Faculty Doings

On Feb. 12, Sisters M. Norbert and Lois attended a special exhibit of the 17th century French art brought from all parts of France to the Toledo Art Museum.

Sister M. Norbert acted as chairwoman for the Dominican Education Conferences, emerging in all the community schools, starting on February 18.

Father Leasner gave the opening address and several faculty members served as assistants at the section meetings.

Sisters Bernetta and Harriet have been appearing in educational television programs over Wood T.V.

Gilda and Wilfred Friel will present a series of half hour piano and violin sonata recitals over WLRN's 16 in the Albertus Hall Auditorium and several faculty members will be participating in the television program of the Television Workshop this year. It aims to present the manner in which Aquinas is concerned with the ethical problem of educating the whole man. The program begins by showing how, as early as the ancient Greeks, man was interested in the philosophical question of his origin and nature. We next focus on man in the medieval period, building on Greek ideas but with the assistance of Christian revelation. We then come to our own times, showing how we are still teaching the same truths that Medievalists taught proving that the scholastic structure of thought is flexible enough to develop with the changes of our modern world.

Then the program centers on Aquinas, to show how she fulfills her role as a college in developing the intellectual, physical, social and spiritual sides of man. The intellectual side will be illustrated by bold arrows of Sr. Clementine's history class, Sister Norbert's French class, as well as Music and Art Classes with Mr. Hopkins and Sister Lois, and a science class with Mr. Smith. The physical and social sides will be shown by coverage of extracurricular activities at the college basketball games, dances, student publications, and social functions that occur during the year. As for presenting the most important development of the intellectual side, the program is including a series of students at Mass. This is but a small part of the many religious advantages offered to students by the college choir. Msgr. Bukowski concluded the presentation by brief scenes of Mr. Clingman's history class, Sister Norbert's English class, Sister Lois, and a science class with Mr. Smith. Then a reminder, will be sent to all alumni in Grand Rapids. Then, immediately after the program, from 3:30 to 3:30, over 50 alumni will be telephoning all other alumni in the Grand Rapids area in anticipation of greater alumni show of interest through participating in the fund effort. The Union Bank and Trust Company and the Michigan National Bank are contributing necessary telephone facilities to these alumni phone squads that day free of charge.

Students Retreats Now in Progress

Lent brings, among other things, student retreats.

The women's weekend retreat will be organized around the college basketball games, Father Raymond Daley, O. P., will conduct the men's weekend retreat March 5-8. Father Daley, who has only been a canon lawyer and secretary to the provincial of St. Joseph's province, N. Y. since the college choir. Msgr. Bukowski concluded the presentation by brief scenes of Mr. Clingman's history class, Sister Norbert's English class, Sister Lois, and a science class with Mr. Smith. Then a reminder, will be sent to all alumni in Grand Rapids. Then, immediately after the program, from 3:30 to 3:30, over 50 alumni will be telephoning all other alumni in the Grand Rapids area in anticipation of greater alumni show of interest through participating in the fund effort. The Union Bank and Trust Company and the Michigan National Bank are contributing necessary telephone facilities to these alumni phone squads that day free of charge.

Twentieth Seniors Engaged In Educational Venture

Second semester brings a new and challenging phase of education to the seniors now engaged in practice teaching on the secondary level.

The seniors begin their twelve week teaching experience with a week or two of observing and making lesson plans on a unit or daily basis. Within the twelve weeks Sister Harriet schedules two individual conferences per student, as well as three group conferences; so that each student has five opportunities to discuss professional problems individually and in a group.

The following students are engaged this semester:

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Students and Instructor Plan Special Physics Class

When students not only go willing to a class, but they are asked by the professor to extend class time, the dark forebodings of the spatchekers seem less disquieting. A group of 28 prospective engineers here are doing just that.

Having a knowledge of calculus was essential for a complete understanding of the work they were doing in Physics, and that the text they were using did not supply the need, they discussed the matter with physics professor J. A. Potchen. He consented to have extra no-credit classes at 7:00 a.m. one day a week for those who wished to study calculus with physics. This extra hour class per week supplements the knowledge of the students who have taken the present text, and serves as a review of the first semester's work. The response was immediate. Students not only turned out for the class, but purchased a new $10.75 text for the purpose.

Mr. Potchen lectured —

Communist Impact on Man Topic of Panel Discussion

A vigorous floor discussion kept general chairman Gregory Lesetna and panel chairman Michael Downs busy after the social science-Gamma Alpha Pi panel discussion on Communist Impact on Man. The first panel, which was held in the Science Hall Lecture Room was filled to over-flowing Tuesday evening, February 21 for this important discussion.

Dr. Werner Frange of the German department opened the program by explaining the methods of attack used by the Communists. Then Dr. Andrew Hoeckstra of the psychology department discussed the effects of Communist philosophy on the background. The next portion of the program was turned over to the department representatives in order to let the Communist influence in this field. Mr. Brian Austin of the Reed accomplishments in music, and Sister Lois displayed their achievements in art.

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Dr. L. Ferguson Awarded Aquinas Medal March 7

Four Students Achieve 4. Average, Thirteen Members on Dean's List

Beginning with the traditional High Mass at St. Thomas Church, the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas will be closed by the presentation to Dr. Lynn Ferguson, prominent Grand Rapids Physician, of the annual Aquinas Medal. Dr. Ferguson, was in the Auditorium of the Administration building. The presentation ceremonies will begin with the singing of a St. Thomas Hymn by the University Band with Headquarters in Detroit. Then will then deliver a short address. Following by a reading of the citation by Father Thomas Hennessy, O.P., after which Mr. Bukowski addressed the guests. The next meeting of Lambda Iota Tau, to express the highest regard for the college will conclude the convocation.

Guests will immediately reassemble with a reception in the first floor library followed by dinner in the college dining room at 6:00 p.m. The guests of honor will be Dr. Ferguson and members of the Dean's list.

Achieving the maximum 4. average were seniors: Santert Baro, and Edward Rutowski. Also on the Dean's List with averages of 3.8 or higher, were Marcella Leschinsky, O.P., Sr. Concetta Greiner, O.P. and Sr. Barbara Jean Hansen, O.P.; Juniors: Diane Osterhatcher, (Cont. page 2)

Ernest Stirnba, Damien Sridban, Chuck Frayebych, Pat Donald, Dick Klein, Bob Navals, and Jim Crivello Siles.

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It’s supposed to be the pruning time,” Father said, taking the first goblet of his coffee.

“What’s supposed to be?” At least some had gumption enough to ask. Most of us were glazed-eyed – from privation and lack of sleep.

Father continued, “‘Lent is the pruning time, but looking at you, I’m beginning to think that you’ve been cutting back too little. All this feasting and ascetism is supposed to make you happy, not members in a contest for the longest face. I’m not at all impressed by your vacant, hol­

Lent for Pruning, Not Prudes

by Mary Sun

In recent years there is a grow­

Let’s Re-examine

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The Merciful in Nine "Effort"s

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As the foreign exchange student

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find out how Americans live, scholarship is supposed to be used

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cally. A far more effective program,

therefore, would be to offer a much larger number of scholar­

ships than are now available to

able to college students, under­

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in four years will be his for his lifetime, and he would be to stim­

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Meeting weekly deadlines has become a habit with co-editors Rita Laberteaux and Bob Callanan, and their staff of the AQUINAS WEEKLY. Because the monthly HERALD appeared too infrequently to keep pace with happenings around the college, and because there was a need for a forum to air opinions deemed too ephemeral for preservation in the HERALD, the AQUINAS WEEKLY came into being.

This venture was initiated in the fall of 1959 with the title, THE AQUINAS HERALD NEWSLETTER, under the editorship of Geraldine Larty. In its second year, under co-editors Rita Laberteaux and Jim O'Hara, it was reorganized and renamed. A faculty moderator, Dr. J. Gagliano, was appointed. These are assisted by a staff of willing and hard-working volunteers. Serving at present are: Hank Milowski, Joanne Drzewicki, Sandra Paul, Joanne De Smet, Dick Maurer, and Mary Bush. Dave Thomasma prints the copy on the college press.

The WEEKLY has served its purpose well as a sounding board for student and faculty opinion on controversial issues. In recent weeks it has published views on the relative importance, as an expression of "school spirit," of academic versus extra-curricular activities; on the name "Tommies" and appropriateness of the school colors; and the investigation of a distinctive school symbol. The Weekly seems here to stay as a sturdy contributor to college life.

Homecoming queen Judy Martin is escorted to her coronation by Jim O'Hara amid scenes reminiscent of the homecoming festivities.

Highlights of Homecoming

While the campus rang with shouts and laughter, aspiring artists among the student body fashioned models from the abundant snow graciously delivered in time for the Homecoming Snow Sculpturing Contest. As judges for the contest were Sister M. Leo, O.P., Rev. Magr. A. P. Bulowski, Richard N. Laughrin, president of the Alumni Association, and Kent County Prosecuting Attorney.

The entries were rated on a 35-point system and based on originality of idea, form, and suitability of theme. The first prize of $35.00 was given to the Engineer's Club, polar bear. The junior class won the second prize of $15.00 with a model of the proposed gymnasium. Other entries included a German chalet by the German Club, an igloo by the Men's Union, and a large penguin by the Third Order.

The winners were announced during the evening dance at Blythefield Country Club by Homecoming Queen Judy Martin.

Tertiaries Sponsor Lenten Activities

Special Lenten services are being held in the college chapel every Thursday. Beginning from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. under the auspices of the third order. The services, being conducted by chaplain and third order director Father J. M. Domahs, O.P., consist of the rosary, a sermon, and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Tertiaries are promoting attendance at these services and also material contributions to the Pakistan Missions started by the Dominican Province to which the college's Dominican fathers belong.

The annual day of Recollection for college tertiaries will be held on Palm Sunday, March 30. Father Austin, O.P., will conduct the exercises. The first conference will begin at 9:00 a.m.; Mass will be celebrated at 11:45. A Lunchon teens before the afternoon conferences. Reservations for the retreat should be made with Maurer or Callanan by March 15.

Mary Ellen McDonald has announced that over twenty tertiaries have already made reservations for the annual third order trip of which she is chairman. This year's trip has New York city for its destination. The tertiaries will attend the convention at St. Catherine of Sienna Church in honor of the 500th anniversary of this famous Dominican. The trip will take place late in April.

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Cage Team Runs Into Second-Half Troubles; Six Defeats, 13 Victories

For the first 20 minutes, the Tommie basketball team this season could hold its own with any other small-college team in Michigan. But the Toms consistently ran into all kinds of trouble in the second half and were tagged with six losses. The team won 13.

It wasn’t just the second half of each losing game that proved a problem, however, for the Toms were defeated by a 13-3 overall mark two years ago and a 13-3 mark in 1954 hold the top two slots in Tommie recordbooks.

Two starters on the team this season, forward Gene Nowak and Jim Kanary, will form the heart of the team next season. Tom Williamson, Ray Bauer and Terry Travis were seniors. The other three starters all newcomers to the school this year, Tommy Williamson, Ray Bauer and Ed Zickus were seniors.

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