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"I see something above me, greater and more human than I myself am; help me, everybody, to attain it, as I will help everyone who knows and suffers from the same thing: in order that at last the man should again arise who feels himself abundant and unlimited in knowing and loving, in vision and ability to achieve, and hangs upon and in nature with all his entireness as judge and standard of the value of things."
—Nietzsche

Black Students Seize Library in Unprecedented Move

LIBRARY SEIZURE EVENTS TOLD

I. This is a report from the Monday meeting in which S. Ruth Margaret and Mrs. Woolley gave the following chronology of events during the weekend seizure. The top 6 administrators who represented the college during the crisis were:

Sr. Roberta Schmidt
Dr. Ziemke
Sr. Ruth Margaret Raupp
Mr. Al Krekeler
Mr. McDermott
Mrs. Woolley

1. At 9:30 a.m. Sat., Oct. 24th, the library is occupied
2. At 12:00 p.m. the 3 librarians are allowed to leave the library.
3. 2 security guards are stationed outside the library.

4. library phone communication is restricted to Ryan Hall.

5. School lawyer is contacted

6. Three administrators designated to call Clayton police if there is a need to do so (Sr. Roberta Schmidt, Mr. Al Krekeler, Mrs. Rosemary Woolley)

7. Chairman of the board of trustees is called by Sr. Roberta.

8. Sat. p.m. carloads of people arrive at library; 10:00 p.m., horse shoe drive is blocked; midnight: several hundred gather across the street from our campus on Wydown.

9. At 12:00 Clayton police are summoned but requested to make no arrests; police leave about 3:00 a.m. after dispersing the crowd.

10. Sunday: At noon there is a 45 min. meeting between the administration and two representatives of the "8"; girls explain their actions as a dramatization of the black persons plight in America today and on this campus they say that they want to be treated as human beings; Black Manifesto presented at this time

11. A phone call is made by two of the students who have left the library; girls return

12. Ten minutes after the girls made the call, fifty to sixty people arrived on the horseshoe drive. The eight are asked to leave the campus and are notified that they are suspended from class and residence until a hearing by a committee to be composed of faculty and students.

13. 2:45 p.m. students are removed after two had earlier come out and had been prevented from returning by security officers; these two are held back until the chain on the doors has been cut; after the doors are open, the girls are pulled out by the arm.

14. During the removal process many people come on campus and several of them (about 30) congregate in the foyer of Southwest Hall while the "8" were getting their personal belongings

15. After the girls have left campus, their parents were informed by phone or telegram of what had occurred



II. This is the report which Sr. Roberta Schmidt presented to faculty and students in the gym on Oct. 28 after she had formally lifted the suspension of the eight black students:

1. Contact is established with a representative of the Washington U. staff on Monday

2. There is a meeting with some of the black parents of the eight

3. Unnamed Washington U. official acts as mediator for black students

4. College Council and Exec. Board of Student Senate produce a joint statement and recommend "that some form of meetings, involving the entire campus community, be held to discuss racial attitudes and policies; meanwhile, two petitions (350) for and against the lifting of the suspension

5. These people to effect the liason: Sr. Ruth Margaret & Mrs. Wooley, students; Mr. Al Krekeler, security; Mr. McDermott, public relations; Mrs. Catherine Dye, press; Sr. Roberta, external contacts

6. Late Monday afternoon, Dr. Patterson appraises the day for Sr. Roberta; 2:00 ABC press conference at Wash U.

7. Dr. Puricelli delivers faculty petition for the return of the students

8. 6:00 p.m. Yolande Nicholson, spokesman for the "8" calls Cookie Helbling, president of Student Senate; Yolande leaves a phone number at which Mrs. Woolley is unable to contact her

9. 8:00 p.m. Washington U. mediator talks with the eight

10. "8" again ask for a letter from the F.C. administration

11. Tues. a.m.: black parents again talk with administration

12. more contact with W.U. official

13. Tues. p.m. (3:30) letter lifting the suspension and stating the administration's position towards the incident is drafted by the six administrators mentioned earlier with the help of the W.U. official and the legal counsel:

a) "8" receive notice of the lifting of the suspension through a "runner"—a fellow member of the F.C. ABC

b) 11:00 Sr. Cecil Therese joins the group; student body resolution received

c) 12:00 news of the lifting released to the media by Mrs. Dye

d) 3:00 a.m. group ceases work

14. Act of suspension now viewed as premature by the administration who sees the need to establish a type of judicial machinery

15. Review group to be established in lieu of a hearing for the purpose of compiling an objective, public record; this group includes 3 people from the administration (Mrs. Carol Gilster, Sr. Geraldine Haas, Sr. Ligouri Tackaberry); 3 faculty members (Dr. Russell McMahan, Sr. Anne Brotherton, Father John Quinlan); and 3 students Pat Beard, Pat Schmittgens, and Rosemary Sloan; this group will chose its own chairman and complete its review by November 6th.

At 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 24, 1970, in an unprecedented student move, eight black students of Fontbonne College seized control of the Fontbonne Library. As stated in their press release of October 26 the seizure was "in an attempt to express our bitter feelings toward racism perpetuated by Fontbonne College, its administration and faculty." The library was held until 2:45 a.m. Sunday, October 25, 1970. The eight students — Cathy Batiste, Rita Hunt, Yolande Nicholson, Antoinette Smith, Gwendolyn Perry, Collette Lemelle, Jenaette Gauda, and Sharon Walker — were subsequently suspended and told to leave the campus. On October 27, 1970 at 11:00 p.m. Sister Roberta Schmidt, President, lifted the suspension of the eight students. A full investigation and review of the incident is in progress by a review board composed of three administrators, three faculty, and three students.

THE NEW WHO'S WHO

Congratulations to the newly elected members of Who's Who. The fourteen seniors who were chosen for this honor are Barbara Beier, Marilee Brethorst, Donna Dlugos, Linda George, Celia Helbling, Patricia Kraus, Sharon Metz, Carol Quenette, Kathryn Rehagen, Karen Sauer, Patricia Schmittgens, Linda Stewart, Ellen Sweetin, and Mary Young.

This honor is conferred annually upon outstanding student leaders from approximately 1,000 colleges and universities in the United States. In selecting candidates, campus nominating committees choose those students whose academic standing, service to the community, and leadership in extracurricular activities are above average.

The names of these girls will be included in the 1970-71 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Statement of the Student Body

The following statement of the student body was formulated and accepted at the Student Body Meeting on October 27, 1970:

We, the Student Body of Fontbonne College, accepting our status as vital members of the academic community do hereby expect that as of now we, the Student Body, through our representatives shall be informed of, present during, and included in decisions made concerning students on this campus at the request of the student or students involved.

from the president's desk

October 27, 1970 the following statement was issued by the administrative staff in the presence of legal counsel:

As president of Fontbonne College I have acted today to lift the suspension in effect since Sunday of eight black students who occupied the library building of the College over the week end. I am taking this action so that these students may not lose further classroom time pending a full investigation and review of the circumstances surrounding this incident.

At the same time, I want to make it clear that the College cannot condone the conduct of these students and that the College will not tolerate any repetition of this action or other conduct by these or other students which is disruptive of campus activity.

Sister Roberta Schmidt
President, Fontbonne College

Student Role And Power

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The above statement was formulated and accepted at the Student Body meeting of October 27, 1970. The immediate cause of this statement is the events of October 24-27. The statement, however, is a symptom of a more comprehensive cause — the lack of student power in the decision-making process and the lack of communication between students and administration at Fontbonne College. The role of students at FC, or on any college or university campus, is "vital", as the above statement recognizes. The student body is "accepting" this role and the responsibility which follows from it. The student body must have participation in all student affairs.

I feel that many of the statements made by the Fontbonne 8 can be generalized to include all Fontbonne students. A particularly perceptive remark was made in the Fontbonne 8's press release of October 26, 1970: "If you are not part of the solution. . . you are part of the problem!"

The Fontbonne 8 and the Fontbonne 700 and something may just be united in a common cause — the betterment of Fontbonne College.

Jan Koles

LETTERS...

Dear Editor,

"O Mom did you see what they did to my song." Thanks for publishing "The Gospel According to Angelo." But, in truth, ya all cut-it-up horribly.

Love,
Angeleo

Sorry about that! I was unaware that changes had been made between the time you wrote the parables and the time they were printed.

—Ed.

ARS
3900 Ford Rd.
Philadelphia, Pa. 19131

Dear Editor:

At Temple U. we have begun an abortion referral service for the college community.

Due to the liberality of abortion laws of various states, few people realize the proper procedures in obtaining an easily accessible and inexpensive pregnancy termination.

Even though liberalized abortion reform bills are being passed, certain criteria must be met, depending upon the state. In New York, where abortions are legal upon the will of the mother they can be performed on

an outpatient basis safety up to the 12th week of pregnancy from \$200-\$350.

After 12 weeks, hospitalization is required and the cost jumps from \$700-\$1,000.

The time element involved is of the utmost importance. Confirmation of the possible pregnancy is the first immediate step to insure that the pregnancy termination can be done within 12 weeks if necessary.

ARS started as an aid to Temple U. only, but our services have been demanded by many social services in the Pa. area. We are trying our best to help everyone, however, we still remain non-profit and must operate on donations.

In only a few weeks time we have been flooded by requests for help by colleges around the country. We are now associated with the finest clinics in New York City.

Our office is now organized by volunteers and is staffed day and night. If we can be of help call 1-215-878-5800, for personal consultation.

Sincerely yours,
Alan Richards
ARS

STUDENT BODY MEETINGS OF OCT. 20 & 27

On Tuesday, October 20, there was a student body meeting at 6 p.m. The purpose for the meeting was the proposal of a constitutional amendment which would change representation on senate from reps elected by classes to reps elected by the student body at large. After much debate, this section of the amendment failed by two votes. A second part, which proposed that the requirement of the minimum grade point average of 1.0 for reps be dropped, passed by a large margin. Regardless of the result, one important problem has been defined by this debate on election of representatives are large; it is that no matter what form of representation is decided upon, a responsibility rests with both sides: the reps must go out to the students for their opinions (and questions), and the students must go to the reps to express their opinions (and ask questions). The Senate's representative form of government is being criticized by many people, and it is true that it isn't working as well as it should be — but it is new and needs time. No form of government will work unless everyone, students and senate reps work at making it work.

Student Body Meeting October 27

On Tuesday, October 27, at 6 p.m. the Student Body met to discuss the events of the previous week end and the part which students should play. The highlights of the meeting revolved around several actions. During the course of the meeting, the Student Body passed a motion reinforcing the idea that the Executive Board of the Student Senate is representative of and does represent the Student Body. A motion to draft a statement of the Student Body to be given to the administration and to be posted on the board was passed. The statement was drafted and accepted by the Student Body. The meeting was recessed until such time as a need to resume existed.

Environment Seminar Sparks Enthusiasm

Environmental problems — "the issue of the seventies" — was the subject of a three-day seminar at SIU at Carbondale, October 14-16. Dr. Connelly, Dr. Lissant, and interested students from Fontbonne attended part or all of the conference.

The speakers' dynamic sessions reinforced many of the group's opinions concerning the present environmental and population crisis and served as a stimulus for action here on Fontbonne's campus. An information board centring on birth control and pollution control is in the process of becoming materialized. Dr. Lonny Myers, a vociferous advocator for abortion and liberal birth control methods has consented to come and speak on campus in the near future.

The enthusiasm generated from the seminar must spread to other students to effect an active awareness of the very real problems our world is facing and to point to the need for commitment on an individual level for their eradication. Nobel Prize winner, Dr. Gell-Man stated it aptly, "We have an inappropriate set of values and what we need to have is a cultural reverence of the universe."

A Thought

... But man is not naturally just and each one tends to ensure the triumph of his own personal interests at the expense of that of others. Therefore, no society can live without a law common to all and recognized as such by all, without an arbitrator who can settle conflicts according to the law, without an authority to enforce the application of the law.

According to the various relationships existing between men, there are roughly speaking three categories of justice: individual justice, that is to say the justice which has to deal with the differences between individuals; social justice, that is to say the justice which must rule the relationship of the individual and the society as a whole; international justice — of the three surely the most difficult to realize — which must establish good relations between nations. . .

—Quoted from the October 20th speech of Monsieur Maurice Duon of the French Academy.

LOOKING AHEAD

November

- 11 Department meetings, 12:30 p.m.
Bus. and Econ—AMC
Speech Path.—R409
Education—R411
Home Ec—Lewis Room
Math.—R413
English—FA214
Student Recital—FA110
- 12-15 Thornton Wilder's "Skin of Our Teeth" Theatre, 8:30 pm
Matinee 2 p.m. Sun.)
- 17-18 Intramural Basketball—Gym, 7 p.m.
- 18 Student Forum, 12:30 p.m., AMC
- 19 SOAR Celebration, 12:30 p.m., AMC
- 22 Voice Recital: Leah Anderson, Theatre, 5 p.m.
- 24 Thanksgiving vacation begins after last class
- 30 Classes resume

Speakers:

- 11 Drake Law School, 9:30 AMC
- 9 Miss Ruth Bradfield, Gen. Amer. Life, Business oppor. for women 2:30 AMC
- 16 Mrs. Ashton "Health Careers" 2:30 AMC
- 18 Mrs. Phillip Johnson "Helping Professions for Women" 3:30 AMC
- 20 Miss Jean Daniels bank careers for women 2:30. Room to be announced
- 23 Mrs. Patsy Healy—Lacled Home Ec. Careers. Room to be announced

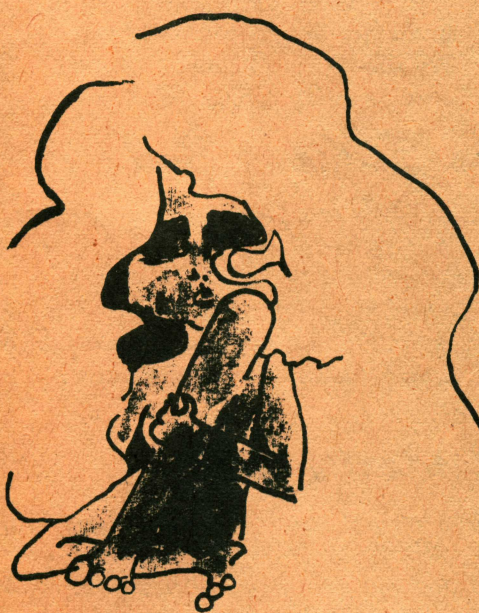
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something's on your mind, right?



tell us about it—get it said, so much can be done if we all know what you're thinking about.

leave letters to the editor, stories, poems, pictures, ideas—whatever—on the Free Spirit bulletin board in Ryan or in the mailbox in AMC.

say it.

Sr. Marcella Marie Takes "Active" Rest

Sister Marcella Marie Holloway, professor of English, has recently returned from a nine-month sabbatical stay at Oxford University. She left for England on August 8, 1969, after teaching summer school at Catholic University.

Writing, lecturing, and traveling filled Sister's active rest. "Feathertop," a musical based on a short story by Hawthorne, was one of Sister's most ambitious writing projects. Yet she also found time to complete four papers; two were delivered to the Hopkins Society (newly-formed in England this year). A third, entitled "Gerard Manley Hopkins' Place in English Literature," will be published in the December issue of *Escape*, a journal of the University of Groningen, The Netherlands. *The Downside Review*, a Benedictine journal, published Sister's fourth work, "The Role of the Nun in 'The Wreck of the Deutschland.'"

Sister both gave and attended lectures. She talked about Hopkins at Avery College and attended two discussions by Dame Helen Gardner on T. S. Eliot and the seventeenth century. She was also present at the 1969 Yeats Summer Session at Sligo, Ireland.

Sister also showed that English literature could be approached in non-studious ways. By taking side trips beyond Oxford, she was able to visit many places associated with British authors: Chaucer's Canterbury, Shakespeare's Stratford, Sir Thomas Wyatt's Allington Castle, and Gray's Stokes-Poges.

Walking in the English countryside,

"punting" (vigorously rowing) down the Charwell River (together with the Thames, it forms a border around the Oxford campus), and listening to hand-rung bells were other diversions that Sister enjoyed.

But all good things came to an end as the spring waned. Sister left Oxford in May; but she prolonged her sabbatical by visiting Dublin where her niece, Kitty Sullivan, was performing at the Gaiety Theatre. She returned home — by way of Greece — to June first classes at Catholic University.

—Kathy DeMarco

DAD-DAUGHTER BANQUET

The Father-Daughter Banquet was one of the highlights of the College Weekend which was held from October 23-5.

The dinner was preceded by a reception at Arnold Memorial Center where parents and students were introduced to one another. While the fathers and daughters were en route to the Ramada Inn near the Airport, the mothers were enjoying a beautifully served buffet in the dining room in

A rare treat is in store for the moviegoers of St. Louis. On Friday evening November 20th at 8 p.m., you can turn back the clock 45 years and relive the era of 1925 when the Fox Theatre presents the Organ and the Silent Screen. The feature attraction will be the great silent horror classic "THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA" starring Lon Chaney, with a score composed and played by St. Louis' own Stan Kann on the mighty Fox Wurlitzer Organ.

"THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA" is considered by most film critics to be one of the truly great horror classics of the silent film era. Originally released September 13, 1925 by Universal Pictures, newspaper publicity releases heralded the film as WILD...WEIRD...WONDERFUL! Settings of Stupendous Size and Rare Grandeur! Exquisite Music Specially Composed for the Picture! A Triumph

of the Most Fantastic Events ever screened!

Some of the elaborate settings in "PHANTOM OF THE OPERA" include the underground catacombs and sewers of Paris as well as the most accurate detailed reconstruction of the lavish Paris Opera House. The famous unmasking scene of the Phantom is still considered today to be one of the most brilliant horror episodes ever put on film. Equally spectacular is the huge chandelier falling on the audience in the opera house.

Lon Chaney, known as "the man of a thousand faces", was one of the greatest actors of the silent cinema and known for the bizarre makeup and horrifying characterizations. His famous roles were Eric in "Phantom of the Opera" and Quasimodo in the first filming of "The Hunchback of Notre Dame". Lon Chaney died of throat cancer early in 1930 after completing his only talking film "The Unholy Three". Supporting Lon Chaney in the "PHANTOM OF THE OPERA" are Mary Philbin and Norman Kerry, two of the most popular stars of the mid-twenties.

Tickets for the Fox Theatre presentation of the Organ and the Silent Screen, Friday, November 20th are available at all Arthur Theatres and Ludwig Music Stores. Mail orders are also accepted, address Fox Theatre, 527 North Grand Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri 63103. All seats in advance are \$3.00, night of the performance, \$3.50.

MONSANTO EXEC. DISCUSSES

JOBS ABROAD

Mr. E. W. Burr, director of international personnel for the Monsanto Company, was recently on campus as the guest speaker at the joint History/ Foreign Language departmental meeting. In the informal atmosphere of *Le Quartier Latin* (SW1), Mr. Burr discussed post-graduate job opportunities abroad. Positions are by no means lacking, but "the key to real career opportunities outside the U.S. is complete facility in language." Teaching is the most available position, and it is followed by the secretarial, advertising, publishing, and editing fields.

The Peace Corps, International banks, American Express and numerous church organizations also employ Americans abroad. The Foreign Service, qualifying one for varied jobs in U.S. embassies, is rather difficult to enter, since only 60 persons are accepted per year. The UN likewise has only limited openings for Americans. Mr. Burr indicated that those interested in working abroad should contact that nation's embassy in Washington, D.C.

Citing his experience as a personnel director, Mr. Burr stressed the need for a comprehensive resume when applying for any job; a good letter of application, stating the reasons and objectives in seeking a particular position, is most valuable. Mr. Burr wisely discouraged anyone from working abroad if her motive is money; European jobs provide rich experiences but not necessarily an equally fulfilling financial statement.

—Kathy Tanner

Office of Campus Ministry Begins to Innovate

FATHER GENE JOINS FC Meeting Breaks Ground

Father Gene Contadino, S.M., a priest of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, who is currently on a degree program in moral theology at Saint Louis University, will head the campus ministry at Fontbonne this year.

To formulate approaches to the campus ministry program, Dr. Robert Rankin, a vice president of Danforth Foundation and a nationally recognized authority on the campus ministry, and Father Gene met with students, faculty and administrators Tuesday October 27, at 10 a.m. in Arnold Memorial Center.

Dr. Rankin is director of the Danforth Foundation's Campus Ministry Program and also of its Associates Program. He has written a book, "The College Church," and also "New Wine," and interpretive booklet on "The Church, the University and Social Policy," by Dr. Kenneth Underwood, a definitive work on the campus ministry.

Father Gene will be available to anyone in the campus community who wishes to meet with him each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12 noon to 3 p.m. in the Student Personnel Offices of Arnold Memorial Center.

Father Gene sees the role of the campus minister as being one who is sensitive to the needs of all on the campus. He should be a listener and be ready to hold a dialogue with anyone who wishes to do so. He says that the campus ministry can succeed only if many concerned people work together on the program.

Ryan Hall. Later, after the fathers and daughters had been served a roast beef dinner, the mothers were brought by bus to the Ramada party. Russ David and his orchestra provided a variety of dancing music including marches, pop music, and old favorites.

The credit for this successful banquet goes to Cathy Pottebaum; through her efforts everyone had a most enjoyable evening.

FR. CAMPION

TO VISIT CAMPUS

Father Donald Campion, S.J., will be present on campus on Nov. 19, delivering his lecture, "The Communication of Religious Values in America Today". Father Campion is the first of a series of speakers sponsored by the Sperry and Hutchinson Lectureship Program. In accordance with this Program's purpose, the 8:00 p.m. lecture, held in the Fontbonne Theater, is free and open to the general public, providing the surrounding community with a distinguished commentator while extending the influence of the school.

Father Campion is the editor of *America*, a weekly magazine noted for its progressive leadership of the American Church. In addition to his position of the magazine, he is active in several national sociological organizations, and serves on an international commission of the Society of Jesus, supervising the survey of the works and organizations of the Jesuits throughout the world. Among his many and varied writings is a recent book co-authored with Gregory Baum, O.S.A., a study of the documents of Vatican II, part of the background for which was gained in his stay in Rome during the second, third, and fourth sessions of the Council.

Father Campion will be available on campus all day, the 19th, for informal discussions with students and faculty. Anyone interested in joining one of the discussion groups should contact Paula Eckhard, Loretta Watness, Nancy Barton, Sister Mary Ellen Smith, or one of the faculty members of the theology department.

GIANTS STOMP 'GATORS 12-6



Winning Giants mobbed after last play of the game.



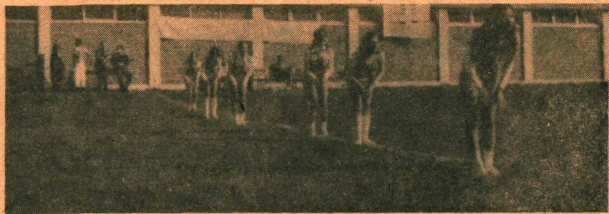
Dr. Robert Connelly, Gators' coach receives gift.



"Gator"



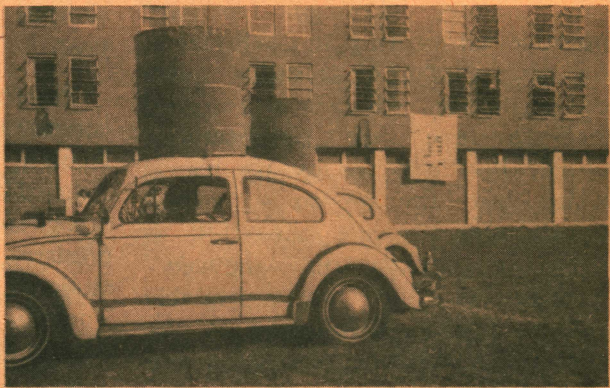
Giants cheer.



Gators cheer.



Giants play.



"Giant"



Gators play.



Dr. Angelo Puricelli, Giants' coach, and Ellen Sweetin try to advise team on the field, while rest of team looks on.



Gators watch the game.