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"TECHNOLOGY AND THE ENTERPRISES OF CULTURE" IS
FOCUS OF LECTURE AT SALVE REGINA -- THE NEWPORT COLLEGE

Dr. William P. Haas, president of North Adams State College, North Adams, Mass., Thursday evening presented the second in a year-long series of five lectures at Salve Regina -- The Newport College exploring the nature and impact of technology in developed nations. His lecture, "Technology and the Enterprises of Culture" was presented free in O'Hare Academic Center to Salve students, faculty and staff, and interested members of the community.

Dr. Haas spoke on the paradox of being liberated from human drudgery by technological advancements, only to face an overabundance of leisure time, which when misused, becomes potentially destructive. "What happens," Haas asked, "when leisure ceases to be the consequence of labor . . . and becomes for most members of a society a substitute for work or becomes

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the most important communal work itself? What will happen in the Third World when the transition through an industrial to a technological civilization is accelerated without adequate preparation? Dr. Haas postulated that individuals could only begin to understand the depth of the problem by examining the classic distinctions between slavery and freedom, labor and capital, the individual and the collective, and the relationship between work, play and worship.

Dr. Haas has authored many articles in the areas of art, philosophy and religion. Publications include Contemporary Arts and "Academic Autonomy and Accountability in Historical Perspective," which appeared in Mind's Eye, a journal of higher education. He holds a bachelor's degree from Providence College and Ph.D. from the University of Fribourg, Switzerland. He has taught at Emmanuel College, Wabash College, Purdue University, the University of Rhode Island and Providence College. He was president of Providence College from 1965 to 1971 and served as vice chancellor for academic affairs in the Massachusetts State College system from 1973 to 1979.

This year's lecture series is the focus of Salve's annual Peace and Justice Symposium. The Symposium is offered through the philosophy department's Atwood Lecture Series and is made possible through a grant from the Oliver S. and Jennie R. Donaldson Charitable Trust of Fall River, Mass.