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Chairman Welcomes Aquinas Students

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE STUDENTS OF AQUINAS COLLEGE

Dear Students:

I have, basically, two reasons for writing this letter for the first issue of the Sunrise. The first is to welcome all of the upper-classmen back to Aquinas and to extend a special greeting to the members of this year's freshman class. I hope that 1972-73 will be a profitable school year for everyone.

My second reason for writing this letter is to encourage all students to consider becoming members of either the Community Senate or the Academic Assembly. If any student has an interest in participating in the government of Aquinas College, membership in either of these bodies makes such participation possible. As a member of the Academic Assembly one might work in such areas as curriculum; admission policy and faculty status; and the social, political, and service activities.

This possibility for active involvement in the life of Aquinas College should not be passed up. If the Aquinas College Community is to be a vibrant and exciting one, the students, who constitute the majority of that community, must be involved.

I hope to be working with a great number of you over the course of this year, and I would, once more, wish all of you luck in the upcoming year.

Respectfully,

Philip J. Nelson
Chairman Senate

Joe Nowak, shown with his wife, celebrates his graduation party, which was called Joe Nowak Day. Photo by Vogt.

Joe Nowak Honored

by Deb Vogt

It was "Joe Nowak Day" on the Aquinas campus one sunny day last August. Aquinas friends and co-workers of the Maintenance Department head honored him with a surprise party.

Issue of the celebration? Mr. Nowak had received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree during Aquinas spring commencement ceremonies, some 23 years and 14 children after he had first enrolled at Aquinas.

The festivities, coordinated by the Aquinas Student Association, included refreshments, many congratulations from friends and coworkers, and gifts from the crowd. Mr. and Mrs. Nowak received a gold pin for encouraging her husband toward his goal.

Nowak had begun college studies at Aquinas as a philosophy major but later dropped out when he met his future wife, at that time a student assistant in the Academic Dean's Office. Nowak lived for a while in California. After returning to Michigan, they settled in the Belding area, and in 1957 the couple had their first child. Mr. Nowak enrolled in the campus police program and completed his studies.

Traffic Route Is Switched

by Deb Vogt

While Aquinas students were enjoying the last few days of summer vacation, maintenance department personnel at Aquinas were busy transforming the Aquinas campus into a "walking campus" and installing new facilities which alter the traffic pattern.

Because of the increasing use of the Aquinas private drive by area persons as a thoroughfare between Robinson Rd. and Fulton, and because of its responsibility to control vehicular traffic on campus to insure maximum safety to students, faculty and staff, the college took steps to make the change. On August 16th, through traffic on campus was ended.

Steps in the procedure included, (at right) assembling of the large planters which form the cul de sac in front of the administration building; the placement of benches around campus; and the construction of small brick walls which will identify each building on campus.

The material for the large reinforced planters was donated by Richard (Dick) Sedlecky of F.A. Sedlecky Co., Grand Rapids. The planters are prototypes for the Memorial Mall and the Riverbend Grand Rapids and were patented and designed by Bob Hicks and Thayer of Hicks and Thayer Architects, Grand Rapids, specifically for use in parks, malls and recreation areas.

Dick Sedlecky is an Aquinas Alumnus, and a part-time instructor in engineering.
Editorials

Welcome Back To Aquinas College

It is "back to school" time once again. I truly am happy to welcome you back to Aquinas College and THE SUNRISE. This is the second year of our newspaper, and I hope you will read it, enjoy it, and support it in any way you can.

My name is Doug Klein and I am editor-in-chief for this year's paper. I come from Lansing, Michigan and am a sophomore residing at the Christopher House. I am co-editor on this year's paper and will continue to strive for the excellence that the paper maintained.

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This is your paper. Please feel free to write articles and letters. Tell us about any news on campus or of general interest that you may have to publicize. If you are interested in newspaper work, we have a spot for you. Drop in or call us and we will glad to talk with you.

Our office is located in the corner on the lower level of Weger Center, off the game room. The phone number is 485-0145.

Thank you for your time and interest.

Douglas J. Klein

Why I Am For George McGovern

With the Democratic and Republican conventions over and gone, I find myself left with a decision in November. That decision is whether to re-elect Richard Nixon or to vote for George McGovern. I have decided on Senator McGovern. Let me tell you why I am for George McGovern.

George McGovern has accomplished a major change in my political party. He has opened up the doors of the Democratic party to the people. The Democratic convention has been a great event, women, minority and women groups represented than any convention in history.

Senator McGovern has a program to put this country back on the road of national goals. He has opposed "Vietnam thinking" with a reordering of national priorities that put people First. He feels that this is a strong nation and that it should use its power to help those in need.

He points out, "As a nation, we have the resources to feed the hungry, care for the sick, and work to the jobs, provide decent housing for the homeless, clean up our air and waters, and educate all of our children properly. We are simply missing our strength." I sensed a yearning on the part of the American people for a great change which no one in national leadership was articulating."

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Freshmen Orientation Found Effective

by Pati Terpkowski

Freshmen students arrived at Aquinas earlier than upperclassmen to participate in Freshmen Orientation. Welcome Week '72, the name given to the week of activities, was sponsored by a committee of the Campus Ministry Team. A reception on the Mall followed. That evening, the Snack Bar was open from 9-11:30 p.m. with entertainment provided. Activities for the remainder of Welcome Week '72 are:

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September 4: Films: The Making of a President, Laurel and Hardy, W.C. Fields, Albertus Hall Auditorium. 8 p.m.

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chairman; Sister Marybride Ryan, President; Sister Anne Keating, Academic Vice-President; Thomas E. Deschaine, Dean of Student; Phillip J. Nelson, Student Chairman of the Board, and by a representative of the Campus Ministry Team. A reception on the Mall followed. That evening, the Snack Bar was open from 9-11:30 p.m. with entertainment provided. Activities for the remainder of Welcome Week '72 were explored through various seminars. These were:

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