Welcome back: students return to growing campus

Molly Czarnecki

Aquinas showed its dedication to improvement this summer by launching an $8 million capital campaign called “Aquinas College Grows”. So far, $3.2 million has been raised. Four million dollars will be used for the construction of a new library, $500,000 will purchase science equipment, and the remainder will help finance the purchase of the Reformed Bible College.

And other improvements were made in most areas of campus this summer.

Equipment in Albertus Hall was renovated, and soon the pink panels on the exterior will be only a memory. Willowbrook was also beautified with landscaping and painting.

The RBC campus was wired for the AQ-TEL phone system and computers, in preparation for the Aquinas takeover this spring. A fenced-in path will be constructed behind Regina Hall and lead to RBC for easy access.

This fall, RBC will be put to use by 100-125 Aquinas graduate students.

Classrooms, a bookstore, and a night snack bar will be opened for their convenience.

Regina and St. Joe’s welcomed improvements over the summer. Both received lobby renovations, and Regina Hall now enjoys a new front desk and piano.

An exciting addition will also be made to the “Regina Bowl” area, behind the hall. Concrete basketball and volleyball courts will be built, complete with lighting and seating. A grassy area will be left untouched for football and other activities.

St. Joseph Hall residents can look forward to parking on higher ground soon because the Mayfield lot is being renovated. A new walkway and better lighting should entice students to park in Mayfield, as opposed to “Lake St. Joe.”

The fieldhouse will soon have much-needed additions. A new weight room will be added to the men’s locker room, and the new women’s locker room will gain an aerobics facility.

Hruby Hall found relief this summer when air conditioning was installed. Late this fall, parking will be expanded when the adjacent house and garage are torn down. The courtyard will also be beautified, and the building made more accessible to the handicapped.

Setting the precedent for growth, however, is the new library. According to Sr. Nathalie Meyer, Vice-President of Administration, “A new library has been the talk of the campus for over twenty years...It will be the focal point of the Aquinas College Campus.”

The library will be located south of Holmdene, in the center of campus. The area between the buildings will be “malled”, and possibly a sculpture or fountain built. A consultant has been used and an architect will be hired this fall. The new library will be spacious and able to serve fully the Aquinas and Grand Rapids communities.

When classes end in May, Aquinas will fully absorb the RBC campus. Aquinas will gain additional housing, parking, and badly needed meeting space. The road running past Jordan Hall and the Education Building will be elongated to join the two campuses.

There is also talk of the Carriage House and Jordan Hall being put to different uses in the future.

The faculty has petitioned to reestablish the Carriage House, one of the estate’s original buildings, as a theater. The RBC does contain a possible theater, however; so the Carriage House could possibly be turned into a Student Activities headquarters. Jordan Hall may also fulfill this need. Other ideas also include an Alumni House or a guest house.
From the President

The mission of Aquinas College is "to provide a quality liberal arts education to everyone capable of benefiting from the experience." Part of my job is to insure that this mission, this reason for being, is kept in the forefront of our thinking and planning.

One of the ways I do this is by raising the money necessary for Aquinas to continue offering a quality education to students. A great deal of my time is spent cultivating donors and friends of the College. Fund-raising is really friend-raising, and every student at Aquinas is a beneficiary of the generosity of our friends and alumni. Whether through speeches, cultural activities, receptions and gatherings on campus and at Willowbrook, I try to heighten the community's awareness of Aquinas—its plans and programs and its unique blend of education and service.

That unique melding of academic freedom and commitment to the community is our heritage from the Grand Rapids Dominican Sisters, who founded Aquinas College. Our emphasis on service, community involvement, and obligation to the disadvantaged all keep alive their vision of Aquinas as a place where truth and human service could flourish.

One of the ways in which you can serve, if you choose, is to be an active participant in the affairs of the College. You may have an opportunity to serve on the Community Senate, on a residence hall council, in a wide variety of student organizations, on the Academic Assembly (which makes academic policy), or on various committees of the Board of Trustees. In short, you have an opportunity to make this college what you want it to be.

As in all organizations, there is a structure set up to handle problems and complaints at Aquinas. Part of the job of the president is to see that those structures function effectively. If you have a problem and feel you have exhausted all avenues without solution, you may call me. That's another reason I'm here.

I see the presidency of Aquinas College as a stewardship. During my tenure it is my job to tend the vineyard that is Aquinas and to help bring to harvest our most important fruit—the men and women who will shape the world of tomorrow.

Thank you,

Peter D. O'Connor
President
Aquinas College

Gala weekend brings alumni, students together on campus

Aquinas holds its annual Gala Weekend this year on the last weekend in September. The week of the 18th through the 22nd is full of events sponsored by the Student Activities Department, culminating in a fun-filled weekend. Here are some of the key activities:

Friday.......All-College Review
(Wege Ballroom, 8:00-10:30)
Saturday......Tent activities (all day)
-children's games
-bands/jazz ensembles
-beer tent
-bingo tent
-club/organization booths
Alumni award dinner
(Wege Ballroom, 7:00-9:00)
Casino Night (cafeteria, 8:30-11:00)
Dance w/ live band: The Sun Messengers
(Wege Ballroom, 9:00-mid.)
Sunday........Harvest Mass (tent area, 10:30-noon)
please come and enjoy yourself!

Popular Advising staff help students make choices

Pat Kozal

One of the busiest offices on campus is the Academic Advising Center, located in room 131 of Hruby-Hall. In addition to serving the academic advising and scheduling needs of both traditional-age and continuing education students, the Academic Advising Center also serves as the admissions office for adult students. Last year, advisors conducted nearly 3,300 appointments and over 3,100 telephone calls with students.

The Academic Advising Center uses both professional and faculty advisors to help guide students through the intricacies of the general education portion of their degree programs. Advisors also assist the Business Administration Department with advising the many students in that field. With changes in degree requirements happening every year, and a great many students taking longer to finish their degrees, academic advisors must keep track of which alterations affect which students. Effective advising calls for attention to detail, thoughtful consideration of students' individual needs, understanding of the importance of a well-rounded educational plan, and perceptivity of students' multiple commitments to college, work, and family and community responsibilities.

The spirit of cheerful cooperation that Academic Advising tries to foster among students, faculty, and support services makes itself readily apparent. The Academic Advising Center was voted "Most Supportive Staff" by students at last year's Senior Awards Banquet. Led by Sr. Judith Drew, the full-time advisors include Sr. Diane Dehn, Patricia Kozal, Celee Miller, and Karen Stefanick. Faculty advisors, who help out in peak registration times, include Paul Bieneman, Gene Kozminski, Steve Langdon, Sr. Ann Mason, Jeff McKelvey, Joyce McNally, Sue Murphy, Sr. Rosemary O'Donnell, Betty Taylor, and John Teusink.

For an appointment with an academic advisor, call 5241.

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THE POWER OF THE PEN

Sandra M. Erskine

It is about time all you students got back here to Aquinas. I thought I might die of boredom without people my own age to keep me company. I have breathed, slept, ate, worked, and studied at Aquinas since May. It has been so quiet that the only thing of interest for me to do was to compile a list of comments about life at Aquinas.

Some of you may think that this was not a real constructive way to spend my time. Maybe it wasn’t, but it was fun. I will be the first one to admit that I like to complain. And if I have the power of the pen to go along with my extensive complaining capabilities, maybe I can open a few eyes around here and put the gears of change into motion.

My list of complaints is growing longer every day. From the inevitable Department of Campus Safety to the ridiculous amount of stop signs on this campus to my gripes about living in North Hall with fifteen other women. I will cover it all for you—the students, the administration, faculty and staff to read, and hopefully to think about.

But for now, I will just welcome you to Aquinas and be very confident with the fact that I have people my own age to talk with and/or scream with, whatever the cause may be. I shall hold off on my bellyaching until the next issue.

I can’t wait.

EDITOR’S NOTE: The “power of the pen” belongs to anybody who sends a letter to the TIMES. We are located in the lower level of Wege Center, next to the main office.

Get Involved: an invitation from Community Senate

Welcome back to Aquinas! This year, unlike many other years, I feel that we the Aquinas community should form one of the strongest bonds of love that has ever existed. As you and even myself look back into the past, we can all identify the sad, the bad, and the ugly times of last year. I am wishing that this year we can all gather together as one and have no irreconcilable differences.

In addition, I would ask that the entire Aquinas community begin to take an active part in the Academic assembly and/or the Community Senate. These are the main governing bodies of Aquinas College. Their main goals are to provide structure within the college. In addition to joining one of the bodies mentioned, I would encourage every Aquinas student to take part in the extensive clubs and organizations system at Aquinas. There are over thirty clubs from which students may choose. These range from music, to computer, to self-awareness clubs. So remember, no matter what you do, always “DO THE RIGHT THING!”

Ernest J. Mathis
Secretary, Aquinas College Community Senate

"The things that really matter"

“My prayer is that your love may more and more abound, both in understanding and wealth of experience, so that with a clear conscience and blameless conduct you may learn to value the things that really matter...” —From St. Paul’s letter to the community at Philippi

Perhaps you have your academic calendar/planner purchased for the new year already? Summer communications from the college and a first-week barrage of information present us with the potential progression of the year; the academic calendar, the student activities calendar, the fieldhouse calendar, the campus ministry calendar, the master calendar; each ready and set to lead us from August 21 to May 12. Many of us begin this new year marveling at the rapid pace of summer’s passing and find already few uncluttered days in these last months of 1989!

Indeed, it is important to plan. Planning is essential to accomplishing goals and to facilitating participation by others in our work or play.

Sr. Catherine Williams, O.P. (liturgist), Father Tom Johnston, O.P. (chaplain), and I have spent numerous days of the summer planning for the year. Most readily evident from our planning will be the new worship schedule, as well as the creation of the Campus Ministry Advisory Group.

This conversation with my teammates and other Aquinas colleagues, contact with those who participated in Freshman Orientations this summer, and most recently, the sharing of a weekend with this year’s resident and commuter advisors have deeply impressed me with what is critical to the success of this or any other year—the making of relationships.

In a letter Thomas Merton wrote to his friend, Jim Forest, regarding work and its results he speaks of the seeming futility of so many of our efforts. He writes, “In the end, it is the reality of personal relationships that saves everything.”

Our calendars will grow filled with work and play. Planning brings people together. Let us savor the time we spend with each other. With St. Paul is my prayer.

Sr. Rose Karasti, O.P.
Campus Ministry

"Home away from home" program introduces students to neighbors

Father Tom Johnston, O.P.

Good neighbors surround Aquinas College; among them are the parishioners of Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church. Some Parish families have provided the opportunity for Aquinas students to share in their homes and family life.

The “Home Away From Home” program is sponsored by the Family Life Commission of the St. Thomas Parish Council. It began last year under the coordination of Jerry and Janine Uzas.

"One of the reasons that students go away to college is to be on their own for a while. For most students this is their first time away from home for such an extended period of time. It is not at all uncommon for students to become homesick for family life," says Jerry Uzas.

"We would like to provide the opportunity for students to experience a home away from home," added his wife, Janine. "It was not that long ago that that we were students at Aquinas College, and we remember well those feelings of stepping out on our own for the first time."

The Family Life Commission project began last spring when twenty-six Aquinas students responded to a call from St. Thomas’ families to come and explore...

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LRC staff offers research help for students and faculty

Larry Zysk

The Aquinas Reference and Public Service Staff have excellent reputations as being friendly and helpful. They will gladly demonstrate how to get the most out of their collection of 100,000 volumes and 1,000 journals, magazines, and newspapers.

For those who are required to make classroom presentations, the media staff will be of assistance. They will show how to produce transparencies and graphic displays, which will enhance any presentation.

The LRC has seen three staff changes over the summer. Sue Bergin has moved from Bibliographic Instruction Reference to become the Media/Reference librarian. Sue replaces Fred Smith in this position, who will work toward his doctorate at Southern Illinois University. Al Bryant takes the position vacated by Bergin as Bibliographic Instruction/Reference librarian. Synthia Marsh is the new OCLC cataloger. This position was vacated by Jennifer Spencer, who has moved to the Plainfield Public Library.

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**Join Us for Career Development Center - Fall 1989 Recruiting, Workshops, Events Schedule**

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**Reporters wanted**

Applications for the positions of paid staff reporters, photographers, circulation workers, and typists for the Aquinas TIMES are being accepted in the Times office, Wege Student Center, lower level. Interested parties need to sign up for an interview at the TIMES office before September 2. No previous journalism experience necessary to apply. Those students receiving positions with the TIMES will be expected to commit at least six hours a week to the paper.

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**The Times is always looking for students to assist in any aspect of publishing the Aquinas Times. Work from writers, photographers and cartoonists is always needed along with commitments to assist in any aspect of student journalism...We need you!**

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The values of family life. Aquinas student Laura Reed was probably the most active in the program. Joining Fred and Cheryl Burn about every three weeks, Laura was included in most family activities. “We would pick up Laura and she would spend the whole day. Our two children enjoyed having her over,” said Cheryl Bum. “We occasionally had her over for a weekday evening dinner. Since she had no car, we enjoyed taking her shopping, especially at Christmas time.”

John and Evie Streit spoke of their time with their Aquinas student, Lara Zettel: “We enjoyed our evenings together with Lara. She liked playing guitar with our children and looked forward to the home-cooked meals,” said Evie. “We would enjoy having another Aquinas student this year,” added John, himself a May graduate of Aquinas.

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St. Thomas parishioner Mary Fallon reflected on her experience with the program: “It was not negative, but frustrating. We were excited about having an Aquinas student in our home. We spoke about it positively with our children and prepared them for the occasion. However, even though we tried repeatedly to get together, we never met with the student.”

Aquinas College Chaplain, Father Thomas Johnston, O.P., commented on the Family Life project, saying “it was an overwhelming positive experience for both Aquinas students and St. Thomas families.” He added, “difficulties could be traced to the timing of the program’s beginning and to the interest level and involvement of students in activities which they considered to be more important.”

Father Johnston noted that the program was not launched until late January and commented “we have to be realistic and acknowledge that the second-semester life patterns and friendships are already well-established. We simply need to get the invitation out earlier in the year.”

Aquinas students who wish to take advantage of this “Home Away From Home” program are encouraged to fill out the request form found in this issue. They should be returned to the Campus Ministry Office, Lower Level of Wege Center. Extra forms are also available here upon request.
New worship services scheduled for Pastoral Center

The Arthur F. Bukowski Pastoral Center is open to all members of the Grand Rapids and Aquinas communities. People of any faith are welcome. Access to the Pastoral Center may be had from the Fulton Street parking lot.

Tuesday..............mass--12:15
Wednesday........mass--12:15
Thursday..........interfaith service--12:15
Friday..............mass--12:15
Saturday..........mass--4:30
Sunday.............mass--11:00

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East campus houses ready for new year
By Sandra M. Erskine

The Aquinas housekeeping and maintenance staffs have been slaving away at North and Geneva Halls. The houses sport new interior paint, curtains, locks, emergency lighting, fire alarm system. They have all also been added to the AQ-TEL phone system.

And they aren't even finished yet.

North Hall, which houses fifteen girls and a resident advisor, has received the attention of the majority of the work. The housekeeping staff scraped wallpaper, laid new carpet in the foyer, living room and stairway, and repaired furniture. According to a member of the Housekeeping crew, time and money were obstacles when it came to upgrading North Hall, and they ran low on both.

Brad Winkler, Associate Dean of Students and Director of Student Development says that North Hall was left in a "disastrous way" by the 1988-1989 residents which led to "extensive labor" from various departments on campus. Winkler is not sure of the condition of North Hall before the students moved in last August, but feels he cannot rest all the blame on the former residents, the Reformed Bible College. He states that the residence hall was "trashed" when the girls moved out in May.

New policies have been created for this year's residents of the East Campus Houses. Housekeeping will no longer do any of the basic housework required in the normal upkeep of a home—these chores will be left to the residents of the house. Winkler wants the residents to assume a responsibility of ownership. He points out that a landlord would not come to a tenant's home to vacuum and dust, so Housekeeping will not clean for the East Campus houses. The women may be subject to inspection by the Director of East Campus, Pam Strobel. Any student not holding up their end of the responsibilities may be penalized financially. Winkler was high in his expectations from his "tenants" for the 1989-90 school year.

Along with the new carpet and paint at North Hall comes a new program. North Hall is the first house to have a "theme". Winkler presented the concept to the Dean of Students, the Vice President of Administration, and the Vice-President for Academic Affairs. Winkler has seen theme houses on other campuses and saw this as a "great benefit" for Aquinas. North and Geneva Halls are a different and unique living environment, and by developing the program houses Aquinas can provide an option for alternative living.

Toward the end of the 1988-89 school year, Winkler accepted applications for the programs for North and Geneva Halls. He received two proposals and approved both. The program for Geneva never came to be due to room assignment conflicts. Presently North Hall is the sole pioneer of program, or theme housing at Aquinas.

North Hall's program goes by the name WEE Care At Aquinas College. WEE Care's participants will be volunteering three to five hours a week to young children of the Grand Rapids community. The members have the option to offer their services to Big Brother/Big Sister (through D.A. Blodgett), the Mercy Respite Center, The Ronald McDonald House, or at the new Aquinas Day Care Center (located at the former Marywood Academy). Sr. Nathalie Meyer, Vice-President of Administration, hopes to incorporate the WEE Care program work closely with the new day care center. She sees the new program as "one of the most exciting pieces" of the day care center's developing program. WEE Care can offer the children at the center a chance to see different faces and new sources of energy and ideas. The WEE Care program hopes to raise a substantial amount of money to donate to the day care center by the end of this academic year.

Winkler is looking forward to working with the new program house and is hopeful for new programs to start the following year, when students have the chance to see exactly what a program house entails and accomplishes. Students will have a "model" to observe rather than depending only on verbal explanation.

The future of East Campus is a story of growth. Sr. Nathalie reports that Aquinas will have possession of South, East, and Schall Halls by the fall of 1990. Nathalie also foresees the construction of four "apartment-style" residence halls, which will include married housing. Eventually, East Campus Housing will total more than that of St. Joseph Hall.
Campus Safety provides protective services
Laura Culbertson

The Department of Campus Safety has eagerly awaited the return of students, faculty, and life to the Aquinas campus. For those unfamiliar to this department, this should serve as an orientation to their services. For those returning, it will be a refresher on what Campus Safety offers.

First and foremost, all members of the Aquinas Community need to have a parking permit for their vehicles. These permits are required so that vehicles may be identified in case of damage or theft, or even something as trivial, though inconvenient, as lights left on or keys locked in.

Campus Safety goes out of its way to provide these permits to the college community with the least inconvenience possible. The office is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and may be found in the basement of the Academic Building. Those seeking permits should bring the vehicle registration and a valid driver’s license. The permit itself is free, however both of these items are needed to obtain a permit. With the parking sticker will come a brochure explaining the rules and regulations for each lot. Also provided is a map of all parking areas on campus. Those who believe that they have been ticketed wrongly should come to the Campus Safety office and file an appeal.

This department provides a variety of escort services as well. For example, they provide escorts from anywhere on campus and within a mile radius from dusk until dawn. These escorts provide many with a secure route home, to their car, or between any campus buildings. Escorts are available seven days a week.

All Campus Safety Officers are trained in standard First-Aid and CPR to assist in medical emergency situations. They will also provide transportation to Blodgett Hospital.

For those who live in the residence halls, they can provide pointers to make your stay safe and without incident: keep your eyes open, read the posters put up by Campus Safety, and under no circumstances should you walk to or from Eastown alone at night. Questions may be answered by calling x3754, or picking up any red phone.

Health Center services
Mary Eardley, R.N.

The Student Health Service Center provides for most of the normal medical needs of Aquinas students. It is located on the lower level of Wege Center, across from the Bookstore. Among the goals and responsibilities of the Health Center are the promotion and maintenance of good health, management of health care during illness and emergency, guidance and individual counseling, and referral to physicians and other health care providers within the Grand Rapids community when appropriate.

The College Health Center provides services through its staff of health care professionals. Through their efforts, treatments are available for colds, influenza, throat infections, and other common health care needs. Preventative services are also available. These include throat cultures, blood pressure checks, immunizations, and tests for various communicable diseases. Continuous allergy injections may also be administered, provided that the antigen and schedule are supplied by the student’s referring physician.

Although there is no charge for medical care provided by the nurse (Mary Eardley, R.N.) at the Health Center, there is a nominal charge for seeing the physician (Dr. J. Smiggen, M.D.), prescriptions, allergy injections, throat cultures, and some treatment supplies. Some laboratory work and X-rays are referred to outside facilities.

The Health Center is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 7:30 A.M. until 4:00 P.M., and Friday until 1:45. Questions may be answered by calling x4101 or 4102.

Scouts hit Aquinas
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Adventure! Excitement! Career opportunities! Co-Ed! Do these words spring to mind when you hear the title Girl Scouts? Before you answer, picture yourself lying on the beach in Miami with the hot October sun beating down on your body. The waves are crashing, people are laughing. Gorgeous men. Fabulous women. There’s even a hint of suntan lotion in the air. This is the scenario in which a member of the campus Girl Scouts might find him- or herself in October of 1990. The Scouts may have the opportunity to attend the Girl Scout National Convention in Florida. But, until then, there’s a lot of work to do.

Over the next two semesters, AQ Scouts will be performing community service projects and establishing themselves as an invaluable asset to the Aquinas community. This year, members will be organizing and conducting workshops designed to expose younger girls in the area to the vast opportunities available to them in the arts, sciences, and education. The workshops will be as diverse as the membership of AQ Scouts, with topics ranging from modern technology to death and family crisis. There really is something for everyone, and non-members are welcome to participate in the workshops.

Here’s the catch: to be a member and affiliated with Girl Scouts USA, there is an annual non-refundable fee of $4.00, which is due at the end of September. AQ Scouts will also require from its members that they participate actively in the community. The avenue for this for most members will be the standing committees designed to put on the workshops.
Campus life can appear quiet during the summer months. Here at Aquinas, though, summer seems to come alive. For part of the summer, freshman orientation becomes a main focus of the campus. Orientation provides a warm welcome for incoming students, and is a chance for the incoming freshmen to get acquainted—both academically and socially—with Aquinas.

The freshmen could choose from five different sessions; four in June, and one in August. Though the number of incoming students who participated in the orientation program was somewhat less than expected, this posed no problems. The freshmen arrived at 8:00 A.M., facing a full day of testing and talks. Students were tested for English and Math placement, and introduced to the residence life system. After this rather grueling schedule of introduction to the various facets of Aquinas, the student staff stepped in to demonstrate the strongest of the college's assets—her students. The rest of the evening was spent in team-oriented games, culminating in a quiz bowl. The night was wound up with a dance, followed by a midnight prayer service.

The next morning, bright and early, the new students attended Director of Advising Spence Tower’s seminar on “How To Succeed As A Freshman”. Here the student staff also played a pivotal role. Important issues facing today’s college students were discussed—from alcohol to racism to sexuality. The student staff illustrated these situations with skits, followed by group discussions. After this the students finished the program, receiving their test scores and scheduling their classes.

Orientation proves to be a valuable experience for both the students and the staff. Senior Kimberly Hurst found Orientation a chance to see Aquinas in a different perspective. “Instead of concentrating on the academic side of college, it gave me the chance to explore the silly, easy-going part of going to college.