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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 11--Octave Day of the Solemnity of St. Joseph.
 11:30 a.m.--Fr. Robert Hanlon, C.S.S.R., showing motion pictures of missions in Brazil.
 Sophomore humanities class visit Art Museum.
 2:30-4:30--German club picnic on hockey field.
- May 12, 6:30 p.m.--Delta Phi meeting for election of officers. All members are requested to attend.
- 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 13, 6:30 a.m.--Requiem Mass for deceased benefactors, faculty members, students, alumnae of Fontbonne.
 10 a.m.--Solemn Pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop John P. Cody.
 12:15 p.m.--Luncheon in cafeteria, served by the Mothers' club.
 No classes will be held, and attendance of students at informal open house is optional.
 2 to 4 p.m.--Informal Open House
 8:30 p.m.--Southern Serenade, formal spring promenade in Medaille hall given by 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., with Frs. Orlis North, C.M., and Owen Quigley as deacon and subdeacon. Fr. Quigley will speak.
 Informal Open House all day.
- May 15, 2 p.m.--Reception for inauguration of Mother Mary Marcella Casey as president and for Silver Jubilee of college. All students are requested to invite their parents to attend.

- May 14, 9 a.m.--Students accompanied by Miss Gwynette Willis, physical education instructor, will participate in Play Day at Lindenwood college.
 9:30 a.m.--Liturgical Day in St. Francis Xavier Lower Church.
- May 15--FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER. See explanation of text of Sunday Masses in St. Louis Register.
 9 a.m.--Mass and Communion at St. Francis Xavier (College) Church for the members of Kappa Gamma Pi, followed by a breakfast at the Melbourne hotel. Four seniors from Fontbonne will be initiated.
 6 p.m.--IRC Dinner at Fairfax House.
- May 16, 11:20 a.m.--Meeting of Las Espanolas in the recital room. Entertainment is by Mary McDonald, Joy Molunby, and Deraldine Garcia.
- May 17, 3 p.m.--Voice recital by the students of Mrs. Deyne Neal, instructor in vocal music, presented as the program of the student assembly. The singers include Joy Molunby, Mary McDonald, Zena Mae Johnson, Lorraine Hotfelder, Helen Cataldi, and Josephine Chang.
- May 18 to 25--Pre-registration.
- May 18, 1 p.m.--Mothers' club luncheon in honor of the seniors at the Tower room, Congress hotel.
- May 18, 2 to 5 p.m. and May 19, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.--Conducted tour of Shaw's Garden for the biology classes accompanied by Sister Agnes Joseph, instructor.
 7 p.m.--FAA banquet at the Tower room, Congress hotel.
- May 19--Formal dinner for resident students.
 Meeting of the Fontbonne Fathers' club. Dr. Wm. E. Van Tazy is a speaker.
- May 19, 20, 21, 8:30 p.m. and 21, 2:30 p.m.--"Romeo and Juliet" by Webster College students at Webster.
- May 21, 9 a.m.--Field Day sponsored by the FAA with a barbecue given by the Fathers' club at 6 p.m.
 2:30 p.m.--On "Tune in the Colleges" over WEW, a discussion of the Just Wage by members of the classes in economics.
- May 22, 1 p.m.--Inter-Collegiate Day at Fontbonne.
 Picnic of Institute of Technology to which 25 Fontbonne Sodalists are invited.
- May 23, 8:15 p.m.--"Jenny Kissed Me" by Jean Kerr presented in the auditorium by the Foot-lights Club.
- May 24--Class Day. Assembly at 3 p.m.
- May 25, 8 to 12 p.m.--Street dance, sponsored by the sophomores, to be held on the campus in front of Medaille hall.
- May 26--ASCENSION THURSDAY. A holiday of obligation. Freshmen and sophomores give picnic at Post-Dispatch lake in Forest Park for seniors. Juniors are invited.
- May 27 to June 3--Semester examinations.
 June 4--Senior grades are due in the office.
 June 5--Baccalaureate Exercises.
 June 6--Commencement Exercises.
 Aug. 22 to 26--Tenth Annual National Liturgical Week in St. Louis U. buildings.

Participating in the SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS this weekend will be six Sisters long associated with Fontbonne. Sister Mary Berenice, for the past six years president of the college, will come from the College of St. Teresa, Kansas City, Mo., as will Sisters Rose Agnes, Mary Frederic, John Marie, and Margaret John. Sister Henrietta Eileen will come from Columbia, Mo., where she is a graduate student at the University of Missouri. The ceremonies Friday will open with Solemn Pontifical Mass offered by the Most Rev. John P. Cody, auxiliary bishop, who will also bless the new Medaille building. The Very Rev. Paul C. Reinert, S.J., president of St. Louis university, will preach the sermon. Additional details of the celebration are found in other parts of this Font Letter.

AN INTERCOLLEGIATE DAY will be held at Fontbonne the afternoon and evening of Sunday, May 22, under the direction of Dr. Wm. E. Van Tazy, head of the department of sociology, with Paula French as student chairman. Chairmen of Fontbonne committees include Mary Ellen Roetto, reception; Arline Marklin, publicity; Joy Frost, games, and Marie Seever, mixers. Among the entertainment numbers will be songs by Josephine Chang, and comedy features by Rosemarie Archangel, the Jimmy Durante of "Cas-light Gaieties." Tickets, which take care of dinner and other refreshments, may be had for one dollar from Paula French or Arline Marklin.

Monsignor James P. Murray, protonotary apostolic and vicar general of the archdiocese of St. Louis, celebrated Solemn Pontifical Mass Friday, May 6, for the faculty and students of the college in observance of the Fontbonne Silver Jubilee. At this impressive ceremony Fr. Walter J. Galus of the faculty delivered the jubilee message, in which he said, in part:

"Today as we pay honor and tribute to her, Fontbonne turns to her divine Master with a deep sense of humility and with a profound gratitude for the blessings and graces she has received from Him over the span of years and which, in turn, she has been privileged to bestow upon her student body . . .

"As we look at the educational world around us and note the defection from truth and moral principles of conduct, as we see the coldness and aloofness of men in the face of eternal values and realities, do we come to understand and appreciate the better, in this perspective, the truth that Fontbonne College was conceived, according to the mind of her founders, in the love of Jesus Christ and dedicated forever to the work of divine love in this world. It is upon the foundations of divine love that she was established to perform the work of that love for souls. It is for this love that she continues and will continue to exist. It is in this love that she finds her all-embracing reason for existence.

"In view of this dedication of Fontbonne College to the work of love, the love of Christ must be her continual point of orientation, to which she ordains and directs all of our student life and activities. The love of Christ must continue to be her solidarity, her stability, her courage and strength which she imparts to each of us for our daily lives as the children of God. The love of Christ is the mold in which she fashions us unto the full stature of Jesus Christ. The love of Christ is the link which unites her faculty together with her student body in the Mystical Body of Christ. The love of Christ is the very heart of Fontbonne, the sum and substance of her endeavors. The love of Christ is her consuming passion. In the words of St. Paul she must cry out as she takes up her daily chore of teaching, "Charitas Christi urget nos, The charity of Christ urges us" unto the conquest of the hearts and minds of her faculty and student body. The love of Christ is her only reward. She asks for nothing more. She seeks no earthly recompense. She seeks no human praise. She desires only His love. In that love she rests content!"

GET THE LEAD OUT OF YOUR FEET: Broadjumping and highjumping contests, swimming races, sack races, and three-legged races will all take place at the annual Fontbonne-St. Joseph's academy Field Day at Fontbonne on May 21, commencing at 9 a.m. The Fathers' club has challenged the girls to a softball game to be played in the afternoon, after which the fathers will treat the girls to a barbecue supper. This program was originally scheduled for May 7.

Commencing with Mass at 9:30 sung by the entire congregation; the second LITURGICAL DAY will take place next Saturday, May 14, in the lower church of St. Francis Xavier, Grand and Lindell blvd. The session will include a talk on "Active Participation in the Liturgy" by Dom Bede Scholz of Conception, Mo., who was the speaker at the academy alumnae meeting at Fontbonne last Saturday. Students and their friends are invited to attend.

Margaret Bocklage, major in home economics, will be on the BOARD OF JUDGES May 23, when the St. Louis Fashion Creators hold a showing of autumn lines at Hotel Jefferson. Other Fontbonne students have been interviewed with a view to their acting as models.

Fontbonne is one of the seventeen colleges in this region to participate last month in a survey of the preferences of young women, which revealed, among other things, that girls like their date dresses pert and pretty and as far away from their practical campus clothes as possible, and that while they collect sweaters and blouses by the half-dozen, they rarely buy two hats a year. The survey is made by a national fashion magazine.

A picnic will be given from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on the hockey field, Wednesday, May 11, by the GERMAN CLUB for the members and their guests. Helen Cataldi is chairman for the occasion, and Mr. James W. Temple, instructor in modern languages, is moderator of the club.

To the right of the main staircase on the mezzanine floor of MEDAILLE HALL is the tiny CHAPEL which will be blessed Friday by His Excellency Bishop Cody after the Silver Jubilee Mass on May 13. The chapel, built for the convenience of the resident students, has a plain wood altar with a free-standing metal tabernacle. In the wall to the right is a stained glass window portraying Our Lord giving His Sermon on the Mount.

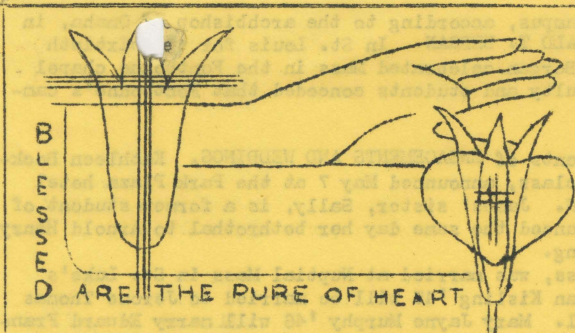
The fourth of the NOON-TIME RECITALS being given by the music students will be presented by Nancy Lanza on April 18 at 12:00 in the recital room of Fine Arts. Her program will be: Toccata in a minor by Rossi-Bartok, Sonata, opus 22 by Beethoven, Intermezzo, opus 116, number 6 by Brahms, Du Bist Die Ruh by Schubert-Liszt, and The Sea by Palmgren.

"The Basic Unity of Mankind" will be the topic of a talk by DR. M. E. VAN TAAY, head of the department of sociology, at a dinner meeting of the St. Louis Catholic Inter-Racial Council. The meeting, which is Wednesday, May 25, will be held at St. Louis University.

PEGGY MURPHY of Fontbonne, representing the St. Louis region, served on the Ways and Means committee at the Sixth Annual Congress of the NFCCS, May 6 to 8 in Chicago, Ill. Fontbonne was represented by Peggy Murphy, senior delegate and Marilyn Miller, junior delegate. Rosemary Stapenhorst and Mary Louise Lennenmann attended as their alternates. The valuable and stimulating reports of the various student commissions studying campus problems are to be given to all organizations at Fontbonne.

"God's Underground" is not one whit exaggerated in the hopeful picture it gives of religion behind the Iron Curtain, according to the VERY REV. JOHN S. MIX, formerly head of St. John Cantius Seminary, who was a visitor to Fontbonne May 7. Now superior general of the Resurrectionist Fathers with his headquarters in Rome, Father Mix has in his recent journeys in Europe penetrated into Communist-dominated countries where he found conditions corresponding to those in this extraordinary book, the adventures of a rather anonymous Father George, as told to Grotta Palmer. "God's Underground" is now one of the most popular books in Fontbonne's library.

Class dues, library fines, and all accounts in the bursar's office must be paid before Friday, May 27, in order for students to be ELIGIBLE FOR EXAMINATIONS. The complete schedule of examinations, which begin May 27, was given in the April 26 issue of the Font Letter.



In the sketch of the FIFTH BEATITUDE, as it is represented on the window in Medaille Hall, the Clean of Heart are symbolized by the Lily. That "they shall see God" is indicated by the Triangle and the Eye of God. Throughout this series of drawings, a cross appears representing the reward. This adaptation of the drawings was made by Mary Claire Nolan.

The ORIGINAL COMPOSITIONS of students of music compose the program of this week's assembly. The numbers are

Two Loves Marceline Guelker
Pixy People)

Dolores Ryan, mezzo soprano
Marceline Guelker, accompanist

Two Sketches Joy Molunby
Snow Scene
Spring Blossoms

Wild Rose Joy Molunby
A Christmas Carol Pat Ware

Pat Ware, pianist
Joy Molunby, soprano

Reflections
Stars Jerry Hay

The Cunnin' Little Thing)
Alice Cataldi, violinist
Josephine Chang, soprano
Jerry Hay, accompanist

A Fairy Tale)
De Profundis). Nancy Lanza

A Birthday)
Nancy Lanza, pianist
Mary McDonald, soprano

Nature Study Marceline Guelker
The Sea
Clouds
Mountains

Marceline Guelker, pianist.
Alice Cataldi, violinist

Sambo's Life Jerry Hay

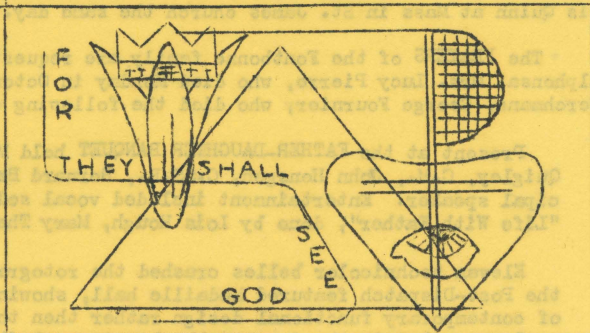
Working
Resting
Dancing
Jerry Hay, pianist

A Plaintive Mood Nancy Lanza
Alice Cataldi, violinist
Nancy Lanza, accompanist

The Day Pat Ware
Sunrise
High Noon
Sunset

The Sleeping Child Pat Ware

The Little Drummer Joy Molunby
Pat Ware, pianist
Joy Molunby, soprano



An ACADEMIC ACCOUNT is here given of five additional members of the senior class.

EULALIA MARY SPRINGMAN came from Marquette High School, Alton, Illinois, and was a boarder for three and a half years. She is the second in her family to attend Fontbonne, Margaret having graduated in June, 1947. Eulalia will receive her Bachelor of Science in Home Economics with a major in Clothing and minors in Science and Philosophy.

MARIE LOUISE STASI from Kansas City, Missouri, is a graduate of Saint Teresa's Academy there. Majoring in History and minoring in Sociology and French, Marie will receive the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

MARY LOUISE STREIT will be given the degree of Bachelor of Science. Her major field of work is Biology, with Chemistry and Philosophy as minors. Her preparatory school was Saint Joseph's Academy, Saint Louis.

BERNADINE NORINE THIEN came from Nerinx Hall, Webster Groves. Completing a major in Dietetics with minors in Science and Philosophy, Bernadine will receive the degree of Bachelor of Science in Home Economics.

JANE CLAIRE TRACY, after graduation from Visitation Academy, followed her sister, Mary Tracy Beckett '41, to Fontbonne. Jane will receive the degree of Bachelor of Science, in Home Economics, her major being Dietetics and her minors Science and Philosophy.

This is Fontbonne's twenty-third senior class.

On May 18, the SENIORS WILL BE THE GUESTS of the Mothers' club at a luncheon at 1 p.m. in the Tower Room of the Congress hotel. Mrs. Bernard A. Thien is chairman, and is assisted by Mrs. S. C. Tracy and Mrs. George O. Streit.

Preparing to participate in the PLAY DAY at Lindenwood College on Saturday, May 14, are Joy Prost, archery; Clare Burke, Jane Mitchelllette, and Jackie Wilkerson, riding; and Jeanne Houlihan, Ruth Raupp, Beverly Flynn, and Elizabeth Pape, softball. Miss Gwynette Willis, director of physical education, asks for one more volunteer for archery, one for riding, and two for golf. Cars will leave Fontbonne at 9 a.m.

Judging 96 piano students at the music festival of the College of St. Teresa in Kansas City, Mo., was a recent activity of MR. JAMES J. BALL, instructor of music at Fontbonne. Representatives from Missouri and Kansas participated in the event, which was held April 29-30.

In order to study types of plant life, the biology classes are planning a conducted tour of SHAW'S GARDEN, outstanding among the botanical gardens of the world. The trips are at the regular class hours, the first being on May 18 from 2 to 5 p.m., and the second on May 19 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sister Agnes Joseph, instructor in biology, will accompany the students, having as her companion on Wednesday Sister DeLellis, R.S.M., a member of the class, and on Thursday Sister Teresa Mary of the department of classical languages.

AT HOME ON THE RANGE in the cafeteria were four members of the class in quantity cookery when the equipment was photographed recently for an advertisement for College and University Business, as attached. The dietitians are Gloria Monnig, Bernadine Thien, and if their identity can be assured from their hair-do's, Pat Meyer and Mary Schunacher. Sister Agnes Benedict of the college kitchen staff appears in the second photograph.

An award to the OUTSTANDING SENIOR ATHLETE will be presented at the annual banquet of the FAA on Wednesday evening, May 18. Numerals, requiring 750 points, letters, 1500 points, and sweaters, 3000 points, will then be awarded to the students who have earned them. The points are awarded on a basis of five for each hour spent in athletic activities.

Boys' Town is more beautiful than any college campus, according to the archbishop of Omaha, in whose diocese it is comprised, the MOST REVEREND GERALD T. BERGAN. In St. Louis for the sixtieth meeting of the American College in Rome, Archbishop Bergan celebrated Mass in the Fontbonne chapel May 11, and while visiting his friends among the faculty and students conceded that Fontbonne's campus has more than a little beauty.

Five Fontbonne girls figure in recent announcements of ENGAGEMENTS AND WEDDINGS. Kathleen Bocklage, who was until February a member of the junior class, announced May 7 at the Park Plaza hotel her engagement to Midshipman James Darst White, U.S.N. James' sister, Sally, is a former student of Fontbonne. Betty Jungbluth of the class of '47 announced the same day her betrothal to Arnold Henry Rohlfing, Jr. She plans to have an early fall wedding.

Gloria Ann Ganser, president of last year's class, was married at Nuptial Mass in St. Luke's church on May 7 to Martin Lawrence Neaf, Jr. Rosejoan Kisling '45 will be married to Jerome Thomas Holden Saturday morning, May 28, in the Old Cathedral. Mary Jayne Murphy '46 will marry Edward Francis Quinn at Mass in St. James church the same day.

The PRAYERS of the Fontbonne family are requested for the repose of the mother of Sister Mary Alphonsa, Mrs. Lucy Pierre, who died Monday in Octonto, Wisconsin, and the nephew of Sister Mary Berchmans, George Fournier, who died the following day in Detroit.

Present at the FATHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET held May 10 at Sheraton hotel were Frs. Owen Quigley, C.M., John Hensgen, C.S.S.R., Bernard Bak, C.R., and Galus, C.R., who was the principal speaker. Entertainment included vocal solos by Mary Joy Molunby and a skit entitled "Life With Father", done by Lois Hough, Mary Therese Hartigan, Jean Anderson, and Jane Keough.

Eleven technicolor belles crashed the rotogravure section last Sunday when PICTURES of the Post-Dispatch featured Medaille hall, showing it as a dormitory which follows the trend of contemporary functional design rather than the usual "collegiate Gothic."

Sown seated in the den are the boarders, left to right, Frances Cignetti, Phyllis Fitterer, Dorothy Daly, Peggy Hergenrother, Mary Ellen Roetto, Elizabeth Pape, Rose Mary Aid, Jeanne Priest, Betty Mae Japp, and Jean Carr.

Appearing before the building are Margaret Jo Smith, Nelle Duerr, Margaret Steins, Maria Martin, Mary Ellen Roetto, Joan Reid, and Teresita Loyola. Mari Kingston is shown in Mary Carey's room.

Results of RECENT ELECTIONS of officers for next year in campus organizations include these:

Fontbonne Athletic Association--Marcella Vogt, president; Betty Roer, vice-president; Jean Loritz, secretary; Mary Jim Gratiaa, treasurer. Joy Frost was elected to the newly created office of point-chairman.

Las Espanolas--Hortense Prost, president; Mary McDonald, vice-president; Edwina Junkin, secretary. The treasurer will be chosen from the incoming freshmen.

Pep Club--Jackie Wilkerson, the new president, is the only officer selected to date.

On Class Day, May 24, the FONTBONNE is scheduled to make its appearance. It has gone to the printer from the hands of its tireless staff, which includes Polly Coleman, editor; Marylee Byrnes, feature editor; Mary Jane O'Brien, photography editor; Louise Benz, advertising manager, and Katherine Siromas, business manager. Mr. Francis W. Kinkel of the English department is the moderator.

Clare Burke won the prize of ten dollars offered by Mr. S. C. Tracy, father of Jane of the senior class, for selling the greatest number of tickets to the recent horse show. Her total was 150 tickets. Complete returns of the horse show are not yet available.

In an appeal for greater participation by a larger number of fathers in the activities of the FATHERS' CLUB, Mr. Andrew L. Clasquin, the president, at the assembly May 10 asked students to urge their fathers to attend the next meeting of the club, scheduled for May 19 at Garavelli's. In return, he pledged, the first thing the club will buy for the school will be a basketball scoreboard. He also promised more father-daughter affairs.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR JUBILEE MASSES

Solemn Pontifical Mass on Friday, May thirteenth

Note: All who participate in the procession will be in academic garb.

I. Assembling -- at 9:45 a.m. The points of assembly are

1. For Women of Lay Faculty: West Parlor, Ryan Hall
2. For Religious Faculty: East Parlor, Ryan Hall
3. For Men of Lay Faculty: Lay Faculty Room
4. For Clergy: Lay Faculty Room
5. For Celebrant and Assistants: Speech Studio, Ryan 201.

II. Procession -- at 9:50 a.m.

1. The procession is headed by the men and women of the lay faculty. It leaves Ryan Hall in double file by west door to Science arcade; proceeds to horseshoe walk; then turns right and follows walk to entrance of Ryan Hall; enters Chapel.
2. The Lay Faculty leave the points of assembly at 9:46 for the First Floor via the West Stairway. The Religious of the Faculty and the Clergy follow.

III. Seating arrangements: The Lay Faculty occupy the front reserved pews on the Blessed Virgin's side, and the Religious Faculty occupy the front reserved pews on St. Joseph's side.

IV. Celebrant and officers of the Mass lead the recessional, followed by officers of administration, then by Religious Faculty, then Lay Faculty.

V. Luncheon in cafeteria will be served by the Mothers' Club at 12:15 p.m.

Note: Attendance of students at informal open house on Friday is OPTIONAL.

Alunnae Mass on Saturday, May fourteenth

Note: All who participate in the procession will be in academic garb.

I. Assembling -- at 10:01 a.m. at the usual points of assembly

II. Procession -- at 10:02 a.m., as on previous day

III. Seating arrangements -- as on previous days. Members of the Lay Faculty will precede alunnae at the Communion rail.

IV. Recessional -- as on previous days

V. Brunch in Students' Dining Room will follow Mass.