

# NEWS OF THOMAS AQUINAS COLLEGE

SEPTEMBER 1975

GRADUATION: June 7, 1975



Richard Cross  
First Graduate



H. Lyman Stebbins,  
Commencement Speaker

On this clear and sunny June day, under the giant oaks on the west lawn, Thomas Aquinas College graduated its first class. Following are the names of the graduates.

Richard W. Cross, Jr.  
Denver, Colorado

Management Trainee  
Bakersfield, California

Norman P. DeSilva  
Sebastopol, California

Graduate Studies in Philosophy  
Universite Laval, Quebec, Canada

Michael T. Fox  
Culver City, California

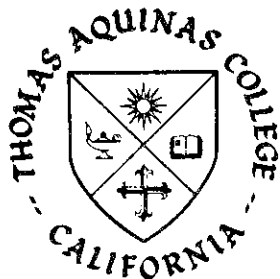
Teacher, Cathedral High School  
Gallup, New Mexico

Jeremy D. Gerber  
Carlinville, Illinois

Graduate Studies in Music,  
California State University,  
Northridge, California

William P. Gilles, Jr.  
Torrance, California

Graduate Studies in Business  
Administration, University of  
California, Los Angeles, California



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Paula A. Grimm Pasadena, California	Teacher, St. Luke Elementary School, Temple City, California
Thomas J. Kaiser Bakersfield, California	Graduate Studies in Philosophy Niagara University, Niagara, N.Y.
Tina M. Langone Boston, Massachusetts	Administrative Assistant, Thomas Aquinas College, Calabasas
Maryann Montanaro Liverpool, New York	Nurse's Training, County USC Hospital, Los Angeles, California
Francis G. Poon San Francisco, California	Graduate Studies in Philosophy, Niagara University, Niagara, N.Y.
David B. Rioux Lewiston, Maine	Graduate Studies in Literature, Princeton University, Princeton, N.J.
Richard S. Russnak Scottsdale, Arizona	Graduate Studies in Philosophy, Niagara University, Niagara, N.Y.
Lindsey T. Sampson Tehachapi, California	Tutor, Colorado Springs, Colorado
Eli William Sockey, III Pittsfield, Massachusetts	Headmaster, San Jose Preparatory School, San Jose, California
Laura M. Steichen Berquist St. Cloud, Minnesota	Housewife
Robyn L. Tucker Alpine, California	Teacher, San Diego Christian School, San Diego, California
John K. Walsh Camarillo, California	Graduate Studies in Philosophy, Niagara University, Niagara, N.Y.
Anne M. Wynne Atherton, California	Secretary, San Francisco, California

#### COLLEGE OPENS WITH EXCELLENT FRESHMEN CLASS

On September 15, 1975, Dr. Ronald P. McArthur welcomed the thirty-five students who comprise this year's freshmen class into the campus community. While noting that Thomas Aquinas College generally attracts the better students, he stated that he was particularly impressed with the overall quality of this year's class.

Dr. McArthur observed that while the College Board Scores of college bound students have been dropping in recent years (the current level is 920), the average scores of students applying to Thomas Aquinas College have been rising. This year's incoming

class averages 1105. Those now attending the college are among the top twenty-five per cent of college students in the nation.

#### SULLIVAN ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

At their June meeting, the Governors of Thomas Aquinas College elected Mr. Thomas P. Sullivan, a member since 1973, Chairman. At Mr. Sullivan's suggestion, the Board formed an Executive Committee to handle those items of urgent business which occur between quarterly meetings. Named to this committee were: Mr. John E. Schaeffer, Mr. Francis J. Montgomery, Mr. J. Edward Martin and the President and Vice Presidents of the college.

In addition to being President of Jefferson House, a Los Angeles Interior Design firm, Mr. Sullivan is President of the Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Association and active in other civic and cultural organizations. Mr. Sullivan, his wife, Chloe, and their two children, Daniel and Hilary, reside in San Marino, California.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT NAMED

Miss Tina M. Langone, a June graduate of Thomas Aquinas College, was named by Dean John W. Neumayr, to the post of Administrative Assistant for Student Affairs. Miss Langone's duties will include supervising dormitory prefects, coordinating student extra-curricular activities, and assisting in graduate placement and admissions work.

#### JOHN ROCHE KIELY ELECTED TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Mr. Thomas P. Sullivan, Chairman, has announced the election of Mr. John Roche Kiely to the Board of Governors.

Mr. Kiely, a graduate in Civil Engineering from the University of Washington, is a retired Executive Vice President of Bechtel Corporation. He continues as a Director of Bechtel, Inc. and Canadian Bechtel.

Mr. Kiely and his wife, Margaret, have five children. Their daughter, Mary MacLean Kiely, is currently in her junior year at Thomas Aquinas College. The Kiely's reside in Woodside, California.

Mr. Sullivan expressed the Board's pleasure with Mr. Kiely's willingness to serve. "A man of his unusual breadth of experience and superb reputation will be of real assistance to the college."

#### RECRUITING COMMITTEE FORMED

Mr. Dennis Koller, Director of Admissions, announced the formation of a recruiting committee to assist the admissions office in contacting prospective students. Anyone wishing to be a part of this committee is requested to contact him at the college.

"We are particularly interested in hearing from people in Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and Ohio," states Mr. Koller, "as we get many inquiries from students from these areas and yet have our fewest contacts in these states."

Mr. Koller plans to travel extensively in the mid-West in the early part of November in order to meet with friends who respond favorably to this request.

#### LITERATURE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FROM THE COLLEGE

The following articles of literature are available from the college office:

The commencement address, given by Mr. H. Lyman Stebbins, entitled: "John Henry Newman: A Man For Our Times."

President Ronald P. McArthur's keynote address at this year's Wanderer Forum, entitled: "Toward the Restoration of a Christian Order."

The college's founding document "A Proposal for the Fulfillment of Catholic Liberal Education" and the student "Bulletin" are also available.

#### FURNITURE NEEDED

The college is in need of help to refurnish the student lounges. Friends who have items suitable for this purpose are requested to contact the college. Gifts of this nature are tax deductible.