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## PRESIDENT OUTLINES COLLEGE STANDARDS

### Mother M. Irene Points Out Cultural Benefits of a Catholic Institution.

An impressive moment in the history of Fontbonne came Tues., Feb. 15, when Mother Mary Irene, president of the college, addressed the students in formal assembly in the auditorium. Explaining that it was the custom of college presidents on occasions of that kind to talk to their students on the traditions of their colleges, Mother Irene said: "Fontbonne is too young to possess traditions. So permit me to speak to you this afternoon of standards and ideals, which, if accepted and lived up to, will be your precious legacy to the students of the future."

Regarding the educational standards of Fontbonne, Mother Irene continued: "As a college, as an educational institution of higher learning, Fontbonne's standards should be of the highest, and it should be the aim of each student to reach and then maintain these standards. This will require earnest, intensive work. 'There is no royal road to knowledge.' No one can become a scholar who is not willing to sacrifice pleasure and a good time when there is question of acquiring knowledge."

"What does Fontbonne offer? Clayton Hamilton, the renowned critic, during his recent visit here voiced the opinion of many other literary men of prominence when he said, 'To you Catholics belong the lore, the culture of all ages and of all lands.' To us belong the great poets, the great artists, the great dramatists, many great musicians and many great scientists of all times and of all lands. Who is, then, better fitted to introduce you to these great

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Miss Berenice Simpson, secretary-treasurer of the Junior class, who was retiring queen of St. Louis University's Conclave Promenade.

### Miss Helen Simon Queen of St. Louis U. Prom

Miss Helen Simon, a senior of Webster College, was crowned queen of love and beauty at the St. Louis University promenade given in the university's gymnasium Tues., Feb. 22. Approximately 600 persons witnessed the coronation, a scene abounding in splendor and elegance. The university's colors, blue and white, and its Billikens predominated.

Miss Bernice Simpson, a junior at Fontbonne, retiring prom queen, led the coronation procession. She was gowned in green chiffon with a girdle of sequins, and carried a bouquet of American beauty roses. The nine maids of the queen, among them, Miss

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## PRESS CLUB HEARS DAVID F. BARRETT

### President of News Bureau Interprets Ideals and Essentials of Writing.

"Accuracy and loyalty to one's newspaper are two of the most important essentials that a good reporter should possess," said Mr. David F. Barrett of the Barrett News Bureau in his address to the members of the newswriting class and the members of the staff of THE FONT on Thurs., Feb. 17. "Facts are easily obtained, but it is the correct facts that count," continued Mr. Barrett. "The truth of the story should be eagerly and earnestly sought by the reporter before he writes his story for several reasons, not least of which is the avoidance of libel."

"Loyalty to one's newspaper is a quality that should not be overlooked if one is to be a successful reporter. A reporter works best when in sympathy with the policy of the paper for which he is working. It is only then that he can adapt himself to the atmosphere of the paper, and be ready to defend it if called upon to do so."

## Senior Class Announces Gala-day for College

A card party and semi-carnival attractions will be given in the gymnasium Tues., March 1, at three o'clock for the benefit of the Gertrude O'Daniel scholarship fund sponsored by the senior class. The committees are: cards, Jule Marie Kirk and Alice Beffa; amusements, Genevieve McElroy, Mary Louise Mee, Florentine Rutkowski, and Elizabeth McGarry; refreshments, Lucille Remmers and Adelyn Cavagnaro.

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### A Point for Anti-Suicide Club

A student anti-suicide club, recently formed in an eastern university, might more readily realize its object to discourage student suicide if it directed its activities against certain types of professors throughout the country. The types are those who tear down beautiful moral traditions under the pretense of furnishing social enlightenment, who delight in confounding their students with metaphysical enigmas, who mistake their fool's play of arousing doubt for educative procedure.

Students, in general, are a credulous group. Having come to college prepared to believe instructors, they seldom question the instruction. It stands to reason that if day after day a student's food for thought consists of rotten lies made appetizing by a sauce of fine words his mind will become infected.

### Dad to the Rescue

"The Font" has "Dad" on its side now, and all good daughters know what that means. Each issue, commencing with this, brings a substantial aid from the Father's Club for the well-being and success of our paper. Unsolicited, the Father's Club is offering its kind assistance, its willingness, to back our efforts. We sincerely appreciate what it is doing for us, and extend our heartfelt thanks. Paternal love, having long been accused of favoring its daughters, is again being true to itself.

### How Many Are Three?

It seems that the masculine will never forgive himself the moment of weakness in which woman was given suffrage, nor desist in his pet pastime of proclaiming wherein she has "made a mess," of her privileges. Within the last month we read an editorial in the America under the caption "Are Women Degenerating?" The question from a purely argumentative viewpoint seems fair enough, but attached to the editorial that follows it is decidedly out of form. Why the editorial writer made a question out of what he goes to some trouble to declare, develops into a sort of mystery as the editorial is read. Perhaps, he thought the head would deceive his women readers into believing that they were going to get a fair deal; but they do not have to read far to find out that the editorial is just a reiteration of what liberty, according to the masculine mind, has done to women.

Aside from the use of indefinite phrases such as *certain women, innumerable books, and some of them professors in well-known colleges*, in answering the question, he also employs the small number of three examples to clinch his facts. The three he chooses deserve the criticism he gives them, but can three stand for "women", should the things that three do classify "women", is liberty responsible for what three advocate or have not a few been guilty of the same errors before liberty was given to "women"? The facts of the editorial do not amuse us half as much as the manner of stating them. The narrowness, the insinuation and unfairness of the editorial, these are the things that we dislike. It is not giving "women" a "square deal".

### Orchestra Organized

A college orchestra has been officially organized under the directorship of Miss Marguerite Grace. The first meeting took place on Wed., Feb. 16. The orchestra will meet for practice every Wednesday at 4 o'clock. The members enrolled to date are: violin, Vita Viviano, Vera Visconti, Dorothy O'Brien, and Janette Hartmann; cello, Agnes Reilly and Florence Noble; saxophone, Lucinda White; piano, Mary Cecilia Robinson and Loretto Hennelly; accordion, Ruth Dougherty; drums, Clare Whalen.

## Faxencrax

Wanted: Very high tables for those taking horse-back riding.

"Roses I send to match your lips"  
Thus wrote the love-lorn fellow;  
But alas! the florist sealed his fate,  
The roses sent, were yellow!

Somebody stated the other day that there was at one time an epidemic of hiccupping in Detroit. We are wondering where else one could have the hiccupps.



Dottie: Please, may I go to the dentist?

Instructor: Very well, you may go this time, but don't let it happen again.

A student who's wise  
Always opens her eyes  
At the call to arise  
And to her clothes flies  
For she can surmise  
That her room-mate who lies  
Still in bed, will devise  
A number of "whys"  
Of logical size  
For swiping her ties.

Abie: Excuse me, but you're standing on my foot!

Portia: Oh, I beg your pardon; I thought it was the kneeling bench.

That we have at least one friend in the world, is evidenced by the following letter:

Editor of Faxencrax:

We see that you are bothered by that bane of all humor editors, the one who complains about the age and state of preservation of your jokes. However, we think that these complaints generally come from one who cannot appreciate real wit. We sincerely hope that this bit of encouragement, coming as it does from our heart, will help lighten the terrible burden of the "pannings" you receive.

Sincerely,

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**College Basketball Squad  
To Be Chosen Feb. 28**

Immediately following the basketball game between the freshmen and sophomores on Mon., Feb. 28, the college basketball team will be chosen. Members of the first team will be awarded small silver loving cups and will receive ten points toward their college letter. Players chosen for the second team will receive five points toward their "F." An unexcused absence on Feb. 28 disqualifies the player from membership on the college team.

**Training Demanded**

In preparation for the swimming meet, which is expected to be held March 23, swimmers are invited to frequent the pool. Training and practice should precede, not concur with the swimming meet.

**Proficiscentur**

Mirabile dictu! Why not? The Athletic Association hike has been definitely scheduled for Sat., Feb. 26. All along the way from Jefferson Barracks to the Dewes cottage, four miles south of the Barracks, the hikers will have an opportunity to become acquainted with their fellow-hikers. Only members of the Athletic Association who have paid their dues to the treasurer, Clare Whalen, will be permitted to participate in this event. Ten points in sportsmanship are available to hikers.

**"Horses! Horses!"**

The plaintive call, "my kingdom for a horse," has at last stopped resounding through the college corridors. After all the rumors, false starts, and discouraging remarks, a riding class has been organized. It met for the first time Tues., 15, at 3 o'clock, at a local riding academy where arrangements were made for a course of lessons. The students, accompanied by Miss Marie Hans, were: Corinne Dewes, Elizabeth Hennessy, Grace Viviano, Lucille Perry, Mary Stegman, Florentine Rutkowski, Mildred Bishoff, Catherine Phelan, Janette Hartman and Edna Muckerman. Those who trembling and afraid mounted the prancing steeds for their first ride, dismounted confident of their equestrian possibilities.

**Gifts to the Library**

*Hydrogen Ion Concentration* (Clark), Mrs. H. Ostermann; *Piano Playing* (Joseph Hofmann), and *The Voice, Its Production, Care and Preservation* (Miller), Nellie Trtemper; *The Gateway of Social Science* (Arneson-Barnes-Coulter-Hubbart), *Directed Observation and Supervised Teaching* (Blackhurst), *General Inorganic Chemistry* (Sneed), *New First Course in Algebra* (Hawkes-Luby-Touton), *New Second Course in Algebra* (Hawkes-Luby-Touton), *Outline of American Literature with Readings* (Long), *Outline of English Literature with Readings* (Long), *Constructive English* (Francis K. Ball), *Administration and Supervision of High School* (Johnson), *Literature of the World* (Richardson and Owen), *English and American Literature* (Long), W. P. Burns; *Biography of General Joseph Warren* (A. Bostonian), Catherine Gunn; *The Free-Lance Writer's Handbook* (Kennedy), *The Practice of Journalism* (Williams and Martin), *The Writer's Index* (Manly and Rickert), and *A Biographical Dictionary of the Saints* (Rt. Rev. F. G. Holweck), Anne D. Walsh. Books from other sources: *Selma* (Isabel C. Clark); *The Everlasting Man* (Gilbert Keith Chesterton); *Culture and Evolution, The Higher Life, and Pilgrim of Life* (A. Muntch, S.J.); *The Tryst with Him and With Him in Mind* (Mog-signor L. J. Kirlin); *The Man of Sorrows* (Robert Eaton, S.J.); *A Year with Christ* (Robert Young, S.J.); *Darkness or Light* (Henry Brown, S.J.); *Tennyson's Memoirs and Tennyson's Companions* (Sir Hallam Tennyson).

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### Academy Retreat Next Week

The annual retreat of the academy will open with Mass, Ash Wednesday, March 2, and continue three days, ending Sat., March 4. Rev. H. F. Sloctemeyer, S. J., of St. Louis University, will act as retreat-master. Because of the stimulating and far-reaching effects of a retreat the students are expected to take advantage of this spiritual activity, which, although coming only once a year, carries with it a lasting and effective influence.

The schedule is as follows: 7:00 a. m., rising; 7:45, Mass; 8:30, breakfast; 10:00, conference; 11:00, visit to the Blessed Sacrament; 12:00, conference; 1:00 p. m., dinner; 2:30, spiritual reading; 3:00, conference; 4:00, Way of the Cross; 5:15, Benediction; 6:30, supper; 7:45, beads of the Blessed Virgin, night prayers; 8:30 retiring.

### Academy Seniors Entertain

The seniors entertained the juniors with a delightful Valentine party Mon., Feb. 14 from 3:30 to 5:00 p. m. Covers were laid for thirty-five, and most of the afternoon was spent in playing bridge and 500. The five prizes given and their winners were: first prize, lingerie, Catherine Anson; second, boudoir pillow, Almeda Noble; third, sterling silver lavallier, Louise Seibert; fourth, pair of bracelets, Rosemary Barry; fifth, novelty, Ruth Garstang. After the prizes were awarded the guests enjoyed a dainty tea of sandwiches, punch, tiny heart-shaped cakes, and candy hearts in clever little containers, for favors.

### "Fads and Fancies" Presented

On Thursday afternoon, Feb. 24, at 3:30 the members of the academic Dramatic Art club presented "Fads and Fancies", a comedy in one act by Eleanor Maude Crane, under the direction of Mrs. O. A. Wall, Jr. The proceeds of this play were given for the benefit of the missions.

### Scholarship Established

Fontbonne was endowed with its first perpetual scholarship at the opening of the second semester. The donor requested that his name be withheld.

### "Grand Opera Worth While," Says B. H. Atwell

"Hearing grand opera is just like taking a beauty bath," according to Ben H. Atwell, of the Chicago Civic Opera Co., who spoke to the college students Feb. 21. People are beginning to recognize music as a psychological force that has both an aesthetic value and a mental strengthening power. "It fills the mental cup with things that are worthwhile." Formerly it was an important factor in bringing culture to the great mass of common people.

### President Addresses Students

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spirits than the Church through its educators? Need I call your attention to the glorious names that illumine the roll of honor both in art and in science—Newman, Dante, Raphael, Michael Angelo, Beethoven, Hayden, Pasteur, Mendel and others too numerous to mention. In our own day England's greatest essayists are Catholics. Right here in St. Louis resides one of the foremost scientists of the country, whose advice on scientific questions is sought by those without as well as those within the Church.

"In addition to this, Fontbonne offers to introduce the students to the choicest souls of all ages, to make them companions of the great and holy women who adorn the annals of the Church, of St. Agnes, of St. Teresa and of the Little Flower, to make them children of Mary Immaculate, whom Wordsworth calls 'Our tainted nature's solitary boast,' to direct their lives by the maxims of Jesus Christ, the Great Teacher, to bring them face to face with Him, their Lord and Master, not in their religious courses only, but in every course of the curriculum."

### Sodality Plan Progresses

Evidence of the progress made in carrying out Father Lord's sodality plan was shown at the meeting of the sodality Thurs., Feb. 16. The meeting followed the reading of the office of the Blessed Virgin in the chapel. Alice Igoe, chairman of publicity, reported the erection of a spiritual bulletin board upon which religious items of significance to the college will appear. Charlotte Whalen, chairman of the apostolic committee, pointed out the kinds of catechetical work open to college girls. A plea for a larger sodality enrollment was made by Julie Kirk, chairman of the membership committee. Vera Visconti, chairman of the literature committee, announced that old magazines would be most welcome for hospital distribution.

### Junior Won Gold Piece

Catherine Gunn, prefect of sodality, won five-dollar gold piece raffled by the senior class.

### Helen Simon Queen of Prom

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Florentine Rutkowski, of Fontbonne, followed with the Conclave men who escorted them. And lastly came Miss Simon, the queen, escorted by Mr. August Peters, president of the Conclave. The queen wore a gown of white georgette trimmed with rhinestones and pearls. She also carried a bouquet of American Beauties. Souvenirs for the prom were Chap Records. The programs were Billikens.

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