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Father Walter Farrell’s “God and Democracy” Concludes Lectures

Aquinas Series Brings Popular Philosopher-Author, March 9

The Rev. Walter Farrell, O.P., one of the foremost Thomists in America today, and author of A Companion to the Summa, in three volumes, will be the final speaker in the Aquinas lecture series. His address on “God and Democracy” will be given Mon­ day, March 9, in the Civic auditorium.

Father Farrell is one of the most successful popularizers of Catholic philosophy, especially the philosophy of St. Thomas. He is also the author of The Natural Moral Law, published in 1930, and is a recent contributor to the Thomist, The Catholic Woman’s World, and the Proceedings of the Catholic Philosophical Association.

He is distinguished by the wit and humor and epigrammatic expression of his writings, and is now working on the fourth volume of his increas­ ingly popular Companion to the Summa.

Father Gillis says that far more than a year he has kept the Commis­ sion at the head of his bed and he dips into it incessantly “partly for the fun that is in it.”

Fr. Kohler Speaks To Women’s League

The Women’s League will hear a talk on marriage by the Rev. Joseph E. Kohler, of Portland, Mich., at the regular monthly meeting, March 15, at 11 a.m., in Room 105.

In his address, Father Kohler will present the sacramental, biological, and psychological aspects of marri­ age, and the problems of mar­ riage and family. The meeting will be at the given meeting and also in pri­ vate conferences following it.

Faculty Members Visit Ann Arbor

Sister M. Marcelline and Sister M. Celers, instructors in botany and zoology, will be on an annual mission of the Michigan Academy of Arts, Letters and Sciences, March 13-14, at Ann Arbor.

Sister Marcelline is a member of the committee on photography. An exhibit of this group will be displayed in the Rackham building.

High School Delegates Amend State Constitution at Mock Meet

The initial session of the mock state constitutional convention with high school representatives as de­legates opened in the Knights of Colum­ bus hall, Saturday, Feb. 14, with May­ or Kenneth P. Neill and W. Welsh addressing the assembly.

Has Two-fold Purpose

This week’s convention is sponsored by the political science department of Aquinas, under the direction of Thomas F. Neill, instructor. The purpose of these sessions is two-fold: to acquaint students with government in an interesting manner, and to let them see the possibility of improving it through research and investigation.

In accordance with the Michigan law requiring voters to decide whether or not a state constitutional conven­tion should be called in 1942 to de­ cide the question of constitutional re­ vision, Delegates from all the Catholic high schools in the Grand Rapids area have been selected to attend the end of March, April, and May, to del­ iberate, report, and conclude on the sessions are given once each day until the final session they will resolve upon the questions of constitutional revision. This is the last of the Exposition of Church in Michigan.

Mayor Welsh welcomed the dele­ gate in his opening address for the interest in government they displayed, telling them that their presence indi­ cated “a more developed apprecia­ tion for our own democratic form of government.” This is also in accord with the contents of Clarence Dik­ ston, president of the University of Wisconsin, who insists that good government, like charity, should begin at home if the government of the nation is to survive.

Kenneth Marin, political science student and parliamentarian of the convention, served as temporary chair­ man until Donald Delaney of Catho­ lic Central was elected permanent chair­ man. Other officers elected were: Vice-Chairman, Robert Ninwold, Mr. Pleasant; first secretary, Ruth Dias­ mond, Marywood; second secretary, Jerry Landaz, Catholic Central; se­ cretary-at-armes, Chris Skurons, Catholic Central.

Although the official delegation is limited to five from each senior class, as large an unofficial representation as possible is invited to attend. Schools which registered delegates at the first Meet (Mock Convention, page 4) are:

High School Delegates

Aquinas, Mt. Mercy, and Marywood.

Student Clinics

A series of Tuesday evening clinics in parliamentary law is now being conducted at the College by Thomas P. Neill, instructor in political science. Attendance is open to both college and high school students, the first two meetings attracting more than 40 students from Aquinas, Catholic Central, Marywood, and Mt. Mercy.

The next meeting of the group will be at seven o’clock, next Tuesday evening, in Room 105. Mr. Neill’s aim in conducting these clinics is to enable students to gain active experi­ ence in parliamentary procedure.

Frosh Speakers Discuss Racism

Before Social Science Forum

Racism, with special emphasis on the Japanese and Jewish questions, was the topic of the Social Science Forum at its last meeting, Feb. 24. For the first time this year all the speakers were freshmen.

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The influence of environment on character and the discrimination against Negroes in this country were among the issues discussed from the floor.

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Aquinas’ first women debaters, having been tutored by the Rev. Joseph A. Lusher, debate coach, have chosen the affirmative side for action. They will present their negative case in actual debate this week or next against a Calvin college team.

Three branches of the Aquinas College Labor Institute and four high schools have heard Aquinas debate teams in recent weeks. Debating on the collegiate topic, “Resolved: The Federal Government should regulate labor in the United States,” William Alexander and Wil­ liam Dempster, affirmative, met a McCurley Junior college negative team at the Muskegon labor school, the “Earth.”

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The Road Does Not End at Calvary

By Kenneth Marcin

"Congress shall make no law . . .

abridging the freedom of speech, or

doing the press . . .

Art 1, Bill of Rights.

You can say what you want to, you can ridicule Roosevelt, Churchill, Pearl Harbor, or Macarthur strains if you will—and "Congress shall make no law." You live in a free nation where free men speak freely. It is your legal prerogative to disagree.

The democratic people of the United States are granted freedom of speech and press by their closest adherence to the Constitution because it is regarded as an inalienable right to be always preserved and never abused. You may laughingly point out the insufficient English re¬

sources. You can snugly declare that all our leaders are incompetent. You say without even all

the facts, but you have your opinions—often bad opinions, and you have your free speech. You can use your immune analysys in the minds of many persons as will listen to you.

Freedom of speech is a God-given right, but it won't win a war. Publi¬

clic moral is the truest component of victory, for it is the system which permits free speech, suf¬

fers at the hands of "arm chair adm¬

irals." Your "wiser-chanceus" ridicu¬

ously plant the seed of doubt which will lead to a weakened national morale.

Let our admirals and generals fight this war without ad¬

vice. Above all let's remember—we lead a nation and not a few chairs, a coke and candy machine. It is isolating man

from man so that his body may be applied in

something grimly mechanical. It is isolating man

from the to totalitarian nations plunged into war their

leaders witnessed the phenomenal effects of or¬

ganized operating on the masses. Long before

that these leaders become deeply and fear¬

fully aware of the noble mission before us.

Had more abundant means of enlightenm ent

Msgr. Sheen recom mends?

When in the face of the present world crisis, the

national mind is dominated by and confided on

to some tremendous, overbearing—armament—armament on a scale that dwarfs that of any other period in the history of the world. With en¬

controlled Goliath is trans forming America and Americas into some¬

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This is not an end of the world, but a way of life will live, it is, forgetting, and is stupendously indifferent to the absolute and crying need of spirit¬

ual succour.

A thousand saw men crucified with bullets and

a thousand saw men die. I saw many of them die with the searingsounder of hate in their eyes and the froth of vengeance upon their lips; I saw others die with the Cross of Calvary in their hearts and the song of charity on their lips.

Still, I say, unless we have a nation of Christ, nothing is worth dying for. To man I say, unless you first arm yourself with the breastplate of Christianity, your only armor will be steel bullets. When Napoleon said, "An army fights on its stomach," he meant its spiritual stomach.
European situation, particularly in can responsibility. felt that he and, other commentators report on surface phases of the problem. Joseph Brinkman, Prominent Pianist was the third speaker in the Aquinas College lecture series. Mr. Jordan in his lecture recognized the immediate economic and political problems facing the world, and stated that these causes were the result of a fundamentally bad philosophy on the part of world leaders. Failure to "win the peace" in the last war was due to usual hard work. Mr. Jordan knew the European situation, particularly in reference to Germany, as well as anyone in this country, he declared to report on surface phases of the problem in his main address, because he felt that this subject had not been told all that could be told. He did, however, answer many specific questions put to him at the close of his address. He concluded with the thought that the main cause of the war and that help is largely an American responsibility.

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It seemed as though the entire room was meant to be amusing, yet this was not the case. The pianist chose the most attractive works of our own day to close his recital; Prokofieff's Pathétique Prelude, more intriguingly, Tchaikowsky's splendidly, Schumann's Opus 76 were included. No conductor could have possibly interpreted the sadness of Chopin's musical personality.

Women Cop "Battle of Sexes" After suffering defeat three years in a row, the Aquinas coeds finally captured their first victory in the C.L.C.'s fourth annual "battle of the sexs." Roma Joseik, senior, Mary Joyce, sophomore, and Jane Millahan, freshmen, formed the winning women's team. Joseph Yellin, senior, Anthony Brock, junior, and Thomas Overkleeft, freshman, comprised the winning men's team.

Mary E. Joyce Considers The Unconsidered Trifles Mr. Oesterle states that he thinks the name of this column is very appropriate. Does he refer to the proper names included? — This column won't reveal the identity of the soul (?) weary individual who complains: "I don't get enough sleep on Fridays — I haven't any classes all day." Chuck Beckmann has a theory for helping the government conserve paper: example: up your paper pad of loose-leaf and donate them to the nearest school. "Lucky," Mr. Oesterle. "We have a university centre collector of moron jokes. . . . With the most realistic and convincing character portrayal? . . . (Which leads me to wonder which is the more realistic character or the reflection?) Say!!!

Compliment department: Even if Trey Tyler were to be taken, at face value, us only, she'd still be top stuff! Echoes from Cupid's Caper: Helen Imperati is the young lady who is dating our Phyl Malwite. "Well, that's one way of getting Humphrydence!" She says our ship is so beautiful and you both lack the—or together holding hands in class.

Emmet Frizer, in logic class, was getting into the higher stages of a discussion, involving being, substance, existence, and accidents, etc., when Mr. Oesterle asked him some technical question concerning the latter. Rob the over even sources and bottom element: "I wouldn't know that because I've never gotten into accidents." Fellowship and . . . in the same logical stream, Ed Engmann, trying to define "accident" for a feminine inquirer, illustrated and said: "Well, for instance, the color of your hair is an accident . . . This actually happened! . . . There was a sign on the bulletin board: Found: Blue fountain pen; Purse, eyeglasses. Mary Elizabeth Lynch, seeing the sign but ignoring the period after "Purse" dashed up in the press room and asked to examine the fountain pen they were advertising . . . (No comment, it says here) . . . This column utterly disproves the theory that trifles make perfection.

When Vete Barnick was considering writing a column it was so in hopes that it would be truly original. After prolonged debate, resolutions, drawn by Patricia K. Ostrinius, to send literature to army camps and to appoint a committee to consider increasing sorority, appearance in drug stores was passed.

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Crown Winners In Ping-Pong
C. Walsh, Jay McKnight
Survive Field of 36
C. Walsh and Jay McKnight, freshened up a field of 36 players to cop first prizes in the women's tournament. The women's ping-pong tournament conducted at the college, Feb. 9-20. Miss Walsh beseamed Marion Fisher, McKnight best John Collins in the finals. Complete results:

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