Poet Home

St. Joseph, bathed by the setting sun, is the scene for Miss Claire McAllister, nationally-known poet, when she reads for Aquinas student and Grand Rapids poet enthusiasts Monday night.

Boes in Grand Rapids not far from Aquinas, Miss McAllister attended Marywood, the St. Bonaventure and Trinity College in Dublin, Encouraged by friends, she began working in various colleges, speaking, and last spring, went to meeting with fellow Irish poet, Bob Van Stee and Bernice Teasner. It was not until she saw the Mr. Gounaugh he brought to the house the next day that she dared break his opinion on poetry. "They have merit, they have merit," the great man said. And then, leaning forward, he inquired: "Those poems did you put your name to?" a generous compliment indeed.

Since the publication of her first book of poems, *Ams of Light*, her poems have been anthologized in various volumes of modern poetry. Her poems have appeared in the *Atlantic, Commonwealth*, the *Critic*, the *Yemen Review*, the *Literary Review* and other journals. Brendan Polgar, a student English major, calls McAllister: "a real poet, real poetry." McAllister has given readings at Harvard, the Poetry Center in New York City, the University of Michigan, and in addition to other Grand Rapids cities, the Calander Festival last summer. Monday she read and commented on approximately 15 poems, mainly new unpublished ones. Time afterward was devoted to a question and answer period.

Poet Returns

Scheduled for a repeat appearance at Aquinas on November 29 in the Auditorsium is the renowned psychologist-humorist-mental telepathist, the "amazing Polgar," Mr. Polgar's performance here is well recommended. A few unfortunate students did not attend the performance here this evening, and the Polgar will be back in the delight of the rest. One benefit of the whole thing was that the woodeds is enigmatic, though it was reported this was but a temporary cure. Mr. Polgar has traveled the college and high school rounds and has recorded hundreds of appearances throughout the country, as is the case on the Saturday afternoon part of the program. "Ameria's greatest one-man show," and has been featured in *Today New Yorker*, *True* Colliers, and *Look* magazines.

Fair Offer Information

On Wednesday, November 29th, an information fair will be held in the auditorium. It will feature the description, major handouts, and career related information, as well as open counseling, Department heads, faculty, and students will be on hand.

According to Dean Nelson, the purpose of the fair will be to maximize communication, and appropriate course selection, to answer questions concerning all majors as well as to provide assistance in planning educational and career objectives, and also to explain independent study, field experience, overseas programs and other educational options.

Mr. Nelson is panned at the whom with which students select courses. In addition to the information fair, open classes will be held on the 30th of November and the 1st of December. Students are invited to attend any class on an a.r.o. basis. Registration for the 2nd semester will take place on the 7, 6th of December. There will be no pre-registration for the next semester.

It is hoped that every student takes the time to drop in and see what courses are being offered next semester, and those courses that might be of interest.

Element Named New Head

Mr. Thomas Edison, member of Aquinas geography department, has been named head of the Urban Studies department for next semester, succeeds Mr. Donald Norris.

"I guess you could say this specialization in human ecology is my background for Urban Studies," Mr. Edison said. Edison also brings with him a basis in physical and cultural geography. Urban Studies has traditionally involved urban sociology, psychogeography, and political science. "It might be that a person with an Urban Studies major could also get an environmental studies major" stated Edison. He saw a melding of the two fields as necessary to his concept of "human ecology".

Mr. Edison will advise about 16 majors in the department; changes, additions, and deletions of courses are expected. Through these committees, the Community Senate is working to make things better for the students of Aquinas.

The Aquinas College Community Senate, under the direction of Chairman Phil Nelson, is now in its second full year of existence. This year's Senate comprises of students and faculty alike, promises to be the most productive year to date, according to Mr. Nelson.

The purpose of the Community Senate is to supervise and initiate campus activities and events, which would be of interest to all members of the Aquinas community. The Senate also works to supply Aquinas Students with information about on- and off-campus housing.

The Community Senate carries out its purpose through a breakdown of members into committees. The Program Committee, headed by Paul Gauthier, has been working to supply the Aquinas campus with activities and social events. An off-campus housing committee, whose primary purpose is to make things better for the students of Aquinas.

Chairman of the Education department, Dr. David Yarington, stresses the fact that students need to be aware of what is going on at Aquinas in order to take an education course. These classes are open to any student who is interested.

Yarington also said "we encourage students to come in and see what is all interested in Education to take Pre-teaching, a course which the student acts as a teacher's aide in a public high school and receive credit for this experience."

One important change in the Education department would like to make students realize is the elimination of the education block (one semester experience during which education majors took all their methods courses and completed their student teaching.)

"Several more courses are now available," Mr. Yarington said, "of the student and/or his advisor to schedule those courses throughout the four years," says Yarington.
"Nothing would be done at all if a man waited until he could do it so well that no one could find fault with it."

Cardinal Newman

Doug Klein decided to do something. When the founding editor of The Sunrise left, Doug took the editorship. Having worked on the paper from its beginning as co-editor, he would encounter much criticism and little appreciation. Yet he felt strongly that this campus newspaper could and should be a significant part of Aquinas life.

Doug Klein

Youth vs. Tradition

by Kay Johnson

As the big bird sits on the table, golden brown and appetizing, the family is gathered to give thanks for the abundance of food. Little sisters and brothers are hungry. Table manners are important. Brothers and sisters are a welcome addition to the table after many months of being away at school. But what is running through everyone's mind this Thanksgiving day? What is Thanksgiving all about?

Perhaps it is an unacceptable topic to the college student who thinks himself liberal and free from the old fashioned ideas of his parents and grandparents to speak of the giving in the traditional realm of giving thanks to God for the blessings He has bestowed upon us. Yet for all our freedom and the high standards of living in the world as best we can, in order to make ourselves successful, we realize that there are limits to what we can do, that there is a sense of weakness and paternal authority, in the sense of being limited to the young, independent college student, that which our God has planned and will play in his life? Perhaps it is a sign of the very problems of society to be in the world and being indoctrinated with a "liberal philosophy." Do we reject everything good or bad, just because it is old, traditional or traditional. It is understood and based on sentiment, not thinking about God in this tradition of Aquinas and Tradition.

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Emerson

by Kevin Hill

Richard Nixon was re-elected as President on November 7th and we will have to suffer the inhumanity that he demonstrated, particularly on the matter of Vietnam, for many more years. After running in 1968 as a peace candidate, incumbent Nixon has again promised to end an already prolonged conflict. In short, four years after promising to end it, a war, Nixon again promises to end it, a war.

I think that a thief is taking place and that most of the American people are playing built, and to a very dirty joke. For whatever reasons Nixon doesn't seem to catch that. He takes it to be a sign of weakness and that it is old, traditional or traditional. It is understood and based on sentiment, not thinking about God in this tradition of Aquinas and Tradition.

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The Sunrise

November 17
Plays, "Yerma," "Curries House" 8:00 P.M.

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Film, "Anne of a Thousand Days"- Albertus Auditorium 8:00 P.M.

November 18
Football—Alumni vs. Super Bowl Champs—IM Field 2:00 P.M.

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Plays, "Yerma," "Curries House" 8:00 P.M.

November 18
Alumni Basketball Game—Fieldhouse 8:00 P.M.

November 18
Post Game Gathering—Locust Episcopal Church

November 20
Concert—New World Singers—Wege Auditorium 7:30 P.M.

November 20
Lecture—Transcendental Meditation—Conference Room

November 21
Placement Interview—Old Kent Bank—Conference Room

November 22-November 26
Thanksgiving Vacation

November 29
Post Game Gathering—Locust Episcopal Church

November 30
Film, "The Hustler"—Wege Auditorium 8:15 P.M.
How do you describe a fairy land? We are now living in the midst of one. The twenty-four students here have been experiencing so many different aspects of the Irish culture through their encounters with the local people, their travels, and their individual projects that one person telling how we feel is really too small of a part. For this article to be truly valid, it would have to be written by all of us collectively and since that would be long and tedious I will try to incorporate all of our impressions into one composite theme.

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FILM:

Commune Dissected (by David Dean)

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The Aquinas cross country team added yet another overwhelming victory to its ever-growing list by capturing the District 33 Championship for the second consecutive year. Aquinas took five of the first eleven places, scoring only 27 points, with the nearest competitor Farris, scoring 82, Hillsdale 85, and Alma 95.

Stellar performer Phil Hinck took top honors in the five mile course record with 25.5 seconds with a time of 24.45. Terry Valentine of Spring Arbor, in a time of 24:56, just edged out Aquinas’ Joe Caruso for second place, Caruso recording a 24:57 time. John Carr, who has done an outstanding job this season, turned in another strong effort, placing fifth in 25:26. Dan Black, despite recent injuries, finished eighth, Ramiro Garcia placed eleventh, Gacry Gubronton twenty-second and John Cassani fortieth.

“We ran pretty well,” Captain Phil Hinck commented. “We really kept up as a team. That kind of psyches people out.” That may well be the key to the success of the cross country team. For any veteran of an Aquinas cross country meet, that red wave coming towards the finish line is a familiar, almost expected sight, but it is only the result of rare team effort by each and every individual team member.

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