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## THOMAS AQUINAS COLLEGE 25TH ANNIVERSARY

### SUMMER 1996

#### Dinner with the College Founders

## St. Thomas Day, 1996

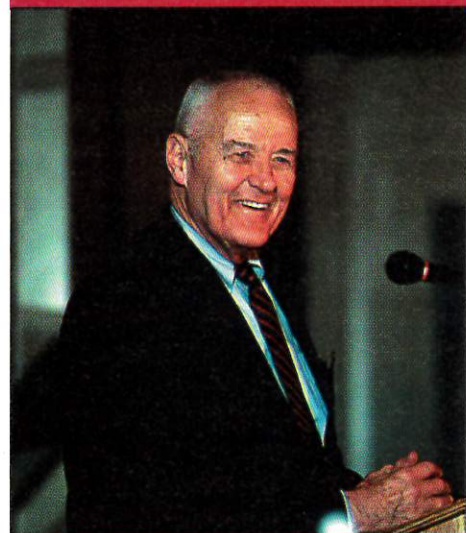
The College keeps each March 7 as a holiday in honor of its patron, St. Thomas Aquinas.

The entire day is given over to events directed toward the spiritual, intellectual, and social life of the students, faculty, and staff. This year, the 25th anniversary of the College's founding, St. Thomas



*"We all began with the view that the most important thing intellectually is the faith. You begin with the faith and you end there with a more profound understanding of it. You can then pursue education in that mode your entire life. If that's not done, there is no Catholic education. To our minds, this is the only college that does it that way."*

Ronald McArthur,  
Founding President



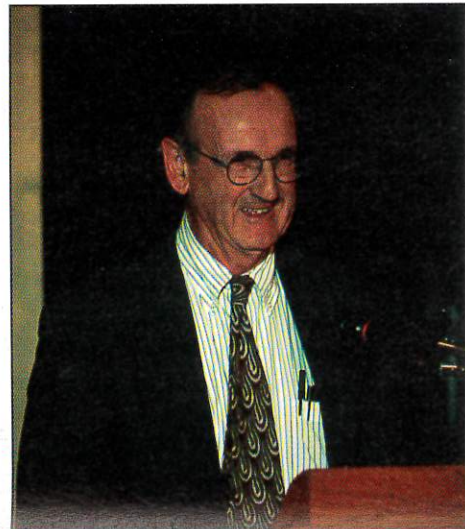
*"It was Almighty God who moved the heart and mind of Larry Barker to give this campus to us. And so I say to all you who are students and teachers here, you have a terrible charge upon you: God has looked upon this college and has blessed us in ways we couldn't have possibly imagined."*

Col. William Lawton,  
Founder

Day was celebrated with special joy and thanksgiving.

#### THE MASS

The day's events began with a Mass whose principal celebrant was Most Rev. Fabian W. Bruskewitz, Bishop of Lincoln. In his homily, he focused on the person of St. Thomas Aquinas, whom he called "one of the greatest intellects, if not the greatest intellect, that God ever created." But above this, the bishop said, he was a saint. "Thomas Aquinas combined in himself, in an admirable



*"It was our hope to bring education back to the kind of realism that belongs to the man in the street, the kind of realism that finally is inescapable. We all begin with this realism, with the hope of the intellect grasping the nature of things. And based upon this, we sought to establish a genuine form of higher education."*

John Neumayr, Founder

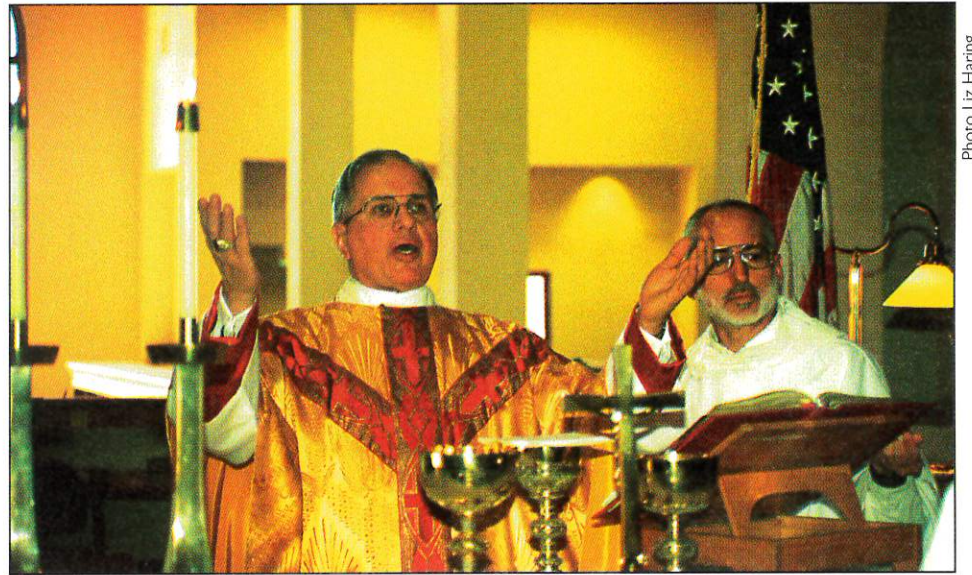
way, a life of study and a life of prayer, and this combination particularly seems to be the secret of his sanctity and wisdom."

Bishop Bruskewitz encouraged the Thomas Aquinas College community to follow the example of St. Thomas and ended with a blessing: "May this institution always retain as an epitaph on its heart those words of the prophet Daniel, 'The wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament and those who instruct many to justice like stars forever.'"

#### THE ST. THOMAS DAY LECTURE

Among the lectures given yearly at the College, the St. Thomas Day lecture is preeminent. This year an alumnus, Dr. Michael M. Waldstein, Class of 1977, was given the honor of delivering the lecture.

Dr. Waldstein received a Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Dallas in 1981, a licentiate in Sacred Scripture from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome (the Biblicum) in 1984, and a Th.D. in New Testament Studies from Harvard Divinity School in 1991. He was recently appointed president of the International Theological Institute, a newly established pontifical institute located in Aus-



Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz, assisted by College chaplain Bartholomew de la Torre, O. P., celebrates Mass the morning of St. Thomas Day.

tria. Dr. Waldstein is married to an alumna, the former Susan Burnham, and the couple has six children. The title of his lecture was "Where is Scripture? St. Thomas and the Moderns on the Immanuel Prophecy in Isaiah."

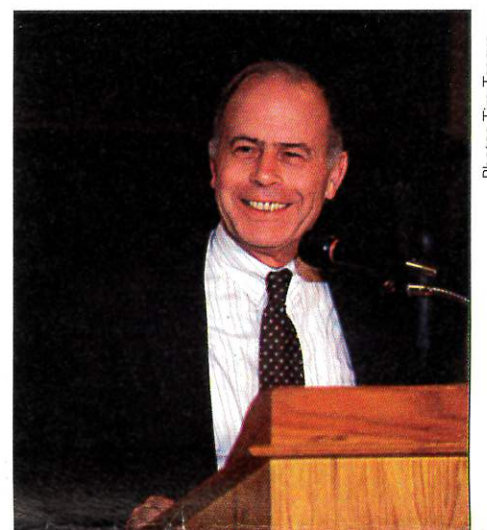
He began by thanking the College. "The more experience I gather," he said, "the more I realize how precious is the gift that I received here at Thomas Aquinas College."

In his lecture, Dr. Waldstein compared St. Thomas's commentary on Isa-



*"St. Thomas says that what God principally intends in what he does is the order of the universe. God does not make things at random, one after the other; he makes them in a certain order. When we thought about founding a college such as this, that was very much on our minds: How are we going to embody order in the curriculum we design?"*

Marcus Berquist, Founder



*"Thomas Aquinas College, in going back to liberal education, and to the best form of that education—namely Catholic liberal education, is profoundly significant in a political sense—in the large sense of political. What we are doing is the right kind of thing to do if you want to have—or restore civilization."*

Peter DeLuca, Founder

iah chapters 7 & 8 with an analysis of the same text according to the methods he had learned at the Biblicum and at Harvard. Modern methods of criticism do have their strengths, he said, but the methods of St. Thomas and the Church Fathers have a spiritual depth unattainable by modern critiques.

In the curriculum he has designed for the International Theological Institute, Dr. Waldstein integrates both methodologies according to the principles which guide the curriculum at Thomas Aquinas College.

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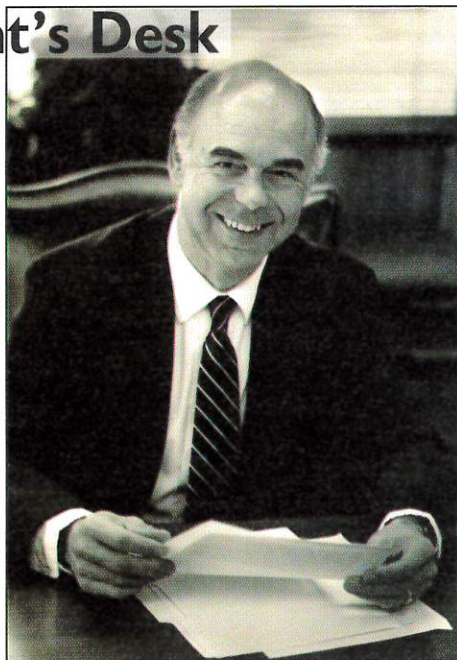
## From the President's Desk

In April I had the honor of addressing the Institute on Religious Life concerning the Holy Father's recent encyclical *Veritatis Splendor*, "The Splendor of Truth." In the 25th year of the operation of the College, it has been made so clear that we are highly blessed to be able to serve the truth, especially the wonderful immutable truths about God, the nature of man and the world, and God's saving plan.

When the College started in 1971, we were like the proverbial single candle, a committed effort by a handful to do what ought to be done in Catholic higher learning: educate students in fidelity to the Church's Magisterium, with the highest standards of scholarship and morality.

What could not be foreseen at the College's founding was that this effort would evoke a tremendous outpouring of generosity: of donors, who gave and gave to make the College succeed; of parents, who sent their children and made tremendous sacrifices to make their education possible; of the students, who for the sake of truth embraced this difficult program of studies and made the College community one of genuine charity; and most recently, of our graduates, whose lives of courage and service bear witness to the truth they have learned.

It was a great joy and privilege for my wife and me to see John Higgins ordained a priest by John Cardinal O'Connor at St. Patrick's Cathedral on June 1. With the June ordinations of John, Charles Van Vliet, and Jude Vos, the to-



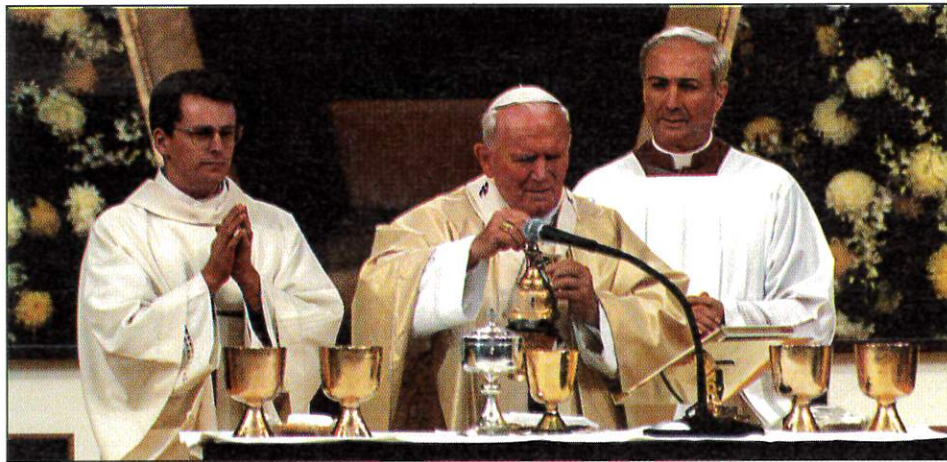
President Thomas E. Dillon

tal of ordained alumni stands at 22. Twenty more are in seminaries now.

These young men, and a like number of young women alumni in religious life, truly reflect the splendor of truth shining forth in our truth-hungry world. We thank God for them and for the graces He has bestowed on them.

As we enter the last two years of our five-year campaign, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you who have made this success possible. We pray for your continued support, as the projects ahead are more than a little challenging: St. Albert the Great Science Building, a women's dormitory, and of course, the permanent chapel—as well as the provision of substantial scholarship assistance for the next two years.

The heroic sacrifices and leadership of our Board of Governors, with our



John Higgins (left), Class of 1990, assisted the Holy Father as his Eucharistic Deacon at the Mass held October 7, 1995, in New York City's Central Park.

beloved Dr. William W. Smith at the helm as chairman, have made everything that we have accomplished possible, and they have committed themselves to making this campaign a success. With their energy and insight, and the loving help of all our friends, we can prepare to en-

ter the new millennium with even more confidence and hope than when we started twenty-five years ago. In defending and promoting the Splendor of Truth, we are assured divine protection and heavenly reward. May we advance joyfully in this all-important effort. ☩

## President Dillon Consulted for Major Columbia University Study

Last year, with funding from the Mellon Foundation, Columbia University undertook a major study entitled *Accountability of Colleges and Universities*, under the direction of one of its vice presidents, Gregory Fusco. The authors of this study were Dr. Richard W. Lyman, president emeritus of Stanford University, Dr. Patricia Graham, former dean of the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and Dr. Martin Trow, Professor of Public Policy at the University of California, Berkeley, and a past vice president of the National Academy of Education.

Among the thirty six "experts and advisors" consulted for the study were presidents and past presidents of universities such as Harvard, Stanford, University of California at Berkeley, and the University of Illinois, as well as leaders of institutions such as the American Council on Education, the United States Department of Education, the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, the College Board, and the Association of American Universities.

Dr. Thomas Dillon, president of Thomas Aquinas College, was included in this list of advisors, and Dr. Fusco invited him, as "one of a small number of leading thinkers and doers" on the subject of accountability in higher education, to consult with the study's three authors at a session in San Francisco.

Thomas Aquinas College's national

leadership in defense of institutional autonomy in the face of encroaching governmental control and political correctness in accreditation has been widely publicized, and President Dillon added a voice for institutional integrity and autonomy among those consulted for the study.

In his interview, Dr. Dillon maintained that a private college or university is accountable first and foremost to its students and their parents, and only remotely to external entities such as accrediting agencies or the government. The Columbia Study, which has been widely circulated around the country among institutions devoted to higher learning, generally takes this position.

As the document states in its conclusion, "...the most crucial place for the exercise of accountability is within each institution of higher learning. The strengthening of accountability is a task that begins at home. Internal accountability can provide a strong foundation for the reformed external accountability we propose."

Only by maintaining autonomy can a college or university hope to fashion a curriculum and program consistent with its stated institutional mission. Such autonomy is a guarantee against homogeneity in higher education and insures that students and parents have genuine choice in the pursuit of truth. ☩

## Chapel Update

Peter D. Lemmon, J.D., Class of 1985  
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

### THE PUBLIC NOVENA

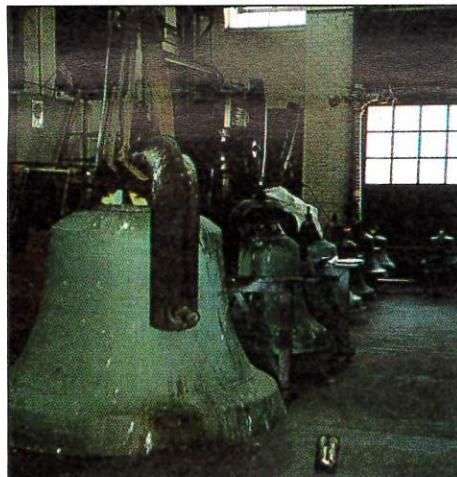
The Thomas Aquinas College community said the Novena to Our Lady Queen of Apostles with dedication and devotion from March 7—celebrated as St. Thomas Day on campus—until the chapel site was dedicated on Sunday, May 19 (to be covered in the next issue). On the first and the last nine days of the novena, our College chaplains joined the College community for a public recitation of the novena at the chapel site.

### SPECIAL GIFTS

We are happy to report two special gifts for the chapel. Hon. William P. Clark—who has been a driving force since the chapel project was announced at the 25th Anniversary Dinner last November—and his wife Joan have donated three beautiful large bronze bells as well as \$25,000 to restore them. Mr. Clark chose these particular bells because they will ring in harmony; he chose three to symbolize the Trinity and also to allow for a traditional Spanish mission-style bell tower for the new chapel.

The largest bell, 43 inches in diameter, weighs approximately 1,700 pounds; the second largest is 34-1/2 inches in diameter and weighs 1,200 pounds, and the third is 29 inches in diameter. The two largest bells were cast in 1893 by the Stuckstede Bell Foundry in St. Louis and hung in St. Cyril's Church in Chicago. The third bell was cast in 1914 by the Meneely Bell Foundry in Troy, New York, and was one of several which hung in St. Joseph's Church, also in Chicago.

The bells are being restored by the Verdin Company in Cincinnati, the world's largest supplier of bells, carillons and clocks, and will be set up to be rung in the traditional manner by ropes.



The bells in the process of restoration

Also, it was with particular joy that President Dillon received a letter on April 29 of this year from Monsignor Eugene Clark, the pastor of St. Agnes Parish in New York. Msgr. Clark, a long-standing friend of the College, said that among the items which survived the fire that destroyed Old Saint Agnes was a stained glass window of St. Thomas Aquinas. "...It's available to you if you have any use for it. Kindest wishes, Msgr. Eugene V. Clark."

We certainly do have a use for it, Monsignor. Thank you! The beautiful window depicting St. Thomas Aquinas was originally donated to St. Agnes Church by the Thomas Baldwin family. Msgr. Clark has also donated the rest of the stained glass windows from old St. Agnes. It is with a deep sense of their history that the College humbly accepts these windows.

Built in 1873, Old Saint Agnes Church stood a few hundred yards from Grand Central Station. Serving as the religious port of entry for Catholics arriving in New York City by train, the church became famous across the country.

It was again famous as the parish of Fulton J. Sheen, one of the best-known and best-loved Catholic figures of this century. Archbishop Sheen helped get



A detail of the stained glass window

Mrs. Alfonso Guilin (Mrs. Guilin is our Development Office Manager.); Mrs. Ivy Lee of San Francisco; and Mr. and Mrs. J. Vincent Lemmon of Sacramento, parents of four alumni.

### CHAPEL STEERING COMMITTEE IN FORMATION

President Dillon is gathering a prestigious and knowledgeable Chapel Steering Committee. So far, Sir Daniel Donohue, Hon. William P. Clark, Mrs. John Friedrich, College governor Mr. Francis Montgomery, and Msgr. Francis J. Weber have agreed to serve. ☩



## A Guided Tour of the Campus: What Your Gifts Have Done—And Can Do

Thomas P. Sullivan

Many of our donors have never had the opportunity to visit our beautiful Ferndale campus. Thanks to the generosity of thousands of individuals and foundations, we have come a long way since we first moved here in 1978.

What I would like to do is take you on a short tour of the campus, specifically pointing out those improvements that are the result of gifts to our 5-year, \$25-million Comprehensive Campaign.

Let's begin with the building marked 1. This is St. Bernardine Library, a truly splendid structure. Not all, but the majority of funds for the library were raised during the course of the campaign.

Building 2 is Blessed Junipero Serra

Hall, a residence hall housing 56 men. Although our per-foot construction costs were below the average for such buildings, Serra Hall is beautiful, comfortable and well constructed. I could happily live there myself.

The red-shaded plot of ground marked with a 3 is the site of St. Albert the Great Hall, which is in the design phase. This two-story science building will link the upper half of the campus with the lower academic quadrangle.

As you can see, there is quite a grade difference between St. Albert and the building to the right, St. Joseph Commons. St. Albert Hall and the grand staircase to be built as part of the project will knit the campus together in an effective

and beautiful way.

On the far left of the photo is another red-shaded plot marked by a 4. It is here that the crown jewel of the campus—our chapel—will be built. The chapel's location makes it the visual focus of the entire campus, a concrete reminder that knowing and serving God is the principle purpose of the education at Thomas Aquinas College.

At the upper right of the photo is a plot of land marked with a 5. A second new residence hall will be built here, replacing the modular dormitory currently at this location.

I would like to mention here that although we have already accomplished much through gifts to the Comprehen-

sive Campaign, much remains to be done. Those empty plots of land marked with numbers need buildings on them, so I would ask you to be as generous as possible in giving to the campaign.

God has done a lot of the work by providing us with a marvelous setting for the College—perhaps in a later issue of the Newsletter we'll publish an aerial photo of the campus that shows the majestic backdrop of mountains—but it's up to us to do our part by providing the buildings necessary to carry on the program of Catholic liberal education at Thomas Aquinas College. ☩

Mr. Sullivan is past chairman of the Board of Governors and chairman of the Board's Campus Planning Committee.

## St. Thomas Day, cont.

### THE FOUNDERS DINNER

That evening a formal dinner was held at which the founders of the College were honored. Dr. Dillon, master of ceremonies for the event, called each of the five founders present to the podium, where each spoke on a different aspect of the founding of the College.

LT. COL. WILLIAM S. LAWTON, JR.

Col. Lawton, the first to speak, began by commending Bishop Bruskewitz on his forthright recruiting of students for religious vocations. He then went on to discuss—in hilarious detail—how the College received the present Ferndale campus as a gift from Lawrence Barker Jr. of San Francisco. Col. Lawton gave all credit to God saying that it certainly wasn't due to any good speeches and fancy footwork done by the founders.

JOHN W. NEUMAYR

Dr. Neumayr, a tutor at the College, spoke about the founding document of the school, *A Proposal for the Fulfillment of Catholic Liberal Education*.

According to Aristotle, philosophy, begins in wonder, Dr. Neumayr said. "Men know something but don't know something else, so they ask, 'Why?'" Knowledge begins in ordinary experience and no matter how lofty it becomes, it always has to resolve back to that beginning "Why?"

The curriculum at Thomas Aquinas College, as outlined in *A Proposal*, is meant to lead students into an ever deeper vision of ordinary things. "And then," Dr. Neumayr concluded, "through the visible things around us—as St. Paul spoke about it—the mind ascends to God, so that the first question you asked—that first wonder, that desire to know things—is finally given

an answer, for you are looking for the cause, and God alone is the cause."

MARCUS R. BERQUIST

Mr. Berquist, senior tutor at the College, spoke on the order of the curriculum. There are two sorts of order in learning, he said: the order of necessity and the order of excellence. "Our curriculum is based on an explicit recognition of both kinds of order. Insofar as I know, no one else does this."



St. Thomas Day lecturer Michael Waldstein (left) deep in discussion with Dean Kevin Kolbeck

"In learning you can't just begin anywhere. Certain things have to be learned before other later things can be learned, and it is usually the case that what is best comes last." This is the order of necessity.

Certain things are also more worth studying than others because they deal with higher objects, objects in which a person finds a kind of happiness because of the excellence of what is being learned. This is the order of excellence.

For this reason, students at Thomas Aquinas College study grammar, logic, the natural sciences, and philosophy before they study theology; and the study of the highest points of theology—the Incarnation and the Trinity—is reserved for the senior year.

PETER L. DELUCA III

Mr. DeLuca is a tutor and currently serves as the vice president for finance and administration. He spoke on the place of the College in the political order.

Mr. DeLuca re-evoked the cultural and political backdrop against which the College was founded: universities dominated by the political left; opposition to the war in Vietnam; and chaos in college curricula. For Catholics, this was compounded by the turmoil following Vatican II.

"We were not trying to found a college that would just be opposed to those trends," he said, "but it was the extreme and obvious disintegration of American and Catholic education that made it possible for Thomas Aquinas College to be founded, for that disintegration was apparent to at least some of the donors of existing institutions."

RONALD P. MCARTHUR

Dr. McArthur was the founding president of Thomas Aquinas College, a position he held for 20 years. He emphasized that the founding of the College was a group effort. "If it had depended on me alone to found the College, it would never have been founded, ever."

In his speech he tied together certain key points made by the other founders and ended by pointing to the necessity of the Catholic Church in the modern world.

"As the Catholic Church goes," he said, "so will this whole civilization. It's only the Church that can buttress it. This means that things be more Catholic—without our being dictatorial or wrong in mode or method—but more Catholic. And without Catholic liberal education that will not be possible."

STUDENT DINNER WITH DR. MCARTHUR

On Wednesday evening before St. Thomas Day, students gathered for dinner and an informal question and answer session with Dr. McArthur. In the manner which made these talks famous among students, he discussed the meaning and importance of Catholic intellectual life, how one should study and be devoted to learning, and the importance of St. Thomas. Discussions went on for several hours, only slightly interrupted by video cameras recording the event for posterity. (Videos of both historic occasions are available. See offer below!) ☩

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# Comprehensive Campaign Update

Peter D. Lemmon, J.D., Class of 1985  
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

The countdown continues to the June 1998 deadline for the Comprehensive Campaign to raise \$25 million. We reported in our last issue that \$15 million in gifts and pledges had been received. Since then, the number of those making Lead Gifts and joining the Campaign Honor Roll has increased.

## Lead Gifts News

**THE ANDERSEN FOUNDATION:** A new grant of \$250,000 for scholarships brings their campaign total to \$725,000.

**DR. & MRS. HARRY G. BROWNE:** Their splendid gift of \$1.7 million in stock kicked off the campaign; they have just given an additional \$15,000 in cash. Now that the stock of Therapeutic Antibodies, Inc., is traded on the London Stock Exchange, the current value of this gift may exceed \$4 million!

**MRS. GEORGE V. CALDWELL** has contributed a total of \$411,468 to the campaign.

## Previously Reported Lead Gifts

**THE FRITZ B. BURNS FOUNDATION:** \$775,000 of a \$1.1 million pledge for Blessed Serra Hall.

**THE DAN MURPHY FOUNDATION:** \$1,322,000 in cash and a pledge of \$5 million for endowment.

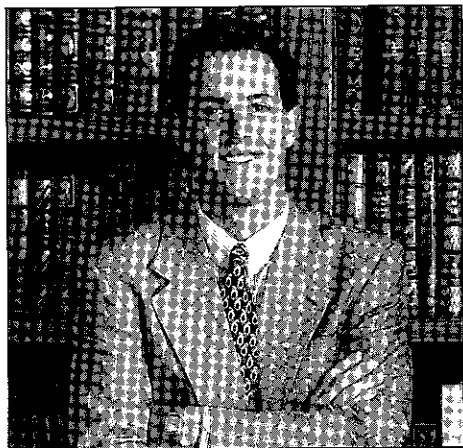
## Campaign Honor Roll News

**MR. & MRS. JAMES BARRETT:** Since 1987, the Barretts have been most generous friends. Jim is co-chairman of the 25th Anniversary Campaign. He and Judy have given an additional \$128,000 since our last report, for a total of \$390,000 to the College's campaign.

**MR. NICHOLAS BEZ:** An additional \$10,000 brings his total campaign gifts to \$120,000.

**HON. & MRS. WILLIAM P. CLARK:** Bill and Joan continue to beautify the College's buildings with treasures. They recently presented the College with 3 magnificent large bells, plus funds to refurbish them for the new chapel. This gift, worth more than \$55,000, brings their campaign gifts to a total of \$85,000.

Other artworks given by the Clarks



Peter Lemmon, Esq.

include a monumental 18th-century Madonna and Child painting (after Murillo), the statue of Our Lady of New York and 14th-century French Gothic arch which now mark the site of our future chapel, a plaque of Blessed Juniperö Serra, and the magnificent 17th-century coffered Spanish ceiling installed in St. Bernardine Library.

**MR. & MRS. JOHN B. FRIEDRICH:** Since 1973, John and Barbara have provided strong and consistent support to the College in the form of scholarship aid for its students. John and Barbara's deep faith and unending generosity and kindness are an inspiration to all who know them. Recent gifts for the chapel and scholarships total \$45,000; they have donated \$122,000 toward our campaign goal.

**MR. WILLIAM H. HANNON** has contributed an additional \$50,000 to endow scholarships in memory of his mother, Eugenie B. Hannon. His gifts to the campaign total \$375,000.

**MR. & MRS. JAMES E. HOLMAN:** Publisher Jim and educator and homemaker Claudia not only help our students with scholarship support but Jim also employs several alumni. Their recent gift of \$25,000 and a pledge of \$25,000 bring their campaign gifts to \$125,000.

**THE FLETCHER JONES FOUNDATION:** This Southern California foundation's wonderful gift of \$200,000 for scholarships brings their campaign total to \$360,000.

**MR. & MRS. J. EDWARD MARTIN:** Long-time Board member Ed and his wife Betty gave \$109,798 for the 25th Anniversary Campaign.

**MR. & MRS. FRANCIS J. MONTGOMERY:** Board member Francis and wife Marion

have been mainstays of the College since 1971. Their recent gifts of \$80,000 make their campaign total \$199,000.

**THE RALPH M. PARSONS FOUNDATION:** This Southern California foundation is dedicated to advancing higher education. It recently gave \$150,000 for scholarship assistance.

**DR. AND MRS. WILLIAM W. SMITH:** At the recent Board of Governors retreat, our chairman and his wife Gerry pledged a gift of \$100,000 for the Science building; their contributions to the campaign total \$125,500.

**Mr. Frank Brucker,** a neighbor of the College, has donated an interest in ranch land in Florida valued around \$400,000.

## Previously Reported Honor Role Gifts

**THE LYNDE & HARRY BRADLEY FOUNDATION, INC.:** \$200,000.

**THE HELEN V. BRACH FOUNDATION:** \$75,000.

**THE JEROME & ELVIRA D. DOOLAN FOUNDATION:** \$100,000.

**THE CONRAD N. HILTON FOUNDATION:** \$100,000.

**THE HENRY LUCE FOUNDATION, INC.:** \$100,000

**MISS A. PATRICIA McDONOUGH, R.L.P.:** a bequest of \$264,000.

**THE JOHN M. OLIN FOUNDATION:** \$150,000.

**MISS CATHERINE G. ROTTIER:** \$306,375 Charitable Remainder Trust.

**MR. HENRY SALVATORI:** \$495,000 during the campaign.

**The E.L. WIEGAND FOUNDATION:** \$195,000.

## New Planned Gifts To Secure College's Future

**MR. PAUL GABBELEIN** of Palm Desert, author and retired professor of Middle Eastern Studies at Fuller Theological Seminary, has established a Charitable Remainder Trust of \$118,000. ☛

## Office of General Counsel and Gift Planning

The College's Board of Governors is considering the establishment of a licensed gift annuity program. Currently the College's Office of General Counsel is researching all requirements and is preparing a preliminary application to the Department of Insurance for the

State of California.

A Gift Annuity is a contract a donor makes with the College: In exchange for a gift, the College agrees to make a quarterly or other regular payment to the donor. Benefits to the donor include: turning nonincome-producing assets into income-producers while avoiding capital gains taxes, plus a current income tax deduction. After the donor's lifetime, the College utilizes the property to offer the benefits of Catholic liberal education to deserving students.

Assisted by William Sawin and Douglas McRae of the Capital Alliance Group, the College will soon publish a brochure and newsletter for the College's friends who want to know how to plan their gifts and estate arrangements in ways which will protect them and their families, assist the College in providing the best possible education for young people, and avoid unnecessary payment of taxes to state and federal governments. ☛

## Organizing Special Events Nationwide

As our circle of friends grows ever wider, we need a systematic approach to staying in touch. Enter Ginger Mortensen, Class of 1996, who will join our staff in August to coordinate receptions around the country for members of the Thomas Aquinas College President's Council and their friends. These receptions are a perfect way for the College to become better known and for friends of the College in different areas to get together with President Dillon and one another, as well as cooperate in recruiting new students and support.

Jacqueline Slay, Special Events Coordinator for on-campus and Southern California events, is now in her ninth year with the College. She will be arranging similar gatherings for President's Council members and their friends in our area. Mrs. Slay coordinated the very successful 25th Anniversary Gala Benefit dinner last November, which has generated a new level of interest in the College.

We look forward to these events with great hope and excitement. Please help Mrs. Slay and Miss Mortensen spread the word about the great things happening at Thomas Aquinas College. ☛

# James Conn & Andrew Zepeda Join Board of Governors

Daniel J. Grimm, J.D., Class of 1976  
VICE PRESIDENT FOR DEVELOPMENT

After years of exemplary service, John E. Schaeffer, Esq., and Francis J. Milligan, Jr., Esq., have been elected Governors Emeriti by the College's Board of Governors at their meeting on May 21, 1996.

Mr. Schaeffer served on the Board from 1970 and was a financial mainstay of the College's existence in the crucial beginning years. He and his wife Jane reside in San Francisco. Their five daughters all graduated from the College, and we eagerly await matriculation of their many grandchildren. The Schaeffers sponsored the original dinner in 1970 in San Francisco, with speakers Bishop Fulton Sheen, L. Brent Bozell and Mayor Joseph Alioto, which kicked off the College's fundraising efforts.

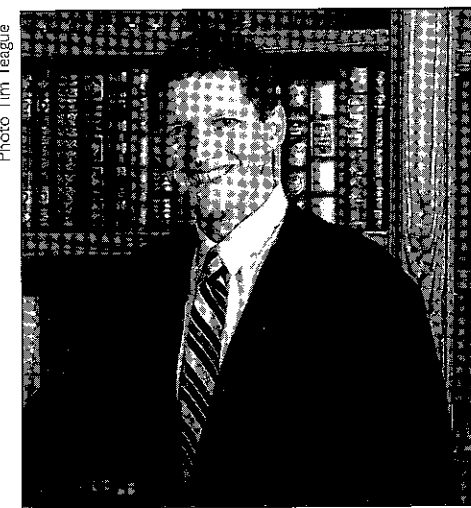
Mr. Milligan joined the Board in 1978. He and his wife Cathy reside in Glenview, Illinois. Five of their children graduated from the College. The Milligans

have been active in many important Catholic apostolates, including the Institute for Religious Life, the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre, the Blue Army, Serra International, and the Apostolate for Family Consecration. With their friends, Bill and Mary Alice Isaacson, the Milligans hosted for many years the College dinner at the Cliffdwellers Club in Chicago.

The entire College thanks these beloved gentlemen for sharing their time, talent and treasure—and their children—which have meant so much to the establishment of the College.

Recent additions to the Board of Governors are Andrew W. Zepeda, Esq., and James P. Conn.

Mr. Zepeda is a graduate of Thomas Aquinas College, Class of 1979, and founding president of the Alumni Association. A graduate of the Law School of the University of Notre Dame, he is a partner in the firm of Lurie & Zepeda in Beverly Hills, California. He is a member of the Red Mass Law Day Society and of the Newman Club in Los Angeles. He



Daniel Grimm, Esq.

serves on the board of the Life Legal Defense Foundation and has been active in litigation defending right-to-life and pro-life activists. Mr. Zepeda and his wife, Anita (Grimm) Zepeda (Class of 1979) have ten children.

Mr. Conn is the brother of Fr. Thomas V. Conn, S.J., who serves as assistant to the dean for religious affairs at the College. He and his wife Joelle reside in Hillsborough. He is a graduate of the University of Santa Clara. Mr. Conn's investment advisory company has offices in Hillsborough and New York City. He

serves on the Board of the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley and the Santa Anita Racetrack Association, as well as on the Odell Fund of San Francisco, a major donor to the College.

## BOARD RETREAT

Members of the Board of Governors and their spouses participated in a Board Retreat at the historic Ojai Valley Inn in May. The program began with morning Mass on the terrace overlooking the back nine and included workshops with Jerold Panas of the Institute for Philanthropy and William Sawin of the Capital Alliance Group.

## ANNUAL MEETING

At their annual meeting on May 21, the Board approved a major restructuring of Board standing committees to help spearhead the public phase of the 25th Anniversary Campaign. New committee chairmen are: Rosemary Donohue, Trusteeship; William Wilson, Finance; James Barrett, Scholarship; Frederick Ruopp, Endowment; Thomas Sullivan, Campus Planning; and Henry Zeiter, Faculty and Curriculum. May God reward these and all our Board members for their tremendous work for Thomas Aquinas College. ☛