Students Defend Liberal Arts

by GREGORY WHITE

At the westerly winds of December winds lashed the Aquinas College campus last Friday with snow and lowered temperatures, another storm was brewing within the halls of the campus buildings.

Students for the Liberal Arts, a small group of some fifteen Aquinas students who want to preserve the Liberal Arts atmosphere in Aquinas, decided Thursday, Dec. 8th as Liberal Arts Day. Activities planned for the day included several skits showing the value of a liberal arts education, two video presentations, a booth containing information about the purpose of the day and a talk from Gerald Elliot from the Grand Rapids Press as a finale.

The two skits, "The Brennan Town Musicians" and "Henry Penny", were presented by students who have an interest in theatre. The skit's purpose was to show that there is talent and interest in re-establishing a Theatre Department at Aquinas.

Video-tapes on Madeline L'Engle and Joseph Plut were also shown. L'Engle, who lectured here last November 10, spoke on Alternatives to Violence in Christian Literature. Plut, alias the "Mad Hugger," lectured on the contemporary concept of love.

Students for the Liberal Arts held their first meeting about a month ago in response to what they felt was a decline in recognition on the part of the administration of the value of a liberal arts education at Aquinas College. Plans were made for a liberal arts awareness day and petitions were drawn up to gather the support of the AQ community.

Two petitions were circulated throughout the day. Each gathered around 200 signatures. The sum total far surpassed the expectations of the group.

The first petition dealt with alumni support of the college and its direction. The petition read: "We the undersigned, in protest of the eroding of the Liberal Arts structure at Aquinas do hereby state our intention to withhold any contributions to Aquinas as alumni, or as future alumni, of the College until such time as the College administration take affirmative steps to strengthen the quality of the liberal arts at Aquinas.

The second petition protested the de-emphasis of the liberal arts. It read: "We, the undersigned, protest the de-emphasis of the liberal arts at Aquinas and the overall destruction of the liberal arts structure which we consider contrary to the purpose and goals of the institution. We feel that students at Aquinas are not being offered an adequate exposure to all of the essential areas of liberal arts. We, therefore, petition the Board of Trustees and the administration to be made an historical district, avoiding the stringent regulations that the college would encounter once it is given historical status has promoted college officials to reassess its proposal.

New information and questions concerning the matter arose at a public hearing held before the City Planning Department's Historic Preservation Commission on Wednesday, Dec. 7.

Aquinas President Norbert Hruby noted that while the Commission was sympathetic to Aquinas' cause, he and representatives of the college thought it wise to carefully re-evaluate their original proposal to nominate most of the college's grounds and some of its structures for historical designation.

When questioned about whether the college might expect to be made an historical district, Hruby stated "I'm more uncertain of the outcome." He added, ironically, "Because now we know more."

Spurred by old but persistent rumors that traffic engineers are casting a collective, greedy eye toward the campus with visions of expanding Plymouth Avenue, Hruby has been investigating the options the college has to make such a possibility more difficult to bring about.

Designation of the campus as an historical district on city, state, and federal levels seemed to be the answer at first. Besides reducing the risk of Plymouth Avenue expansion, it would make the campus eligible for state and federal funds to be used in the restoration and upkeep of historical sites.

Such financial benevolence has its own cost, however. Historical sites are subject to many regulations, some of which can be literally nonconductive. The University of Michigan had for part of its campus to be made an historical district ignored protests that the regulations governing the preservation of such sites and their buildings could curtail new development on the 85 acre central campus and the sole control over that part of the campus no longer lies in the hands of the university.

Hruby would like to avoid such restrictions. Grand Rapids' Historical Preservation Commission has given the college from 60 to 90 days to resubmit its proposals in a form that would best suit Aquinas'.

Hruby, with the assistance of Sr. Marie Heyda and the college's lawyers, Robert Benson, will study what options Aquinas has. As it stands now, only certain structures on campus will be designated for historical recognition and landmarks. They are the Holmdene Mansion, the Carriage House, Jordan Hall, the Pastoral Center and the Gate House.

Once these college structures are designated as historical landmarks and are placed on the official roster of landmarks and historic sites, Hruby will seek similar designations at the state and federal levels.
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Vandal Strikes Twice

Art Exhibit Vandalized

by CHRIS ESCH

An art exhibit at Wege Center was vandalized over a month ago, and Aquinas adm

inistrators have yet to understand why.

The defacement of six paintings, presented in the exhib

its by Michael Castino, chairman of the art department at Adrian College, caused it to close two weeks ahead of schedule. Origin

ally planned to run from Oct. 24 to Nov. 25 in the Loutit Room, it closed on Nov. 11.

Six of the eleven painting displayed were punctured, dest

ed and scribbled with ink. Their repiration will be time-consum

ed and will not completely ob

true the damage.

The destruction is believed
to have been committed on two separate occasions, but apparent

ly by the same person or persons. Ron Watson, chairman of the Aquinas art department, described the actions as "completely senseless."

"We've never had anything defaced before," he adds, "al

though there have been occasional small incidents where small objects have been stolen, especi

ally in the spring art shows held by Aquinas art students."

The "sad thing about the whole situation," according to Watson, "is the loss that Cassino, the artist will experience. The painting represents a ten-year peri

od in his career," Watson said.

"And it's a real loss to him be

cause it's the kind of thing he isn't doing anymore."

Charles Broomer, director of Wege Center, and therefore, would be in charge of any such exhibits, agrees with Watson in the "insensibility of it. But, you know, it's not his hand's fault, because he doesn't have the neces

sary security to ensure that such problems are prevented."

The vandalism has present

ed problems for a current exhib

it in the Loutit Room which is composed of the work of Aquinas art students.

According to Watson, class members have had to arrange to take turns to have someone there at all times to guard against any

thing similar happening. Because of schedule conflicts the arrange

ments have been somewhat irreg

ular, so the exhibit has not been open to the public as the stu

dents would like.

The vandalism may also destroy any further plans for artists from outside the Aquinas area to come here and show their work.

Broomer "Can't afford to hire a guard" to ensure against further vandalism. And Watson "really can't invite anyone to show their work under these conditions."

So, Watson says that fu

ture exhibits from artists may not be possible unless existing conditions change --"how we have a really inadequate display area; we simply don't have an art gallery we can control."

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OurAq to Raise Student Wages

by CATHY HOBART

The Federal minimum wage is going up to $2.65 begin

ning Jan. 1. Although Aquinas might possibly see a tem

porary sub-minimum wage, the College is going to begin paying $2.65 to its student workers at the beginning of next year. This decision was made early last week by John O'Connor, vice-president of finance.

"This really won’t affect jobs that much," he emphasized. It is unlikely, however, that any additional jobs will be opening up next semester.

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Some Exceptions to the Rule

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students who worked so long and hard in preparation for the liberal arts day. In addition to paying for expenses, these students spent countless hours making signs, preparing a brochure, contacting the news media, working at petition tables, scheduling a speaker and helping with many other prepatory activities.

The Aquinas Players did a superb job on their two skits, "Henny Penny" and "The Brentwood Musicians," which they presented four times during the day. The skits were acted and directed by the students, who are members of the college. The many hours spent rehearsing and presenting the skits brought laughter to the campus (a rare commodity these days) as well as a serious message. The members of the Aquinas Players will soon go on to college, where the administration discontinues all financial assistance for their operations.

The point made by the Liberal Arts Day is clear. Something is wrong at Aquinas. The students know it. The administration, at least until now, has not been aware of the problem. The students have generally oblivious to it. The faculty senses it, but prefers to turn the other way, hoping that the problem will go away and slapping the students and faculty who reach for the kind of academic quality that they deserve.

The Sunrise survey has finally been tabulated. The results, showing some marked differences from the survey results from last year, seem to show the changing needs of our college community.

Two hundred students were given the questionnaire, received approximately 125 responses back.

The articles that most people dealt with events like maintenance and scholarship party, Summer camp at Golden Beach, and the tediousness of the college community. Although the Classified Ads section received the most criticism, 80 per cent of the students read them.

Most students who write to keep a bi-weekly round of comments, hoping that the problem will go away and the students and faculty who respond know what the publications Board is. One student commented: "Why hasn't it been rethought?"

In the answer to these questions, the publications Board is sort of guardian body for the Sunrise, the people who read dealt with events that do not directly affect ourselves, our families and our country that forgets how to dream is nothing short of a hell on earth. And the celebrants of Christmas 1977 continue to ignore the destruction. And the celebrants of Christmas 1977 continue to ignore the hypocrisy.

This will be my last column for Sunrise. Next semester, I have an announcement to make that, to some, will be quite a surprise. But for the sake of everyone—expatriots, too, I might just decide to stay in Ireland.
Neither Sleet nor Snow...

by ALAYNNA ANTOR

Have you ever climbed out of bed, looked out your window, and noticed that your neighborhood's three story house was completely covered with snow? Have you ever donned skates to get to your car because your driveway was so icy that the little kids from two doors down were playing hockey on it? Have you ever found a friend willing to action while on your way to Wege Center for breakfast because the wind chill was 22 degrees below zero? Have you ever called Aquinas on days like those, only to hear that it was, indeed, still holding classes? Have you ever wondered how many times Aquinas has actually closed down because of the weather? Well, wonder no more, because Sister Barbara Hansen, academic vice-president, has supplied the answer: the school had been cancelled twice. (Yes, only twice!) One of these days was during the 1975-76 school year. The weather was so bad that Manchester and south of Utica were shut down. The other time Aquinas shut down was last winter during a bad period of snow and ice. "It was probably a mistake," said Sister Barbara, "but the people were commuting and had missed three days of school because of the snow. Holding classes would have been unfair to them."

Since 60 per cent of the students at Aquinas are within 30 miles of campus, it was not surprising that they were among the first to begin thinking about the possibility of school being cancelled. "We know there's a problem, but our primary concern has to be the sidewalks," stated Joe Nowak, superintendent of buildings and grounds, regarding snow removal on campus. "With only one truck having a plow on it, it's very easy to get behind on a day like today," commented Nowak as he looked out the window at the five inches of snow that covered the Grand Rapids area on Thursday evening, Dec. 8.

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Ireland '78 Boasts an Exotic Enrollment

by ED KRUSKA

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by TIM BULSON

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Liberal Arts education.

Elliot is presently a staff writer for Grand Valley State College's student newspaper, the Grand Rapids Press, for which he was chief editorial writer for 18 years.

Elliot was introduced by Sr. Teresa Houldin, associate professor of philosophy. In his talk, Elliot interwove the theme of the intrinsic value as opposed to the instrumental value of an education educated through liberal arts studies.

Elliot maintained that a liberal education is much more valuable than a career-oriented education. "The world is changing too fast. A person trained in a particular niche already filled within a few years, the graduate of today is likely to find that his or her education is obsolete in a few years. The graduate of today will likely hold eight or 10 different occupations in his or her life," commented Elliot.

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105. Students should pick up their aid form before leaving for home at the beginning of the semester. Parents should not send in the FAF for processing until after Jan. 1, 1978, however, the completion of the FAF should not be delayed until 1977 income is filed. Estimated amounts as expected to be reported on the return, can be submitted. In Michigan, students should apply for the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant (BEOG), a student simply checks the release box on the FAF. All students should apply for the BEOG. All Michigan residents should apply for state aid by completing the Michigan section of the FAF and releasing a copy to the State of Michigan.

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becoming associated with the computer to an ever-increasing extent. The computer at Aquinas is an excellent program, except that it lacks a good word-processing department. The new credit hour system being practiced for the current 1976-77 would allow students from other universities to choose electives, and it would be helpful to have a number of data processing courses available.

Also, the quality of education deteriorates in an academic area that experiences a large demand. The student-teacher ratio is favorable in that situation, but the quality of classroom materials and teaching aids cannot be compared with that of other universities. Some say that an expensive education is better than a cheap education. I don't agree. I see no need for Aquinas College to continue to offer major programs. The number of students is decreasing in the humanities and liberal arts. Aquinas continues to respond to the needs of the Grand Rapids community.

Tom Bergy
A SUNDAY reporter obtained a copy of Santa's Christmas list for some of Aquinas' residents from a strange looking elf whom he mistook for one of our editors. The following excerpts from that list will let some lucky people know what they have to look forward to on Christmas Eve.

- A noogie roll for Mr. Singleton
- A diet plan for Sr. Amata
- A Notre Dame Cotton Bowl victory for Joe Thomp
- A weight set for Jerry DeBoer
- Plowed parking lots for the commuter students
- An informative, but not boring, Today Bulletin for Jeff
- A spelling lesson for Student Activities poster makers
- New chemistry jokes for Doc Peje
- Stories come true for Larry Porter in Dallas
- A compliment for Larry Wilson
- A theft-proof book for the LRC
- A "mass gathering" for Fr. Tim
- Nothing but clean socks in Mr. Teusink's political drawer
- A student audience for Sr. Mona's lecture series
- A parade for Joe Zwier
- Magic equipment that works for Chris Jenkinson
- Continued unibased sports reporting from the SUNRISE
- A new cause for the Geographical Association
- A crowd for the basketball teams
- Some respect for the business department
- Elevator shoes for Norbert Hruby
- A new car for R.J. Bruni
- A mid-term break for next semester
- A megaphone for George Lamontain
- Another note for Dr. Graff
- A paddleball victory for Ernie Mousseau over Rodger Remington
- A new joke for Hiram Bakes
- A new cause for the Geography Association
- A workable flue for John Nichols and his fireplace
- A well-deserved rest for Michele Kuzmicz

X-mas Festivities
Planned by RHC

by MIMI SMITH

As the holiday season is upon us, the RHC members are busy planning campus activities. The recent coffee houses kicked off a long line of scheduled events. RHC President, Sharon Oechsel comments, "The coffee houses are held in the Regina Lounge and feature an evening of student entertainment and a general get together. The coffee house idea gives us the opportunity to see talent we don't have on campus." An informative, but not boring, Today Bulletin for Jeff

Decorating the resident hall lounges with Christmas trees is only the first of the holiday activities organized by RHC. A seasonal Mass is under preparation and on Dec. 16, the annual Christmas kegger and dance will be held. The featured band will be "Home Brew." Says Oechsel, "At this time of year everyone is so involved in studying and exams we thought some good Christmas activities would break the monotony. As for the Christmas dance, it has been a tradition here at Aquinas and the RHC wanted to keep up the spirit." A branch of RHC, Artistic, Cultural and Educational Committee (ACE) strives to offer a rounded format of events to the student body. Oechsel said, "Since RHC has only been considered a social organization in the past, we are now working to incorporate some educational ideas too."

Building on this idea of educational activities, through January and February, RHC will co-sponsor a series of lectures on human sexuality. The five week series will be held in the pastoral center and guest speakers will be the Rev. Don Van Hoven and Shirley Van Hoven from the Campus ministry branch of Western Michigan University, Dr. Wayne Houtcooper, instructor at Aquinas and Deacon Dick Sparks from the Catholic Information Center.

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That's Entertainment?
Terry (Toad) Toshid

Merry Christmas!

Yes, it's the season to be jolly, to hit the decks with lots of holly, and to see the movie producers' Christmas folly. What have the various directors sunk months and millions of dollars into to send out to us as Christmas presents?

The biggest film this season has to be Steven Spielberg's Close Encounters of the Third Kind. A sprawling, multi-million dollar UFO epic, it promises to be one of the best science-fiction films of all time. Some are even suggesting that it will surpass Star Wars. It should be interesting.

Another film I'll be realased this holiday season also deals with human beings interacting with unusual beings. Peter's Dragon is a story from the Disney studios about a boy who befriends a dragon. A first-rate cast and the usual excellent Disney animation should make this a good must-see show to take little brother and sister to see over the holidays. Oh, if you've like me and never completely grown up, you might brave the slings and spitballs of outrageous urchins and see it unescorted.

The Bijou also seems to have gotten into the holiday spirit. At least I must say that most of their December films have given me something to cheer about. There's George Star Wars, Lucas' first professional film, THX1138. It's a science-fiction, 1948-like story. Start the Revolution Without Me is an insane parody of swashbucklers with Gene Wilder and Don Sutherland as the two great swindlemen in Europe, and with Orson Welles as an ill-fated, pompous narrator. The Little Prince is a faithful musical adaptation of the classic children's story with a message for adults of all ages. Finally, and best of all, Brother sun, Sister Moon is returning. A film by Franco Zeffirelli (Romeo & Juliet, Jesus of Nazareth), it's a deeply personal reflection of Franciscan Assisi, with a beautiful score by English folk singer Donovan and an unforgettable cameo by Alec Guinness as Pope Innocent III. I can't think of a better film at Christmas time.

There is another film currently playing around Grand Rapids, however, that I think is very appropriate for the holiday season, even though it's been out for awhile. It seems to me that for about as long as we've been going around on this planet somebody has God has been trying to convince us that he is not utterly indifferent (my apologies to Vonnegut fans) but rather that he cares very deeply about us. Carl Reiner's The Revolution Without Me is an insane parody of swashbucklers starring Gene Wilder. I think this film is very appropriate for the holiday season, even though it's been out for awhile.

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Happy Holidays!
Theta-Rho Sends Porter to Dallas

by JOE STEVE

Theta-Rho, the local chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, is holding a 50-50 raffle to help pay the expenses of chapter President Larry Porter's trip to Phi Alpha Theta meeting in Dal­las, Texas Dec. 28 to 30. Porter will be reading a paper entitled, "taking the Tiger by the Tail: The Story of Thomas Nast and William Marcy Tweed," written by Kevin Marin, a for­mer Aquinas student. The read­ing will be approximately 25 minutes long.

The convention is held every even year, and this year, Theta-Rho sent Joe Lennon, a 1976 graduate, to Atlanta, Geor­gia. Lennon, however, did not go to the convention with a reading, he was a representative.

The central office of Phi Alpha Theta will be paying $250 per cent of the airfare, and the local chapter will be picking up the rest of the tab.

"I'm looking forward to going (to the conference)" Larry Porter states.

The drawing will be held Dec. 19, and the winner will re­ceive an ant to the procedures.

Phi Alpha Theta is an interna­tional honor society, meets bi­annually with the American His­torial Association and all other historical societies.

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\[\text{by Tim Bulson & Joe Thome} \]

A Christmas Gift

As we fight the crowds, the traffic and the long lines for those lucky people on your Christmas list, why not simply give a Christmas Gift as well.

What could be this simple gift?

For just 13 cents you can give this little gift of support; you don't have to act before midnight tonight December 14, 1977.

Ferency feels, "Michigan should lead the way away from the use of alcohol. "The present culture are all threatened by the use of alcohol. "The present government must lead the way away from the use of alcohol."

The quest for more oil doesn't mean that we should sell out this country. We all have a public health matter, "he concluded. "We all have a public health matter,"

And last, but perhaps his most important point is, "How to have someone a very safe and Merry Christmas."
Saints Drop Home Opener to Alma

by Larry Porter

After losing two close games at Michigan Tech and getting beat by 19 points at Albion, Coach Larry Wilson and his squad were probably more than glad to return to the friendly confines of the Aquinas fieldhouse.

Unfortunately the basketball team opened its home season at the short end of a 92-76 score against Alma.

A large crowd, for Aquinas was on hand to see the game. Many, however, may not return to watch the Saints if the imitation of the Detroit Lions offense continues.

The first half ended with Aquinas trailing 44-41. The Saints played catch up ball most of the half at one time trailing by 12 points. At one point the Saints only trailed by one point before Alma put on a burst just before the half.

The second half was all Alma as they matched their first half scoring by pouring in another 46 points to end with 92 for the game.

Olivet's Strong Bench Defeats Aquinas 67-57

by CHARLEY CLAPP

Olivet reserve Kim Thompson scored 19 points, and that was also the margin of defeat as the newly christened Saints fell to the Comets of Olivet 67-57.

Olivet's use of their bench, their balanced scoring, and their errant passes thrown by the Saints propelled Aquinas to defeat.

In the first half Aquinas guard Dave Knickerbocker scored 12 points while he was followed by Jeff Trimpke and Charlie Thomson each with four points. On the other side Comet guard Al Westendorf scored 12 points followed by his teammates Bill Hathaway each scored four.

Whenever Aquinas came close or picked up momentum, Comet coach Gary Morrison would send in a reserve. Their reserves played like starters. Reserve forward Jackson came in the first half when the Saints pulled to within two points of the Comets. Jackson scored three basket, handed out assists and grabbed some key rebounds.

Thomson was sent into the game in the second half when Aquinas narrowed Oliver's lead to seven and he hit three straight 29 foot jump shots, thus taking the wind out of the Saints sails.

The use of players by Aquinas coach Larry Wilson was questionable. Knickerbocker, who had the hot hand in the first half, did not play very much in the second half. At the beginning of the second half, senior forward Jeff Trimpke hit two quick baskets, then he was yanked. The logic does not follow.

On offense the Saints seemed to be standing around and their passes were being deflected or intercepted quite frequently. This can be blamed on both the passers and the receivers who were not moving.

A bright point of the game for the Saints was the game of freshman guard Roy Fend. Fend scored 16 points plus playing a defensive and all-out hustle. The Saint defense also improved from the last game. Fend led all Saint scorers with 16 points, followed by Knickerbocker with 15 points and Trimpke with 10 points. Westendorf led all scorers with 19 points, followed by Jackson with 14 points, Rathe with 12 points, and Thompson with 10 points.

Hope Falls To Women Cagers

by JOSIE CONKLIN

Aurinas womens basketball team started out with a real bang, defeating Hope College 59-38. It was an impressive first start for Aquinas, defeating Hope who had already played three games.

Aquinas' defense was superb. Chris Pema and Jeanne Robach, both sophomores, helped hold Hope to 12 points in the first and 24 in the second half.

Although the offense scored quite a few points, they also made a few mistakes. They had problems shooting as well as three second fouls.

The high scorers for Aquinas were Robin Dykhouse with 15, Jeanne Robach with 16, Karen Mytka with 15, Karen Whitmore with 8, and Audrey Remote nine points.

As the season progresses Aquinas womens basketball will have a winning season, if their first game was any indication of their potential.
Grand Rapids Gets New Puckers

Professional hockey again has returned to Grand Rapids. The Dayton Owls, as of last week, have become the Grand Rapids Owls. Faced with poor attendance and financial troubles, the Owls owners reached an agreement with the International Hockey League and Grand Rapids Stadium owner Phil Simon to finish their season here.

Pat Weiler

“Endurance, Strength, A Bit of Craziness”

by LARRY PORTER

In the recently compiled MAIA National Cross Country Championships Senior runner Pat Weiler finished ninth to earn All-American honors for the fourth time. A person who knows Weiler’s ability would not be surprised by the high finish in the National. But that same person who looked at Weiler four years ago would have wondered why he bothered to waste his time going out for the cross-country team.

Weiler attended high school at Sanford-Meridian in Sanford. He was a miler on the track team and even played in the Class C state meet his senior year. His real love was football, however. He was the starting quarterback for the “Mustangs” guided the team to a 7-2 record, and earned All-Area honors.

Weiler, in other words, did not run cross country in high school. In fact, Sanford-Meridian did not have a cross-country team.

So why did a football player and sometimes track runner receive a scholarship to run track and cross country? “I knew him,” says Athletic Director Ennis Mousso, who coached Weiler his first two years at Aquinas. “I knew the kind of stock he came from. He was the kind of person that the team looks up to.”

Sophomore year saw Weiler make the cross country All-District team once more. That was only a prelude to what was to come during track season. Weiler successfully defended his title in the District meet and qualified for both NAIA and NCAA Division II Nationals. In a span of less than a week Weiler placed fourth in both events earning All-American honors twice.

One reason for his success may be his training habits. On the day before Thanksgiving Weiler ran for 9000 miles a day. For the last three years he has served as Sports Information Director.

What is Weiler’s outlook on life? He third out of six children from a strong Catholic family, which contributes to Weiler’s positive outlook on life. “No matter how bad things seem there has to be some good there. I try to look for that good. I’m also very thankful for having the kind of family I do,” says Weiler. “It’s easy to be happy when you feel you can reach them,” says Weiler.

Upon graduation, Weiler has plans of a future of teaching, traveling, and training for the summer of 1980. Making the Olympic team looms very large in Weiler’s future. “I would love to make the team,” says Weiler. “I’m very thankful for having the kind of support I have.”

One thing was missing from the Aquinas bench on Saturday. Wilson forgot his peanuts. “I was much more comfortable without them,” he added.

Sources reported Friday that there was a strong verbal agreement that hockey fans would be looked out for.

The stage was set for nationals. Weiler qualified in both meets thus earning All-American honors twice!

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SUNRISE, Aquinas College Christmas Press
Dear Kids,

Signed,

plenty of snow.

the eggnog. This season you may

sure I get to see your tan. I’ll miss

To Room 337-

will help you.

Dear Pipe-Lover,

Oscar:

the slopes of this estate. There’s

gether or Santa won’t bring you a

T. with a Y.

Dear Mom —

Kremer,

Merry Christmas Uncle J.!

New Year. Thanks for everything.

Kathy and Carol,

Dear Henny,

Buttoneer Kit.

What can I say? Will you ever

 Though I won’t be around to

I hope to see you trying on

Have a good time in Fla. Make

From the Lost Hat!

Sue and Gina

Henry

SUNRISE staff & friends,

See you at the T.G.I.F. this

Editorial staff

Dear Joe,

The “difference” is in Ireland. It is an ancient and imposing

Hilltop, Mayo, Ireland

To Mom, Dad, Bonzer & Monster, x

Erin go Bragh!

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Merry Christmas and a

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