Staffing Problems Kill Yearbook

Tabloid Proposed as Replacement

By WALTER BAKES

The 1984-85 “Silver Edition” of the Veritas yearbook will not be published, by a unanimous decision of the Publications Board on November 30. The $5000 allocation from the Senate to finance the book will be returned, and the six advertisers that had taken out ads in the book will be reimbursed.

The Board had frozen the yearbook’s second-quad allotment at a November 9 meeting, following a report by Veritas editor Margaret Knizacky that the book’s layout was “going slow” and that only four pages had been laid out at that time.

The yearbook’s first deadline was November 30, when 30 pages were due.

Replacing the book will be a year-end round-up tabloid newspaper. The Publications Board plans it to be an eight-page paper, printed on high-quality stock, that will sum up the year with text and pictures. It will be under the direction of Walter Bakes, Aquinas Times editor, and under the co-editorship of Knizacky and another person yet to be named. Its financing awaits Senate approval.

The main problem facing the yearbook was a small staff—“five active people out of 25 who said they’d be,” said Knizacky. The yearbook staff, besides Knizacky and the business manager, consisted of one layout person, a writer, two photographers, and a sports editor.

Knizacky feels that people’s schedules were a problem. “People really wanted to work, but didn’t have the time,” she said.

Veritas advisor and Associate Director of Public Relations Sharon Yentsch said at the November 30 Board meeting that perhaps the Publications Board “ought to take a look...if Aquinas wants or needs a yearbook.” In the past, yearbook sales have been low, with the 1980 Veritas selling only 250 out of 500 and students buying only some 70 of 250 1982-83 yearbooks.

Christopher House: A View From Inside

By BOB BASTA

The residents of Christopher House, a two-year priestly preparational program loosely connected with Aquinas, face a big obstacle—the “Chris House” label. When the name appears in conversation, some of the seminarians feel an invisible wall of misunderstanding develops. Mike Kranenburg suggested, “When you’re in the seminary, people take a different attitude towards you.” According to Mike Judson, a 19-year-old West Side native, “The fact of being a member comes up between me and others. People aren’t as cozy with us.”

Christopher House holds a distinct role in the Aquinas community. There is no official link between the House and Aquinas. The college serves only as an academic center for members. A member can attend school anywhere as long as he fills theology requirements. Thirteen members currently live in the House. Ranging in age from 18-30 years old, each has his own reasons for spending a year in the seminary. To many people, this lifestyle may seem unusual.

As Fr. Dick said, “It’s not easy here. Today it’s out of the norm for some one that age to take spirituality and celibacy seriously.” Ex-member Chris Asplund reflected, “People don’t realize seminarians are human.”

Typical of the House’s diversity is 1983 Aquinas graduate Mark Przybylak, who taught math in Bloom-

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field Hills, Michigan for awhile. Then he quit. The 23-year old said, "I really can't say I won't ever go back. To prepare for the priesthood and directly reach and serve people are my main reasons."

Sticking to a set schedule is part of the House's discipline. After 7 a.m. morning prayer and breakfast, each member is on his own. At night, there is Mass and a 9:30 P.M. prayer session. As one member said, "Prayers can be monotonous after a while. But life around here doesn't get boring." People talk about their drinking problems, not being comfortable with the House, and my personal problems. It drew us closer together.

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Asplund's unique experiences, however, just could not convince him to stay in the seminary house for another year. He had finally reached some decisions on his satisfaction with the priestly-tasting lifestyle. Feeling uncomfortable and sensing identity problems, Chris remarked, "I wasn't sure where I fit in with people. I was there looking at the priesthood. I found out I wasn't for me. Comparing myself with others got me down."

The ex-member sensed personal alienation. Even though he lived in a close community, Asplund commented, "I was around people but I still felt alone and out of place. There were some things I didn't get into and that I felt out of." Regarding the seminary in his future plans, Asplund said, "I really can't say I won't ever go back."

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One Who Left

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After living at Christopher House for one year, 20-year old Chris Asplund left in May, 1984. The tall, curly-blonde-haired former Aquinas Student, known around the campus as "Bubba," now attends Grand Rapids Junior College and works at the downtown Jefferson St. Panattoni bowling alley.

Chris had mixed emotions about his seminary days. He also felt the confusion over the House's drinking policy. As Chris said, "The House's policy struck me as funny. They didn't want underage drinkers, which was good. But if they would've enforced their drinking rules, it would've been a good policy."

The drinking policy was that those 21 and over could drink in designated areas of the house. Ironically, an Alcoholics Anonymous retreat to St. Mary's Church in Big Rapids stands out as one of Asplund's best memories. The first night of the A.A. retreat we had a giant rap session. People talked about their drinking problems, not being comfortable with the House, and my personal problems. It drew us closer together.

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Boy George? Well, because he's weird, of course. And I like weirdness, probably because I was endowed with so little amount of it myself. When I was in grade school, whatever his reason for looking for such social failings as my unabashed devotion to the Road Runner and Lassie, and the fact that I occasionally wore "floodies" (you know, those pants that your mother made you wear for another year because they were "perfectly good," even though the cuffs were about an inch above your shorts, I am now regarded by my man who was tossed out of school at age sixteen for coming to class with orange hair.

The Donahue program, the Boy seemed slightly annoyed when questioned after question grilled him about his appearance. I can't say that I blame him. Outside of the fact that we should just be accustomed to George's Hasidic geisha look by now, there is something else as important of questioning that bothers me. Why all that talk about beauty and the like.

Everyone has had the experience of being labeled a freak. Remember the grade school name-calling? "Four eyes," "fatty," "short stuff," "dog face," "stupid.

Stop repressing it. Cherish it. Cultivate it. You don't have to look like Carmen Miranda, or even Boy George to be a freak. It is perfectly acceptable. If we would all develop our weirdness, our culture and society would be complete. They would be complete. Not just the music business, but the entire society. When we see people in that light, every one of us should feel a sense of responsibility and, to a certain extent, guilt. We are all members of society, and are therefore responsible for what society is today. I do not know about you, but I don't think our society is too great today. I think it's a mess. But we can help it, we can do something about it.

I know of only a few people who have done all they can to help straighten out their societies; Jesus, Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Jr. Obviously, we aren't all Jesuses, Gandhis or Kings, but we all can do something. We all can get involved in some way. It doesn't have to be much, supporting the Hospice Program by buying a carnation, bringing clothes in for Packages for Poland, writing a letter to a correspondent, or actually reading and thinking about the pamphlets that are distributed at the Peace Vigil on Thursdays. It all makes a difference and does need to be done. It is what CAVA/SAC is here for. We are here to help you get involved in the world around you. Involved in every case, predictably, Sandra Day O'Connor, not a Supreme Court justice (in every case, predictably, Sandra Day O'Connor), not a Supreme Court justice (indeed, that would only be another kind of conformity).

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single soul among them could name the secretaries of the interior or education, and of the nearly three-fourths who at least knew that George Bush is Vice President, almost half thought his name was spelled the same as a brand of beer. God help us.

So it is with great relief that I see the Times attempting to inform its readership about important issues, endorsing the causes of peace and human rights, and even—dare I say it after all these years?—improving the quality of writing in this paper. Please keep it up. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Joe Zwier
Sunrise editor, 1976-77 Aquinas College, Class of 1978
Aquinas Writers: Publication

May Be In Your Future

By MARY DAVIS

Lambda Iota Tau would like to invite all Aquinas College students, whatever their field of study, to participate in their annual writing contest. Each year, Lambda magazine had to give him an issue all his own. Frankly, I'm worried about him. His talent for presenting a piece of the rock is undeniable. But, he's becoming more reclusive all the time. Remember Elvis? Be on the lookout for his new prescriptive paper. If Michael is reading this (and I'm almost certain that he must be) I hope he takes good care of himself.

Post on the other hand, is more of a stand-back type of performer. I feel silly being in the position of the 46,090th reviewer to compare Michael Jackson and Prince. I do know one thing. Prince does everything that Jackson does with three major differences: Prince does it by himself (without Quincy Jones or Paul McCartney), Prince does it with conviction, and Prince does it for grown-ups. Purple Rain, believe it or not, is my vote for album of the year. It has musicianship, guts, conviction, lyricism, and some of the best lyrics in the business. But as far as impact on the genre is concerned, we can't avoid looking at Michael Jackson and Prince. It's becoming increasingly easier for me to get tired of hearing about them, particularly Michael. It's not enough that the nightly news had to tell us of every leg of their Victory tour, but People magazine had to give him an issue all his own.

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And let's not forget heavy metal. Just when you think we've heard the last from Purple Rain, vibes are not what I consider good for my ears. Give me The Pretenders' Learning to Crawl, or the first album from the E Street Band, and I can get an album on the charts, then something is definitely up here. There's even an Icicle Works. DEEP PURPLE and URIAH HEEP and R.E.M. and Def Leppard and Van Halen have given us some pretty catchy thud-rock that you could even sing along with, y'know? But for me, the pervading theme of sexism, devil-worship, and all-around bad vibes are not what I consider good for my ears. Give me The Pretenders' Learning to Crawl, or the first album from the E Street Band, and I can get an album on the charts, then something is definitely up there. There's even an Icicle Works.

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SPORTS WRAPUP

By MICHAEL L. DEAN

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (4-0)

The Aquinas women's basketball team ran its record to 4-0 with a hard and easy win last week.

The hard win came at Northwood (November 29), as the Saints overcame a rough first half (the Saints trailed by only 3, 41-38, despite being down by 11 at one point) and a very pesky Northwood team that shot 54% for the game to take a 76-75 squeaker. Peg Harte led all scorers with 33 points, including two free throws with seven seconds left to provide the winning margin (and even then, the Saints had to survive a last-second shot by Northwood.). Thirteen of Harte's points came at the free throw line, as Aquinas hit 26 of 36 charity tosses. Kathy Grezgorzki scored 22 points and Anne Biermacher contributed 11 more for the Saints. Paula Peterson and Beth Mueller led the Northwomen with 19 and 18 points respectively.

December 1 saw the Saints host Adrian College, and Aquinas took command early against the young Bulldogs team, scoring 17 of the 21 points in the opening six minutes. From there, Aquinas cruised to a 47-21 halftime lead and a 91-48 win. All but two Saints scored in the game, as the reserves saw plenty of action with Grezgorzki leading all scorers with 21 points. Cindy Gramowski added 11, and Lori Grochowski and Anne Biermacher 10 each. Two of Biermacher's points came on a 75-foot shot, rather, pass from the Adrian free throw line that found the net rather than the intended receiver about 75 feet away, but the Saints never looked back.

The Aquinas defense was tough on the Bulldogs, allowing Adrian to shoot only 35 percent from the floor (Aquinas hit 59 percent), and allowing no Bulldog to score in double figures. The defense was led by the regular lifters as well as the once-in-a-while lifters, too. Your goal doesn't have to be to help rebuild the weight lifting area of the Fieldhouse and win with this as your main objective, you win simply by entering.

The main purpose of the contest is to raise money for new equipment, that ever-present Aquinas spirit of competition is just an added attraction.

The In Shape Club hopes that all who presently use the facilities will enter the Lift-A-Thon. This includes the regular lifters as well as the once-in-a-while lifters, too. Your goal doesn't have to be to win, your goal should be to help rebuild the weight lifting area of the Fieldhouse and win with this as your main objective, you win simply by entering.

The events for the contest are the same as last year except the leg press (nearly the equivalent of the squat). The weight classes will also be the same so the records can be accurately kept. The weight classes will also be the same so the records can be accurately kept.

The Lift-A-Thon will be held Wednesday, February 20 and run from 9 am until 3 pm. Contestants can watch the weight lifting in person or simply drop off their pledges before settling down to a intense struggle that saw Aquinas holding a lead through the first eight minutes with Aquinas holding a lead of 20-13. The game continued in the same vein before settling down to a intense struggle that saw Aquinas lead Hope at the end of the first half, 38-35. The game continued in the same vein before settling down to a intense struggle that saw Aquinas lead Hope at the end of the first half, 38-35.

The second-year coach continued, "We have the best coaching in the West," and the Saint roster score 129 pounds and under, 140 to 159, 160 to 179, and 180 pounds and over. The women are invited to participate in both events, but they will not have to divagate their weight.

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SPORTS

Men's Basketball Nets Fourth Aquinas Tournament Win

By MICHAEL L. DEAN

The Aquinas College men's basketball team captured the sixth Aquinas College tournament to run their winning streak to four games. The two tournament game wins entitled the Saints to win their fourth title in the six-year history of the tournament, and evened their season record at 4-4. Friday night (December 7) the Saints took on Grand Rapids Baptist in the first round. The visiting Comets controlled the play in the first half, taking advantage of 65 percent shooting from the floor to build a 39-31 halftime lead.

But the Saints used a half-court defense that forced four Comet turnovers in the opening minutes, of which three were turned into Aquinas scores. The Saints finally took the lead for good on a pair of Laray Hardy free throws, with 11:55 left. Baptist continued to remain within striking distance, but were finally subdued with just under a minute to play, as Aquinas advanced to the finals for the sixth time in six tries with an 84-74 win. Cory Branch led the Saints with 29 points and Hardy scored 17 in the second half to total 40. Don Crawford's 24 points led the Comets, while Jim Eppink added 22 points and 15 rebounds.

In the championship game, against the Purdue-Calumet Lakers, Aquinas found itself trailing midway through the half, 20-10. But the Saints dominated the rest of the half, turning that deficit into a 40-30 lead.

In the second half, the Saints continued to hold the Lakers at bay, although Purdue-Calumet got to within three points (58-56) at one point. Aquinas built its biggest lead of the game with 1:49 left, 83-68, but had to hang on and sweat out a P-C flurry that accounted for the last 11 points of the game. That rally, though, ran out of time, and Aquinas won the tournament for the fourth time in six years, 83-79. Laray Hardy led all scorers with 39 points, which set a new Aquinas tournament record for points in a game. Joe Van Rosmalen scored 21 and Cory Branch added 16 points and 15 rebounds. The Lakers were led by Tony Vermejan's 24 points; Tony Garvey added 17 with 11 rebounds, and Jeff Pendleton chipped in with 15.

Purdue-Calumet reached the championship game with an 81-72 win over Aurora (IL), a game that was only the second overtime game in tournament history. Vermejan, Garvey, and Pendleton each scored 20 points for P-C, which bettered the 28-point performance by Aurora's Mike Ryan. Speaking of the Spartans, they came out with a hot hand in the first half, hitting 64 percent of their shots to take a 29-28 lead over Grand Rapids Baptist in the consolation game. The teams played on fairly even terms after that, but the damage had been done, as Aurora set a tournament record for most points in a game but routing the Comets, 98-65. Maurice Culpepper led a quintet of Spartans into double figures with 21 points. Jim Eppink led Baptist with 19 points and 13 rebounds.

The all-tournament team consisted of MVP Hardy, who set a two-game tournament record of 63 points, Cory Branch from Aquinas, Tony Vermejan and Tony Garvey from Purdue-Calumet (4-4), Mike Ryan from Aurora (4-4), and Jim Eppink of Baptist (4-8).

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Joe Van Rosmalen evades the grasping Lakers for two points' worth.

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**People of the TIMES**

By WALTER BAKES

Take a wild guess at the number of letters and packages that go through the Aquinas mailroom monthly. Congratulations, if you guessed 100,000.

The person responsible for sending these 100,000 items on their way every month is Mail Room Operator Dan Morgan.

Dan, a night student for over two years, has also been working at the mailroom, in the basement of the Administration Building, for two years.

Dan's married, with three sons and one grandson. He is a retired Army sergeant first class, and has been a sports official for 22 years.

In the course of handling all the mail, Dan employs 15 part-time student staff members. How does he feel about working with so many pieces of mail? Dan describes his job as "a lot of fun."

You'll find Dan enjoying his job from 9:30 to 4:30 each day.

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