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Fontbonne College, St. Louis 5, Mo.

April 26, 1949

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 28, 8:30 a.m.--Annual Communion Mass and breakfast of Mothers' club with Fr. Patrick J. Holloran, S.J., former president of St. Louis U., officiating.
 3 to 4 p.m.--Modern Language reading tests in Ryan 311.
 6:30 p.m.--Meeting of Delta Phi, art club, for the election of officers.
 April 29, 3 p.m.--Meeting of Las Espanolas, the Spanish club, at which the members will observe Pan-American Day.
 8 p.m.--St. Louis university Spring Prom in the National Guard Armory.
 April 30, 1:15 p.m.--Luncheon of Delta chapter of Delta Epsilon Sigma at Forest Park hotel for the presentation of new members from the senior class.
 2:30 p.m.--Regular meeting of St. Louis chapter of American Catholic Sociological Society at Maryville college, Dr. Wm. E. Van Tey presiding. All students are invited.
 2:30 p.m. over WEW and 6:30 over WEW-FM--Fontbonne glee club singing selections from Friml's "The Firefly" on "Tune in the Colleges."
 6:45 p.m. over KSD-TV--Russ Severin will present highlights from "Revelations of '49" with Doraline Garcia singing a number.
 May 1--Second Sunday after Easter, GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY.
 Sodality Union meeting, with election of officers.
 8 p.m.--May Day Holy Hour at Walsh stadium sponsored by NFCCS. Living Rosary and Benediction.
 May 2 and 3--Graduate Record examination administered at Fontbonne by Sister M. Alfred for those who have registered.
 May 3, 3 p.m.--Music department conducts student assembly.
 May 4, 11:20--Sodality meeting in Fine Arts recital room.
 May 4, 5, 6, 7, 8:15 p.m.--Presentation of "Revelations of '49," musical show of St. Louis university in law auditorium.

SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION

- May 6--Solemn Pontifical Mass for students.
 May 10--Father-Daughter banquet at Sheraton hotel, with Fr. Walter Galus as speaker.
 May 13, 6:30 a.m.--Requiem Mass for deceased benefactors of Fontbonne.
 10 a.m.--Solemn Pontifical Mass for clerical and lay friends of the college.
 12:15 p.m.--Luncheon in cafeteria, served by the Mothers' club.
 2 to 4 p.m.--Informal Open House.
 9 p.m.--Southern Serenade, formal spring promenade in Medaille hall given by the freshman class for students and alumnae.
 May 14, 10 a.m.--Annual Communion Mass and breakfast of college alumnae, with Mass celebrated by Fr. John Tackaberry, C.M., and talk by Fr. Owen Quigley, C.M.
 May 15, 2 p.m.--Reception for inauguration of Mother Mary Marcella Casey as president and for Silver Jubilee of college.
 5 p.m.--Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on the campus before Medaille hall.
 May 17, 9 a.m.--Communion and breakfast of St. Joseph academy alumnae, with Dom Bede Scholz of Conception Abbey, Conception, Mo., speaking.
 Field Day sponsored by the FAA.
 May 8, 3 p.m.--May Day on the campus. Students may invite their families and friends.
 May 11, 11:30--Mission Tag Day. Meeting of the CSMC in the auditorium.
 May 13, 14, 15, 8:15 p.m.--Gilbert and Sullivan's "Mikado" given in St. Louis university auditorium by University glee club with some Fontbonne students participating.
 May 14--Liturgical Day in St. Francis Xavier Lower Church.
 May 18--Mothers' Club luncheon in honor of the seniors at the Tower room of the Congress hotel.

PONTIFICAL MASSES FOR SILVER JUBILEE

A Solemn Pontifical Mass will be celebrated by Msgr. James P. Murray, P.A., Vicar-General of the archdiocese of St. Louis, to open the Silver Jubilee observance on May 6, First Friday, at 8:30 a.m. Fr. Walter J. Galus, C.R., lecturer in Religion, will preach the sermon.
 The other officers of the Mass, who are all clergymen at present associated with the work of Fontbonne, are as follows: assistant priest, Fr. Leo Ohleyer, O.F.M., professor of classes held at Carondelet; deacon, Fr. Matthias B. Martin, S.J., regent of the corporate colleges of St. Louis University; subdeacon, Fr. John Hensgen, C.S.S.R., lecturer in Religion; masters of ceremonies, Fr. Owen Quigley, C.M., chaplain, and Fr. Joseph T. O'Brien, assistant to Msgr. Murray at St. Edward's parish. Other ministers of the Mass will be students from St. Louis Preparatory seminary. The faculty and student body will sing congregationally a plain chant Mass.

A Pontifical Mass for the religious and lay friends of the college will be offered Friday, May the thirteenth, at 10 o'clock by the Most Rev. John P. Cody, S.T.D., Ph.D., Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis. Immediately afterward Bishop Cody will bless the new building, Medaille hall, sealing the stone in the dedication panel at the entrance.

The Right Rev. Msgr. Edward A. Rogers, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, is to officiate at the Solemn Benediction at 5 p.m. Sunday afternoon, May 15, which will close the jubilee week-end. From 2 to 5 that afternoon a reception and tea will be held in the ball room of Medaille honoring Mother Mary Marcella Casey, who became this year the sixth president of the college, and the former presidents, Mother Pius and Sister Joseph Aloysius, both at Fontbonne, and Mother Mary Beronice, now at the College of St. Teresa, Kansas City, Missouri.

Ruth Coff is in general charge of arrangements for the CROWNING OF OUR LADY by the sodality on Sunday, May 8, at 3 p.m. Final announcements will be made at next week's meeting of the sodalists to be held Wednesday, May 4, in the Recital room. Students and their families are invited to this May festivity.

At the banquet of the Home Economics club Wednesday at Medart's, the Betty Lamb award, the symbol of the Home Economics association, is being given to Bernadine Thion, Eulalia Springman, Virginia Alexander, and Patricia Meyer in recognition of their loyalty and service in the club. Attending the banquet are fourteen alumnae of the department interested in giving an account of their work in the home economics field.

SISTER MARIS STELLA, who ranks high among contemporary poets, at the assembly April 26 read poems from her recently published volume "Frost for Saint Brigid." She was the guest of Fontbonne from Sunday until Tuesday, and on Monday afternoon went to Webster college where she gave a program of her readings at the students' assembly. Wednesday she is giving a similar program at the College of St. Teresa, Kansas City. She is chairman of the department of English at the College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, Minn.

"Everybody can read and enjoy poetry," asserted Sister Maris Stella to the group of interviewers who met her in the parlor after her readings. "I think it just depends on opening your mind to it. Before people learned to read or write, they had poetry. I don't know what happened to it. I suppose it happened in the minds of the people. Maybe they had to memorize poetry in school. Perhaps the poetry got dull, or the poets weren't very good. Then, too, many people thought they had to find a moral in a poem, a "message" I believe they call it now. They must have lost sight of the fact that you can read poetry for sheer enjoyment. They do not seem to realize that you can read poetry for the same reason that you look at a beautiful picture or listen to fine music, just for the pure enjoyment attached to it."

The St. Louis College of Pharmacy, 4588 Parkview place, will ENTERTAIN FONTBONNE at a dance Friday, April 29, at 8 p.m. The dance has been developed under the direction of Mr. James W. Temple, who teaches modern languages both at Fontbonne and the College of Pharmacy, in co-operation with Dr. Wm. E. Van Taay, who is also master of ceremonies for the occasion. The reception committee will include the new officers of the Fontbonne association of resident students.

The Delta chapter of DELTA EPSILON SIGMA, national scholastic honor society, will hold a luncheon Saturday of this week at 1:15 p.m., in the Forest Park hotel at which its newly appointed members will be welcomed. The appointees from Fontbonne are Margaret Kingston, Louise Benz, Rosemary Leahy, and Mary Jeanne Reedy. The speaker is to be Mrs. Jerome Duggan, a practicing attorney whose daughter Patricia graduated from Fontbonne in 1944 and is now Mrs. Donnell R. Kuntz.

Marian Bachmann and Paula French will direct A PANEL DISCUSSION on The Family at the International Institute, 4576 W. Pine on Thursday, May 5, at 7:30 p.m. This is the second discussion meeting in which Fontbonne students have participated. Any student who is interested is urged to attend.

The letter which follows explains itself, and was prepared by the two seniors signing it with the help of Dr. Wm. E. Van Taay and Fr. Walter J. Galus, C.R. No reply has been received.

April 13, 1949

Mr. McCurtin
Sociology Department
Drury College
Springfield, Mo.

Dear Mr. McCurtin:

We were members of your audience on Saturday, April 2, at the Home Economics meeting held at the Southeast State Teachers College.

Your remarks alluding to alcoholism, birth control and divorce were highly objectionable from the standpoint of objective truth and morality.

In the first instance medical authorities are not unanimous in supporting the opinion you expressed that alcoholism is a disease. If it were a disease, Alcoholics Anonymous could not effect the cures they do.

In your subtle reference to birth control by the remark, "children should be wanted and planned for," you are going contrary to the dictates of Natural Law.

Your unwholesome remarks about unhappy marriages showed a fundamental lack of appreciation of preparatory factors for happy marriages. Unhappiness in marriage is not due to the marriage contract, but to lack of preparation for the marriage contract. Men in your position should be extremely careful in making the necessary distinctions when speaking publicly about marriage. At all times you should exercise great care in terms of personal responsibility for the truths you express. No responsible speaker will engage in presenting half-truths, subjective opinions, and Freudian nonsense as if these were the objective truth.

Your statistics regarding second marriages are based on the present day divorce rate, not on an over all picture of marriage in general. The marriage morass in which we find ourselves is due in great measure, if not in full measure, to faulty and fundamentally erroneous concepts and teachings such as fostered by you.

Assuring you of our good wishes at all times, we remain,

Yours very sincerely,
Patricia Meyer
Marilyn Haley

Casting is being done this week by Miss Belle Marie Mullins for the final play of the season, "JENNY KISSED ME," by Joan Kerr. This modern comedy is being presented on Monday, May 23, by fourteen members of the Footlights club.

PAN-AMERICAN DAY, nationally celebrated on April 14, will be observed by Las Espanolas on Friday of this week with a program including slides on Cuba and the singing of Spanish songs. Although not a member of the Pan-American union, Cuba was chosen for the program because it is a Spanish-speaking island.

At previous meetings the club has heard the Rev. John F. Bannon, S.J., speak on South America, and Dr. Mary Isabel Winslow tell of her experiences in Spain.

Rosemary Stapenhorst as outstanding guard and Betty Baerveldt as outstanding forward are being presented with trophies at the BANQUET OF THE PEE CLUB in Town Hall, Clayton, April 27. Harris Teachers' college, leaders in the mythical basketball league of the women's colleges, is also being awarded a trophy. The seniors associated with the team are to be given souvenirs by the Pee club at a later date. Among the guests are two representatives of Maryville, Webster, Harris, Monticello and LeClere colleges.

THE STAFF of the Font Letter for the coming year will include Paula French, editor, as previously announced, with Barbara Sullivan as local editor, Elizabeth Pape as copy editor, Georgianne Landy as feature editor, and Carmelita Schmelig as circulation manager. As in the present year under the workshop plan, staff positions will be exchanged on occasion to afford members wider experience in news covering and news writing.

For this issue the staff includes Mary Louise Streit, editor; Paula French and Barbara Sullivan, assistant editors; Georgianne Landy, calendar editor; Elizabeth Pape, copy editor; Carmelita Schmelig circulation manager, and Jane Tracy, Harriet Koutsoumpas, Mari Kingston, Mary Jeanne Reedy, Mary Ann Pierce, Charlotte Stewart, Patti Trapp, and Beverly Flynn.

HUMANITIES CALENDAR AS ADJUSTED FOR MAY ACTIVITIES

Sophomore Humanities Lectures (Twentieth-Century Culture)		Freshman Humanities Lectures (Renaissance Culture)	
April 29, May 2, 4	Music	April 29, May 2, 4	Literature
May 6, 9, 11, 16	Art	May 6, 9	Philosophy
May 18, 20, 23	Philosophy	May 11, 16	Music
May 25	Semester Examination at class period	May 18, 20, 23, 25	Art
May 27	Comprehensive I to 4 p.m. in Fine Arts 214	Semester Examination as given on official schedule of examinations	

Ten dollars for Easter seals was appropriated from the funds of the Student Association for the Missouri SOCIETY FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN AND ADULTS.

The ASSEMBLY next week will be devoted to practice of the singing for the Pontifical Jubilee Mass of May 6 and for the May Day festivities of May 8. At the assembly on May 10, a program of original musical compositions will be presented by the students of the composition class. For the assembly of the following week, May 17, a voice recital will be given by students of Mrs. Doyne Neal, instructor in vocal music.

Sister Mary Loretta and Sister Anna James of the Fontbonne staff visited at the COLLEGE OF ST. TERESA, Kansas City, during Easter Week.

Officers for the Student Association were chosen at the last assembly before Easter. They are Mary Louise Lennemann, vice-president; Gerry Alfert, secretary, and June Kronsbein, treasurer. They complete the staff which is headed by ROSEMARY STAPENHORST, elected earlier.

A field trip on Saturday, May 21, will take the Art club to Shaw's Garden for picnic lunch, and to Joan Klutho's studio in her home and other centers of interest for artists. Miss Frances P. Troenl, director of the department, will accompany the club members.

As her senior thesis in the department of speech, MARY LORETTO FINAZZO will present "The Far-Off Hills" by Lennox Robinson on May 25 at 8:15 p.m. in Fontbonne auditorium. This comedy in three acts was first produced by the Abbey Players in 1932.

Selections from Frini's "The Firefly" and other popular numbers will be sung by the Fontbonne glee club on TUNE IN THE COLLEGES over WEW at 2:30 p.m. and WEW-FM at 6:30 p.m. next Saturday. The transcription is being made Thursday afternoon. Among the singers are Mary Joy Molunby, Lorraine Hotfolder, Mary McDonald, Doralaine Garcia, Angeline Bolesina, Dorothy Bailey, Rosemarie Archangel, Josephine Chang, Betty Votzmeier, Mary Rose Van Oss, Joann Abell, Peggy Delabar, Dolores Ryan, Marie Schindler, Elaine Calloway, Ann M. Boland, Carmelita Schmelig, Mary Claire Nolan, Mary Ann Russell, Virginia Kendall, Marilyn Graff, and Hortense and Joy Prost.

SCHEDULE OF EXAMINATIONS

	Fri. May 27	Sat. May 28	Tues. May 31	Wed. June 1	Th. June 2	Fri. June 3
9:30	All 9:30	8:15 to 10:15	12:45	All 9:30	All 10:30	All 2:00
	9:45	All Sat. a.m.	All 1:00		10:45	
to	9:50	classes	M.W.F. classes	M.W. & F.	11:00	M.W.&F.
	10:00		and		11:10	
11:30	10:15	10:15 to 12:15	Freshman	classes	11:20	classes
	Tu. & Th. classes	All 3:00	Humanities		Tu. & Th. classes	
		M.W.F. classes	1 b			
	HE 131	All 10:30	All 12:45			
	Psy 133	M. W. & F.	1:00			
1:00	English 1b	classes	Tu. & Th. classes	All 2:00	All 8:30	All 8:30
	and	(except classes listed at 1:00				
to	Sophomore Humanities	on Fri., May 27)	3:00 to 5:00	Tu. & Th. classes	Tu. & Th. classes	M. W. & F. classes
3:00	Comprehensive I to 4 p.m. FA214		All 3:00 Th. classes			

Sophomore Humanities semester examinations May 25, for one hour at regular class periods.

All Freshman English examinations May 27 from 1 to 3.

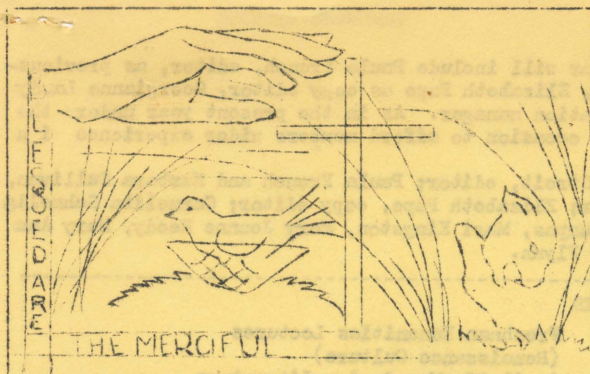
All Freshman Humanities examinations May 31 from 9:30 to 11:30.

All Senior grades must be given to the Dean June 4.

Bouncing right along are the plans for a TENNIS TOURNAMENT on the two newly-surfaced courts, southeast of Medaille hall, completed last week. Miss Gwynette Willis, instructor of physical education, has made tentative arrangements that the two finalists will participate in a play day at Lindenwood May 14. To this event Fontbonne is requested to send also two representatives for golf, six for softball, two for archery, and two for riding, and students, exclusive of seniors, who wish to be in this group are requested to make arrangements with Miss Willis at once.

All students are eligible to enter the ping pong tournament which will open next Wednesday, and those interested are asked to register at once. The entrance fee of 25¢ provides the trophies.

THE MOTHERS' CLUB chose new officers at its meeting April 26. The president is Mrs. E. Kaiser; vice-presidents, Meses. R. F. Lyons and Robert Mitchell; corresponding secretary, Mrs. F. J. Moore; membership secretary, Mrs. A.J. Eschrich; and treasurer, Mrs. A. J. Stangler.

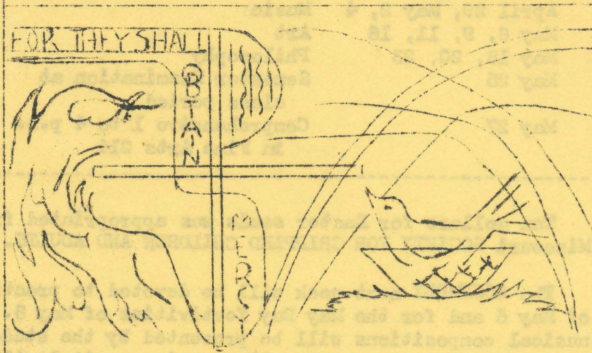


The panels in the windows of Medaille hall symbolizing the FIFTH BEATITUDE are here adapted for stencilling by Mary Ann Pierce. The Merciful are called to mind by the tall grass which hides the bird and its nest from the intruding panther. The grass is in turn protected against the forest fire by the aid of Christ, who is represented by His monogram, the Chi Rho.

The series of windows facing west at the various levels of the main stairway are being completed at present at the Emil Frei studios and are expected to be in place for the Silver Jubilee celebrations in May. On them are pictured significant episodes in the history and apostolate of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

JEANETTE MASCHMANN, Fontbonne freshman, was the winner in the junior division of the essay contest sponsored by the Missouri Gamma chapter of Pi Mu Epsilon, national mathematical honor society. The announcement of her name as recipient of the award came at the annual banquet of the chapter on Monday, April 25, at De Peres Hall of St. Louis university. Initiated into the society at the afternoon business meeting were Sister Raymund Gassel, C.F.P.S., '49, Harriet C. Koutsoumpas '49, and Geraldine R. Wand '50.

Four Fontbonne students will be candidates for PROM QUEEN OF ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY at the Spring Promenade Friday, April 29 in the Armory. The candidates and the school they represent are Mary Veidt, Fontbonne; Marylee Byrnes, Institute of Technology; Barbara Quick, Dental School; and Jo-Ann Monnig, Parks College. The queen's identity will remain a secret until announced at the dance.



The CSMC will hold its MAY MEETING in Fine Arts auditorium, on Wednesday, May 11, at 11:30. Fr. Robert Hanlon, C.Ss.R., a Redemptorist missionary, will show moving pictures of the missions in Brazil from which he returned recently. Afterwards officers for next year will be elected to complete the staff which will be headed by Marylee Byrnes, chosen on April 25.

The collections of Holy Week netting \$18.04, brought the Lenten total to \$131.06, which though only 65% of the goal set, still exceeds last Lent's total, and brings the grand total for this year to a figure in advance of the total last year. After the final CSMC Tag Day May 11, a complete report will be published by the officers.

Attending meetings of the Mid-West Hospital Association and of the Missouri and the Kansas Dietetics associations being held in Kansas City, Mo., on April 26 and 27, SISTER ROSE GENEVIEVE, as chairman of the diet therapy and member of the executive board of the Missouri association is giving a report of her year's work.

BISHOP LEO J. STECK, a former member of the faculty of Fontbonne, as his participation in Fontbonne's silver jubilee ceremonies, offered Mass in chapel on Wednesday of Easter week. He had been co-consecrator of Bishop Charles H. Helmsing in St. Louis Cathedral the previous morning and could not return from Salt Lake City, Utah, where he is auxiliary bishop, for the jubilee observance next month. After his Mass he regaled the Sisters with stories of his missionary life among the Mormons, and was grateful for an offering of \$50 tendered him jointly by the college and academy CSMC units.

At the final meeting of the CLASSICAL CLUB OF ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY and the corporate colleges on April 24, Joan Heade contributed a ten-minute paper "The Meaning of the Roman Principate" concluding the program on the theme, "Classical Portraits of the Ideal Ruler." The latter part of the meeting was concerned with electing officers for 1949-1950. Marylee Byrnes, elected secretary, declined the election in favor of Georgianno Landy.

Program-bids for "SOUTHERN SERENADE," the freshman prom to be held May 13 in Medaille hall, will go on sale Friday in the day-students' den at \$3 apiece. When buying a bid for the prom, the girls are asked to give the name of any freshman from whom they may have promised to secure their bid. As previously announced in assembly, the freshmen will sell these bids to students for ten days only, after which time the remainder will be sold to alumnae and friends of Fontbonne.

Representing Fontbonne at the SIXTH NATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE NFCCS in Chicago May 5 to 8 will be Marilyn Miller, junior delegate-elect of the NFCCS; Peggy Murphy, senior delegate of the NFCCS; Rosemary Staphenhorst, president-elect of the Student Council, and Mary Louise Lennemann, president of the CSMC.

The theme of the congress is "The Catholic College Student--A Call to the Lay Apostolate," and it will be realized through five types of meetings--a special orientation session, council meetings, commission panels, special committee meetings, and congress plenary sessions. The problems to be discussed are the Student Relief Campaign, the Displaced Persons' Committee, and Federal Aid to Education. The election of national officers will take place at the last plenary session.

The Catholic youth of this area will demonstrate their devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Sunday, May 1, at Walsh Stadium at 8 p.m. at the HOLY HOUR sponsored by the National Federation of Catholic College Students, St. Louis Region, in union with the C.Y.C. This service is held in answer to our Lady's request that public demonstrations of our Christian faith take place in order that world peace may be obtained.

The Most Rev. John P. Cody, auxiliary bishop, is to be the speaker, and the Very Rev. Paul C. Reinert, president of St. Louis university, the celebrant of the Solemn Benediction. The high-school students of the diocese will form a Living Rosary on the stadium field. Hymns will be sung by the Archdiocesan Choir of St. Louis. A Guard of Honor for the May Day will be members of the Air Reserve Officers' Training Corps of the university. Fontbonne was represented on the committee for the May Day Rally by Lily Vitt, Arlene Marklin, Mildred Zeis, and Rosemary Leahy.

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGIATE DAY, the first of its kind in this area, will be held at Fontbonne on May 22 at 1 p.m. Representatives from International Relations Clubs and foreign student groups of approximately twenty colleges will be represented. In the evening there will be a barbecue supper followed by an outdoor dance. Students of Fontbonne, Lindenwood, and Washington U., under the direction of Dr. Wm. E. Van Tass, are making the arrangements.