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## "WHY AT COLLEGE?" ASKS MOTHER IRENE

### President Discusses the Views and Ideals of College Women.

"Never forget that life with its many opportunities is for each one of you a grave responsibility which you cannot shirk without injustice to God, to your neighbor, and to yourself. . . . With childhood, with girlhood came special opportunities, each bringing its special responsibilities.

"Today you are women, college women, students of a college whose objective is to make of you cultured, refined, strong Catholic women, women capable of entering the world around you and making that world the better for your presence. To do this, we must have your earnest co-operation."

This was the heart of the message which Mother Mary Irene, president of the college,

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## 'Corporate Collegiennes' To Attend St. L. U. Prom

As "corporate collegiennes" of St. Louis University, all Fontbonne students are interested in the Conclave Prom at which the College will be represented by Agnes Collins of the junior class. Many Fontbonne students will attend this annual dance which will be held in the St. Louis Gymnasium, Wednesday, Feb. 21.

As prom maid, Agnes Collins will be one of the guests of honor at an informal dance given at the Hotel Statler, Saturday, Feb. 18, by Delta Sigma Delta, a dental fraternity. Delta Sigma Delta was the lucky fraternity which was given the privilege of holding the only dance "to meet the prom maids."

## Rare Armadillo Shell For Biological Museum

The exoskeleton or shell of a nine-banded armadillo has been presented to the College biological museum by Mrs. E. M. Deck, of Oakland, California. This rare and valuable specimen measures three feet and three inches in length, being the largest type found within the limits of the states. The tail and head are so joined as to complete the handle of the basket formed by the shell.

The arrival of this unusual specimen has led the lovers of nature at Fontbonne to search into the habits of this uncommon member of the mammal family. Many interesting facts have been disclosed, and the origin of the quaint baskets made of its outer shell has been traced to the Indians of South America, who after killing the animal, fasten the tail to the head, cover it with sand, and then place it in the sun.

There are many species of armadillo and their history dates back to prehistoric times. Specimens of the old-world or primitive type are found to have existed in the lower tertiary or Eocene formations of Wyoming. Armadillos differ in size, ranging from the "Pichichago" found in Argentina, which is only three inches long, to the "Priodon gigas" or giant armadillo, which is found in Brazil and measures one yard in length.

The armadillo, for the most part nocturnal in its habits, is of a brownish-black color.

Commencing Ash Wednesday, February 22, Lenten devotions will be held in Fontbonne Chapel Wednesday and Friday evenings at 5 o'clock.

## JUNIOR VODVIL GETS NEW COMEDY FEATURE

### Songs, Tiller Dances, Orchestra Numbers Are Booked.

"The Reader," a comedy sketch, is one of the many new features added to the vodvil bill to be presented by the junior class in the College auditorium, Thursday evening, Feb. 16, at 3:3 and 8 p. m., under the auspices of the Press Club.

The scheme of the playlet includes six characters impersonated as follows: Aunt Jemima, Mary Aloysia Knapp; Mrs. Saunders, Corinne Dewes; Miss Perkins, Loretto Hennelly; Mrs. Patchett, Mary Kiely; Miss Jones, Catherine Dever; Shirley, Naomi Droll.

Another entirely new number is a group of selections by the Fontbonne dance orchestra. New Tiller dances will be done by the Fontbonne Rockets, who are: Agnes Reilly, Agnes Collins, Mildred Bischoff, Marie Freudenstein, Dorothy Joyce, and Naomi Droll. Rosalie Morrissey, Alice Igoe, and Loretto Hennelly are the songsters for the program. The "Junior Crows" have new selections.

## Receive Guests of Corporate Colleges

Following a meeting of the board of corporate colleges of St. Louis University last Thursday a party of representatives of the board visited Fontbonne, among them being Rev. A. M. Schwitalla, S. J., Rev. F. V. Corcoran, C. M., Rev. T. M. Knapp, S. J., Rev. T. S. Bowden, S. J., of the corporate colleges, and Mr. J. D. Elliff, of the University of Missouri, and Mr. George Zook, secretary of

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## MAIN STREET

A certain type of popular fiction writer would tell us that the world, America at least, has lost all its beauty. These writers picture it to us as a shabby, drab Main Street lined with filling stations and sign boards and shadowed by a great pall of factory smoke.

Can it be possible that anyone has looked at Life so one-sidedly? Has he never seen that same Main Street bewitched by the cold, silver magic of winter moonlight or wooed by the soft promise of Spring? Has he never seen it brightened by the saucy boldness of a sunflower or sweetened by the simple earnestness of a violet? Has he never seen it blessed by the indescribable beauty of a baby's smile or consecrated by the dignity of an old woman's tears? Oh yes, the world is still beautiful for those who have eyes to see.

## ANENT TERM PAPERS

Term papers—baneful words—connotative of endless hours of drudgery on the eve of exams. A new novel beckons invitingly; the radio calls, "Lend me thine ears." Yet the clutch of the long fingers of research and source books cannot be loosed. More books must be consulted; more notes must be taken. Now, too late, we regret our procrastination. The first distant warning of coming term

papers meant nothing to us. Examination week and the end of the semester seemed "ages" off. Why not let go today what could be more easily and even better done tomorrow? Thus we reason, and cry aloud "Unfair" when term papers have not been written, and exams, which must be studied for, approach.

Would calling for term papers in the middle of the semester improve conditions? The "ages" until the end of the term would be cut into mere epochs if the papers could be required sooner. Term papers could then be treated more seriously and wholeheartedly with no dread exam week hanging over our heads.

## A Freshman Waxes Indignant

To the Editor of The Font:

The freshmen are beginning to believe in the existence of prophets and soothsayers in our midst. How else can one explain the phenomenal "Forecast" appearing in The Font for January 15, which revealed a carefully guarded secret of the freshmen? [How could it have been discovered, if not by some mystic power, since it embodied an entirely new idea?]

Feeling that our numbers were sufficient to sponsor successfully some sort of get-together affair which might make for better acquaintance with our Big Sisters, and, incidentally, among ourselves, we hit upon the idea of giving a tea.

It was with surprised indignation, therefore, that we read that remark in "Faxencrax" informing The Font readers that the freshmen would "break down and entertain." And to add insult to injury, an article appeared shortly after our announcement headed "It Worked," thanking us for our thoughtfulness but flaunting that we-deserve-the-credit attitude! We feel that is carrying things a little too far. Faxencrax is the place for humor. When such wit is given serious consideration and placed in the dignified form of a news story it is no longer clever.

G. M. C. '31

## Faxencrax

## BREAKING OFF THE FAMILY TIE

It is more than a month ago now since old Betsy went away. And it wasn't because she wanted to either, for she emphatically did not; it was just another case of 'Auld Lang Syne.' She was all wheezed up after the first cold spell of the season and in virtually no condition to be out in the cold damp air. It was truly a heartless thing to do, for it was easy to see that she decidedly resented such inconsiderate procedure. As she turned the corner at the front gate she just couldn't make up her mind to go and performed some disgraceful maneuvers in an effort to evade being driven off. Then everybody wondered. True, her eyes no longer held their lustre, her voice was cracked and her body bent and broken, yet for her there was a love which no other car in the history of Fontbonne ever enjoyed. Was she lost, strayed, or stolen?

To make a long story short, this is what happened to Betsy. After much bartering on the part of her owner, Agnes Ibbetson, she was traded in at a downtown dealer's for a brand new Chrysler coach. When this stranger rolled into the drive, first one and then another of the resident students, who had been accustomed to pack themselves in Betsy after the manner of sardines, cast shy but affectionate glances in her direction. Within a week she was christened Phoebe and made to understand the willingness of college women to accept hospitality. The secret of this quick attachment is—a large back seat.

## ANN THE APPLE GIRL

A reporter for The Font stumbled on one of Ann's love letters which she dropped the other day. Was it ethical for her to disclose this letter from Jake which follows?

Dear Ann:

I sure do miss your delitefull billy-dos when they dont come. I herd that word aint it nice? from the post-master when I asked him if they was a letter to me from you. I got the letter now spread out before me, so as I can get inspiration from it.

Ann if you hear all about those parties out there, you'll be stuck up and won't go to a barn dance or anything with me no more. I won't dress like a waiter and if you took your sleeves out, what would your ma say? But gee, Ann, maybe you can get some idea from the dresses they wear for that masquerade we are going to when you come back home.

Oh and say Ann, they say that if the moon is looking on you while you sleep, you'll sure enough get ugly. Well, I'm goin' to watch my step all right, so I wont. You wouldn't want me to write you no more letters if I was . . . was . . . ugly. Would you Ann?

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**"Prom Is Ended, But Memory Lingers On",  
Sing Students After Second Junior Prom**



Guests at Second Junior Prom

Safely hidden in a massive red and gold heart were the Junior Prom souvenirs, pearl chokers for the girls and monogrammed cigaret lighters for their escorts. The souvenirs were presented to the guests as they filed slowly down the hall in formal promenade.

This second Junior Prom of Fontbonne was held on Thursday evening, February 9, in the

reception rooms of the Fine Arts building. Mildred Bischoff, president of the junior class, led the promenade, followed by Catharine Gunn, president of the senior class. The guests of honor, members of the senior class, were: Lenadore Bass, Catharine Gunn, Mary Grace Heiner, Lucille Perry, Helen Purcell, Bernice Simpson and Margaret Treacy.

**Mothers Arranging  
Party for Daughters**

A final report on the card party and the appointment of a committee for the entertainment of the alumnae, seniors, and juniors of the College was the principal business of the Mothers' Club meeting of February 3. Of the \$300 realized on the card party the Mothers' Club sent \$250 to Rev. Mother Agnes to pay on its debt for the pews in the chapel which are its donation. The club has paid \$1,450 towards the \$2,250 which it owes.

Mrs. J. F. Gunn was appointed chairman of a committee to plan for entertaining the upper classmen of the college in the spring. Mrs. J. A. Purcell, Mrs. W. H. Heiner and Mrs. E. T. Hanlon will assist her on the committee.

**M. C. Robinson At Her Piano**

Mary Cecelia Robinson, of the Department of Piano, was chosen as accompanist to the voice students of Mrs. Mary Daly, who gave a delightful program of songs and arias over WEW Thursday evening, February 9, at 5 o'clock.

Miss Robinson, who has served as soloist and as accompanist in several other radio concerts, as well as for many programs in Fontbonne auditorium, will be heard soon in a graduating recital.

Madame E. Guerin, originator and promoter of the National Flanders Field Poppy Day, who was scheduled to give a French impersonation of Joan of Arc here this month, has been forced by ill health to return to France, and hence cannot keep her Fontbonne engagement.

**President Discusses Ideals**

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delivered to the assembled student body, Thursday, Feb. 2.

Mother continued by listing the motives for attending college which she had received in answer to the question: "Why are you here?" The answers were classified under three main divisions, "worth-while," "unworthy," and "worthless."

"I am here to fit myself for life," or "to better myself," when properly interpreted belong to the worth-while group. In this group also may be placed, "My parents were eager for me to be a college graduate," "I shall need to earn my living in the years to come and I realize that a college training is necessary for any position worth while," and "Since my childhood the term 'college woman' has appealed to me and with the years the desire to be a college woman and all that the term connotes has grown stronger." The vague answer, "I came for the broadening and cosmopolitan effect of college life," was given the benefit of the doubt and placed among the worthy motives.

The worthless motives were: "Every adult member of my family boasts a college degree; I shall have nothing less," and "Everybody goes to college nowadays; I can not be out of the crowd." "I read such wonderful stories about college life that I felt I must try it," was classed by Mother as "harmless but worthless."

"Well, I am here because I can't help myself. My objective is to study as little as possible, take all the privileges I can and make life miserable for myself and all around me" is an unworthy motive.

Mother professed herself delighted with the attitude of a student of Fontbonne who, in a letter to the editor of The Drake Delphi, resented that periodical's characterization of college students as "undesirables" and "persons who dash furiously but futilely round and round." The dignity of college women has not been lost at Fontbonne, this student declared.



## "Journeys of Jesus," by St. Joseph Nun, Gets Wide Adoption

A life of Our Lord well calculated to bring home to youthful minds the real, living personality of Jesus is "The Journeys of Jesus," the latest publication of Sister James Stanislaus, of St. Joseph's, Carondelet, well known to the students of Fontbonne through her constant interest in their activities. The first book of the series of three has been put into schools in this city and elsewhere, the second is in press, and proof sheets of the third were seen by a representative of the Font who visited the author recently.

More difficult to obtain from Sister James than the proof, however, were the many letters of congratulation and commendation which have come to her since the appearance of this initial volume. The writers include the reverend censors of books of the archdiocese, Fathers Souvay and Rothensteiner, and many clergymen and educators from various parts of the country. One local school authority, Sister Clara, supervisor of the schools of the Sisters of Notre Dame, writes that she has recommended that the series be introduced immediately in all the schools under her care. The books are planned for supplementary reading for grades five to ten.

Sister James is occupied now in the preparation of a manual of etiquette for use in the schools of the Sisters of St. Joseph. She, with Margaret Madden of Chicago, is the author of the spelling books in use for the past year or two in this and many other diocesan systems of schools. As supervisor of the parochial schools of her community for many years she became acquainted with the needs of their small students and has been extremely successful in preparing books which satisfy their demands exactly.

### Movie Date Advanced

The Wednesday night movie will be advanced next week to Tuesday, Wednesday being Ash Wednesday. "The Thirteenth Juror" and a comedy will be shown.

## "U" Medical Officials Dine at Fontbonne

The members of the faculty of the Medical School of St. Louis University and their wives were the guests of honor at a banquet in the dining hall of Fontbonne College, Wednesday evening, February 15, at 6 p. m. Rev. A. M. Schwitalla, S. J., dean, was one of the speakers.

The college orchestra furnished musical numbers as follows: Allegro from Serenade in Four Movements, Mozart; Poem, Fibich; Liebesleid, Kreisler; Minuet, Beethoven; La Cinquantaine, Gabriel Marie; Russian Lullaby, Irving Berlin.

The members of the orchestra who played are: Louise Siebert, Florence Ridolfi, Vita Viviano, violins; Rev. Raymond Belloc, S. J., viola; Florence Noble, Jean Schneider, cello; Cyril Anslinger, double-bass; Mary Cecilia Robinson, piano.

## Fontbonne Attends Webster Carnival

Many Fontbonne faculty members, alumnae and students participated in the two-day mammoth benefit carnival which was held on the Webster College campus last Saturday and Sunday afternoon and evening, and sponsored by the student body of the college.

The affair was given for the new residence hall which is under construction at Webster.

### Students Appear in R-K Play

Two Fontbonne students, Valeria Perry, sophomore, and Helen Trenn, freshmen, are taking part in "The Adventure of Lady Ursula," a romantic comedy, presented by the Rosati-Kain Alumnae Dramatic Club, February 15, 16, 17, and 18, at St. Louis University auditorium. Miss Perry is impersonating Mr. Devereux, a soldier; Miss Trenn, Mr. Ward, also a soldier.

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## Sister Athanasia a Visitor

Sister Athanasia, a former member of the science faculty, was a visitor at Fontbonne Tuesday of last week. Sister Athanasia was in charge of classes in chemistry from the opening of the College until a year and a half ago when she left for research work in organic chemistry at the University of Missouri.

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## Good Cager Talent for Senior College Team

Four basketball teams, one from the senior college and three from the junior college, are to be organized to play a series of games beginning Thursday, February 24.

The senior college team will be chosen from Lenadore Bass, Margaret Treacy, Marie Freudenstein, Corinne Dewes, Mary Kiely, Agnes Collins, Alice Iggoe, Agnes Reilly, and Naomi Droll. The junior college teams have not been organized. In the tryouts—Carroll Ridlon, Virginia Gates and Madeline Boyer have shown good form.

## Entire Membership At College Alumnae Session

An alumnae meeting at which the entire membership of the alumnae association was present, a state of affairs almost unparalleled in the history of alumnae associations, took place Sunday, February 5, when Fontbonne College alumnae, the class of 1927, met in Ryan Hall. One explanation of this phenomenon is that the association has so far only eight members, the seniors of 1927.

Jule Marie Kirk, president, was in the chair. The business transacted has not been disclosed, but rumor has it that entertainment for the senior class was planned.

## Corporate College Visitors

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the Commission on Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges, who had come to confer with the representatives of the corporate colleges.

The association of Catholic colleges of St. Louis and vicinity known as the corporate colleges of St. Louis University, organized two years ago, has met with high commendation from educators of Missouri and of the North Central section.

The corporate units are Maryhurst College, Kirkwood; Notre Dame Junior College, Ripa Avenue, South St. Louis; Webster College, Webster Groves; St. Mary's Junior College, of the Sisters of the Precious

## Delighted Students Sip Freshmen's Tea

"My dear, did you ever sip such refreshing tea? And the food, wasn't it delicious? I never tasted better, nor saw it more daintily served. The freshmen certainly know how to entertain."

These remarks came from more than one of the upper classmen who were completely won over by the freshmen, when last Saturday, February 11, from 4 to 6, they acted as hostesses at a tea given at the Hotel Chase.

Arrangements for the affair were in charge of: Marie Antoinette Grover, president of the freshman class; Helen McBlood, O'Fallon, Mo.; "Maryville" College of the Sacred Heart, and Fontbonne.

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## "The Clancy Kids" To Entertain for Missions Feb. 21

The cast of "The Clancy Kids," to be given Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 21, at 3:30, by the academy, includes many performers popular with Fontbonne audiences. It follows: Clancy Kids: Hopeful, Katherine Tackaberry; Dandelion, Dortha Lucas; Dalores, Eleanor McCann; Martha, Helen Marie Coleman; Mary, Maxine Novy; Mrs. Van Sarrell, Katherine Anson; Mrs. Clancy, Ellen Sullivan; Mademoiselle, Marcella Ratterman; Fluff, Marie Galvin; Friends of Daisy: Nathalie, Mildred Duker; Pearl, Mary Thompson; Dora, Blanche Ganahl; Rexie, Helen Moran; Daisy, Mrs. Van Sarrell's daughter, Roma Fisher.

This comedy is presented by the members of the Dramatic Art Club. The proceeds will be given to the missions. Tickets may be obtained from the members of the club.

### Send Papers to Manila

The Catholic Truth Society of Manila and the Philippine Islands, which distributes literature to the members of Catholic congregations, has received several donations from the Mission Unit of St. Joseph's Academy. This apostolic work has been in the hands of the secretary, Ellen Sullivan.

### Cecilians at Program

Members of the Cecilian Music Club attended an interesting program in the Tower Room of the Congress Apartments, Thursday, February 9. The entertainment was given under the auspices of the Federation of Music Clubs.

### Missionary Wants Trinkets

Opportunities for missionary work open to students with a request made by Rev. Joseph Kemper, S. J., missionary director, for discarded trinkets to be put on sale at a lawn fete at Corozal, British Honduras.

Father Kemper has written his appreciation for the parcel sent by Sister Estella at Christmas for a bazaar given to make repairs on his parish property.

## S. J. A. Alumnae Plan Party for Orphanage

A Valentine party for the girls of St. Mary's Orphanage will be given by St. Joseph's Alumnae Saturday, February 25, at 3 p. m. Games, an entertainment and a feast will be provided for the 156 children, who range in age from 5 to 15 years. An effort is being made to bring a large attendance of alumnae members, for the little ones, according to Margaret Flavin, chairman of the entertainment committee, enjoy meeting people even more than they like party dainties. Contributions to defray the expense are being sent to the treasurer, Florence Noble, 6643 Kingsbury boulevard.

The next meeting of the association will be held at Fontbonne Sunday, March 18.

### Mrs. Alice Sheehan Dies

Death came Saturday morning of last week to Mrs. Alice Sheehan, of 6248 Pershing avenue, a lifelong friend of the Sisters of St. Joseph and mother of Mrs. H. S. Ghio and Mrs. Alice Dames, of the St. Joseph alumnae. Typical of her charity is the provision she made during her last illness to supply the candy for the Valentine party to be held by St. Joseph's alumnae for the little girls of St. Mary's Orphanage.

## Visitors From Kansas City

Among the visitors to the College last week were Mother Laurentia and Sister Clara Josephine, of St. Joseph's Hospital, Kansas City, Mo. Their interest in Fontbonne centered in the cafeteria and other departments which they intend to imitate in the new building to be erected as a home for the student nurses of St. Joseph's.

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