Seven Foreign Students Tell First Impressions of Aquinas

Counted among Aquinas students this year are seven newcomers to our country. They come from many different parts of the world: From Jamaica, from South America, and from Europe.

Coming from Turin, Italy, is Sister Celestia, M.D.C., a member of the Conselitana Missionary Sisters. Sister Celestia is staying at Our Lady of Sorrows where she will teach math this year. While at Aquinas, she is taking a Liberal Arts course.

From Kingston, Jamaica, comes Gloria Woe Tom, a pre-medical student. She likes both Aquinas and America; she finds the climate in American very much but finds it difficult getting adjusted to our weather with all its quick changes, and she is wondering what it will be like when winter finally comes.

Fauzy Ghareeb comes from Alexandria, Egypt, and has been in the United States since September. Fauzy, who is studying to be an electrical engineer, is especially impressed by our downtown area. He admires the cleanliness of the city and the systematic method of crossing streets.

Fauzy stated that Grand Rapids has no equal in Lebanon, where cities are very crowded. He feels that Americans are highly civilized and is very thankful for the kindness shown him by the flatties at Aquinas.

From Argentina comes a Medical student. He is attending a national medical school in Argentina and expects to graduate in the next year. His name is Ruben B. Gonzalez, and he is studying medicine at the National University of Buenos Aires.

Ruben comes from Argentina, where he was born in 1931. He is the son of Don Juan Gonzalez and Doña Maria Rodriguez. He has two brothers, Julio and Oscar, and a sister, Maria. His parents are both physicians.

Ruben came to the United States in May 1953, and he is planning to stay here for three years. He intends to return to Argentina after he graduates from Aquinas College and to continue his medical studies at the University of Buenos Aires.


To Honor Mary

Procession, Oct. 13 at 10 a.m. in front of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary. The procession will advance from the administration building to the Fatima Shrine, reciting the Rosary which will be led by John Ronan, Student Senate president.


Check these dates

Annual student retreat will be Oct. 27-29. This is your chance to replenish your store of God's grace.

To Pay Dividend

At End of Year

Aquinas College Credit Union is growing, both in deposits and in loans. Each month shows a steady increase in the number of members and amount of deposits. The credit union has earned over $240,000 since inception.

The Credit Union is open to all students, alumni, members of the faculty, employees, and members of the immediate families. Deposits are fully insured, plus free life insurance in amounts of up to $7,500 on each deposit. The Directors indicate that the interest rate is 4% for the first time that has had no mistakes.

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Our Lady of Aquinas

O Mary, our heavenly mother, help us to become diligent students. In this, the Marian Year, and in this month of the Rosary, help us to cast aside distractions and turn our thoughts to you and your Son. May Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mary, ever most powerful, protect us under your heavenly mantle. Shower down your blessings on the building which has begun and bring it to a glorious completion.

Thank you. Mother. Amen.

We Have the Chance

How Can We Afford to Waste It?

"If we Catholics are ever to influence national thought in America, we will have to put a higher premium on the things of the mind," says Professor Tracy Ellis, in a recent lecture given recently at Marywood by Father John Tracy Ellis, professor of Church history at the Catholic University of America, makes it clear that we who are studying in a Catholic college have the obligation to make Catholicism felt in our country. It is from our ranks that true Catholic scholars must come.

Too many of us are likely to go to class simply to pass a test, or in order to avoid having a cut. Credit for the course often means more to us than the knowledge gained from it. We are inclined to think of the student who studies more than the rest as something odd, a stuffed animal. This is a very regrettable situation. It is true that not all of us will be able to add to the intellectual content of our country or make great scientific discoveries, but we can all do our best here at Aquinas to make ourselves well-informed, well-educated Catholic men and women.

A theology professor in a recent lesson pointed out that there is a situation in a practical light. He said that if we went to a store, bought and paid for an education to be wrapped up and left the store, we would not be able to show that we have put our car in particular, where (meaning the parking lot) is it?" "It's in the parking lot, sir," came back the reply. "Oh, is that what you're majoring in?" "Yes, I am," said Fr. Bukowski. "What kind of parking lot, freshmen parking in the lot north of Albertus Hall, and student parking in the lot at Jordan Hall. The fines are one dollar for first offenses, two dollars for the second, and five dollars for the third, and no collecting unless one is acting in bad faith."

The system has worked out well thus far. The Committee's first move was to revise the parking regulations. Parking stickers, required on all cars, are still three dollars. The revenue from these stickers is used to defray the expense of maintenance of the lots and drivers.

A Working Experiment

Those of us who are working students need to look at our jobs in a new way. The more dependent we are upon the job, the more important an opportunity becomes. For the sake of common sense we should not allow this job to become a drudgery, or it will take all the spice and joy out of every day living. To us, the job is a means to an end, and by keeping our eyes always on the end we can miss many unpleasant details on the sidelines.

We have the ability to talk ourselves into believing things, things true and things false. It is not feasible that we should put this ability to intelligent use! We have so many powers we don't use! Why can't we talk ourselves into believing that we like work, or that it serves the purpose, keeping us in school. There must be something about it at least tolerable.

It would be interesting to carry this on as an experiment in living. Begin if possible, totally unbiased, scientifically searching for that which is good in the unpleasant. Then dwelling upon it you will discover that the desire to outlive the undesirable.

Parking Committee Solves Problem

Giving Tickets, Students Pay Fines

Concurrent with the opening of school, several steps have been taken to alleviate the parking problem. A new lot, southeast of Jordan Hall has been provided for the freshmen. In addition, a Parking Committee with Senior Bert Kelley as chairman has been organized. Other members are Monsignor Bukowski, Dr. Poje, and students John Romana, Richard Rudecki, and Richard O'Donnell.

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A system of fines went into effect Sept. 22, covering parking without a sticker, parking in the drive, blocking any entrance or exit of the lots, parking in the faculty lot, freshmen parking in the lot north of Albertus Hall, and student parking in the lot at Jordan Hall. The fines are one dollar for first offenses, two dollars for the second, and five dollars for the third and consequent violations. Although it should not be necessary, any student who has left any fines unpaid by semester's end will not be permitted to take his final examinations.

Remember in Prayer

Albert Barnes, a theology student, who died in August; the mother and father of Gerald Voigels and Mrs. Jack Mitus; and the fathers of the following: Thomas Curran, Albert Baso, John and Thomas Cranston, and John, Mary, Pauline, and Bernadette Smidt.
Teaching, Study, Business

Occupied Graduates of 1954

"What's become of last year's graduates," is a common query. Undoubtedly one of the first things to be said is that the class has definitely not stood still. Its members have gone forth attesting to the value of the education they received at Aquinas. The majority have gone into the teaching profession or on for further study. Among those teaching in elementary schools are Loretta Cahill, at Madison; Margarette Winkler, at Jefferson; Madeline Fettig, at Lincoln School for Exceptional Children; and Albert Rehmann. Rita Michalski, Edward Falter, Carl Rossi, and Robert Tovey, and Sally Johnson are teaching in rural schools in Michigan. Paul Mead, Melvin Walsworth, and Paul Mead are employed by the government in occupations.

Others who are continuing their studies are James Platte and Theodore H. Smith. Many more are pursuing their work on plans for a trip to Europe next spring.

Thomas Wygant and Joseph Lehmkuhl have received assistantships in biology at Marquette University and are developing their own cooking in the apartment they share. Herbert Grover has a fellowship in English at the University of Oregon.

An Aquinite, however, has made his dream a reality, and has returned from a trip abroad. He is Frank Vargas, a senior from Saginaw, who has resumed his studies at Aquinas following a year of study at the University of Vienna.

Frank Vargas in Rome with the Colosseum in the background.

Frank, in the summer of 1953, was introduced by his parish priest to a representative of the Institute of European Studies, a non-profit educational organization. Subsequently he made his decision to study abroad. Contrary to popular belief, the year abroad was no more expensive than a year of study in the United States. For $1145, Frank was entitled to ship transportation, which included room and meals, to and from Europe; transportation, room and board, on an eight country tour of Europe; and six nights of room and board in Vienna, in addition to registration and tuition fees at the University. While in Vienna, he lived in the home of an Austrian family.

As regards class work, Frank stated that the University was neither easier nor more difficult than the comparable American institution, and offered a challenge for the real student. The attitude of the professor, he remarked, was impersonal, and the professor was taught to give in the daily progress of his student.

There was no required attendance at classes, and no textbooks were used. The professor did demand, however, daily outside reading, to clarify many points covered in the lecture. The courses which Frank took were five hours German, and other courses which would fit into his curriculum as a Liberal Arts student. These were conducted in English.

He traveled through England, France, Belgium, Austria, Germany, Italy and Sicily, and the American students were accompanied by two guide leaders. In each country they were given details of the historical, political, social and economic backgrounds of the country, and were also given an opportunity to meet political figures and professors of the countries.

Two Sophomores Sing in 'Carousel'

Barbara Kowalski and Barbara Bartnick, both Grand Rapids sophomores, will sing in the chorus of "Carrousel." This light opera will be given Oct. 21 and 22 by the Light Opera company at the Civic Auditorium. Miss Kowalski will sing a short number and will appear in a vocal solo.

Students can obtain tickets for "Carrousel" for $1.00 up, and from Miss Bartnick at the campus.

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MON. NOV. 29, Calvin, home
WED. DEC. 2, away
FRI. DEC. 4, Grand Rapids Academy, away
SAT. DEC. 20, G.R.R.C., away
MON. DEC. 31, Ferris, away
MON. JAN. 3, Olivet, home
WED. JAN. 5, Adrian, home
SAT. JAN. 8, Assumption, away
TUES. JAN. 11, Northwestern, away
FRI. JAN. 14, Cleary, away
SUN. JAN. 16, home
TUES. FEB. 1, Olivet, away
SAT. FEB. 5, Ferris, home
FRI. FEB. 11, Muskegon, away
THURS. FEB. 17, G.R.R.C., home
SAT. FEB. 19, Cleary, away
SAT. FEB. 26, Assumption, home
FRI. MAR. 4, Northwestern, home.

Which college student can truthfully say that he hasn't dreamed of a trip abroad? This is a dream which most students cherish, but never hope to experience. One Aquinite, however, has made his dream a reality, and has returned just recently from a trip abroad. He is Frank Vargas, a senior from Saginaw, who has resumed his studies at Aquinas following a year of study at the University of Vienna.

The dream of a trip abroad came to this young man in high school. His mother sent him back for the proper papers. Once the trip was planned, the City of Detroit was to be the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The group remarked on the beautiful faith and philosophy of the Mexican people. As they approached the border of the United States, the group viewed the 25-ton Mexico City monument.

Education was not neglected, either.

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Before coming to Aquinas, Mr. Prange was with a law firm in Baldwin Hill, Inglewood, Cal. His address is 10934 14 Larch.

Among the places visited were Notre Dame and Saint Peter's cathedrals, Westminster Abbey, Saint George's and Windsor Caves, and the shrine at Lourdes.

Three different instances the Montjuich of Pope Pius XII was re­ceived, once at Castel Gandolfo and twice at Saint Peter's Square. Sis­ter regards these instances as most significant of the tour.

With Sister Virgil on the trip were Sister M. Henrietta, O.P., of Marywood and Sister Rose Marie, O.P., of Saint Joseph Central.

Sister M. Evangelista, O.P., in­structor in voice and theory, spent four months in her native Ger­many. With Sister M. Emmanuel, O.P., she will attend the International Sodality meeting in Rome early in September.

The teacher workshop classes will be at the music studios under the head of the music department, Dr. Leo Podolsky, and of the alpha, Sister feels, hold a place second to none among the other scenic wonders of the countries she has visited.

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By Janet Hammer

Here I am in the Pratt Room surrounded by the smiling faces of the alumni hanging on the wall. Believe me, the room is getting mighty small for the growing Aquinas alumni!

First, welcome back to Mrs. Gerald Roguska (Colleen Bascher) just back from Alaska. Her hus­band is going to finish work on his degree at Aquinas, I guess the "degrees" were too low up North.

Another bright light for General Electric—Fred Brakora, who will be employed in personnel there. The Mrs. (Mary Anne Jaracek), and he are moving to Scotia, N. Y.

Attention Richard Morgens! If you come across any old bills in your job at the Lincoln National Bank in Chicago, I save them! California calls! Stafford Grady, is with a law firm in Baldridge Hill, and also Jack Cranston who is in Englewood, Cal. His address is 106921 Larch.

Dr. Edward Braunschneider and Dr. Jerome Kosak, who are opening offices on the West side, should be an inspiration to those students who are just starting that long hard grind:

For 12 years, Marian Hall has become a thing of the past, a subject for many a sentimental "dorm girl" to weep a sad tear at seeing Marian Hall reduced to rubble. For 12 years the building pictured at left served as a dormitory and convent. Now it has been replaced by the parking lot pictured above.

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