**An anghished Medea (Janice Barti) pleads with her husband Jason (Howard Ellis) in a tense scene from the speech and drama department's forthcoming production.**

**Excited Young Democrat Attends Inauguration**

An excited Terry Inner left for Washington, D.C. Tuesday afternoon, January 17, to attend the inaugural ball for President Kennedy. She will have the enviable opportunity to attend the receptions, teas, balls, as well as the inauguration, in Washington's most gala weekend of the year.

Miss Inner received this coveted invitation as a reward for her four years of work in Democratic organizations. She is now president of the "Young Democrats of Kent County," a group formed in 1959 due to the "Citizens for Kennedy" in the 1960 election. Terry was responsible for recruiting student campaign workers from Aquinas and other high schools.

Four other Aquinites—Mike Kolen, Mary Killoran, Gary Barti, and Wayne Sanger—were also invited for their work in Democratic organizations. It was during this time that they were able to take advantage of the opportunity offered.

**Humorous and Profound Lecture Delivered by Father Gilby, C.P.**

A prominent English scholar, Father Thomas Gilby, C.P., superior of the Dominican community of Canterbury and lecturer on aesthetics and political philosophy at Cambridge University, delighted Aquinas students on January 6 by his unique combination of profundity and humor. His topic was "Poetry in Philosophy."

Father Gilby, who is at present guest lecturer at the University of Notre Dame, is the author of Poetic Expression, Phoenix and Turtle, Barbars Colatus, and other works on philosophy and literary criticism.

Father Gilby stated that, as a result of excessive specialization, many modern people have a "split personality," because they can not reconcile what they know through faith and what they know through reason. It is difficult for them to accept the philosophical explanation of the universe. Many try to escape the dilemma by clinging to the notion of a double truth. They persuade themselves to try to be light and another to their church life. St. Thomas tried to unite minds thus divided. He did this by stressing reason's harmony with what we believe through faith.

This split between science and religion is also reflected in the separation of philosophy from poetry. There is found a conflict between meaning and singing. The trouble began about three and a half centuries ago in England "when we suddenly became much good poetry and bad philosophy," said Father Gilby. It began when John Locke enunciated the principle that we could not really know anything, "only think things." As this rationalist philosophy grew, there grew also romantic poetry, which was a determined effort on the part of man to establish contact with reality. Such poets as Keats and Blake came to distrust reason and rebel against the logic of the intellectual approach. This result of a valid human instinct to seek union with reality.

Father Gilby pointed out that Saint Augustine believed that all thinking is an extension of the "eternal logos." And all loving is an extension of the inevitable community which with the Divine Contemplating His Word, the Logos. This love is a gift. It is a show of generosity, not duty, and this union of "verbum" and "dono" results in knowledge and perfection of that knowledge.

The problems today is to put love to the test and in this way philosophy. Father Gilby posed the problem of joining philosophy and language in the service of human understanding. He stressed the importance of philosophy with poetry, and by unifying philosophy with poetry, and by unifying philosophy and literature with the same habit of mind. We should not separate them. By unifying philosophy with poetry, and by understanding the split in man's nature can be united. We will develop a spirit of playing with ideas, not in facility, but enjoyment.

**Passionate Greek Tragedy Aroused Much Enthusiasm**

Seldom has a dramatic production at Aquinas aroused such interest, excitement and enthusiasm among its participants, and curiosity in the public at large. The production choice—Medea. The name has been reviving throughout the centuries ever since early November, and an occasional awe-struck passer-by has been transformed by the passionate presentations of Janice Barti emanating from behind the closed door of the men's lounge, where a temporary stage has been erected. The wired apparatus and the actress, which forms a background to the last half of the closing act, has a solution for all the core audience of the bar crowd.

Meanwhile, a small army of devoted crew members are laboring on the numerous tasks required for the amazing working of such a presentation. It is not possible to name every participant in this undertaking, but we have managed to tag the following:


**Committees Plan Homecoming For Weekend of January 28**

**Faculty Member Gives Program**

**Dr. Lynn Ferguson Cited for Award**

**Degrees**

**Dr. Joseph Gagliano**

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**Rev. Speer Strahan**

Former Prof. Dies

Reverend Speer Strahan, a member of the Aquinas faculty from 1950 to 1957, passed to his eternal rest on Sunday, December 18, 1960.

Father Strahan was widely known and honored as pastor, teacher, author, and soldier. He taught English at the Catholic Agricultural University from 1925 to 1939, and at the University of Notre Dame from 1946 to 1949. Between these two periods of academic activity he served as a chaplain in the army. He was at Pearl Harbor at the time of the Japanese attack, which article which was later included in an anthology among others by famous Catholic writers. During his years as chaplain he served in many European countries. It was during his years as an administrator at Canisius and pastor at Lowell that Father Strahan taught part time at Aquinas. Students in his course on Dante re-member with awe his wide and in- clusive erudition. His was an assiduous thirst for knowledge, the perfection, which only the Beatific Vision could increase. This we sincerely hope he has achieved.
Old Story—New Version

It wasn't so long ago that the dream of college stuf

and the popular 26 July move

ent into power.

And why not? Wasn't Castro fighting the corrupt dictator

of Batista? It wasn't so long ago, either, that considerable

Down at the Arena

by Daniel Buenas

The Sociological, Psychological, and Political Implications of a

Singular Incident at a Local

College

This is an excerpt taken from a report submitted to the publish


... now these astadi students had taken a lot of fantastic poten

tialities, sinewy, muscular, and shapely muscles. They

had boxed him in a window—well forty-five feet long by five

feet wide and three feet high. In this
close enclosure they had a small gray mouse of the specie

In this special pastime, of course, we must all too.

Thespian Sock, Don Buskin

With what must have struck even the most casual observer

as an abrupt face about, the Speech Department

announced last week that the annual performance this year would

be "Medea," a Greek tragedy by Euripides.

After last year's light comic, "The Mizer" by Mellore, the

theater department announced again this year that it would

be playing both ends against the middle, not to be con

sidered a "disaster." We can see how it might be, though.

Winter's Out of Step Again

by Mike Downs

It wasn't so long ago, while

walking through the slush without

boots or coat, that my mind, searching for a Nirvana

where cold, wet, feet are of no im

portance. I am at one with the

other, the more they roared

out to greet a new day. Finals were

half completed, March being the

final deadline for all entries.

The Thomist for 1961 is about

our next "why" to Sister was a little different. We wanted

to know why such a stark presentation was being given.

The weakening eye of day.

And the more the

students stop? From

In order to

invasion Cuba, this must sound all too familiar.

The Nasser government, too, promoted land reform, more

education, nationalization of industry and extreme nationalism.

Both leaders have adopted a whipping boy to promote in

ternal union, to mobilize the people against an outside aggress

or, Israel. Nasser continually tells his people, is a threat to

human nature gained may enable

them to hold the student in check.

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Aquinas’s “Other” College Takes a Bow

Seventy-one young ladies would be hard to hide, one would think. There are many students, however, on campus who will be surprised to learn that Aquinas has that many student nurses pursuing the academic part of their training here.

An important, if unobtrusive, segment of the student body, the nurses are following a three-year program at Mercy Central School of Nursing leading to the status of Registered Nurse. By an arrangement of long standing between the two schools, they attend classes in chemistry, English, ethics and theology at the college.

Their classroom is held at Jarrett Hall. A chartered bus brings them to the hall in time for class, then picks them up at its close. Hence, there is little opportunity for fraternizing with the other students. Miss Edith Mertshak, who holds a degree in English from the University of Leningrad, teaches a course in English for the nurses. Sister Mary Mark, who has initiated nurses into the mysteries of chemistry and physics since the early days of Catholic Junior College, presides over the psychology laboratory on the upper floor of Jarrett. Father Austin reverses the usual process by traveling to St. Mary’s Hospital to give his class in nursing ethics. Fr. Bieblach teaches a class in Theology for nurses, also at St. Mary’s. When the extensive building program now under way at St. Mary’s is completed, all classes for nurses will be held downtown.

But until then, the nurses will continue to swell the ranks on Aquinas campus. We hope they will learn to add a colorful column to the Marian Day procession each Spring.

Mr. John Feutz Contemplates New Found Leisure

Mr. John Feutz, whose acquaintance with Aquinas dates back to the old college days on Ransom Avenue, having reached the age of retirement, looks forward to well-deserved days of leisure and pleasurable activity. When he joined the Aquinas maintenance staff in 1950, Mr. Feutz, a skilled carpenter and handyman, was able to work with Mr. Joe Russell who is still with us, to perform the duties of general factotum for the college. The college now has two fully qualified maintenance men plus a staff of assistants. Although the physical plant has changed, the students, seem to have the same amount of fun and studying as they used to in his earlier years here, observed Mr. Feutz.

Outstanding Zest

When asked if there was any person connected with the college who had made a lasting impression on him, Mr. Feutz named Mr. Peter Erhardt, a former student and, later on, an instructor in Chemistry. Mr. Feutz thought him a conscientious worker and noticed that he had been mentioned in the “Aquinas Herald” often. As for the most memorable event in all his years at Aquinas, Mr. Feutz recalled the time when our campus was covered with a record 46 ins of snow.

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Robert Pumford, former Mathematics instructor at Aquinas, is studying at the University of Tubingen.

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Cagers Aim for Miracle Upset
Win Over Big-Favorite Calvin

Tommies Attempting to Become the Dragon that Slews the Knights;
Unbeaten Calvin Brings 10-0 Record, Toms 10-2 Mark, into Clash

It's a rather time-worn cliche to call a team that wins all the time "the Yankees" of this or that era.

Another image of the "Yankees" is a staid attitude toward winning. Although there was much fuss that Mickey Mantle supposedly cried after the Yanks lost last year's Series, it's usual to see them make the last "out" of the Series and calmly trot off the field as if it were something they did every day.

Both of these points fit Calvin. They're all-time—seven losses in the last three years—but the general attitude is one of boredom.

They draw 2,000 to every game but there is practically no cheering, just the polite clapping after every basket.

The team runs up a big score as the fans watch impassively and exhibit no joy at all from winning. But it's a different point where Aquinas has it all over Calvin. They can't even come close to the tremendous school spirit that the student body has shown this year, especially in the great game against Northern.

Coach Ray Null has compared it to the "insolence" of the infamous Notre Dame field-house which is known as a graveyard for visiting teams because of the concentrated partisan screaming of the fans.

With all the drums beating and the Tommie fans screaming go-go-go, it's an awesome display of experiences at a time like this?

It certainly should surprise the Knights who are used to playing in comparative silence. Of course, in reality it won't be easy to beat Calvin.

We have to think about beating a team that no one has even come close to all year. There are a hundred reasons why Calvin should win, not the least of which being that they may have a better team. But why be reasonable at all in this case?

I'm hoping the hundred-to-one shot comes in Saturday.

SPORTSCOPE

By Vito Stellino

Tommies Trail Print's Series

Calvin has won 21 of the 22 games played with Aquinas. The series started in 1945 when the Tommies played their first game with Calvin's varsity and first cage game after a four-year lapa because of the war. Before the war, the Tommies lost to Calvin only 21 times.

The results:

1945-46—Calvin 66-17 and 61-29.
1950-51—Calvin 71-60 and 94-51.
1952-53—Calvin 63-56 and 71-44.
1953-54—Calvin 64-41.
Aquinas 61-48.
1946-45—Calvin 114-53.
1950-56—Calvin 96-60, 72-Calvin 89-63.
1957-58—Calvin 63-56.
1959-60—Calvin 66-55.
1960-61—???

Since Aquinas took its only win over Calvin in the second game of the 1955-54 season, the clubs have only met once a year.

The Toms have a 10-2 record this year, losing only to Northern Michigan and Ferris Institute. Warming up for the big clash, the Toms easily beat junior college for the second time this season Wednesday night.

Calvin has been idle since Jan. 16. The two clubs have met five common foes this year, Kalamazoo, Alma, Olivet, Hillsdale, and Ferris Institute.

Both clubs beat four of the teams, but Calvin beat Ferris by 19 and the Toms lost to the Bulldogs by 21. However, Aquinas played at Ferris and Calvin played the bulldogs on their own floor.

Calvin has a superb club with the added strength of a bench that Aquinas coach Ray Null calls one of the best he's seen.

Two of the Calvin starters in the game last year with Aquinas are now playing second-string and the Knights play their top seven almost interchangeably.

The Knight coach has labeled the club as the best he's ever coached. None of the 10 teams Calvin has beaten has even come close anywhere close to giving the Knights a game.

But the only time the Toms ever beat back in 1953, also was a great upset after Calvin had beaten the Tommies by 20 points in the first meeting that season.

The players that played the brilliant game against Northern Michigan, the Toms just missing, start the game again to be ready to go. Tommy Williamson, Ray Bauer, Gene Nowak, Joe Keller and Jim Kanary will lead the victory bid.

Also, the Toms front line could be strengthened in the second semester to bolster the club.