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The Reverend John Donahue, in-dubitability promoter of Dominican spirituality at Aquinas, has been advanced by his Order to the post of Vocations Director, and has left for New York to undertake his new duties. The news that Aquinas was to lose him came at the end of the first semester.

A dinner held in Father Donahue's honor on Tuesday, Jan. 23, was attended by more than 200 persons.

Tribute was paid to the guest of honor, Monsignor Bukowski, Sister M. Milfred, and Father P. Hennaway, speaking on behalf of the college administration and faculty, by Peter Pepe for the Advisory Board; Father C. P. Wilson for the Dominican Fathers; Karl Otto, president of the Student Senate for the student body; and Maureen Doyle, princess of the Court.

Wilde’s “Exquisitely Trivial” Farce Challenges Best Effort Of Thespians

The College Speech Department, under the direction of Sister Mary de Chantal, O.F.S., has selected “The Importance of Being Earnest” as its production for the season.

Oscar Wilde himself said of this unique comedy: “It is exquisitely trivial, a delicate bubble of fancy; and it has its philosophy — which is that we should treat all the trivial things of life seriously and all the serious things of life with seriousness and studied triviality.”

Sister deChantal has pointed out that the play “is a trivial play for serious people, portraying a complete reversal of human values.”

To the characters of “Earnest” only what’s on the surface counts. Wilde’s masterpiece believes society’s standards, and the brilliant wit of Wilde is seen most clearly in the reversed epigrams which are sprinkled liberally throughout the play.

The object of PAVLA is to coordinate the response of Catholics to the request of Pope John for aid to the needy parishes of South America where the number of priests — now in five countries — is completely inadequate to the need.

A two-fold plan has been initiated to implement the Pope’s program: first, the recruitment of volunteers, and, second, the provision of means of support for them. Thus, those who are unable to give themselves to this mission may still participate by contributing funds for the support of those who do.

Members of the Aquinas faculty advising the program committee are: Mr. Lewis Clingman and Dr. Joseph Galliano of the History Department, Mr. Jose Soler, Spanish; Mr. Robert Clarke, Political Science; Sister Mary Eunice, O.F.S.; and Mrs. Marjorie Clapp of the Development Office.

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Oddly Out Of Style

People don't really talk much about justice or honesty anymore. Somewhere, somehow, since 1900, we've lost our vital interest in these subjects; and without a Diogenes or two, our problems of justice and honesty are largely forgotten.

Occasionally there are articles shedding light on aspects of modern life, such as quiz game scandals, payola or price fixing which are touched upon. But no one would have to read newspapers and magazines to realize that there is a decline in that quality of justice which formerly meant respect for both public and private interests.

People all over the world were supposed to be disillusioned, and perhaps they were. But when "colonialism," the world's "problem," perverts the intended purpose of all human action, and when employed to justify a nation's action, we can't imagine any Afri­cans or Asians fasting during the fast season, their stomachs empty, their economy improving very slowly, and many people suffer from poverty and starvation.

Never was something of an idealist, but he is an idealist who is in politics and depends upon votes to stay in power. Politics have mitigated idealism before (cf. Woodrow Wilson at Ver­sailles) and will again.

Nehru has paid off his cheapest debt to his increasingly international electorate, and the U. S. disapproves. But without him in power in India, things probably would not be better.

An Old Institution Gains Much Needed New Blood

Six Aquinas students have made the Triumphant March down the steps of the old Aquinas College for the first time in many years (some not even born that day). But now I think back fondly to that time, and how the body naturally craves a physiological balance in perfect order. This physiological balance is readily obtained with the body acid balance. I'm sure the acid reader's will be interested in the acid balance.
The Many Facets of Bennett

This month let us steal a glance at the many facets of Economics Professor, Mr. Ralph Bennett.

Author

Besides his regular work with economics and accounting classes, Mr. Bennett has devoted time to writing articles in such journals as those related to economics for such publications as: the Kansas City Star, the Detroit News, the Grand Rapids Presses. Among these, an article on "Housing, Insurance, and Workmen's Compensation and Solutions," "Minimum Wage Legislation," and "The Value of Credit in the Secondary Curriculum."

Beware Calendars of March

Graduating students are urged to take notice of the first day of March, 1962. This date signifies the deadline at most colleges and universities for applications for graduate school scholarships and fellowships.

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Miss Scott described for the students of the Aquinas music department their recent involvement in the schedule of professional growth and community service. Sister Berenetta, in frequent demand as a speaker, spoke on "The Promotion of Musical Education" at a meeting of the Grand Rapids teachers on Jan. 16. She also spoke to the Catholic Forensic Club and the Catholic Dramatic Club at the Grand Rapids Teachers College on Jan. 20. Sister Berenetta explained to the students present that "for Grade 6." She also spoke on "Phonics for Grade 2" and Sister Malachy on "Childhood Literacy in the Home." Sister Constance Scott and Miss Elizabeth McMahon, both graduates of Manhattan College, New York, these young ladies have decided to devote themselves to the promotion of the home-program mission.

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Basketball Team Loses Six Straight Contests

Plagued by injuries and misfortunes, the Aquinas College basketball team finished the first semester of action by losing six straight games.

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The Aquinas hopes in the second semester aren't much brighter.

The Tommies' fortunes got steadily worse as they returned from the holiday vacation and lost to GRJC 67-64. Upon winning the Tumblers to 59-50, Aquinas had a 36-27 halftime lead but ran out of gas in the second half of the contest.

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