Aquinas Purchases 67-Acre Landscaped Campus

Farewell to the Old Aquinas

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College Moves To East G. R.

Some Classes Stay At Downtown Site

A 67-acre campus, at present occupied by the University of Notre Dame, will be purchased as the new site of Aquinas. On June 5 the college will be moved to its new location by next September. Negotiations for the purchase were completed Thursday, April 26, and the transfer of ownership will become effective June 4.

Branching out for Aquinas will mean moving from its central location to a more suburban site. This advantage is the result of an agreement with the Dominican Sisters. The new campus, recently voted the most beautiful in the state by the National Catholic Educational Association, was formerly Holmeiun College, the largest residential school, was Holmeiun College, the largest residential school, was Holmeiun College, the largest residential school, was Holmeiun College, the largest residential school.

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Weary Scholars Plot Trek To House Parties at Lake

A general exodus from Aquinas to nearby summer resorts will take place June 2, the first day of vacation, as weary and worn scholars trek off for a jubilant week of house parties.

The junior class, with the seniors, will occupy a cottage at Whitefish Lake. Marcia Miller, in charge of arrangements, said that 14 will be present. Mary Elise Martin is taking care of transportation.

The food problem will be solved by Rosemary O'Keeffe, with Orell Winchester and Mary Jane Racine assisting her.

"Green Gables" is the name of the cottage the seniors have rented at Grand Haven. About 15 girls will attend this house party. Proceeds from a rummage sale will help cover expenses.

Junior Class Bids Seniors Farewell

Giving the seniors "something to remember them by" the juniors bade an official farewell to the class of '46 at a banquet Wednesday, May 16, at the home of Jean Collins.

Marcia Miller, president of the junior class, appointed Evelyn Walen, general chairman; Jean Collins, arrangements; Mary Elaine Martin, decorations; and Madeleine O'Brien, publicist.

"A gay and colorful Polish folk dance by four girls in peasant costume was one of the most striking numbers. Leonie Bukowski, Dorothy Siwaski, Catherine Gazella, and Miss Kowalski were the dancers."

Mary Karp gave a reading on the origin of Polish folk dance. With a musical background by Glenn Washington, Stanley Lapciuk recited Joseph Auslander's poem, "To the Unforgettable Pole."

Orell Winchester and Brown played a piano duet arrangement of Chopin's "Polonaise Militaire," and Regina Nos sang "Kwiecisty majowy maj." All Polish students in the college joined in singing the Polish national anthem and national hymn.

A display of posters, pamphlets, and artwork supplied by the Polish Information service, was arranged in the Injector Room in Room 206. After the program, students remained for open house at which the Polish hop was featured.

Belding Student Crowns B. V. M. In Evening Rites

Elected May Queen by general student vote, Barbara Engemann, sophomore, from the Belding class, became the statue of the Blessed Virgin, May 18, at an evening ceremony in the chapel.

Members of the Queen's court were Mary Lynch, senior; Rosemary O'Keeffe and Mary Jane Racine, juniors; and Dorothy O'Keeffe, sophomore.

The Rev. Raymond Sweney, pastor, gave the sermon for the occasion. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament closed the ceremony.

A reception for faculty, students, and guests was held in the college parlors after the chapel exercises. Edmund Van Geel and Esther Yanchers were in charge of the reception.

Bacon-Cuttree Delve into Comedy

Delving into dramatics, Le Cercle Francais presented a one-act play, "Madame West Oui" at the April 25 meeting which was open to the public. The following French students took part: Mary Lynch, junior; Mary Martin, Orell Winchester, Regina Nos, Marian DeCorte, Carolyn Noyes, Mildred Druskis, Linda Cavanagh, Ruth Langland, and Eunice Van Gessel in charge of the program readings. Accompanied by Orell Winchester, members of the club sang French songs. A business meeting concluded in French follow.
Aquinas

MARY E. JOYCE, A.B.

Post and panster, philosopher and prankster, Mary Joyce is composed of one part Robert Benchley and several parts that can be analyzed only as Mary Joyce. Traditionally almost better known than her name are her dodged daisy in a flower pot and her laughter unparalldled in its duration and its reverberating effect. Mary predicts that by 1950 she will be on the staff of the New Yorker, unless her first bestselling novel has made her financially independent. Her friends long ago gave up expecting anything but the unpredictable from her. Mary is renowned for a continual awareness of beauty that never misses the rainbow in the puddle. You can never go away from a conversation with her without having enlarged your knowledge of the true and enriched your appreciation of the lovely.

LOUISE MARIE IMPERI, B.M.

Musically gifted but unaffiliated by the recognition she has gained, Louise Imperi may be described as artistic but artless. Both on and off stage she is poised and gracious, and her occasional moods of excitement are her doodled daisy in a flower pot and her laughter unparalleled in its duration and its reverberating effect. Mary predicts that by 1950 she will be on the staff of the New Yorker, unless her first best-selling novel has made her financially independent. Her friends long ago gave up expecting anything but the unpredictable from her. Mary is renowned for a continual awareness of beauty that never misses the rainbow in the puddle. You can never go away from a conversation with her without having enlarged your knowledge of the true and enriched your appreciation of the lovely.

From the President

Dear Graduates:

Your class like that of last year unfortunately reflects the war conditions: there are no men in it and therefore it is smaller than previous classes. Let us hope that yours is the last class to feel so drastically the effects of the world struggle.

At any rate, you are the last class for certain to graduate from the downtown location of the college, a distinction that should not be considered at all dubious; you mark the close of a period in the history of Aquinas College. That period has been characterized by many worth-while achievements in the scholastic field, by cultural contributions to the life of Grand Rapids, by general excellence attained in spite of some physical handicaps. The new period will bring, we trust, even finer work.

Quite assuredly this change of locale will not mean any fundamental change in the spirit and traditions of the college, so that when you return for alumni reunions or for any informal visits to your alma mater you will feel at home. The schoolmates and faculty you leave behind will carry to the new campus the spirit of study and the enthusiasm which you helped to build and maintain in your four years with us.

In the name of the faculty I wish you well in whatever activity you engage after graduation. It is our fervent prayer that you live fully and abundantly according to the truths imparted to you in these halls. May St. Thomas guide your every step.

(Rev.) ARTHUR F. BUKOWSKI

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College

MRS. OLGA PLAG, B.S. in ed.

College is not a stern taskmaster, but a cutter of diamonds Who takes the rough-hewn boulders of mind, And pares the dulling surfaces delicately away, Skillfully weighing the karats of each stone Before he carves into it the distinguishing facets Which will make some — glittering — and some — radiant jewels For Life to place on the betrothal fingers of her many separate destinies. —Mary Joyce.

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JEAN L. MILHAUPT, A.B.

Behind the serene countenance of Jean Milhaupt there usually lurks a fondish idea which bodies no edification to staid, prosaic people. These ideas vary in category from sitting under the proverbial greenwood tree with a loaf of bread, a jug of wine, and a volume of Omar Khayyam one day, to biking 40 to 50 miles the next. Not what is ordinarily termed a demonstrative person, she demonstrates a zestful capacity for working, studying, and enjoying life that causes less disciplined observers much puzzlement as to how she finds time to accomplish all the duties. Like Peter Pan, this pixie-like character never wants to grow up. Fearless in upholding her convictions, she is the delight of all who admire shy wit and ingenuity, and is proof that a sharp intelligence need not make a person dull.
Graduation: This Year Marks End of Tradition

Seniors Still Live in Old-Time Era

June 1, 1945, the day when we saw the future of Aquinas, the end of the pioneer generation. By slow stages our new campus will have moved to its new campus, with the promise of a new phase of development.

We seniors are happy that Aquinas has at last acquired physical facilities to match its high quality of instruction. At the same time, we are glad that we will graduate in the midst of our church's Jubilee Year. We are the stragglers of an old time that lives. We are the first four-year class graduated when Aquinas cheered itself with the classic statement of the requirements for a university—a living quarter, a library, chapel, and sisters' living quarters were moved from the main building, and we began to scrutinize ourselves to the inner congeated atmosphere.

Graduation Helps Friends

In those days we were freshmen when the first four-year class graduated from Aquinas. At that time 69 Ransom St. housed administrative offices, classrooms, library, chapel, and faculty residences. Everyone had to walk above above them. We were an overfed freshman, occasionally existing in another's way, but most of the time in our lives we are our necessary close associates.

When religious services were conducted in the library, there was an estimated that the earliest-comers had to over­ live in the most ancient place of worship. We took only a few students to crowd the library, and we had to wait more than two hours to turn into a recreation room.

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Many of the old traditions will continue. Others will be outmod­ ed and replaced by new ones.

BOOKS, CHILDREN, AND MANKIND

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G. I. Tommies

Exs. Robert Berries, ex-'45, stopped in at Aquinas during a 21-day leave to cheer on fellow veterans and give pep talk to several months in the South Pacific area.

Sgt. Dorothy Joseph, ex-'43, who had served a year in Italy, talked freely recently during a furlough. Since then she has been promoted to a medical discharge from the WAC.

After several months in the South Pacific, Ss. 2/C Ralph Smolenski, ex-'45, is now stationed at Columbia university, where he is taking part in the V-12 program.

Wounded at New Guinea, July 29, 1944, and now stationed at Percy Jones hospital, Battle Creek, Srgt. William Mainzer (C.C.J. '34), spent a 20-day furlough in Grand Rapids.

Recently commissioned at Cornell university, Exs. Robert Rosbach, ex-'45, has reported to the naval training center, Miami, after a short leave.

Cited for meritorious achievement in aerial flight against the enemy, First Lt. John Horruth, ex-'45, has been awarded the oak leaf cluster to his Air Medal. Horruth has flown 59 combat missions.

Three other former students of Aquinas were awarded academic honors. First Lt. Willard Majerko, ex-'45, received the Silver Star Medal. Second lieutenant in action against the enemy in Belgium; and First Lt. William Kirck, ex-'45, was awarded the bronze star for working more than 30 hours in a fire as a battle communication officer to maintain lines of communication. Jim is now studying at the air university in Paris.

Rear Adm. Jesse J. Zeik, Jr. (C.C.J. '34) graduated from a special naval school for the AAF Training Command at Brest Ramon, France, with "high honors" from an advanced communication course.

Mary Kathryn Dark, ex-'44, has been commissioned 2nd lieutenant in the medical corps, now at Camp McCoy, Wis., training for overseas duty. She graduated recently from the University of Wisconsin as bachelor of science and registered nurse.

Summer School

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offered in philosophy, English, French, German, music, chemistry, mathematics, economics, education, history, political science, and sociology.

Early registration will be taken at Aquinas college, June 9, while the regular registration will take place at Marywood, June 26.


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Old Age? Capering Coeds Pay For Picnic Fun Next Day

Aching muscles the day after Ascension Thursday testified that Aquinas enjoyed itself at the annual picnic at Johnson park, May 10. Whenever the more athletic coeds tried to climb stairs or sit down, they remembered that they had played ball the day before from 10 in the morning until 3 in the evening.

While the picnic was in progress, it was gayest in years. Starting out in snow and cold, Tommies were rewarded with bright sunshine in the afternoon.

The feature of the morning was a softball game between teams captained by Jerry Byrne and Jerry Kemnitz. As the innings wore on, the teams grew more over- crowded, fielding and base-running grew more erratic, and disputes over the rules grew more frequent.

In the 12th inning, under a slow drizzle, the Byrons put across the run that gave them a 15-11 victory and allowed the hungry players to quit long enough for lunch.

After lunch in the pavilion, students, finding the jube box out of order, improvised a band with combs to provide music for dancing. In the afternoon basement, again occupied many. Others included the less strenuous exercise of hiking, shuffleboard, cards, or lounging.

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Sgt. Joseph Yelle was freed after 17 days as prisoner

Within 17 days, between March 13 and March 30, Sgt. Joseph R. Yelle, '42, was wounded and taken prisoner while fighting in the 10th Armored Division, in the Saar region, went through five German evacuation hospitals, occupied for 24 hours. Captured for the seventh time, he refused to be freed by American troops. From an American hospital in France he wrote his old gram to scribing his experiences. Excerpts from the letter follow:

"Two American prisoners in the German hospital I passed through was good and courteous. The food ration was meager but sufficient for good health not over a long period of time, and it was the same that the Germans themselves received. We were always hungry and meal time is still the most exciting part of the day for me."

"After hearing some stories from recently rescued prisoners of war, I consider myself extremely fortunate—some of thoseatrocity stories are not just propaganda. There is much to be thankful for, and I feel a debt of gratitude to you at Aquinas for your many prayers for the boys—I would never have fared so well without your own prayers only.

"I was in three interesting and exciting days, and thanks to Sister Agnes Marie’s fine instruction I was able to learn much. I was also made a new knowledge of German came in especially handy when I made a last attempt to escape.

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"That was an amusing incident, highlighted by a stroll through a German town swarming with soldiers, in broad day light, and not without a challenge. I was in uniform but without helmet, and my trous­ ers hung over my leggings, and my jacket was stuck under the belt. The only way I could avoid being caught was to play the part of some half-starved alien worker rather than an American soldier. Four times the previous night I was discovered, by a sol­ dier, a woman, and an old man, all of whom allowed me to pass."

Cold and hungry and seeing little prospect of liberation, Sgt. Yelle decided to return to the hos­ pital. He was set free on Good Friday afternoon when American troops occupied Heidelberg. When

Men Again Score Triumph in Quiz

The trophy that means victory in the annual quiz battle between men and women of the college remains in the hands of the men for the fifth time in seven years. The score of the contest, which took place at the April 19 meeting of the Student Guild, was 724 for the men and 481 for the women.

On the winning men’s union team were Gerald Witte, sophomore, Jerome Byrne and Frank Herrmann, junior. Represent­ing the Women’s union was Rosemary Fowle, sophomore, Cath­ erine Garella and Muriel Karp, freshman.

This quiz, Arthur Bukowski, Guild moderator, kept score and ruled on disputed questions.

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Recital Takes Place
On Baccalaureate Day
Students in the division of music will appear in a recital of vocal and instrumental music, Monday, May 8, at 5 p.m. in the College assembly hall. Numbers to be given are:

Vocal Pieces
Mary Lou Young, soprano
Margaret Scovil, soprano
Joyce Malewitz, soprano
Joyce Bockus, soprano

Instrumental Pieces
St. Raphael Strings
Frances Aronsky, pianist

More excitement than Aquinas has known in years greeted the announcement of the purchase of the new campus. For several days previously students had been praying for an unknown intention of great importance to the college. The noon of April 28 they offered the Rosary in thanksgiving for the favor without yet knowing what the favor was.

Between the first and second periods that afternoon, the whole college was assembled in Room 205. Father Bukowski broke the news in Fragments. The jubilant shouts that drowned out the end of the first sentence were repeated for each detail. The faculty, al­ready on the alert, informed themselves by observing the stu­dents’ reactions.

Classes had to be put off ten minutes so that students could regain their composure, but little thought was given to studies that afternoon. The new campus was the only topic of conversation for days, and students are still saying, “Just wait until next year.”

League Observes Meatless Dinner
Few of the 50 plates contained meat, but the Women’s league dinner in celebration of the July 4 holiday was served. The YWCA cafeteria, was, nevertheless, declared one of the most successful events ever held on campus.

The business of the evening consisted of electing three mem­bers to represent the League in the Student Guild quiz contest the following day. After the din­ner the crowd dispersed and com­pleted the evening's frolic at the movies.

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The effect of President Roose­velt’s death, a subject of intense interest around the college, was considered by the Social Science forum, May 1. Mary Elise Marm reviewed editorial from News­week, The New Yorker, and the Saturday Review of Literature. Frank Herrmann, freshman, gave the views of America. What the San Francisco confer­ence set out to do and how it is accomplishing its aims was the topic of an interpretive report by Jerome Byrne, freshman, at the final session, Wednesday even­ing, May 9. After a social hour and the formulation of plans for next year, the forum disbanded until September.

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