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IMPORTANT DATES IN 1949-1950

- Oct. 14 -- College Day
- Oct. 22 -- Fourteenth Annual Fontbonne Homecoming
- Oct. 28, 29, 30 -- Forty Hours Devotion in Fontbonne chapel
- Nov. 4 -- Penny Circus
- Nov. 6 -- Alumnae Concert
- Nov. 18, 20, 21 -- "Sweethearts" presented by the Fontbonne Glee Club
- Nov. 23 -- Thanksgiving vacation begins
- Nov. 24 -- Thanksgiving Day
- Dec. 17 -- Christmas vacation begins
- Jan. 4 -- Classes resumed
- Jan. 17 to 23 -- Final Examinations
- Jan. 24 -- Registration for the Second Semester
- Jan. 25, 26, 27 -- Students' Annual Retreat
- Jan. 30 -- Second Semester begins
- Feb. 3 -- Junior Promenade
- Feb. 18, 19 -- Pep Club Show
- March 17 -- St. Patrick's Day Party
- March 30, 31, April 1 -- Annual Fontbonne Horse Show
- April 5 -- Easter Vacation begins
- April 17 -- Classes resumed
- April 26 -- Father-Daughter Banquet
- May 7 -- May Day
- May 12 -- Freshman Promenade
- May 26 to June 2 -- Final Examinations
- June 4 -- Baccalaureate Program
- June 5 -- Commencement Exercises

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept. 22--Return engagement of J. Arthur Rank's motion picture of Great Expectations by Dickens starts at the Shady Oak, Hanley and Forsythe roads.
- Sept. 22, 23, 12:10 p.m.--Parliamentary Law Seminar conducted by Dr. Wm. E. Van Taay in the auditorium.
- Sept. 22, 1 p.m.--First meeting of the Fontbonne Mothers' Club in Fine Arts recital room. to be followed by a Silver Tea and book review.
- Sept. 23--Ember Day.
12:10 p.m.--Rehearsal of Freshman Chorus in Fine Arts recital room.
- Sept. 24--Ember Day.
- Sept. 25--SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. See the St. Louis Register for explanation of the text of Sunday Mass.
2 to 5 p.m.--Sodality of Our Lady tea dance in Medaille ballroom.
- Sept. 26--Feast of the North American Martyrs.
- Sept. 27, 12:10 p.m.--Pop Club meeting in the auditorium.
12:10 p.m.--Red Cross meeting.
3 p.m.--Rev. John C. Moenan, superior of the Catholic Missionary Society of England, will address the student assembly on "European Prospect."
- Sept. 28, 12:10 p.m.--Student Council meeting.
- Sept. 29--Feast of the Dedication of St. Michael the Archangel.
12:10 p.m.--Student Activities Council meeting in Ryan 311.
12:10 p.m.--Home Economics Get-Acquainted Party in Science bldg., third floor.
8 p.m.--Icebreaker Dance at St. Louis university gymnasium, to which all Fontbonne students are invited.
- Sept. 30, 8:30 p.m.--Msgr. Fulton Sheen will lecture on "The Second Spring of the Spirit" at Kiel auditorium. Seats are on sale at the Sacred Heart Program office, 3670 West Pine Blvd. and Kiel auditorium box office.
- Oct. 4, 7:30 p.m.--Dr. Wm. E. Van Taay, head of the department of sociology at Fontbonne, will lecture on "The Basic Unity of Man in a Christian Democratic Society" at St. Louis university, Des Peres hall.
- Oct. 4 and 5--Taking of Chest X-Rays by Tuberculosis Society.
- Oct. 22--Fourteenth Annual Fontbonne Homecoming.

A NEW POLICY in regard to sports contests is being introduced at Fontbonne this year. According to Miss Betty M. Baker, director of the department of physical education, the department will not sponsor interscholastic sports on a championship basis. However, opportunities for competition will be provided by intramural contests, telegraphic meets, and play days or sports days, under the sponsorship of F.A.A. In telegraphic meets, teams compete against each other by means of establishing records of time, or for score, while performing in their own locations. Such records are sent to a central committee for comparison, and each item is ranked according to recorded performance.

MSGR. FULTON J. SHEEN, the internationally known orator, author, and convert-maker, will give a lecture entitled "The Second Spring of the Spirit" on Friday, September 30, at 8:30 p.m., in Kiel auditorium, 14th and Market st. The talk is under the auspices of the Sacred Heart program, and tickets may be purchased at the Program office, 3670 West Pine boulevard, and at the Kiel auditorium box office. The seats are \$2, \$1.20, and 60¢, tax included. Msgr. Sheen's recent best-selling book, Peace of Soul, is to be published serially in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch beginning Sunday, Sept. 25. It is a book openly aimed at attracting converts to the Church.

Mother Mary Marcella Casey, president of Fontbonne College, addressed the freshman students at the opening of Orientation Week, Sept. 12. She said, in part:

"Now it is your task at Fontbonne to develop a totality of view regarding life. A total view can not stop short with material things, for they are bound by space and time and subject to decay. Your total view of life must be so flexible that it can 'look before and after.' Your courses in literature, history, and philosophy will help you develop this view. Your total view must likewise be concerned with the present, for you have a duty to perform toward society either in the business and professional world, as a teacher, or as a mother; it is up to you as you progress to select carefully those special courses that will best prepare you for your vocation.

"In your efforts to develop a total view of life you must be able not only to detect the spurious and the counterfeit, but to be courageous enough to resist them. You are completely enmeshed in a pagan, Godless atmosphere, more treacherous than the ancient brand of savagery, because it masks itself under the soft garments of culture, refinement, nicety. And this spirit pollutes the very air all of us are breathing. Before you set your heart on any object, test its validity.

"Time is short. Work while you have it, but always with your eyes on eternity. The poet Marvel has most beautifully expressed this relation between time and eternity for us when he wrote:

But at my back I always hear
Time's winged chariot hurrying near,
And yonder all before us lie
Deserts of vast eternity.

Don't lose one precious moment of time. Develop your imagination, your mind, and your soul. Your days at Fontbonne will be happy ones, and at the end of your four years you will have developed into the noble Christian woman with a totality of view, perfectly equipped to take your place in a society that needs you, a woman who will know how to avoid the traps set to ensnare her and who will stand always with her face toward the White Light of Eternity."

The first speaker for assembly in the new scholastic year is to be the English priest widely known as an interpreter of world affairs, the REV. JOHN C. HEENAN, who on September 27 will address the students on "European Prospect." Father Heenan is superior of the Catholic Missionary Society of England, and author of several books, among them The Faith Makes Sense and They Made Me Sign.

The head of one department and five part-time teachers have JOINED THE FACULTY OF FONTBONNE this year. The new director of the department of physical education is Miss Betty Mary Baker, who comes from Cleveland, Ohio. Miss Baker received her B.A. from Notre Dame College, Euclid, Ohio, and her M.A. from the State University of Iowa. She has taught in the physical education department of the State University of Iowa and the State Teachers College, Macomb, Ill. She succeeds Miss Gynette C. Willis, who is now in charge of physical education for girls at Mercy High School, University City.

The instructors who have been added to the staff are Mrs. Mary Chomacou of Kirkwood, a graduate of Wellesley College and former instructor of Mary Institute, who teaches English; Sister Mary Constantius Egan, Cand. Ph.D., Catholic University of America, and supervisor in the St. Louis parochial school system, who teaches Education; Sister Mary Wilma Broughton, M.S., an alumna of Fontbonne and of St. Louis University and instructor at Rosati-Kain high school, who teaches Physics; Sister Mary Edward Mangan, an alumna of Fontbonne, who will teach secretarial studies; and the Rev. M. Kerschner, C.S.S.R., of St. Joseph's College, Kirkwood, who replaces the Rev. John A. Hensgen, C.S.S.R., as lecturer in Religion.

Sister Mary Virginia, who is teaching Latin in St. Joseph Academy this year, was an instructor of Fontbonne classes in 1925, and left to take up duties in the novitiate at Carondelet. From that post she sailed in 1938 to Hawaii to open the first school of the Sisters of St. Joseph there, St. Theresa's in Honolulu, where she spent nine years.

Students returning to Fontbonne are greeted by three NEW RELIGIOUS STATUES. The figure of Our Lady for the lobby of Medaille Hall is now in place, donated by Mrs. Edward M. Harrington, alumna and former social secretary of the college. A figure of St. Joseph, carved in wood in a style corresponding to that of the statue of Our Lady, is in its niche in the chapel of Medaille, and is the gift of the Fontbonne Sodality. In the rear of the main chapel is an image of Our Lady of Fatima, secured for the Sisters by Mrs. Herman Beetz shortly before her death on July 25 of this year. Mrs. Beetz is the mother of Sister Mary Vincentia, C.S.J.

The Glee Club of Fontbonne will present the operetta "SWEETHEARTS," by Victor Herbert, on the evenings of November 18, 20, and 21, and the afternoon of November 19. Tryouts for the male leads and the male chorus will be held on Sunday, September 25, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

The prayers of the Fontbonne family are requested for the eternal repose of three RECENTLY DECEASED FRIENDS of the college. Sister Susanne Marie, the registrar, attended the funeral of her father, Mr. David Vachon, who died suddenly August 31 at his home in Hambleton, W. Va. Mrs. Lorenz Vogt, the father of Marcella Vogt, a senior, died August 9 in Columbia, Ill. Doris June Fry of St. Louis, who spent her sophomore year as a member of the class of 1950, died Sept. 1.

THE HIGHEST ENROLLMENT in her twenty-six-year history was reached by Fontbonne this month. The total of full-time students is 417, which is increased by a registration of 186 students for Saturday classes, making a grand total of 603. Of the 417 students in daily attendance, 322 are on the Fontbonne campus, while 95 are novices studying at Carondelet. The greatest gain is in resident students, who number 101. Ninety-one are living in Medaille Hall and ten in Fine Arts. The resident students represent 17 states, Puerto Rico, Nigaragua, and China. Illinois ranks first with 34; Missouri, 25; Georgia, 5; Indiana, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Texas, and Oklahoma, 4 each; Arkansas, Ohio, Florida, and China, 2 each; Iowa, Minnesota, Washington, Kansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Puerto Rico, and Nicaragua, 1 each.

The senior class has 54 members. There are 110 freshmen and 27 new upperclassmen, among them 14 students who have transferred from Le Clerc College in Belleville, which has been closed. The largest enrollment in any course is in Logic, which attracted 132 students; they recite in two sections.

THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL HOMECOMING

A dance may be a feature of Homecoming this year if plans of the seniors can be carried out. Teresa Reid, president of the class, and Rosemary Stapenhorst, president of the student council, attended the meeting of the Homecoming committees Wednesday evening, Sept. 21, and secured the approval of the officers for their tentative plans.

A change in date is another new feature of this year's Homecoming. The events will be held the afternoon and evening of Oct. 22, and not in early December as for many years.

There is no change, however, in the traditional obligation of college students to supply pies for the dinner, and their pledge for this contribution was given last evening to Mrs. Robert Mitchell, dinner chairman. Plates will be one dollar for adults and fifty cents for children.

Co-chairmen for the Homecoming are Mrs. E.L. Kaiser, president of the Mothers' club, and Mr. A.L. Clasquin, president of the Fathers' club.

The card parties, held afternoon and evening, will be under the direction of Mrs. James Nolan, who will be assisted by Mmes. F.J. Moore, Harold Kearns, and M. Horn, attendance prizes; Mrs. Robert May, table prizes; Mrs. Brian Jennings, tables and tallies; Mmes. L.M. Stuart and A.J. Stangler, hostesses. Tickets will be one dollar, as usual.

Fontbonne alumnae will manage the cake booth, and the Academy students will supply all with candy.

Further arrangements will be made at a meeting next Thursday, Sept. 29, and students are requested TO URGE THEIR PARENTS TO ATTEND.

The popular motion picture based on the story of Clare Booth Luce about Sisters founding a convent in Connecticut, COME TO THE STABLE, has completed a two-weeks run at one local theater and commenced a week at the Ambassador theater, 7th and Locust st.

In the Calendar of this issue Dickens' Great Expectations is listed as running at the Shady Oak theater, Hanley road and Forsythe blvd. A later announcement from the theater states that The Informer by Liam O'Flaherty will be held over another week, and will be followed by Great Expectations.

The Very Rev. WALTER JOHN GALUS, C.R., lecturer in Religion, is in St. Mary's hospital undergoing surgical treatment and expects to resume his classes early in October. He conducts two popular courses in Matrimony—one for all the seniors and one for about half the freshmen. He is rector of St. John Cantius seminary of the Resurrectionist Fathers at 3689 West Pine blvd.

THE FORTY-NINERS. The present occupation of some of the members of last year's senior class in addition to those listed in the Vacation Number of The Font Letter has been found to be somewhat as follows:

MARY LORETTO FINAZZO and HARRIET KOUTSOUMFAS are instructors in the primary grades of the school at St. Louis State Infirmary.

MARJORIE MAERTZ is in the Technical Information Division of the State Engineering Experiment Station, Georgia Institute of Technology.

GLORIA MONNIC, fully recovered from the illness which kept her from commencement exercises in June, is in supervisory training at Miss Huling's cafeteria.

MARY JEANNE REEDY is a tissue technicians at Deaconess hospital, St. Louis.

MARIE STASI is reported to be teaching in a Catholic School in her native Kansas City, Mo.

DOROTHY DALY was a visitor to Fontbonne early in September and had enjoyed tours to California and to the East. She has not yet taken up permanent work.

Among the features added to the ORIENTATION PROGRAM this year were a coke party in the gymnasium Monday evening, Sept. 12, a presentation of the aims of campus organizations in talks and skits in the den on Wednesday morning, and "Preview of Coning Attractions" in the auditorium that night.

The preview was devised by June Kronsbein and directed by Lois Hough, speech major, and Rosemary Stapenhorst, head of the student council. It opened with the college chorus singing for the Big Sister, Marilyn Graff, and the Little Sister, Joan Anderson. The chorus included Marilyn Miller, Jean Leritz, Jackie Wilkerson, Betty Baerveldt, Ann Robey, Nancy Costello, Pat Flynn, Mary Jin Gratiaa, and Jane Mitchelllette. Scene I was from last year's operetta with Helen Cataldi and the chorus accompanied by Pat Ware. Scene II was an examination day in the classroom of Marylee Byrnes. Scene III reviewed last year's prom with Marilyn Graff, Hortense Frost, Sally Smith, Elizabeth Pape and Joan Reid participating. In the next scene three principals from the St. Louis U-Corporate Colleges musical, Revelations, sang and danced. They were Jack Engler, Dick Stephens, and John Horras. In Scene V "Gaslight Gaieties" was revived, with the acts of Rosemarie Archangel, Doralaine Garcia, and Jackie Wilkerson and June Kronsbein. The Sodality May Crowning was next recalled, with Marian Bachmann, prefect, as queen, and Mary Joy Molunby singing Schubert's Ave Maria. A graduation song by the class of '50 closed the performance.

As part of its co-ordinated program of health and physical education, Fontbonne will have on Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 4 and 5, the services of the X-ray unit of the Tuberculosis Society and the St. Louis County Health department. Chest X-rays will be taken of faculty and students. The service, which is compulsory for students, will be continued each day as long as needed. A schedule for utilizing the free time of students will be posted.

THE STAFF for the first issue of the Font Letter includes Paula French, editor, Georgianne Landy, feature editor, Barbara Sullivan, calendar editor, Elizabeth Pape, copy editor, Joan Heade, Agnes Blandina, Virginia Alexander, Rosemarie Archangel, Beverly Goldwyn, Joan Cane, Madeline Heade, Eugenia Het-tel, Mary Frances Andrews, Mary Agnes Kendzora, Joanne Ridge, and Paddy Lorenz.

The first TEA DANCE to be held in Medaille Hall will be sponsored by the Sodality next Sunday, Sept. 25, from 2 to 5. The prefect, Marian Bachmann, a senior, is being assisted in preparations for it by the following committees: refreshments--Jackie Wilkerson, Carmelita Schmelig, Peggy Murphy, Jo-Ann Monnig; publicity, Agnes Blandine, Joyce Devine; music, Sally Smith; checking, Tres Lyons, Patti Trapp; name-tags, Gerry Wand, Rosemary Hillis. Tea and punch will be served, and recorded music will be played. Invitations have been issued to freshman students. Only Sodality members from the University have been invited to join the stag line.

Representing Fontbonne at the Second National Student Congress of the U.S. NATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION were Mary Therese Hartigan and Rosemary Stapenhorst. The congress was held on the campus of the University of Illinois, Urbana, during the ten-day period closing Sept. 3.

Mary Therese was elected to the position of provisional regional chairman for Missouri after the region discovered that its chairman was unable to attend because of illness. She will act in this capacity until the congress of the Missouri region, to be held some time in December. For the three days following the congress in Urbana, Mary Therese participated in a conference in Wheeling, Illinois, held by the Joint Committee on Student Action, a standing co-ordinating committee of the National Federation of Catholic College Students and the Newman Club Federation. The committee was organized for the purpose of dealing with the external relations of the two Catholic student organizations.

Rosemary devoted much of her time during the congress in Urbana to the sessions of the NSA Student Government School, and she expects to employ techniques learned there to improve the student government at Fontbonne, of which she is head.

Plans are now under way for the inauguration of an active NSA committee on the Fontbonne campus. The organizational committee to consider possible projects for the coming year is now being formed, and Elizabeth Pope, Jean Anderson, Lily Vitt, and Arline Marklin are the members who have been named up to the present.

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS of students and former ones are prominent in the news. Therese Fischer of last year's class will be married to Paul Edward Slaughter in St. Patrick's Church, Alton, on the morning of Oct. 8, and Eulalia Springman, her classmate will be a member of her wedding party. Rose Marie Storm '48, will be married to Willard R. Johnson, Jr., at St. Peter's Church, Kirkwood, on Oct. 4. Norine Gibbone '46, has her wedding to John McNamara set for next May.

Phyllis Fitterer, for three years a member of the class of '50, and her husband Francis Fennerty, visited Fontbonne Sept. 17 enroute to their home in Terre Haute. Mary Louise Lennemann and Geraldine Alfert of her class at ended their wedding Sept. 10 in Ellensburg, Wash. Marjorie Ann Mason, who was a member of the class of '47, was married to John Kenneth De Witt at Nuptial Mass Sept. 10 in St. Benedict's church, Evansville, Ind. Betty Ruth Jungbluth '46 was wed to Arnold Henry Rohlfing, Jr., on Aug. 20 in the Church of Christ the King, University City. Virginia Magner formerly with the class of '52 and Frank Edwin Roth were married on Sept. 10. Joan Smith, former member of the class of '51, married Kenneth Brissmann on Sept. 11. Ann Tauschek, for two years a member of the class of '49, and Roland Weisse were married on July 2 at Holy Cross Church, Bay Settlement, Wis., and are living in New Franken, Wis. Recent engagements are those of Mary Joy Molumby of the senior class to Charles Francis Digman with plans for a wedding next fall, and of two former members of the junior class--Rita Lawlor, who will marry John Tramelli, and Joan Altmann, who will be wed to Leslie Davis Marcus on Christmas day.

DR. WILLIAM E. VAN TAAI, head of the department of sociology, arrived at Fontbonne Monday Sept. 18, to resume his teaching duties. His delay was caused by the critical illness of his father, Mr. Oliver D. Van Taay, in Milwaukee, Wis. The prayers of students are requested for the complete recovery of Mr. Van Taay.

TURNABOUT. Before Dorothy Costello and Paddy Lorenz, secretary-elect and treasurer-elect of the sophomore class, could assume their new offices, they found themselves elected to new post Pat Paulus, president-elect, and Betty Mae Japp, vice-president-elect, did not return to school this fall. At the class elections held last Tuesday after assembly, Dorothy Costello was elected president of the sophomore class. The other offices are now filled by Paddy Lorenz, vice-president; Tres Lyons, secretary; and Peggy Donohoe, treasurer.

ALL MOTHERS OF NEW STUDENTS, even those who may not have been reached by the hasty sending of post cards this week, are urged to attend the first meeting of the Fontbonne Mothers' Club for the school year being held on Thursday, Sept. 22, at 1 o'clock. Co-chairmen in charge are Mes. R. Lyons and Joseph Houlihan. The meeting will be followed by a Silver Tea in Ryan Hall and a review by Mrs. John Lilly of the Gilbreths' book, "Cheaper by the Dozen."

Louise Pope, a Fontbonne graduate of '48 whose major was art, is a member of the faculty of VISITATION ACADEMY. She teaches art in four primary grades and assists in the kindergarten.

Of the stories of summer vacations that are being exchanged on the campus these days, none is more full of incident than that of Helen Margaret McEvoy, sophomore from Tulsa, Okla. After undergoing surgical treatment known as a triple arthrodesis stabilization, at the GEORGIA WARM SPRINGS FOUNDATION on June 21, she was a patient for the following two months. During that time, she served in the pathological laboratory, was editor of the hospital news sheet, Wheel-Chair Review, and gave religious instruction to a seven-year-old patient, Margaret Zahn of Cleveland, Ohio, who will receive her first holy Communion next Sunday. Among Helen's visitors during her stay at the Foundation were two of her classmates, Rosemary Aid of Burlington, Iowa, and Mary McDonald of Atlanta.

RELAX AND HAVE FUN! With this greeting, the Fontbonne alumnae are soliciting their members to join gymnasium and swimming classes they plan to hold every Monday under the direction of Agnes E. Reilly '29, now instructor in physical education in Roosevelt high school. Gymnasium work is from 7:30 to 8:15 and swimming from 8:15 to 9. Tank suits for swimmers will be available at Fontbonne. Registration is at the first class on Monday, Oct. 3; the fee, \$3 a semester. Friends of alumnae and students are cordially invited to these classes.

The FONT LETTER Wishes Its Readers a Happy New Scholastic Year.

AVEZ-VOUS BESOIN D'ARGENT? During the next two weeks and the first two weeks of next semester the Student Council as a service to the students will sell second-hand textbooks. Any girl who has books to be sold is requested to write her name and the price she wishes in the upper left hand corner of the text and to take it to the cloak-room to the right of the entrance of the auditorium. One nickel will be charged the seller for each book sold. The hours for the Fine Arts Book Exchange are as follows:

Hours for Book Store
in Ryan Hall

8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday--8:15-8:30 and 9:30-3:30; Tuesday and Thursday--8:15-8:30, 9:00-1:00, and 2:00-3:30.

History will be made in Catholic education in the United States when graduate courses in THE TEACHING OF HOME ECONOMICS to follow Fontbonne's undergraduate work will be commenced next summer by St. Louis University, the first Catholic institution ever to offer such courses. Final details of the courses and the staff of teachers to be engaged are now being worked out by the officers of the university, the professors of the Home Economics department of Fontbonne, and Sister M. Anselm, C.S.J., of the Academy of Our Lady, Peoria, Ill., president-elect of the National Catholic Council on Home Economics, who influenced the university to pioneer in this field of graduate studies.

COLLEGIATE VISITORS. Among the visitors to Fontbonne in the late summer was Sister M. Berenice, former president of the college, who spent a week in early September en route from the College of St. Teresa, Kansas City, Mo., where she taught last year, to the College of St. Rose, Albany, N.Y. There she will be professor education and consultant on the new curriculum of graduate studies in education which the college is inaugurating under the Board of Regents of New York. Other visitors were Sisters Vincent Agnes, William Pauline, and Martina of the College of St. Rose. Last week Sister M. Antonius, former president of the College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, Minn., called to inspect Medaille Hall.

Dr. Alphonsus Clemens, formerly of the Fontbonne faculty and now at the Catholic University of America, came with Mrs. Clemens. Signor Mario Bacchelli of the Memphis Academy of Arts was another visitor. The Rev. Eugene L. Monnig, S.J., of Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis., celebrated Mass at Fontbonne August 1 for the Sisters and members of his family, including his nieces, Gloria and Jo-Ann, of the classes of '49 and '50. The Rev. Owen J. Quigley, C.M., chaplain last semester, visited Sept. 17 when he was in St. Louis after a vacation in California and was preparing to ride south to his assignment as professor in St. John's Seminary, San Antonio, Texas.

Three former students of the college are accustoming themselves to CONVENT LIFE among the Sisters of St. Joseph. Mary Kramolowsky '45 and Ann Chamblin '52 are in the novitiate in Carondelet since Sept. 15. Beverly Flynn '52, who wishes to teach Italian children, is in the novitiate in Los Angeles, California. Virginia Bland of the class of '52, who has been at Carondelet since February of this year, received on the Feast of the Assumption her religious habit and the name Sister Marie Dolores.

All students have been requested to wear NAME TAGS on Thursday and Friday of this week and Monday and Tuesday of next week so that the freshman can become acquainted with the upperclassmen and vice versa. This was decided by vote of the student body at the closed assembly Tuesday, Sept. 20. The tags of the freshmen and new students may be of any color, but must be six inches in length with letters an inch in height. The tags of the other classes, which are to be the size of assembly cards, are to be blue for seniors, red for juniors, and white for sophomores.

Tickets for concerts of the St. Louis Symphony orchestra available at a SPECIAL STUDENT RATE can now be obtained through Sister John Joseph in the music department. Students may buy a series of twenty, ten, or fewer tickets. The series of twenty costs \$21, the series of ten \$12.50, and fewer tickets sell accordingly. All seats are regularly \$3. Miss Margaret Truman, daughter of the President, is the first soloist and will sing Oct. 29 and 30.

OFF CAMPUS. Faculty members who left the campus after summer school include Sister M. Gertrude, who attended a Guidance Clinic Aug. 17 - 23 at Loretto Heights College, Denver, Colo. Sister M. Ermen and Sister John Joseph spent two weeks in Michigan, returning Sept. 7. They visited St. Joseph's hospital, Hancock, where Mother Mary Paul, a sister of Sister Ermen, is in charge. Sister M. Alfred was in Denver for the conventions of the American Psychological Society Sept. 5 - 10, and of the American Catholic Psychological Society on Sept. 7.

PORTRAITS OF THE SENIORS will be taken on the Saturdays of September 24, October 1 and 8 at Alta Quast Studio, 1516a St. Louis Ave. These photographs, which will cost approximately \$8.75, will be one pose in a tailored blouse to be used in the Fontbonne, and one in cap and gown to be part of the senior composite. An 8x10 picture of the first pose will be given to the student. Seniors are requested to sign the list on the bulletin board in Ryan Hall for an appointment, but any girl unable to make arrangements on one of these Saturdays is asked to make her own appointment with the studio.

Now what is on at school tonight? I know it is something important. I recall seeing it on a bulletin board. But what was it? What shall I wear? Does it call for a formal dress, or sweater and skirt, or blue jeans?

Banish your fears, little girl, for Sister Susanne Marie and the Student Council have done it again! They have arranged for the printing of A PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES for the first semester. Another such booklet will be available for the second semester. Proof of the program was read Wednesday, and the handy little gadgets will be on sale early next week, at the price of 25¢ each.

Hear Msgr. Sheen On "The Second Spring Of The Spirit" In Kiel Auditorium Sept. 30.

OPEN SEASON FOR STAGS

By Georgianne Landy

College to the newcomers means a mass of studies, a whirl of activities, all in all rather frightening (but then they don't know the half of it).

September to college students means not only the prospect of work, work, work, but also the prospects of prospects. Each fall the colleges and universities open the social season with a number of stag dances. For the benefit of the new students (who have not yet had the pleasure) and the returning students (who have had the pleasure and believe in the old saying of try, try again), herewith is given a preview of these coming attractions.

ST. LOUIS U. ICEBREAKER

A faint, very faint strain of music is heard amidst tremendous babble. Approximately 10,000 boys and girls are mingling on the gym dance floor--5,000 girls on one side, 5,000 boys on the other. Gradually they mingle. Now with only 2,000 girls and boys remaining on their respective sides, a female is able to see who is standing beside her. If she is lucky, it is a boy (misplaced). If a boy is beside her, he is probably so close to her, he is forced to ask her to dance. If she is doubly fortunate, he can speak English (foreigners abound at such an affair). Having thus been initiated to the dance floor, she has no troubles finding dance partners. Just one swift spin and she has a new one. Likewise if she manages to stay on the dance floor and not be elbowed off onto the sidelines, she has a better than even chance of getting a ride home and a date for the next weekend. One last warning--if, having gone with a date, a girl finds herself separated, she reports to the bandstand and they will try to locate her date by midnight. Incidentally, if this dance doesn't break any ice, there's always the

SODALITY TEA DANCES

These affairs sponsored by the Sodality are strictly for a Fontbonne girl. She walks in, is handed a piece of paper and a pin, and is herded into a fairly-large circle of other Fontbonnites. Thinking it a lunch line, she follows closely as it moves round and round. Nine hundred paces later she finds herself dancing in the arms of a male of a different lunch line. She reads his name card aloud, stumbles over its ten syllables and talks madly about names until the end of the dance when she is automatically given to the nearest male in exchange for another female. After going through the process many times, she finally manages to stay with one long enough for him to get her telephone number. Then the process of circling and exchanging partners is renewed and she manages to meet some 50 or 60 males, all of whom she will meet later on in the year and again unsuccessfully stumble over their names. Finally, at 5:00, she pushes her way through the door and heads for home where she patiently takes her stand at the telephone just waiting for a ring. Incidentally, it usually rings. If it doesn't, there's always the

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These gala affairs are held every Saturday night during the school year. They feature community singing, dancing, and various other forms of entertainment. A female enters, is immediately met by four charming young men, palms extended. Being friendly, she also extends her palm. She is shocked; they ask her for fifty cents. After entering, she stands hopefully waiting to be asked to dance. She notices some older men walking around; she inquires if they are chaperons. Notified that they are graduate students, she feels childish. Later she joins in the community singing and begins to feel at home (or anyway wishes she were there). For some, the C.&F. is a must. Incidentally, the boyfriend should be notified that this is a cheap and entertaining way of spending an evening. You can always hope he will say no.

At this point, after she has attended all three of these festivities, a girl's social life should be taken care of for the rest of the school year. At least that's the idea. If it hasn't, she should do like the rest and try, try again. Never say die!

Resident students this year will enjoy the companionship of FIVE MODERATORS, Sisters Alfred, Helen Joseph, Rose Genevieve, and Teresina in Medaille, and Sister Anna James in Fine Arts, replacing Sister Edwina, former dean of the boarders, who was transferred during the summer to the College of St. Teresa, Kansas City, Missouri. This arrangement provides only a limited number of girls for each moderator's direction.

DR. WM. E. VAN TAAI, head of the department of sociology at Fontbonne College, will present one of a series of lectures on The Christian Community and Democratic Life, Tuesday evening, Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Des Peres Hall, St. Louis University. By sponsoring these lectures, the Catholic Interracial Council of St. Louis hopes to provide the community with positive measures to improve race relations. Dr. Van TaaI selected as his subject "The Basic Unity of Man in a Christian Democratic Society." The fee for the entire series of fourteen lectures is twenty dollars, or two dollars for individual lectures. All the lectures will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m., beginning September 27, 1949, and ending January 17, 1950.

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