**Abortion Immoral**

by Roberta D'Alois

"Taking a seemingly unpopular stand on a controversial issue, Dr. Joseph M. Boyle, philosophy teacher at Aquinas, has declared his stand against abortion. The evidence favors the fact that the fetus is a human being, and all human beings have a right to live. When questioned as to the validity of the argument that a woman's body is her own, Dr. Boyle replied, 'This is true but fetus is not part of a woman's body but a human being, with all the rights of a human being.'

Dr. Boyle is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Grand Rapids Right to Life Committee, a group, as he explains it, "who are educationally oriented and wishes to articulate the point of view that abortion is actually the killing of other people." This past summer was spent allowing the press and now the committee's time is spent allowing the population to hear the "other side" by means of pamphlets, leaflets, films, and speaking engagements.

Dr. Boyle emphasized the fact that the Right to Life Committee is primarily a citizen's group, not a lobbyist or political group. The main activities consist of writing letters to congressmen and generally influencing public opinion. Dr. Boyle said, "We don't want to be a lobbyist group - there are other organizations which do that. Our objectives are broader - we want to educate people, for it is people who will have to live with the fact after the issue is decided, so we want to influence the ultimate choice at the polls."

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**Homecoming Is Planned**

Homecoming has been set for the weekend of February 18-20, featuring the annual dance, basketball game and a special concert.

Friday night, February 18th is set for the semi-formal Homecoming Dance, being held at Hospitality Motel Inn on Cascade Road. S.E. "The Svevs" will provide the music at this dance, which is open to all students. No admission is charged and drinks are 50 to 60 cents each. The Student Senate has offered its food half of the cost through a special agreement with the AQUA. The food must be picked up in advance.

On Saturday, at 8:00 P.M. Meredith College will play the Tommies. Concluding the "weekend" is the concern of the tunnel on the Tommies. The fieldhouse Sunday, featuring George Carlin and Ace Trucking Company, will be announced on the Tonight Show.

Anyone interested in helping with the final plans or wanting further details should contact Tom Fowler at 454-4407.

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**Tunnel Open To Paint Graffiti To Begin Later**

**The Aquinas Art Department has presented an opportunity to students to exercise their talents in writing and drawing graffiti on the walls of the tunnel between Wege Center and the Administration Building.**

Graffiti had been in the tunnel almost since it was open, and graffiti had been almost stagnant (no room for the creativity). Students were encouraged for almost a year. The Art department, who seeing an opportunity to give students a chance at artistic expression, painted over the old graffiti during Christmas break.

Students are invited to put their favorite bit of wisdom or other personal comment in writing and drawing graffiti on the walls of the tunnel. Students are asked to put their comments on the walls of the tunnel.

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**Students Offered AD Chaplains**

by Roberta D'Alois

"To absorb, incorporate, to embrace and to embellish," this in a phrase is the purpose of the new Aquinas Campus Ministry Team. The above was taken from a sermon by Rev. John Reardon at the celebration of the feast of St. Aquinas. This Mass was the beginning of a new movement here on campus.

In place of a single chaplain we now have five individuals ready to help and instruct.

Members of the team are Sister Wanda Etnop, Rev. Paul Johnson, and two recent graduates, Sister Lisa Marie Lazio, and Rev. John Reardon. With them we have not only the advantage of varied individual viewpoints but of wide experiences and backgrounds. Sister Wanda, Sister Lisa and Fr. Kennedy are Aquinas alumni who have a personal commitment. Fr. Reardon is Associate pastor at St. Stephens and Fr. Johnson is dean of the Christopher House.

In a letter from Ms. DeChaine's office earlier this week the campus ministry was introduced as a "pastoral apostolate of service" concerned with the care of every person on campus, the proclamation of the Gospel, and celebration of the liturgy. It is hoped that education will also be an area touched by our new team by coverage of areas outside the scope of traditional religious studies.

As stated earlier, last Sunday was the team's debut as such. Mass was celebrated at 1:30 P.M. in the College Chapel by Fr. Johnson and Reardon with Fr. Kennedy as reader celebrant. Sermons were given by Fr. Johnson and Fr. Reardon.

The Ministry Team will be assisted throughout the semester by the Commission on Religious Affairs. Arrangements for Sunday's celebration were made by three members of that committee, Jim Maharg, Sue Becenti, and Dr. Peter King.

From this first Mass plans are being made for a more active involvement of these students in the campus. A communal Peaceful service is being planned for Ash Wednesday, a community Prayer Day and weekend retreat are already on the calendar.

The new ministry team is a step in the right direction toward an active Christianity. With their help and direction we may become a "believing community" the hope for which Dr. Fr. Maharg expressed in his sermon.

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**CROC Campaign Counters Commercials**

**College students across the country are being asked to support a movement to try to ridicule irritating and obnoxious television commercials off the air.**

Bill Bestzin, a Minneapolis public relations man and founder of the Committee for Rejection of Obnoxious Commercials (CROC), launched the Campaign for Human Development.

"The Committee on Radio and Television Broadcasting (CROCs) of the year" added Larry, "that concerned students would come forward with relevant project suggestions which could be undertaken periodically throughout the school year. It is hoped that students who are actually interested in the problems of poverty would work in close conjunction with the bishop of Grand Rapids, Joseph Breitenbeck, and his coordinating staff for the Campaign for Human Development.

The Campaign for Human Development is a United States public campaigning established by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. Objectives of the campaign are a national education program directed to all people and especially Catholics calling for an awakening of concern for the poor in America and a fund raising program for self-help projects at national and local levels.

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**Part of the Campus Ministry Team for Aquinas College is pictured above at Mass for St. Aquinas. They are from left to right Rev. John Reardon, Rev. Jerome Kennedy and Rev. Paul Johnson. Photo by Dongvillo.**

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**Property Plan is Presented**

**Larry King, a member of the advisory board for the Campaign for Human Development and also a student at Aquinas, has an answer.**

"It is important right now that students help to inform and educate other students of the reality of poverty, which exists all around us today," Larry said.

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The Age of Majority Bill has taken effect and the 18-year-old is now an adult in the state of Michigan. The Ad hoc Committee on the Age of Majority of the Community Senate has presented and passed, at the last Senate meeting, a change in the drinking policy of Aquinas College. Now we must wait, to see if the Board of Trustees will pass and approve this amendment.

The recent meeting of the board of trustees dealt with Tuesday visitation. The board was expected to a sub-committee titled "Committee on Student Welfare." It was passed by the Community Senate as the senators represent the student voice, as in the words of the establishment. It has always been my belief that a college was to serve its students socially, as well as academically. For the most part, due to the age of Aquinas students and the change affected by The Age of Majority and the change was made by the state leaders with the realization that today's young are not "yesterdays" of mine and one of increasing groups of independents in America.

My friend was working for the Harrop Polling Company, until last week, in a suburban section near Independence, Illinois. When he walked up to one of many ranch style houses, he was greeted by a woman in robe and cloves. "What ya' want?" she said.

"Madam, may I ask you who you prefer for president this year's election?"

"I'll tell ya' buddy—none of 'em. They're all the same bunch of mending idiots. You see, I go along with the saying "Don't let the b—— get you down." They're all a bunch of clowns."

They don't upset me."

"But Madam, shouldn't you take into consideration that one of these so-called "downs" will be elected, hold office, and run the country for the next four years?"

"No don't try to make me believe that stuff. No one is good, and we can do without voting for those lunatics."

"Madam voting is an American tradition and privilege."

"I'm not an American, I'm an Independent!"

Many people have been arriving to encounter the voter apathy reflected in recent polls in their daily lives. This one experience involved an irresponsible friend of mine and one of increasing groups of independents in America.

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Humphrey almost won in 1968, and it is possible that some candidate (take your pick of Muskie falter) in the Democratic party could give him a fight. We see some very viable alternatives, all the way from George Wallace to Shirley Chisholm. A Michigan presidential primary would be re-elected. But that doesn't mean that we can't strike back against the pseudo-economy, the war policy, the youth repression, and the injustice that the Nixon administration has backed. After all, even former Sen. Eugene McCarthy is trying again.

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The scene? It's a regular high.

I decided that perhaps the best way to get attention would be to wangle myself an invitation to the Student Life Seminar Workshop party and picked up a flyer. "Who are you?" I asked a student what he meant by "love and war live side by side in the history of man." Suddenly, a large, boisterous girl — with sensitive eyes — pushed her way into the crowd. "Hey, sisters. Let's have a little group dynamics here. It's a little meaningful dialogue. My name is Betty and my primary interest is meaning. And, of course, the on-going life. We've got to learn to use it. Let's talk to girls — have a little intense on-going rap session here. You're all good good girls. Now get it together.

"Im," said a small blonde girl. "I made a relevant comment the other day. With a peace sign on the left shoulder..."

"Hello," I said to a sad-looking girl sitting on a pillow. "Talk to me.

"You married?"

"No.

"You want to get?

"Not really..."

I walked through a beaded doorway and introduced myself to a tall, skinny, pock-marked girl. "And who are you?" I asked.

"Who am I, you ask?" she asked. "I could tell you I'm Delores Shlumple. That's true. I am Delores Shlumple. But you've probably already guessed: of the famous Newark Shlumple family. Some people call me Dev. But who am I really? I am the sun. I am the moon. I am a strange confection of whatever you want me to be and what I am not and what I am trying to be. I am the father of the famous father's daughter and he is my son. I am a complex of components. According to my analyst, I am a profound combination of Jocasta and Oedipus, searching, searching, searching for the right womb."

"What did you say you are?"

"I moved on toward a kid sitting in the yoga position contemplating his navel, which was my ears pierced, which is already dermatologist's bills and getting my ears pierced, which is already sending Daddy to the poor house. "All that to be a concert pianist." She straightened out her St. Laurent chemise. "All that to be a concert pianist."

Langston Hughes expressed a much-needed solace when he wrote, during the Harlem Renaissance, "I am the sun. I am the moon."

"Strange,

That in this nigger place

I should meet life face to face,

When, for years, I had been seeking

Life in places gendered-sounding,

Until I came to this vile street

And found life stepping on my feet!"

The Black Poets is an excellent profile of a race whose motto has been "I am what I am."

"Rapping isn't where it's at, man. The student jargon. You've got to learn to be hip — or is it got to learn to be hip?"

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Track Is Easy Going

by Tom Rowell

The Tommies were just practicing at Western Michigan last Friday as they set six school records and tied one on the indoor track. Outstanding performances were turned in by Ryan Sexton, who set two school records, and Ryan finished second in the mile in a time of 1:37.30 and fourth in the half-mile in 1:59.7.

Tom Carr also entered the record breaking performances. In fourth place 37.8 in the 35 pound weight throw and third spot 47:11 in the 16 pound shot put. Also turning in breaking performances were Ron Dougherty's sixth-place 12.6 poles vault, and Mike Sweeney's sixth-place 7.8 in the 60 yard hurdles.

Paul Grace tied an old Aquinas mark of 6.5 in the 60 yard dash, set by Frank Starr in 1971.

Note: Western will be the host to another meet this Friday, February 4th where the Big Ten and all the other major colleges, large and small, will participate for medals and awards.

IM-Ball Successful

by John Hogan

The intramural basketball season is entering its third week, and as predicted, it is providing all the excitement and competition necessary for a successful program. Intramural director Terry Bocian has done a fine job of establishing conferences and game dates.

The kid and Crecia were married two weeks later in one of those terribly Nice weddings in Central Park. Crecia wore gold lame Corcoran boots. Felix froze his nose off. Cred's father is buying him a new hat.

"What are you doing here?" a bespectacled, bearded fellow asked, grabbing my arm. "Why are you wasting your time when there's a war going on, killer? People are starving in Africa, you know.

"And the mad, the kid asked. "Like, um, like, well, like, yo'know, groovy, wow, like the Beatles."

I had had enough. Between all the relevance and relating, the head trips and the dead trips, I decided to like split. I marched right off, thankful to the beat of a different drummer.