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Over two hundred professional and graduate student women attended what was a lively exchange of presentations that touched on the role of women and how they have, can and do affect culture. The two day conference held October 6-8, 2000 in New York City also featured theologian and University of Navarre professor Jutta Burggraf, Cecilia Royals, president of the Washington, DC National Institute of Womanhood, and Patricia Farnsworth, founder and President of Link Institute in California.

Conference speakers presented academic papers on such themes as “The education of women and the shaping of the culture,” “A new feminism for the 21st century, a theological perspective,” “Economics for families in one lesson,” and “Women and the transformation of culture.”

The conference, the first of what will be an annual conference sponsored by the Murray Hill Institute, focused on a number of issues that are of concern to many women in the United States and the world over.

Murray Hill Institute is devoted to the study of the distinct contribution that women make to society, especially through professional work. The institute seeks to understand and address the varied needs of professional women, as well as university students preparing for their professions. Through

conferences, lectures, seminars, and publications, the Institute explores and promotes an eminently positive feminism. The programs sponsored by the Institute are inspired by the thought and work of Blessed Josemaria Escriva, founder of Opus Dei.

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