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Isn’t it time for a few self-looKs both at the individual and the group? It does not strike us as entirely proper to urge change and then do it in a way that came quickly and justly and now there is nothing to fight for.

That is our analysis of the situation. Aquinas for the past few years has wisely noted problems of student-faculty and student-administration relationships which have plagued other college campuses. The college has subsequently tried to avoid those problems byauraing a student faculty voice in most major decisions and the election of a new president being a case in point.

Aquinas students have an academic grievance procedure as well as representation on faculty student committees and the judiciary committee. These are all of the sundry privileges college students around the nation have been denied and are fighting for. We are fortunate enough to have an administration that recognizes our maturity.

In response to that recognition and in full proof of our maturity we say “yes” to a campaign of change. “We need an issue and it’s the college’s fault that we don’t have one, because they have given everything we could possibly want.” The mature collegiate mind, once it recognizes a problem, will do something about it.

Let there be no mistake about it, God is not living in the President’s office nor does he attend the Board of Trustee meetings. Let this not be interpreted as saying there is no God. We are not daring those pests. Instead it is a suggestion for a new kind of student rationality when students take their station under examination.

Let us try and become an active participant in the group with which we are now so fortunate to have an administration that recognizes our maturity. Let this not be the “end of the thing.” Let it be a beginning.

It is time to realize that action for action’s sake and change for change’s sake is not only ridiculous but damned dangerous! If you really have the guts to wake up and be aware, you’re serious about the future then work for the change you see with yourself in the study on which the college’s entire future rests.

Members of the college community receive the latter pass, “Let’s see what the study will bring.” to every request so it should be obvious that we are dependent on its outcome. That dependence should accentuate our involvement and our involvement has been urged by self-appointed faculty director Lee Jacobs. All self-study meetings are open to students and by expressing your interest to the group leader you can become an active participant in the group.

It is your morning, your evening, your future. Make change for change’s sake not only ridiculous but damned dangerous! Professional competence is many times discussed among students on campus, but what is ever discussed is the student.

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Viet Addresses

You will note that here and there in the paper this week, there are several addresses of former Aquinas students who are stationed in Uncle Sam’s company in Vietnam. While we express our opinions on that war many thousand miles away, let’s not forget that the war is even more real and terrifying for some of our friends. Why not drop them a little note of encouragement and let them know the Aquinas hugs.

If anyone has any other servicemen’s addresses, drop them off at the Herald office and we’ll pass them on.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Is it all worth five thousand dollars?

October 29-November 1, “Come Back, Little Sheba,” Aquinas College Players, Carriage House, 8:00.

November 2, Jazz concert — eight local musicians will engage in a free wheeling jam session, Carriage House, 8:30 p.m. 0:00 admission.

November 3 — Jose Feliciano in concert sponsored by students of Aquinas, Davenport, and Grand Rapids Junior College, Civic Auditorium, Tickets are $4.00, $3.50, and $2.50 and may be purchased at any of the colleges at the Civic Auditorium, 8:15 p.m. 0:00 admission.

November 6 — Robert Rauschenburg — a half-hour film interview with artist Robert Rauschenburg in which he speaks about his life, his art, and reveals many personal insights into the creative processes. The film, “Free Race” is being presented by the Student Education Committee. The Free Race is a film directed by National Educational Television. A discussion will follow each film. Albertus Hall Auditorium, free admission, 7:30 p.m.

November 11 — the Festival Film Series “The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich” (three parts, shown successively, sixty minutes each). Here on film is the terrifying yet fascinating story of Adolf Hitler’s “Thousand Year Reich” which lasted seven years. Based on William L. Shirer’s monumental history of Nazi Germany, this documentary reveals the reasons why the Nazis were able to manipulate the German people on this mad descent to national suicide. St. Joseph Center, 7:30 p.m. 0:00 admission.

COMING EVENTS

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JULIAN BOND IS A MAN OF DESTINY AND that impression rings true for some 1800 people who heard the young Georgia politician on October 20 at Aquinas' fieldhouse.

Bond is the best of the eloquent black leaders and since his sudden burst into national prominence six years ago, he has won the respect, if not the following of blacks and whites alike.

At Aquinas, Bond faced a large crowd characterized by a strange curiosity of what and who this 28-year-old black leader really is.

Some received their answer in a clear answer while others were left waiting for more when Bond left the platform.

In a clearly political speech, Bond blustered the Nixon administration by presenting his "definition of violence" which consisted by and large of an alliteration of the political and social evils present in our system today.

Amidst the political allegations and emotionism, two themes seem to thread their way through Bond's lecture. They were the back and forth along the black situation in the last 105 years and the emergence of a new black force in the United States. Bond emphatically said, "similarities between the post-Civil War Reconstruction period and current American events are frightening." He supported this accusation with examples of federal troop patrols, failure to integrate state legislatures and schools and a general Jim Crow attitude that has returned to the South. Bond venominously cited an "illicit and adulterous political relationship between an American presidential candidate and a notorious land speculator from South Carolina as the cause for the worsening in Black relations."

In discussing his "New Politics" theory Bond lumped together Black dissent and student unrest as the new political method.

The young state legislator reasoned that this new politics is "part of the process provided for in the Declaration of Independence which states that when a government becomes unresponsive and unrepresentative and life becomes intolerable, men do not have the right but the duty to rise against it and bring it down."

Bond at 28 has already found himself the center of nationwide publicity when he was barred from a state legislator's seat for his anti-Vietnam stand before such stands were popular. He has, at his young age, been the founder and coordinator of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee and at last year's Democratic convention he was nominated for the office of vice-president but was forced to withdraw because his age made him ineligible.

An impressive record for a man of his age, but October 20 showed many Grand Rapids residents that there is more to come be it good or bad.

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Words like renewal, change, individuality and love have been thrown around for years. What do they really mean to us? How do they fit into our life-style?

Ever since Vatican II, changes and emotionalism, two factors have been slowly taking place. Some are flashy, others subtle. Taking for instance the changes in the religious life which we are now seeing. Vows, habits, and rosaries are being replaced by street clothes. Religious women live in neighborhood homes. Nuns are taking part in open housing forums. Do these changes have any effect on us? To understand what is happening is important to realize that the change in religious life is not in the essentials, but in their expression.

With the mandate to adapt and renew to the spirit of the times, the convent doors have opened wide to a community of religious renewal. Cubwebs of coercion are being brushed away, closets of antiquated grace washed out, and a general housecleaning of impracticalities conducted.

Religious renewal assumes that a person cannot be a witness to Christ while isolated from one another. They meet in the four walls of a convent.

Renewal involves an openness to the here and now. The essentials of the past remain the essentials of the present. At the same time, the trifling details have been left behind. By getting away from a routined daily ritual, time becomes a personal responsibility.

Through unification of the spiritual and social aspects of daily living the concern is now directed to people, and not to dressing status or amusing habits.

Thus, the renewal is both communal and individual. No set pace is imposed on any member of the community. The individual's creativity is allowed to grow and develop. It is a period of gradual implementation, fostered through an awareness of personal responsibility.

Taking off the veils and showing the world that they are women dedicated to Christ is not a revolution. It is rather an evolution for the greater good — a frightening, fundamental and irrevocable renewal.
Cobras and Inc Shill on Stop

On Wednesday, October 22, the Cobras trimmed the Brother Richard Memorial 5-6 and the victory helped them maintain a tie with the Thursday Night Club for first place in the third round of the Intramural Flag Football league.

Earlier in the week the Cobras came from behind to defeat the Gang 18-12. Meanwhile, on Monday the Thursday Night Club were ripping the White Rabbits 25-0.

Also on Monday the Rebels defeated the Brother Richard Memorial and on Tuesday those same Re jets were beaten by the White Rabbits.

At the beginning of the week the league officials announced that the Voluble Vultures, Jitterbugs, and the Hormones have been dropped from the league because of forfeits. Each of the other six teams have either won or been awarded a total of three games from the teams that have been dropped.

The two teams which are still in striking distance of the two leaders are the Rebels, who have only one loss, and the White Rabbits who have two.

Basketball Season in Full Swing

A new coach and a host of new players mark the return of basketball at the Aquinas athletic scene.

Phil Kahler, the Tommies’ fledgling cage boss, welcomed 23 candidates to early fall drills. This group, representing all four classes, which include both the varsity and junior varsity squads.

The pre-season outlook might best be described as “cautious optimism.” Seven lettermen, including three starters, return from the team that compiled a 12-11 won-lost rec.

Behind this group, however, the ranks are not considerably and a lack of depth could hurt the Tommie cause.

Pat Ryan, a springing 6-4 senior from Chicago, paces the list of returning monogram winners. Although Ryan hit for a 16.3 ppg, last season, his forte is rebounding. In his junior year, he established an Aquinas single game record by snatching off 31 caroms against Lake Superior.

Sophomore Mark Simons, at play, has been Aquinas’ number one or two man and the freshman Messing marks to new course record at Ferris State College as he ran four miles in a heavy downpour in 21:58. Ferris fell to Aquinas 25-30 and Aquinas ran their CG mark to

GUEST SHOT

The main issue at Aquinas College would be lack of involvement if we have an issue. Why else would dances be flops, special lectures unattended, and original thought at such a premium? These factors would indicate a contented student body; or else the vegetable crop at Aquinas is蓬勃发展 this year, with a bumper crop of conservative tomatoes, and a worn-out crop of nearly ordered, yellowing field corn.

After all, we have practically been unifying common grounds of disagreement inside the ivy covered walls of our fine institution. If an enemy can’t be found within, shouldn’t the peace talks take advantage of their newly acquired skills and crush the walls of the pole looking for a chink to be of use? However, there is still time in the future, there’ll be other battles.

But why wait? This isn’t a garden! This is Aquinas College, not just a college. Aquinas is a small private college with all the advantages the large universities are demonstrating for. The chances for communication are much better here than at a large university. Sure, we can wait until after we graduate, after we’ve married, or after our children are grown up before we become involved in problems other than our own.

Isn’t college more than learning from books, having a date, or getting drunk? Shouldn’t college be a chance to mature as a person, as well as grow intellectually?

If so, can a person be complete by living a life of non-involvement? I respect anyone’s right to non-involvement if this decision has been reached with the realization of what the rest of society is missing out on. I find it hard to believe that in a group of people, the age and the intellectual caliber of the Aquinas College student body, there is so little realization that Aquinas can’t be made alive over any issue.

I would conclude that the issue at Aquinas is non-involvement, arrived at after great deliberation on an individual basis.

John Lange

Have you ever had a problem that you felt required a lengthy and bureaucratic process, and you needed an immediate answer? Do you feel you are being unjustly graded by a professor, or that a particular instructor can never be located either in his office or on campus when help is needed? How many times have you been turned away by administrative personnel or a faculty member because “your grade can’t be resolved until the self study has been completed”? Is there anyone who can’t help you to help? Until recently, no.

Well now you can breathe again. Aquinas has an ombudsman. “What is an ombudsman?” you ask, “some kind of rebel?”

Basically, the ombudsman is an appointed office where any member of the college community can present his grievances, be they academic or not. He listens, advises, explains, and reviews your grievances and tries to help in every way he can. To assist in alleviating your problems, he has access to all college records and documents except those involving personal confidence and is responsible only to the president himself.

One of the recommendations made by the Advisory Board’s first visit to Aquinas last spring was that an all college ombudsman be appointed for the 1969-70 academic year on an experimental basis. On August 1st this year, Dr. Hruby appointed Dr. Roger Remington, professor of both the history department and the Faculty Executive Committee, to be the first Ombudsman. At the present time there are fewer than 25 University and Colleges in the country with such an office.

Probably the greatest asset that position has to offer is its informal ways of settling a problem.

The ombudsman seeks to resolve both academic and non-academic problems. Specific non-academic problems usually include grievances associated with fees and tuition, housing and board, campus regulations such as parking and pickup use of college facilities and services, student employment and miscellaneous items. Academic grievances and complaints are probably the most common of all. They include complaints regarding course content and presentation, poor teaching, grading systems, problems of enrollment and registration, and again professors who break appointments constantly, and never can be found outside of class.

It should be noted though, that the ombudsman can only respond to individual inquiries and cannot do the job of a dean, or in the case of a faculty member, or whoever seeks the services of the ombudsman should just make an honest effort to solve the problem or at least make an initial effort. Once problems originate as mis­understandings, and others are resolved by reference to a mutual understanding, and cannot be resolved even after the most honest effort to solve the problem or at least make an initial effort. Once these complaints are probably the most common of all. They include complaints regarding course content and presentation, poor teaching, grading systems, problems of enrollment and registration, and again professors who break appointments constantly, and never can be found outside of class.

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