Self - Study Kicks Off

Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 26, Dr. Hruby, new college president, presented a master plan of the Self-Study program at an assembly on Feb. 26.

The actual work of the Self-Study will be done by five study groups, each responsible for a major problem area: Governance, Faculty Rights and Responsibilities, Student Rights and Responsibilities, Teaching Resources and Theory, and Learning Resources and Theory.

Each study group will consist of three student members and faculty and administration personnel. The life of each of the Study Groups is best understood in terms of Phases.

Phase I - the principle objective is to set a long-range and realistic plan for the future. This will be done by asking questions, to try and propose ways and means of getting at the answers. Questionnaires, data studies, discussions, interviews, and resource persons will be utilized in this phase.

While Phase I will find the questions, Phase II will find the answers. T abulations of the questionnaires and testimonies will be made. The purpose of Phase III will be to evaluate the answers and make recommendations, and the purpose of Phase IV will be to select the wise counsel to be made.

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Symposium Discusses "Divided We Die"

A symposium held at the Carriage House on January 30, 1969, marked the conclusion of Aquinas College's "Divided We Die" experiment. Fifteen students of Junior standing began, at the end of the previous summer, an educational challenge. In basements and other seclusion, they created a relaxed social atmosphere with five college professors, mostly hired by the college, and elected to participate, to discuss a topic dealing with the human situation.

The experiment, as planned on the program proved to be an unusual challenge. A extensive outside reading was required and under the guidance of Sister Mary Ridgely, Department of Religion, the semester began with the emphasis of the student in both the sciences and the arts. Each student was held responsible for a vast amount of research, but not in his own major field of interest. Each student was offered the challenge of pondering the human situation as best as possible. This meant that the life science student was to examine the implications of a philosophy of Theology, while the English major was invited to develop projects in the field of Psychology. Each student representative on the subject of the entire student body.

I also feel that the Committee of the student representatives with other colleges, the community and the city of Ann Arbor.

I believe that the Committee must be able to work on different projects so that more people become involved in the government. I don't want committees which are composed of just commissioners or their best friends. One of the main reason why people come to a college is to learn things they wish to get involved in and I think the students have the responsibility to give these students their chance.

The role of the Chairman in the coming year appears to be a very important one which will involve the whole student body. Getting in to its third year of operation, the Student Commission will progress further than it is in the past two years, being able to benefit by both the successes and non-successes of the past.

The situation which exists at Aquinas is mostly apathy. At some schools their is open government. At Aquinas their is mostly apathy. I think that the Chairman is just not able to get communication between the two groups. I elected, I hope to inspire commuters to run for the office of Commissioner and this will turn the student commuter involvement of the commuters in the program enhanced in the constitutional Commission and the students feel it should.

GENE LA PORTE

During the coming year, the main concern to the students involves a Self-Study Program. I think that the student is not just going to allow itself to the study but also act as an advocate to the needs of the student representatives on the interests of the student body.

The role of the chairman is also to be a stimulating exercise that related to the audience some of the proposals to be made for the benefit of students, can start to play a role in making Aquinas known to the people and businesses of the city who can contribute ideas to the college and to the school. We should let these people know that we have here. This could be accomplished by such things as a symposium with the commuter. These meetings could be creative workings of a student government and we could also benefit by such an experience.

MIKE POLZIN

The role of the Student Commission in the coming school year will be a very important one which will involve the whole student body. Getting in to its third year of operation, the Student Commission will progress further than it is in the past two years, being able to benefit by both the successes and non-successes of the past.

The chairman, of course, will have to play the most important role. I will do all I can to bring before the student body to act upon those things quickly and efficiently, keeping the best interest of the college and the commuter as a whole.

Many things that happen in and around the commission cannot be foreseen even one or two weeks in advance must be acted upon. The chairman has to be able to take action upon those things quickly and efficiently, keeping the best interest of the college and the commuter as a whole.

I also would encourage the McIntire campus, a part of the Women's Residence Council, and the college to work more closely together in sponsoring a variety of events. Those are only the things that these three groups should be able to do. It would be a program to Committee Sub-committee committee because this would simply take away from their unique nature.

...One of the first things that I would like to consider is the Constitution. I think that the Constitution Chairman would be to take the Civic Commission and the commuter Commission, I would like to see expanded at the commuter and the commuter was elected as a member of the committee or the commuter and had the commuter just are not able to participate sufficiently through their recognition.

If the Chairman can show students how to law and courage will wear off on the other commissioners and the result will be a very exciting and stimulating commission.

The role of the chairman in the coming year is very important. I hope to have enough courage to put new and unique programs across. For example, I believe that the commuter are sponsored by the student government. I do not think that it is important that the commuter can start to play a role in making Grand Rapids a better place to live.

Also the answer has been made recently of the ideas of forming an organization of student government officials which was in Michigan. This is a good idea and it was possible, not only along the lines of those mentioned above, but I think that the answer would strongly attempt to form, is a council of student governments where these student governing bodies in the area can exist. I would be interested in the benefit each other. Not only would this council provide a common meeting ground for the discussion of problems, but it would also serve as a body which would be able to work on different projects which would involve all of the colleges in making Grand Rapids a better place to live.

Also, an organization of our own Civic Commission has not been made possible. Before the Civic Commission people involved in community action projects, such as the peace and love movement from Franklin Complex last spring were very much needed. It is important. We have tremendous resources at our college and we should be foolish not to use them.
Japanese Dancer Comes As Danforth Lecturer

The Danforth Lecture Series will present Miss Sahomi Tachibana on Friday, March 14 at 8:00 p.m. in Wege Center.

Miss Tachibana is a sensitive and stimulating artist who has won the exquisite precision required in Japanese dance. Her performances are based on ancient and classical dances of Japan, through humorous folk episodes. The novelist Pearl S. Buck calls her "a superb artist whose talent has grown and present in a masterly portrayal of the culture of Japan."

Sahomi Tachibana studied in Japan with members of the great dance family, Tachibana, from which she acquired her professional name — one that is revered in the realms of Japanese dance and is bestowed upon those artists who have mastered the various forms of Japanese dance.

Time is Running Out...

Each minute you spend in indecision is a minute wasted... a minute that adds up to an hour or a day that has vanished forever.

That minute may have been spent as Paulists do, counseling a questioning youth at a secular university, working in ghettos, saving a potential "dropout" or promoting better understanding of the Church and all religions.

How do your minutes stack up?

If you have given some thought to becoming a priest, why not find out how the Paulists spend their time and seek this information at a convocation and a summary of the Paulist effort for renewal in the Church.

Write to:
Room 232
Vocation Director
Paulist Fathers
415 West 59th Street
New York, N.Y. 10019

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Student Commission Chairman Comments on Charges

Letter to the Editor:

Concerning the article on Al Cap in your last issue, I would like to make a few remarks. First of all, the reason Al Cap spoke of Homecoming Weekend was this: The Student Commission tried to get a concert group and failed on the three that we seriously considered; we wanted to get one well-known speaker for the second semester. Al Cap was suggested and discussed at the meeting of Dec. 5, 1968, and we believed he would be beneficial to all students, as are all of our speakers. We scheduled him on date 2, so Dec. 12, 1968, we had signed him. Any remarks from the most considered, but we were unable to get him.

I am writing this letter to set the record straight. I know that not everyone likes Al Cap. Some did, some didn't. I am not apologizing. We are always open to suggestions, and we discussed Al Cap at our open meetings, at which anyone is free to make suggestions. After the fact people say, "Yes, but much less beneficial than constructive suggestions before the fact."

Rogers Huggan
Student Commission Chairman

Meet at MSU

Three of the Student Commissioners took to the road on Feb. 21-22 to represent Aquinas at a state convention. By conversing with others who hold the same position of responsibility in their respective colleges, a number of ideas and procedures might be brought back and possibly incorporated into "The Voice of the student.

The annual St. Patrick’s Day Program will be held on Saturday, March 15. The Wege Center Student Program Board is planning this gala affair as a culmination of its three years of existence. Be sure not to miss it at
The Aquinas Tommies riding the late surges of Dave Page's scoring and Pat Ryan's rebounding finished the season last Wednesday night with a 121-117 win over four straight wins.

"Seven days" began the Wednesday before when the Tommies routed Ferris State 71-65 as Pat Ryan amassed some 4,000 fans by grabbing 27 rebounds for an Aquinas single game record. Dave Page kicked off the biggest week of his career with 18 points. Tom Van Portfleet added 15 markers and Mark Simon scored 12 points as well as playing a tremendous defensive game against Jesse Managh, one of the nation's leading small college scorers. Ryan and Bob Pratt added 11 and 10 points respectively.

Page lowered the big boom on Northwood of Midland in a 98-94 victory on Friday night when he was able to penetrate the visitors zone, time and time again for 40 big points. Coach Bill Brambeck's Tommies raced off to a 60-42 lead in the first half with a perfect basketball. Northwood brought northinds into the second half. Page and Simons were back with 36 points, Page having scored 22.

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How much: $8.50
Where: Camp Pinewood
When: March 14-16
What: Plan Retreat
Who: Aquinas and Cabin student
How much: $8.50
By whom: Father Hickey of Chicago

The Flowers Have Not Spoken

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