Open House, April 20, Fetes Local High School Seniors

Rosemary O'Keefe Takes Chairmanship Of Committees for Annual Reception

Rosemary O'Keefe, sophomore from Belvidere, has been named general chairman of the annual reception. Thursday, April 20, honoring the seniors of local high schools. All the buildings of the college will be open for their inspection from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. Informal entertainment will include dancing, ping-pong, and games.

Vacation! What Will We Do With All That Time?

"Oh, I can't stand it. The strain is too great. I just can't bear to endure it." So groaned 99 per cent of the student body when the Easter vacation was announced. But what have they been doing since then? Apparently, the students have been lengthened and they must stay away from school from April 6 to 11.

The reason for this outlay is obvious. Students at Aquinas are so interested in their work that they just can't bear the thought of being away from the campus for such a long period.

The paramount question is what to do with this extended time. Three days Easter vacation is usually enough to let students relax and naturally this constitutes quite an exception for the majority of students. Should we relax and just get rid of that which is not well-known vacant expression, or shall we get that extra sleep we've been promising ourselves for such a long period.

Crowning Appears in Evening Scene

Crowning of the statue of the Blessed Virgin, in the college chapel, Friday, May 5, will take place as part of the observance of the first time in the history of this annual event that will be chosen by student vote at the April 13 meeting of the Catholic Life Conference.

Parents of students are invited to attend this crowning, which will be followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and the Association of the Holy Name. The League is sponsoring a reception for parents after the chapel service.

Pan-American Day Review Offers Movie, Songs Talks

Pan-American Day will begin for Aquinas students at an assembly in the gymnasium at 8:15 a.m. on April 14. The program will open with a short address by students on the schedule.

Patricia Patrdy, president of the Women's league, will speak on "This Day We Celebrate." The attitude of Aquinas college toward the good neighbor policy will be explained by Elizabeth Eckholt, president of the Catholic Life Conference. Jean Millhauper, editor of the Aquinas Herald, will outline the activities for the day.

"Tucatan," a sound movie, will be shown. Louise Impey, soprano, accompanied by Emmet Friar, will sing "La Paloma" by de Vizcaya. The Aquinas glee club will sing Latin-American folklowers, "La Golandrina" and "Cellos Lincon.

Students who will sing with the glee club include Jean Collins, Lesa Calman, Patricia Malvezit, Mar­cia Miller, Rosemary O'Keefe, Madeline O'Brien, Kathryn Kelly, Rosalie Kachudas, Anne Schenue, Mary Jane Ruschman, Barbara Engemann, Dorothy Friar, Patricia Davvey, Patricia Setzer, Mary Anne Minogue, Elizabeth Eickholt, standing. In background, Gerald Wittke and Lesa Calman.

Looking over plans for Pan-American Day are Mary Anne Smith, Rosalie Kachudas, Patricia Setzer (front), left to right, and Gerald Wittke. Aquinas students will be served by girls in Latin-American costume.

Pan-American Day Review

Ascending Day Means Picnic Day

Ascending Thursday, May 18, will find Aquinas on its traditional spring picnic day. Mary and Elio Ellis are co-chairs. This event is financed by the student activity fee.

Modifications of Requirements Eliminates Ph. B. Degree

The requirements for bachelor of science degree remain the same. A major in sociology will be offered by the College for the first time next year. Additional courses have been added.

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For A. B.; Sociology Courses Expand

The expansion in sociology courses will make it possible for the student to major in sociology with the bachelor of philosophy degree. Instead, the student may be allowed to carry out their studies in any field.

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Lawrence Powell, Organist Outlines Evolution of Music

Laurence Powell, organist and chairman at St. Andrew's cathedral, will come to Aquinas, April 20, at 11 a.m., to give a popular talk on the evolution of music. "Join us in partaking of a special 'Packin' Mammy.'" This will be cut down to size with a technical music, he promises, but something that will appeal to everyone.

Mr. Powell, a composer of religious and secular music has had wide experience in orchestral and choral direction. A native of England, he studied at the Middle School of Music in Birmingham. Since the age of 16, he has been a church organist.

In 1933 Mr. Powell came to the Forty Hours Devotion Comes Late in April

Forty Hours will be held at the college from Sunday, April 24, to Tuesday, April 26. The devotion is primarily for Sisters and resident students, but day students are welcome to make visits to the Blessed Sacrament during these days.

Laurence Powell at Little Rock junior college. He came to Grand Rapids in 1939 as head of the WPA symphony orchestra. In 1942 he was given his position at St. Andrew's.
Humorist’s Letter Contains Comments Far from Funny

The recent death of Irvin S. Cobb, one of America’s best-loved humorists, gave birth to the old, but always relevant, jest about being written upon his demise. This letter, which was described by a prominent publication as “characteristic of his pungent and often humorously unmannerly” style, moves discerning observers as well as the rest of us to be as anti-climactic and definitely unflattering.

For in his speculations on death and the hereafter, the humorist expressed sentiments which tend to lower the high spirits with which he entertained—comments about things whose very nature demands a respect which neither he nor any other human being can afford to be both lightly and carelessly.

With what appears to be bragadociosely, he seems to have assumed that he will be so superior in every way to the rest of the men who have had on the future state, if any, a bad time or depended on phrases and in another instance boasts with flagrantly false pride of never setting himself up as his brother’s keeper. For a man regarded—comments about things whose very nature demands a respect which neither he nor any other human being can afford to be both lightly and carelessly.

The last testament was not truly representative of his actual convictions.

Student Poll Results in Deadlock

"Do you think by attending a college and learning Catholic principles you are doing enough and how to solve the problems facing the world?"

The response to this question, asked in a student panel, resulted in a deadlock.

Forty-two percent of those who answered checked "yes" and an equal number checked "no." The remaining 16% took a mid-way stand.

"Isn’t it obvious that pessimism is enough?" is a comment typical of those who answered "no," "You should not only learn, but you must live Catholic principles—Catholic action in action. You must get out and face the world to spread Christianity and helping about a suitable peace."

Those who consider that they are doing enough by learning Catholic principles are in the majority, but the opinion is divided. Between those who are not only for, but for those who are against the Catholic religion and between those who are against the Catholic religion is not more than that we have brought moral.

The mere attending," commented another student, "is not sufficient, but learning truth is. The reason the world is a mess is in that too few people know right principles and their actions are all askew.

"It is not a matter of the minority who did not make a conclusive decision that there should be done, but that students have no opportunity. One student expressed it this way. "Indirectly we are doing as much as we can, but if the Catholic principles we are learning are not a definite tendency toward solving future world problems, but we are not in the position of doing so."

One non-committal person asked, "How do you fit an ideal practical ideal on carrying on our principles?"

For the College|

The new curriculum was designed in an attempt to bring together the two worlds of classical and modern languages. New courses were introduced in the study of medieval and modern languages, and special emphasis was placed on the study of the languages of the Middle Ages.

The change was intended to bring the college in line with the changing interests of its students. The new curriculum was also intended to make the college more attractive to prospective students.

The new curriculum was implemented in the fall of 1944 and has been well received by both students and faculty. The new courses have been well attended, and the college has had a significant increase in enrollment.

The new curriculum is being reviewed periodically, and changes will be made as needed to ensure that the college remains relevant and attractive to prospective students.

Change in Degrees Does Not Lower Standards

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The new set-up does not mean that it will be easier to graduate from Aquinas. The change has increased rather than decreased the difficulty. The new curriculum is considered to be more challenging and requires more effort on the part of the student.

The change is also expected to have a positive impact on the college. The new curriculum is designed to help the college attract more students and improve its reputation.

Jots and littles

By J. L. M.

"All pictures by the students, Aquinas College Grand Rapids, Michigan"

In a year when...
Academic Day Pays Tribute To Tradition of St. Thomas

“For 700 years St. Thomas has been, in the words of the breviary, an ornament to the Christian world and of dispelling the darkness of ignorance, doubt and hesi-
tation. To students present he re-
marked. “In going to a Catholic school, you are entering in the great tradition of St. Thomas.”

Other speakers on the program, March 7, at Marywood academy, were, Assistant F. B. Bab-
president of Aquinas, dis-
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From somewhere in New Guinea, 1st Lt. George Kurkjian, ex-'39, former president of the Michi-

The Rev. Phil. Reilly, O.P.,
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MARY ELSIE MARIN

Mrs. Mary Elsie Marin isn't crazy—unorthodox, no doubt, but perfectly harmless, even if she does matter to herself. That is, her eccentric syncretic beliefs are easily explained. Rather, her fantastic ability to string together French vocabulary, or her giving herself directions she doesn't understand to herself so she won't forget any of the things she has on her mind. With her talent for mimicry and for her original wit, M. E. Marin plus anyone else equals unrehearsed laughter. The other person isn't really necessary, as "Loose" gets plenty of chuckles from that angle herself.

With a loaded schedule, this sophomore keeps at the top scholastically, but she has an aversion for homework. She would rather talk before a million people than write a paper, theme, report, or book review, but her written assignments are a delightful sight to those be- cause of their complete individuality.

Her artistic talents show themselves in drawing and carving, and she also makes good fudge cupcakes. She likes poetry and mystery and horror tales in books in which the characters talk to themselves. The speaker is one of her best friends and the clock her worst enemy. She even begrudges the time she spends to sleep. High on her list of "live characters" come people who take you for what you say. "They're the ones who think I'm crazy," she explains.

Mary Elsie can't make people understand that she doesn't know what she intends to do with her life. To the contrary, she has favorite expressions to which she repeats often. "That's all," or "Ma, what you say. "They're the ones who think I'm crazy," she explains.

Joe Grabinski is an imagination with a real job for his pen. While at Aquinas he is specializing in the study of Dutch. The tasks he admits, is almost as big as he is. Excelsior at keeping busy, he is working at helping people solve their problems in their return for long training, the speaker guaranteed a profession that is well-paid, always interesting, and full satisfaction. The League President, Patricia Eard- selig, in a few years Joseph Grabinski's greatest extravagance is the continual purchase of books, a position he enjoys playing around with photography. He is rather a quiet per- son and one who takes himself seriously. Joe nevertheless enjoys a good pun, even at his own ex- pense. Frankness is one of his most noticeable qualities. He is in his element in the midst of activity and laughter, and his enthusiasm at times runs to impracticability. Joe loathes smugness in people in every- thing, with a preference for jive, with a preference for "Youth inspires the adults," was noted.

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Speaker Points Out Demand For Social Service Workers

The immediate demand for 10,000 trained social service work- ers was pointed out by Mrs. Monica Nelson, chairman of the Grand Rapids YWCA, at a Women's league pot-luck luncheon, March 14. Representing the American Association of Social Work- ers, Mrs. Nelson said that these openings are to be filled, not by the well-intentioned but often inefficient social worker of former years, but by the modern, trained, well-groomed person.

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To achieve financial independence through the medium of work in his ambition in life. Another goal he has set for himself is to travel around the world Halhischman style. Joe retires in classical music as well as his faith, with a preference for serious and weird melodies. He is partial to classical art and be- comes ecstatic at the mention of the theater. He enjoys rehashing movie plots and has a weakness for psychological characteristics with characteristic earnestness.

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