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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- August 1 to 5--Scripture Institute sponsored by the Catholic Biblical Association of America at Rosati-Kain auditorium. Students are invited to attend.
- August 12, 8 p.m.--Meeting in preparation for Liturgical Week; St. Louis Cathedral auditorium; Msgr. Joseph Morrison and Mr. Bolon Carter speakers.
- August 13, 9:30 a.m.--Meeting in lower church of St. Francis Xavier in preparation for Liturgical Week; Msgr. Martin B. Hellriegel and Fr. Clifford Howell, S.J., of England speakers.
- August 22 to 26--TENTH ANNUAL LITURGICAL WEEK in gymnasium and other buildings of St. Louis University; an unmatched opportunity for St. Louisans to deepen their appreciation of the Mass and the Sacraments. The theme is the observance of Sunday.
- August 24 to September 3--Congress of the National Student Association at the University of Illinois, with Rosemary Stapenhorst and Mary Therese Hartigan representing Fontbonne.
- September 12, 13, and 14--FRESHMAN ORIENTATION at Fontbonne.
- September 15--Registration of sophomores, juniors, and seniors for fall semester.
- September 16, 8:30 a.m.--Mass of the Holy Spirit, followed by the opening of classes.
- September 20, 3 p.m.--First Assembly of the scholastic year with Student Council in charge.

MOTHER M. MARCELLA, president of Fontbonne, who underwent surgical treatment in Chicago in mid-June, is recuperating at St. Paul's convent, Negaunee, Mich. She will return to the college for the fall semester.

Three faculty members have taken up work in other institutions. SISTER M. EDWINA TOBIN, head of the department of classical languages, will teach next year at the College of St. Teresa, Kansas City, Mo. Sister Edwinna has been a member of the Fontbonne faculty since 1933 and was for many years dean of resident students.

MISS GWYNETTE C. WILLIS, who has been head of the department of physical education for ten years, is leaving Fontbonne to take charge of the physical education at Mercy High School, St. Louis. The REVEREND JOHN HENGSGEN, C.S.S.R., will not return as lecturer in Religion. His class will be taken by a Redemptorist Father from Kirkwood. Miss Willis' successor has not been announced.

NEW COURSES for the fall semester include these: Creative Writing for Beginners, taught by Sister M. Loretto; the History of Modern Philosophy, Sister Rita Marie; a scientific Approach to Conversational German, Mr. James Temple; and Problems of Race and Nationality, Dr. Wm. E. Van Tass.

ARCHBISHOP JOSEPH E. RITTER, D.D., of St. Louis heads the list of visitors from near and far who have been inspecting Medaille Hall during the summer months. On July 1, His Excellency examined the building closely and expressed his keen admiration of the simplicity of its lines, the sturdiness of its construction, and the elegance of its decoration.

AN ALUMNA OF FONTBONNE IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR CANONIZATION, according to the Most Rev. Chas. H. Helmsing, auxiliary bishop of St. Louis, who on July 27 made his first visit to Fontbonne after his return from Rome. Eleanor Riley, a member of the class of 1932, who as a Franciscan Missionary of Mary, died August 12, 1944, is judged by the superiors of her congregation to have shown the heroic virtue called for by the Church as a condition for canonization. Consequently Bishop Helmsing is interested in procuring information for Rome on the early life of the saintly young woman, known in religion as Mother Mary Achilleus. This would include her years as a *magna cum laude* student at Fontbonne. She is the sister of Sister John Marie, C.S.J., formerly of the Fontbonne faculty and now dean of the College of St. Teresa, Kansas City.

Bishop Helmsing addressed the summer students that morning, giving an account of his audience with the Holy Father, and appealing for their continued support for the missions of the Church.

Continuing through the summer, the Praesidium of Our Lady of Good Counsel of THE LEGION OF MARY has held its weekly meetings on Wednesday evenings in the parlor of Science building. Under the direction of Mary Ann Pierce, its president, and Sister Rose Genevieve, its spiritual director, the legionaries have made progress in their active missionary work and in their study of personal sanctification. Several students have joined the Legion as active members since the beginning of the summer.

ORIENTATION WEEK FOR FRESHMEN, to be held this year September 12, 13, and 14, will have a new feature in the pre-view of college activities to be shown the incoming students. On Wednesday, the 12th, representatives of the important clubs and groups on the campus will by means of skits and other demonstrations acquaint the freshmen with their programs and solicit their membership. Rosemary Stapenhorst, student council president, and the heads of the various organizations are now preparing these numbers.

Fontbonne was the scene on three Sundays recently--June 19 and July 17 and 31--of special programs of preparation for the TENTH NATIONAL LITURGICAL WEEK, which is to be held August 22 to 26 in the gymnasium and other buildings of St. Louis University. Three programs were rotated between Fontbonne and two other centers, Webster College and Rosati-Kain High School. The first consisted of a talk by the Right Rev. Msgr. Martin B. Hellriegel of Holy Cross Church, Baden, who is a nationally known leader of the liturgical movement in this country. It was followed by a demonstration of the administration of Baptism, given by Fr. Patrick J. Mulloy. The second program was a talk by Fr. Victor Suron and a demonstration of the Mass by Fr. Alphonse E. Westhoff. The third was a talk by Fr. Charles P. Schmitt and a demonstration of the Hour of None in the Divine Office.

These St. Louis authorities on the sacred liturgy and many others from this country and Europe will carry on the program of the Liturgical Week in August. Sessions will be held in the morning, afternoon, and evening from the 22d to the 26th. The theme of the conference is the observance of Sunday. Students and their families and friends are urged to attend. There is no admission charge.

REGINA ANGELORUM, the blessed bell left by the class of 1949 as their memorial, rings out the Angelus each day since it was hung on class night, June 5. The constant comment of the Sisters of the summer school has been that "The Queen of Angels" is an inspiration to them, giving by its chiming a more intensely Catholic atmosphere to the campus.



# A SAGA OF SUMMER SCHOOL

or

## Education vs. Vacation

By Georgianne E. Landy

Time: A hot, sultry summer day, July, 1949, about 10:15 a.m.

Scene: A crimson sun is beating unrelentingly, the grass is scorched, throngs of perspiring people are walking wearily through the sun-bleached arcade of Fontbonne College.

Occasion: Slumber School at Fontbonne.

Characters or Students (interchangeable terms): Loafing Lorraine--too lazy to work and not lazy enough to do nothing.

Studious Sadie--loves school so much she couldn't stay away.

Speedy Sal--ambitious, intends to finish college in 2½ years.

Sister Sardinia--dutifully attending summer school.

Loafing Lorraine: Why, hello, Sadie. I didn't know you were attending summer school.

Studious Sadie: I certainly a,? I'm picking up extra credits. After all, I'm majoring in Chem - Biology, and Sociology; minoring in Philosophy, Math, Spanish, History, and Art. Even though I take twenty-six hours during the regular school year, I can't fit in all my required courses.

Loafing L: Oh.

Studious S: You see, I intend to receive all the education I can. I must fit myself for our modern world. The United States needs more intelligent people and I think it my patriotic duty to fit myself as a fair-minded, intellectual citizen and voter.

Loafing L: Oh.

Studious S: By the way, what are you doing here? Hurry and tell me for I fear I shall be late for my second class. I'm here all morning, you know.

Loafing L: Oh.

Studious S: Well?

Loafing L: Oh, yes. Well, I couldn't find a job and my mother refused to have me around the house; so I thought I had better do something useful. I'm taking HE 640, How to Translate Recipes.

Studious S: Is that all?

Loafing L: Yes, I don't want to overwork myself in this heat.

Studious S: Oh. Well, I must go. My class--Views on Being by Contemporary Philosophers--is about to begin.

Loafing L: Oh, you're taking a home ec course too? What do the contemporary what's-their-names say about beans?

Studious S: Really, my dear girl, I'm studying immaterial being.

Loafing L: Do they taste anything like Lima beans? I adore Limas.

Studious S: I really must run. Someday I'll explain it to you. (She races off, shaking her head in a bewildered way.)

Loafing L: Now I wonder why she ran off. I guess she's just intellectual. I can't see where she enjoys life. She's . . .

Speedy Sal: Hello, Lorraine. Have you seen Sadie? I have a book for her on the Advanced Psychological Study of Termites. I just finished it. Delightful!

Loafing L: I can imagine. She just went to class, some course about a new variety of beans.

Speedy S: Oh well, I'll see her in the library this afternoon. We bring our own lunch and sneak it up into the library. That's in order that we can spend more time there before catching the 5:30 bus.

Loafing L: You mean you spend the entire afternoon in the library on these hot days! Why, I go swimming to cool off!

Speedy S: Lorraine, I am going to finish college in 2½ years and I must study. If I went four years, my major field would be overcrowded and a position difficult to obtain. You see, I intend to be an archeologist.

Loafing L: What do they do? Build arches?

Speedy S: Heavens, no. Immediately after graduation, I'm leaving for Egypt to explore.

Loafing L: Really. Say, will you look up my mummy. She's over there. Ha! Ha!

Speedy S: I didn't know your mother was in Egypt. I'll certainly try to locate her. Well, I must toddle on. Bye-bye.

Loafing L: (dejectedly): Goodbye.

Sister Sardinia: What's the matter, Lorraine? You look unhappy. It is surely warm today. Is it bothering you? It is me. These habits are warm.

Loafing L: No, Sister, it's not the heat. I feel rather lazy and good-for-nothing. Some girls, like Sadie and Sal, work so hard. I doubt if I could do it.

Sister S: They're unusual. I myself find it difficult to concentrate. Studying is a task. I fall asleep more often than not.

Loafing L: You mean I'm not the only one. I was beginning to feel like a nonentity, whatever that is.

Sister S: Heavens, no. Why just yesterday in my Social Problems class, Professor Plotypus asked me to enumerate the causes of juvenile delinquency, and I answered 'a college education', without thinking. I do believe he was annoyed.

Loafing L: Ha! Ha! That's funny. It reminds me of the day I translated a recipe incorrectly. How did I know that when a recipe said three eggs it meant without the shell?

Sister S: That's a natural mistake. Even through this heat, I've enjoyed summer school. I think everyone should try it once. It's an experience.

Loafing L: That's true. Now that I think about it, I have had fun. I met 'oodles' of people, including you, Sister. By the way, if I don't see you anymore this summer, I'll be here next June. Will you?

Sister: Oh, yes, I'll be here. I wouldn't miss it. Not Fontbonne Summer School!

Finis.

(Some people might dispute Sister's last phrase; pay no attention, for they're just jealous because they couldn't come!)

SPORTSCAST: Fontbonne claims two champions in recent athletic events, Mrs. Betty Jane Broz '47 and Ellen Campion '51. Mrs. Broz, the former Betty Jane Haemerle, on July 1 won here for the sixth successive time the district championship in golf, and on July 22 in Springfield, Mo., won the state championship for the second time. Ellen, recent winner of the women's bicycle championship in the state, will represent Missouri in San Diego, Cal., August 19 to 21. Her expenses for the trip will be paid by the Amateur Bicycle League of America.

THE MASTHEAD: Three veterans of the staff of THE FONT LETTER attended the summer session and as it closed, prepared this issue, Paula French, Georgianne Landy, and Joan Heade. They were aided in reporting by Mary Louise Streit, Mari Kingston, Margaret DuBois, and Harriet Koutsoumpas. Barbara Sullivan was the calendar editor.



Fifty girls--more than ever before--attended Fontbonne's summer session this year, and of the total of 630 students, the remainder, 580, were members of religious communities. The session closed July 30 when fifty-five students merited degrees. All of these graduates are members of religious Sisterhoods active in Greater St. Louis, among them being twenty-six Sisters of St. Joseph, twenty-one Daughters of Charity, three Ursuline Sisters, three Sisters of Mercy, one Dominican Sister, and one School Sister of Notre Dame.

For the first time in Fontbonne's history, resident students have remained on the campus for the summer session. Six boarders, who occupied the mezzanine floor of Medaille Hall, included two who transferred from LeClerc College in June--Elpidia Jurado and Norma Gonzalez. Norma, will remain for the coming school year, but "Pila" will return to her home in Parral, Chihuahua, Mexico, at the close of summer classes. Both girls are sophomores. Norma is from Dirianba, Nicaragua, C.A.

The other boarders are Rosemary Hillis, of Arlington, Washington; Pura Rivera, Caguas, Puerto Rico; and Josephine Chang and Grace Chien, both from Nanking, China. Pura will hasten to Puerto Rico for her vacation as soon as the summer session ends.

A musical program by the class in Conducting and Materials for Secondary Schools was held at noon July 26 before almost the entire student body of the summer school. The choral group was directed by its members in turn. It included twenty-two religious and Jeanne Davison '48, Helen Cataldi, and Beverly Goldwyn. Miss Helen Louise Graves, supervisor of choral work in the St. Louis public schools, was in charge of the class.

Students of Fontbonne now Sisters of St. Joseph were conspicuous at the summer session. Sister Ruth Margaret (Barbara Raupp '43) taught the class in Principles of Philosophy; Sister M. Laurent (Geraldine Duggan '41) was a student in the music department supplementing her credits in that field. Sister Herman Elizabeth (Mary Riedel '42) was also a student, supplementing her credits in science.

Two former students who left for the novitiate at the end of their sophomore year received their degrees at the close of the session--Sister M. Leonilla Lynch, who attended from 1938 to 1940, and Sister Thomas Margaret Snell, here from 1942 to 1944. They are both members of the Georgia province.

Other former students who are as religious completing their college work are Sister M. St. James Connell, here in 1939-40; Sister Noreen Marie Carroll, here from 1940 to 1942; Sister Annette Marie Linck, here as a junior in 1943-44; and Sister Anna John Igoo, here from 1943 to 1945.

Two students of the summer school who will not return next year are Sister M. Judith Seger and Sister Dorothy Agnes Gewinner. They are leaving St. Louis August 1 for the coast and will fly to Hawaii to commence teaching at Holy Rosary School, Paia, on the island of Maui.

Receiving HIGHER DEGREES this summer are four Fontbonne alumnae. Sister Margaret John Purcell of the class of '28 is receiving the degree of doctor of philosophy from the University of Missouri at Columbia on Aug. 3. A former teacher at Fontbonne, she is now on the staff of the College of St. Teresa, Kansas City. Sister Henrietta Eileen of the same class received her doctorate from the same university in June. She also teaches at St. Teresa's. Sister Jean Fontbonne Sandweg '37 will be given her master's degree Aug. 5 at De Paul University, Chicago. She is on the faculty of St. Joseph's Academy, Fontbonne. Sister Mary Wilma Broughton, who attended the college in 1933-34, was awarded her master's degree by St. Louis University at the close of the summer session.

TO CARONDELET. Two Fontbonne students are planning to enter the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Carondelet this fall. Mary Kranolosky '45, who was the pedagogic of First Aid at the summer session, is busy with her preparations. Mary and her sister Anne of the class of '47 are both graduates of St. Joseph Academy. Their father, Dr. H.H. Kranolosky, active in our Fathers' Club, was recently made a Knight of St. Gregory.

Ann Baylis Chamblin of last year's freshman class is following Virginia Bland, who left that class last January for Carondelet and will receive the religious habit and a new name on August 15. Ann entered college from St. Joseph's Academy and received her elementary education in St. Ann's School, Normandy. She attended this summer's session of Fontbonne.

Fontbonne students were prominent on the society pages during June, the MONTH OF BRIDES. June 11 Rhea Mae Metzger, who was Student Association president in 1947, was married to Edward Charles Signaigo, Jr., at the Church of Christ the King. Three former students had their weddings on June 25: Anne Dreifke '47 married Thomas Herbert Goobee; Colleen Richey '46 married Charles A. Magab; and Jacquelin Keller married Alfred H. Herman II. Penelope Vassely, a former student, is being wed July 31 to Peter Anagnos at St. Nicholas Greek Catholic Church.

Wedding bells will sound in the future for Sylvia Bernstein '50, who will marry Arthur Wolff; June Kohner '51, who will become the bride of Irving Biemann; Margaret DuBois '49, who is to marry Bernard J. Stook; and Rosemary Burke, who has announced her engagement to John Hoffman. November will see the weddings of Kathleen Bocklage, formerly of next year's senior class, to James Darst White; and of Mary Ellen Roetto '49 to Patrick Wheeler. Former students whose engagements have been announced include Eleanor Friesmeyer to Claude Wall; Patricia Miller to Richard Abell; Mary Ashe to Edward Cook; Mary Catherine McDonald to Francis Finnegan, and Patricia Cash to Lu Rawlings.

MEDAILLE OUTGROWN. With reservations in Medaille Hall all filled, eleven new resident students will live on the third floor of Fine Arts building. For the fall semester, fifty-six new boarders are enrolled--forty-seven freshmen, seven sophomores, and two juniors. These girls represent nine states and Central America, the largest number coming from Illinois. The total of resident students registered is one hundred and one. In the group of students coming to Fontbonne for the first time this fall are twenty-five upperclassmen. A large number of these are transferring from LeClerc.

Sisters of the FONTBONNE STAFF are planning various trips in August. Going to St. Joseph's Academy, Green Bay, Wis., for retreat is Sister Joseph Aloysius, dean. To make their retreat the second week of August at the College of St. Teresa, Kansas City, are Sister M. Berchmans, Sister M. Victor, and Sister M. Marguerite. Leaving for a visit to Kansas City after the Fontbonne retreat are Sister M. Martha and Sister M. Josephine.

Two Sisters are preparing to attend educational meetings in Colorado. Sister M. Victorine will participate in the Guidance Clinic at Loretto Heights College, Denver, held Aug. 17-23. Sister M. Teresine will take in meetings of the Mathematical Association of America Aug. 29-30, and of the American Mathematical Society Aug. 30-Sept. 2, both in Boulder, and of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics in Denver Aug. 29-Sept. 1.



## THE CLASS OF '49 AS OF TODAY

The Fontbonne Forty-Niners, engrossed in seeking their golden futures, have radiated to Puerto Rico and to many cities in the States. The graduates whose employment is known at present are as follows:

LOUISE BENZ is employed by the Statistical Tabulating Co., in St. Louis.

LUCILLE BRANTLEY will begin in the fall to work on her master's degree in the Home Economics field at Illinois University.

MARJORIE BURCHFIEL, whose major is English, will attend alibrary school in Texas.

ROSEMARY BURKE is a dietitian at the City Infirmary in St. Louis

PEGGY DOLAN has been employed since graduation as a case worker with the Missouri Civil Service.

MARGARET DUBOIS will resume in September her work as instructor in physical education at Ritenour High School. During the summer she took courses in physical education at Washington University

MARY LORETTO FINAZZO is working on a playground in South St. Louis.

ANN GRAUPNER is an assistant to a chemical engineer at Anheuser-Busch Brewery, St. Louis.

MARCELINE GUELKER, who attended summer classes at Fontbonne, will teach kindergarten at Saint Philip Neri's School, St. Louis.

MARILYN HALEY is in New Orleans, La., interning in dietetics at Charity Hospital.

MARI KINGSTON at present is a member of a radio workshop group presenting a dramatic program at 5:30 on Saturdays over KFVO.

HARRIET KOUTSOUMPAS is on the staff of Fox School playgrounds for the summer and expects to take a teaching position in the fall.

TERESITA LOYOLA plans to enroll for graduate work in Sociology, but has not choser her school.

MARJORIE MAERTZ has a summer position with a research chemist at the Georgia Tech, Atlanta.

PATRICIA MEYER will commence in September her internship at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

MARGARET TUBERTY MILLER has been retained as a substitute teacher by the Board of Education here.

PATRICIA MITCHELL will be the instructor in Physical Education at Ursuline College, Paola, Kas.

MARY LOUISE STREIT is a tissue technician at the clinical pathological laboratory of Dr. Hollis Allen in St. Louis.

MARY JEANNE REEDY is on the staff of the Mason playgrounds this summer.

MARY ELLEN ROETTO is employed on the industrial relations board of the Independent Packing Co. in St. Louis.

MARY SCHUMACHER is at the hospital of the Iowa State University where she will obtain her master's degree during her internship in dietetics.

BARNADINE THIEN is preparing for her internship in dietetics at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit.

JANE TRACY will commence in September her internship at the Milwaukee County Institute in Milwaukee, Wis.

A former dean of Fontbonne, SISTER MARY LUCIDA SAVAGE, went to her eternal reward July 15 at Nazareth Convent, Lenay, Mo. Eighty-three years of age, Sister Lucida had spent 60 years as a religious. She was the author of the first volume of the history of the Sisters in this country, The Congregation of St. Joseph of Carondelet, and of many historical sketches and articles in periodicals. She was dean of Fontbonne during the year 1927-28. Members of the Fontbonne family are asked to pray for the repose of her soul.

Two RETREATS FOR SISTERS are given each summer at Fontbonne. The first this year, held from June 16 to 23, was conducted by the Rev. Boniface Fielding, Passionist, from Detroit. The second is scheduled from August 8 to 15 with the Rev. Clarence Corcoran, C.M., professor of sacred chant at Kenrick Seminary, in charge.

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