Class of ’44 Bows Out
Baccalaureate Sunday
Fr. Bukowski Celebrates Mass
Alumnus To Deliver Sermon

Ushering out four years of study for the Class of 1944 will be the traditional baccalaureate services, Sunday, May 21, at 9 a.m., in the
Rev. Joseph Murphy Aquinas chapel. Seniors, their parents, faculty, and students will participate.

Celebration of the baccalaureate High Mass will be the Rev. Arthur F. Bukowski, president of Aquinas, who will deliver the
Rev. Joseph Murphy, who graduated from Catholic Junior college in 1935. Father Murphy is now teaching at St. Joseph’s seminary.

The Agnus Glee club will sing at the Mass. Breakfast will be served in the college assembly hall. Freshmen will sponsor the
Freshman, breastman, is chairman of breakfast arrangements. Mary Joyce, junior, will preside at the program.

Show Reverses Conventional Ideas

Cloisters miniatures, which will be reversed at Aquinas college, when students present their interpretation, Friday evening.
May 18. Interlocutor, Mary Elise Martin, and members, Patricia Ley and Jean Collins, will be dressed up, while the chorus will appear in rags.

The chorus, led by Mary Ann Smith, is composed of Patricia Sizer, Norma Cavanaugh, Patricia Davvy, Geraldine Erdhardt, Mary Ann Minogue, and Mary Lou Preuss.

Apparition in special acts will be Patricia Ryan (G.B.), Irene Imperi, Louise Imperi, Tony Brink, Regina Nos, Patricia Ryan (Musician), Orell Winch, and Madeleine O’Brien, Deonora Milan, Les Callahan, and Mary Bush.

Ceremonies at College
Mark Third Graduation

Bishop Haas Confers Degrees

Torah Rachi Givess Address

Graduation exercises will take place entirely at Aquinas for the first time when members of the third senior class are awarded de

The let diploma. The commencement will be held Thursday, May 25, at 8:30 a.m., in the Aquinas assembly hall.

The Rev. Francis X. M. Powell, bishop of Grand Rapids, will con

fer degrees and honors. He will be assisted by the Rev. Arthur F. Bukowski, president of the college, who will introduce the graduates.

Senior Breakfast

Following commencement the faculty will give a reception for graduates, parents, and friends in the college parlors.

Sophomores Give Senior Breakfast

Jean Collins is general chairman of the event. The banquet will be given by the sophomores May 25 in the resident students’ dining room.

The breakfast will follow Mass for the student body at 8 a.m. The Rev. Edward Impe, rector of St. Andrew’s Cathedral and brother of Jean Collins, member of the graduating class, will give the Mass.

Junior-Senior banquet will be res

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Organic Diagnoses Symptoms of Modern Popular Music

"Music and the other arts are alive today," was the diagnosis of Laurence Powell, organist and choirmaster at St. Andrew's cathedral, presented at an Aquinas assembly, April 20. Mr. Powell, who has spent his life in studying, teaching, composing, and conducting music, said that he would like to have teaching, composing, and conducting unofficially claimed by the rest of the college, presented at an Aquinas assembly, April 20. 1. Betty looking forward to graduation. 10. Three of a kind: The Malouses. 11. Expecting a change in weather, May have rain. 12. Impy and Rydokad adorn the campus. 13. Orientation Work: X marks the spot. The unpopular class has been dismissed. 15. Front search of the dorms—also a few personal items. 16. Sister Marie Celeste comes on an expedition. 17. What's so funny, BB, Reggie, and Tom? Not back from the President and The Duke. 18. Seniors shape the picture. 30. "Hank" bears the Sophs' burdens. 21. Sophomores in a c a d e m i a u t e r i s. 22. Mrs. O'Keeffe attains the heights. 24. A student takes over—Gerry Witte. 25. Pardon me, your face is shining green. 26. Navy has the situation well in hand. Holiday sleep—of one or more. 28. Searching for you... Chlo, in.

Whole College Claims Duke

Duke, Boston Bull terrier mascot of the college, is officially owned by Father Bukowski, but unofficially claimed by the rest of the school. Miss Katherine Johnson, fashion editor of the Grand Rapids Press, offered him to Sister Agile, who, fearing to go down in history bracketed with Chaucer's Prioress, offered him to the school. Father said that he would like to have the Duke, if his legally Duke's future was assured.

Duke spends his affected rounds with very little favoritism. His friendly nature is his pass into all pile-gong "stage" room and dorm rooms included. He can be easily enticed by the unusual or noisy accompaniment, and, on the other hand, be a quiet and dignified subject for a photographs. His only complaint against Aquinas is that Bells, Sister Mark's, ext, steals some of his thunder.

Muskegon Seniors Entertained at Tea

Aquinas was host to seniors of the three Muskegon Catholic high schools at a tea on April 27 at St. Francis and St. Joseph. Sister M. Jerome, dean of Aquinas, made the trip on the preceding day to speak to the students about the college at their respective schools. Hostesses and entertainers were the Senior Wreathettes, Mrs. John Orell Winchester, Louise Imperi, and Patricia Brandt. Miss Jennifer Whetstone, whose mother, Mrs. William Ryan, presided at the punch bowl. Miss Winchester played a medley of piano selections, ending with Gopak's "Russian Dance." She accompanied Miss Imperi, who sang Handel's "Sweetheart" and Grahna's "Summertime." The hall was decorated with palm leaves, red roses, Aquinas colors, and photographs of the college.

Catholic Central Teams Win Pan-American Quiz Honors

High honors in a quiz on Catholic Pan-Americanism, one of the features of the inaugural commencement of Catholic Pan-American Day at Aquinas college, April 15, went to Catholic Central high school, whose two teams made a perfect score in all branches of the quiz. Members of the teams were Jack Demolloy, Richard Arens, Margaret Kavka, and Bernadine Fallon. Representing Marywood academy were Audrey O'Brien and Jean Lewis. Patricia Stamp and Bernadine Fallon composed the Aquinas team, and Miss O'Brien and Miss Stamp also made perfect scores. Miss Miller, editor of the Aquinas Herald, presided. The quiz climaxcd an all-day celebration which opened with a Mass for Pan-American peace. At an assembly in the morning, Patricia Eardley and Elizabeth Eckbott, Aquinas seniors, gave reasons for the attitude of Aquinas college toward the good-neighbor policy. Exhibits of Latin-American arts and crafts, books, and pamphlets were on display all day. The evening program included, besides the quiz, moving pictures of the Americas in color and sound, an original radio playlet, "Pan-Americanism" written by Gerald Witte and Joseph Gashland of Aquinas, vocal numbers by the glee club of Mercy Central school of Nursing and by members of the Aquinas Spanish classes, and a fiesta for students.

Catholic Central high school was chosen by lot to sponsor next year's celebration of Catholic Pan-American day in Grand Rapids.

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200 Monroe Ave., at Lyon St.
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A. NIEBER, Mgr.
Dear Graduates

Much as the undersigned dislikes to write, he is compelled to put down a few thoughts on paper for your benefit. Although the influence of the editor is not to be discounted, you are the main reason of this piece of public praise. Because you are few in number, you are not to be slighted; rather you should be singled out for our special consideration. You might take great pride—with all due moderation, of course, as becomes Christians—in your survival. If only the fittest survive, then you are very fit.

Fit for what? The college trusts that during these four years you have trained your minds sufficiently well to meet the ordinary needs of the present-day world. You have drunk quite deeply of the well of pure knowledge, and have learned to discern the true from the false. Our degree attests to that. Accordingly, we send you forth with confidence, assured that the ideal of “Veritas” kept before you at Aquinas, has left its imprint in you. Thanks to your fine cooperation you are fit either to continue higher studies or to make your mark as a college graduate in adult life.

You have acquired, no doubt, many things outside the classroom in your associations at Aquinas. Many of them you will treasure as choice memories, many will aid you in becoming a leader in Catholic society, and all, we hope, will prove of some good to you.

In the name of the faculty, as well as in my own name, I wish you significant success. May it ever be in the sunshine of Mary’s smile.

ARTHUR F. BUKOWSKI.
That “you can’t do certain things because you’re a Catholic” is a popular fallacy.

There is no such thing as a “Catholic” viewpoint. Catholics reject birth control, for instance, not simply because it opposes their religious belief, but because they know it is a practice that is unnatural, and therefore a violation of natural law. They do not sacrifice for their religion when they deny art or their children’s education. Instead, they experience joy in the courage of their convictions.

There is the same true certainty of kinds of “art” which, because they do not accord with the lessons rejected by Catholics not for religious motives, are necessarily unnatural.

And they can be inartistic for any one of a variety of reasons: lack of restraint, unity, precision of execution, or adherence to truth.

No Christians are satisfied to use the arts just by including them in the church’s liturgy. There is a prevalent notion that such a practice is unnatural, and there is some evidence to support it. Small children whose mother forbids them to have a certain kind of play, for instance, will experience joy in the courage of their convictions.

For most of the 13 years that this college has been at its present location, the new president of the college was using the library looking out on Ransom avenue. At 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., the sun was shining, and the doors were open.

People seem to think that Aquinas is a woman’s college, but it is a men’s college, too, until the proportion has always been close to 50-50. One year, the number of female students was 55.

The number of buildings has doubled; the library is more than twice its former size; the laboratories have been enlarged and improved. Better record keeping system; the required eight-year curriculum in liberal arts courses are concerned.

The trend among women students seems to be away from interest in careers. “The girls are more marriage-minded than they were before the war,” Father says, “and I think so because I’m teaching sociology.”

Declaring a direct comparison of the students of Aquinas, Father says that all of them exhibit the same interest in staying at home. “We used to have good times. Everyone went to parties and parties. The girls usually had to have clothes, too. They had horseback riding, too, and the boys and women had harness races.”

Two years we put on Campus Silhouettes. It had a lot of good singing and dancing talent, those years. The students used to get out the Lamb—just a mimeographed paper.

To grow beneath its limbs; and hushed it under the clock, continuing discussion, and as experience for those para-

The seniors may be prepared to face life, but they’d better stay away from the big city for a while. Two of them went to college, more than the thoroughness and precision of his instruction, is the character of Father Bukowski appreciated. Also, the office that has been his these ten years working for Aquinas with quiet zeal, for the others, and for the students of Aquinas college, but by one of his students, by one of the students, the editor-in-chief at the beginning of her junior year. She has been a scholarship winner with graduating honors from Mount Mercy with honors.

With this unusual amount, nothing but the most successful journalistic career could possibly await our editor—Jean Milhaupt.
Ever since the word, "There's another Pat Ryan coming," went around last fall, the problem of distinguishing the two has confronted Aquinas. In personality they are distinct, but it's inconvenient to explain every time the name is mentioned. I mean the clever, self-contained, designation. She's the one, or the equally clever, evereffervescing, slightly ridiculous one.

All the obvious means of solving the problem are those above. Both have the same middle name—Ann and Anne. Their ages and names are all the same, so you can't be called Junior and Senior. The makeup arrangement is of calling the Grand Rapids Pat Ryan (P. R.) and the Muskegon Pat Ryan "Pat." Pat has had some success, but the question marked "Whichever one follows whenever the name Pat Ryan is mentioned.

During Christmas vacation a letter intended for Pat was delivered to P. R.'s former residence. From there it was forwarded to Aquinas. The college division was for Pat and sent it toward Muskegon. Back and forth the postoffice knew better. It had just been notified of P. R.'s change of address, and so sent the letter to her new home. P. R., not recognizing the return address, almost threw the letter away, but realized it back it took when school resumed. So, after a week or so, several weeks later, Pat finally got it.

Being mixed up with other Pat Rys and P. R.ys has been an experience to Pat. In high school there was one who sat right behind her in Spanish class. She had no trouble of the sort at all, until she went to Aquinas, the first person she wanted to see was the "other name.

Pat found that she has a reputation to live down—that of the other Pat Ryan. Of course—had Pat admits that P. R. is a good enough, even if it is always soliciting for some cause. P. R., on the other hand, explains that he's a Patricia Ryan at Aquinas this year is no fun. "You just can't have any individuality at all. Thus, from P. R., of all people! There are some complications to the mixup. When Pat runs out of calling cards she can borrow some from P. R. And P. R. is looking forward to the time when she can get up and nominate Pat Ryan for some office.

When the Grand Rapids Press ran a feature on the two girls they were amused to read that they were constantly being called by these names mixed up. At least one was surprised to learn that she had a heart interest in the navy. Then the Detroit News came out with a shorter version of the story. Aquinas is expecting any day now to read all about both Patricia Ryan in the Congressional Record.

Girl's Last Party Goes to Theater

Final Women's league outing of the year was a dinner and theater party, May 10. Evelyn Walen, sophomore was general chairman. After dinner at the Y. M. C. A. cafeteria the group saw "Shine Girl's Last Party at the Grand Rapids Press."

If You're In the Market for Groceries - Meats - Beer - Wine

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Reservists Scatter on 3 Continents

A little over a year ago—March 3, 1943—nine students in the army reserve left Aquinas for Fort Custer. Now they are stationed on the army and the air corps in several real capacities.

Pfc. Robert Alexander is on special duty as acting battalion clerk in battalion headquarters in South Wales. On a trip to London during a recent furlough, Bill met Hall Overton, and the two had a session of talking about old times at Aquinas.

Another of the soldiers now in England, Pvt. William Provost, also visited London on a three-day pass and flew the sights from Westminster Abbey down. Bill, who is doing other work in the same company, writes of riding into town with a charm and starting civies by parking his horsemobile out and off duty.

A cable from Pvt. Robert Luiens assured his parents that he arrived in England safely on Easter Sunday. He is in the intelligence department of a fighter group.

From somewhere in Brazil Cpl. James Pierce, in the weather service of the air corps, reports frequent appearances of American entertainers and mentions a visit from Gen. Roosevelt that did a lot to pep the boys up. Jim also attests to the fact that the Brazilians put on a real show and makes plans for a trip back to the States.

Down on the Mexican border, at Laughlin Field, Cpl. Bill Troy was visiting Aquinas on a recent furlough. He expressed joy over the American climate and thinking long-time in the States, and summer is a naughty aim. "Every phase of the work, every experience with the air corps, reports frequent appearances of American entertainers and mentions a visit from Gen. Roosevelt that did a lot to pep the boys up. Jim also attests to the fact that the Brazilians put on a real show and makes plans for a trip back to the States.}

Wherever They Go, Alumni Prove Equal to War Demands

After receiving his pilot's wings at Moody Field, Ga., April 14, 2nd Lt. Kenneth Wolfe returned home on furlough. He visited his college before reporting to Maxwell Field, Ala., for training as a Liberator pilot.

Lt. Paul G. McDuffie, 37, in a letter to the faculty, tells some of his experiences with the air corps in England. He wrote, "It was yesterday that I got the word we are all going to be sent across with a typewriter or a machine gun."

Lt. William Callan, on 40, serving in Arabia with the ferry command, writes a visit to a suburb of Cairo, where his plane was on the target of a bomb explosion. He praised the beauty of his flight, the efficiency of the crew, and the魄 of the desert upon which they gazed every evening over the desert of the Nile Valley. He is looking forward to going overseas soon, and expects to receive his commission as a second lieutenant.

Mr. Robert J. Serfling, of the personnel department at Camp Reynolds, Va., describes the required hours in time. Bob's college training is coming in librarians are needed," she stated. "There is a great need for teachers, nurses, dietitians, and many others who will volunteer to work with us, and myself serve without salary. Teachers, nurses, dietitians, and librarians are needed," she stated.

Pfc. Richard Gauthier has been on home leave more often than any of the others. One furlough over Easter. Dick works in the personnel department at Camp Reynolds, Pa., checking troops before they are sent across the seas. Perhaps in this time he has come across the name of Pfc. Charles Beckmann, who is still in the replacement center.

Recently married and wearing a sergeant's stripes, Pfc. Charles Griffin, of the gasoline department at Camp Blanding, Fla., is in high spirits. On March 31 he married Frances Schrader, who was a student there. They had a two-week honeymoon in Silver Springs, Fla., and are now back. "Both of us like Michigan too well to be satisfied with anything else," he writes. "We'll still get our oranges out of crates when this war is over, but doesn't know whether he will be sent across the sea with a typewriter or a machine gun.

Just what Summer ordered!

Mt. Mercy Girl Wins Scholarship For Two Years

Muriel Karp, Mt. Mercy senior, won a two-year scholarship to Aquinas in the annual high school competition, May 6. A scholarship student since the ninth grade, she is a junior and senior high school student at Aquinas.

Winners of one-year scholarships are Therene Kellecy and Frank Herrmann, Catholic Central, and Judith Schmidly, Marywood. They are the fifth member of their family to attend the College. Therene's sister Kathryn, now a sophomore, won a scholarship for her freshman year.

Lecture Proposes Chinese College

March 5, 1943, they were together in Room 205 for the last time. Bill Troy, Charlie Giffin, Bill Alexander, and Raymond Gauthier, freshmen; Robert J. Serfling, Alumni; Leona Fegan, Charlotte Ciffins, Bob Mahony, and Ken Morre. Bill Alexander was assigned to the apartment of Nanking, NOC, and Raymond Gauthier to the apartment of Shanghai, NOC. The lecture was on "A Propensity for War."