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TORNADO VICTIMS GET AID FROM ASSOCIATION

One Hundred Dollars Pledged; "Freshmen Rules" Announced; New Members Welcome.

The recent tornado gave the first order of business to the initial meeting of the College Association. By a unanimous vote of the assembly a fund of one hundred dollars was established which, when completed, will be sent to the Helpers of the Holy Souls to assist them in rebuilding their institution at 4012 Washington Blvd., which sustained heavy damages.

In the course of the meeting the organization of the Association and its relation to the Student Council was explained to the new members. Likewise an official announcement was made to the freshmen of the compulsory observance of "Freshman Rules," compiled by the upper classmen.

The new officers of the College Association elected May 17, are: Helen Purcell, president; Dorothy Joyce, vice-president; Mary Louise McPartlin, secretary; Corinne Dewes, treasurer.

REV. F. J. O'CONNOR IS COLLEGE DAY SPEAKER

College Day, at Fontbonne, will be observed Saturday, Oct. 15. Mass, celebrated by Rev. F. J. O'Connor, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, will open the day's ceremonies.

In the late afternoon, the students will be the guests of the faculty at a banquet. The evening will be spent in playing cards or bunco. The arrangements for the evening are in the hands of the senior class and the presidents of the other classes.



Catharine Gunn, President of the Senior Class

FIRST STUDENT HEADS SENIOR CLASS OF 1928

Catharine Allen Gunn was elected president of the senior class of 1928, Wednesday, Oct. 5. Mary Grace Heiner, vice-president and representative to the Student Council; Lucille Perry, secretary - treasurer. Catharine Gunn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Gunn, 451 Baker ave., Webster Groves, has the distinction of possessing the card which bears the matriculation number 1, being the first student to register at Fontbonne College when it opened September, 1923, at Carondelet.

The junior class elected: Mildred Bischoff, president; Mary Kiely, vice-president; Mary Aloysia Knapp, secretary; Agnes Reilly, treasurer; Corinne Dewes, Student Council representative.

The sophomore officers are: Mary Louise McPartlin, president; Margaret Woods, vice-president; Audrey McDonald, secretary; Ellen DeLisle, treasurer; Virginia Gates, Student Council representative.

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COLLEGE'S FIFTH YEAR OPENS AUSPICIOUSLY

New Dean and Five New Faculty Members Greet Students; New Courses Popular.

The scholastic "new year" of 1927-28, commenced Sept. 19. Sister Mary Lucida, Ph. D., as dean of the College and head of the department of history, received the students of whom a record-breaking number were new ones, the freshmen alone exceeding the half-hundred mark. Sister Lucida succeeds Sister Marietta, who has gone to St. Teresa Junior College, Kansas City, Mo., as superior.

New members of the faculty who assumed their duties at the opening session are: Rev. Raymond Belloc, S.J., religion; Sister M. Pius, Ph.D., philosophy; Mr. Gustave Grevenig, French; Mr. Ralph B. Wagner, speech arts; Mr. G. B. Logan, Atty. business law. The department of physical training under Miss Marie Hanss is offering for the first time a course in playground supervision. The new secretarial course introduced this year is proving popular; its lectures began this week.

MASS OF HOLY GHOST IS FORMAL OPENING

Fontbonne formally opened its scholastic year for 1927-28 on Wednesday morning, Sept. 28, with Mass of the Holy Ghost followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The Rev. H. R. Sheldon, C.M., College chaplain, officiated.

As is usual on all formal occasions, the students wore cap and gown, and the school banner was carried by the officers of the College Association: Helen Purcell, Dorothy Joyce, Mary Louise McPartlin, and Corinne Dewes.

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Not Being Done

Last year, FAXENCRAUX offered the pertinent suggestion that anyone wishing to keep information secret put it on the bulletin board. We think we can suggest an even better way of hiding it—incorporate it into an editorial. Never, under any circumstances, does anyone ever read an editorial. It simply isn't done. It seems that editorials are necessary to the looks of a paper (something above which to hang a masthead) but as to reading them—that is quite impossible!

This attitude makes things very difficult for the editorial writer. She feels like an overly advertised actress who plays, night after night, to an empty house. Is it too much to suggest that if you tried coming to the show some night you might be mildly interested? You will find that, in a humble way, we try to support all school activities, to mirror the sunshine and shadow of life here at Fontbonne, and even to entertain and amuse you by discussing those feminine things that a college girl finds interesting. Try becoming interested in all this! Disagree with it, criticise it, ridicule it! We shan't care if only you read it!

But what's the use? No one is going to read this anyway.

What We Shall Remember

College isn't all calculus or chemistry. Not the least important part of it is the forming of happy friendships, the acquainting ourselves with the ideals and traditions of the college atmosphere, and most of all, the awakening of a consciousness of our unique position as Catholic college women. That is why days like College Days are so important. One such day accomplishes more, in this respect, than weeks of routine work.

Sister Marietta

Fontbonne students are in the same position as the sincere peasant who says: "The king is dead; long live the king!" It is with genuine pleasure and anticipation that we begin our work with the new dean, Sister Lucida; still, to the old students, the halls and rooms seem lonely without the familiar figure of Sister Marietta.

Four years ago this fall, Fontbonne began the first year of its existence with seven students and with Sister Marietta, energetic, resourceful, lovable, at the helm as dean. In this short time she not only has built a great material Fontbonne but also has infused into it a truly great spirit. We can think of no happier fate for this school than that the memory of its first dean be kept alive and vibrant through perpetuating the traditions which she has begun.

ANN THE APPLE GIRL

Being the continuation of the correspondence of Ann the Apple Girl who delivers at Fontbonne. She gives her impressions of the College in her letters to Jake, a big Butter-and-Egg Man from Belleville.

Dear Jake:—

This school has got a lot of new things this year,—a bunch of fresh men (only they ain't men, they are girls), some new pussywillows for the font, and an aluminy. They ain't like aluminum, even if it does sound the same. They were seniors last year but now they were a black sack, lined with purple and yellow, over there sholders and everybody calls them "aluminy."

I think they must have started a carpenter shop here, because I heard some fresh men talking about splitting infinitives and splicing commas—but I don't know, maybe it's a tailorin' place 'cause they have a press club. But some of 'em don't look like they belonged. Jake.

I passed a room on the first floor with a big crowd around it the other day like the line outside the "Bijou" at home. I asked them if their was a beauty contest inside. One of the girls laughed and said: "Not unless it is for beautiful manners, this is the cafeteria." Then another one said: "There's Ann. She's getting to be quite an 'insti-tooshun'." Do you think that was nice, Jake? Anyway, I'm not. I'm as polite as anything.

Ma said to thank you for the molasses candy you sent me but she ate it all.

Yours truly,

Ann.

FAXENCRAUX

The cyclone orientated the Freshmen, the Tribunal rules helped to initiate them, but until the Sophs get their chance the poor Freshmen will simply have to remain beneath College Level.

Speaking thus, have the present Sophs reached those sought-for heights of col—(we just can't repeat it!).



Even on College Day one gets the creeps when she turns around and sees the cops so near!

Now that the lockers are in the halls there isn't much use for a hungry person to have forgotten her book.

However, the college tea-room is a great help in distinguishing the Freshmen from the Academy students.

The freshmen boarders have suddenly taken to locking their doors.

"It's an ill wind—" Just look what blew all the way from the Little Seminary!

Freshmen seem to find it difficult to:

Answer the phone.
Receive mail.

Recognize the dignity in upper classmen.

Find the right class-rooms.
Walk upstairs.

Reach colle—(You know what we mean!).

Len was really insulted because she wasn't being invited to the surprise party given for her.

Endurance contests on flag poles and the like have an ancient precedent. One Spartan youth, according to Cecil Hoerr's explanation in the history of education class, "sat on a horse for a year."

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HOCKEY NEW OFFERING ON ATHLETIC PROGRAM

The athletic season will open Thursday, Oct. 13, with field practice, if the weather permits. Swimming, basketball, tennis, track, and field work will be resumed. About 50 have signed up for hockey, a sport newly introduced at Fontbonne. Intra-mural games will be played as soon as the teams are selected. The freshmen and sophomores must take this course in order to satisfy the two hour requirement in gymnasium work, one hour a week of swimming, basketball, or hockey. The remaining hour will consist mainly of floor work.

ORCHESTRA TUNES UP; STRING QUARTET COMING

The Fontbonne String Orchestra, composed of eight violins, three cellos, and piano has resumed practice for the yearly functions.

This year marks the beginning of a string quartet, which will be organized under the direction of Rev. Raymond Belloc, S.J., director of musical activities at St. Louis University. The members of the quartet are: Louise Siebert, first violin; Florence Ridolfi, second violin; Rev. Raymond Belloc, viola; and Florence Noble, cello. This section of the music department will devote its time to the highest type of ensemble music.

TO EXAMINE MUSICIANS

Professor Mentor Crosse of Minneapolis, Minn., who is musical director of the Sisters of St. Joseph in this section of the country, will hold the usual quarterly examinations on Thursday, Oct. 20. Mr. Crosse is a noted composer, and his compositions are used exclusively in the music courses given at Fontbonne.

DENVER PRIEST-EDITOR ENGAGED BY PRESS CLUB

Rev. Matthew J. W. Smith, Rev. F. G. Smith, and Rev. J. P. Flanagan, all of Denver, Colo., were recently guests at the College. Father Matthew Smith is editor of the Register, a semi-weekly Catholic newspaper of Denver, and is in charge of the courses in journalism in St. Thomas Theological Seminary and Loretto Heights College for

EXTRA! ELECTION FINALS

Club elections have been in vogue for the last two weeks, when the leaders of the five major clubs were chosen.

The officers of the Dramatic club, are: president, Mary Belle McCoolle; vice-president, Dorothy O'Brien; secretary, Cecil Hoerr; treasurer, Dorothy Joyce.

On Wednesday, Oct. 5, the Press club elected the following: president, Lenadore Bass; vice-president, Agnes Ibbetson; secretary, Mary Grace Heiner. At this meeting arrangements were begun for a banquet to be given early in November.

These students will be at the head of the Sodality: prefect, Bernice Simpson; assistant-prefect, Clare Whalen; secretary, Mary Magill; treasurer, Lucille Eckhard.

The officers of the Athletic Association elected Friday, Oct. 7, are: president, Agnes Reilly; vice-president, Corinne Dewes; secretary-treasurer, Mary Magill.

The Glee club officers since Oct. 10, are: president, Loretto Hennelly; vice-president, Valeria Perry; secretary-treasurer, Mary Hannon.

SCHOOL OF SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP THIS WEEK

A School of Student Spiritual Leadership under the direction of Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S.J., Sodality promoter in St. Louis and Editor of the Queen's Work, is being conducted at St. Louis University from Oct. 14-16.

At a preliminary meeting, Thursday, Oct. 13, Father Lord explained the purpose of the school and the general methods to be followed. Friday, Saturday and Sunday Father Lord's topics will touch on the student's spiritual ideals, the Sodality ideal, the student's personal sanctification, the student's apostolic life, and the privileges of the sodalist. The organization of a Students' Sodality Union Sunday afternoon will precede the Solemn Benediction and dismissal at 3:00 p. m.

Women, two Catholic institutions of Denver. He promises to return in the near future to talk to the Fontbonne press club.

MOTHERS' CLUB PLANS TEA AND CARD PARTY

The first meeting of the Fontbonne Mothers' Club was held Oct. 7, at 2:30 p. m., in the Fine Arts building. On Friday afternoon, Nov. 4, a tea will be given in honor of prospective members of the club.

Because of the recent tornado, the bazaar for which the members have been working during the summer months, and which they had planned to have some time this fall, has been indefinitely postponed.

Saturday, Nov. 26, is the date set for a card party to be given under the auspices of the Mothers' Club in the Fine Arts building. There will be prizes for each table, and also an attendance prize. Mrs. Jos. F. Gunn is chairman of the arrangement committee. Old members are expected to attend both affairs and new members are cordially invited. The membership fee is one dollar a year.

FR. O'REGAN SCORES GODLESS EDUCATION

"Men who seek knowledge without wisdom are unlocking for themselves the ante-chamber of death," said Rev. Jas. J. O'Regan, S.J., at the Mass of the Holy Ghost celebrated at St. Francis Xavier Church, Oct. 11, for St. Louis University and its corporate colleges, of which latter, Fontbonne is one.

Father O'Regan outlined the dangers of Godless education, saying that education should not be the end, but the means to the end. Religious education is a task that faces the world, because "culture without religion, science without religion, and knowledge without wisdom is nothing." Education is a filling in and not a going out.

Rev. Theodore Schulte was the celebrant of the Mass, Rev. Thos. Bowdern, deacon, and Rev. Charles Miller, subdeacon.

BEREAVED

Mrs. Walter L. Rutkowski, mother of Florentine Rutkowski, A.B. '27, died as a result of an automobile accident, Aug. 20, 1927. Mrs. Rutkowski was a charter member of the Fontbonne Mothers' Club. Faculty, alumnae, and students of Fontbonne extend their sympathy to the family.

RECORD ENROLLMENT AT ACADEMY OPENING

With a marked increase in numbers in faculty and student body, St. Joseph's Academy opened Sept. 13. The new faculty members are: Sister Victoria, Sister Patricia, Sister Alphonsa, Misses Mary Louise Mee, A.B., and Jule M. Kirk, A.B., the last two being from Fontbonne's graduating class of last June.

Class Leaders Chosen

The senior class held its first meeting Tuesday, Oct. 4, and elected the following officers: president, Catherine Anson; vice-president, Eleanor McCann; secretary, Dorothy Lucas; treasurer, Katherine Tackaberry. The first business brought before the class concerned the tornado sufferers. A committee composed of Eleanor Riley, Mary Louise De Lisle and Roma Fisher was appointed to solicit money and clothing from the academy students, to be sent to the St. Vincent De Paul Society for distribution.

The first meeting of the junior class was held Thursday, Oct. 6, and the following officers were elected: president, Catherine Koch; secretary, Helen Dailey; treasurer, Lucille Eckert.

The C. S. M. C. Unit of St. Joseph's Academy met Friday, Sept. 30, when the following officers were elected: president, Eleanor Riley; vice-president, Dorothy Hogan; secretary, Ellen Sullivan; treasurer, Margaret Huss. The Unit will meet regularly on the fourth Friday of the month.

The members of the League of the Sacred Heart met and reorganized on Friday, Oct. 7. The regular meeting of the League will take place on the first Friday of each month.

Energetic Sodalists

The Sodality of the Blessed Virgin and the Handmaids of the Blessed Sacrament will meet and reorganize next week. The officers of the four spiritual organizations and a representative from each of the religion classes of the Academy will constitute the Students' Spiritual Council, the members of which form the nucleus of the school's spiritual activities.

STELLA GILLICK HEADS ST. JOSEPH ALUMNAE

Miss Stella R. Gillick, one of the most prominent of the Catholic alumnae of the state, who was the first I. F. C. A. governor for Missouri, was elected at the September meeting of St. Joseph's alumnae to serve as president for the coming year. The officers who will function with Miss Gillick, are: Anna Winka, first vice-president; Helen O'Reilly, second vice-president; Mary O'Laughlin, third vice-president; Leona Hall, secretary; Florence Noble, treasurer.

The hostesses of the day were the academy seniors, who served punch and cake to the alumnae.

MARY HELEN LAMY DIES

A member of the junior class of the academy, Mary Helen Lamy, died Sept. 27, at her home, No. 1 Forest Ridge. Her funeral at Our Lady of Lourdes Church was attended by her classmates and a number of her teachers, and Holy Mass was offered for her in St. Joseph's Chapel, Fontbonne, on Saturday, Oct. 1. She was the daughter of Mr. Oscar Lamy, and grand niece of the Msgr. M.S. Brennan, whose death occurred a week after hers. St. Joseph's extends its sympathy to the bereaved family.

SEND PEACE DELEGATE

Helen Purcell, president of Fontbonne College Association, represented the College at a young people's banquet which was held on Sept. 28, at the Y. M. C. A. in connection with the International Friendship Congress of the World Alliance, an organization of the youth of America, for the preservation of peace and the prevention of war. A mass meeting will be held Nov. 8, at St. Louis University gymnasium.

CHOOSE CLASS OFFICERS

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The freshmen chose: Marie Antoinette Grover, president; Helen McKee, vice-president; Anne A. Soraghan, secretary; Leona Hall, Student Council representative.

A PIONEER SPIRIT LIVES

The pioneer class of Fontbonne have begun another pioneer work in organizing the college alumnae, which was formed June 9, 1927. Jule Marie Kirk is the first president; Alice Beffa, vice-president; Mary Louise Mee, secretary, and Genevieve McElroy, treasurer.

A committee composed of Lucille Remmers, Elizabeth McGarry, and Alice Beffa is at present drawing up a constitution for the organization.

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