Hruby Revives Tradition

by Liz Biermacher

Dr. Norbert Hruby, president of Aquinas College, teaches freshman composition every Monday and Wednesday morning. Hruby said he volunteered to teach in order to keep in touch with the “typical young student of Aquinas,” and also get a taste of “what it’s like to be part of the Aquinas faculty.”

Hruby was really surprised to find out that the president of Aquinas was teaching a course.

Other students commented that their professor is “just like any other teacher on campus, only he has higher status.”

Although Hruby has been in administration since 1948, he finds teaching “a fascinating experience. I like this. This is exactly where it is.”

Hruby feels the most rewarding part of teaching is “that marvelous moment when the light goes on in each student. That’s what teachers live for.”

Hruby was appointed president of Aquinas in 1969. Since then, he has taught a communications course entitled “The Medium is the Message” (1973), and has inaugurated several programs such as the Encore, Career Action, and Self Study programs, the Emeritus College, Career Development Center, and the Easttown Project.

Currently, Hruby is also Examiner-Consultant for the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. He was recently elected to the board of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities and the Commission on Higher Education of the North Central Association.

Hruby received his Bache­lor’s, Master’s and Ph.D. in English from Loyola University in Chicago. Four years later, he published a graduate study in drama at Yale University and post-doctoral study in continued education at the University of Chicago.

From 1947-51, Hruby was first an Assistant Professor of English, then went to the post of Director of Public Information at Loyola, before becoming Director of TV and Radio and Associate Dean at the University of Chicago. From 1962-69, he served as Vice President of Mundelein College in Chicago.

Hruby has written several publications including Survival Kit for Invisible Colleges and Presidential Perspectives, a quarterly newsletter circulated to Aquinas constituents, which he still writes.

As for teaching in the future, Hruby said he plans a heavy schedule next semester, so he won’t be in the classroom. But, “a year from now, who’s to say?"
The law requires that we notify all students who fail to submit a statement and, within 30 days, to inform all recipients well in advance of the start of second semester. Preliminary estimates appear from this campus the way it did during the period of 10 years prior to 1980. We were doing our best not to contribute to the apathy that abounds on this campus. We did what we could—no more, no less. Therefore, if Mr. Bulson would like to continue crusading to "open the public's eyes", I suggest that he start with his own.

Michael Ryan
Business Manager
1983 Fall

Q: I was hoping for an on-campus job but haven't been placed in a position yet. What can I do?

A: We are continuously placing students in jobs as we learn of new openings at the College. Unfortunately, we are not able to place all students who request work in a position of their choice. If you wish to be considered for a position in a given department, it never hurts to approach the supervisor of that department and make your interest known. Also, be aware that the Career Planning and Placement Center maintains a list of off-campus, part-time positions available in the Grand Rapids area.

Q: Can I expect a reduction in my Michigan Differential Grant for the second semester, as occurred last spring?

A: At this point in time, there appears to be a strong possibility that a reduction for second semester or equivalent will be placed on probation. If a student is on probation for two consecutive semesters, the student is no longer eligible for the financial aid.

Q: Will my grades for this semester affect my financial aid next semester?

A: Possibly. In order for a student to continue receiving financial aid, he or she must make satisfactory academic progress towards the degree. Failure to do so could result in the student being placed on academic probation. If a student is on academic probation for two consecutive semesters or the equivalent, the student is no longer eligible for financial aid. The entire policy for satisfactory progress is available in the Registrar's Office.
The Community Action Volunteers of Aquinas (CAVA) have been busy these past few weeks. Two of the organizations that CAVA volunteers have been active in are the Capital Lunch Program and "Labor for Love." 

The Capital Lunch Program is a hot meal program in the downtown area that provides elderly and incapacitated persons with a free dinner twice a week. This week in the Capital Lunch Program is part of the Catholic Human Development Office of Grand Rapids and is funded through that office as well as through donations from area organizations, including "CAVA." 

Volunteers are needed to help with meal preparation, serving, clean-up, and occasionally to assist in the office answering the phone. The work is rewarding as well as a lot of fun, and it provides a good opportunity for students to meet new people and learn more about the community. 

"Labor for Love" also allows students to make new friends while lending a helping hand. Darrell Peterson, a laid-off Lear Siegler Inc. instrument assembler, started his "Labor for Love" to help area elderly and disabled people with yard work and other general chores. After an article that appeared in the August 2 edition of the Grand Rapids Press, Peterson was so overwhelmed with calls that he began to look to area churches and youth organizations for help. A follow-up article in the Press was brought to the attention of CAVA, and volunteers have been involved ever since. 

Though washing windows may sound unappealing at first glance, volunteers have had a great experience doing just that for area elderly. Along with the personal satisfaction, volunteers have been rewarded with such things as a break, and building new friendships. With growing interest in "Labor for Love" here on campus, CAVA hopes to be able to handle a few more jobs to help ease Peterson's load.

SAC

by Kathy Goodwin

The U.S. and World Nuclear Weapons Freeze movement faces an unprecedented moment with the planned deployment of the new Cruise and Pershing II missile systems in Europe scheduled for this fall and the early winter months of 1984. Freeze-backers believe that these missiles will begin a new round of escalations in the East-West arms race and will further destabilize relations between the U.S. and the Soviet Union.

The Cruise missile is a small, pilotless airplane, capable of carrying a nuclear warhead sixteen times more powerful than that which was dropped on Hiroshima. These missiles can independently correct and change their own flight course and travel at close to the speed of sound.

"Once the Cruise is deployed in Europe, the U.S. will have the capacity to strike a target in Russia before it is detected due to the Cruise's ability to fly below radar. The Cruise will make verification next to impossible in any future arms agreements because this 20-foot long weapon has no missile so close to Russia will give the U.S. the capacity to strike Moscow with only 5 minutes warning," according to a September 25, 1983 article in the Grand Rapids Press. 

The unprecedented accuracy of these missiles leads many to point out that this is the beginning of "first-strike" weaponry. The "first-strike" strategy calls for using precise targeting capacity to strike Russian missiles before they ever leave their silos.

This weakens the idea of Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD) which is the idea behind deterrence. Recent statements by U.S. leaders in reference to "limited nuclear war" seem to underlie the thinking that the U.S. could start and "win" a nuclear war. Under these conditions, in which Russia's missiles are precisely targeted, it becomes a situation of "Use them or lose them" for the Soviet Union.

Moscow has threatened to go to a "hair-trigger response" or "launch-on-warning" system for their deterrent forces if the Cruise and Pershing II are deployed. This would mean that if Soviet radar detected what seemed to be an incoming attack they would immediately launch a retaliatory strike. In essence, the fate of the world would be decided by a computer.

The governments of the European NATO countries, by and large, have been divided on this point. In West Germany, public opinion polls show 66% of the people are opposed to the new missiles, and there is a substantial anti-nuclear movement in all countries except Italy (according to a Sept. 25, 1983 article in the Grand Rapids Press).

European peace activists fear that Europe will become the battle-ground for a "limited nuclear war." It is the U.S. which has the lead over the launch button and so the Europeans would not even be the ones deciding their own destiny.

The U.S. government and NATO claim that Cruise and Pershing II missiles are necessary in response to the new SS-20's which the Soviet Union is currently using to replace their older missiles. The SS-20's will give the Soviets ground superiority but these missiles do not represent any new threat to Europe that was not already there, and they do not have the capacity to reach the U.S.

"Labor for Love" administration's lack of commitment to an arms control agreement with Russia is well-illustrated in this quote from the testimony of Secretary of State George Schultz before the Senate Foreign Relations committee on June 15: "If we are not able to make an arms control agreement, well, that's the way the chips fall."
The co-ed Tug-of-war team managed to pull itself to victory over an all-male opposition.

Dan Pupel, Pam Nelson, Kathleen Parker, and Sandy Egeler perform at the Talent/Variety Revue.

Chairperson of the Art Department, Ron Pederson, unveils the art and music building plaque during the Cornerstone Ceremony held Saturday.

Larry Reidt was the winner of the Talent/Variety Revue Contest Friday night.

Making brooms by hand, Cont. Ed. student Ann Fraser entertains spectators.

“Chuckles” the clown makes his rounds greeting the crowd under the big tent.

Freshman Jon Dault prepares to boot the ball in the afternoon soccer game, which saw the Saints end a four-game winning streak to Albion 4-1.
Tradition Revived

Leif Simonsen, President of the Science Club, cooks bratwurst for the club's booth.

Benita Brink sold cotton candy to make the weekend a real treat.

Elena Fracassa "chows down" at the Pie Eating Contest.

Jill Centoni contributed to the Aquinas Times booth by popping balloons and winning candy bars.

Dorm students got into the spirit of the weekend by decorating their halls.

One of the many Saturday afternoon competitions was a water balloon toss.

Sister Mary Ann Barrett winds up for the big throw at the dunk tank.
Fitness Trail Aids Athletes

by Julie Pfaff

A recent addition to the Aquinas campus is the Fitness Trail, a nine station exercise course designed to give an overall workout to its user. Completion of the Trail was made possible by the joint effort of several Aquinas departments. Initiated and planned by the Physical Education Department, (graphical design by the Media Department, and constructive done by the Physical Plant) the trail was built over the summer of 1983.

The course consists of a circuit of nine stations placed on existing paths and trails of the Aquinas campus and covers approximately one mile from start to finish. At each station are instructions for performing an exercise, a bench or bar to assist in the exercise, and a map of the course. The first four stations are located on the south side of the fieldhouse and are designed for stretching and warm-up. Stations five through nine offer strength and endurance exercises for the upper body. To achieve a total body workout, one should jog from one station to the next to build lower body strength and cardiovascular fitness.

No matter what a person's level of fitness, the Trail will suit his or her needs, with instructions for different levels of fitness and variations of each exercise at its station. Use of the Fitness Trail is encouraged for all members of the Aquinas community. Further information and instructions for groups or individuals are available by contacting Dave Lucy's office in the fieldhouse.

Students Lend Help to Poland

by Darby Spicer

With the Christmas season fast approaching, Community Action Volunteers of Aquinas (CAVA) and the Social Action Committee (SAC) have begun a drive for items that will make up a Care Package for Poland. Through the joint effort of CAVA and SAC, care packages will be collecting clothes, household items, and non-perishable foods, which will be sent to Polish families for distribution within their communities.

Citizens throughout Poland are experiencing the recent news of Lech Walesa's Nobel Peace Prize award, but under the flash of joy remains the bitter reality of the suffering and turmoil caused by martial law and the economic crisis. Many Poles are in need of clothing, food, and various household items that they are unable to obtain because of financial restrictions as well as the shortages experienced throughout the country. Mothers are forced to use floor because of baby

Soccer Boasts Four Game Streak

by Pat Dewan

The Aquinas College Soccer team is now ranked eighth in the nation. Senior skipper Brian Eyby, Aquinas goalie, then gets into the act with a towering drop kick making the score 2-1. John Dault and Paul Fletcher each scored a goal while Pat Green, Dave Eder, and Grant Smale each contributed a goal to the victory.

Unfortunately, Albion cooled the Saints winning streak on the Saturday of Gala Weekend. An energetic Aquinas crowd saw the Saints tied with Albion through the first half. Heffernan scored Aquinas' first goal and only goal. Albion, one of the top teams in the region, has been recently scored 3 unanswered goals in the second half to defeat Aquinas 4-1.

Aquinas has surprised many people this year because of a strong fullback line. Experienced Ken Haseltine, Greg Stack and Jamie Watson and excellent goal tending by Brian Eyby, has kept Aquinas in contention. Jamie Watson and excellent goal tending by Brian Eyby, has kept Aquinas in contention.

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Cheerleaders Begin Season

by Susan Gehring

The cheerleading season is well underway this month, with 1/2 hour practice sessions being held every day. This is quite an increase in practice time over the couple of years, and she would like to see this trend continue. Big plans for this season in-include featuring for Aquinas' variety basketball games.

Kathleen Parker noted that attendance at basketball games has been increasing in the past couple of years, and she would like to see this trend continue. Spectator participation in cheer- leading is welcomed, as both atten- dance and cheering build team morale.

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