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REV. SCOTT Pilarz, S.J. accepts the Presidency of The University at a ceremony last Wednesday.

PILARZ CHARTS HIS COURSE

A conversation with our new President

Editor in Chief Christopher R. Dougherty spoke with incoming President Rev. Scott Pilarz, S.J. yesterday.

What's your approach to becoming informed and apprised of The University's operations?

I'm coming up Monday as a matter of fact to spend next week at The University, and I have lots of meetings already set up; Sharon Sporer in the President's Office has been working on that. I'm coming up for the Board meeting on Wednesday but I'm going to stay days on either side and meet with various groups of folks and individually, one-on-one. For example, I'm meeting Tim and Dan from Student Government for lunch on Monday; I'm going to meet some faculty for lunch on Wednesday, so Sharon's got a full range of meetings for me with various members of The University community, so that's a start. Obviously a week is hardly enough time to learn all that I need to know. I'll start the job July 1, and I hope to use the down time during the summer to do a lot of listening to lots of different folks.

As a member of the Board are you somewhat informed of the operations of The University?

Sure. I've been coming up to Board meetings five times a year for the three years and also as a member of the Executive Committee we have a monthly phone call, so I get lots of information as a board member. That was one of the things that encouraged me to participate in the search: that I did know the place as far as a Board member can know it, and felt very comfortable about it.

I don't know if you can speak to this issue but there's some debate ongoing between the faculty and the administration regarding workload issues. And I don't know if you've been informed of the situation but the administration has recently made a contract proposal that the faculty have found to be somewhat unacceptable. I was wondering as a faculty member and an administrator yourself, what's your role as a mediator in this, seemingly you could call it, crisis?

Sure, I'd need know, because I don't know the specifics about the proposal or what the faculty sense of it is; this is something I'll probably learn about next week, I imagine. So I need to know a lot more about the specifics of what's involved and talk to faculty members and talk to Dr. [Beth] Barnett about that.

As you probably know The University is currently engaged in a Systemic Change Program designed to keep The University financially solvent, and attractive to prospective students; are you going to continue this Systemic Change program?

Certainly. We need to be as disciplined, financially, as we can be. Scranton is in very good financial shape, compared to Georgetown for example. A lot of the Georgetown issue had to do with the hospital, which like many other academic hospitals was losing lots of money for years. As a result, for example, Georgetown's bond rating may well be reevaluated, whereas Scranton's bond rating was just reappraised, which is a good sign of financial health and I think financial health grows out of the kind of fiscal discipline that's been in place.

You said in the April 25 issue of *The Hoya* that The University and Georgetown have experienced

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'The excitement is palpable,' says Pilarz

By ANDREA EILENBERGER
News Editor

Georgetown University assistant English professor and interim university chaplain Rev. Scott Pilarz, S.J. was named as successor to the Fordham-bound Rev. Joseph McShane, S.J. as President of The University last week.

Pilarz was officially welcomed into The University community at a news conference on April 24 in the executive center of Brennan Hall attended by a crowd of faculty, community leaders, students and news media.

After accepting the gift of The Seal of The University from McShane, Pilarz expressed gratitude and humility at being invited into The University community. "The love and respect in this community is palpable," he said. "I am extremely happy to make Scranton my home."

Expressing his dedication to furthering the mission of The University, Pilarz cited some of the past University presidents, including McShane, and the legacies they have left behind. "We stand on a lot of shoulders here at The University," he said. "They

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Senior Week a bit drier

University to cut down on alcohol-related events

By MEGAN SILVIUS
Managing Editor

Those in the mood for a fun, relaxed week reminiscent of a prolonged eighth grade field trip will be pleased with this year's scheduled Senior Week activities.

The Senior Week committee, composed of five senior representatives, in conjunction with the Senior Programmers, reached a consensus concerning this year's events by gauging the success and failure of past events.

The planners also took into account student input garnered from the Senior Class web site.

"We've decided to host less alcohol-related events this year," stated Senior Class President Frank Salfi from Fairfield, N.J. "We're trying a new style by not centering the whole week around drinking, and instead offering other events that the students will enjoy."

"We worked very hard with the administration to compromise on the alcohol-related activities," added Senior Programmer Jenna Hartman. "Tinks and the Luau are both drinking events, in addition to the Formal. Although the week does not focus around alcohol, there seems to be a lot provided throughout the week."

Senior Week will kick off with a Jesuit BBQ held on Alumni Memorial Lawn on Sunday, May 18, from noon to 3 p.m.

Here seniors must register to receive their wristbands, which must be worn in order to participate in further activities throughout the week.

The "Gonna Go Back In Time" 80's-themed party at Tink's Entertainment Complex from 8 p.m. to midnight will later offset Senior Week 2003 Opening Mass, to be held at 4 p.m. in Madonna della Strata Chapel.

A trip to Atlantic City is planned for Monday, as well as a Pajama Party on the Freshman Patio at 8 p.m. where "Back to Future" will be screened.

On Tuesday, seniors will have the opportunity to spend the day at Lahey Family Fun Park and to later attend Biff's Boppin' Luau on Poly-Hi Field at 5 p.m., participating in limbo and hula hoop contests.

Wednesday will feature a 5K

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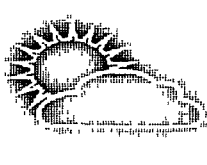
Scattered Storms
40% chance of
precipitation.



SATURDAY

55°

Rain Showers
50% chance of
precipitation.



SUNDAY

56°

Partly Cloudy
10% chance of
precipitation.

Next week: In the 50s & 60s.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SUMMER LIFEGUARDS WANTED for the Byron Recreational Center Pool for summer employment. Current certifications required are lifeguard training, CPR certification and first aid training. Open swim hours are held over the lunch hour and in the late afternoon, and also on some weekends. Interested persons can contact David Hair in the pool office at 941-6205.

RECEPTION IN MEMORY OF CATHERINE COFFEY, Class of '86, will be held in New York City on May 8 to initiate a Fellowship Fund in her memory. The event, to be held at the Mutual of America Building at 51st Street and Park Avenue, is

scheduled from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$150 per person. Proceeds from the event will be used to establish the Catherine Manley '86 Coffey Fellowship Fund. The Board of Governors of The University's Alumni Society is establishing a fellowship in memory of Mrs. Coffey, who died June 7, 2002, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. In January 2003, she would have become the 21st President of The University of Scranton's Alumni Society - the first woman to hold this post. Reservations for the May 8 event are required by May 1. For information, contact The University's Alumni Office at 1-800-SCRANTON.

TODAY'S INSIDY

Lie detector used, not admissible

Gloria Carpenter was found dead in her Modesto, California, home. Her body was submerged in the bathtub, initially leading authorities to believe that the 59-year-old woman had died of natural causes. However, a closer examination of the body revealed that Carpenter had been strangled to death and possibly raped.

Investigators found that Carpenter had been out drinking with Jimmy Wayne Glenn earlier in the night. Despite their suspicions, police had no evidence connecting Glenn to the murder. Hoping for a clue, they asked Glenn to take a lie

detection test with the newly invented Psychological Stress Evaluator.

The Psychological Stress Evaluator (PSE) is a device that uses the recording of a person's voice to allegedly detect prevarication through ordinarily imperceptible vibrations. Unlike the standard polygraph machine, the PSE does not need to be hooked up to the person.

In 1988, Congress passed the Employee Polygraph Protection Act after scientific studies showed that the tests were inaccurate. The law bars employers' use of lie detectors and other devices that purportedly gauge whether an individual is lying. Lie detection tests are also inadmissible in criminal courts.

SOURCE: THE HISTORY CHANNEL ONLINE

trencherman

*A hearty eater.

"In the past five months, Chas gained 20 lbs, exhibiting a trencherman's appetite for snack cakes and potato chips."

DIRECTIONS

"...it is not at all surprising that his peers and colleagues routinely hail him as one of the most respected Jesuit scholars and administrators of his generation."

Outgoing University President Rev. Joseph M. McShane, S.J.
on incoming President Rev. Scott Pilarz, S.J.

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StateNews

Stubbs on trial for double murder, rape

(SCRANTON) April 29 — Last week opening arguments began in the case of the Henry C. Stubbs murder trial. Stubbs is accused of double murder and rape, after having strangled Elena Herring and her daughter, Viktoria Ivanova. Mother and daughter were found hanging in the basement of their Wilkes-Barre home Dec. 7, 2001.

The bodies were discovered by Herring's brother-in-law, David Herring, after an urgent phone call from the victim's husband, Donald.

Stubbs had originally told police officers that he was not in Wilkes-Barre at the time that the murders occurred.

Stubbs later changed his story once detectives told him that they

had spoken with his mother and sister.

13th annual PA job fair caters to large crowd

(SCRANTON) April 29 — The thirteenth annual Pennsylvania Job Fair was held on Tuesday at the First Union Arena at Casey Plaza.

Organizers estimated that the crowd size was similar if not better than last years crowd, which was estimated at 10,000 people.

Howie Decker, 46, of Clarks Summit, was one of the many attendees looking for a new career. Representatives from the new T.J. Maxx warehouse were also at the fair to answer questions.

Heidi Allen, a T.J. Maxx representative said, "We talked to quite a few people."

Student awarded \$350,000 in damages

(PHILADELPHIA) April 29 — A Philadelphia jury awarded a doctoral student, Gregory Seaton, 30, from the University of Pennsylvania a \$350,000 settlement in his assault case.

Employees of a West Philadelphia copy store attacked Seaton in a racially charged incident that sparked a heated debate across campus.

The Common Pleas Court found both the copy store owner and three employees liable for negligence, assault and battery.

Roland J. Atkins, Seaton's lawyer said, "My client is very satisfied with the outcome because it is vindication for him."

WorldNews

North Korean nuclear disarmament proposed

(WASHINGTON) April 29 — The United States refused acceptance of North Korea's proposal to disarm nuclear weapons in exchange for comprehensive assistance programs, including oil shipments, security guarantees, food aid and energy assistance.

"We will not provide them with inducements for doing what they always said they were going to do," said the White House spokesman, Ari Fleischer. "What we seek is North Korea's irrevocable and verifiable dismantlement of its nuclear weapons program."

North and South Korea issued joint statements promising future discussion of the position of both in regards to the nuclear standoff and a peaceful, diplomatic solution.

Neither Bush nor Secretary of State Colin Powell were impressed by this declaration, and found North Korea's proposal unacceptable.

"We will not be intimidated by their claims and threats," Powell said. "As the President has said, we will not be blackmailed."

Troops continue to pull out of Saudi Arabia

(PRINCE SULTAN AIR BASE, SAUDI ARABIA) April 29 — U.S. troops continue to pull out of Saudi Arabia, ending over ten years of U.S. military operations in the nation by this summer.

The major air operations center for the Middle East was moved from Saudi Arabia to the Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar and by the summer, the 200 planes that were used during the war will also be gone, according to the deputy air commander, Rear Adm. Dave Nichols. About 1600 Army soldiers operating Patriot antimissile batteries are expected to leave soon.

U.S. troops were initially stationed in Saudi Arabia in 1991 after the Gulf War in an effort to contain Saddam Hussein. Sept. 11 and other terrorist

acts have made it dangerous for U.S. troops to remain in the area, and Rumsfeld stated that between 400 and 500 troops will remain by the end of the summer.

SARS continues to claim lives in Beijing

(BEIJING) April 30 — The new acting mayor of Beijing, Wang Qishan, aired a live, televised news conference to prove to the public that the deadly SARS epidemic is being combated.

Qishan was summoned to replace the former mayor who was fired for participating in a scheme to cover up the epidemic. Qishan talked candidly about the new disease on the newscast, admitting that the region was unprepared to handle such a devastating epidemic, had misled the public about its spread and now faces a shortage of qualified hospitals and medical staff.

The tally of reported SARS cases is currently up to 1,440.

CollegeNews

Loyola College seeks to halt file sharing

(U-WIRE) BALTIMORE — Loyola College-Maryland has joined the growing number of universities nationwide that are increasing efforts to combat illegal file sharing taking place on college-owned networks. The move comes as record labels and the motion picture industry fight to stop the distribution of copyrighted material through peer-to-peer networks that thrive on high-speed connections provided by universities.

Last week, the Recording Industry Association of America filed lawsuits against several colleges and notified others that they can be penalized for allowing copyrighted material to be spread.

"We want to get the notice out because we're getting notifications that we're violating the law by our students doing this," said Susan Donovan, vice president of Student Development.

A memo from Student Development and Technology Services is being sent to all students

to notify them of consequences of sharing files illegally. The college has already taken action in cases brought to its attention by the industry groups, which have been scanning college networks to monitor the spread of pirated software.

"The cases we've seen so far were really students who had no idea that they were doing anything wrong; there was no malicious intent involved," said Scott Eckhardt, associate director of Student Life.

U. Oregon debates Nike court case

(U-WIRE) EUGENE, Ore. — The economic success of Nike has left an undeniable mark on the University of Oregon, thanks to generous donations from Phil Knight, co-founder of the world's largest shoe manufacturer. But now Nike is battling in the U.S. Supreme Court to leave its mark on the interpretation of free speech for businesses, and legal experts in Eugene are lining up on both sides of the fray.

On April 23, the Court began to hear oral arguments on a free-

speech case that has the business world buzzing and could set a new standard for what sort of protection businesses have under the First Amendment.

Nike wants to be protected under the First Amendment from being held accountable for statements that may have been false. The California Supreme Court ruled that the shoe company can be sued under the state's false advertising law for statements it made in defense of working conditions in its overseas factories. Nike argues that it should be immune from such litigation because the comments it made contributed to the public debate on globalization and should be protected as political speech.

The divided California court rejected this reasoning in a 4-3 decision. The court ruled consumer activist Marc Kasky could proceed with his lawsuit against the Beaverton, Ore.-based company because Nike's public relations campaign was viewed as "commercial speech," which can be regulated by the Federal Trade Commission for accuracy, since consumers to buy their products.

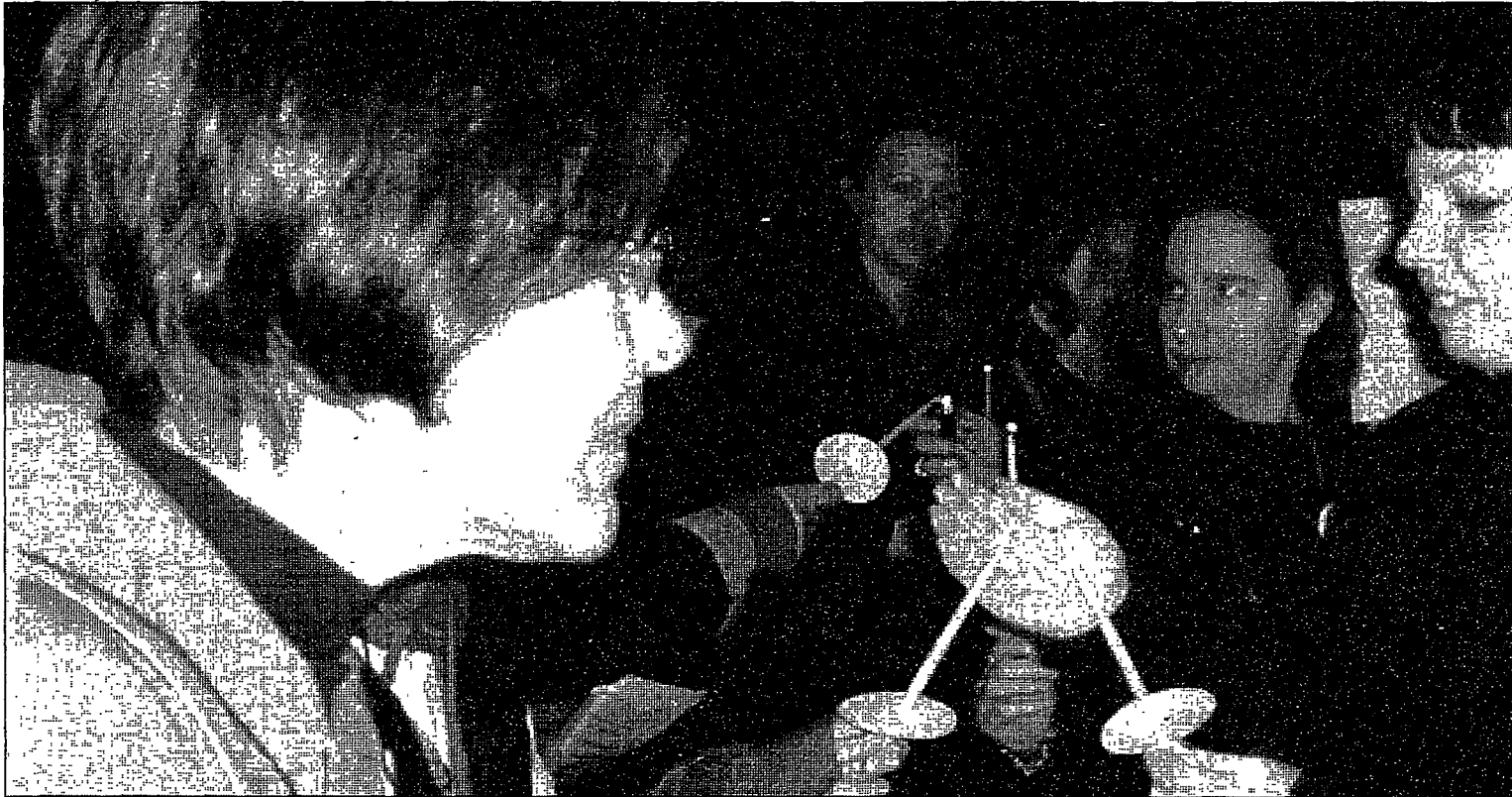
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Rally sheds light in dark corners of community



MARCHERS light candles to show their unity against domestic abuse and violence against women during the Take Back the Night Rally. University and community members joined together in the day-long events to promote awareness of the oppression facing millions of women worldwide.

By **MAUREEN REDINGTON**
Assistant News Editor

Take Back the Night, the annual campus wide program promoting awareness of violence against women, was held last Thursday.

The program is sponsored by various organizations around campus including the Jane Kopas Women's Center, SART and MAAVERIC. The event began at 4 p.m. with a pre-rally at The University. The Royal Way was lined with tables scattered with brochures, pamphlets and handouts providing passersby with valuable and lifesaving information. Other tables displayed hands-on activities such as games and button making to inform people of facts and statistics concerning physical, sexual and verbal assault.

Arguably the most profound aspect of the pre-rally was the Clothesline Project. This facet is a trademark of Take Back the Night and captured the attention of many people who attended the pre-rally. A plethora of

colored T-shirts whipped through the wind with painted inscriptions conveying messages of trauma and reality to spectators.

Each shirt color represented a different category of abuse. All of the white shirts displayed represented those whose experiences resulted in death; red, pink, orange represented survivors of rape; blue and green represented survivors of incest or child abuse; and purple and lavender represented women who were discriminated against because of their sexual orientation.

Examples of the writings on the shirts were "My best friend raped me here" and "I was a victim of physical abuse." Beginning in 1991 with a mere 31 shirts nationally and internationally, the clothesline project now includes an estimated 30,000 shirts.

University students made all of the shirts that hung on the Royal Way during the pre-rally. The Jane Kopas Women's Center offers all students the opportunity to create a shirt to represent an experience they had to add to the clothesline in order to promote awareness to the community.

"When people see the t-shirts and realize they are made by people from The University, it brings it closer to home," said

Mary Alice Franklin, a junior from Yorktown Heights, N.Y.

In addition to features along the Royal Way, approximately 10 students participated in Death for a Day, another strategy to keep the campus aware of violence against others. The students dressed in black that day represented the darkness of hatred against others. Around their necks they wore signs with startling statistics about assault. They stuck out from the rest of the students so that people would be able to take note of the facts they wore during the day.

The success of the pre-rally was due in large part to the efforts of the Jane Kopas Women's Center who had the responsibility of getting in touch with different agencies. Workers at the Jane Kopas Women's Center spoke to various people, including Stan Zygmunt, manager of media relations, for information on publicizing not only the pre-rally but also the march into courthouse square and food distributors such as Texas Road House and Granteed's for donations to the event.

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Diamond in the rough

Washington Post dubs University "hidden gem"

By **ARIANE M. PALMASANI**
News Editor

If you had the chance to begin college again, would you consider attending The University?

The Washington Post says you should.

The Washington Post included The University on its list of 100 "Colleges Worth Considering," according to Post staff writer Jay Matthews.

Matthews termed the 100 colleges "hidden gems" and based his responses on feedback he received from teachers and guidance counselors.

The article lauds The University's "small class sizes, high academic expectations, close community environment, a metropolis campus that maintains a community atmosphere and a faculty and staff that are actively involved in the student body." Additional information about The University appears in Matthews' latest endeavor "Harvard Schmarvard: Getting Beyond the Ivy League to the College That Is Best for You."

Matthews ranked The University 95th in the nation and 18th in the mid-Atlantic region. He originally considered The University not only because of the recommendations written, but also because of The University's consistent top ten rankings by U.S. News & World Report, the Princeton Review's 345 Best Colleges and Kaplan Publishing's guidebook The Unofficial, Unbiased, Insider's Guide to the 320 Most Interesting Colleges. The Templeton Foundation also listed The University on its Honor Roll of Character-Building Colleges.

The Web edition of the Washington Post Magazine article which praised The University is available for viewing online by clicking the April 1 edition.

Mullan paints vivid picture of sanguine Sunday

Ireland's civil rights struggle explored by Bloody Sunday survivor

By **ERIK SCHENCK**
For The Aquinas

Noted author and producer of "Bloody Sunday" Don Mullan spoke in Collegiate Hall at The University on April 24 about Northern Ireland territories' struggle for independence.

Speaking before an audience of University students and local residents, Mullan illustrated Ireland as a land divided by prejudice, politics and religion saying, "Partition has turned Irishmen against North Irishmen." He described the recent history of Northern Ireland as a 19th century society in which only land owners had the right to vote and the majority of the people, all who belonged to a certain cultural group, lived in ghettos.

It is in this environment that the Irish Civil Rights movement operates.

"We owe a debt of gratitude to Martin Luther King," Mullan said when comparing the nonviolent methods used by the Irish Civil Rights movement to the African American Civil Rights movement. Irish Catholics used these tactics in the British occupied north to challenge the status quo

of the area and capture the attention of the world. This resulted in Catholics being denied employment because they were "untrustworthy."

This form of protest not only resulted in tension between the British government and the civil rights activists, but also brought about conflict between people who believed in the movement and those that were convinced that violence was the only answer. The violent nationalists became the founders for the Irish Republican Army or IRA. They have been responsible for heightened tensions in the area of Northern Ireland.

Despite Mullan's claims of nonviolent methods, his stories were full of incidents in which the Catholic protesters threw rocks at British troops and police officers. One such incident was the Battle of the Bogside where Catholic protesters held back British police with rocks. Mullan described a similar incident at his first march that took place before the massacre of Bloody Sunday in 1972.

Catholic protesters marched the streets of Derry on Jan. 30, 1972 and met resistance by British troops at barrier 14 on William Street. According to Mullan, some of the protesters,

including him, began to throw rocks at the troops because "that was the normal response." The events that followed were not the usual reaction the rock throwing drew from the troops.

Mr. Mullan told the audience about his experience on Bloody Sunday and tried to relate what he saw. His account, although fragmented, painted a terrible picture of brutality and fear from his perspective as a 15-year-old boy. "I found a civil rights banner stained in blood that looked like the Union Jack," he said when describing his most vivid memory of that day.

"They shot at an Italian photographer trying to get pictures of the violence," stated Mullan when describing how hard the British tried to control the information reaching the world. The British government, then led by former Prime Minister Edward Heath, quickly covered up the truth with false information of the events on Bloody Sunday. They claimed that the 13 dead and 14 wounded were on the British Army's wanted-list for being members of the IRA. Many young Irish Catholics joined the IRA after the investigation because "young people believed there was no such thing as British justice."

The findings of the first inquiry into the events of Jan. 30, 1972 have come under new investigation in recent years because of the book written by Don Mullan. Mullan took the eyewitness accounts that were never used in the original investigation and researched the matter for his book Eyewitness Bloody Sunday: The Truth.

"How can we put value on one life?" stated Mullan, quoting Desmond Tutu, when comparing Bloody Sunday to America's Sept. 11, 2001. He claimed that the effects were the same because of the size of the community in which the event took place. Over 3,000 people in the tri-state area were the same as 27 people in the small community of Derry because "27 people affected the whole community."

Mr. Mullan ended by emphasizing his firm belief that justice needs to be done if Northern Ireland is to be purged of violence and conflict. He claimed that it was a lack of justice that forced a "peaceful people to become terrorists."

"Justice is a prerequisite for peace," he stated when explaining how he believed peace could be won for Northern Ireland.

CONVERSATION

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tremendous growth over the past 20 years. I was wondering if you can speak a little about the sameness and, I guess, the differentness of these two schools' growth patterns?

Sure. I think what I mean in that *Hoya* article more had to do with capital improvement, in terms of buildings. So, for example when I first visited Scranton, when I was a Jesuit novice, lots of what you have there now was not in place. For example, The Commons had yet to be built, the library wasn't built, the theater wasn't built and I was referring specifically to that. And that's been true at Georgetown as well. In the last 20 years I bet a half dozen buildings have gone up. In fact we're in the middle of a major construction project right now: a new dorm for 750 sophomores, a new Jesuit community and a new dining hall. So this place has been a construction site for the past year and that's been true at Scranton as well. I mean you've got Madison Square Apartments going up. Neither place has the student body grown significantly.

I thought this was a very astute observation, in that same article you said that Scranton is "much less diverse in student population than Georgetown." I guess firstly, do you see diversity as an issue that needs addressing here, and also noting that we're 80 percent Catholic do you feel that a religiously diverse educational environment is something that The University should aspire to?

Sure. In the Strategic Plan that was published a few years back it specifically mentions the issue of diversity. And there referring to racial and ethnic diversity, and geographical diversity as well. And I think those are important goals. I think that would be an important goal to try and achieve: to try to attract a more diverse population in terms of race and ethnicity and geography. I love the fact that Scranton is 80 percent Catholic. But the two places have very different missions. When John Carroll founded Georgetown he wanted it, deliberately, to be a place that would attract people from every religious faith. So that was part of his plan from the start. Whereas Scranton's mission is differently defined. I'm not opposed to religious diversity at Scranton but I think it's wonderful that it's a community that's so obviously Catholic.

I guess this leads into another question I had. Your duties as chaplain include administering to non-Catholics and non-Christians, correct?

Oh sure we have a full-time imam on the staff, we have three Jewish chaplains, we have three Protestant chaplains. We have an orthodox chaplain. We have a full range of religious representation. And that's reflective of a student body.

PILARZ

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are the shoulders of loyal sons and daughters."

McShane, especially, is an "impossible act to follow," he said. The University Board of Trustees selected Pilarz after a national search of Jesuit candidates, which included extensive interviews, forums and discussions that began this past January upon McShane's announcement of departure. Two students, Student Body President Frank Salfi and Junior Class President Tim Gabrielli, were also included in the selection process. Reflecting the concerns of the students, "We are extremely pleased with the selection of Pilarz," Gabrielli said. "He is a wonderful match to the qualities we were focused on. He is a very eloquent speaker, and we appreciate the fact that he is very approachable and personable." "We were concerned with finding someone who could keep the momentum of The University going," Salfi said. Pilarz stressed his commitment to "sustaining and perpetuating the Catholic identity of The University." Both Salfi and Gabrielli listed maintaining The University's strong Jesuit identity as one of the core requirements of each candidate, and their confidence in Pilarz's ded-

From a pedagogical standpoint, what is the value of having a religiously diverse community?

There are values and there are risks too because there can be considerable tensions, and this year we've seen some of that, because of world events. I think it's worth the risk at a place like this because people learn a lot from rubbing shoulders with people that are unlike them. It promotes lots of conversation.

In that same April 25 *Hoya* article you mentioned that one of your main goals is to make endowment money more available to Scranton faculty. How big of a concern is this, you being an academic yourself, and how are you going to go about freeing up money for scholarly purposes?

I wouldn't be so much freeing money up as raising new money, through a capital campaign. That would be a goal I would like to see articulated in a capital campaign.

And it would be a capital campaign with its focus being?

A number of areas that we need to concentrate on. Capital improvement for example, changes to the [Gunster] student center, renovations to the science building. ("Jack" the bulldog and Georgetown mascot barking in background) I'm sorry the dog is....

Is that the dog?

That is the dog. He wants something and I'm not sure what.

Some people around the office have asked me to ask you if you're bringing the dog up, and if so can we rename it?

I don't think you can rename it. He would go through an identity crisis. The name will remain the same, but he's going to come up with me. And Georgetown's going to get a puppy.

As an English professor, what is your position towards fostering the humanities at Scranton? Your position, likewise, in fostering the arts? Some say that's an area of our curriculum that is deficient.

Again I'd need to know more information about the state of the case. Though you've got a much nicer theater there than we do at Georgetown, I can tell you that. Even though we're the oldest continuing college theater in the country, it works out of black box theater that was an old classroom.

You mentioned in that article that you're interested in recruiting Jesuits to maintain the Jesuit character of this institution, how would you go about accomplishing that?

This came up many times during the interview process and I said one of the things that is most important is to get them there. A lot of Jesuits have never been to Scranton I think the first step is to get them there and get them to meet students, get

them to meet the folks who are there. I think they'd be really impressed with the sense of community. But for Jesuits with lack of imagination it seems a little bit out of the way, so we need to lure them to the campus and they'll fall in love with it I think.

I guess that leads me into my next question: what do you find attractive about Scranton, the city environs, the school itself and what don't you find necessarily attractive about Scranton?

There's nothing that I don't find attractive about it. No it's a great place. The people are remarkable, the sense of community is obviously strong. People love the place and that's infectious, you catch that.

We have ongoing issues with our community in terms of students chafing the community with their Thursday to Saturday night activities. Does Georgetown have similar issues? How do you go about dealing with them?

I haven't had to deal with it personally, I don't work in Student Affairs, but I'm certainly aware of it. It was going on when I was a student here; I lived off-campus three out of my four years which wasn't uncommon then and our neighbors were not to fond of me and the five guys I shared a house with. An important thing is to keep communicating with folks and from what I've heard, relationships have improved over several years. It's largely a question of keeping the neighbors informed, letting them know what University policies are, how they can reach University officials when they need to, things like that?

Can you talk a little bit about your duties as interim chaplain?

It's largely an administrative job. In the course of a given day this year, one of the things I've missed was connection with students. I was largely reorganizing a department of about 50 people.

Will you be looking to teach?

I mentioned this a couple of times as I was interviewing. Down the road, yes. Certainly not next year or the year after it. But one of the Jesuits who had a great influence on my own life was the president of Georgetown, who at that time was named Tim Healy. And he taught English, and I had him when I was a sophomore. You didn't know you were going to have him. It was just listed as a staff course and I signed up for the course because I liked the time I guess. I remember walking in the room and there he was, and he was an incredible teacher, one of the greatest teachers I ever had. I had him again when I was a senior. So I would love to do that down the line, but it's going to take a while for me to get my feet on the ground.

What's your style of leadership?

I like to think of myself as a collaborative

SENIORS

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Run / Walk at Lake Scranton, beginning at noon, and an Alumni Induction Ceremony in the John J. Long Center at 7:15 p.m.

The Senior Formal at Split Rock Resort will be held on Thursday, with registration from 1 to 5 p.m. and a cocktail hour from 6 to 7 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. and dancing will continue until midnight. Those wishing to reserve a room at the Resort may do so, though bus transportation will be provided for those who need it.

A movie at the De Lorean Drive-in will conclude the week.

"It's the last week to live it all up," remarked Erin Miley, a senior from Philadelphia.

While many seniors anticipate the upcoming events, others have expressed disappointment.

"What is the \$45 paying for, besides Tinks? A luau and a barbecue?" inquired Robert Benson, a second-year senior from Stockholm, N.J. "Those are the same kinds of activities that they throw for free for the freshman class."

Hartman noted, however, that live bands will be playing at events throughout the week, and food, movies and drinks will be included in the price.

In addition to criticizing the Week's

leader who tries to bring people to consensus. In a pinch, I'm happy to make a decision but only after listening to lots of people.

How does a president imprint his particular style of leadership on an administration that is sort of static and constant in its work. How do you shake things up? How does any leader?

When I think of leaders that I've watched who have been effective, someone like Tim Healy, for example. He was articulate, he was visible, he was engaged with people, he invited conversation, he invited criticism. I think that last piece is very important. There's a tendency for people to hide the bad news from the person in charge. And I want to know the bad news and I want to know it early so that we can work towards some resolution. When I think of someone like Tim for example and I'd say the same for Father McShane: incredibly articulate, always available, ready for conversation, and accessible.

What's your favorite magazine?

The New Yorker, I guess.

What do you do to unwind?

I run a lot. And I try to work out pretty much every day. I did my first marathon this year, The Marine Corps marathon.

Will you miss Washington?

Sure. I'll miss my friends. I have a lot of friends here: I went to school here as an undergrad, and I've been here for six years and just lots of people that I love live in Washington. I'll visit them and those relationships will remain strong. But I will, sure. I'll miss the proximity to some really good friends. My college roommate and his wife live a couple miles from here.

Let's say ten years down the road, say you're here for ten years — not binding you to that, where would you like to take Scranton in ten years?

I'd like to do a number of things: to sustain and enhance the Catholic, Jesuit nature of The University and there's lots of ways to do that and one very concrete way is to try to recruit new Jesuits to the campus. But also to pay attention to hiring for mission and for the orientation of faculty and staff and administration around the issues of Catholic and Jesuit identity. I think that is The University's hallmark in lots of ways. I also want to make sure that we attend to the quality of community life which I think is very strong and a huge selling point to students. I'd like to see us continue the success we've had in the last few years with admissions. Perhaps seeing some more geographical and racial and ethnic diversity among the students. And an obvious goal for any president is to raise a lot of money and that's what I want to do.

unwarranted expense, many seniors who were unable to attend the Grad Finale on Monday expressed dissatisfaction after being placed on a waiting list for the trip to Atlantic City. Due to the success of last year's Atlantic City trip, the Committee and Programmers had requested an additional bus, though more students than expected had signed up for the trip this year.

Even so, explained Hartman, the number of trips offered and the number of buses available are limited by the bus company.

Although she sympathizes with those who were unable to attend the Grad Finale until the last minute, Senior Class Vice President Mary Dennis added that all seniors had been notified through e-mail of the limited space available prior to the Finale.

Despite complaints concerning the scheduled activities, ticket sales for this year's Senior Week were much higher than expected and exceeded last year's sales, according to Salfi. In addition, the price of Senior Week decreased from \$50 to \$45, and Formal tickets decreased by \$15 - from \$80 to \$65.

"That was one of our main goals," noted Dennis. "We know that makes most people happy."

Megan Silvius is Managing Editor of The Aquinas. She is a senior from Easton who may participate in senior week activities.



TheLists

TELEVISION

Top five shows last week based on number of viewers

1. **CSI**, 25,223,000
2. **ER**, 20,881,000
3. **Friends**, 20,707,000
4. **Friends 4/24**, 20,248,000
5. **CBS Sunday Movie**, 18,275,000

Source: Zap2it.com

MOVIES

Top grossing films last weekend

1. **Identity**, \$16,225,263
2. **Anger Management**, \$15,006,174
3. **Holes**, \$12,552,722
4. **Malibu's Most Wanted**, \$7,337,473
5. **Confidence**, \$4,563,588

Source: Zap2it.com

MUSIC

Most requested songs on American radio stations.

1. **Ignition**, R. Kelly
2. **In Da Club**, 50 Cent
3. **Sing for the Moment**, Eminem
4. **Bring Me to Life**, Evanescence
5. **Rock Your Body**, Justin Timberlake

Source: Premiere Radio Networks

INTERNET

Most visited sites by unique visitors

1. **AOL Time Warner**, 47,461,000
2. **Microsoft**, 46,266,000
3. **Yahoo!**, 38,393,000
4. **Google**, 15,743,000
5. **eBay**, 12,600,000

Source: Zap2it.com

RoyalNetwork

What's playing this week on the Royal College Television Network, channel 47.

Evelyn

10 a.m. & 10 p.m.

Bloody Sunday

12 a.m. & 12 p.m.

Paid in Full

2 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Waking up Reno

4 a.m. & 4 p.m.

Far from Heaven

6 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Little Women

8 a.m. & 8 p.m.

Off campus or on? You decide.



SPECIAL TO THE AQUINAS

FOR SOME, THE CHOICE IS EASY—an off-campus house junior or senior year equals freedom. Others however, choose to stay with the tried-and-true restrictions of campus life.

By **THOMAS LAWLOR**
The Aquinas

The choice for most sophomores and some juniors as to whether to stay on campus or move off has been made in most cases already: the housing lottery has happened so those moving into the plush Mulberry and Madison apartments are now as secure for accommodation as those who signed their lease for houses or apartments in the Hill Section last year.

These facts make this article pretty much useless since it focuses on the pros and cons of on or off campus living: its like an article on how to avoid war just as it ends.

But what the hell, there are pros and cons and they need, yes need, to be discussed.

I am moving off campus, into an apartment with three other people. We signed the lease in October, which by Scranton standards is late (possibly the reason why our apartment is one long, dark, narrow hallway with fluorescent boxes off to one side).

The talk at the start of the year for most sophomores was about leases, landlords, utilities etc. and there was a definite need to get in early.

But even though my apartment

is not as comfortable or just plain nice as others around here and backs onto a little piece of ghetto all of our own, it is an apartment without an RA, without rules on noise levels or silent hours around exams, without rules banning smoking or drinking or ones enforcing annoying "group activities" or "community builders".

Moving into an apartment or a house with friends is, from what people have told me, both a pain and a joy.

Living in such close quarters with only three other people might become overbearing but the sense of independence, the fun and support is apparently more important and enjoyable than fights about stains or dishes or those nighttime noises which no one else wants to hear.

And there's no more RA so general debauchery in a quasi-public sense can multiply, and fridges can be stocked with anything you like, even, and this is probably one of the most exciting things about being old enough to live independent of authority figures, beer.

Yes, beer doesn't have to be hidden when you don't have an RA. Neither do empty liquor bottles so making one of those awesome and really, really cool "wall of empty bottles of stuff we drank" is no problem.

Smoking indoors becomes possi-

ble, eliminating the need to get dressed and go all the way downstairs and outside.

Chances are you will be living with people who share similar tastes and interests, which greatly reduces the amount of interaction with annoying people you don't like, such as that fat annoying psycho down the hall, the loud obnoxious girl who blasts equally obnoxious music all the time or that guy who always wanders into your room and can't find his way out.

But what of those moving into campus housing again? Do they like the rules?

I know a lot of people who chose to stay on campus and could never really figure out why.

But basically, the main reason from them all was the fact that they feel more safe: safe from attacks or robberies, fires and general mishaps, but also to gain a sense of security knowing that their place will always be clean and that if anything goes wrong The University will place them somewhere else for a while.

For others it's like a dorm with more privacy and for those who love dorms and dorm activities, I'm sure Mulberry Apartments will be great.

Even as a junior or senior your door can be decorated by your RA with apt seasonal designs, like eggs at Easter or shamrocks

around St. Patrick's Day.

You and your floor can still go to Ruby Tuesday's to exchange worthless gifts around Christmas, and if you want your boyfriend or girlfriend or just someone to stay over you can still enjoy the adrenaline rush of sneaking them into your room.

One thing to remember is that living off campus often works out cheaper than living on, a reason why so many decide to lease from a landlord, most of which charge extortionate prices for ghetto plots, which still work out cheaper than paying The University for a well-lit cinderblock box.

Another is that if you move off campus, you can enjoy more abundantly the pleasures of the hill section, and weekend nights can be a great source of cash.

Or if you're moving onto Taylor or Clay, every night can make you your rent money.

Whether you are living on campus or off campus next year, the usefulness of this article will not become evident for a long time, so keep it, cut it out, maybe put it somewhere handy like the fridge door, held on by magnetic poetry words like "hump" or "doggy" so that when it is needed you will have it. Because you will need it at some point: that's why I wrote it.

CampusComment

How did the editor of this lovely section contract mononucleosis?



He kissed Paul the janitor from Casey Hall.
JEFF TRAINOR
Senior



He licked the toilet seat.
JACQUI LEES
Freshman



Poor hygiene. Use soap.
CESAR VISSARRAGA
Sophomore



Kevin McCabe.
ANTONIO BENEDICTO
Junior



I gave it to him.
SKIPPY SMIDGENS
Senior

Taking a cue from Hong Kong

By SAL ROME

Assistant Royallife Editor

Hong Kong is its own universe of filmmaking, and it is good to know that they can offer a finely tuned film when they want to that makes Hollywood producers stop and wonder how it's really done. Such a film is "Infernal Affairs," the best commercial film from Hong Kong in some time.

For those that know the title "Infernal Affairs," it is perhaps due to the press release that Brad Pitt was attached to remake it, which pretty much guarantees it won't get a theatrical release of this film anytime soon, and that is a shame because "Infernal Affairs" is a textbook example of everything that is missing in the modern crime film.

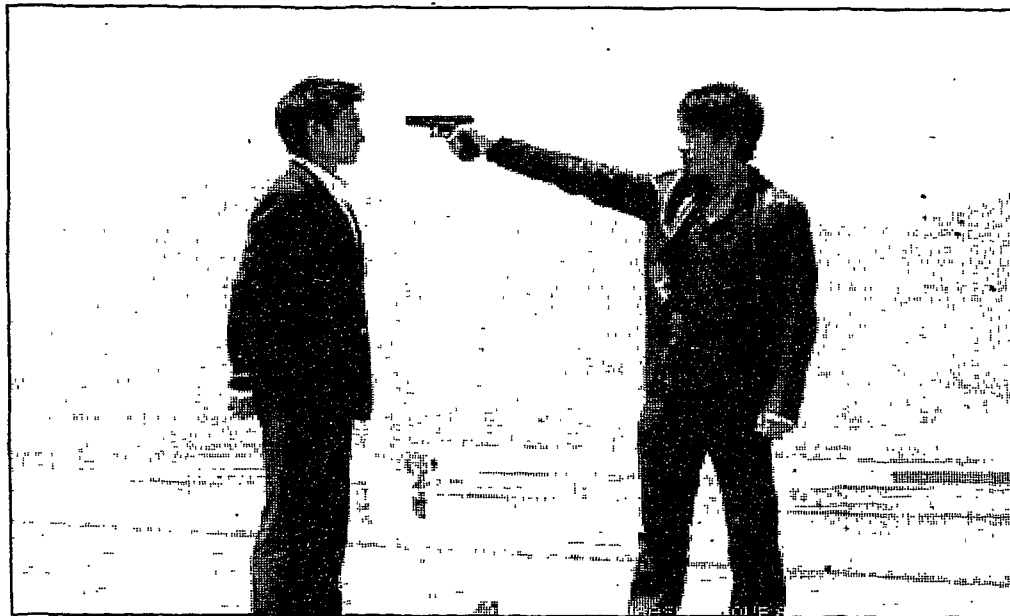
"Affairs" details the lives of an undercover career cop and an undercover career criminal. Yan (Tony Leung) is a young and bright-eyed cadet ready for a promising life. At the start of the film, he is "kicked out" of the academy, cast off to lead an undercover life in the Hong Kong streets before his training is even completed.

His counterpart, Ming (Andy Lau) is recruited by the Triads to work his way up in the police force and serve as the ultimate mole. For 10 years, they remain their respected bosses number one coveted secret; their edge in the constant chess game they have played for so very long.

This fragile world becomes even more intense when the two men's destinies criss-cross, as it is suddenly discovered that each boss has an upper level mole in the other's organization, but no clue as to who it is.

It is then up to both agents to try and discover each other's identity, before the other can. The loser of this game is dead, as the winner continues their life, endlessly portraying an image that they artificially created and subsequently have become.

This isn't a flashy gun film, as it refuses to



UNDERCOVER COP YAN, and career criminal Ming discuss business matters on a Hong Kong skyscraper in the psychological drama, "Infernal Affairs."

rely on spectacular shootouts or action in any traditional sense. Instead, it is about information, deception, currying favor and losing your sense of self in the process.

The protagonists are not mere caricatures, but living and breathing individuals. They are career undercover operatives that are so beyond reproach that the people closest to them, even family members, do not know their identity.

Both men have grown weary with their personal hells, living secretive and lonely existences in the gray area between good and bad. At all times they are looking for information in the shadows, while fulfilling their positions on another level. The result is enthralling.

What primarily makes "Affairs" engaging is the performances by the two leads. Andy Lau's Ming is fascinating and complex. His desire to turn over a new leaf and break free from his current lifestyle compels him to

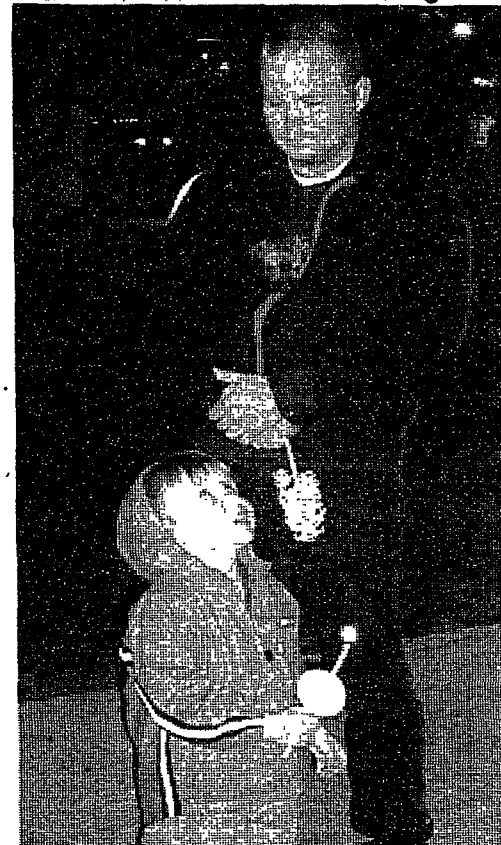
commit new crimes in order to bury his past ones.

And then there is veteran star Tony Leung as the tormented Yan, an emotionally shattered individual who has done so much criminal work to be accepted in the Triads that he doubts that he is a cop anymore.

"Infernal Affairs" is dark and atmospheric. The lives of these characters are closing in, and there is a sense of danger that propels the story to its conclusion, with tragic results. This is a fascinating film worth seeking out on video, which is perhaps the only way to view it until the remake arrives.

In all likelihood, Brad Pitt will do an exceptional job with such great material to work with, but there's something otherworldly about it taking place in Hong Kong, something that makes it all seem fantastic and real.

Take Back the Night strengthens community



THE AQUINAS/PEARL BRILMYER
A FATHER and son share a warm moment.

By Rebecca Martin
For The Aquinas

On Thursday 24 April, countless members of the Scranton community came together to Take Back the Night.

The night began with a pre-rally on the Royal Way, courtesy of Liz Randol and the Jane Kopas Women's Center.

Tee shirts were sold, buttons were made, and The Annex, a University rock band, livened those gathered.

The pre-rally lasted from 4:30 until around 7:30 at which time the gathered students were picked up by members of the Scranton community. Carrying signs, banging on drums and chanting various cheers, assembly then marched down the Royal Way to the Courthouse in the center of Downtown Scranton.

One such cheer captured the essence of the demonstration; "Sexists, Rapists, Anti-Gay, do not take our night away!" Those at the demonstration and the march hoped to raise awareness of sexual abuse, most of which goes unreported, that happens in all communities.

Those gathered demanded the right to walk on the streets at night without the fear of being sexually assaulted.

Once at the Courthouse, candles and programs were handed out. As night descended, the candles were lit and the crowd gathered to listen, sing and share in each other's experiences.

The songs "You've Got a Friend," by Carol King and "Closer to Fine," by the Indigo Girls were sung first.

Various speakers then talked about the importance of Take Back the Night in raising awareness in the community and bringing people together in mutual support of the survivors of sexual assault.

A sister from Marywood presented a multi-colored shawl as a metaphor for the interlocking nature of people. Through shared experience and common ideas, people intertwine to form strong coalitions, which are able to help survivors and promote social change.

Those gathered hope that by raising awareness, the issue of sexual assault will cease to exist surrounded by myths.

Instead, they hope to form an environment where survivors will no longer fear the judgment of a community wholly uneducated about the violence.

Those gathered hope to form a community as intertwined and supportive as the Sister's shawl.

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Cat's Cradle and ramble...

By MICHAEL GERCHAK
Aquinas Book Critic

Religion. Not a normal topic for Kurt Vonnegut, but then again Vonnegut is anything but normal, especially in his little gem, *Cat's Cradle*. Although the book isn't really about religion, it is one of the many topics covered in the book; the actual topic of *Cat's Cradle* is the end of the world. Pretty funny, huh? In reality, Vonnegut conveys his dark sense of humor through his writing to make the story about the end of the world utterly hilarious.

Oh, by the way, the religion discussed is neither Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Muslim, nor any religion any of you can imagine; instead, it's Bokononism, a religion of Vonnegut's creation. Don't sound so surprised, anyone. familiar with Vonnegut knows his creativity is one of his many talents that make him a favorite author of millions of high school and college students, not to mention adults.

One might wonder what exactly causes the end of the world; the answer is simple: man. Particularly, man's pursuit to conquer any obstacle presented to itself by nature. To help all those who are wondering exactly what this could mean another hint: one of the pioneers of the atomic bomb created it, but has nothing to do with a bomb. Confused? Intrigued? Good. Read the book.

Why exactly should anyone read this book? Besides the topics I've already mentioned, the humor, the discussion of the end of the world which makes one think exactly how far will man go and when will it be too far, and the fact that it's Vonnegut, meaning the prose flows off of the paper into your head and you'll be done with the book before you know it, it's also short. Maybe short isn't the right word, quick read, yes, and short "chapters" if you want to call them that. The longest "chapter" is three pages, three, meaning it's a great short break between studying for finals. Not only that, the book will fit in your pockets, so it's coming everywhere with you. But these are just logistic answers, the real reason is the content.

This book helps create an inner dialogue and a debate inside you of what is too far, or what will the end of the world look like, or maybe why is the destruction of the human race so damn funny. True, it's not *Carrot Top*, but there's only so much comic genius this world can handle. Vonnegut is his own funny; it will make you think and through thinking, you'll laugh. If you don't laugh at this book, then stop taking life so damn serious and take a break. Oh, and sometimes humor isn't obvious; the punch line's there. Look for it. There is this invention called satire, which doesn't have to be unthinkable, satire can be all-too-real, such as a discussion of "Newer York."

This is the last book review before summer, so I'd like to end with another rant, this one about reading. There are some amazing books out there. Read even when it's not assigned for school. In your spare time, pick up a book. You'll be shocked at just how great it can be, and feel free to call me dork or a loser or whatever. But just read a book this summer. Need suggestions? Here are a few: *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller, *Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom, *Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Neal Pollack Anthology of American Literature* by Neal Pollack, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* by Ken Kesey, or any book that's been reviewed this year. Also don't be afraid to pick poetry, I'm sure everyone has heard of some of the great poets of the past—they really are great. If you're one of those that think poetry is for nerds, women, sissies and losers who sit at home at night wishing they had a date, pick up a book by Charles Bukowski. Need more suggestions, email me at gerchakm2@uofs.edu. In closing, read *Cat's Cradle*, it will make you laugh aloud, hell, just read a book.

Although formulaic, Sandler manages

By TIMOTHY IGNAFFO
Aquinas Film Critic

I surfed the Internet Movie Database last night, and came across a little notoriety trouble for David Dorfman, the writer of *Anger Management*, who IMDB lists after the CHILD actor of the same name. An annoyance for him, I'm sure, but an easy fix in Hollywood. Dorfman could simply change his name to something more memorable, and if he's fishing *The Aquinas* for ideas (and deep down, I know he is), let me suggest "Crap Factory," middle initial optional.

Dorfman's script is an insult. On top of the very premise of the movie being completely absurd, Dorfman also makes sure that any audience member who puts energy into dissecting this movie will soon find this energy channeled into anger. Anger at the movie's disregard for the audience, anger at the movie's superficial storyline, as well as the stories underlying it, which are all, ridiculous and can NEVER be married into a cohesive, believable picture. Furthermore, angry that Dorfman clogs the script with a veritable forest (hehe) of Sandlerisms and clichés that help (almost skillfully) maneuver the movie around ANY material that might be mistaken for "smart" or "funny."

Problem right off the bat, Sandler's Dave Buznik (a fat-cat clothing designer) isn't ever that angry. In fact, his problem is really just the opposite: he's a pushover, and constantly allows himself to get walked all over. Like most of Sandler's other characters, Buznik is a self-loathing, but loveable introverted loser who has bottled his misfortunes and feelings for far too long, and therefore is unable to express himself in an appropriate manner. Sound familiar? Try every other Sandler flick. The popcorn guy even went as far as to say that the Buznik character was a lot like the character Sandler played (and did so brilliantly) in P.T. Anderson's *Punch-Drunk Love*. At the time this observation sent a shiver up my spine, and it still does, but there is some truth in it. *Anger Management* is no *Punch-Drunk Love*, and Dave Buznik is no Barry Egan, but the similarities in how they're played (and/or received), bring two major problems to light. First, Buznik can best be described as a mix between Bobby from the *Waterboy*



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BUZNIK CONFRONTS a childhood bully, and Barry from PDL, which means that Buznik encompasses the entire acting range of Sandler. Perhaps it's Sandler's inability to act, his apparent desire to typecast himself, or maybe even our inability to take Sandler seriously. Regardless, all of his characters resemble each other too much, or worse, maybe they resemble him too much, and this is a high hurdle for Sandler to clear if he has any desire to be taken seriously as an actor.

Another problem, is an inherent flaw in all Happy-Madison productions. Somewhere between the *Wedding Singer* and *Big Daddy*, Sandler and his cronies vowed to never stray from a formula, which, although commercially successful won't allow for any actual plot or character development, and always ends in the standard, nauseating, cornball ending at the expense of anything interesting, which also means the cruel murder of any theme, joke, character, or gag that was actually humorous or edgy. It's an unfortunate catch-22 (Gerchak reference); the success of these pictures depends on the fact that the audience ignores the insulting cookie-cutter formula, and the success of these pictures forbids any change in said formula. Eh, maybe it's not a catch-22, it just is what it is, and in my humble opinion, it sucks.

Now, I've pointed out that this movie is in many ways a perfect example of everything Happy-Madison does wrong, I should also point out that it is also an example of many things Happy-Madison productions do well, arguably, better than anyone else. For one thing, when they find talented actors willing to mock their own personas, they stick with them. Management brags a cast of weathered Happy-Madison funny men such as Adam Sandler (of course), Jonathan Loughran, Kurt Fuller, Allen Covert, Kevin Nealon, and John Turturro (who steals the show). "Anger Management" also brings in some new faces, who are all hysterical, and most recognizable as part of P.T. Anderson's circle of friends: Luiz Guzman, Heather

Graham, and John C. Reilly. Nicholson is of course hysterical, and he and Sandler seem to enjoy playing off each other, and the opportunity to make fun of their own personas (Nicholson seems to be doing everything he suppressed in "About Schmidt", and even alludes to bashing a car with a golf club). Even with such bad material to work with, the actors save the day, and the movie proves funny. Adam Sandler is funny, his characters are funny, the sophomoric cliché gags, even the penis and booby jokes are funny. I dig a lot of stuff in this movie, but I just wish it had something more to offer. Cut some of the crap out, and save us from the standard, stupid cameos (John McEnroe, Bobby Knight) and give us something interesting. And for God sakes, change the ending.

After five minutes into the film, it becomes obvious how the whole thing will end: the edgy, uncouth psychiatrist (Nicholson) who everyone (except Buznik who knows the Doctor's a lunatic out to ruin his life) thinks is a genius turns out to be a genius after all! And wouldn't ya know it, we discover this right after Buznik, who at this point is convinced he was right about the Doctor's lunacy all along, and goes out of his way to prove the Doctor's craziness, and his own love, to his would-be fiancé (Marisa Tomei) at Yankee Stadium. In so doing, Buznik demonstrates that he is capable of public affection, and therefore cured, AND the Doctor gets a nice big advertisement in front of a sold-out crowd in the Bronx: all is happy and nice like sugar and spice. There ya go, I gave away the entire movie, which would be a crime if the plot meant anything. By the time the movie gets around to bastardizing its own value and neutering any character with edge, all the humor is spent, and it's just a matter of politely sitting through fifteen minutes of cornball crapp-r-ama, or praying (as I did) that the dude in the projection room will save us from the ending with a clip of Porky Pig bursting through the screen with the words "That's All Folks," or Porky Big going to the bathroom, or napping, or for Godsakes even a short documentary on Sausage links.

This movie's funny, but rent it. If you want to pay to see a movie in the theater see the *Pianist*, or *Chicago*, or *Holes*, or *Confidence*, or *X2*.

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Pilarz: watch out for egos

As this is my final show as Editor in Chief of The Aquinas – (a play which I admit to playing among other parts: a Coddler of Egos, an Optimistic Packhorse, a Brittle Shield for my People, a Scapegoat, a Deceived Fool) – I feel it appropriate to dispense some wisdom of a managerial nature to our incoming President, Rev. Scott Pilarz, S.J. who shortly will be encountering a bureaucratic labyrinth, one often populated by a multitude of good-natured but sometimes egoistic minataurs.

First and foremost, I urge Fr. Pilarz to study The University. We have numerous and striking differences – many of which he has begun to perceive – from what is arguably the flagship of Jesuit education in the United States, Georgetown University. Whereas John Carroll insisted that Georgetown's pedagogy be directed towards the training of men and women for service in the Republic, we have developed a slightly different set of educational objectives. This does not make us inferior, in fact Pilarz' presence can help develop a contrary scenario. We profit by securing a president who has been immersed in the promise and richness of Georgetown.

Secondly, I urge Rev. Pilarz not to be a Coddler of Egos. Everyone at this University must understand, I mean viscerally understand, the pain of sacrifice; must accept that a community is logging it out in the trenches: together. Therefore, no man or woman, by their own account of prestige, is assured to receive certain advantages, tangible and intangible that a president may dispense. By heading off those who want to manipulate you, Rev. Pilarz, you prevent yourself from appearing a devotee of special interests, a Coddler of Egos.

Thirdly, be an Optimistic Packhorse. Bear with hope your ideas for dynamic change. Bringing these revolutions to fruition requires the brute strength of a packhorse and the persistence of an inveterate optimist. Though the miles may be long and the burden heavy, press on.

Fourthly, I encourage you to be a resolute – not a brittle – Shield for your People. In forging a unified administrative unit, nothing catalyzes greater cohesion than a commander who defends the stances and decisions of his/her subordinates. Nothing demonstrates a leader's devotion to the well being of those below him/her than by the leader's decision to accept the fall. It also promotes confidence in your subordinates when they make decisions, knowing that you'll support them devotedly.

Being a Scapegoat may seem like being a shield, but there is a sacrifice of dignity in being a Scapegoat that is injurious to your unit's cohesion. Being contorted into a Scapegoat is the first step in being played as a Deceived Fool. If you are a Coddler of Egos people sense your intrinsic elasticity, they soon expect favoritism and a level of devotion that you will be unable to maintain. They will know your weaknesses, exploit them and you will soon be a Deceived Fool. Your authority will be moot; it constantly robbed by egoistic looters.

These are, as some might say, "my clever buzzwords." True they are the unorganized notes from my crash course in administrating an organization, but the acid of defeat, my failure to abide by these principles leaves more than a superficial taste. These lessons are more seared, cauterized into my memory.

All organizations have the capacity to run smoothly and effectively. The lynchpin to any effective organization is a leader who abides by the toughness of these instructions. A toughness to fight egos and minataurs.

By CHRISTOPHER R. DOUGHERTY CRD

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THE AQUINAS/TOM LICICSYN

Your Letters

War humor not found to be funny

Dear Editor,

I read this week's issue of The Aquinas, and I was dismayed about the article written by Tim Ignaffo. Mr. Ignaffo took the position that the United States is going to abuse the position in which they now find themselves. The United States is waging a pre-emptive war in Iraq to ensure our future security. The removal of the murderous dictator Saddam Hussein freed 23 million Iraq people from life lived in fear. Thankful Iraqi citizens greeted the U.S. Army and Marine Corps with flowers and accolades during the advance to the capital. The Royal Marines from the United Kingdom met the same response in Basra.

Detractors against this action prophesied widespread death upon the coalition forces and that the populace would become hostile when the invasion occurred. Contrary to these musings, Baghdad fell within three weeks of the crossing of the Kuwaiti border. Cowardly terrorist attacks and ill-fated counteroffensive are the only resistance

met by U.S. and U.K. forces. The anti-war activists' forecasts of massive defeat were wrong.

This brings me to the article published on April 10. Your writer makes several comments about the President and the British Prime Minister. Finding their predictions wrong, the anti-war crowd has taken the next step. This is targeting President Bush and Tony Blair with character attacks.

These two men have made many crucial decisions in the last month while Mr. Ignaffo decided to resort to this tactic. He mentions the untrue accusation of President Bush's supposed past drug use. He makes light of the relationship between these two men as homosexual as well as abusive. I would think that if he made light of the sexual preference of a student, this article would not make it to press. Also, I'm sure that abused women would appreciate the statement, "When questioned about his surprising support of controversial American policy, and more specifically about the bruise under his left eye, Blaire (sic) said

simply 'George loves me, he just gets crazy sometimes.'"

This article is inappropriate as well as juvenile. Mr. Ignaffo's farce of an article shows his ignorance regarding the situation. He makes sweeping assumptions about how the U.S. will repress and colonize the Iraqi people. The coming U.S. policy is yet to be unveiled, but Mr. Ignaffo is judging it as a failure.

I am going to make an assumption of my own. I assume that if Mr. Ignaffo's predictions of America's post-war plan match the predictions of the war, many U.S. policy makers will be well pleased. Is it wrong for the people of a free nation to help those of a dictatorship? The U.S. is not looking to convert the Iraqi people from Islam to Christianity. It is looking to convert them to democracy and a lifestyle worthy of their intelligence and national pride. All I ask is for detractors to show some trust in a government that ensures a comfortable life here.

Andrew Forestieri is a senior.

Priest calls out Aquinas

Dear Editor,

I write to express my frustration and disappointment concerning what I perceive to be an unfair and inaccurate implication made by a reporter in a recent Aquinas. On page four under the article labeled, "Jesuits mixed on war," the comment was made that "three Jesuits did not respond to messages left by the Aquinas."

This, without a doubt, is an unmerited presumption that three Jesuits (me being one of them) evaded the call made by your reporter to discuss the war in Iraq. I hardly failed to respond to the call; rather, I was called at a time when I was away from my office, 4 p.m. in fact (that's less than several hours before print) and consequently unavailable for comment. Notably, I hastily called the reporter back when I found the message

on my phone at 9:40 a.m. the following morning. The article had already been printed by that time.

Given the way that the information was reported in this particular article (i.e., the explicit reference to the number of priests who did not respond to calls), the presumption was evident that some priests on our campus were either dispassionate about the present conflict, or simply too guarded regarding our personal positions, that we chose to evade the above mentioned call. This is simply not true.

Truth be told, The Aquinas' eleventh hour approach to this matter is what should be of real concern. It is worth noting that at the time of the call, I was in the midst of celebrating Mass at St. Pius X Seminary for the seminarians who study here at The University. That your

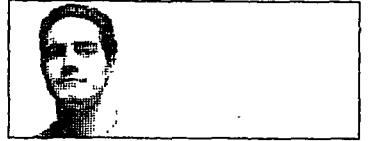
reporter would imply that some of my brother priests and I "did not respond to calls made by the Aquinas" is therefore a misleading, undeserved and inaccurate statement.

Sadly, I am afraid that Jesuits and priests have become easy targets these days for excessive and unfair criticism. To suggest that some of us evaded a phone call or failed to respond so as to avoid addressing the reality of this present conflict is simply unjust. Your reporter's failure to reach me at a reasonable time should not serve as the basis to allege the some of us priest are unconcerned or unavailable. In fact just the opposite. When we are not hearing confessions, celebrating masses, counseling students, teaching classes, running retreats, making dinners for resident students, training lay minis-

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THE WILL OF THE PEOPLES

No more headlines



Will Peoples

Northeastern Pennsylvania is not so terrible. There may be random people wandering around the streets, trails and parks. There may be towns with such great names as Shickshinny, Nanticoke, Tunkhannock, Tobyhanna, Duryea and Throop (the "h" is not pronounced, as we all know). The locals may have an obsession with all things New York City. The majority of the locals may refrain from saying "Hello" to passerbys and may find The University to be full of disorderly youths. However, we can look past these faults. My hometown of Medford, N.J. is not so perfect. It's full of pretentious snobs. Medford also houses the one square mile colony known as Medford Lakes, where all the streets are 25 M.P.H. and the lakes are all man-made. Oh well; as a wise man once said (upon hitting someone in the calf with a dart), "You have to break a few eggs to make an omelet."

Anyway, back to my point. This area was plentiful a century and maybe even a few decades ago, with a copious amount of valuable coal in the ground and jobs galore. It still is plentiful—just in a different way. NEPA is unique.

As we experience this true spring weather, one should head up East Mountain Road or Route 307 to take a stroll around Lake Scranton. Let me tell you—it is quite pleasant up there, and the people who walk and run around the 3.5-mile circumference never hesitate to greet a fellow lake patron. Or, if you prefer to not exercise, take an elevator ride up to the fifth floor balcony of Brennan Hall where one may often witness the fading daylight create a very aesthetically pleasing pink sky over the mountains. Sappy? Yes. Serene? Also, yes. Follow some of the forgotten railroad tracks of this area, just to get away for an hour or so. Go up to McDade Park for a breath of fresh air and another spectacular view of Scranton's surroundings. (A similar view is found at Riverside High School.)

Despite the mockery that may be made of Scranton's "local flavor," I must say my taste buds have grown to like the odds and ends that make up this place. There is always a holiday being observed in the Steamtown Mall. (Can't get any cheerier than that!) St. Patrick's Day is much more than a holiday than to the citizens of Scranton. Nay Aug Park is one of the few locations I know of that still throws an Easter egg hunt. Another celebration the city hosts is La Festa Italiana, held every September. While I am on the topic of food, let me throw out a few names of favorite local eateries: Villa Maria, La Trattoria, Café Classico and, of course, Cooper's. And, you ever had an award-winning tray of NEPA pizza? I am not talking

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'Til we earn a holiday

It's just a kiss away

VALEDICTION—I don't remember graduating high school. I remember taking classes for four years at Salesianum and various memories of dances, football games, masses and standardized tests. I just don't remember my graduation. I won a music award, despite my pinky-sized musical talent...and I do remember making out with Andrea Barbirei afterwards. But I just don't remember the actually three hour pomp and circumstance event, regardless of how many pictures my Mom took. I hope I said thank you though. So in case I forget and to prove I'm not some pratty point-dexter with a weekly column....

Mike Webster Q102 Shout outs and Thank yous: Mom, Dad, John, Eileen, Paul, Mary, JD, Snicker Doodles Webster—especially my parents for paying people to read my articles, Will Peoples and all the editors and writers I've worked with the past two years, Fr. Shott OSFS for being the best educator ever, Ms. Walls for her hatred of my 'highly-opinionated and somewhat subjective' writing style and her prediction of a 2 for my AP European history exam—PS.



Michael Webster

I got fizz-our, Tim Ignaffo for bitching about his placement in this litany which is no particular order, The University for footing the printin' bill, my housemates who I've woken up because I forgot my keys during Aquinas Wednesdays, Chak's rattle, James Forestal (First Sec. Of Defense), Kurt Vonnegut, various members of Esprit who have humored me while I've taunted poetry as an art, the fine makers of Hurricane 40 oz, Gunster maintenance staff, Red Baron: ACE Squadron computer game, my all bizzles on the publication review board, the drunk guy at Cock-eyes who complimented my article about the Iraqi war debates, anyone who has said something nice about the Aquinas, Tomas Keys (former Editor-in-Chief) for being a good sport when my brother prank called him drunk from the Eagles/Giants in NYC, Mr. & Mrs.

Coffey for been such faithful fans of my writing, Coach Strong, any professor who I had on Thursdays—after Aquinas night, especial Dr. Baillie and Dr. DeMichele, Dr. Konoski—just cause, PT Anderson, Julianne Moore my GF, Godfather I and II, Chris Boltinghouse for referencing me in Magis and christening me a "hack theologian," the Jesuits for having a sense of humor for that last joke, the Annex (who are playing on Saturday at 2 p.m. on the Freshman Patio), Jenny Newsome for showing me the ropes and how to read, the Writing Center's T/R staff that helped me improve my column and ego, G-izz-od, the Jacob cycle in Genesis, the Word made flesh, Philipians 2: 6-12, Ed Crumlish for his inappropriate and impulsive comments during Wind Ensemble that due to brain damage he sustain from Lyme Disease, Deirdre and her Cello, Eileen Anne Webster for not disowning me as brother, Tara Gemmel (coolest chick from Catasaqua), the speed reader of Palmerton PA, Villanova basket ball circa 1985 and 1996, Estella—girl from Castillo I kissed in a museum in Rome—HOTCHI, Mike quote/unquote the get-up-kid Nordberg—King of Emo, Supertramp, Ted Neily, Nick "koala" Shopa, Brian's various pedals, the artistry of Chris Guest, Men in Black II—not 81/2, emo kid I berated when I played Shoener's, secondary alcohols, Biggie, Autumn (cutesiast whootesiast FAS

dog in a sweater ever), Dr. Dre, human ability of 'self indulgence,' the key of F Major, book snobbery, the Talking Heads, Steve McQueen, 7 Samurai, SPD—yeah boyz in blue, Ralph r.i.p., PG Gas for their bills, Jim Morrison for being a stupid drunken poet, Nerma the Turk for being an annoying drunk freshman and subject to an arranged marriage, Delaware and the city of Wilmington, all my psycho stalkers in Redington, "More than a Feeling" by Boston, my hair cut, pills and those who take them, James Joyce for picking up the bar tab despite his hack poetry, Cardinal Law for keeping my secret, Bethany Scott for my first French kiss (7th grade, I forgot to breathe, too), Dr. Wiseacre for his extensive knowledge of Kell Tick literature and his knowledge of sa??, the poor girl who is going to prom with me despite the fact I am the Eli Cash of the intelligencia, 1320 a.k.a Sodom/Gomorrah, Steely Dan, the Anniversary, Jackson Browne, the Beach Boys, the fact that I'm drinking heavily and still writing this, the fine makers of Liebfraumilch, Jim Brice for being the coolest guy I've meet in Morristown, finally to bring it full circle: Cath Harrigan—because we were born on the same day (July 11, 1981) on the same hospital Nazareth.

Dedicated to Tim Casey, '03

Wearing a badge does not mean you can rule the world

Dear Editor,

When I came to The University, I figured I was in store for a great education and nice social life. One thing that people forgot to mention though, was the growing problem of unnecessary use of enforcement carried out by people with huge egos and low tolerance. I am talking about The University's Public Safety or "Plastic Pigs" as I like to call them. The reason I call them so is that they are fake police officers, i.e. rent-a-cops. They are similar to the cops that ride bikes down the shore, the ones that don't even carry guns. The qualifications for a Public Safety officer include filling out an application and basically being able to walk, and we call these people professionals. The word rules does not even apply to them either; once they are registered Public Safety officers, they can pretty much do whatever they want.

When I looked up The University of Scranton Public Safety website, it showed a number of different things, including their mission statement. This was one thing that definitely caught my eye. The main reason is that their mission statement consists of what I like to call pathologically lying, or false advertising. In their mission statement, it describes their duties and responsibilities. One thing that does not make sense to me is that the statement says their main objective is to preserve peace, and protect life and property. Now if their job was to protect life and preserve peace, how come they didn't check to see if my roommate was okay when he got thrown through a glass display case? I felt that

their actions that night were very irresponsible regarding the situation that happened. Instead of asking my roommate if he was okay or asking us what happened, they were more concerned with giving us both breathalyzers. For starters, is that even legal? What would be the "probable cause" in doing so? He was a victim, and I was an eyewitness. In a nutshell, what I'm trying to say is that they have a job to do, but this job does not consist of harassment of students.

I haven't met one Public Safety officer yet that has shown me the respect that I have shown them. I haven't met one officer that has at least given me the common courtesy of explaining myself, before they shove a straw down my throat. They all have one tracked minds, that because they are men in uniforms and they are on duty, they can do whatever they want. I would compare them to a sadist. Just as a sadist loves to hurt things, a Public Safety officer likes to get people in trouble.

The social life at The University consists of house parties in the Hill Section or going to the bars. Actually, one of the houses off-campus that throws the most parties is the Public Safety house. If this is not ironic, I don't know what is. So, here we have students that are going out citing people left and right while they're on duty, but when they are not, they are throwing keg parties in their house. One thing that Public Safety is strictly against is underage drinking. This is another topic because some of my freshmen friends have been to or been invited to a party at the Public Safety house. I forgot, though, that just because I don't wear

a uniform or carry breathalyzers that I am not invincible. These people think that they are invincible just because they are the law enforcement of the school, when in fact they are doing the same things that my friends and I are doing on weekends. The only difference is they don't have to worry about getting into trouble. Is this fair to the rest of the innocent students at The University that are looking to have a good time, or come home from a party to go to bed and find five Public Safety officers outside their dorm, analyzing the way that they walk?

Another thing that I would like to add is that I was talking to a Public Safety officer, whose name I will not mention, but he told me that their house is technically allowed to throw parties because they are understood not to be raided by the Scranton Police Department. This is basically fuel for the fire, which makes them have the mindset that they can do whatever they want because they hold the title of a Public Safety officer at The University of Scranton.

In conclusion to my thoughts on why Public Safety officers do what they do, I would like to say that drinking is an event that people partake at college. Even Public Safety officers know this; they feel that their job is to be in control of people and make more money for our school by giving out citations. The fines for my one friend and his roommate cost one thousand dollars alone. There has been a change in students' reactions to Public Safety being so strict. Many students are now going home on the weekends. But, a problem has

escalated in contradiction to the way Public Safety acts; people have begun to drive away from campus just to drink and then drive home. This is not safe at all, and I feel that something has to be done about the strictness of our so-called law enforcement. They should be enforcing laws on serious matter, but not if a couple of kids come home light-headed from a party. I understand that one of the reasons why the Scranton Police Department is stricter is because of the incident that happened last year. But, I also have come to the sense that this is not the only reason why Public Safety officers are the way they are. They love being in control and being in power. I respect cops, and I respect those that would like to become cops. However, this nonsense has to stop. We are all adults here, and just because these people either got picked on in high school or love to be in control does not mean that they have the right to ruin my night or harass me for no apparent reason.

I would like to finish with a thought. If those that are reading this wish to become Public Safety officers, I respect your wishes, but do not be alarmed when you do not get the respect that you think you deserve by other students. If you want respect be respectful, but just because you throw on a uniform and carry a big, orange flashlight doesn't mean that I have to praise you like you're a god.

John Mellon is a freshman from Sewell, N.J.

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ters, promoting vocations, visiting the sick, burying the dead, consoling the disheartened, baptizing the young and praying... we are "hanging out" on campus so as to be available and accessible to those to whom we have been missioned to serve. I think that an effort for more careful reporting is warranted at this time.

Rev. Philip Florio, S.J., is a Campus Minister.

Correction

In our last issue, we mistakenly identified the letter "The race card continues to get played" as being by Brian McCabe. The correct author was Bill McCabe. Sorry for the confusion. -Ed.

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about Goodfellas or Granteed's. Only a few days ago did I first enjoy a slice of Old Forge pizza (ten Rivello's slices to be exact), and I know I will enjoy it once again.

For as defunct and dismal this place may seem some days, it really isn't that bad. And, if it is, then why are you here?

No, don't go. Stay in our little community for some more time, and you, too, will begin to enjoy it. I know I am looking forward to my next year and a half in Scranton. Perhaps our new President will provide the neighborhood with some more good times as well.

Well, ponder all of this and explore around NEPA. You will only be surprised...in some way, shape or form. Until then, have a nice summer. Classes were fun. Maybe I'll see you around next year, peeps.

Later,

A letter of gratitude

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this time to publicly thank some groups and individuals.

Over my four years, and the year previously coming here, I was helped by many. The biggest thanks have to start with John Hopkins (a.k.a. "Hoppy," former head coach of cross country). He is one of the people responsible for bringing me to The University and also keeping me here. Through my four years, "Hoppy" has allowed me to compete, even though I am not a good runner nor profess to be, and then later help coach the team. To him I am very grateful.

To the athletic department, Exercise Science and health services for helping me in my athletic pursuits. While I would never agree that The University of Scranton should go out of DIII, they all helped me to pursue my goals of being a world-class athlete, which I am inching closer to.

I also must thank Dr. O'Malley and Public Safety for their help and support over the

years, and without their help, I would not have been able to follow my dreams.

To all my professors who have truly impacted my life and been so supportive in my professional and athletic pursuits, I thank you.

And, most of all, to my cross country teammates—both men and women—who mean absolutely so much to me and have supported me unconditionally through these four years...I hope I have helped them as best as I could have with their pursuits as well.

Also, thanks to all other friends who have been supportive in all that I have done during my time at "The U."

Mike Bartholomew is a senior from Levittown, N.Y.

Good luck on finals. Good luck in the "real world" to the seniors. Good Aquinas in the Fall.

RALLY



THE AQUINAS/PEARL BRILMYER

RALLIERS gather together with picket signs to raise awareness near the Courthouse.

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As the pre-rally came to a close, participants in Take Back the Night prepared for the march down to the court house. Collectively, marchers chanted call and response cheers. These empowering words were printed by the Jane Kopas Women's Center and distributed to each of the marchers so everyone could participate and all could hear their voices. Once the marchers reached the court house, a band called Rain Girl performed songs for the crowd. After the concert, various speakers made presentations on women's issues for the crowd. Later, there was an open mic

forum. Anyone who wanted to share an experience was welcome to inform the crowd of their story. Men, who made up about one third of the marchers, also took part in the forum.

After the crowd listened to the speakers, a nighttime vigil was held. Each person held lit candles and stood together in court house square. Following the vigil, Rain Girl once again took the stage to close out with a group sing along to the renowned Bob Dylan song "Times They Are A' Changin'". The crowd sang such lyrics as "And don't criticize what you can't understand" as a conclusion to Take Back the Night.

Successful grads impart wisdom upon comm majors

By ASHLEY JONES
For The Aquinas

Approximately thirty professional University alumni from the communication department returned to The University to offer advice, encouragement and to open connections for students interested in pursuing a career in the field at The University's biannual "Following in the Footsteps to Success" Communication Fair last week.

Invitations were sent out to University alumni in the communication field, as specified by the Communication faculty.

The companies represented included such respected organizations as BBC Worldwide, Campbell's Soup Company, Y100 and The Pocono Northeast Business Journal.

The fair allowed students the opportunity to meet and interact with local television, radio and newspaper professionals as well as specialists in public relations and advertising. Representatives from WYOU Channel 22 News, 98.5 WKRZ and the Times Leader were in attendance.

Due to the competitive nature of the communications field, many of the professionals stressed the importance of strategic internships.

"Experience is everything in this industry, which means an internship can make a critical difference in your career life," said Frank Andrews, WYOU news anchor. "Don't accept any internship, find one that will expose you to a lot of industry experience that will open you to a job."

"Internships are critical and you won't get a job without one," said Jan Kelly, faculty

advisor of PRSSA. Kelly also suggested that for the student serious about getting into the Communications field that multiple internships are critical.

Coupled with the competitive nature of the communication field due to its relative size, others also underscored the importance of having other plans to fall back on.

"So many people are interested in the radio, but it is very competitive because it's so small," said Todd Lewis of Y100. "Always have a back-up plan or something to fall back on."

Students were pleased with the enthusiasm and assistance of the representatives.

"I thought it was helpful, and I met some people who could be potential contacts," said Nora DeLaney, a senior from Cornwell, N.Y.

"I thought the Times Leader was very interesting, beneficial and informative for my career," said Michael Mazzei, a junior from Scranton.

Another aspect the students enjoyed was the opportunity to speak with University graduates who are now working in the Communication field. The alumni were more than happy to answer the students' questions.

"I thought it was a good experience and found it helpful and useful to talk to alumni," said Matthew Stolz, a junior from Havertown.

Prior to the Communication Fair, Career Services held two presentations to help prepare students for the event. They gave advice on the proper attire, interview techniques and resume tips.

This is the watch Stephen Hollingshead, Jr. was wearing when he encountered a drunk driver.
Time of death 6:55pm.

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Men's and women's Lacrosse head to MAC playoffs

By **STEPHEN SUHOVSKY**
The Aquinas

Once again, both of the University's men's and women's lacrosse teams have made the playoffs. For the lady Royals, this is the third time in four seasons, and for the men this is the second consecutive year of MAC playoff action.

Despite Coach Brewer being on maternity leave this season, the Lady Royals have not lost any confidence at all.

"Not having Coach Brewer hasn't hurt the team very much," said interim head coach Linda Drapeau. "They do miss her but she keeps in touch with them."

Brewer can be proud of her squad, for they went 11-3 overall and 9-1 in the MAC conference this year. Drapeau has said that the transition went very well when she took over the head coaching job. This is mainly due to her being the assistant coach for the past few seasons.

The success of this year's team is no surprise to Drapeau.

"At the beginning of the season I expected our team to challenge for the MAC championships," said Drapeau.

After defeating Elizabeth College 25-9, the Lady Royals met their coaches' expectations and clinched the second seed. The only roadblock that the University faces is Drew University. They have given the University their only loss this season and have defeated them in the playoffs the past two seasons. However, Coach Drapeau has confidence in her team.

"When we play well, we can beat anybody in our league," said Drapeau. "They work very well together and support each other."

On the men's side of things, an exciting finish to the season saw the Royals winning their last two games that clinched the fourth and final playoff spot for them in the MAC playoffs. They finished the year 7-8 overall with a 6-3 MAC record.

On April 23, the University played host to an overtime thriller against Drew University. Despite senior midfielder William Ayers, Croton on Hudson, N.Y., strong performance that game where he had four goals and assisted on two others, late game heroics by Drew University sent the game into overtime. With 56 seconds left in regulation time, freshmen Drew midfielder Quincy Booth scored the game tying goal.

Drew then had a chance to win the game with a man advantage, but the stingy Royals defense gave them little room to breathe and effectively killed the penalty. It was then time for the University to come



TIMOTHY MILLER advances downfield late in the first period.

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through in the clutch. Kyle Eaton, Old Bridge, N. J., scored the game winner in overtime to make the final score 13-12 in favor of the University.

After downing Drew, DeSales University was next on the schedule for the Royals. With a win against them, the Royals will have clinched a playoff spot for the second

consecutive year. This was not a problem as the University outshot DeSales 47-29 for a 12-9 victory. Playoff action starts this week.

A sports year in review

BY **DAN BRYAN**
The Aquinas

This has been a big year for Royal athletics. From both basketball teams making their respective NCAA tournaments to a strong showing from both of the lacrosse teams, the sports program here at the University is coming along quite nicely. Here's a wrap up of what's happened this year.

Men's basketball had a stellar year, making it to the sweet 16 in the Division III NCAA tournament. Senior Derek Elphick scored a game-high twenty-five points in the second round of the tournament, which moved him into fifth place all-time in Scranton history with 1,720 points.

The Lady Royals' basketball program enjoyed a successful year for themselves, making it to the second round of the Division III NCAA tournament. Senior AnneMarie Russo scored her 1,000 point earlier in the season, and sophomores Tara Gemmel and Eileen Webster added a necessary spark to a youth-driven team.

Men's soccer came off a decidedly disappointing season, going 7-12 overall but posting a respectable 5-2 in Freedom Conference play.

Seniors Jeremy Basedow, Mike Pucci, and Tim Daly led the way as captains. Big things are expected of the 2003 soccer season after only losing five seniors to graduation.

The Lady Royals showed up their male counterparts, going 15-4-1 overall and going undefeated in Freedom conference play (5-0-1). A pre-season coaches' poll put the Lady Royals on top of the Freedom Conference, and they didn't disappoint.

The Men's Ice Hockey team had a historic year, posting win number 100, 4-1 over Duquesne on November 16. The royals finished at 11-15-0-1 overall, going 9-9 within the ECHA. Head Coach Bill Fitzgerald was named 2003 ECHA Coach of the Year.

The Men's Lacrosse team is currently 7-8 overall and 6-3 in Freedom conference play.

The Women's Lacrosse team is enjoying a very productive year; they are currently at 11-3 overall and 9-1 in Freedom conference play.

Our Royal baseball program is suffering through another tough season at 8-21 overall and 3-15 in Freedom conference play. Sophomores Alexas Beras and Steve Urbanovich shine through as hopes for the future.

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send as many wrestlers to the conference level because of forfeits

"No I don't feel as though there should be some compensation," said Owen. "This is because this is how the sport is ran."

Owen said that he feels his team can help the MAC conference to have more spots allocated to it for national competition if more of his wrestlers follow the example set by Buseman.

According to University records Buseman along with having the honor of being the third MAC Champion in school history is also the second All-American in school history who reached 125 wins. He reached 30 wins three times in four years. Buseman is also listed 12th in University statistics for having a 125-35 career record with a .756 winning percentage.

If more University wrestlers become All-American like Buseman than the MAC Conference will have a better chance at gaining more spots in national com-

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petition since the number of spots is based on both the number of All-Americans in a conference and the number of wrestlers competing at the conference level. Owen explained that in order for a wrestler to become an All-American he must place in the top eight at nationals and must win two matches before losing two. Owen also said he feels that a larger conference such as the Great Lakes has more All-Americans because they have more competitors at the tournaments and they are better athletes. Owen said that he feels that Buseman's college career accomplishments are very impressive and will help to motivate his team to want to work harder to be able to get more competitors to nationals. "I have even seen an increase in x-wrestlers entering the room to roll around and say that they might be coming out next season," said Owen.

ball programs; however the Knight Commission states that graduation rates must improve. The administration offers a solution that climaxes in 2007: institutions that have not graduated at least 50 percent of their players at that point should not be eligible for post season play. College basketball has become infested with athletes propelled by the almighty dollar; a microcosm of the professional sporting world. The Knight Commission states student-athletes need to recognize that only one percent of NCAA's men's basketball players are drafted by the National Basketball Association. The fate of an Allen Iverson, Stephon Marbury or Steve Francis is extraordinary; yet the trend continues for college athletes to abandon their educational institution prematurely for that slim opportunity of a professional contract. In this new millennium, the NBA could stand for No Bachelors Arriving. The first 10 selections of the 2002

NBA Draft consisted of eight underclassmen. Those rejected but wannabe professional athletes find themselves in the bizarre position of functioning in a world that demands skills that their colleges did not require them to master. An institution should avoid focusing on the glitz and glamour of an entertainment industry; this practice detracts athletes from their roles as students. Certain universities have enacted their own reforms to improve the school's graduation rate, including tougher academic requirements for players than those required by the NCAA. Several colleges have tied head coaches' bonuses to players' academic performance. Increasing graduation figures to acceptable percentages is neither an instantaneous nor an individual process. The Knight Commission invites the NCAA, professional leagues, student-athletes and coaches to collaborate in advertising the significance of a quality academic experience. "Graduation on the rebound," anyone?



Crew season comes to a close



THE WOMEN'S CREW TEAM, despite harsh weather conditions, have continued to demonstrate a good work ethic. Under the leadership of senior captain Theresa Alberts the team has continued to grow. SPECIAL TO THE AQUINAS/THE UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON

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Being part of a team throughout your years in college can prove to be an extremely rewarding experience.

Students come from different places to attend the University with a common goal in mind.

Friendships made on teams can last a lifetime and the memories you share can make you smile over and over again.

All these aspects of what makes a great team are found among our women's crew team.

"The friendships I have formed on the crew team are friendships that I will carry with me forever," said senior captain Theresa Alberts from Bayshore, N.Y.

"I have learned a great deal from each friendship I have made and it is those lessons that I will keep with me for years to come."

The women's crew team has not always had the number of participants it has today.

The program in the past few

years has grown consistently. Today the team consists of 25 girls that are extremely dedicated and demonstrate a hard work ethic.

With each practice and regatta the underclassman are learning more about crew, which will aid them in the future seasons to come.

After the seniors graduate, Alberts hopes to see the team continue its success under the leadership of Beth Grafstrom and Jill Nokosey from Staten Island, N.Y.

There spring season is underway and they have found a little diffi-

culty due to the unpredictable weather we have been experiencing. The cold weather has made it hard for the team to be able to practice out on the water.

However, the individual dedication has been exemplified by each girl. Each of them worked hard to do what they can on land in order to enhance their individual performances.

The University supports the Crew Team as a club sport through Student Government which is where the team receives most of its funding.

"The support from the University has grown in the two years since I have joined the team and I am sure that it will continue to grow in the years to come" said Alberts.

Memories on teams can come from a wide range of experiences and they can help you in the area of the sport as well as in your own personal life.

Every aspect of sports can usually help you mature in one-way or another and this team will continue to grow and influence the lives of its members.

Student-athlete graduations rebounding

By **NORA DELANEY**
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Graduation rates of Division I basketball programs plummeted to their lowest point in a decade, according to statistics from the recently released 2002 NCAA Graduation Rate Report.

The NCAA credits an institution with graduating students within six years of their freshman year; yet data indicates colleges have been all but proficient in accomplishing this feat. Only 43 percent of the 845 athletes who joined Division I men's programs in 1995-1996 had received diplomas by Commencement 2002.

Formidable collegiate basketball institutions recently showcased their recruits' skills on the sport's flashiest of stages: the 2003 NCAA Tournament. However, the athletic accomplishments of athletes on the court statistically do not match their academic achievements off the court.

Half of the 2003 tournament's "Sweet 16" field has a graduation rate of 38 percent or less; while the eventual champion Syracuse University holds the lowest commencement rate of any of the Final Four teams: a sub par 25 percent.

Ten of the contending 16 teams in the "Sweet 16" round failed to graduate even half of their players overall; however sports sociologists have recently considered the commencement fate of black athletes specifically to be a pressing concern.

According to a study conducted by Richard Lapchick of the

Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport at the University of Central Florida, 58 of the 328 Division I men's basketball programs have been unable to graduate a black player for six years. Black athletes comprise 57 percent of men's basketball competitors; yet their collective graduation rate stands at only 28 percent.

The study lends support to NCAA president Myles Brand's proposal to reward or punish educational institutions based on athlete-graduation rates. Bans on play, cuts in athletic scholarship funding and reductions in tournament revenue could limit the development of established basketball programs if they do not emphasize academics to student-athletes while on campus.

The Knight Commission, a trustee organization created in 1989, also dedicates its research to preserving the integrity of college athletics in an educational atmosphere.

Investigations by the Knight Commission in its "A Call to Action" June 2001 report concluded that athletes are admitted to universities where they do not have a reasonable chance to graduate, accounting for dismal commencement statistics at prominent basketball institutions. Recruited to satisfy an understood quota as entertainers in the industry, an athlete's academic performance suffers shortcomings as the individual becomes immersed in the time demands of the sport.

Distractions are paramount in the lives of student-athletes participating in competitive basket-

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The few, the proud... Recap of a bittersweet wrestling season

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This year The University sent its first wrestler in four years to the National NCAA tournament where he placed seventh in the 157 pound weight class making him the third MAC champion in University hist

One of the reasons why Division III schools like The University only get to send a few wrestlers to nationals such as senior captain Darren Buseman, Mullica Hill, N.J., is because of the way that the NCAA allocates the number of national competitors that each conference can send

The number of allocations is based on the number of entries that a conference has at the conference level and the number of All-American wrestlers that the conference has

For the year 2003 the Middle Atlantic Conference had allocated to it 12 spots for nationals. They have had 12 spots given to them since 2000. There is a big difference between the MAC's 12 spots in comparison to the Great Lakes Regional Conference that had 22 spots this year and the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference that had 36 spots

Coach Brett Owen of The University wrestling team said he feels that the MAC will never get allocated to them more than 13 to 15 spots because conferences such as the Great Lakes Regional Conference and the Iowa

Intercollegiate Athletic Conference just have stronger competitors and more schools competing in the conference than the MAC has or ever will have

He feels that these two conferences are so large and have so many spots allocated to them because in the Mid-West there are only Division I and Division III schools and he thinks that these wrestlers do one of two things.

"These wrestlers either transfer in from a D-1 school because they are not starting or they don't want to compete D-1," said Owen.

The number of wrestlers entered in the Great Lakes Conference and Iowa Intercollegiate Conference in the year 2003 in comparison to the number of wrestlers entered in the MAC Conference show how schools with more teams and competitors will be able to have more spots allocated for them at nationals.

The Great Lakes Conference sent 143 wrestlers in total to the conference level and had 14 All-American wrestlers in 2002 which then allowed them to gain 22 spots at nationals for this season

Each of the 18 schools in this conference could send up to 10 wrestlers to compete at the conference level and seven schools sent 10 wrestlers when the other schools sent anywhere from four to nine wrestlers. Lakeland College sent the fewest wrestlers at four

The Iowa Intercollegiate Conference sent 105 wrestlers to the conference level but also had 21 All-Americans. Out of 11 schools in

this conference eight sent all 10 competitors to the conference level.

Owen said he feels that Iowa received more spots than the Great Lakes for this year because they had more All-Americans in total.

The MAC Conference in comparison to the other conferences only had 72 wrestlers competing at the conference level and had ten All-Americans. The MAC Conference only has nine schools sending competitors to the conference level unlike the Great Lakes who was sending wrestlers from 18 schools.

Owen said that he has mixed feelings about the way that Division III allocates the number of wrestlers for national competition. He said that he feels it is good that the NCAA places an emphasis on the strength of your conference and the number of All-Americans that you have but he also says that he feels unsure about the way that in Division III the coaches choose who will actually be sent to nationals by a wild-card vote.

Owen said that one of the reasons why his team could only send eight wrestlers to the conference level instead of 10 was because the team was forced to forfeit a lot of matches because they either did not have competitors for certain weight classes or those competitors were too injured to compete.

Owen said that he does not feel that his school or any other school in the MAC should get any special treatment even if they cannot

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