Advisors Here This Weekend

Shoenbrun Will Speak Feb. 11

David Shoenbrun is the kind of lecturer that combines the best of knowledge, top-notch candor and a necessary subject that should interest his audience. Shoenbrun is an accomplished globetrotting news commentator who has just about every sort of medium to communicate his opinions including radio, television, newspapers, magazines, books, the classroom and the lecture platform.

The veteran reporter has covered the news events that have shaped the world we live in today including the American landings in North Africa, the liberation of France, the capture of Berlin, the wars in Indochina and Korea, the post-war creation of the Marshall Plan, the Atlantic Alliance, the Common Market, the return to power of Charles deGaulle, the Kennedy assassination and the major election campaigns.

Shoenbrun's career began as a teacher but he got the news game in his blood as a combat correspondent in World War II and was decorated for his work there. In 1947 he became Paris Bureau Chief for CBS and won several awards for his daily program, "Your Man in Paris." In the fall of 1967 Shoenbrun was appointed to the faculty of International Affairs at the Graduate School of Columba University where he is teaching the first, one-year course on the History of Vietnam offered at that University.

Shoenbrun appears at Aquinas in February his lecture will be "As America Goes." The news analyst will show that if it is true that whatever happens in the world affects America, it is even more true that whatever happens in America affects the world. Thus Shoenbrun will report on the world-wide significance of America's political conventions, elections, civil rights and other internal affairs.

Shoenbrun's lecture sponsored by the Dean's Office will be free to all students with Aquinas Identification cards.

The Aquinas Self-Study committee closed the questionnaire form from all angles this weekend as the college hosts the second on-campus visit of the Self-Study Advisory Board.

The Advisory Board is composed of nationally prominent educators who add an unbiased dimension to the self-study. In the words of Leo Jacokes, deputy director of the Self-Study, "The Advisory Board provides us with a good source of technical advice but also serves as an external check to keep us honest."

The Advisory Board will participate in a two-day discussion with the entire community on a "give-and-take" basis and according to Jacokes, "Student and faculty participation in this weekend's activities is absolutely necessary to allow us to get a proper perspective of the Self-Study as it stands now. The entire weekend will give everyone, from students to administrators, a chance to step back and take a hard look at the Study, to see what it has done, what is new and where it is going or where it should go."

Jacokes, in discussing the importance of student participation in the Advisory Board meetings, commented that when the Board visited Aquinas college last April student representation was "scanty." He says, "The students who attended last year's meeting with the board were extremely helpful and also benefited themselves but there were just not that many there."

The Advisory board has been kept busy for much of the developments of the self-study including questionnaire results and this year will also have progress reports during the sessions, prepared by each study group in advance of this weekend. Those reports will naturally be public and anyone interested can question the reports.

All of the board members are prominent educators in national circles. In fact, 12 of the board members, is considered one of the top two of higher education in the nation. He is a Doctor of Psychology and is Director of the Straight Institute of Education in Berkeley California. He has authored several books on higher education.

Sanford will be joined on the board by George Shuster, John F. A. Taylor, Reverend Carl Hangartner S. J., Robert Blackburn, and Ann Heiss.

Shuster, who will possibly not be able to attend this meeting of the board, is the former president of Hunter College and currently serves as an official at the President of Notre Dame University. He earned his Ph.D. in Eng in Education.

John F. A. Taylor is a Doctor of Philosophy. The distinguished looking gentleman holds the rank of university professor at Michigan State University. That rank entitles him to teach any course in any department at the University.

Reverend Carl Hangartner is a Jesuit priest responsible for training several of the most currently serve as presidents of Catholic Colleges. He is Chairman of the Graduate Education department at St. Louis University. Blackburn is a professor of History for the study of Higher Education at the University of Michigan.

Ann Heiss has replaced Agnes DeMille on the Advisory board and should represent the women's point of view quite adequately as she is a famous woman's rights advocate. She has a doctorate in Higher Education and serves at the University of California at Berkeley as a professor of Higher Education.

These educators will be both involved parties in the discussions of the Self-Study and also serve as an impartial tribunal to review the progress already made and suggest ways which should be made to the self-study more effective. Jacokes says, "The experience and knowledge of these people is amazing. It is close to impossible to put anything over on these people." Jacobs elaborates that the perception on behalf of the board should bring all facets of the self-study to the surface.

The deputy director of the self study adds though, "if we don't get a real good student turnout or member faculty turnout the advisory board will be unable to get a true picture of either Aquinas College or the progress of the Self-Study."
Dear Editor,

When the "Letter" first crossed my desk, I appeared to be one of the best attempts of any paper here to meet the problem of combating the state of affairs at Aquinas. Some individuals were satisfied and yet others were not so satisfied with the policies. Most of these criticisms were well deserved and well delivered. Most of these editors were doing going, "All good things must come to an end." And as in the case of Aquinas College, it is. It's just too bad that the quality of that paper met its demise at the hands of the college in the columns as that of Suzy Sot.

Miss Sot, in her columns, has repeatedly made personal, un­just, unfair cuts on both stu­dents and faculty. I cite as an example the comments made against Mr. Deschaine in some of the latest issues. These com­ments have been to the effect that Mr. Deschaine is inefficient and incapable of performing his job. However, if Suzy Sot ever had the occa­sion to use the facilities of our college and use the college to understand the work these people do, Perhaps Miss Sot would be more effective in her role and can't help writing her columns as a product of the D.T.'s. But when I read the paper, I see the job of keeping some 1000 people in class, employed and (in some cases) out of jail. Mr. Deschaine has to handle every­thing from family problems to the problems of the community of students. I really don't think that Mr. Deschaine has an easy job at Aquinas College. However, Mr. Deschaine is not the only one who has to take the gross insults of this paper. Many students and fac­ulty members have had to bear these injustices also.

I realize that some people named in the "Letter" have more than deserved the verbal punishment that they received. But why do they have to attack people who really deserve it?

Hope that Jeff Lyon will read this letter and do his best to make his paper the valuable and excellent piece of journalism that he started last year, and not the cliquish scandal and activity sheet that it has degenerated to.

Sincerely yours,

Howard Hansen

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Letter

Some do and some don't, but most just watch. The mood is that of a hall and a small college campus it is fatal. It has been a different first semester in many ways and the day will belong eventually to those in the majority who need to assess both the semester and their role in it. It was a semester in which events will works and women requested and received much greater freedom in the world at large. Some rose to heretofore unimagin­ed heights of incompetence. Other proved to themselves and others that they were indeed deserving of the title of student­scholar. They often proved to themselves and the world that they could accomplish great things. It was a semester that others could not see their achievements by the quart­ities and the students and faculty. I cite as an example the comments made against Mr. Deschaine in some of the latest issues. These com­ments have been to the effect that Mr. Deschaine is inefficient and incapable of performing his job. However, if Suzy Sot ever had the occa­sion to use the facilities of our college and use the college to understand the work these people do, Perhaps Miss Sot would be more effective in her role and can't help writing her columns as a product of the D.T.'s. But when I read the paper, I see the job of keeping some 1000 people in class, employed and (in some cases) out of jail. Mr. Deschaine has to handle every­thing from family problems to the problems of the community of students. I really don't think that Mr. Deschaine has an easy job at Aquinas College. However, Mr. Deschaine is not the only one who has to take the gross insults of this paper. Many students and fac­ulty members have had to bear these injustices also.

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Herald Opinion Page

Opinions in this paper are not necessarily those of Aquinas College and are the opinions of the writers alone. Staff Members are: Mike Crossan, Debbie Veal, Jerry Hoogterp, Bill Tarrier, Kathy Cahoon, Howard Hansen, Joseph S. McNamara

Editor Tim J. McGuire

Letter

Dear Editor,

The present system of grades, GPA, and class standing at Aquinas and numerous other in­stitutions is outdated and unfair to the students. The system puts undue pressure on the students and manages an atmosphere of competition rather than an atmosphere of learning and growth which is the expressed aims of institutions of higher learning.

The grading system assumes that each student has equal po­tential and ability for the subject matter. The student is graded either on an objective, imper­sonal point scale or he is graded in comparison to what other students have done in the class. Ideally each student should be graded according to his own potential and ability.

This would mean that the pro­fessor would have to do something of significance to do something of significance to the student's potential and grade ac­cordingly. At Aquinas the fac­ulty-student ratio is 13:1 overall, in some cases it goes as high as 40:1. Obviously this grading system is flawed.

Last semester the Self-Study initiated an experiment of a grading system which would help dispel the myth that to be a good student one has to be a better student. A spirit of competition is contradictory to a cooperative learning growing atmosphere. We need to develop ourselves as individuals, not to be better than the next person but to ask you support in effect­ing this change.

Jane M. Clingman

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Letter

Dear Editor,

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Mike Polzin has come under a lot of private attack including some from this source for not building a better atmosphere and communion. A lot of that attack is much deserved but when a guy looks you straight in the face and says, "somehow we've got to build a fire under these kids, Agnew," and is truly in a quandary you realize that it would be foolish to trace any failure to him. We personally think things could be better but we're beginning to wonder if the Lord Jesus could even elicit adequate interest and cooper­ation.

This editor is currently trying to put out a newspaper with our people. True it only comes out once a month but if it is a repre­sentation of the students it can be a tremendous expression of the kinds of things we want in the college. Yet when every on-campus resident has been personally notified of a staff meeting and only two people show up, he has the tendency to feel terribly inade­quate. He is greatly distressed in telling everyone to stuff the paper down their throat, but when kindlly we can think about it. Damn dumb, we think so we'll stick with it and next issue it'll probably go back to griping and now and then commending the good points at Aquinas like the number one registration was held this year.

We hope that other leaders at Aquinas College will be able to keep grasping at some possible solutions. Maybe we need a new name for the college. In fact we definitely do, but for now, you're stuck with them for at least the remainder of your term.

Do us a favor and think about those leaders for just a minute and how they go about things. But hopefully you won't get far before you realize something or someone is with you.

Or Someone -
Reports Made To Commission

The Intercollegiate Council is currently working on a College March of Dimes drive and they hope to utilize several innovative projects to raise money for the cause. The only legislative action taken at the meeting was the grant of $215 to the freshman class for last week’s Marathon dance. That allocation was taken from the Clubs Budget which has just $300 left in it according to Financial Commissioner Frank Hughes.

One of the main points of conversation among the commissioners was commission involvement in the work of the Free University. Mary Woronecki, newly elected education commissioner from the sophomore class told the commissioners that the Education commission was interested in the work of the Free University but that no official support had been given.

Phil Nelson, freshman Civic Commissioner, reported that his committee is planning on taking the elementary students of an inner city parish school to sites of interest in the Grand Rapids area such as the Grand Rapids museum.

The Aquinas Student Commission was notified by their advisor, Patrick Hennepin, at the January 21 meeting, that the proposed discount program for Grand Rapids College students will not go into effect this semester.

Hennepin told his fellow commissioners that the big problem with the innovative program ran in to, was a lack of cooperation on the part of some of the other colleges on the intercollegiate council. He said that while Aquinas, Calvin and Kendall School of Design had carried their share of the load, the other schools’ work load had been limited and as a result there were not enough members on the master discount list to make the project worthwhile. Hennepin hopes that the discount program will be put into effect at the beginning of first semester, 1970-71.

The students of the Free University have made their move toward a structured schedule of classes with wide appeal as they distributed a preference questionnaire to the Student Body last week.

According to members of the Free University the courses they hope to offer will be conducted as discussions with discussion leaders well versed in their topic. The classes are tentatively scheduled to begin the first week of February and most will meet evenings on campus according to the members.

The variety of the courses is wide, ranging from personal values courses such as drug use and life style to practical courses concerning such things as investments.

The Free University has hoped for response to its questionnaire soon so it can get the courses underway as soon as possible.

Snack Bar Gets Big Facelift

Miss Marilyn Martin, a member of the Public Relations staff and daughter of Elizabeth Jennings, Dean of Women, has been working with the eight members of the Dean’s Advisory Board, along with other enthusiastic students, to give the Snack Bar a new look.

Miss Martin has been in charge of coordinating colors and suggesting operating ideas. In an interview with Miss Martin, she said that the purpose in the project was “to create a warm atmosphere” where the students could relax and communicate with a certain amount of privacy. Booths have been added and tables have been arranged in small groups for just this purpose. Carpeting has also been added to eliminate a portion of the cold, dark floor which gave the room an institutional effect.

A change in the lighting, the installation of a railing around the carpeted area, the addition of wall hangs, and possibly the building of a raised platforming, singing groups and bands to perform on, are further goals of the commission. According to Miss Jennings, future activities are being planned so that these ideas can become reality. An “Irish Wake” and an auction are two events now in the planning.

The “Polish Night,” which was held last semester, and an auction, which was conducted last year, have helped contribute to a fund which has never exceeded $400. Volunteer workers have cut down on expense by painting and constructing a partition, while other individual students have donated various amounts of money to the project. Miss Jennings extends an invitation to all those who are willing to assist in any way to join in. All help will be greatly appreciated.

Debbie Veal

Offer Program

The elite of American college will have an opportunity to hob-nob with government leaders in Washington this summer under a program called the Washington Summer Intern program and Aquinas students have been invited to participate.

The program will be very selective, but is designed to enable the student to gain practical experience in the area of his career interests and to acquaint him with the inner workings of his government.

The selected students will be employed by the Federal agencies for the summer at salaries commensurate with their qualifications. According to directors of the National program, “students will be placed in carefully identified positions doing meaningful work related to the agency’s mission.” Students will also work in seminar groups to discuss their experiences.

The pay-scale for the program will provide $106 per week for students with two years of college and $118.40 for a student with four years of college.

Mrs. Frances Sherwood, Director of Placement at Aquinas, has announced that Aquinas will be able to nominate two people for consideration to the internship program. Mrs. Sherwood says, “We are asking all interested sophomores and seniors to apply for a nomination application and then a board of three faculty members and two students will select Aquinas’ two nominees.”

Requirements for nomination, however, are stiff. Undergraduates must have completed 50 hours of college work and must have attained at least a 3.5 grade point average. The demonstration of leadership ability and honors or awards received in college will also be considered, as will career goals and interests.

Mrs. Sherwood has asked interested Aquinas students to apply to her office immediately in order to be considered for nomination.

Who’s Who

Who’s Who (continued from page 1)

He is a member of Phi Alpha Theta, History Honorary and a Who’s Who’s repeat. He is a member of the Aquinas Herald and has been Sports Information Director. George Polzin has been a student commissioner for two and a half years and is chairman of the Student Welfare Committee. Michael Pursely is a repeat member of Who’s Who. He is a senior and is a Resident Advisor at Willowbrook and served as co-chairman of Publicity for Gala Weekend. Evelyn Roberts is a resident advisor at Regina Hall and has been active in Speech and Drama activities at Aquinas. She is in a senior, Guyl Wingard is the fifth Junior of the group. She also is a Resident Advisor of Regina Hall. She served on the Student Commission when she was a junior.
Aquinas split a pair of mid-week decisions on January 20 and 21, and in the process flamed a couple of future stars coming from their earlier bout with virus pneumonia. Powerful Michigan Lutheran led most of the way but lost to the Tommies 103-81 Tuesday on the loser’s court, but AQ rebounded with an impressive 122-110 win over Purdue Calumet the following evening in Hammond, Indiana.

Sporting excellent balance and determined boardwork, Aquinas raced to a 61-56 halftime edge in the Purdue game. The Tommies added another 61 tallies in the last stanza and were never headed, although Calumet remained within striking distance to the end.

Pat Ryan’s first field goal of the night boosted the 64th senior over the 1,000 career point mark, and he followed up with an additional 26 markers. Lanky Mark Simons equaled Ryan’s output with a classy outside shooting. Supporting this pair, Bob Pratt hit for 22 points while George Kopko and Tom Van Portfleet poured in 24 and 21, respectively. As a team, the Tommies connected on 50 of 79 attempts from the floor for a sizzling 63%.

Lonnie Chase, the Piper’s standout guard, tanged the nets for 16 baskets in 17 tries, and finished with 32 points. Hard working Rick Hockman added 26 tallies and Rick Volkrechte, 24 to aid the cause.

In the Lutheran contest, rebound muscle formed the dominant factor as the big Detroit squad ran over the Tommies in an unusual board beating. The front line of 6’5” Eddie Jenkins, 6’8” Wardell Dyson; and 6’7” Mark Copeland snatched off 55 caroms while Aquinas could muster only 33.

One return to top form provided a bright spot in the Aquinas picture, however. Big no. 32 cashed in 14 field goals and a charity toss for 33 points. VanPortfleet, Simons, and Pratt meshed 14 points a piece but could not offset the Saints high-powered offense, led by Jenkins and Copeland, who canned 27 and 25, respectively.

Aquinas displayed poor Christmas spirit throughout most of the semester break, giving only one gift while receiving four. On December 20, Tom VanPortfleet’s 22 points forced a 79-60 victory over Northwood Institute. The Tommies led all the way, utilizing board control and close defense. Coming in for special mention is forward Gary Sovey, whose tough guarding of Indian guard Ernie Cwyer played a big role in that victory.

The Calvin College Holiday Classic was next on January 2 and 3. In the first game, the Muckies of Lakeland, Wis. College posed some problems before falling, 86-82. Lakeland came to play, but numerous technical fouls, plus a sub-par performance from forward Oris Hill proved their undoing.

VanPortfleet’s steady 23 points again led the scoring.

St. Procopius College of Lisle, Ill. provided the opposition on Jan. 3. All 14 Tommies who dressed for the game saw action in a surprisingly easy 86-67 win. The Eagles had given host Calvin considerable trouble before succumbing, yet were no match for Aquinas on the boards. VanPortfleet and Pratt netted 22 and 21 points, respectively, to lead the winners.

The Tommies returned to action the following Monday but came up short on the short end of a 79-70 verdict to Northwood College in West Boden, Ind. The Hoeoscer school revealed a well-disciplined attack with fine balance. Guard Keith Ice and 6’4” freshman Mike Oden accounted for 46 points, with Ice creating 26. Bob Pratt’s 19 topped Aquinas. Significantly, the Tommies failed to convert ten critical free throws.

The last vacation contest came Jan. 10 in chilly Sault Ste. Marie against Lake Superior State College. Aquinas dumped the Lakers 101-93 behind Pratt’s 29 point burst. High scoring Lake guard Brad Showlins was limited to five.

Ten-game statistics have been released, and they accurately reflect the team’s 9-4 record to this point. Aquinas has outscored its opponents 82.7 to 77.5 and holds a 48.8 to 44.8 edge in rebounds. The Tommies 47.8 floor percentage is excellent, yet the 62.2 free throw percentage could probably stand improvement.

As expected, Pat Ryan has been the steadfast performer to date, averaging 14.3 points and 14.4 rebounds per contest. Surprising Tom VanPortfleet leads the club in scoring with a 19.1 ppg average, and Bob Pratt has a 16.9 ppg clip. A slight disappointment has been the 12.3 average of Mark Simons, but his 28 point performance against Calumet could be indicative of things to come.

It’s time for the Aquinas track team to attempt their exit from the dungeons to which they have been forced in the past few seasons. John Flaminio, new track and cross country mentor, has a very small but able squad as most of the team members with the exception of the distance runners were not recruited as track team members. The squad ran a very limited schedule last season and did not even have a full-scale training program.

All that has changed as Flaminio holds out or two or practice sessions each day and has had his thincldads in Grand Rapids since New Year’s Day preparing for this Saturday’s first indoor meet, the University of Michigan Relays. Those relays will kick off an 8 meet indoor schedule which will run from this Saturday to March 21. Flaminio also has five indoor meets on tap for the young coach says, “all of our meets are open meets, that is more than two schools participate, since in order to be really competitive in a dual meet you need about 35 men and we have about 12 to 15 depending on injuries.” Flaminio also points out that there are no home meets scheduled because, “we have no place for seating of fans and there is also a shortage of qualified track officials in the area.”

The coach feels that the team’s showing in open meets depends a lot on two ifs. — If Chuck Curry a highly touted freshman hurdler from Clawson, Michigan can overcome a muscle strain, and if transfer student Herb Dunsmore who several years ago did a 9.6 100 yard dash is declared eligible for competition by the NCAA and the NAIA. Those two would be expected to hold their own, especially once Dunsmore is ready to go at full strength since he has not competed in some time.

As far as talent and depth is concerned, Flaminio’s bright spot has to be the distances where he can rely on his strong contingent of cross country runners which includes the outstanding freshman Lenny Mes¬ ing, Al Oliver, Mike De¬ eraux, Wayne Stefaniach, Jim Empie, John Oleck and Doug Hauk. These men will split their time between distances varying from the half-mile to the two-mile. As Flaminio needs them.

Dan Measday, a senior with very little competitive experience is one of Flaminio’s bright hopes in dashes of 440 yards and less. He’ll receive help in the dashes from freshman Vince Oliver and Bob Walters as well as Dunsmore. Oliver and Walters join another freshman Mike DePauw and junior Ken Flensch as the pole vaulting unit.

In the sprints, senior Lyon will lend support to Curry while Curry expects to be joined in the long jumping pit by Dun¬ more and possibly Frank Brech¬ biel when basketball ends. The end of basketball season will also release Jim Clark for high-jump¬ ing duty and Tom VanPortfleet may try his hand at the shotput and javelin. Hard-working Mike Hurig meanwhile will handle the indoor shot put chores alone.

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