

NEWS OF THOMAS AQUINAS COLLEGE

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PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL SPONSORS CONFERENCE SERIES FOR LAYMEN

The President's Council of Thomas Aquinas College is sponsoring a series of conferences, the purpose of which is to inform the Catholic laity about the intellectual roots of the present disarray in modern education and society. It is hoped that this will lead to a better understanding of the importance of the kind of work being done at Thomas Aquinas College for the future. The first conference was held on March 6th at the California Club in Los Angeles. It was hosted by Mr. J. Edward Martin, Chairman of the President's Council. Dr. McArthur, who addressed the meeting on the subject of "Liberalism," undertook to outline the nature of the intellectual "liberalism" which permeates our culture. He did this by explaining certain writings of John Henry Cardinal Newman, who foresaw the beginnings of this trend and many of its consequences. The second conference was hosted by Mr. Francis J. Montgomery, who is the Chairman of the Scholarship and Information Committee of the President's Council. This meeting, held at the Los Angeles Athletic Club on Wednesday, April 11th, had as its topic, "Nihilism in Education." At this meeting, Dr. McArthur charted the intellectual history of nihilism, showed its influence on modern society and, in particular, on modern education, and made clear that such a view of reality is utterly in conflict with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

In coming months, various members of the President's Council will host additional conferences. Friends of the College who wish to receive invitations to future conferences should call the office and ask that their name be added to the invitation list.

FRESHMAN CLASS BEING SELECTED

Thomas Aquinas College will admit 34 freshman students in the Fall of 1973. A substantial number of applications have been received. From among these candidates, the Admissions Committee has already selected 15 for acceptance. Mr. Dennis Koller, Admissions Director, has asked that students planning to submit applications for the September freshman class do so as soon as possible in order to avoid possible disappointment.



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FATHER MARTIN D'ARCY VISITS COLLEGE

Father Martin D'Arcy, S.J., prominent Catholic philosopher and author, and member of the Board of Visitors of Thomas Aquinas College, spent the evening of March 16th in a wide-ranging conversation with students and faculty. In the course of the evening, he recounted his personal experiences with such prominent Catholics as G.K. Chesterton, Hilaire Belloc and Evelyn Waugh. On Sunday, March 25th, the Thomas Aquinas College Auxiliary sponsored a lecture by Father D'Arcy on the subject, "Signs and Wonders." This gathering was held at the Beverly Hills home of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen McNally.

ADMISSIONS DIRECTOR CONCLUDES SUCCESSFUL EAST COAST TRIP

Mr. Koller recently spent 17 days visiting 13 cities on the East Coast, and reports that interest in Thomas Aquinas College among Catholics in the area is extremely high. In addition to visiting a number of schools, Mr. Koller addressed a series of meetings, including several hosted by chapters of Catholics United for the Faith. It is expected that Mr. Koller's trip will result in an increase in the already substantial number of East Coast students attending Thomas Aquinas College.

INTERESTED STUDENTS INVITED TO VISIT CAMPUS

During the current year, a considerable number of high school students have taken advantage of the College's campus visitation program by spending several days at the College, living in the dormitories, visiting classes, and otherwise informing themselves about the life of a Thomas Aquinas College student. The College encourages interested students to make such visits to the campus so as to be in a better position to make a knowledgeable decision to attend. More than 80% of the students who visit the campus subsequently apply for admission. Students interested in participating in this program should contact Mr. Koller in the Admissions Office.

MOTHER JEROME VISITS CAMPUS

In the early part of April we were privileged to have Mother Jerome, O.S.B., from Regina Laudis Monastery in Connecticut, as our guest on the campus. She gave a Friday night lecture on "The Rule of St. Benedict," and then spent many wonderful hours with our students and faculty. We can only hope that she will be able to come and visit again, for she became enormously popular with everyone here.