Father Tells Students Of Trip to Soviet Union

"Don't look now, lady. I hope you don't have a bad heart, but there's a soldier walking up and down across the street with a machine gun."

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The usual and interesting trip as one so-called souvenirs of the United States, which consisted of ballpoint pens and college buttons. In return he was given medals.

The "Dinseyland" Father encountered was finding out at the last minute the American pavilion at the Moscow, which he had long de- sired to visit, was having its vaca- tion closed. However, he and his party were allowed to visit the empty complex.

Various other points of interest on the trip were the Kremlin, the Lenin mausoleum, and the Russian Orthodox Churches, the Red Square, a circus and a pup- pet show.

The entire American party was housed in Moscow when Vice-President John F. Kennedy and Russian Premier Khroushchev were both in attendance.

All in all, Father Hart found his trip very rewarding and is now looking forward to an opportunity to re-visit Russia.

The Communist reply, when asked a question, Father Hart said was, "In the Soviet Union, the Government knows at any minute where you are and where you should be, and you will be called when you are needed!"

The problem of humanity and its relation to education. This subject will be discussed at the confer- ence by two panels consisting of use representative from each of twelve member colleges. The morning panel will discuss the question, "What Anti-Humanist Forces Are at Large in America Today?" The afternoon panel, on which Aquinas will be represented by our chapter president, Rita Kline, will consider "To What Extent Does Modern Literature Reflect the Decline of Human- ism?" and a brief concluding com- ment, "That Values Does Bab- bit's Literature and the Ameri- can College?"

Our panel member will be sup- ported at the conference by fel- low-members Carolyn Radawski, Michael Wisnewski, Mary Jo Leonard and Demetra DeCaire. Moderator, Sister M. Bride, will also attend. The group will drive to Cleveland on April 1 and return April 3.
Editor Speaks
On Midsemesters
"Midsemesters," have come and gone and the crowd that saw them off at the station was subdued and unenthusiastic. A weary, unwell guest was taking his long awaited leave. After one week, Agin and his students were being viewed with looks usually reserved for overripe fish.

But now they're gone.

And while the sound of new leaves being turned over has not quite drownened out the conversation in the college there are fewer carefree faces. There has been the usual shoulder-squaring routine and some intense brightness; eyes look but no revolution.

There was, as is traditional, a short respite between the tests themselves and the recognition of results, a respite for unwinding and for soul searching. There were plenty of encouraging words, disparaging words and desperate schemes. And finally — far too many axes fell.

The heads of history students, finger on their head, sophomores, chem students and many others rolled in the dust, thinking empty thoughts of D's and F's. The sleepless, eternal nights of cramming paid off for none as we were just a waste for others. The long, midsemester break that some hoped for has disappeared.

Midsemester madness is over until next November. In November the cycle will begin again, and that is to say, the young men and women of the Yacht Club, a nervous wait and the stress will begin again.

But cheer up, they're never worse than finals. And May come for you.
Engagements ‘Sparkle’ Campus

Spring has really sprung at Aquinas as is evidenced by the diamonds blossoming on many hands all over the campus. No, the yearbook does not have new lights—it's only Martha Kaminski's ring. She and Jim Markham intend to get married on June 18, one year after their formal engagement. Jim, who is from Manistee, saw Martha as she was buying chicken in the Kroger store where he worked. Two weeks later, the manager informed them and they started dating.

If you have eaten breakfast in our dining hall, you may have noticed the flash of broaches dangling from the red­

Edward Wagner, G.R. Senior, and Susan Lowell.

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Robert Clarke and Mary S. O.P., were on the board of judges which rated each discussion group.

The topic for discussion, “What Should Be the Role of Government in the Regulation of Organ­

Aquinas, which was defined at panel held on Friday afternoon. Prof. Paul Bagwell of Michigan State, candidate for the Republi­

The Aquinas delegation, which took part in various panel discus­

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Snow or No Snow It's Spring (Sports Time)

Null Faces Baseball Rebuilding Program

A hard-hitting outfield that paced last year's successful season will make up the nucleus of the baseball team this Spring.

But Coach Ray Null, re-taking the coaching reigns after Bob Sullivan resigned, will have to rebuild the rest of the club.

Most of last season's infield will not be returning this season.

The Tommies recorded an outstanding 7-2 record last season but this year will probably have to be satisfied with a record closer to .500.

Tom Hofmann, Jay Myerswiek and Elmer Depre will make up the infield without Dick. All three are powerful left-hand batters and should supply much of the punch to the lineup.

Tom Fryzyska and John O'Hara are set in the infield with Dick Maurer behind the plate.

But the catching of Deb Blon- din, who has signed a professional contract, and the hurting of Tom McNamara will be hard to replace.

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April 15—at Kalamazoo
April 20—at Olivet
April 26—at Olivet
May 5—at JC
May 9—JC
May 11—at Ferris
May 15—Calvin.

Read for First Serve

Tommie Tennis Team Hopes Fortunes Will Be On the Upswing This Season

Tennis, long the weak member of the strong sports program, may be making a comeback.

Four members of last season's team, plus a nucleus of freshmen who were prep standouts, should bolster the Tommies tennis fortunes.

Getting a jump on the season, with winter still around for a final time, the team has been practicing in the Armory.

The team operates on a year-round basis.

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SPORTSCOPE

By Vito Stellino

Those who bother to read the sports column each month know that I don't exactly turn cartwheels over the 200-fan delegation that follows the fortunes of the Tommies' basketball team. In these days, the Aquinas athletic program certainly couldn't lag. But it's interesting to see that a 200-fan delegation is something to comment on.

Compared to the small crowds that usually attend Junior College basketball, our 200 fans look like a mob.

I find it engrossing to get a different look at our "crowds" and have taken the liberty of excerpting from the Jr. College leagues, the J. C. newspaper's report of the second Aquinas-J. C. game.

It's at least credit to the 200 who do attend the games. Here are some views expressed in the unsigned article.

"The sound of lusty cheering was finally heard in the GRJC gymnasium when... the first capacity crowd of the year jammed the confines of the local court to watch..."

"Important baskets brought a roar of approval which shook the small gym. Fine defensive efforts evoked appreciative applause."

"Unfortunately, it was not J.C. students who filled the seats, and it was not the J.C. students who were making the noise."

"It was a game for Aquinas fans."

"The Aquinas students filled some three-fourths of the gym, parking the south side and occupying at least half of the north stands."

As far as the J.C. fans are concerned, they were making the noise.

It's been said that the atomic submarine "Nautilus" stays submerged so long that it's a Coca-Cola machine. And the Coke! And the Coke! And the Coke!

The Tommies have won their first seven matches.

In preparation for the match with Olivet, the Tommies will have to dig deeply into their reserves.

The schedule:

April 12—at Calvin
April 27—at Ferris
May 5—at Central Michigan
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May 16—JC
May 18—Central Michigan.