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## Editor's Note

In this issue of the *Fontbonne College Magazine* you will discover that Fontbonne College is a vital force in the St. Louis community as well as across the nation and internationally.

We have two students, Tamitra McCormick and Jeanette Mentesana, in the St. Louis area who are sharing their time and knowledge with those who cannot read. They are volunteering their talents to help diminish the problem of illiteracy.

In a small town in Mississippi, four Fontbonne students and two alums spent their spring break helping the poor. Their eyes were opened by racism and poverty.

After a visit to Moscow for the Soviet-American Citizens' Summit II, Paulette Gladis, CSJ, hopes to help open the doors to medical research exchanges between the U.S. and U.S.S.R. She says, "The Russia I visited in January, 1990 may never be the same again."

Thanks to Random House Inc., for permission to reprint Dr. Suess' "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" Also thanks to Jason Sommer, the College's poet-in-residence, for getting Macdara Woods to Fontbonne and obtaining permission to reprint Woods' poetry.

Thank you for the kind letters and wonderful comments about the last *Fontbonne College Magazine*. As always, your comments are welcomed and we hope you enjoy the *Magazine*.—jj

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## OPENERS

### Mozelewski Awarded Journalism Scholarship



Theresa Mozelewski

**T**heresa Mozelewski, a senior majoring in theatre performance and English/professional writing at Fontbonne College, has been chosen by the Journalism Foundation of Metropolitan St. Louis to be the recipient of the \$1000 Commerce Publishing Donald H. Clark Scholarship for the 1990-91 academic year. Mozelewski is the first student from Fontbonne to receive this award.

Criteria for the scholarship included academic status, financial need and journalistic ability. Commerce Publishing Company, supplying business magazines to companies, desires winners to have a liberal arts education or to be interested in magazine publishing. The award was named after Donald H. Clark, founder of the company and former president of Sigma Delta Chi (presently the Journalism Foundation).

Mozelewski, who is a reporter for the *Fontbanner* —the Fontbonne student newspaper, submitted to the scholarship committee an article she had written on satanic cults and her review of a Robert Frost play.

"I was very surprised and happy I won," she says. "The editor of the *Fontbanner* gave me the application the weekend I was planning to go camping. He encouraged me to stay home and prepare the application."

A graduate of Thomas Aquinas Mercy High School in Florissant, she also is active in Fontbonne's theatre department and has performed in many of the College's productions. After graduation, Mozelewski hopes to enter graduate school or work for a publishing company.

Twenty journalism and communication students in the St. Louis area received scholarships and awards totaling more than \$20,000.

The Journalism Foundation of Metropolitan St. Louis is the only organization of its kind in the nation in which working journalists and persons in related fields pool their efforts to support a scholarship program for communication students.

### Life Insurance as a Charitable Gift

**A** gift of life insurance in the Endowment for the Future program at Fontbonne College is one of the most appealing and practical methods of making a charitable contribution. It is a low-cost, high-yield charitable gift.

Recently Lee McKinney, Fontbonne College's athletic director and men's basketball coach, contributed a new \$50,000 life insurance policy to the College. He pays modest premiums during the next five years, but he accomplishes three significant results:

- \*A substantial and meaningful memorial for the future.
- \*Premiums are deductible in full for federal gift tax purposes.
- \*The death proceeds payable to Fontbonne College do not incur any federal estate tax.

Transfer of ownership of existing policies can also be made. Terms vary according to actuarial tables. A gift of life insurance can be made without impairing other assets reserved for the insured's family. The gift can be made with regular premium payments and can be financed out of current income.

A gift of life insurance offers great personal satisfaction, as well as practical tax and economic advantages to both Fontbonne College and the donor. For further information, contact Fontbonne's Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Tom Yahraes at 314/889-1412.



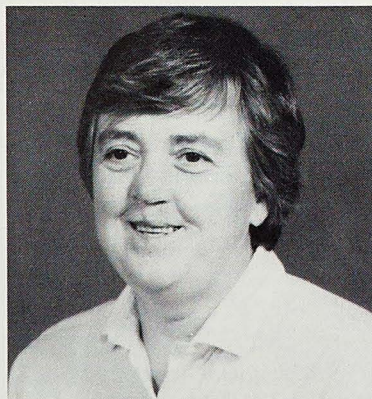
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### Four New Trustees Elected to Serve on the Board

At the last meeting of the Fontbonne College Board of Trustees for the academic year 1989-90, four new trustees, Anne Niemeier Clifford; Marie Joan Harris, CSJ; William Wachter and Michaela M. Zahner, CSJ, were elected.

Anne Niemeier Clifford has been the director of counseling and guidance at St. Joseph's Academy in St. Louis for the last 20 years. She is a high school delegate for the Missouri Association College Admission Counselors and has served on the Executive Committee for the organization. Clifford is also a Missouri high school delegate for the National Association of College Admission Counselors and is a member of the National Credentials Committee.

She is married to Thomas E. Clifford and they have three children. An alumna of Fontbonne College, Clifford received her bachelor of science in 1959 and her master of education from Saint Louis University in 1964.



Clifford

Marie Joan Harris, CSJ, is the vice president for academic affairs for Avila College in Kansas City, Missouri.



Wachter

William Wachter, president of Wachter Construction, Inc., established his company in 1975. St. Louis Magazine in 1989 named Wachter Construction, Inc. as one of the top 25 small businesses in St. Louis. A 1963 graduate of Washington University, Wachter received a bachelor of science degree in engineering.

In 1990 Wachter was the first recipient of the Joseph H. Vatterott Award for Catholic Lay Leadership. Wachter is active in the St. Louis business community and served as the chairman for St. Patrick Center's Irish Open Golf Tournament. A member of the board of directors for the Judevine Center for Autistic Children, he is also on the board for AMC Cancer Research. He serves on the board for Cor Jesu Academy High School and Christian Brothers College High School. Wachter is married to Suzanne (Sue) Herter Wachter, a graduate of Fontbonne College. The Wachters have three children.

Michaela M. Zahner, CSJ, is the assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences for Rockhurst College in Kansas City. She has served as assistant dean since 1985. An alumna of Fontbonne College, she received her bachelor of arts in 1963. From the University of Chicago she received a masters of arts in 1969 and her Ph.D. in 1971. She taught grade school in Denver, Colorado and University City, Missouri.

She was a history instructor and then the Principal of Academic Programs at St. Teresa's Academy in Kansas City. Zahner is a member of a number of professional societies and associations. She was the chairperson of the Secondary Committee for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Louis Province from 1980-1984. She also received the Teresian Medal for Distinguished Service from St. Teresa's Academy and is a member of the International History Society, Phi Alpha Theta.



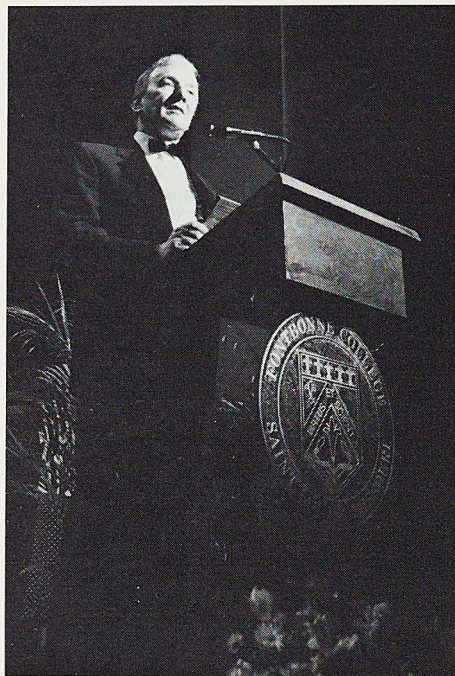
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### Fontbonne College's Bezdek Award Conferred upon Richard Rodney Bennett

Fontbonne College conferred the third Bezdek Award for Excellence in Contemporary Music upon Richard Rodney Bennett, composer and performer, March 21, 1990.

Bennett's approach to the contemporary music scene is marked by versatility and eclecticism. His "serious" concert music is held in high esteem by musicians and critics alike. In addition, Bennett has made important contributions in the field of jazz and third-stream music.

The Bezdek Award for Excellence in Contemporary Music was established in 1980 by Fontbonne College to honor Sister John Joseph Bezdek, CSJ, professor emerita and member of the music faculty for more than fifty years. Bezdek, 92, was at the ceremony to congratulate Bennett. The first Bezdek award



*Bennett accepts the Bezdek Award.*

was presented to David Burge, world-renown concert pianist, composer and proponent of new music. The second conferral was to



*Bennett and Philips perform during the first part of the concert. They played many of Bennett's original works.*

Maestro Leonard Slatkin, music director and conductor of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra.

The evening consisted of a two-part concert and the award presentation. Bennett and John Philips, chairperson of the music department and pianist-in-residence, performed a classical section for the first part of the concert. Fontbonne College President Dr. Meneve Dunham then presented the Bezdek Award to Bennett. For the second part of the concert, Bennett delighted the audience with a cabaret set, singing the lyrics to some standards from the 1920s, '30s and '40s.

"Cabaret audiences are more of a challenge than classical concert hall audiences. At a symphony concert or recital, audiences are polite, welcoming and warm," said Bennett. "However cabaret audiences want to be entertained, they want to have a good time."

The British-born composer began writing music before the age of six. Bennett was awarded a scholarship to London's Royal Academy of Music in 1953, where he studied with Lennox Berkeley and Howard Ferguson. The French government granted him a scholarship and Bennett became the first student of Pierre Boulez. His work has been since recognized by honors from several prestigious institutions. From 1970-71, Bennett was composer-in-residence at the



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*Bennett sings during the cabaret set.*

Peabody Institute in Baltimore. Queen Elizabeth II appointed him Commander of the British Empire in 1977. Two years later Bennett moved from London to New York City, where he now resides.

The range of his compositions includes orchestral, chamber vocal and choral works, educational pieces, ballets, operas and music for

### Charitable Remainder Trust

How would you like to give away some of your money? You probably aren't thrilled about the question. How would you like to make a charitable contribution, get a tax deduction and receive lifetime annuity income all in one swoop?

It is possible to receive all these benefits and more by using a device called a charitable remainder trust. Here is how it works. You donate an asset, a piece of real estate for example, to a charity. The charity sells the real estate and invests the proceeds. You receive a tax deduction for your charitable contribution. The charity invests the proceeds and uses the earnings to pay you a lifetime income. On your death, the charity receives the remainder of the trust.

Charitable remainder trusts works best when you donate an asset which has appreciated substantially in price but does not produce much income. If you have real estate which has grown in value but provides little or no current income, it may be the ideal asset to fund a charitable remainder trust. The same can be said for common stock that has appreciated in price but pays little in the way of dividends. By giving this asset to a charity you avoid capital gains tax and the charity can reinvest the money in high-yielding assets.

A charitable remainder trust can be a win-win arrangement. You avoid capital gains taxes, increase your income, receive a tax deduction and help your favorite charity all at the same time. Now that sounds like a good idea. For more information contact Tom Yahraes at Fontbonne College at 889-1412.

television. His film scores have brought him considerable acclaim along with three Oscar nominations for "Murder on the Orient

Express," "Nicholas and Alexandra" and "Far from the Madding Crowd."

Bennett is not a stranger to St. Louis audiences. He appeared as a soloist at the premiere of his own *Concerto for Harpsichord and Orchestra* in 1980 commissioned by the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Maestro Leonard Slatkin. Several other works have received their American premiere performance in St. Louis. In 1976, his music was the subject of a retrospective concert organized by the New Music Circle. ---jj



*Sr. John Joseph Bezdek talks with Bennett and Philips after the concert.*



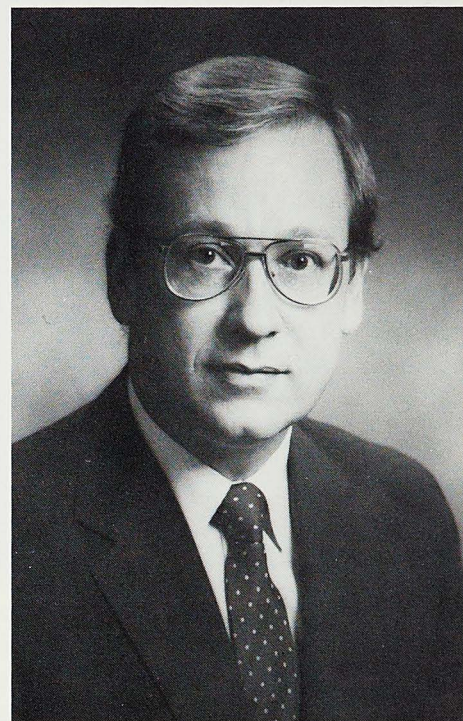
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### Donald H. Straszheim Speaks on "The Economy of the '90s"

Donald H. Straszheim, chief economist for Merrill Lynch World Headquarters in New York, addressed the topic of "The Economy of the '90s" at the April 3 Fontbonne College Business Forum. Straszheim also serves as the first vice president of Merrill Capital Markets.

Straszheim said that there were going to be three major issues that would affect the global economy of the 1990s: the Third World and Eastern Europe, education, and the environment. "There will be rapid growth in the eastern bloc and Third World countries," explained Straszheim. "The people have gotten a taste of the free market and know that their lives can be improved. Education is a vital and important investment for the future of the United States if we expect to remain competitive. Saving the environment will prove to be a big business in this new decade."

As the chief economist and primary economics spokesman, Straszheim is responsible for Merrill Lynch's global economic research and analysis effort. For the last three years, he has been voted as a member of the Institutional Investor "All American" research team. A frequent speaker and writer on the economy and financial markets, Straszheim is a regular commentator on "Business This Morning," a syndicated television program. He also contributes regularly to *Credit Week* and *Personal Investing*.



Donald H. Straszheim

### Defaulted Student Loan Payoff Program

This is the first opportunity since the beginning of the federally-guaranteed student loan program for defaulted borrowers to clear their names as well as to have collection costs cancelled.

United States Secretary of Education Lauro F. Cavazos announced on February 15, 1990 a special six-month grace period that will allow borrowers currently in default to pay off their federally-guaranteed student loans without penalty. The program is authorized by provisions of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989, as amended.

Under the student loan payoff program, which begins on March 1, 1990, borrowers who have defaulted on federally-guaranteed student loans may contact the guarantee agency holding the loan and arrange to repay the loan in full before August 31, 1990.

Payment in full of principal and interest due on defaulted loans will save these borrowers the cost of penalties, administrative charges, and collection fees—costs that can total up to 35 percent of the debt.

Consumer credit reporting agencies will receive notice that a loan has been paid in full. This is a one-time opportunity for borrowers to satisfy

the legal obligation of their defaulted students loans. Approximately 2.5 million borrowers are currently in default on \$6.8 billion in student loans.

Fontbonne's default rate on National Direct Student Loans is only 6.5 percent, well below the national average.

This program provides these borrowers with a one-time opportunity to fulfill their repayment obligations without penalty.

Please contact Dick Klemm, Fontbonne College's director of financial aid, at 889-1414 if you have any questions about this program.



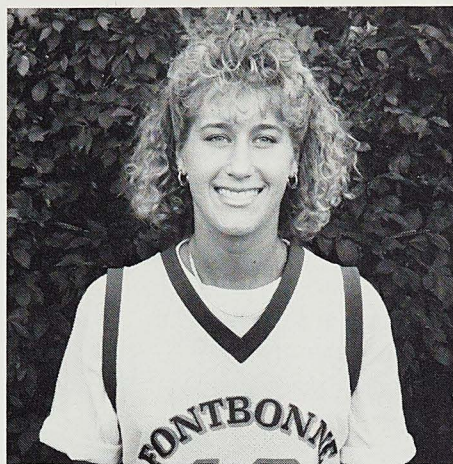
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### Sports Wrap-Up

The men's basketball Griffins finished their season with a record of 16-18. The season's highlights include wins over Avila College of Kansas City and two overtime victories against Westminster College of Fulton, Missouri. In January, during a winter break trip to California, the Griffins scored a triumphant win over Occidental College in Los Angeles.

Senior Dino McKinney finished his career leading the team with an average 16.9 points per games and scoring nearly 1600 points. Tim Steinhoff, also a senior, ended play at Fontbonne scoring more than 1000 points. Darrell Haynes, a sophomore, concluded this season averaging 15.1 points per game. Both McKinney and Haynes were selected on the All-District Team and Steinhoff was picked for the All-District second team.

Above par is the best way to describe the second year of golf at Fontbonne. The season started off by defeating Maryville College. The team came out on top of Missouri Baptist twice in dual meets and won the Washington University Best Ball Tournament. Winning the Maryville Tournament and placing fourth in the District Tournament in Kansas City capped off the season. Mike Chlipala, Dino McKinney and Peter Wiss were ranked in the top 15 golfers in District 16.



Kathy Kutis

Winning the Show-Me Conference, 5-1, was the way the lady Griffins concluded their outstanding basketball season. Finishing this year with a record of 14-16, the women completed the season with a strong finish. Senior Kathy Kutis became the first women's basketball player at Fontbonne to score more than 1000 points. Kim Kutis, Dena Basler and Michelle Taormina were honored with All-District Awards.

### Mother's Day Run Keeps Growing



Tim Brennan crosses the finish line first.

More than 300 people of all ages participated in the Second Annual Fontbonne College Mother's Day Run, May 13. Last year's winner, Tim Brennan, placed first again this year in the 5K run with a time of 15:55. The first woman over the finish line was Margaret Armstrong with a time of 19:25. A one mile walk/run followed the race.



Margaret Armstrong on the last stretch of the Mother's Day Run.



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### Chrysler Employees are Prepared for the Future with Fontbonne Degrees

**I**t's a story you hear repeatedly at Chrysler Plant 1. After 17 years on the job, Ken Steele and Rich Wall have found themselves laid off probably for the last time with the imminent closing of Chrysler's Plant 1. Both are prepared to tackle new careers in the future, thanks to the Fontbonne College branch campus located at Chrysler.

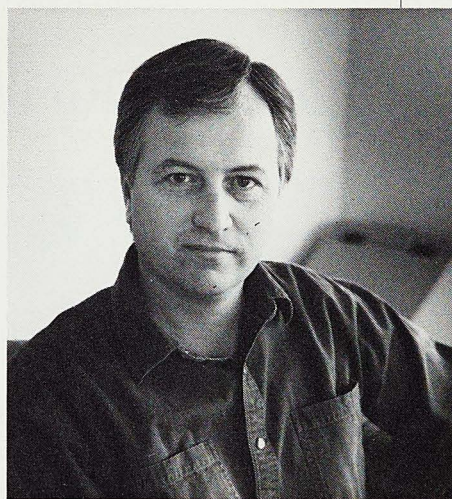
Steele of Twin Oaks and Wall of Ballwin graduated in May with bachelor's degrees in business administration from Fontbonne and are already enrolled in Fontbonne's master's of business administration (MBA) program.

"I'm so glad that Fontbonne opened a branch at Chrysler," says Steele, who was an assembler and union officer before being laid off in December. "I don't think I would have gone to school if it hadn't been so convenient." Steele lives four miles from the Chrysler plant.

Fontbonne College opened its branch campus at Chrysler in March of 1987. Using space provided by Chrysler at Plant 2, Fontbonne offers a lower tuition for the company's employees in exchange for the quarters. Currently, there are approximately 200 undergraduates and 50 graduates in Fontbonne's program.

Employees of Chrysler may register for courses or enroll in the undergraduate degree program in business and administration with concentrations in general administration and management or industrial management and technology. Fontbonne

also offers a master of business administration degree at Chrysler. The MBA provides skills and credentials for persons seeking middle- and upper-level management positions in business or non-profit organizations.



Both Steele and Wall had associate degrees from community colleges so they were able to complete their degrees in three years taking one to two classes a semester. Since they are laid off, both plan to attend school full-time and receive their MBA in 1991.

*"You realize after being laid off so many times that education is very important," says Wall. "You need something to fall back on."*

"This is a unique opportunity for Chrysler employees to better themselves and get a college education," says Richard Dippel, southern director of Fontbonne's branch campuses. "We are very happy to be at Chrysler."

"Fontbonne works with your hours, too," says Wall, a Chrysler layout inspector who was laid off in February. "If you changed shifts you could move from morning to afternoon classes or vice versa. Each professor teaches both sessions so that it is an easy transition and you don't miss anything."

"I'm really glad I started taking classes three years ago," says Steele, 43. "I saw the light at Chrysler and got on the education bandwagon. I probably would have waited till I was laid off before I went to school if it hadn't been for Fontbonne."

**"Y**ou realize after being laid off so many times that education is very important," says Wall. "You need something to fall back on. I am glad I was enrolled in the master's program when I heard the plant was closing."



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The United Auto Workers Union provides each employee with \$2200 a year for training/tuition in an effort to better themselves while working. Steele and Wall have used this money to pay their tuition at Fontbonne. After being laid off,

been to school for five years. "But the teacher made it interesting and I enjoyed it."

"This is not an easy program," says Steele. "You've got to work at it and earn it. But after you're out in

"I really have to give these students a hand for working hard at their education and keeping up with it in addition to their work hours," says Dippel. "These students are in their 30s, 40s and 50s, and I know it is difficult to go back to school while working full-time."

"The instructors are real good and fair," says Steele. "They are all experts in the field and share that knowledge with you."

"On a whole everyone has been very receptive to the program and to the instructors," says Dippel.

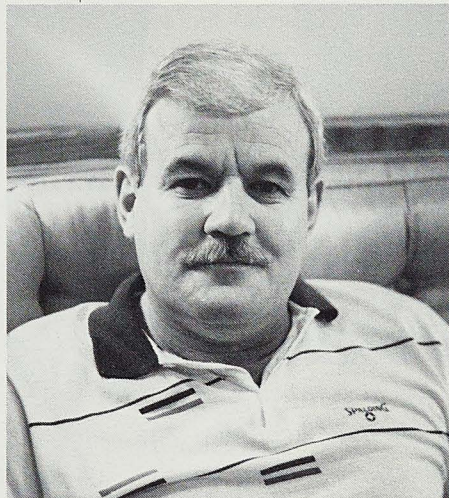
After completing his MBA, Steele hopes to start a career as a business teacher at a junior college. "I am looking for job security now," says Steele. "I'm a family man and want to spend more time with my family, not get caught up in the corporate world." Steele is the father of a 6-year-old daughter.

Wall hopes to find a job in economics when he graduates. "I would like a job where I have a good chance to advance," says Wall, the father of three sons. "I feel I will have a much better opportunity of advancing with my MBA."

Fontbonne College's placement rate is excellent. Ninety-four percent of graduates are employed or are continuing their education six months after graduation.

Both men are looking optimistically to the future. Although they gave many years to Chrysler, Steele and Wall are well armed for a new career with a degree from Fontbonne College. They are prepared for whatever the future brings. ---sk

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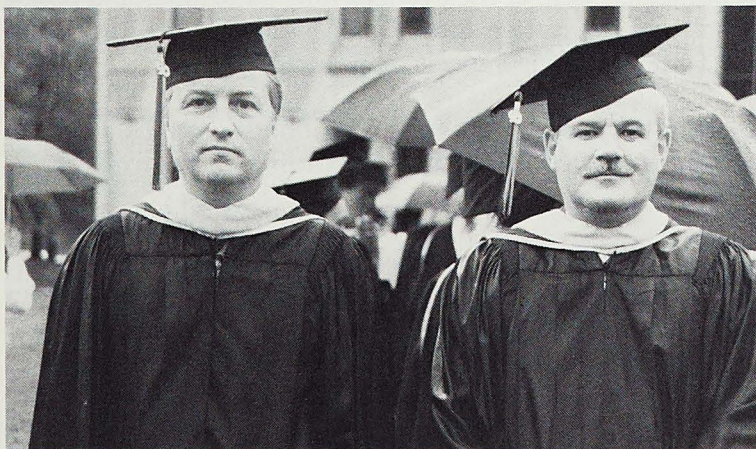
the UAW provides a lump sum of \$5000 for training in a new career. This money will help cover their MBA expenses.

"Business law was my first class and I remember thinking it was going to be a tough class to begin college again with," says Wall who hadn't

the world you realize how important an education is. No one forces you to be there. You're trying to better yourself and you work hard at it." Both men devote approximately 15-20 hours per week to studying.

In addition to his classwork and job, Steele, who was elected president of

the Valley Park Fire Protection District last year, did the subcontracting work on his new home which was completed in the summer of 1988.



Rich Wall and Ken Steele, two of the 34 Chrysler graduates.



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### Fontbonne's Estate Planning Seminar

Carol R. Caruthers, director of personal financial services of the central region for Price Waterhouse, conducted an Estate Planning seminar at Fontbonne College on April 26, 1990.

"This seminar shows the unique tools that are often overlooked in the estate and cash flow planning process," said Caruthers. "Participants learn to make sure that what they have accumulated goes where they want it to go and take care of the people they want to assist."



Caruthers discussed how to make a gift of stock today, continue to receive the dividends and still receive a charitable deduction on your return. Also mentioned was how to protect up to \$1.2 million from estate taxes and what kind of trust allows you to avoid paying certain probate administrative fees.

Another Estate Planning Seminar is scheduled for November 1990.

### Red Schoendienst/Fontbonne College Golf Tournament



(left to right) Former Cardinals Ted Savage, Frank Baumann, Bob Forsch, Mike Tyson join co-chairs Sonny Lucas, Jack Powers and honorary chairperson Red Schoendienst after signing autographs.

Fontbonne College held its second annual Red Schoendienst/Fontbonne College Golf Tournament at Norwood Hills Country Club, April 10. Nearly 100 golfers signed up for the event. Because of a very wet and rainy morning the golfers were not able to play 18 holes of golf, however it did not dampen the spirit of the fund raising event.

Red Schoendienst, newly inducted Cardinal Baseball Hall of Famer, was honorary chairperson of the tournament. Schoendienst's friends Bob Forsch, former Cardinal pitcher; Mike Tyson, former Cardinal second baseman; Frank Baumann, former Cardinal pitcher; and Ted Savage, former Cardinal outfielder, were at the event signing autographs and posing for pictures with some of the participants. Stan Musial, Baseball Hall of Famer and former Cardinal, made a special appearance.

Co-chairs of the tournament were Jack Powers of John R. Powers, Jr. and Associates; and Sonny Lucas of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of St. Louis.

An auction featuring Cardinal momentos donated by Schoendienst and other items contributed by various companies was also held. Proceeds from the tournament and auction benefit the Campaign for Fontbonne Scholarship Fund. Approximately \$20,000 was raised.

Mary Eileen O'Reilly Schoendienst and Mary Colleen Schoendienst Schwetye, Red's wife and daughter, respectively, are alumnae of Fontbonne College.



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### Fontbonne College Heritage Club

The Fontbonne College Heritage Club, formed to recognize donors who have contributed to the Fontbonne Endowment Fund, had its first luncheon celebration to honor its newly chartered members on April 19, 1990.

Ruth O'Neill Stroble '52, chairperson of the planned giving committee, began the luncheon by stating that "a healthy endowment is very important for Fontbonne College and its well being in the future."



*Leontone Meyer helped establish the Sr. John Joseph Bezdek Scholarship and receives recognition.*

Dr. Meneve Dunham, president of Fontbonne College, said that it is gratifying to Fontbonne that friends of the College community recognize the importance of long range planning and invest in its future.

The most familiar of these special contributions, or planned gifts, is a bequest. The majority of gifts made by Heritage Club members has been through a bequest or a testamentary gift through the donor's will. In addition to bequests, other gifts of future interest are made such as

naming Fontbonne as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy, a pension plan, or a charitable remainder trust.

Planned gifts can take effect immediately or at a future date as in the case of a bequest. The single important factor in all types of special planned contributions is the deliberation and careful attention to the financial goals of the donor. The method of making the gift is determined by the donor and is

selected because it offers a special benefit that is particularly suited to that person's circumstances. Typically, the benefit received is a tax deduction that reduces income tax, gift tax or estate tax that the donor would otherwise incur. By making the planned gift, the donor is able to achieve his or her charitable intentions at a reduced cost.

Fontbonne extends its deepest appreciation to the members of the Heritage Club for their thoughtful support.

Fontbonne's Heritage Club charter members are:

Mr. and Mrs. David Amelotti; Marilyn Steuterman Berry; the Sister John Joseph Bezdek Scholarship; Delores Kinsella Box; Sarah Morris Brickel; Elise Byrne; Mr and Mrs. Igino Cairra; the Clarkson Group; Cornelia Rindlaub Crabtree; Madeline Dawkens; Mary Martha Doerr; Meneve Dunham; Alice Beffa Erdelen; Rosemary Fitzburgh Erman; Mary Ferguson; the Edward C. Garvey Foundation; the General Dynamics Foundation; Maurine Reiser Gerwig; Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Gund; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Guyol, Jr.; Helen Guyol; Mr. and Mrs. William Guyol; Iris Westoff Hanson; Dorothea Wells James; Virginia Kelahan; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Levy; Vincent S. Lipe; Mr. and Mrs. Lee McKinney; Dr. and Mrs. John McNamara; Mr. and Mrs. James Moore; Dorothy Moyle; Dianne B. Murray; Martha Holloran O'Grady; Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Pope; the Pulitzer Publishing Company Foundation; Mr. and Mrs. Russell F. Schwetye; the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Louis Province; Mr. and Mrs. John Sheehan; Mary O'Keefe Simpson; Kathleen Sloan; the Southwestern Bell Foundation; Mr. and Mrs. Roger Spiller; Shirley Jahoda Stanley; Mr. and Mrs. Frederic M. Steinbach; Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Stroble; the Norman J. Stupp Foundation; Mrs. Marie Wahlert; Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Vatterott; the Vatterott Foundation and Winifred Waring.



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### Board of Trustees---Profiles

#### Ruth O'Neill Stroble

Ruth O'Neill Stroble has served on the Fontbonne College Board of Trustees for seven years. This Fontbonne alumna graduated in 1952 with a bachelor of science in dietetics.

Stroble is the planned giving chairperson and has been responsible for such events as the Heritage Club luncheon and the Estate Planning Seminar. She has also served on the Fontbonne Alumni Association Executive Board. "I really like the idea of having alumni of Fontbonne serving as trustees. It gives the Board an added dimension and insight," she says.



"Fontbonne plays a vital role in the St. Louis community. I believe our students are well prepared for the working world, and they are willing to go that extra step and give something back to the community," Stroble comments.

Stroble received the Volunteer Service Awards three consecutive years for her work with the Radio Information Service for the Blind and Handicapped. She has served The United Way of Greater St. Louis as a member of volunteer

action center's executive committee and as a co-chair for the Christmas Bureau's "100 Neediest Cases." She is married to Francis A. Stroble and they have five children.

"I believe The Campaign For Fontbonne will go over the \$6 million mark and I would really like to see the endowment continue to grow," says Stroble. "Endowment is important for Fontbonne's future. A strong endowment will help Fontbonne remain financially stable and insures that it will be here tomorrow."

I enjoy serving on the board because it is enriching," Stroble states. "I am encouraged by the new direction Fontbonne is taking. By serving on the Board of Trustees, I gain much more than I give. It is a wonderful experience."

#### Van-Lear Black III

Van-Lear Black III, chairperson of Fontbonne College's Board of Trustees, has served on the Board for more than four years. Black is the vice president of personnel at Enterprise Leasing Company in St. Louis and is also secretary of the Enterprise Leasing Foundation.

"Before becoming a board member, I knew Fontbonne was in the Catholic tradition and that it was an prominent liberal arts school," Black says. "Now I know that Fontbonne is a vibrant force in the St. Louis community."

Black graduated in 1953 with a bachelor of arts in economics from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

"I think Fontbonne is a super school. There are many students in the metro area that need a small community environment like Fontbonne. Many students graduate from high school and aren't ready for a campus with 30,000 students. Fontbonne College fills that void," states Black. "Fontbonne offers students individualized attention."



"I would like to see The Campaign For Fontbonne completed and we are more than 90 percent there. George Graff has done a great job with it and concluding any campaign is always the most difficult part," explains Black. "I would also like to see the enrollment grow, which it has steadily, and an increase in faculty and staff salaries."

Black adds, "In her five years at Fontbonne, Dr. Dunham has done a wonderful job with finances and everything across the board."

A board member for the Mid-County YMCA, Black has also served on the board of the St. Louis Charitable Foundation. He is married to Marion Bischoff Black and they have four children.



## OPENERS

### Abkemeier Honored with Sears-Roebuck Award for Teaching Excellence

*"I feel Dr. Abkemeier signifies what Fontbonne stands for—a professional dedicated to her family, her profession and Fontbonne. I proudly nominate her for the Sears Award." --- grad student*

Mary Abkemeier, Ph.D., professor of mathematics and computer science at Fontbonne, was selected for the Sears-Roebuck Foundation Distinguished Teacher Award and Campus Leadership. She was presented with the \$1000 prize at the Honors Convocation in April.

The Sears-Roebuck Foundation granted Fontbonne College the award to recognize a distinguished faculty member. The Foundation wishes to recognize the fundamental importance of the quality of teaching to the value of the education process; support faculty members in their pursuit of excellence in teaching and leadership in the campus community; assist institutions in nurturing the academic climate that fosters teaching at its best and enhance teaching as a profession.

Abkemeier was selected by a committee, from nominations by students, faculty and staff.

As a professor, director of the master's program and academic computer coordinator, one might think she would have little time to devote to other activities. However, she gets involved in campus life in and out of the classroom and takes pride in the students she has helped to be the best they can be.



"I really enjoy teaching on the college level," says Abkemeier. "It's something I've always wanted to do. And as I look back, I can say I would choose it again."

After 13 years at Fontbonne, Abkemeier says, "I like theoretical things, hence why I chose math and computer science. Each semester is new and exciting."

Outside the classroom, Abkemeier can be seen at basketball games, Black Student Alliance events and alumni events. "I think it's important for the students to have our support. I really enjoy Fontbonne because of the family environment."

Abkemeier also is interested in teaching the community the value of computers. This is the 11th year for the High School Computer Programming Contest held at Fontbonne under the direction of Abkemeier.

She also coordinates events in conjunction with Computer Learning Month throughout October such as 1988's introduction to computer courses for seniors, which won first place in a California contest.

"I think the most rewarding thing for me about teaching is when a student comes to me at the end of a semester and says 'that was the toughest course I've ever had but I really learned a lot,'" she says.

In her spare time, she enjoys teaching introduction computer courses to START (educates physically handicapped adults) for the last six years and OASIS for the last two years. The mother of six adopted children, she has also worked with teachers at her children's schools teaching them new things about computers. Abkemeier also volunteers once a month to help feed the homeless at the St. Patrick Center.

Abkemeier says she is honored with receiving the award. Ten percent of the money she will donate to charity and the rest she will use to attend a professional seminar or conference.

*"I feel truly privileged to know Mary Abkemeier. She was my advisor, my teacher, my mentor and my role model. She would discuss anything from computers to moral issues to foster care. She taught us to learn, to try to excel and to give back to the community a portion of the gifts we have been given. She is an ideal example of the values and quality education that Fontbonne College provides." --- Alum*



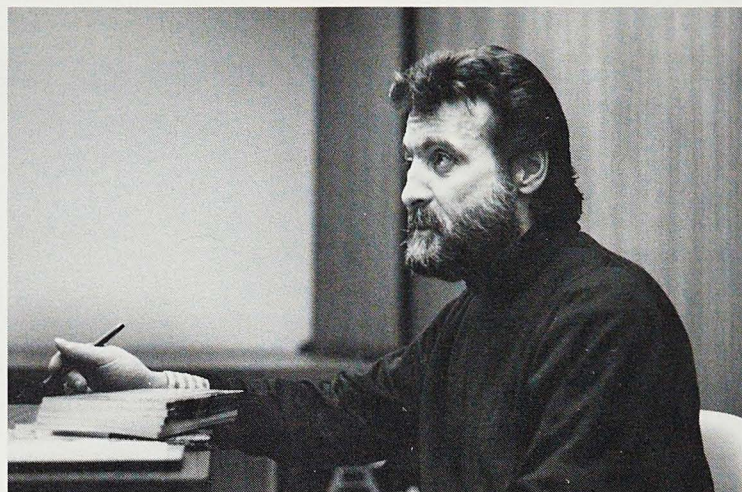
## OPENERS

### Macdara Woods, Irish Poet Reads at Fontbonne College

**M**acdara Woods, an Irish poet on his second American tour, read and autographed some of his works March 30, 1990, in the Fontbonne College Library's Lewis Room.

Woods is a founding, co-editor of *Cyphers*, the longest continuously produced literary magazine in the Irish Republic. A member of Aosdana, the Irish national organization of state-sponsored artists, he has lectured at the Institute for Irish Studies. He has recorded his poetry for the Lamont Poetry Library at Harvard University.

Woods was born in Dublin, in 1942. Educated by the Jesuits and at University College Dublin, he has traveled extensively and been a pipefitter's mate, journalist, builder's laborer, writer of quiz shows, teacher and recently a photographer. Woods is married to Irish poet Eilean Ni Chuilleain and they have a son, Niall.



Poetry is very much a part of the Irish culture. In Ireland, it is not unusual for a book of poems to match in its first six months the entire sale of a bestselling American's work---and

In 1987 The Dedalus Press published *Stopping the Lights in Ranelagh*. The book sold out and was reprinted in 1989. Other published works of Woods include *Decimal D. Sec. Drinking in a Bar in Marrakesh*, 1970; *Early Morning Matins*, 1972 and *Miz Moon*, 1988. His most recent work, *The Hanged Man Was Not Surrendering*, 1990 was nominated for the well-respected *Irish Times Award*.

Thomas Lynch, a poet published in the prestigious Knopf Poetry Series and Michigan undertaker, helped Woods with his second American tour. "We Americans are not used to poetry that lends itself to being heard as Macdara's poetry does. We are used to poetry written and read, not spoken and heard. Macdara savors words and takes an audience by storm.

"Because Irish publishers don't do business directly with the United States, we see only the Irish poets handled by the English publishers. Macdara is a fine example of an Irish writer we would not ordinarily get to hear."

then be reprinted.

About Irish poets, Lynch says Woods claims "that the standing army of poets in Ireland never falls below 40,000."

**Two poems from *The Hanged Man Was Not Surrendering*.**

from *Rockpools*

2.

The pen in my hand encumbers  
both instinct and thought  
confuses for a moment craft and numbers  
and the white page---wilful as wind  
remains the landscape of the albatross  
mountainous blank unmarked

But gulls riding on an updraft  
make flying look easy  
past cliff-ledge and spindrift  
ocean and sea-spray  
innocent of sepia cuttle-fish ink  
unaware of the quills in their wings



## OPENERS

### Sunflowers

There was a moment I could have caught there  
this afternoon on my steps  
loose in the sunlight  
seen fit to die here  
looking down the hazy road toward Tavernelle  
and the insects fluttering their day away  
above my dusty sunflowers

There was a moment there I almost caught  
when I recognized my father in myself  
not the young man in photographs  
foot on chair in revolutionary stance  
but as I see him now  
looking at me from the mirror  
as I joke with my son about motorcycle gobsdaws  
in the fields nearby  
churning the red earth up

As I think we might have joked  
reporting on the walkie-talkie  
about the number of frogs in the irrigation ditch  
since the coming of the water-snake  
and gone for walks on the hill above the house  
or dived for coins in the public pool  
travelling together through the language  
hand in hand  
had we made it to Le Cigne  
as we made it to the Shelly Banks

Age and drink dimmed that for  
still there was a moment there  
I almost had us in a frame together  
cycling through sunflowers down the Liffey Quays  
that time you from the crowd  
played stand-in for a missing goalie  
in the Phoenix Park  
forty years ago—  
or dying for Ireland on the stage in Dublin  
or checking your football pools in Sandymount  
hopefully  
on Sundays before the pubs opened  
or hunting amethysts above Keem Bay for therapy

I remember this  
middle-aged on these Italian steps  
and understand the down-turn of your mouth  
under siege and quizzical  
echoed in my own  
wondering how in the end we got here

Niall plays in the sunny yard below  
I bequeath him summer and these sunflowers

### Grace Honored with Art Scholarship



*Dr. Meneve Dunham, Kimberly Grace and Mary Flauaus, president of the Twentieth Century Art Club*

**K**imberly Grace, a senior fine arts and education major at Fontbonne College, was awarded a \$500 scholarship from the Twentieth Century Art Club of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Missouri, Inc. for the 1990-91 academic year.

Grace was nominated by the faculty of Fontbonne because of her ability and financial need. She was presented with her award at a luncheon in the Kaleidoscope Room at Neiman Marcus—Plaza Frontenac in May.

The mother of three children, Grace is a full-time student at Fontbonne and works part-time at St. John's Mercy Medical Center. After graduation, she hopes to teach high school art.





## Commencement 1990

### The Places You'll Go!

**T**orrential rain didn't dampen the spirits of the Class of 1990 as more than 300 graduates received their diplomas at Fontbonne's Commencement exercises, May 12.

The ceremony began under cloudy skies which soon turned to rain during the presentation by the guest speaker, The Honorable Evelyn Baker, circuit judge for the Missouri 22nd Judicial Circuit.

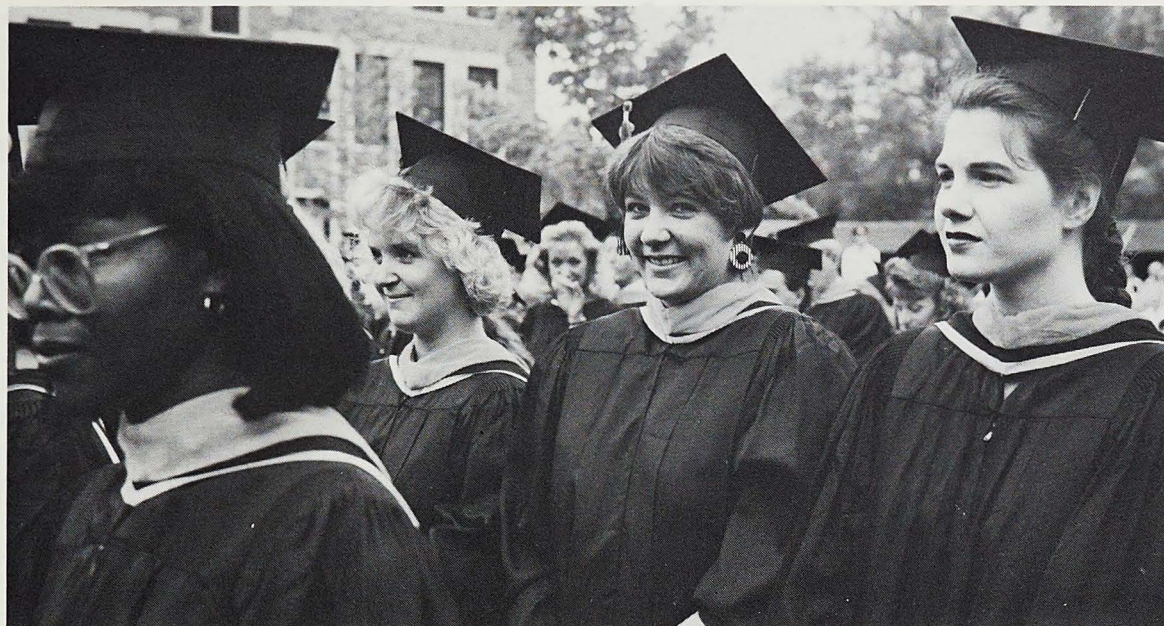
"As I was preparing my speech I knew I wanted to say something very profound today," said Baker to the graduation class. "But as I thought about what to say a friend of mine asked me how many speeches I remembered from all the commencements I have attended. He was right and so if you remember nothing else from my speech, remember these four words: history, concern, responsibility and humanity.

"Everyone is a part of **history**. Someone here might be a great leader of tomorrow....**Concern** for mankind is necessary.....Everyone has a **responsibility** to get involved....At one point in time on this earth I hope that I have shown my **humanity** to another. Everyone is God's child," explained Baker.

A native of St. Louis, Baker graduated from Saint Louis University with a degree in philosophy and received her law degree in 1973 from the same school. Baker worked for the United States Attorney's Office as a trial attorney before being sworn in as Missouri's first black female circuit judge in 1983. Baker attempts to bring compassion, diligence, a thorough knowledge of the law and Christian beliefs to her courtroom.

Baker went on to say that if people are not concerned, not responsible and not involved then terrible things happen in the world such as "Hitler's holocaust and now our eminent drug problem. People need to be concerned, responsible and involved."





Applause rang out from the crowd when Baker said that the United States should "export more teachers, volunteers, medicine and knowledge to third world nations instead of guns and planes."

Baker's speech, shortened because of the rain, ended with lines from the 1960s song "War." "No matter how great you are or no matter how much you think you are worth, in the end we all go back to mother earth."

An honorary degree of doctor of humane letters was presented to Baker because "throughout her life she has worked to promote and encourage the development of fair and equal justice for all. She possesses sensitivity to the issues facing society and maintains compassionate concern for social justice by her judgements on the bench."

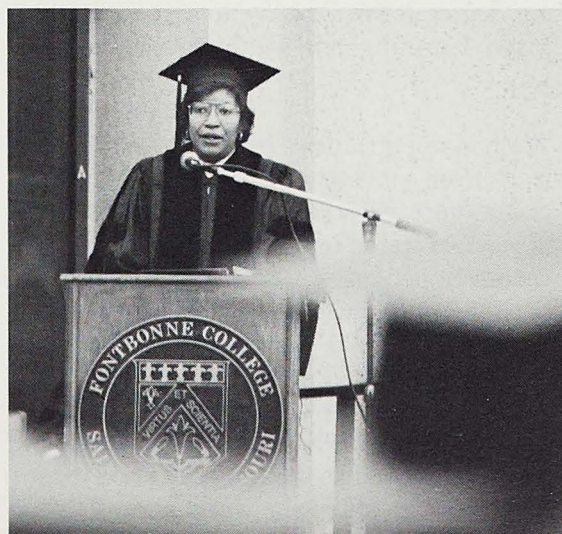
During the ceremonies, Lisa Denise Williams, bachelor of arts in English, was awarded the alumni hood. Established in 1938 the hood honors a senior who has demonstrated in his/her college career the potential of being an outstanding alumnus/alumnae.

Williams, who received a certificate for secondary education, qualified for the Dean's list consistently. She served as editor

of the *Fontbanner* and her articles on the college's lack of access for handicapped students were instrumental in getting a major grant for improving facilities.

The senior statement to the new alumni of Fontbonne was presented by Maura Ann Berndsen who graduated with a bachelor of arts in deaf education, summa cum laude. Here is the text from her speech.

A few years ago, I met a retired priest, Monsignor Cunningham. He had been the superintendent of my high school when my parent attended. He asked about good ol' Mater Dei, and went on to ask me where I was



"No matter how great you are or no matter how much you think you are worth, in the end we all go back to mother earth."

Judge Baker quotes the words of the 1960s song "War."

Judge Evelyn Baker gives the Commencement Address to more than 300 graduates.





*Chris White  
walks away in the  
rain with her  
diploma.*

*"We chose  
Fontbonne  
College,  
and so we  
were  
challenged  
to see how  
our  
knowledge  
and skills  
can affect  
the world  
around us."*

going to college. I told him, "Fontbonne College." He smiled and sweetly responded, "Ah, Fontbonne...the place where they take little girls and turn them into ladies..."

I gently broke the news to him that "little boys" are also educated at Fontbonne, and he marveled at how things change.

While Msgn. Cunningham's remarks are a little amusing, there is an element of truth to them. Change is definitely a constant aspect of our lives, especially now. As for being little girls and boys...well, we entered Fontbonne as undergraduates, transfer students, nontraditional students, graduate students or international students. We selected our majors, went to our classes and gained the knowledge necessary to obtain our degrees. But I'd have to agree with Msgn. Cunningham, we did grow along the way.

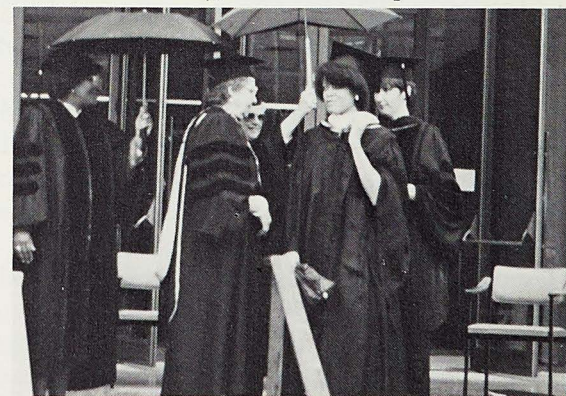
We had opportunities to work together and learn from each other in and out of the classroom. We achieved not only the objectives stated on our course outlines, but we developed an appreciation for the talents of those around us, as well as our own talents. We could have learned the theory behind our chosen field at any college or university, in any classroom, from any book. But we chose Fontbonne College, and so we were challenged to see how our knowledge and skills can affect the world around us.

Through our college experiences at Fontbonne, we learned that we can make a difference that extends beyond ourselves and to the children we teach, the businesses we manage, the art we create, or the lives we touch throughout our professions. Whatever career you pursue, you have developed the capability to shape and change your surrounding environment, an environment each of us is responsible for.

The world is a very different place than it was when we began our college education. Democracy has permeated Eastern Europe and Latin America. Political prisoners like Nelson Mandela are tasting freedom and challenging us to fight social injustices, and we are dealing with the consequences of long-term environmental abuse. So in light of world events, a commencement ceremony at a small, Catholic, liberal arts college may seem trivial. Quite the contrary.

A great majority of the monumental changes occurring in our world start with people like you and me. People who recognize a need for change, who accept the responsibility, and who use their skills to achieve their goals. So our commencement today marks the beginning of new challenges and new goals.

Each of us is taking a huge step into what may be for many of us an uncertain future. But as we move on with excitement and a touch of anxiety, we know deep down that



*Lisa Williams, 1990 Alumni Hood  
recipient.*



we'll be okay and we will make a difference. Because we have more than a degree from Fontbonne College. We have the support from faculty and staff who often became our friends. We have the memories from friends who became family. And we have families who are priceless. We're leaving a little bit of ourselves here and taking many things with us. We have an education.

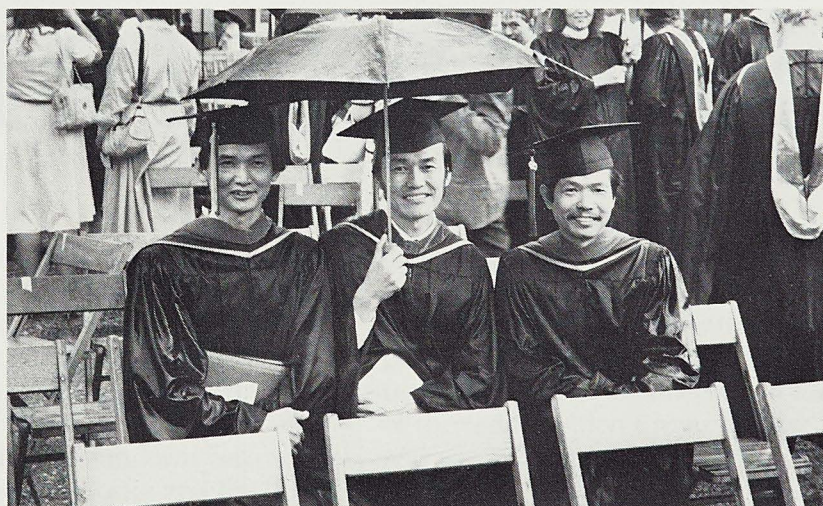
And so, wherever we go and whatever we do, we'll carry on the tradition of excellence that makes the graduates of Fontbonne a very special group of individuals. And now we are officially part of that very special group, ready for success, and as I search for inspiring words from inspiring people, I stumbled on these from Dr. Suess...

"Oh, the Places You'll Go," by Dr. Suess

Congratulations!  
Today is your day.  
You're off to Great Places!  
You're off and away!  
You have brains in your head.  
You have feet in your shoes.  
You can steer yourself any direction you choose.  
You're on your own. And you know what you know.  
And YOU are the guy who'll decide where to go.  
You'll look up and down streets. Look 'em over with care  
About some you will say, "I don't choose to go there."  
With your head full of brains and your shoes full of feet, you're too smart to go down any not-so-good street.  
And you may not find any  
You'll want to go down,  
In that case, of course,  
You'll head straight out of town.  
It's opener there  
in the wide open air.  
Out there things can happen  
and frequently do  
to people as brainy  
and footsy as you.  
And when things start to happen,  
don't worry. Don't stew.  
Just go right along.  
**You'll start happening too.**

OH! THE PLACES YOU'LL GO!

You'll be on your way up.  
You'll be seeing great sights!  
You'll join the high fliers  
who soar to high heights.  
You won't lag behind, because you'll have the speed.  
You'll pass the whole gang and you'll soon take the lead.  
Wherever you fly, you'll be best of the best.  
Whenever you go, you'll top all the rest....  
And will you succeed?  
Yes! You will, indeed!  
(98 and 3/4 percent guaranteed.)



KID YOU'LL MOVE MOUNTAINS!

So...  
be you name Buxbaum or Bixby or Bray  
or Mordecai Ali Van Allen O'Shea,  
You're off to Great Places!  
Today is your day!  
Your mountain is waiting.  
So...**get on your way!\***

I wish everyone the best of luck and every happiness in your new place. Thank you and congratulations everybody.

I'd like to dedicate this to two of the best teachers I know. They also happen to be my first teachers. Thanks Mom and Dad for teaching me to believe in my dreams and myself. **FCM**

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# IN GIVING, FONTBONNE STUDENTS RECEIVE

By Susan King

College spring break usually draws students to the warmth and relaxation of white sandy beaches. It's a time for students to forget about books and tests and concentrate solely on enjoying themselves. However, four students at Fontbonne College had a different idea for spending their spring break this year. They headed south, not to the beaches, but the rural South to help the poor. This spring break turned out to be a wonderful learning experience for the Fontbonne students.

"Working with those who have less is something that everyone should do," says Traci Sinnwell, a sophomore marketing major at Fontbonne. "You find you look at the world differently afterwards. Just because you don't see poverty in your community, does not mean it doesn't exist."

The group was organized and guided by Ruth Yates, CSJ, director of Fontbonne's campus ministry. Rosemary Connell, CSJ, former Fontbonne faculty member, and

Mary Ellen Lewis, FSM, campus ministry intern, joined the group of students which included Christine Schuba, Joyce DeClue, Nadine Ryba, and Sinnwell. Traveling eight hours by van, the seven spent a week in Okolona, Mississippi, a small town of 3500 located near Tupelo.

"Fontbonne has a long-standing tradition of service," says Yates. "It seems that students today are so pressured with classes and jobs that community service often gets



pushed aside. I thought this would be a perfect time to take a week out and focus on the larger world. Such experiences are important in the formation of values, lifestyles and even careers."

The main undertaking for the group was to hold a Bible school in Okolona each day for the area children, kindergarten through sixth grade, who were also on spring break. Approximately 30 children attended the school set up in the local parish, St. Theresa's. "There's not much of a Catholic population in this area so the Bible school was ecumenical," says Yates. "The classes consisted of white and black children, which was very significant because there are few chances for racial interaction in Okolona."

"Our main goal was to show the children that they are valuable and they are loved," says Sinnwell.

The group was aided by two sisters from local parishes, Liz Brown, CSJ, and Nancy Schreck, OSF, who gave several sessions to the workers to help orientate them to the circumstances and lifestyle of the area people. The sessions included information on the economy of the South, education and the role of religion. To help reflect deeper on the total experience, the group also shared their reactions to daily events in the context of prayer.

"To get more children involved, we picked up about 20 students each day from the countryside who had no means of transportation," Yates says. "We put about 550 miles on the van just by driving kids to and from school. For those unable to bring their own lunches,

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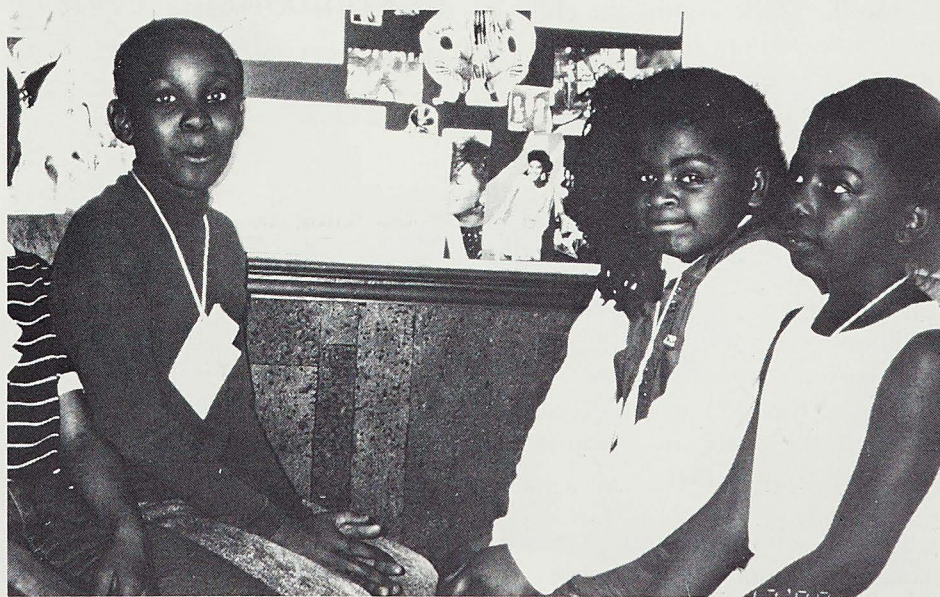
we provided peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and red Kool-Aid. I'll always remember those Kool-Aid mustaches on the kids," Yates laughs.

Driving through the area each day, the Fontbonne group got a chance to see the way of life in the Okolona community. Many of the residents live in trailers. The group remembers one home in particular. It looked like a rundown barn with broken windowpanes and the door

hung on one hinge. Pigs ran in the yard from underneath the house. The group thought the house was vacant until they asked Srs. Brown and Schreck who were familiar with the neighborhood. "It was amazing but some of those people live in houses that don't have running water, a phone or electricity," Sinnwell adds.

Racism is still very blatant in the rural South, according to Yates. "It was almost as if the Civil War was still going on," she says. "The economy and education of the area keep this mentality alive. Many of the people have little experience or knowledge of the civil rights movement."

"The racism was the biggest eye opener to all of us," says Schuba, a junior education major at Fontbonne, "even more so than the poverty." There are no fast food restaurants in the area because some of the residents don't want blacks and white fraternizing, according to Schuba. "There was even an area



*A few of the children take a break during Bible school.*





(left to right) Nadine Ryba, Christine Schuba, Sr. Mary Ellen Lewis, Sr. Ruth Yates, Traci Sinnwell and Sr. Rosemary Connell.

park that charged a small admission fee to try to keep the blacks out," she remembers.

"Through educating the children, the hope is to form leaders for the future who have experienced and will work for equality," says Sinnwell. While driving the children, Sinnwell saw hope for the future. "On the first day, I had three white children in the van, and we stopped to pick up a black child," she recalls.

"The white children moved over in their seats and you could feel the tension. By the end of the ride the children were talking and giggling and there was no color barrier. The last day of the week when I dropped them off, the white children invited the black child to play."

Area high school students were also recruited to help with the Bible classes. The Fontbonners hoped not only to touch the lives of the

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young children but to reach these older ones. The way to help these young people out of their plight is through education, assert Srs. Brown and Schreck. Many now don't finish high school. By setting an example for them, the Fontbonne group showed them hope through higher education.

"One of the outstanding high school students we met was a young black man, Antonio, who wants very much to go to college," says Yates. "We are hoping to continue our relationship with him and possibly bring him to Fontbonne before he graduates from high school to make his college dream a reality."

While talking with the children at lunchtime, the group found that these children, who were no more than 13, were concerned about the drug problem in their schools. It was shocking to hear that a high percentage of the students attend junior and senior high school drunk or drugged, and many carry guns. If there is an argument at school, many solve it with violence.

To gain a better understanding of the area's economy, they visited a furniture factory that makes recliners. One of Mississippi's major industries is furniture making. "I was expecting a big automated factory and instead we found a few small buildings with space heaters hanging from the ceiling. The working conditions are unsafe and employees work until the job is done, even if it is more than eight hours a day. The best part of the factory was where the recliners were stored before being loaded on the trucks," says Yates. "I will never look at a recliner in the same way after seeing that."

The Fontbonne volunteers wanted to plan a special activity for the children on the last day of Bible class. "We tried to take the children roller skating, but the rink owners did not want black children



there," Schuba says. "We finally decided to dash to Wal-Mart and buy all their Fruit-of-the-Loom T-shirts for the kids. We took the decals in the Bible school packets and ironed them on."

"The children were thrilled," Yates beams. "They grabbed magic markers and had everyone sign their T-shirts. It turned out to be a great way for them to remember us and the experience."

"I'm sure we made some difference in the lives of these children," says Yates. "We feel good about that but realize society's rules are so tight that lasting change is difficult to implement. Perhaps most important for us was the humbling truth that the poor can teach us so much about ourselves and what is really important. We hope that by keeping relationships in Okolona, we can make more of a difference for the people, as they remain a reminder to us of what we uncovered."

To keep the relationships alive, the group exchanged addresses with anyone who wanted to write. Both Sinnwell and Schuba received letters from children and have written them back. Lana, a first grader, wrote: "I'm glad you came for Vacation Bible School. I love you." Beneath was a drawing of a big heart with three little hearts inside. Dean, a particularly active adolescent, wanted to know when they were coming back.

"Srs. Brown and Schreck taught us to take the experiences and facts from Mississippi and translate them into our own life in St. Louis," says Yates. "There are the same or similar needs in St. Louis but some-

*"There are the same or similar needs in St. Louis but sometimes we can only see that first by getting out of our daily routine and returning with new eyes," says Yates.*

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"I believe this experience will help me be a better teacher when I

graduate from Fontbonne," says Schuba. "I've realized that a child's environment affects his or her education. By understanding a child's unique situation, I'll have a better knowledge of the child and how I can help."

Sinnwell and Schuba hope to have the opportunity to return to Mississippi next spring break or go for several weeks this summer to help children in the "EXCELL Program" which is sponsored by the Catholic church to tutor children who attend public schools.

Yates is planning the trip again next year in hopes of nurturing a long-term relationship with the Okolona people. "It was a tiring week," she says. "but it was a good kind of tired." FCM



*Lessons during Bible school get everyone involved.*



# Fontbonne's Tradition of Service Shines

By Susan King

An integral part of the Fontbonne College educational experience is the Catholic tradition of service. This tradition of service can be seen not only in our dedicated alumni but in the every day lives of our students. Many Fontbonne students volunteer their few free hours to help others in the community. By tutoring the illiterate in their spare time, two Fontbonne students are shining examples of this mission of service.

Tamitra McCormick, a junior at Fontbonne College majoring in English/professional writing, volunteers at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in north St. Louis City, teaching the illiterate. She tutors twice a week and since beginning nine months ago, she has had three students. In recognition of her involvement, McCormick, was awarded a \$219 scholarship from Southwestern Bell for her volunteer work with the St. Louis Literacy Council this past spring.

"It is very rewarding to see the progress of the student," expresses McCormick. Her third and current pupil is working on his second reading book. "It has been a rocky relationship. My student had some personal problems, however I was very pleased when he returned after them.

"Teaching someone to read is like a marriage. You have to work through the good and bad times because we have a common goal—literacy," she comments. "You get to know your student very well.

"One day I used a map of St. Louis to help with my pupil's lesson," she says. "He was amazed with it. He could finally read and locate many of the places he had heard about."

"I didn't know what to expect when I started," McCormick remarks. Her first pupils did not complete the program, however this didn't hinder McCormick's determination to help others learn to read.



McCormick's second student had an inner ear problem that made her unable to hear or make the sounds that were being taught to her. "She did not last very long. I can understand how frustrating it must have been."

McCormick uses the Laubach method to teach the students. Working one on one with the student, the tutor uses four books that deal with phonetics, structural analysis, stories and writing practice. After completion of each book the student receives a diploma. Usually the program lasts anywhere from 18 months to two years depending on the student.

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To become certified to teach Laubach,

McCormick attended a 12-hour workshop at Fontbonne College. Through her work experience she gains college credit and will one day obtain senior tutor status.

"I am so happy I got involved because they really do need me. There's a lot of people that want to learn to read but no one to teach

"The first student I had was a man who really didn't want to learn but his wife wanted him to read," McCormick says. "It was very frustrating because there would be many times he would not show up and wouldn't even call." Finally after six weeks, she got a new pupil.



them," she says.

There is a waiting list at St. Paul's for those who do not have a tutor. "These are regular people trying to upgrade the quality of their life," explains McCormick. "It truly is a rewarding experience."

**A**nother student, Jeannette Montesana, also works to promote literacy. She primarily teaches foreign adults to speak, read and write English in hopes of making them employable in the United States.

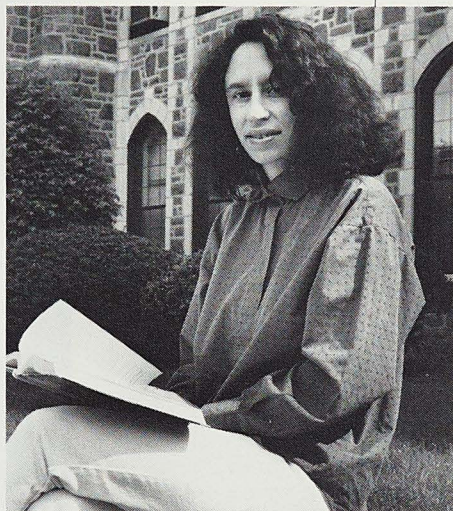
Montesana, a junior majoring in secondary education and English, works through the Adult Basic Education at the Missouri Employment Rehabilitation Services (MERS) located in downtown St. Louis. Through MERS she currently tutors a Vietnamese refugee two hours a week.

Her student has had a hard life, explains Montesana of this middle-aged man. A former math teacher, he was drafted in the Vietnam War in his early 20s and spent 14 years in the military. During his service he was wounded and captured, and then held prisoner for eight years. "He lost his right arm and virtually lost his hearing," says Montesana. "Basically, he has been effected by this war all of his adult life."

After being released, he decided to leave Vietnam. His family is currently in the Philippines waiting to join him in America someday. He proudly tells Montesana how many years, months and days he has been in this country, which is approximately a year and a half.

"It is amazing to see his fortitude and faith in the American system,"

she says. "It is personally inspiring for me to help people like him." She explains how difficult it must be for him to learn English with his handicaps. (He wears hearing aids in both ears and must write with his left hand.)



In the past several years, Montesana has taught Cuban and Afghani immigrants. "Until I took education courses at Fontbonne, I had trouble teaching these students. What I learned in my education

classes helped me reach my Vietnamese student. Fontbonne showed me how to teach students on their own level and gear activities individually."

"This is very exciting for me," says Montesana, who plans to teach high school after graduation

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"Interestingly, he doesn't blame the outside world for his problems. He just wants to better himself. He has set a goal and I'm sure he will succeed.

"Learning about different cultures is thrilling for me," says Montesana. "The first thing my Vietnamese student wanted to learn was small talk. Another intriguing thing he wanted to learn were American proverbs."

Trained at the International Institute in 1988, Montesana does not use one particular method to teach her students. "I use many different methods and try to individualize each lesson according to the level of the student's skill." For instance, her student is able to analyze sentences well because of his math background and so she uses this method with him.

from Fontbonne. "I can put the skills I've learned at Fontbonne to use while helping me see adult problems with literacy. I enjoy being around adults who want to learn and move in different directions."

After succeeding in learning his communication skills, Montesana's student will be placed in an accounting job by MERS. "He has the knowledge," says Montesana. "He just needs to be able to communicate."

According to the Governor's Advisory Council on Literacy, 10.9 percent of adult Missourians have "illiteracy problems." There are approximately 150,000 people with literacy problems in St. Louis City and County. Most estimates of the United States illiteracy rate fall between 10 and 20 percent. **FCM**



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*Sr. Paulette Gladis in Moscow.*

# The Winds of Change in the Soviet Union

by Jessica Johnson

With each new day in the Soviet Union, there blows in an opportunity for change. A Fontbonne College alumna, Paulette Gladis, CSJ, Ph.D., was there to experience the winds of change. "I felt as if I were observing a cocoon in its final stages—just on the brink of a glorious transformation," comments Gladis. "The Russia I visited in January, 1990 may never be the same again. The lack of freedom, the shortages, the listlessness, the solemn expressions, the broken spirits—all resulting from more than 70 years of oppression by the Communist Party—may be on the verge of transformation."

An administrator at Daniel Freeman Memorial Hospital in Inglewood, Calif., Gladis was one of a 200-member delegation of Americans who met with 300 Soviet citizens at the Soviet-American Citizens' Summit II. The 10-day summit in Moscow focused on a major issue facing people from



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all countries: "Restoring the Global Environment: Sustainable Development for the New Millennium."

Participating in the summit were a number of leading social innovators from the United States and the Soviet Union. They included Hazel Henderson, global economist and author; Sergi Tolstoy, grandson of Leo Tolstoy; Vladimir Pozner, noted Soviet television personality; Daniel Ellsberg, global security futurist; and many others. Andre Sakarov's daughter-in-law joined them in closing ceremonies.

Gladis, along with U.S. and Soviet physicians and health care administrators, addressed such issues as psychological stress, traditional and alternative health care discoveries, medical practices in the U.S.S.R., information exchanges, parenting and health care in developing nations. The group Gladis participated in was the Task Force on Holistic Health and Healing.

One of the anticipated outcomes of her task force is the formation of a Soviet-American Council for the Advancement of International Medicine. The Council will facilitate a meaningful, scientific dialogue between U.S.S.R. and U.S. health practitioners, and will also provide a forum for the exchange of international research. Gladis says that "it is the sincere hope of the task force that *glasnost* will enable the science of medicine to be reestablished to the level of esteem it rightly deserves."

Access to health care in the Soviet Union is not a problem. Quality health care is. Although the Soviets excel in science, physics, mathematics and the arts, medical practice is not held in high esteem. After the initiation of Communism in the early 1920s, the authorities considered medicine a technology, rather than a profession.

Compensation was and still is very low. As a result, the more able students go into physics, engineering and science rather than medicine.

Russian physicians do not have access to medical research concerning advances in medicine; medical facilities are in disrepair, and technology is sadly lagging.

Describing her impressions of Soviet health care, Gladis says "doctors and nurses work

*The 600-year-old Zakorsk Monastery, a Russian Orthodox Church.*





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*Gladis met Igor Timoshenko, MD, who is an endoscopist.*

without benefit of the latest international medical research and hospitals are burdened by chronic shortages of equipment and supplies."

By American standards, Soviet health care facilities are unprofessional and unsanitary says Gladis as she details unsterile surroundings and antiquated equipment. "In many places, the doctors only use two needles a day," she explains, citing "shortages of everything" as the reason.

Gladis says she was especially struck by the low regard in which Soviet doctors—most of them women—are held. "And the nurses are held even lower.

"Both doctors and nurses earn 250 rubles a month," Gladis says, pointing out that an automobile would cost about 12,000 rubles. "Doctors earn less than or the same as some manual labors or blue collar workers, such as cab drivers. A Soviet physician is trained approximately to the level of an American nurse practitioner.

"Their lives are heavy," she remarks. Very difficult was a phrase she heard over and over when Russian doctors discussed their

personal and professional lives. "Food and supplies are not easily available; they can't get what they need or want."

One thing Soviet health care providers very much want is an exchange of information between countries. Doctors repeatedly expressed their desire for access to medical journals and American research. "According to Dr. Puchkov Yuri Lugnovitch, chief of International Scientific Programs, an agreement to foster mutual research was made in 1975, but later deteriorated. He suggested that the agreement be reinstated," adds Gladis.

International information exchanges also would benefit the United States, Gladis says. "The Soviets have done a lot of good research, for example, in the areas of ultrasound and infant mortality, but there is no reference to it in American medical journals. That is a loss for us."

Gladis plans to work on opening doors to research exchange. As a first step, she has sent a variety of printed materials—from daily newspapers to medical journals—to her new Soviet acquaintances.

Other problems of great concern in the Soviet Union are those which also plague the United States, alcoholism, drug addiction and AIDS, comments Gladis.

"Cholesterol levels are very high," she says, describing the typical Russian diet as "heavy." Meals abound in thick slices of bread, cheese, meat, potatoes and extremely rich but delicious ice cream. At one dinner, she was served as an appetizer a soup bowl full of feta cheese, topped with thick cream and chocolate candy.

Gladis describes Moscow as very gray. "The weather was gray and many of the buildings were gray, except for Red Square. On the



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street, people's clothes were drab and their expressions were dull and cheerless. However, this changed later when we met in homes."

Moscow is a "concrete city." "Huge concrete buildings are everywhere—businesses, hotels, monuments, housing. There are no single family dwellings in Moscow," explains Gladis. "Everyone lives in small apartments (flats) which resemble gargantuan tenement houses. As humble as the two and three room flats are, there appear to be no homeless."

For the past two years, the churches have been allowed to function openly. Because of this Gladis says, "they are overflowing with devout worshipers of all ages during the services. Monasteries are crowded with young monks."

Commenting on the culture Gladis states that the Russians are "proud and supportive of their marvelous museums, dances, symphonies and art. We were privileged to attend a few events, including the Moscow Symphony Orchestra's performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. This was in Moscow's Hall of Columns, a magnificent opera house."

There is full employment in the Soviet Union, which Gladis says is a mixed blessing. "The government is the employer of all. There appears to be little motivation to provide service, since individual are paid regardless of what they do," remarks Gladis. "For example, since taxi drivers are paid whether or not they transport passengers, we found that often the only way to get a taxi was to hold up an American \$5 bill and a package of Marlboros!"

Gladis says she experienced very warm hospitality while visiting homes of Russians, Georgians and Armenians. "No doubt they

must have waited in line for hours and saved for months for the food and drink they provided for us. They were most anxious to share whatever they had with us. One evening our Georgian host, Vitali Gogoshia, insisted on driving us back to the hotel (about one-half hour's ride) instead of taking a cab. Vitali earns only 150 rubles a month and has a wife and two children. How poignant was the comment of one of the Russians in our group: 'Why do we try to destroy one another; we are all so nice,'" says Gladis.

"It is good to be home. I am grateful to live in a country where we have the freedom to

*St. Basil  
Cathedral in  
Moscow.*



practice medicine in the best possible manner. We are limited only by our imagination and funding. But I would love to go back again. There is much that we can learn from them." Gladis graduated in 1962 from Fontbonne with a degree in business with minors in history and philosophy. From 1963-1973 she was the business manager and then chairperson of the business department at Fontbonne. **FCM**



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### Deaths

The Fontbonne College Alumni Association expresses sympathy to the families of the following alumni who died: **Mary Martha Hatch Doerr '35**, **Mary Schneblin Hillen '43**, **Virginia Sheehan Hochstetter '41**, **Jane Callahan Johnson '44**, **Katherine Tackaberry Kenny '32**, **Elizabeth Higgins Schoelch '43**, **Jeanette J. Tonka '62**, **Catherine E. Weidle '46**.

The Alumni Association also expresses sympathy to the following alumni on the death of an immediate relative: **Mary Carol Anth, CSJ '57** (father); **Jeanne Leritz Callahan '51** (mother); **Judy Jacobsmeyer Hennessey '60** and **Mary Ann Jacobsmeyer Shillito '59** (father); **Carol Boshard Holtmann '58** (mother); **Gilda Ortiz Lugo '56** (son, Peter A.); **Mary G. Whalen O'Toole '28** (husband); **Margaret Rayhawk '58** (brother Arthur L.); **Marilyn Schneider, CPPS '70** (mother); **Mary Jane Sheehan '38** (sister Virginia); **Ruth O'Neill Stroble '52** (mother); **Alice Igoe Thompson '29** (husband); **Alice Anne Thompson '63** and **Mary E. Thompson Walrond '62** (father); **Jeanette Hartman Weinrich '30** (husband); **Jacqueline Nowak Wink '54** (husband); **Gerry Wand Longtin '50** (husband).

### Five-Year Classes Need Chairpersons

**Kay Gunn Martin '55** and **Colette Crowley O'Brien '65** have volunteered to chair the reunions for their respective classes. Information will be sent soon to members of these two classes.

Chairs are needed for the following five-year reunion classes: 1930, '35, '40, '45, '50, '55, '60, '65, '70, '75, '80 and '85. Call the Alumni Office to volunteer or to get more information, (314) 889-1403.

### Seven Alumni To Receive 1990 Founders' Awards

Seven alumni will receive the 1990 Founders' Awards for distinguished service. They are following:

- Jane Buri '40**  
school/social work
- Carol Anne Dickson '74**  
education/community service/international trade relations
- Constance Boschert Diekman '72**  
community service/nutrition/health care
- Mary Ann Keiper Mallon '68**  
community service
- Carolyn Osiek, RSCJ '62**  
theology/teaching/research
- Rosemary Ward Wellington '42**  
service in Catholic secondary education/physical fitness
- Loretta Giblin Wittenberg '60/'81**  
leadership in community service

The Fontbonne College Board of Trustees approved the report of the College Committee on Honors at the Board meeting, May 10.

The awards will be presented at the fifth Founders' Day Dinner, October 11, 1990, at the University Club, St. Louis. Those who wish to receive an invitation should contact the Alumni Office, (314) 889-1403.

### Alumni Notes

#### 1930s

**Mary Jane Helm King '39** received the Mercy Award for her 25 years of volunteer service at St. John's Mercy Medical Center, St. Louis, Missouri. At the same event, held March 14, 1990, at Bellerive Country Club, her husband Dr. John King, recently retired co-director of family practice at St. John's, received the Mercy Award.

#### 1940s

The faculty of Hazelwood Junior High School, St. Louis, Missouri, have established the Mary Alice Burmeister Teacher of the Year Award in honor of **Mary Alice Burmeister '40** (deceased). In a letter to **Theresa Burmeister**, Mary Alice's sister, Hazelwood principal, John W. Dougherty, said: "Your sister was an excellent teacher, and we can think of no higher tribute for another teacher than to be compared with her." Theresa Burmeister is a 1935 Fontbonne graduate; another sister **Catherine Burmeister Warren**, graduated in 1938.



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### 1950s

**Carole Boshard Holtmann '58** teaches full-time English at Carrollton High School, Miami, Florida.

Gregory C. Meystriek, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Meystriek (**Mary Frances Deck '57**) was ordained a priest on June 9, 1990, in the Cathedral, Jefferson City, Missouri.

### 1960s

**Mary Feagan '62** teaches art at the Daisy Elementary School, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, writes children's books and creates greeting cards.

Dr. Louis M. Sullivan, Secretary of Health and Human Services, has appointed **Dr. Mara M. Baun '63** to serve on the National Advisory Council for Nursing Research of the National Institutes of Health. The Council advises the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Assistant Secretary for Health, the Director of the National Institutes of Health, and the Director of the National Center for Nursing Research on matters relating to the conduct and support of, and dissemination of information respecting basic and clinical nursing research, training and other programs in health care.

**Jessica Peeler Ventimiglia '65** has been appointed controller of the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Sarasota, Florida. Her prior positions was that of Grants Administrator and Assistant Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Missouri Botanical Gardens, St. Louis.

### 1970s

The Metropolitan Association of Philanthropy has elected **Dean Alcorn Keyes '70** as chair of its Board of Directors. Keyes is Vice President/Director of Communication Affairs, Citicorp Mortgage Inc., St. Louis, Missouri.

**Karen Mohan, VHM '71**, is one of the founders of the new visitation Monastery of Minneapolis, 1527 Fremont Avenue N., Minneapolis, MN 55411. The purpose of the foundation is to be a witness to prayer and hospitality in the neighborhood—a poor section of Minneapolis.

**Patty Bubash '74**, a Junior League provisional and a teacher of the deaf at Neuwoehner School for the Special School District of St. Louis, was honored as the Outstanding Classroom Scouting Leader at a November 1989 dinner for special needs scouting.

**JoAnn Bundschuh Gallen '77** is completing a three-year term as a member of the St. Gerard Majella School Board (St. Louis) and a year as co-president of the St. Gerard Majella Marian Guild.

**Christine A. VonderHaar '77** has been awarded a Fulbright Lectureship at the University in Opole, Poland, for the 1990-91 academic year. A Fontbonne English major, VonderHaar will teach English language studies curricula both in and outside the university. She is currently an assistant professor at Ferris State University, Big Rapids, Michigan.

### 1980s

**Becky Kirkpatrick '80** received the 1990 National Outstanding Junior

Award from the Daughters of the American Revolution for her outstanding contributions in voluntary work for the organization. She is a senior specialist in computer application at McDonnell Aircraft Co., St. Louis.

**Pat Kaiser Brusati '82** a system programmer at McDonnell Douglas Corp., was a judge in the high school computer programming contest held in January 1990 at Fontbonne College.

**Mary Max '85**, currently purchasing manager at ATD, Inc., St. Louis, received her MBA from Maryville College, May 1990.

**William J. Nolan III '87** is team leader for American Copy Systems, Fenton, Missouri.

**Ann Terese Winkelman '87** is a freelance writer and associate editor of the Sporting Goods DEALER, a St. Louis-based national trade publication.

**Ann Marie Bresnan Bachmann '87** is a psychotherapist (family and children) in Bel Air, Maryland.

**Tammy Ring '87** received her doctor of osteopathy degree in osteopathic medicine from Kirksville College (Missouri) of Osteopathic Medicine and will do an internship at Eastmoreland Hospital, Portland, Oregon.

**Callie Tucker, MBA '88** has been appointed sales representative at Krane/Garrick Co., a subsidiary of Sinclair and Rush, St. Louis.

**Timothy P. Cassin, MBA '88** has been promoted to general manager of Equifax Inc.'s insurance and special services office, Indianapolis, Indiana.



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### Rhinestones and Roulette II

March 31, 1990 was the date for the second Rhinestones and Roulette sponsored by the Alumni Association. The casino night featured black jack, roulette, poker, slot machines and an auction. Jeanne Dulle Moore '81 was the chairperson for the event. Serving as committee chairs were Betty Miller Amelotti '77, Lisa Moritz Beckerman '89, Andy Beckerman '89, Barbara Gutting Hollenbeck '61, Mary Lou Meyer Lenkman '64, Joanne Poelker Loftus '72, Anita Bruegge Martinez '84 and Judy Willard '81.





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If you can supply information on the following members of the five-year reunion classes, please contact the Alumni Office, Fontbonne College, (314) 889-1403.

#### 1930

Bernadine Kennedy  
Audrey McDonald  
Helen Miller

#### 1935

Muriel Matusak Black  
Evelyn Potter Burney

#### 1940

Virginia Kratzmeyer Halten  
Blanche Papendick  
Doris O'Connor Shea  
Anna Hoffman Wainright  
Daryl Wenige

#### 1945

Geraldine Francis Allina

#### 1950

Marian Merello Alexander  
Rosemary Ryan Bangert  
Louise Hershey Burdick  
Joanne Ostertag Fisher  
Geraldine Hay Knoll

#### 1955

Carmen Machuca Padin  
Mary Andrus Seidler

#### 1960

Anna Jones  
Carmeleen Signorello Lott  
Julia Ryan McLaughlin  
Carol Koller O'Hearne  
Yvonne Quintal  
Mary Hausmann Ryan  
Mary Sidorski  
Kay Weighner Ward

#### 1965

Carole Harpole Adamson  
Mary Lewandowski  
Ester Ryan Ortiz  
Janice Powell  
Barbara Marshall Richter  
Diane Stack Spector

#### 1970

Christine Lewandowski Bauer  
Patra Pringle Boyd

Barbara Buja  
Patricia Dwyer  
Brenda Roth Harvey  
Sally Herman  
Charlotte Huls  
Barbara Kimbrell  
Clare Littekin, CPPS  
Frances Landry Michaelree  
Macrena Mulich  
Kathy Birkenmaier Novak  
Jane Stoverink Robins

#### 1975

Tanaya S. Chotibhongs  
Paulette Deloney  
Kathleen Girard Eckel  
Patricia Mikovic Feldmann  
Donna Flye  
Robyn Hood-McClure  
Mamie Klunder  
Wantana Kuvnichkul  
Jennifer Mantle  
Anne Morrow  
Charles Pettus, III  
Ryoko Takeda  
Patricia Schwan Zahn

#### 1980

Mahdi Alsalman  
Carol Camp Christeson  
Tracy Duebelbeis  
Roland Ernest  
Hani Fayrouz  
Mary Price Hampton  
Cuc Hue  
Khawwar Mohamed  
Yassir Nassif  
Amy Sullivan Olszewski  
Kathleen Rankin  
John Rozelle  
Deborah VanFossan  
Catherine Reilly Wilkin  
Pamela Williamson  
Anne Wirthlin

#### 1985

Jerome Ahillen  
Ellen Kroding Bridgewater  
Richard Cummings  
Jonas Edstrom  
Lillian Lippman  
Jennifer Schaeffer  
Denise L. Smith  
Kathleen Wilkins

### 1990 Homecoming/ Reunion Weekend

The 1990 Fontbonne Homecoming/Reunion Weekend is scheduled for October 19-21. Events for the weekend are listed below.

#### Friday, October 19

Donations for penny king and queen

6 p.m. Alumni tail-gate party

7:30 p.m. Fontbonne Soccer game under the lights at the Soccer Park in Fenton

TBA Women's volleyball tournament at Washington University

8 p.m. Theatre production "The Dining Room"

10 p.m. Fontbonne Athletic Association sponsored party in The Cafe

#### Saturday, October 20

10 a.m. Alumni Mass

11 a.m. Alumni brunch and campus tour/gallery exhibit

TBA Women's volleyball tournament at Washington University

8 p.m. Theatre production "The Dining Room"

9 p.m. Homecoming dance  
Students encourage alumni to attend the dance (alumni and parents receive a free beverage at the dance with a ticket stub from "The Dining Room")

#### Sunday, October 21

10 a.m. Mass 50-year reunion brunch follows the Mass

2 p.m. Soccer game vs. Rockhurst Soccer Park in Fenton



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