

THE FONT NEWSLETTER

Vol. 1, No. 18

Fontbonne College, St. Louis 5, Mo.

February 15, 1949

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February--Catholic Press Month.

Feb. 15, 8 p.m.--Meeting of Fontbonne Horse Show Association in den of Ryan Hall. Students are urged to invite their parents, both non-members and members, to attend.

Feb. 15, 1-5 p.m.--Fontbonne students will serve on a jury for a mock trial conducted by the seniors of St. Louis U. Law School in a St. Louis Circuit Court room.

3 p.m.--Dr. Erik von Kuehnelt-Leddihn, interpreter of European events, will address the student body in assembly.

7:30 p.m.--"Song of My Heart," a film based on the life of Tchaikowsky, at the YMHA. Tickets may be obtained from Sister John Joseph or Nancy Lanza.

Feb. 16--Joan of Arc, motion picture starring Ingrid Bergman, opens at Shubert theater.

Feb. 16, 9 a.m.--Freshman Humanities classes will study the Berlin masterpieces at City Art museum.

11 a.m.--Cake sale of Home Economics Club.

12:30 p.m.--NSA meeting in the auditorium. All interested students are invited to attend.

6:30 p.m.--Sigma Beta Mu program in the recital room of Fine Arts. Romantic music is the theme of the meeting which will adjourn in time for all present to attend the fashion show. Participants include Jerry Hay, Marcelline Guelker, Evelyn Post, Joyce Higgins, and Pat Ware.

8:15 p.m.--Fontbonne College Alumnae Association sponsors Montaldi fashion show in the auditorium. Students and their friends are invited.

8:15 p.m.--Meeting of the Physical Education Club of St. Louis at women's lounge, Washington university. Miss Willis, treasurer of the organization, wishes physical education majors to attend.

Feb. 17, 6 p.m.--Monthly meeting of Delta Phi, the art club, in art room.

Feb. 17 and 21, 2:30 p.m.--Groups of students will attend the showings of "Hamlet" at Shady Oak theater.

Feb. 18--Feast of St. Bernadette Soubirous.

Feb. 18, 2 p.m. and Feb. 19, 8:30 p.m.--Gregor Fiatigorsky, violoncellist, as the final soloist this season with the St. Louis Symphony, Kiel opera house.

Feb. 18, 8:15 p.m.--NFOCS Fashion Show, "Fantasy in Fashion," at St. Louis university gym, with fourteen students from Fontbonne taking part.

Feb. 19--Competitive examinations at Fontbonne and other centers for scholarships to the college.

Feb. 19, 9 a.m.--Meeting of the St. Louis Camping Association at the YMHA. Physical education majors and minors are urged to attend.

Feb. 20--SEXTAGESIMA SUNDAY.

Feb. 20, 11:30 a.m.--Meeting of Le Cercle Francais at which a review of art in "Jounesse Nouvelle" will be shown to give an idea of young Catholic women in France.

Feb. 20 through 26--Catholic Book Week, sponsored by the Catholic Library Association. The slogan is "Read Wisely; Share Truth."

Feb. 21, 3 p.m.--CSMC "cut and paste" party. Christmas cards will be cut up and made into book marks and scrapbooks for the missions.

Feb. 22--Feast of St. Peter's Chair at Antioch.

Washington's Birthday, a holiday for faculty members and students.

Feb. 22, 1:30 p.m.--Sixty girls, representing Fontbonne, Maryville, Webster, and St. Joseph's Academy will sing Debussy's "The Blessed Damsel" under the direction of Mr. Gregory Millar at Rosati-Kain auditorium. Students may attend under special students rates secured through Sister Antone.

8 p.m.--Card party at Nerinx Hall gymnasium for the benefit of the Gallery of Living Catholic Authors. Prizes are recent Catholic books.

Feb. 23, 6 p.m.--International dinner at the International Institute, 4576 West Pine Blvd. sponsored by the International Relations Social-Science Club.

Feb. 24-26--American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education will meet at the Jefferson hotel.

Feb. 24, 2 p.m.--Review of "Joan of Lorraine" by Mrs. John Lilly for the Mothers' Club in the auditorium, preceded by a business meeting at 1 p.m. in Fine Arts.

Feb. 25 and 27, 8:15 p.m., and 26, 2:30 p.m.--"Gaslight Gaities" produced by the Pep Club in Fontbonne auditorium.

Feb. 26, 8 p.m.--Basketball game with Monticello in our gym.

March 1, 3 p.m.--Assembly under Sodality sponsorship will present a speaker on vocations for women.

March 2--ASH WEDNESDAY, beginning of the Lenten season.

Plans for the ceremonies and festivities for FONTBONNE'S SILVER JUBILEE are advancing. Miss Teresa Carmody, dean of the lay faculty, has accepted the chairmanship for the faculty's participation in the jubilee. Sister M. Hilda has consented to be faculty chairman of the alumnae homecoming program during the jubilee, which was formulated after Dr. Wm. E. Van Taay, general co-chairman, had addressed the meeting of the alumnae Sunday afternoon, Feb. 13. The Mothers' and Fathers' clubs are now being contacted for their participation. It has been tentatively decided to concentrate all activities in one weekend. Further details will be released as soon as formulated, and every student, faculty member, alumna, parent, and friend of Fontbonne will be remembered and will have a part to play in the jubilee celebrations.

His Excellency, Archbishop Ritter, in his pastoral letter for the annual Biblical Sunday, writes in part:

"Septuagesima Sunday is the day on which the Church begins the Scriptural readings in the Divine Office from the Book of Genesis, and from this starting point refreshes her priests and religious with the essential portions of every book of the Bible in the course of the year. Appropriately, therefore, we designate this Sunday as Catholic Biblical Sunday, together with our fellow members of the American Hierarchy.

"Our Divine Lord and Savior feeds us spiritually with a twofold nourishment: The Bread of Life, His own Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist; and the Bread of Truth, the revelations He has deposited with His Church to be dispensed until the end of time.

"The motherly solicitude of the Catholic Church to break the 'Bread of Truth' of the Scriptures to her children is evident from her copious use of the Sacred Scriptures in sermons and instructions and in the scriptural passages comprising the liturgical texts of the Mass and the Divine Office. Yet not all are sufficiently aware of the Church's eagerness to give the full import of the Scriptures to all the faithful. She is constantly encouraging scholars to study and compare the ancient texts that had been so arduously copied by hand by the monks long before the invention of printing. She is urging them to give us the fruit of their increasing knowledge of the ancient languages of the inspired writers in new and clearer translations from the original text. In English we have the time-honored and familiar Douay-Rheims version, but in addition we have been given in more modern language the translation of the scholars of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Besides there are the beautiful scholarly translations of the Spencer and Westminster versions, and last but not least the complete translation of the Old and New Testament by Monsignor Ronald Knox. Truly we have been blessed not only by these scholarly efforts but by the publishers who have used every modern technique to give us ready at hand the fruit of such scholarly labor.

"We take this occasion, therefore, to encourage all the faithful to rededicate themselves to reading and meditating frequently--even daily--on the word of God in the Scriptures."

Unaccustomed as they are to dropping classes on WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY, students will be obliged to do so next Tuesday. February 22 fell on Saturday in 1947 and on Sunday in 1948, and as last year was a leap year, it comes now on Tuesday. So only seniors can recall having a college week disturbed by this holiday.

THROUGH BELLEVILLE TO THE BELGIAN CONGO. The proceeds of the CSMC tag days last week have been sent to the missionary training school of the White Sisters of Africa, recently opened in Belleville, Ill. The sum, \$25, is considered by the officers as not representative of Fontbonne's generosity, and so a second collection for the White Sisters will be taken later.

THE TWENTIETH NEW STUDENT for this semester is Betty Rose Wulf, a student at Concordia seminary who is supplementing her work with Fontbonne courses in home economics, clothing construction, meal planning, nutrition, high school administration, history of education, and physical education. After having obtained a teacher's certificate, Miss Wulf plans to carry on missionary work in India.

Twelve Fontbonne students turned lady jurors today to mete out justice at a MOCK TRIAL held by the St. Louis University School of Law in conjunction with the Police Academy of the St. Louis Police Department. The case is being argued in the Criminal Section of the Circuit Court, Division 12 of the City of St. Louis, located at 14th and Market streets. At the request of Dean Paul E. FitzSimmons of the Law School, the following students of the classes of Dr. Wm. E. Van Taay are serving on this jury: Marian Bachmann, Arline Marklin, Louise Benz, Peggy Dolan, Mary Carey, Rosemary Leahy, Mary Ellen Roetto, Mildred Zeis, Phyllis Fitterer, Patricia Hayes, Joan Wiss, and Teresita Loyola.

VIRGINIA BLAND, who returned to her home in Hannibal, Mo., at the end of the first semester, arrived at St. Joseph's Mother House, Carondelet, on Feb. 11, to commence her training preparatory to becoming a Sister of St. Joseph. Virginia will be a postulant for six months, that is, until August 15. Also a postulant at Carondelet is Mary Jane Ruoff of last year's senior class whose term as a postulant will be completed on March 19 when she will receive the religious habit and a new name, and will embark on her two years of novitiate.

EVELYN POST and JOSEPHINE CHANG will perform at a concert given Feb. 27 under the auspices of the college women of Franklin County at Washington, Mo., which is Evelyn's home. Evelyn is to play two piano selections, and will accompany Josephine, who is to sing two numbers.

Tickets for the re-presentation of the Cardinal Glennon Community Theatre's production of "LADY OF FATIMA" by Fr. Urban Nagle, O.P. on Lastare Sunday, March 27, will be sold to Fontbonne and other corporate colleges by Dr. Wm. Van Taay. Tickets are \$1 for seats downstairs and 50 cents upstairs. To be given at Kiel Auditorium Opera House, "Lady of Fatima" will be directed by Miss Belle Marie Mullins of the speech department of Fontbonne. Co-operating in the arrangements are the Legion of Mary, Te Deum Forum, St. Louis University, Council of Catholic Women, and the Catholic Youth Council. The play, originally given at Fontbonne Dec. 5, 6, and 7, was witnessed by His Excellency Archbishop Ritter, who advocated it being repeated for larger audiences.

Harris Teachers 33

Fontbonne 31

In the game with Harris Teachers College Feb. 8, Betty Baerveldt led the Fontbonne team in scoring, with 20 points. Two days later, when Monticello was defeated by Fontbonne, Betty shared

Monticello 22

Fontbonne 24

high-scoring honors with Marilyn Miller, each contributing 12 points. For the next game Monticello returns to Fontbonne at 8 p.m. Feb. 26.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE SPACH of the cast of "Brigadoon" will appear before a Fontbonne audience some day during the three weeks' run of the musical fantasy at the American theatre here. Mrs. Spach is the niece of Sister Anna James of the Fontbonne staff. She and her husband will sing numbers from this production and others in which they have taken part. Mrs. Doyné Neal, instructor of voice in the Fontbonne music department, will accompany the songs. Announcement will be made as soon as possible of the time of this musical treat for the college.

Securing a statue of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY to adorn the foyer of Medaille Hall is the Sodality's next project. To raise money for this cause, a St. Patrick's Day party has been planned for March 17, from 8 to 12 p.m. in Medaille hall. Peggy Murphy, junior, has been named chairman. Students are urged to bring their families and friends.

Four majors from THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT, Teresa Reid, Sue De Lisle, Marylee Byrnes, and Hortense Prost, will present a program based on Thomas Merton's new autobiography "Seven Storey Mountain." The broadcast entitled "The Quest for God in an Atomic Age" will be Feb. 26 on station WEW at 2:30 p.m. and WEW-FM at 6:30 p.m. in the series "Tune in the Colleges."

Mari Kingston, delegate of the NSA, will preside over a second meeting to be held Wed. Feb. 16, 12:30 in room 311 Ryan Hall, at which activities for the semester will be discussed. Students present at the NSA ORGANIZATION MEETING Jan. 11, were Mary Therese Hartigan, Carmelita Schnellig, Lily Vitt, Mary Jeanne Reedy, Phyllis Fitterer, Dorothy Daly, Rosemary Stapenhorst, Jane Keough, Bobby Meyer, and Joan Steffen. Interested students are invited to attend.

TWO WEDDING PARTIES visited Fontbonne on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 12, and added their names to the imposing list of married couples resting in the Dean's office. Mrs. Robert G. Erman (Rosemary Kennedy '45) and Mrs. Walter B. Miller (Margaret Tuberty '49) and their husbands were the newly-wedded visitors.

Mary Louise Lenneman will be a maid of honor for her sister Jean, a graduate of Maryville College, who is being married Feb. 19, 10 a.m. at St. Roch's Church.

YEARBOOK HAVING FINANCIAL TROUBLES. The staff of the Fontbonne must know by March 1 that it can be assured of \$600 more if it is to get a copy into the hands of each student in late May. The financial picture is this: The staff limited the total cost of the annual to \$3000. Approximately \$1800 of that total will be allocated from the student activity fee. That leaves \$1200 to be raised by a sponsor-patron campaign and by the soliciting of advertisers. As of last Friday, only half of that \$1200 was assured--\$357 for sponsors and patrons, and \$246.50 for advertising. The problem is now being presented by Mr. Francis W. Kinkel, the moderator, to the whole student body. Each girl can help by being responsible for a sponsor, who contributes \$5, or a patron, who gives \$1. Any student who can solicit an advertisement should do so. Unless the necessary \$600 is obtained, operations on the yearbook will cease.

Miss Belle Marie Mullins is to speak on COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS at the West-Central Regional Meet of the Catholic Theatre Conference in Kansas City Feb. 18, 19, and 20. Other speakers include Sister Agatha Joseph, C.S.J., of St. Joseph's Institute for the Deaf and Sister M. Charitas, C.S.J., of Minneapolis, Sisters Ann Edward and Jean Fontbonne of St. Joseph's Academy will attend.

Pi Gamma Mu, NATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE HONOR SOCIETY, is now on the campus with Dr. Wm. E. Van Taay as moderator.

A premier INTERNATIONAL DINNER at the International Institute, 4576 West Pine blvd., will attract forty Fontbonne officers, members, and guests of the International Relations--Social Science Club on Wednesday, Feb. 23, at 6 p.m. The dinner will be prepared by native cooks and the entertainment will be centered around native European folk songs and folk dances with the participants appearing in authentic costumes. Fontbonne College is the first educational institution to be granted this privilege which was accepted in co-operation with Miss Harriette F. Ryan, executive director of the International Institute, and Dr. Wm. E. Van Taay, moderator of the Fontbonne IRC. Miss Tere-sita Loyola, Puerto Rico; Miss Josephine Chang and Miss Grace Chien, Nanking, China; and Miss Lucille Brantley will be among the Fontbonne students present. Forty young gentlemen from all parts of Europe and the rest of the world will be present as dinner guests to add to the international atmosphere of this unique dinner designed to promote cultural and international understanding in the light of Christian doctrine.

Montaldo's fashions will be displayed at the ALUMNAE FASHION SHOW to be held Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 8 p.m. in Medaille Hall. The tickets, which are selling for \$1.50 per person, may be purchased from Jane Tracy. Jimmy Downey's orchestra will play for the occasion and later there will be refreshments and dancing. The junior hostesses are Mary Jeanne Reedy, Mary Lou Streit, Mari Kingston, Marylee Byrnes, Jane Traud, Grace Chien, Josephine Chang, Marie Stasi, Dorothy Daly, Mary McManus, Dorothy Hickey, and Peggy Murphy, junior. Proceeds of the affair will be donated for furnishings for Medaille.

THE LIBRARY HAS NEW CATHOLIC BOOKS FOR CATHOLIC BOOK WEEK, FEBRUARY 20-26.

Special student rates will enable Fontbonne music lovers to hear "The Blessed Damozel" by Debussy sung by the glee clubs of Maryville, Webster, and Fontbonne at Rosati-Kain on Feb. 22 at 1:30 p.m. for the state convention of the National Catholic Music Educators Association. Helen Cataldi of Fontbonne will sing the part of the Blessed Damozel, and Ruth Schumacher of Webster that of the narrator. For tickets, students should apply to Sister M. Antone.

Several Sisters of the faculty will participate in the singing of the Mass in the Cathedral at 9 a.m. that morning. Sister Victorine of Fontbonne is serving on the committee on hospitality for the convention. Sister De la Salle of St. Teresa's College, Kansas City, who was formerly at Fontbonne, is head of the Missouri group of the Catholic music educators.

BOOKS ARE THE PRIZES. At the card party to be given on Washington's Birthday at 8 p.m. in the new gymnasium of Nerinx Hall, Big Bend and Lockwood boulevards, for the benefit of the Gallery of Living Catholic Authors, the prizes are best-selling Catholic books, all priced at three dollars. Among them are Merton's "Seven Storey Mountain" and Keller's "You Can Change the World." Tickets are one dollar per player. The Gallery is an international institution acknowledging and publicizing Catholic authors and their works, and is holding its first card party to aid in its expanding program. Mother Mary Pius of the philosophy department of Fontbonne is a member of the executive board of the Gallery. Sister Mary Joseph of Webster College, who founded the Gallery sixteen years ago, is its director.

"Joan of Lorraine" by Maxwell Anderson will be reviewed for the FONTBONNE MOTHERS' CLUB on Feb. 24 at 2 p.m. The review will be followed by a tea, and preceded by the regular monthly meeting of the club. The sponsors of the afternoon are the mothers of the sophomore classes of the college and academy under the chairmanship of Mmes. Peter Cataldi and Dan Lyons, with Mmes. Frank Steins and Albert Eschrich as co-chairmen.

THE GASLIGHT GREATS. The student-produced, student-directed, and student-played performance, "Gaslight Gaieties", will have a run of three days at Fontbonne, Feb. 25 and 27 having evening showings and Feb. 26 a matinee at 2:30. According to June Kronsbein, head of the Pep Club, which is preparing the show, everything about it, from tickets through auditorium decorations to programs, will reflect the atmosphere of the good old days of vaudeville.

Students to assist with entertaining the hundred or more high-school seniors who are to take SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS here next Saturday are being solicited by Miss Teresa Hafertepe, field secretary, who is in charge. Already volunteering are Rosemary Stapenhorst, Sue Delisle, Betty May, Joann Abell, and Barbara Callahan. These hostesses are needed to greet the guests from 9:30 to 10 a.m., and to escort them through the buildings from 12 to 1 p.m.

Among Saturday's contestants for scholarships are girls from St. Joseph's, Incarnate Word, Ursuline, St. Elizabeth's academies, Nerinx Hall, Rosati-Kain, Laboure, Eugene Coyle, Xavier, St. Anthony's, St. John's, Hadley, Mehlville, and Kirkwood high schools of Greater St. Louis; also St. Peter's high school, St. Charles; St. Mary's, Bridgeton, Valle, Ste. Genevieve, and Sacred Heart, Sedalia, all in Missouri; and SS. Peter and Paul's, Waterloo, Marquette, Alton, and the high schools of Litchfield and Chester, Illinois. The tests will also be given in seven centers in nearby states.

The speaker at today's assembly, Dr. Erik von Kuehnelt-Leddihn, is known both in this country and Europe as an enlightened interpreter of world events. The next night assembly is scheduled for March 22 when a favorite with former Fontbonne audiences, Miss Mary Louise Hickey, will give dramatic readings.

The seniors have spent their morning at comprehensive examinations in their major fields. Some of them and their fields are as follows:

Peggy Cecilia Dolan is a St. Louisan from Rosati-Kain high school. Her objective is the degree of bachelor of science, her work being in Sociology, Psychology, and Physical Education.

Mary Loretta Finazzo, likewise a St. Louisan prepared for college at Rosati-Kain, will receive at her graduation the bachelor of arts degree. Her field of concentration is Speech, English, and Education.

Therese Marie Fischer came to Fontbonne from Marquette high school of Alton, Ill. Her major subjects are in the Home Economics area, and her minors are Science and Psychology. She will become a bachelor of science.

The showing of the Berlin masterpieces at the City Art Museum, which continues until 10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, has attracted most Fontbonne students. They say --

BETTY BEFFA: I wanted to take them all home. . . . JOAN STEFFEN: Learning about these paintings in Humanities classes gave me a keen appreciation of this exhibit. . . . DOROTHY DALY: Never having viewed such masterpieces before, I was amazed and impressed with their qualities. . . . PEGGY DOLAN: Like so many others, I was especially struck with the craftsmanship and skill evident in Rembrandt's "Man With the Golden Helmet". . . . TERESA REID: My two favorites are "The Mother" by Hooch, because of the excellent treatment of light and shadow, and "The Little Girl and Her Nurse," by Hals because of the beautiful work in its details. . . . MARY ANN PIERCE: No words can describe the awe which I felt when standing before the works of the masters. All words and phrases seem trite and inadequate. . . . PHYLLIS THOMPSON: The paintings took me back to the Middle Ages. . . . PHYLLIS FITTERER: The pictures are wonderful, and I hope all Fontbonne sees them. . . . JACKIE WILKERSON: I went to view the pictures a second time.

Owing to the approach of senior comprehensive examinations today, this number of The Newsletter had to be prepared without help from the veterans of that class. The editor, PAULA FRENCH, was assisted by Georgianne Landy, Beverly Goldwyn, Rosemarie Archangel, Mary Lee Curotto, Charlotte Stewart, Barbara Sullivan, Patti Trapp, Beverly Flynn, Mary Therese Hartigan, and Gerry Wand.