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## Aquinian Limbo

By Jeff London

The publication of the St Thomas Aquinian student news paper has been suspended by the St. Thomas Student Representative Council due to the paper's present financial situation. The Aquinian has been halted from publishing by the STU SRC until it can meet the terms of the council's financial recovery plan.

The Aquinian, which was scheduled for release on February 1st, was first kept from publishing by a motion passed during the January 24th SRC meeting. The motion indicated that the paper be put on hold at least until February 7th while a meeting between the SRC's executive and four members of the Aquinian's editorial board could be held to discuss "alternative solutions to the financial situation" of the paper.

The paper has been plagued with financial problems since the start of the year due to a variety of reasons. Lack of advertising staff; unbudgeted typesetting costs due to the late arrival of the ordered equipment; and the Aquinian's small operating budget at the start of the year have all been given as reasons for the paper's financial difficulties.

On January 26th the suggested meeting between SRC and Aquinian representatives took place and yielded hopeful options for the paper's continuance. Representatives from the SRC consisted of the council's executive of SRC President, Irma Ferlatte; Comptroller, Eric Giddins; Vice-President Activities, Dirk Bouwer; and Vice-president General, Troy Cloney. Representing the Aquinian were Editor-In-Chief Tony Sekulich, Managing Editor, Bill Barteau; News Editor, Steve Moore; and Layout Editor, Neil Bouwer. The meeting ended with both sides agreeing that it was in the best

interest of St. Thomas students that all costs be taken in order to assure the survival of the paper. However, it was also agreed that the paper must meet certain financial commitments before next publication to protect the SRC from any further loss of money at the paper's expense.

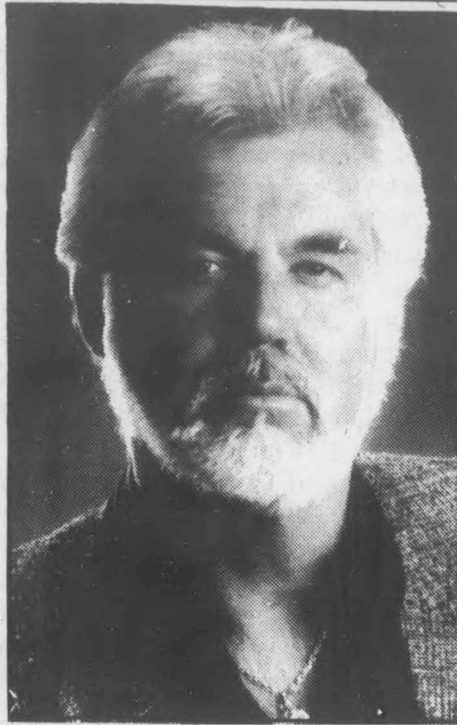
Both parties decided that the best way for the paper to get nearer a zero debt situation by the end of the year was by launching a full scale attack on increasing advertising revenue. St. Thomas Athletic Director, Leroy Washburn was approached by Sekulich and Barteau in a request for assistance in soliciting ads for the paper as he has been known to have helped out other St. Thomas student activities in raising funds in the past. Mr. Washburn agreed to help the paper to the best of his ability.

During the January 31st meeting of the STU SRC the Aquinian was dealt a second publishing restriction by the council. In an anticipated action, the SRC passed a previously tabled motion that indefinitely delayed the paper's next printing date until financial proof of no less than \$885.69 in revenue could be given to the SRC. Proof was to be provided in the way of signed promises of income from advertisers or donors.

However, Editor-In-Chief, Sekulich feels that the figure is by no means unattainable. Sekulich reported that Mr. Washburn has been extremely helpful as well as successful in obtaining advertising revenue for the paper. A large portion of the needed funds have already been promised by advertisers and it is simply a matter of getting those advertisers under contract and picking up the extra money needed. With the help given by SRC members to the already working Aquinian staff, Sekulich feels that the Aquinian should be able to meet the SRC's motion

request in time to print by February 8th.

SRC President Ferlatte is also hopeful that the Aquinian will go to press for the 8th. Ferlatte, who herself has helped in raising and securing advertising revenue for the paper, has told the paper that they have the go ahead to print for the 8th as soon as contractual proof of the money requested has been given to Comptroller Giddins.



By Stephane Comeau

Singer Kenny Rogers is the highlight of a promising series of concerts planned for the Aitker University Center (AUC) this spring.

At a press conference on Tuesday, AUC Director, Gord Labelle and Jack Livingston of Major

## Kenny Rogers at A.U.C.

Concerts INC., a St. John based company, announced that Kenny Rogers will play at the AUC on March 8th at 7:30 pm.

Rogers will be backed up by Frankie Valley and the Four Seasons on their first ever tour of Atlantic Canada. This is also likely to be Kenny Roger's last tour through the maritimes, said Livingston, as the popular musician will soon begin his own Johnny Carson style TV show. This will greatly curtail his touring schedule.

Tickets for the show go on sale on Saturday, January 4th, at the AUC box office. Fans with MC/VISA can also use the charge line, 453-5054, to purchase their tickets. There is no limit to the number of tickets that can be bought by one person, hopefully encouraging peo-

ple to organize themselves into groups to make an 'en masse' purchase.

Organizers expect the 6500 tickets for this show to sell out very quickly. When Rogers played the AUC in '84, tickets sold out in only two hours. The AUC will allow people to line up inside in case of adverse weather.

The show will be played on a round central stage. Labelle emphasizes that problems that occurred with floor seating in '84 won't reoccur provided fans with floor seating arrive early.

Major Concerts INC. is also bringing Roger Whitaker to the AUC on May 28th and is working to reschedule the Rod Stewart concert that was cancelled earlier due to Rod Stewart's vocal chord problems.

## Cosmic Watergate

### An International Cover up

By Nadine Murray

Stanton T. Friedman, nuclear physicist and speaker, recently gave a lecture at UNB called "Flying Saucers Are Real." Mr. Friedman's interest in UFO's began 30 years ago. He was intrigued by the extensive coverage the phenomenon has received, much of which is top secret government documentation. One report called, Air Force Project Blue Book Report 14, convinced him beyond a doubt that UFO's are real.

Project Blue Book was a study done in 1955 commissioned by the US government. It investigated 3000 sightings. Twenty-one and a half percent of the sightings fell into category three, those reported by competent observers of strange phenomenon in the sky or on the ground which the observer and skilled investigators cannot identify. These phenomena exhibit behaviour that is not possible with human technology. Friedman believes that these crafts must be manufactured somewhere other than earth.

The report was never published, but distributed in a three

part package. In a press release about the report, the secretary of the Airforce decreased the validity of the sightings to 3 per cent, reducing the significance of the report itself. Friedman has become convinced that there is a "cosmic watergate," a n international government coverup of UFO incidents.

In the lecture he presented cases of UFO sightings, photographs of evidence and laboratory test results of soil samples taken from an area where an UFO had evidently landed. In 1947, near Roswell, New Mexico, a government operation called Majestic 12 covered up a possible UFO landing in the area.

Following an electrical storm, a sheep rancher found numerous pieces of undamaged foil-like substances, as well as indestructible, light, I-beam shaped

material. Both were covered with strange symbols and strewn over a large area. The air force collected all of the material by "vacuuming the desert." When

the media got a hold of the story, it was completely denied by officials who said it was actually a fallen weather balloon.

Despite failed requests to the US national security agency and CIA for documents on the incident, Mr. Friedman has been able to find significant evidence of the Roswell cover-up. He has published a collection of items, including a TOP SECRET EYES ONLY document, called OPERATION MAJESTIC 12. Recently, he received a \$16,000 grant from the fund for UFO research to continue his investi-

Mr. Friedman feels that he is dealing with one of the biggest stories of the millennium. Government disclosure of any knowledge of alien craft would change the entire arms race. The first country to discover how UFO's function will have a military advantage.

Friedman stated that pressure from the media is needed to open governments up on the UFO issue. Acceptance of other intelligent life is important for our future.

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