

# Free Spirit

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## Pi Delta Phi New Members

Pi Delta Phi, national French honor society, held its annual initiation on Sunday, December 9th in Arnold Memorial Center. The ceremony included an explanation of the object, organization, and history of Pi Delta.

After learning that the group had begun in Berkeley in 1906 and now included more than one hundred and twenty schools, the new members: Judy Bongard, Debbie Gilbert, Mary Jane Luetkemeyer, and Mary Morehead received the blue, red, and white pin of the epsilon omicron chapter of Fontbonne College.

Readings on the literature of France were given by Kathy Tanner and Maria Maniaci. Mme. Sonnino is moderator of the society here; officers are: Kathy DeMarco, president; Joan Sudhoff, vice-president; and Elizabeth Gootee, secretary-treasurer. Sister Jane de Chantal and Nadette Fort were present as members of the French department. Jacques Chicoineau is regional vice-president for Pi Delta Phi in St. Louis. Kathy Kendregan, a new member, was unable to attend.

## SKI TRIP

Once again it's that time of the year when we skiers begin to hear the call of Colorado. The Fontbonne Athletic Association is preparing to send a group of about 30 Fontbonne students to Idlewild Ski Lodge in Winter Park, Colorado. Most of those going are novices, but there are also a few veterans who are going back to tackle those slopes for the second or even third time. There is one new aspect of the ski trip this year. Our bus will be decorated with big signs advertising the Fontbonne Ski Trip. Anyone who wants to get in on some of the action can help paint the signs in the next two weeks. All skiers are strongly advised to start jogging and exercising in order to prepare your muscles for the fun which is ahead. The bus will be leaving at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 6 and will be returning on Sunday afternoon, January 10.

## development council to balance budget

A Development Council headed by two trustees of the college -- Mr. Daniel Sheehan, chairman, and Mr. Gerald Deppe, co-chairman -- has been formed. The council will coordinate all fund-raising activities of the college with the objective of raising \$293,000 during the fiscal year 1970-71. This sum, plus the \$303,000 contributed by the Sisters of St. Joseph during the current year will make the \$596,000 needed to balance the budget.

(Taken from Fontbonne Bulletin of November 20, 1970.)

## Symphony Supports Oppressed Soviet

In a unanimous expression of concern the members of the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra voiced their support of Soviet cellist Mstislav Rostropovich in his effort to help Nobel prize-winning author Alexander I. Solzhenitsyn. The statement in support of Rostropovich, drafted by members of the Orchestra, bears the signatures of the musicians and staff of the Symphony, as well as those of Maestro Walter Susskind, Assistant Conductor Leonard Slatkin, and Executive Director Peter Pastreich.

## Teacher Recruiting

Gateways To Teaching Careers Day -- in Busch Memorial Center December 29, all day. Metropolitan area schools will be present to discuss salary schedule, advancement, working conditions.

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The St. Louis Archdiocesan schools will be recruiting teachers on January 27, all day in Arnold Memorial Center.

## Fontbonne College Chorus

conducted by Dr. Relford Patterson

will perform on KMOX-TV

December 19 at 3:00 p.m.

in

"Magic People Christmas"

with Paul Dietrich

## CHRISTMAS CHORUS CONCERT



Dr. Patterson has a brief moment of relaxation before busy rehearsals.

The Fontbonne College Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Relford Patterson, chairman of the music department, will present "Music for Christmas" December 12 and 13 at 8 p.m. in the college theatre.

The concert will be performed as a memorial for Phillip J. Lucier, president and director of Continental Telephone Company who also served as first chairman of the lay board of trustees at Fontbonne.

The major work of the concert will be a performance of Vincent Persichetti's "Winter Cantata" for women's chorus, flute and marimba. Persichetti uses Japanese Haiku verse from the anthology, "A Net of Fireflies." The musical style is similar to the brief, condensed, even fractured style of Haiku verse.

Fay Herzog will do the marimba accompaniment. She is a graduate student at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, and studies percussion with Rich O'Donnell, principal percussionist with the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra.

Barbara Crisanti will be flute soloist. She is flutist with the St. Louis Philharmonic and executive director of Young Audiences. She holds an A.M. from Washington University where she studied with Israel Burouchoff. She has played with the Augsburg Symphony,

Augsburg, Germany and with Augsburg chamber groups.

The program to be performed by the 63-voice chorus will include major numbers by Vittoria, Bach, Brahms and Bright.

Patterson formerly served as chairman of the humanities division at Tuskegee Institute and directed the internationally known Tuskegee Institute choir for 13 years. While he was director of the Tuskegee Institute choir, it performed at Radio City Music Hall, the White House, Town Hall and with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.

Patterson holds a Ph.D. from Washington University. From 1949 to 1963, he was tenor soloist in major eastern and Atlantic coast cities. He has composed for chorus, orchestra, piano and violin. He has edited the selected works of Hans Gram, Oliver Holden and Samuel Holyoke.

Primary vocal soloists will be Joan Starks, senior music major and Karen Floyd, junior in music. Others having solo parts include Ann Ewers, Bonnie Hays, Leah Ann Anderson, Sister Lucille Meissen, Pat Kahn and Kathleen Jones.

The concert is open to the public with \$1.00 admission charge.

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# A CHRISTMAS PRAYER



There is a certain trivality to the holiday of Christmas: merchants are engaged in luring customers to their wares; children are anxious to have every toy that has been advertised on every Saturday cartoon show for the last 52 weeks of the year; students are interested in acquiring a wardrobe equal to if not better than their peers. Scrooge-sounding? No. The exaggeration is only made to point to a more sober aspect of Christmas — the American POW's. There will be no trivality for them; the reality that the message of Peace on Earth has not

been heeded will be experienced by all of them.

But if the materialistic Christmas cannot be theirs, perhaps the spiritual event shall come to them through our prayers. In the midst of this season of tinsel and light, let us remember those in the far-away prison cells of North Vietnam who will not be able to share this Yuletide with their families. Let each one of us light a candle to curse the darkness of war and the despair of loneliness.

—Kathy DeMarco

## LETTERS ...

To the editor:

One of the serious problems in college and university life today is the lack of attention to the personality needs of the students. Suicide is the second most common cause of death on the campus, topped only by automobile accidents; but those who have studied the subject believe that of the latter are "concealed suicides"; thus suicide actually leads the list. Dr. Howard A. Rusk of the New York University Medical Center collected estimates that 90,000 students each year will threaten suicide, one in ten will make the attempt, and that there will be 1,000 actual deaths resulting. Beyond this, he calculates that among six million students, "some 600,000 have emotional problems for which they need professional assistance." The National Institute of Mental Health finds that "the factor of human isolation and withdrawal" appears to be critical; and the colleges recognize the serious problem created by these "loners" and are trying to provide help but admit (in hundreds of letters to us from deans) that they do not have adequate solutions.

Much light could be thrown on the subject by learning what factors enabled the fortunate ones to work

out of their difficulties and keep going. With the help of a friend who is vitally interested in this subject, the American Institute of Family Relations is carrying out a nation-wide study of what is being done and what could and should be done. We need to hear from as many students and former students as possible who have faced such a crisis. What pulled them out of it? Was it aid furnished by the college or university? or other community organization? or by a friend? or religion? or reading? Just HOW did they save themselves?

We will not publish the names of any individuals or schools; the information will be handled statistically and anonymously. Volunteers may contribute toward saving valuable lives by writing their experiences to me ("personal") at the address below:

The American Institute of Family Relations  
5287 Sunset Boulevard  
Los Angeles, California 90027

We shall certainly be most grateful for any help you can give.

Paul Popenoe, Sc.D  
President

## the naacp speaks to the troubled campus

In the face of mounting fears and hatreds, not infrequently climaxed in violence and death, the NAACP has, with particular vehemence over the last four years, warned that separation and segregation lead inexorably to further division and hatred. The one right road is total commitment to one society -- integrated and equal. Our sixty-one-year struggle to attain this goal has known many dangerous times -- few more perilous than today's -- and we do not intend to lose that struggle now.

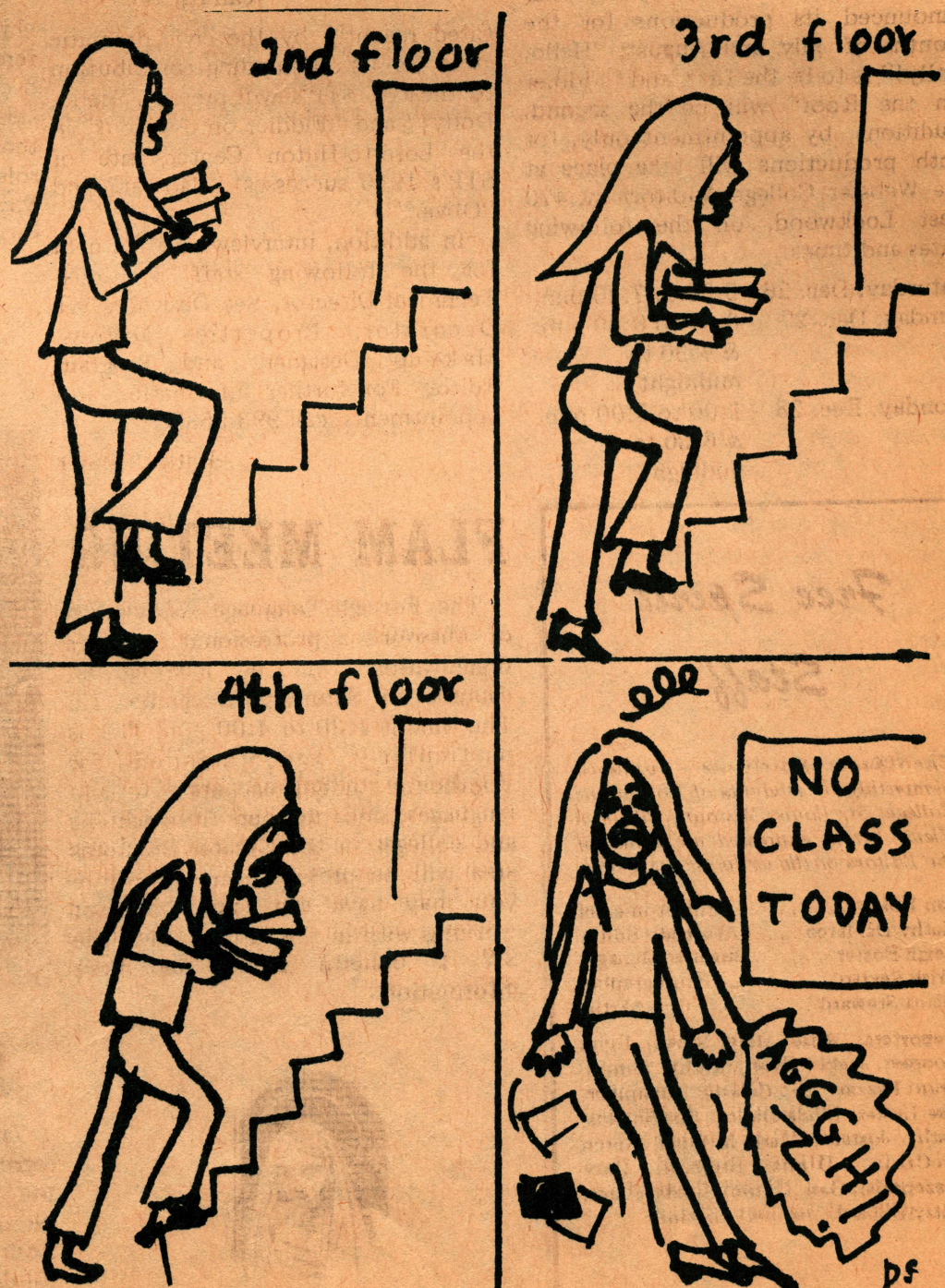
Of special importance in this critical hour is the matter of integration and equality in the nation's colleges and universities -- both the existing institutions and those which are about to be founded to meet the population explosion in the decade immediately ahead. We direct our attention to the campuses both of the so-called predominantly black and the so-called predominantly white institutions, with equal concern for the welfare of students in both, and with an expression of dismay over the growth of separatism and the flourishing of segregation in both.

... The full answer to violence and disruption on campus cannot come from repression and the counter -

productive use of military and police forces, but from the correction of the basic causes of student unrest (among which poverty, disease, violence -- including war -- racism and the threat of repressive reaction must be included in any list, however short) and the restructuring of academic life and institutions so that the student and professor are actually sharing in shaping their own destiny rather than being forced through frustration and bitterness to resort to fantasies of revolution and the actualities of rebellion.

In short, a total commitment to one society, integrated and equal, means that universities and the society which supports them must be fully integrated, unhampered by prejudice, free of the threat of repression and violence from within or without, open to constructive growth, and rooted in the urban communities they serve.

(This statement was accepted unanimously by the National Board of Directors of the NAACP, Cincinnati, Ohio, July 2, 1970.)





college president protests laws

Credit-No-Credit May Replace Pass-Fail Option

Rosemont, Pa.-(I.P.)-Sister Mary George O'Reilly, S.H.C.J., president of Rosemont College, has signed under protest the Pennsylvania Guaranty Loan and Scholarships Laws, Acts. No. 116 and No. 169, which require institutions to inform the state of disciplinary actions or court convictions of students involved in campus disorders.

The legislation aroused the concern of all segments of the Rosemont College community: trustees, alumnae, parents, administration, faculty and students. In a formal statement to the college president, drafted by the Rosemont faculty, 88% of the faculty responding to the issue opposed the spirit and content of both acts. The Rosemont chapter of the American Association of University Professors passed a similar resolution.

Sister Mary George emphasized that the college did not condone behavioral acts or offenses initiating disorder in commonwealth colleges, but rather did question the control that might be exercised by the commonwealth over students and the operation of the college under provisions of these Acts.

Pullman, Wash.-(I.P.)-The pass-fail option now being used in many colleges and universities, may in turn be replaced by a credit-no-credit option with failing marks eliminated entirely. This possibility is raised by Jim Quann, associate registrar at Washington State University. Quann based his findings on a survey he conducted among 150 four year colleges and universities.

The initial survey was sent to major universities in each state, as well as institutions that were reported to be experimenting with pass-fail or other grading options.

Much of the data listed in his study may soon be outdated, he said, but "emergent trends can be determined, and a useful model can be designed."

He concluded by saying that of 25 grading options adopted during the 1969-70 school year, 55 per cent utilized a variation of credit-no-credit grading, while 72 per cent completely eliminated the effect of the "F" or failing grade on the grade point average.

"Thus, while pass-fail is the more prominent trend in new grading techniques, the credit-no-credit option, with complete elimination of the concept of 'failure', is the emerging pattern," Quann said.

THE WAY WOMEN ARE SOCIALIZED



Students question Women's Lib Speakers. Foreground, Mrs. Mary Ann Seday, Background: Mrs. Pat Palmer.

Mrs. Mary Ann Seday and Mrs. Pat Palmer, local members of the National Organization of Women (NOW) spoke in the Lewis Room at 2:30 on December 4th under the auspices of SOAR and SACC. Before answering floor questions they each spoke on woman's status in society, the first describing it generally and the latter more particularly.

Mrs. Seday talked about two kinds of role differential: biological and cultural. Women are unlike men because of muscular build and the child-bearing function. Yet she felt that physical characteristics cause less discrimination against women than do cultural processes.

There is a real dichotomy in the child-rearing process of male and female. Activity in the form of non-emotionalism and straight-forwardness is encouraged in the boy but frowned in the passivity role of the quiet and flirtatious girl. Toys reinforce this separation; boys shoot guns and girls play with dolls.

Schools continue the diversity by channeling boys into shop and girls into home economics; why couldn't such an arrangement be reversed wondered Mrs. Seday? Churches reflected cultural bias in its words of Saints Paul and Augustine who were both anti-feminist in their writings.

Mrs. Palmer proved the cultural bias to be a reality. By explaining her business career as a young, single woman, she showed how much freer her life-style was before marriage and motherhood. The Pandora's Box of Women's Liberation -- to be a wife and mother and still feel personally fulfilled was reflected in Mrs. Palmer's comments. The additional remark that fulfillment can come in domesticity was made by Mrs. Seday.

Other topics covered in the discussion were: legalized abortion, equal pay for equal work, day care centers, and polarization of male and female attitudes.

--Kathy DeMarco

STP ENTERPRISES ANNOUNCES 1971 SEASON

S T P Enterprises, formerly the Summer Theatre Players, has announced its productions for the months of July and August; "Hello, Dolly!" is to be the first, and "Fiddler On the Roof" will be the second. Auditions, by appointment only, for both productions will take place at the Webster College Auditorium, 470 East Lockwood, on the following dates and times:

Saturday, Dec. 26 - 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, Dec. 27 - 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. & 7:30 to midnight  
Monday, Dec. 28 - 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. & 6:30 to midnight

Tuesday, Dec. 29 - 7:00 to midnight (call backs).

Cited recently by the civic dramatic guild for its outstanding contribution to theatre, STP's will present "Hello, Dolly!" and "Fiddler on the Roof" in the Loretto-Hilton Center, site of STP's 1970 successes, "Cabaret" and "Oliver!"

In addition, interviews will be held for the following staff positions: Technical Director, Set Designer, Set Decorator, Properties Mistress, Make-up Designer, and Program Editor. For further information and appointments, call 993-5533.

--Kathy Tanner

FLAM MEETING

The Foreign Language Association of Missouri, a professional teacher's organization, will be meeting on campus on Saturday, December 12. The time is 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. This is particularly recommended for Fontbonne student teachers of foreign languages, since teachers from schools and colleges in the Greater St. Louis area will be present, some of whom you may have the opportunity of working with in the future. Check the SW 1 bulletin board for more information.



FAUX PAS!

The staff of the FREE SPIRIT regrets that it did not give credit to the photographer of the Nov. 30 picture we carried on S.I. Hayakawa. Sorry, Mike Segalla, of the Lindenwood IBIS, it won't happen again!

Miami U. Governance Plan - Student Voice

Oxford, Ohio-(I.P.)-The new Miami University governance plan provides a student voice in policy-making in at least three new ways.

Faculty Council, the executive body for University Senate, is replaced by a University Council of 36 which includes 12 voting student members.

Secondly, the University Council will be required at least to consider any proposals placed before it by the Student Senate.

Thirdly, in setting up councils around each of Miami's four vice-presidents, the new plan clearly identifies the new Student Affairs Council as the principal legislative body of the university in matters pertaining to student social and conduct regulations and general student affairs.

This council will include 15 students, 10 faculty and five presidential appointees. University Senate will no longer be concerned with student conduct regulations.

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