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The purpose of the convocation is to honor students who maintained a "B" average in first semester work. The Rev. Arthur F. Bukowski, president, will introduce honor students.

The orchestra includes the Glee club singing of Dudley-Buck's "To be a priest,"Bugler, under the direction, and Joan Voors as soloist.

Regina Noon, junior from Gaylord, will sing "La Caprina" by Benedetto, and "To a Wild Rose" by MacDowell. Joan Voors will also sing "Gallopping" by Tchaikovsky.

The orchestra has chosen two numbers, "The Hebrew Bible" by Taylor and "Waltz." The program is under the direction of William Alexander, Marywood, and Mount Mercy have been invited. All Aquinas students will be excused from classes.

Enrollment Hits All-Time Peak
Any student wishing personally to welcome second semester student will have a job. According to the records, there are 54 additional students, that is, 45 are veterans. Twenty-two are former students whose education was interrupted by the war.

Total enrollment of day students now stands at 206, as compared with 254 last year, an increase of 19.8. This marks an all-time peak in the enrollments. Of those enrolled in the first semester, six have returned, and 12 are veterans. William Peutz, William Sullivan, Robert Thomas, Clifford Rogers, Daniel Meade, and Kenneth Alpern have been added to the schedule. They are in natural theology, population problems, labor problems, and tax accounting. Late afternoon and evening classes will be held for the second semester, although the last hour and 15 minutes will be released by the Registrar.

Students Organize College Orchestra
Those hurrying students you see with violin cases tucked under their arms, or in their pockets are the charter members of the first orchestra on the campus of Aquinas.

To the students of the school the sounds of rehearsal, the orchestra meets at the music studio, downtown, Monday, 3:30 p.m.

In the string section are, Charles Teslar, Paula Kowalski, Regina Na, Joyce Dion, Angela Zierer, Bernie Oberlin, and Marilyn Eaddy. Orell Winchester and Thomas VanBuren play clarinet, while Dean Monty plays a saxophone. Other members are Mary Alexander, Ernie Pistor, and Patricia Rigler, pianist.

Mr. Davis welcomes any additional students to the orchestra. Rehearsal time can be changed to suit the convenience of the students.

Bishop Haas Speaks
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While Hardships Remain
Democratic Hold No Attractions

Hunger does not ask, "Which side were you on?" Our allies in war, through the agency of the UNRRA and private benefactors, are securing foodstuffs and other emergency aid, in this first "aftermath period" of the peace. This is more than an act of charity, it is an inadequate payment of debt. The relief and rehabilitation measures of these agencies is broad and far-reaching. Their services are alleviating suffering from the interior of China to the heart of Europe, encompassing even the Italians, once our enemies, last, our collaborators.

There are others, however, also hungry and also cold, who fought on the wrong side. There are children, not yet old enough, to reason, who are without food because their parents professed a political ideology without reason.

To the Editor:

The oat system as applied at Aquinas College could stand quite a bit of reform. There does not seem to be any disadvantage made between absences enforced by necessity and absences made by choice. Under the present system, if a student is over-cut due to circumstances beyond his control, such as illness, he must drop one more of his classes.

No system does one want to excuse whose cuts are because of a matter of choice, but some method of excused absences not counting on cuts, would be greatly desirable. In such a system a student who is absent for an accepted reason would present his excuse to the dean and he automatically excused from the missed period.

Jerome C. Byrne.

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The months following the climatonic celebration of V-J day have brought the typical reaction of disillusionment. From a group of people united morally in the cause of victory we have become a mass of bewildered, isolated individuals. We were surrounded by a sea of seemingly insoluble problems—the industrial crisis, racial hatred, the duplicity of the great powers in our policies, and a general moral letdown.

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We see this continuously in our daily life. People at Aquinas don’t attend school party because they’ve been written up in a paper, or blatantly advertised on a board. Friends go to the movies in the company of a group. If only a handful of students are brave as to attend daily mass in the hall of the chapel. Yet the sight of these students with indomitable spirits who have crossed an hour of sleep more effectively than a dozen sermons.

Meaning of Leadership

When the other generation tells us that we are "standing on the shoulders of giants," Catholic leaders of tomorrow, they are referring to this same power of example. To be true leaders they must do what they talk. If the world we select be it teaching, business, law, or politics, we are to assume this moral burden why deprive priests and laity of our influence to promote the philosophy and development in the realm of the Christian way of life.

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Father Wendell Calls For Active Fight on Secularism

A fighting retreat against the evils of secularism and all the wrongs of our modern day was preached Feb. 6 by the Rev. Francis Wendell, O.P. "Let us thank God that He has permitted us to live among the present problems," he said.

The tone of all the conference was stimulating — students complained that the Retreat Master didn't talk long enough. Very much appreciated also was the fact that great deal of time was spent in open in front of all place in a serious discussion. Most important, however, was the fact that significant ideas were put forcefully by a very real conviction, for his quiet ways do not entirely camouflage the vital spirit of a dragon-slayer.

First of all, Father Wendell gave a picture of the times in which we live, emphasizing the alarming condition of family life. He pointed out that the serious threat to our Christian life is a society that is pagan and secular. The pagan and secular, the pagans and the secularists have attacked marriage. The change-over at Aquinas.

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Back From the Wars, Veterans Tackle Battle of the Books

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Tommy Nine Awaits Spring Ball Weather

Beckman Takes Coaching Spot; Six Vets Back

At the conclusion of two years, the Tommies will be back to the familiar gridiron. Home and home games are being considered. Grand Rapids Junior, Muskegon Junior, Hope college, and Ferris Institute will be games on the card.

At present, Charles Beckmann, St. John Vianner parish, is coaching the squad. Six veterans of prewar Tommy Tommies, the infield on the team, along with 16 new-comers, Beckmann expects keen competition for nearly every position, particularly the infield positions.

The veteran southpaw, Jay McKnight and Bill Alexander, will be in a competitive mood this season, particularly the infield on the team, along with 16 new-comers. Beckmann, an experienced catcher from Belding, Kendall and the army signal corps, will be open to stiff competition for nearly every position.

It was during his 18 months in Africa that he started diving into French. Some are born linguists, he says, and languages thrust upon him. He decided to learn the language by himself, but almost before he had not before the presence of his French-English dictionary he was able to say, that as the only man in the platoon who knew anything at all about French, he was assigned an army maneuver to the natives of school at second semester of second year French without difficulty.

The army also brought out another interest—a keenness for bridges. He had played the game for years.

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While nursing his back injury, he bought some land near Belling which is considered some of the best farmland in that sector. He says he acquired a farm for farming during his rural summer vacations with his grandparents. Until he gets his degree he will probably keep his lad in clover seed.

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