Racial Justice Program Gains Speed

College Inter-Racial club members are checking and priming battle plans for the 1947 inter-racial week activities, at Aquinas. Lea Culman, chairman of the racial justice organization, has appointed Charles S. Tautscher and Thomas Overkleeft as activity chairman.

Movies, speeches, open forum discussions, religious activities, debates, and poster displays are on the docket for March 1 to 8, which constitutes Inter-Racial Week.

The Augustine House is also slated to take part in the campaign to wear racial justice on the Aquinas campus, and the furthering of racial justice in Grand Rapids.

As a member of the NFCCS, Aquinas received the inter-racial week activities report, which is to be given today with the Inter-Racial club.

The commission shifted its high gear a week before the NFCCS Congress and produced an "action outline" for immediate action in the other region. Lea Culman, Joe Hanksnach, and Tom Overkleeft drafted this comprehensive outline and then presented it to the local commission which speedily adapted it.

At the NFCCS Congress, the Inter-Racial Commission used this outline as its basis of work, and saw all four of its resolutions adopted unanimously at the final session of the Congress. These motions were under heavy fire in sections.

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Scholastic Debate Features Academic Obsvance Mar 7

Bishop Haas, Guest of Honor
At Solemn High Mass

Highlighting this year's traditional Academic Day Observance, held annually on March 7, Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, patrons of the college, will be a revival of a most venerable custom, the Scholastic Disputation. Those participating in this academic pageant are Vincent Anderson, Andrew O'Brien, Robert McConnaughey, and Noreen Conklin. The group is under the direction of the Rev. B. U. Fay, O. F., professor of philosophy, who has arranged for the topic, "Foundation of the Freedom of the Will."

The Rev. Louis LaPees, professor at St. Joseph's Seminary, and assistant principal of Aquinas College, will give the principal address at the Honors Convocation to be held the same day at 3:30 p.m. in the Eastern Theatre. This convocation gives public recognition to the students who have maintained a "B" average in the semester just completed.

Academic Day will open on 9 a.m. with Solemn High Mass according to the Dominican Rite at St. Andrew's cathedral, at which the entire college student body and faculty will be accompanied by seniors from Catholic Central high school, Marywood academy, Mount Mercy academy, and nurses from St. Mary's hospital, will gather in honor of the Angelic Doctor.

His Excellency, the Most Rev. Francis J. Haas, D. D., Bishop of Grand Rapids, will be guest of honor at the Mass. The sermon, which traditionally deals with some phase of St. Thomas' thought, and education to modern college life, will be delivered by the Rev. Leo A. Arnould, O. P., professor of dogmatic theology at the Divinity school of Catholic Central, with the principal address at the Honors Convocation to be held the same day at 3:30 p.m. in the Eastern Theatre. This convocation gives public recognition to the students who have maintained a "B" average in the semester just completed.

The Rev. Arthur F. Bukowski, president of the college, will deliver the principal address for honors. Both the glee club and scholastic activities will be in attendance. Parents and friends of the students whose college have been invited to attend the exercises.

Prom Bulletin

First of the post-Lenten social announcements was given out today with the Junior Class setting a tentative date of May 16 at an as yet undeclared location.
Celestial Bettors Gamble on New Guard

Since late January the great court had been assembling. From every possible corner, non-veteran students, local sports nuts and cronies, and from the high school hallways, people streamed to the campus to watch the panorama about to unfold. A score of friendly wagers had been abound for the benefit of the cause, the final result awaited the decision. Thomas Aquinas, Editor of the Daily Worker, was not going to make it," he remarked. "We'll wait for the final result of the last game, we were going up; it was early Ash Wednesday morning.

Bagatelles

Once a week, for two years, a topic occurs daily on the second floor of the administration building has been attributed the form of a podium and a group of students, from different classes, are subjected to theky cassette to report on what they had learned. Students hurdle through the corridor with visions of a chairmated class the next morning. Some seem ratio of telephone desk-workers that terrorizes unsuspecting classrooms.

Vets, the venerable Mitus just as calmly Aquinas radar-heated, atomic cap for Mitus 100 and Bay City freshman, Charley Young, those Tommies need a mastodon for a him the lovable Tommy mascot. Seems little mutt whose tail recently entered the race of diabolical desk-snappers that never make it," he remarked. "We'll ask the school and student co-operation in securing additional funds has been almost non-

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As the final mists vanished from the church bells began to strike and people hurriedly made a beeline to Tampa streamlined to Mass. An eager St. John, the great St. John, clocked the attendance on a huge adding machine, while his buddy, Leo, tallied the Holy Communion. Shortly before the end of the last Mass, John and Leo began to form a huge assembly and shouted, "It's over. We have the attendance this morning. I will win that gold pen from Matthew's. We'll go over to Mass this Lent. The battle was on.

But over to one side of those watch­ing the scene unfold, there was a little group of people clustered around the apostle Thomas. The wisecracks were beginning to fade fast. "I don't know the meaning of the word, but not like the old days," everybody noisily added a dispensation when that." This gang of saints and just plain duffers were they convinced that of that place called the U. S. A. couldn't possibly observe a real Lentenson and they had bet heavily on it.

Here's newest saint, and she was a female, from the Mother Cabrini, had a big audience around her. "I know these people," she was saying. "They'll come throughout the year.

St. Michael the Archangel was ready­ ing troops of devil destroyers, "When" he asked the oblate. "It's important to give the devil a bad time whenever we get the chance.

At the end of the first week of fast­ing. The early waves of enthusiasm were beginning to subside and the galaxy of saints counting on the U. S. to come through, I'll owe you that 1987 agreement, "If the American youth aren't compelled Warren actually gets to know himself honestly, because he has the first steps can be taken to stamp out the Red evil. The Herald congratulates Miss Ugenas for her first steps.

Men Would Like Cooperative Housing System at Aquinas

Aquinas lacks sufficient facilities for out of town students. They find it necessary to room in private homes and take their meals in restaurants. This is not only a proposition for their non-veteran student. Would it not be feasible for the school to build a small permanent residence hall for freshmen who have no interest in the college city? If our novelists have cared to give us something. Even the apostle Thomas, who fired her first round, by personally an­

Diana Starts Swinging Monday, March 21

Frosh Girl Battles Reds

Born on the wings of idle conversa­tion, a remarkable story reached the editorial offices of the AQUINAS HERALD last week. But the story of a vivacious, black-haired freshman girl who has picked up the cudgels of Catholic college for a rabbi, the story of a woman who wrote the Red cent in New York arrived in a matter of days. The answer came from the "American Commu­nisit, but it's more than the vast majority of our novelists have cared to give us. Despite its faults the book is at least signification that young Jack is honest, because he realized the "terrible division" of his age and realized the 'new' of Catholicism. It's up to every Catholic kid, boy or girl, yes Miss Ugenas is striking the first steps can be taken to stamp out the Red evil. It is through the efforts of a hundred Diana Ugenas, through the words of a thousand Ugenas, that the first steps can be taken to stamp out the Red evil. The Herald congratulates Miss Ugenas for her first steps.
Racial Commission for their work at the Congress. Individual and the affiliation of such awards for Negro students. Professor Goodwin has released the "Moon Nocturne," which is Venetia Lee (Mokie) Courant, who married Helen Krupp, in the Log Chapel, Mrs. Fred N. Rowe sent one-dollar checks swelled the one-dollar checks. Two recent student guild meetings at Notre Dame and the Thomist Patron Fund Lags; February, 1947 AQUINAS HERALD 3

short of the $357 mark hit last year. There is her quiet personality, with a twinkle, and an endless capacity for work. . . . Betty Grable's meal ticket has a version of this one too . . .

In spite of the high fatality rate during exam week, we are still here to ease trouble. . . . and so we . . . do a little self-congratulatory back-slapping. A few weeks ago we made some wild statements concerning some new tunes which at that time had been released but not released. Now, we take our bow . . . Tommy Dorsey's latest efforts vindicate us (or so we think) . . . listen to "Sundown" with "To Me" on the reverse and decide for yourself . . . And while you are at it, wrap an ear around his "Tom Foolery" . . .

Those contributing $1.00 in added a dollar to the patron fund. Now and then, a better than average record comes out and lately they have been few and far between . . . But, Benny Goodman has a release of Hora Staccato that is definitely top drawer . . . He plays this solo for violin as though he had written it just for his clarinet . . . It is worth your money . . .

This is a little ahead of time but . . . in the spring a young man's fancy usually turns to thoughts of love . . . and Peggy Lee's drool item . . . It's Love Time . . . makes you think she's talking to no one but you . . .

Then there's that new smooth tune by Herb Fields . . . Moon Nocturne . . . it's better than most . . . and the reverse is a new treatment of Cherokee . . . this one will sound familiar to Barnet fans.

\textbf{alumni news}

\textbf{VIVE LA FRANCE!} Headlining the news this issue is a marriage in St. James church, Feb. 17, of our former editor and baseball coach, Charles Beckman to Charlotte Raiteris, just arrived from France. The staff joins in hearty congratulations, Charley . . . Add to the list of new-weds, George Brugger, who married Helen Frances Krupp, in the Log Chapel, Notre Dame, Feb. 1.

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Basketiers Drop Five
Of all the things written about the Tommies no one can deny that they are the most consistent basketball team in the state of Michigan.

A well-rested but inept Tommie five met their 10th straight defeat at the hands of Olivet college, Jan. 31, by the staggering score of 89-37. On the following Friday, Jan. 31, loss number 11 was administered by the Western Michigan Bee aggregation.

Another not as decisive as the Olivet Bason, the score still was some 30 points on the red side of the ledger, as the Kalamazoo five walked off with an easy 57-27 win.

Playing without the services of Pat Brogan and Bob Wolf, the Maroon and Gray fell a second time before the Calvin Knights, 61-29, Tuesday, Feb. 15.

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