher, Cory, hit .500 and was named an All-American at the junior college level last season.

Sophomore Tom Ensmen, a Western Michigan Bronco a year ago is labeled a solid outfielder who could break into the line-up. Another top transfer is Scott Harris, an infielder who played for Olivet College last spring.

Other transfers who have caught the eye of the coaching staff this fall are outfielders Joe Gwinn and Tom Kettner, from Oakland Community College and Ferris State College, respectively.

Gary See will see plenty of action as a pitcher. Last spring he was the number one hurler on Grand Rapids Junior College and helped lead that team to the College World Series. Freshman Tom Hudson, an all stater from Rogers High School might also see some action.

This year's Saint team has many holes to fill. The most prospects ever (50) turned out for fall practice this season. "But," Bocian states, "Quantity does not replace quality and we have some top quality players to replace."

Among those to replace are All American Mark Hendrickson, who hit a state record 19 home runs last season and three time All Area and All Stater Tom Ainsworth. Others from last year's team are powerful Dan Willis and Matt Niemadomski.

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Women's Cross Country Shows Strength Against Competition
by Brian Lehmkule

The Aquinas women's cross country team will be looking for a repeat as well as improvement when they meet Calvin in a 4:00 p.m. dual this afternoon.

Head Coach Mike Woodbeck will lead his runners to the Calvin campus for a two-team affair, after facing stiff competition at the Central Michigan Invitational and the Hope Invitational.

At the Central Invitational on September 12, the Saints opened their inaugural season against much larger and stronger squads, for the most part. Host Central Michigan won the team race, followed by Western Michigan University, and Eastern Michigan University.

Barb Swaney and Margaret Casorso, apparent for the season, after she twisted her ankle at the meet. With the loss of Casorso, Woodbeck was left with only four runners for the September 15 meet at Hope, as two other girls had left the team and the number three harrier, freshman Jodie Nowak, was injured prior to Central's Invitational.

The four women Saints performed better at Hope, lowering their times and placing Gumowski in the top ten (7th place; 19:35). Stadtfeld again grabbed second on the team (17th; 20:34), followed by Swaney in 27th (21:48) and Knizacky in 33rd (23:25).

"The girls did better at Hope," Woodbeck noted. "The Hope meet gave the team someone of their own ability to run against, and it's good to run against someone you can do well against."

Woodbeck gave special note to Knizacky and Swaney. The freshmen both showed over two minutes of improvement between Central and Hope.

Woodbeck added that "Central was Barb's (Swaney) first cross country meet ever."

"We are improving," Woodbeck stressed, adding "improvement will get rid of disappointment, and this will help us in our upcoming meets (Hope dual—September 26; Ferris/Calvin meet (home)—September 30)."

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The Aquinas women's cross country members from left to right, Maryann Gumowski, Chris Stadtfeld and B. Swaney.

Cheerleaders Ready To Go
by Carrie Smith

Jim Ross, head cheerleading coach for Aquinas, and his wife, Mary Hedeshbrandt-Ross, co-coach, have announced their 15-member co-ed squad for the 1981-82 school year.

Returning to the squad for their third year are juniors Lori Spliedt and Jim Kovak. Second year returners are sophomores Frank Ambrosius, Molly Hogan, Anne Pettensch, Mike Ryan and Carl Scherfer. Joining the squad for their first year are freshmen Teri Arends, Kelley Faught, Melissa Gerovac, Patty Miller, Jerry Snyder, Johanna Vavo, Nancy Victor and sophomore Manuel Martinez.

"This year's squad is one of the better cheerleading squads Aquinas will have. They are very versatile in partner stunts, pyramid-amounts, gymnastics, pom-pon and dance routines. They are very fast learners," said Ross.

The squad will be traveling to most men's basketball games played on the road, in addition to all games played at home. The cheerleaders plan to boost the school spirit this year with the use of banners and flags, and working along with the Pep Club, of which Ross is also the advisor.
**Men’s IM Nears Playoffs**

by Michael J. Swaney

League One

As the intramural softball season comes to a close, many teams are still in the running for post-season playoffs. Leading the Men’s League One is the Drunkers, who have established an impressive 4-1 record upon their recent 15-4 victory over the Medflies on September 20.

In the game between the Drunkers and Medflies, Rob Doremire and Tom Fitzpatrick lead the Drunkers with three hits apiece including a couple of tremendous home runs. Each team started off fast, both scoring four runs in the first inning. But the Drunkers’ defense tightened up and didn’t allow the Medflies a single run the rest of the way. The Medflies held the Drunkers in check for the better part of the game but in the fourth inning the Drunkers exploded for six runs and put the game out of reach.

In the game between the Who and the Rearentry, John Gauick lead the way for the Who with a couple of home runs. He was helped out by several other teammates who had two or more hits in the one-sided 19-4 victory. The Rearentry were led by Joe Pilot who had a home run in the contest but that was about all the excitement they could muster up as once again they fell prey to cold bats.

by Scott Mousseau

League Two

One more day is left in the regular season and Me & J and Strohs are pressed stop the IM standings with 5-1 records each.

On Sunday, September 20, the Anchovies edged Flashback, 11-8. Flashback rallied three runs in the first two innings all by John Jemstad, Tom Schafer and Kevin Evans to take a 6-0 lead. The Anchovies rallied back, and then erupted for seven runs.

Steve Tomancik had a single and Tony Doman was safe on an error. Carl Scherfer swatted a home run and Tom Neelis, Frank Ambrosius, Manuel Martinez and Mike Stauchek also scored to take a 9-6 lead.

In the bottom of the fourth Paul Novak of Flashback was sent home to narrow the gap to 9-7. Doman and Scherfer scored again to put the game out of reach. Me & J, a team that has won the intramural softball championship in the last two years, annihilated 008, 19-2. Bill Badgerow scored four times and Mike Piel blasted two home runs to lead Me & J. Lou Komorowski and Brian Benz scored the two runs for 008. The “Land of the Giants” scored five runs in the first two in the second and two in the third to take a 9-2 lead. Chris Haldeman went 2-4 and Mr. Gary Robertson was 2-4 for the Me & J.

In an exciting game the Gamecocks edged Longshots, 5-4. The Longshots got on the board early. Greg Kwiatowski, Greg Barnes, and Mike Mendzef singled and then scored. Kwiatowski scored again for the Longshots. The Gamecocks answered with two runs in the third to take a 3-0 lead. salad home to narrow the gap to 3-2. LeFeld’s hitter Reilly scored on a fielder’s choice to make the score 3-3. Not until the fifth did the Gamecocks salt the game away. Burns walked and Mike Michael knocked him in with a triple. Cotter sent Mike home on a single to make it 5-4 at that point.

Strohs walked, annihilated and steamrolled Seagrams, 30-0. Mark Grunduski scored for Strohs a 4-0 lead after one complete inning. The second inning burst the game wide open. John Tomancik, Tim Keberlein, Dan McClintoch, John Maloney, Mike Petrich, Brian Wissik, Mark Grunduski and John Petrich ran.

Strohs then erupted for 15 runs, second to Me & J’s 20 runs against the Anchovies. Strohs scored six in the bottom of the fourth to end the route. Greg Allen was a bright spot for Seagrams because he singled in the fifth to break a no hit game by Seagrams’ pitcher Mike Petrich.

After the Wednesday, September 23 games, there will be a double elimination tournament with the top four teams in each league. IM-shirts will go to the champions.

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**SPORTS LINEUP**

**Wednesday, September 23**

Soccer—Home against Central Michigan University, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, September 25

Men’s Cross Country—National Catholic Meet at Notre Dame Volleyball—Away at Siena Heights College, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 26

Women’s Cross Country—Away at Hope College, 12:00 p.m.

Soccer—Away at Oakland University, 1:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 30**

Volleyball—Away at Grand Valley State College, 6:30 p.m.

Women’s Cross Country—Home against Ferris State College and Calvin College, 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 1

Soccer—Away at Spring Arbor College, 3:30 p.m.

Volleyball—Home against Spring Arbor College, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, October 2

Soccer—Away at Grand Rapids School of Bible/Music, 3:00 p.m.

Men’s Cross Country—Away at the Notre Dame Invitational Women’s Cross Country—Away at Ferris State College, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 3

Golf—Away at Oakland College Tournament, 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 7

Soccer—Home against Grand Rapids Baptist College, 3:30 p.m.

Golf—Home against Calvin College, 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 8

Volleyball—Home against Grand Rapids College, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 10

Volleyball—Away at Muskegon Community College Tournament, 9:00 a.m.

Soccer—Away at Alma College, 1:30 p.m.

Men’s Cross Country—Away at the Grand Valley State College Invitational, 11:00 a.m.

Women’s Cross Country—Away at the Western Michigan University Invitational, 4:30 p.m.

Monday, October 12

Golf—Away at the Notre Dame Invitational, 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 13

Soccer—Away at Bethel (Indiana), 3:30 p.m.

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